

The Effect of Biofumigation with Various Brassicaceae Plants on the Number and Diversity of Soil-Borne Fungi in Arish City, Egypt

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ABSTRACT

Biofumigation is a pest control strategy that involves the use of glucosinolate-producing plants, usually from the Brassica family. When these plants' tissues are damaged, an enzyme breaks down the glucosinolates, releasing a variety of chemicals that are known to be plant pathogen suppressors. In this study, applying this technique using Brassicaceae species such as cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea*, var. *botrytis* L.), radish (*Raphanus sativus*), watercress (*Eruca sativa*), canola (*Brassica napus*), cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata* L.), and turnip (*Brassica rapa*) was successful in lowering the count of soil-borne fungi compared to control. In meantime, it increased the water holding capacity of soil. As a result, the percentage of organic matter (OM%) and organic carbon (OC%) increased. The highest percentage of OM (2.03 and 2.45 %) and OC (1.19% and 1.42%) were recorded when applying canola and cauliflower plants, respectively. The average colony forming unit (CFU) for soil-borne fungus following biofumigation (211.6×10^3 /ml of soil extract) was lowered compared to those obtained before and during plant growth treatment (810.9×10^3 and 1533.2×10^3 /ml, respectively). For the most common plant pathogen like *Fusarium lateritium*, biofumigation recorded a significant reduction in colony number/ml of soil extract compared to those recoded during plant growth and the control soil without treatment (30.0 , 48.0×10^3 and 128.4 and CFU ml⁻¹, respectively). Among genera of Brassica family used, canola, radish and cabbage were significantly the highest in reduction of fungal count. In general, biofumigation changed the measured soil properties as well as the composition of the soil-borne fungus community, causing the extinction of some genera and the emergence of others.

Keywords: Biofumigation; Brassicaceae; Canola; Cabbage; Soil-borne fungi

INTRODUCTION

Managing the food needs of a fast growing global population is proving to be a major challenge for humanity. In developing countries, such as Egypt, population growth is predicted to be more rapid. Urbanization, climate change, and the utilisation of land for non-food crop cultivation all worsen these worries about rising food demands. Most countries' plans to deal with rising food demand over the previous few decades have concentrated on enhancing agricultural production, land usage, and population control. In Egypt, enhance crop yield is considered one of the major strategy to meet the demand for food required. The parasitic fungi are considered among factors that lead to reduce crop productivity and cause crop losses in storage. Pest management strategies have included the applying of different tools including the biofumigation process (BFP) by natural growing plants mainly Brassicaceae plants (Cruciferous plants).

Biofumigation term, first coined by Kirkegaard, is the process of growing, macerating, or incorporating certain Brassica or related species into the soil, which results in the release of isothiocyanate compounds (ITCs) from the hydrolysis of glucosinolate (GSL) compounds in the plant tissues. Biofumigation affects soil structure, microbial communities, parasite control, and soil quality (Degens, 1998; Kumar, 2005; Gimsing et al., 2006; Hoshino and Mataverageoto, 2007; Roubtsova et al., 2007; Gimsing and Kirkegaard, 2008; Wang et al., 2010; Omirou et al., 2011; Szczygłowska

et al., (2020). Natural isothiocyanates are poisonous to pests, nematodes, and fungus that live in the soil (Ntalli and Caboni 2017). Soil BFP has been found to reduce disease incidence and decrease soil-borne pathogens (Kumar, 2005; Omirou et al., 2011). The count of some soil-borne fungi and pathogens was reduced after fumigation such as; *Penicillium* spp., *Alternaria* spp., *Fusarium oxysporium*, *F. solani*, *Mortierella* spp., *Cladosporium* spp., *Pythium* spp., *Verticillium* spp., *Rhizoctonia* sp., *Phytophthora* spp. (Cal et al., 2005; Smolinska and Kowalczyk, 2014; Hu et al., 2015) root knot nematodes (Kruger et al., 2013; Charles et al., 2015) and fungal potatoes pathogens (Taylor, 2013). This process has an effect on fungi greater than bacteria (Yim et al., 2015). A number of Brassicaceae spp. are used in the BFP process including *Brassica oleracea*, *B. juncea*, *B. rapa*, *Eruca sativa*, *Raphanus sativus*, and *B. napus* (Fan et al., 2008; Kruger et al., 2013; Handiseni et al., 2016; Yim et al., 2016).

