

Differential Allelopathic Potential of Three Cereal Species

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ABSTRACT

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Barley is an important cereal cultivated in Tunisia for double purpose, grazing and grain production. Barley is mostly conducted in monoculture or in rotations with other cereals such bread wheat and specially durum wheat. When conducted in direct drilling (DD), residues (stubble, straw) are abandoned on soil surface which could be a source of allelochemicals that may express auto-toxicity or hetero-toxicity detrimental to the yields of a following crop. The differential allelopathic potential of three cereal (barley, bread wheat, durum wheat) mulches and soils cultivated with these cereals was studied, using bioassays (germination, seedling growth). For all bioassays 'Manel' (barley) was the test-variety. Radicle growth bioassay was the most sensitive test to detect allelopathy expressed in the form of auto-toxicity (barley/barely) or hetero-toxicity (bread wheat/barley, durum wheat/barley). Only soil-extracts cultivated with bread wheat, showed a significant effect on barley growth. A differential inhibitory effect was identified within and between studied cereal species. Hetero-toxicity was significantly more pronounced than auto-toxicity. Moreover, stubble-extracts were more inhibitory than straw-extracts independently of cereal species. Results suggest that barley auto-toxicity and bread and durum wheats hetero-toxicity should be considered when applying crop sequencing especially in conservation agriculture (CA) using DD on permanent mulch. Barley monoculture appeared to be a better choice than a rotation of barley with bread or durum wheat.

Keywords: Allelopathy, auto-toxicity, barley, bread wheat, durum wheat, hetero-toxicity, residues

Understanding allelopathic potential of crop residues could aid to better manage crop rotation in conservation agriculture (CA). Barley residues expressed an allelopathic effect in the form of auto-toxicity (Ben-Hammouda et al. 2002). Asghari and Tewari reported that extracts of eight barley cultivars inhibited significantly germination and seedling growth of greenfoxtail (*Setaria*

viridis) (Asghari et Tewari 2007). Bread wheat and durum wheat responded differently to barley allelopathy, with greater sensitivity of bread wheat (Ben-Hammouda et al. 2001). Water-extracts of durum wheat expressed allelopathic effect in the form of heterotoxicity by inhibiting germination and radicle growth of barley and bread wheat (Oueslati 2003). Straw-extracts of two local Iranian wheat varieties induced a significant inhibition on growth of two corn hybrids (Saffari et al. 2010). Extracts from sorghum stems and maize inflorescences inhibited germination and growth of painted euphorbia (*Euphorbia heterophylla*), showing a degree of inhibition that was

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extract concentration dependent (Ayeni and Kayode 2013).

Mulched plots with barley residues, triticale (*xTriticosecale*) and rye (*Secale cereale*) were behind a low emergence of