There are other benefits for the BFP by enhancing soil structure, soil preservation, and enhancing plant growth. It has an effect on the life cycle of pests and parasites through its biocidal activity and changes the soil fauna and communities (Ntalli and Caboni, 2017). Furthermore, macro- and micro-nutrients are affected by the BFP (Motsara and Roy, 2008). The degree of hydrolysis of glucosinolate is of major importance. Therefore, covering the soil is a critical step in the process of BF to increase the temperature of soil in order to increase the quantity of volatile isothiocyanate compounds released to soil. Soil organic matters are an



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indicator for soil quality as they have an impact on the nutrient supply, soil structure, and soil temperature. Biofumigation increases the content of soil with N, NO₃, P, and K (Wang *et al.*, 2010). Soil pH is very important as it influences on the availability of nutrients for crops and the microbial populations in the soil (Motsara and Roy 2008). Therefore, this study was carried out to evaluate the effect of the biofumigation process with selected Brassicaceae species on the count and composition of soil-borne fungi under field conditions in Al-Arish City, North Sinai.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Brassicaceae plants used

The different genera of the family Brassicaceae were selected to study their effect on soil properties and soil-borne fungi. List of the plant used is illustrated in Table (1). These include turnip, Salad rocket, canola, cabbage, cauliflower and radish.

Table (1): Common and scientific name of Brassicaceae plant genera used in Biofumigation process.

| Common name | Scientific name | Plant type |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Turnip | <i>Brassica rapa subsp. rapa</i> | Root vegetables |
| Salad rocket | <i>Eruca vesicaria subsp. sativa</i> | Leafy green vegetables |
| Canola | <i>Brassica napus</i> | Crop plant with 45% seed-oil content |
| Cabbage | <i>Brassica oleracea var. capitata L.</i> | Green leafy vegetables |
| Cauliflower | <i>Brassica oleracea, var. botrytis L.</i> | Leafy green vegetables |
| Radish | <i>Raphanus sativus</i> | Root vegetable |

Study area and treatment

Biofumigation was performed under field condition in one experiment according to Lord *et al.* (2011) and Kruger *et al.* (2013). The total cultivated area was divided into seven areas, one not cultivated with Brassicaceae species (control), and the rest were cultivated with; cauliflower, radish, salad rocket, canola, cabbage, and turnip. The Brassicaceae species were cultivated in the farm of the Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Science, Arish University, for about three months, plowed in soil by slashing with a slasher after flowering, the macerated plant parts were irrigated, then the soil was covered by a polyethylene cover for one month to increase the temperature of soil to complete the process of biofumigation.

Samples collection

For each treatment, 200 g of soil samples were taken from a depth of 10 cm. Each sample has five subsamples, one for each location. Before planting the Brassicaceae plants, a control sample was taken from the field. The second sample was taken during the growing of the selected crops. The third sample was taken after the biofumigation process ended for about one month and before growing the new crops.

Effect of BF on soil properties

Water holding capacity (WHC)

The soil samples were passed through 2 mm sieve to determine the soil texture and soil pH. The values of WHC for soil before and after BF were determined according to Motsara and Roy (2008) based on the following equation:

$$WHC(\%) = \frac{ms - md}{md - mb} \times 100$$

Where; ms: mass of beaker containing water saturated soil, m_d: mass of beaker containing oven-dried soil, m_b: mass of beaker. Two replica were used for each sample.

Organic carbon (OC%) and organic matters (OM%)

The and OC% and OM% were determined by direct measuring of the loss in weight on ignition, according to Motsara and Roy (2008) based on the following equations:

$$OM\% = \frac{(W_1 - W_2)}{W_1} \times 100$$

Where; W₁: is the weight of soil at 105°C, W₂; is the weight of soil at 400 C°±25°C for 4 hr. However, taking into account that each sample was replicated twice, the OC percentage was determined as follows:

$$OC\% = OM\% \times 1.72.$$

Fungal count and isolation technique

According to Jaime-Garcia and Cotty (2006), the count of fungal colonies was calculated as the number of colony forming unit (CFU) per gram of soil for each treatment. Fungi were isolated from soil sample following the method of Suhail *et al.*, (2006) and Sarhan *et al.*, (2020) in which serial soil dilution pour plate technique was carried out using potato dextrose agar medium (PDA). The medium consists of (g/L): 200 g potatoes, 20 g dextrose and 20 g agar. Inoculated Petri-dishes were incubated for 5 to 7 days at 28±1 °C. Isolated fungi were transferred to new Petri dishes with PDA and grouped to the level of genus and identified according to their morphological and microscopic characters (Dhingra and Sinclair, 199). Soil fungal populations were estimated before, during plant growth and after the BF process using different genera of the family Brassicaceae.

Statistical analysis

Analysis of variance for data was performed using Excel 365 to determine the effect of treatments as average ± standard error (SE). One way ANOVA was performed to evaluate the effect of different Brassica on the different measurement parameters. Duncan's Multiple Range Test at *p* ≤ 0.05 level was applied.

RESULTS

Soil properties and the effect of biofumigation

The soil texture of the studying area was sandy soil where it composed of 45.15 % sand, 26.50% fine sand, 22.36 % silt and 5.87 % clay. The pH of the soil was slightly to moderately alkaline, ranging from pH 7.9 to 8.1. When comparing soil before and after cultivation with different Brassicaceae plants, there was a consid-

erable difference in WHC %, OM %, and OC % (Figure 1). All of the evaluated parameters revealed significant increases in the soil analysis results. The highest WHC % was found in soil with the most cultivated plants, with the exception of turnip, which had a significantly lower value ($p \leq 0.05$). Meanwhile, cabbage plant recorded the highest for WHC compared to control and turnip with significant differences at $p \leq 0.01$ level. Meanwhile, among the rest of cultivated plants no significant differences were recorded (26.15, 26.8, 27.7, 26.31 for Salad rocket, Canola, Cabbage, Cauliflower and radish verses to 20.33 and 24.424.4 for control and turnip, respectively).

In addition, the percent of OC recorded the highest value with cauliflower followed by canola and cabbage

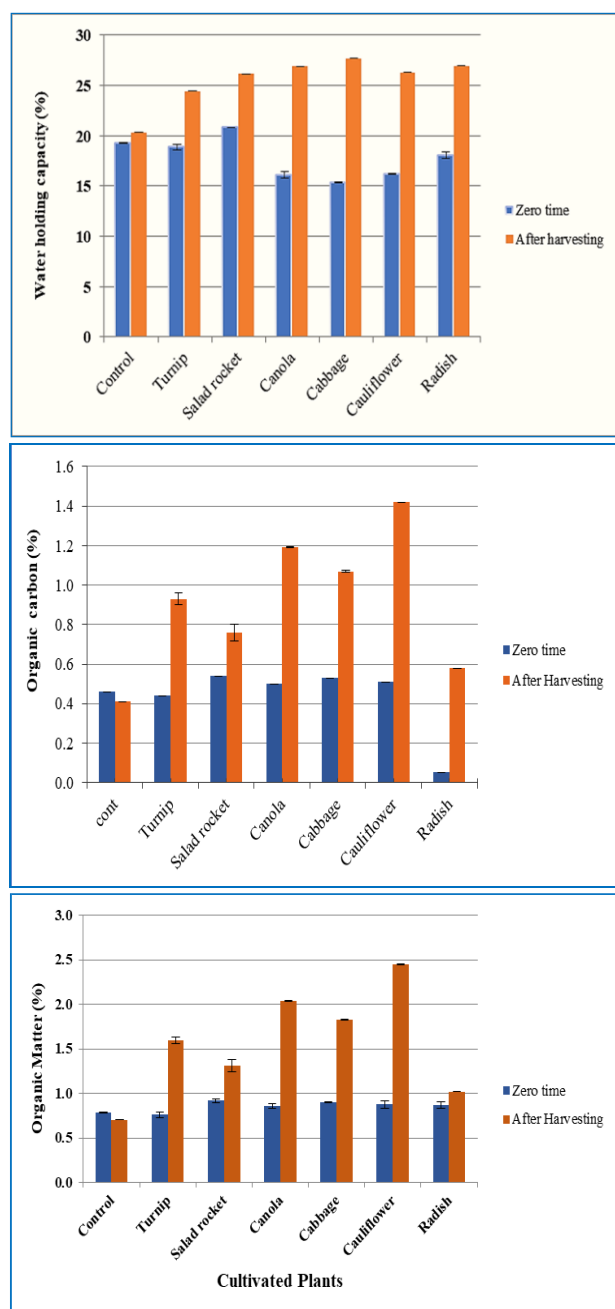


Figure (1): The effect of Biofumigation process with selected Brassicaceae species on mean value of WHC, % of OC% and OM% under field condition.

plants (1.42, 1.185 and 1.065%, respectively) after being cultivated compared to soil without cultivation or with other cultivated plants.

Likewise, OM% was also significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) the highest with cauliflower plant (2.45), after harvesting, compared to controlled soil (0.7 %). Meanwhile, canola and cabbage plants also recorded significant increase in OM% compared to control but were less than cauliflower plant (Figure 1).

Fungal isolate obtained

The most common fungal isolates inhabited the soil in the study area were *Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Fusarium lateritium*, *Rhizopus* sp., and *Mucor* sp. The genus *Aspergillus* sp. was the frequent recorded isolate and three species were identified (Table 2). The identification of fungal isolates was done based on their micromorphological and macromorphological characteristics. The identification of genus *Fusarium* was confirmed by Assiut University, Assiut, Mycological Center, as *Fusarium lateritium* Nees, No.13626. The total average of fungal count was expressed as CFU $\times 10^3$ CFU/ml in which the highest significant ($p \leq 0.01$) count was recorded during cultivation state of each type of the Brassica plant used (Table 2). Cauliflower and radish were the highest in fungal count during plant cultivation (320 and 316.7 $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1} , respectively). However, all fungal count was significantly suppressed by biofumigation process compared to those before and during the cultivation of selected plants (Table 2).

Penicillium species were not recorded in soil before cultivation for any of the Brassica plants studied. Meanwhile, it was detected in significant numbers during plant cultivation. For *Penicillium* sp.1, cabbage plant recorded the highest appearance of this genus (93. $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1}) followed by the cauliflower plant (83.3 $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1}). In comparison to the other plants studied, rocket salad, canola, and turnip had the lowest significance ($p \leq 0.01$) occurrence of this genus (5.0, 30.0 and 30.0 $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1} , respectively). *Penicillium* sp.2 was not detected in control soil at any of the sites where selected plants were grown. When compared to the other Brassica plants, cauliflower had significantly ($p \leq 0.01$) the highest stimulated appearance of *P.sp.2* (115. $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1}).

Aspergillus was isolated as the second genus with a variable population count (Table 2). *A. niger* and *A. flavus* were detected in all of the control soils used for diverse Brassica growth, with the exception of *A. ochraceus*, which was not detected in any of the controlled locations (Table 2). During the growth of Brassica plants, the fungal count of all detected *A.* species rose, with *A. ochraceus* being the most numerous with turnip plants (93. $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1}). Canola, on the other hand, had the highest *A. niger* count (66.8 $\times 10^3$ CFU ml^{-1}).

All soil utilized prior to Brassica cultivation had a reasonable fungal count for *F. lateritium* with non-significant ($p \leq 0.05$) differences recorded among them (Table 2). However, the count of this genus was

suppressed during plant growth, and the extent of this suppression varied depending on the plant variety cultivated. Meanwhile, following the biofumigation process applying radish, cauliflower, and canola plants recorded a complete (100%) reduction in *F. lateritium*.

The soil under investigation before treatment showed a higher CFU count for *Rhizopus* sp than the treated soil with Brassica cultivation during the growth stage, with the exception of canola and cabbage plants. Soil under these plants had a significantly higher count (10.0 and 6.7 X10³ CFU ml⁻¹, compared to 20.0 and 10.0 X10³ CFU ml⁻¹ for canola and cabbage plants for treated and untreated soil, respectively). Meanwhile, Rocket salad, cabbage and radish plants showed complete suppression of this fungus after Biofumigation process (Table 2).

For *Mucor* sp., the soil under examination recorded a greater count at zero time compared to all plant growth stages (Table 2). The highest fungus count was found in the soil used for cabbage and cauliflower plants (33.34 and 33.3 X10³ CFU ml⁻¹). However, the cabbage plant had a strong inhibitory effect on *Mucor* sp. count during growth and after fumigation (33.4 verses to 10 and zero X10³ CFU ml⁻¹, for untreated to treated during plant growth and after Biofumigation, respectively).

In General, fungus counts varied across the investigated soil prior to Brassica cultivation. The fungus count, on the other hand, increased throughout the selected plant cultivation, particularly at the plant's growth stage. Meanwhile, the majority of soil after biofumigation displayed remarkable fungal suppression for fungal genera identified (Table 2).

DISCUSSIONS

The BFP method improved the physical and chemical soil properties. The higher percentage of WHC following BFP can be explained by changes in soil structure caused by hydrolysis of *Brassica* plant tissue, as well as the action of soil mycoflora. These new derivatives and components changed the constitution of soil, affecting its ability to retain water. This finding is consistent with Kumar (2005), Omirou *et al.* (2011), Reddy (2011), Szczygłowska *et al.* (2011), Wang *et al.* (2014), Ntalli and Caboni (2017), and Hanschen and Winkelmann (2018). (2020).

Based in our data, the biofumigation technique raised the percentage of OM and OC in soil, altering the soil structure and improving soil quality. These findings are consistent with those of Kumar (2005), Gimsing *et al.* (2006), Hoshino and Mataverageoto (2007), Wang *et al.* (2010), Wang *et al.* (2013), Omirou *et al.* (2011), Reddy (2011), Ntalli and Caboni (2017), Bui and Desaeger (2021), and Sarhan *et al.* (2020). Meanwhile, fungal-soil borne was suppressed pathogens after BFB process. Improving soil properties and reduction of fungal pathogen related to chemical compounds that exist with these plant types. The tissues of Brassicaceae spp. contain glucosinolates, which were naturally absorbed into the soil as manure by ploughing and covering the soil, reduced the microbial count and affected the community composition of soil-borne fungus. In comparison of fungal CFU/ml of soil before and

after biofumigation, the Brassicaceae plants demonstrated their naturally biocidal action.

As demonstrated by our findings, there is a variation in the count and community of soil-borne fungi before, during, and after BF. The cultivation of the selected Brassicaceae plants reduced fungal CFU/ml of soil samples as well as their variety. Some fungal species appeared and disappeared during the growth of grown selected plants. Many scientists achieved similar results (Rudolf *et al.*, 2001; Szczygłowska *et al.*, 2011; Taylor 2013; Wang *et al.*, 2014; Charles *et al.*, 2015; Ntalli and Caboni, 2017). The count of *Fusarium lateritium* before and after biofumigation revealed that the BFP was efficient in reducing fungal count as a result of the change in soil structure caused by treatments with Brassicaceae species. These findings are consistent with those of Kumar (2005), Omirou *et al.* (2011), Wang *et al.* (2014), and Sarhan *et al.* (2015). (2020). The sensitivity of the fungal count differed according on the kind of Brassicaceae applied in BF. Canola and radish were more effective in suppressing *F. lateritium* and the other separate fungus species. This result is consistent with the findings of Fan *et al.* (2008). In addition, soil fungus susceptibility to Brassicaceae species was varied. It can be explained by the degree of inhibition based on the degree of hydrolysis of plant components, crop biomass, and fluctuation of glucosinolate quantity (Fan *et al.*, 2008; Lord *et al.*, 2011; Szczygłowska *et al.*, 2011; Kruger *et al.*, 2013; Taylor, 2013; Charles *et al.*, 2015; Srivastava and Ghatak, 2017).

As previously stated, there were variations in the composition of soil-borne fungi before, during, and after Biofumigation. There were five fungus species before BFP (*A. flavus*, *A. niger*, *Fusarium lateritium*, *Rhizopus* sp. and *Mucor* sp.). Two *Penicillium* spp. and *Aspergillus ochraceus* were found during treatment growth. *Penicillium* spp. vanished after BFP.

BFP reduced the fungal CFU ml⁻¹ of soil sample. These findings can be explained by the decomposition of plant tissue, which enriches the soil with extra organic matter, enhancing the growth of some fungus while suppressing others. The rationale for the influence of BFP on the composition of soil-borne pathogens and fungi is consistent with Hanschen and Sarhan *et al.* (2020), Hanschen and Winkelmann (2020), and Bui and Desaeger (2021). During the growth of Brassicaceae species, the fungal count, in general, increased and rarely can be inhibited. This can be explained by the ability of plant roots can excrete organic substances that enhance or inhibit soil-borne fungus. These hypotheses coincide with Kumar (2005), Omirou *et al.* (2011), and others (Lored *et al.*, 2011). According to Kumar (2005), "the roots of Brassicaceae may emit volatile isothiocyanates (ITCs) during growth as well as decomposition."

There were decreases in CFU/ml of soil for all species after biofumigation with different Brassicaceae species, but the degree of reduction differed by species. Canola and radish had the lowest CFU/ml of soil extract values, followed by cauliflower, which had the

Table (2): Different fungus genera were frequently detected at various stages of plant cultivation, including before, during, and after the biofumigation process using selected Brassica plants.

| Selected Brassica species | Plant common Name | Trea † | Detected Fungal Isolate (CFU X 10 ⁻³ /ml) | | | | | | | Total count | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | | | <i>Penicillium</i> sp.1 | <i>Penicillium</i> sp.2 | <i>A. ochraceus</i> | <i>A. niger</i> | <i>A. flavus</i> | <i>F. lateritium</i> | <i>Rhizopus</i> sp. | | <i>Mucor</i> sp. |
| | Turnip | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 6.7 ±0.09 ^b | 66.7 ±0.88 ^d | 23.3 ±0.23 ^c | 23.3 ±0.23 ^c | 6.7 ±0.09 ^b | 126.7±22.5 |
| | | 2 | 30.0 ±0.08 ^b | 53.3 ±1.43 ^e | 93.3 ±1.34 ^f | 30.0 ±0.00 ^{cd} | 25.0 ±0.45 ^c | 16.3 ±0.19 ^{bc} | 26.4 ±0.12 ^c | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 247.3 ±43.3 |
| | | 3 | 0.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.0 ±0.00 ^a | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 40.0 ±0.0 |
| | Rocket salad | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 6.7 ±0.08 ^b | 56.7 ±0.33 ^e | 20.0 ±0.57 ^c | 40.0 ±0.94 ^d | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 143.4 ±17.1 |
| | | 2 | 5.0 ±0.08 ^b | 43.3 ±0.00 ^e | 90.0 ±0.45 ^f | 23.3 ±0.09 ^c | 30.0 ±0.00 ^d | 10.0 ±0.02 ^b | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 16.7 ±0.08 ^c | 238.3 ±7.4 |
| | | 3 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 23.3 ±0.33 ^c | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 43.3 ±3.5 |
| | Canola | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 66.8 ±0.87 ^e | 53.3 ±0.33 ^d | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 5.0 ±0.08 ^b | 155.1 ±12.9 |
| | | 2 | 30.0 ±0.00 ^c | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 80.0 ±0.00 ^d | 10.0 ±0.00 ^{bc} | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 5.0 ±0.03 ^b | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 165.0 ±4.0 |
| | | 3 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 00.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 20.0 ±0.0 |
| | Cabbage | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 36.7 ±0.09 ^d | 35.0 ±0.50 ^d | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 6.7 ±0.09 ^b | 33.4 ±0.33 ^d | 131.8 ±10.1 |
| | | 2 | 93.3 ±1.50 ^d | 5.0 ±0.08 ^b | 70.0 ±0.23 ^d | 37.6 ±0.50 ^d | 20.0 ±0.00 ^b | 5.0 ±0.08 ^b | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 245.9±31.3 |
| | | 3 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00±0.00 ^a | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 00.0 ±0.00 ^a | 10.0±0.00 ^b | 10.0 ±0.09 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 35.0 ±1.0 |
| | Cauliflower | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 36.7 ±0.33 ^d | 55.4 ±0.56 ^e | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 10.0 ±0.00 ^b | 33.3 ±0.09 ^d | 155.4 ±9.78 |
| | | 2 | 83.3 ±0.00 ^d | 115.0 ±0.50 ^e | 30.0 ±0.00 ^c | 36.7 ±0.00 ^c | 50.0 ±0.50 ^d | 5.0 ±0.05 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 320.0 ±10.8 |
| | | 3 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 23.3 ±0.00 ^c | 10.0±0.00 ^b | 00.0 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 10.0±0.00 ^b | 10.0±0.00 ^b | 53.3 ±0.0 |
| Radish | 1 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 6.7 ±0.09 ^b | 20.0 ±0.00 ^b | 25.1 ±0.09 ^{cd} | 20.0 ±0.00 ^c | 26.7 ±0.12 ^d | 98.5 ±3.2 | |
| | 2 | 73.4 ±0.67 ^b | 33.3 ±0.33 ^c | 130.0 ±3.80 | 40.0 ±0.00 ^d | 00.0 ±0.0 ^a | 6.7 ±0.30 ^b | 13.3 ±0.30 ^{bc} | 20.0 ±0.00 ^{sd} | 316.7 ±19.6 | |
| | 3 | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 20.0 ±0.00 ^b | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 0.00 ±0.00 ^a | 20.0 ±0.0 | |

†1, soil without treatment (zero time); 2, soil during cultivation with different Brassica species; 3, soil after Biofumigation process with cultivated plants. Data are in means±SE. Mean values with different Letters per each row are significantly different at p≤0.05 using Duncan's Multiple Range test; A, *Aspergillus*; F, *Fusarium*.

highest values. This is due to variations in the amount and type of glucosinolate hydrolyzed compounds produced by different Brassicaceae species. As a result of the biofumigation procedure, these chemicals were released from each plant tissue. According to Lord *et al.* (2011), Tylor (2013), Charles *et al.* (2015), and Hoshino *et al.* (2015), this explanation is correct (2015).

Furthermore, the results showed that cabbage and cauliflower are successful in reducing the CFU of soil-borne fungi, which may be explained by the high quantity of glucosinolate in cabbage, huge biomass, and high amount of glucosinolate, which is very effective in controlling soil-borne fungi and improving soil quality. Biofumigation with cabbage and cauliflower has been shown to be efficient against *Fusarium* sp. This finding is consistent with those of Fan *et al.* (2008), Lord *et al.* (2011), and Charles *et al.* (2015).

Cabbage and canola are efficient CFU-suppressor (Cal *et al.*, 2005; Smolinska and Kowalczyk, (2014) and Hu *et al.* (2015). These findings demonstrate that BFP is an efficient strategy for controlling soil-borne diseases (Szczyglowska *et al.*, 2011; Charles *et al.*, 2015).

CONCLUSION

Biofumigation is an environmentally friendly method of controlling soil-borne diseases. Biofumigation using Brassicaceae species improves soil quality and is effective in reducing the CFU of soil-borne fungus. Our approach is to use BFP as an alternative strategy of controlling plant disease and improving soil quality.

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تأثير التبخير الحيوي بنباتات Brassica على عدد وتنوع الفطريات التي تنقلها التربة في مدينة العريش، مصر

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تم دراسة التبخير الحيوي بواسطة اجناس مختارة من العائلة الصليبية (اللفت، الجرجير، الكانولا، الكرنب، الارنبط و الفجل) لمعرفة تأثيرها علي خواص التربة وكذلك العدد الكلي للفطريات ونوع الاجناس الموجوده، اوضحت التجارب الحقلية تأثير التبخير الحيوي على تحسين خواص التربة و زيادة مقدرة التربة على الاحتفاظ بالماء و النسبة المئوية للمواد العضوية والكاربون العضوي. كما اوضحت التجارب ان اعلى نسبة للمواد العضوية (2.03 و 2.45%) والكاربون العضوي (1.19 و 1.42%) عند استخدام نبات الكانولا ونبات الارنبط بالتتابع، وقد لوحظ تأثير عملية التبخير الحيوي على متوسطات عدد المستعمرات للفطريات المعزولة/ مليلتر من محلول التربة وكذلك التأثير على تنوع الفطريات داخل التربة. ويتضح من النتائج بان العدد الكلي لمتوسطات المستعمرات الفطرية قد تراجع بشكل معنوي بعد القيام بعملية التبخير الحيوي مقارنة بعينات الكنترول. كما سجلت النتائج زيادة لاعداد متوسطات المستعمرات اثناء نمو المعاملات النباتية بالتربة. ولذلك تأثير عملية التبخر الحيوي ذات تأثير قوي ومعنوي علي الاعداد الكلية للمستعمرات الفطرية. كما وجد ان فطر الفيوزاريوم لانتيريبيوم تناقص بشكل معنوي بعد القيام بالتبخير الحيوي. مقارنة بالكنترول وكذلك اثناء نمو الأنواع المختارة وبعد عملية التبخير الحيوي.. ومن خلال الدراسة لتاثير التبخير الحيوي، بواسطة اجناس من العائلة الصليبية، نلاحظ مدي التحسن لصفات التربة وكذلك ظهور لبعض اجناس الفطريات واختفاء لاجناس اخرى. واثبتت الدراسة، تحت الظروف الحقلية لمكان الدراسة، ان نبات الكانولا والفجل والكرنب من اقوي النباتات المؤثرة علي قيم المتوسطات وحدات عد المستعمرات الفطرية المسببة للامراض النباتية.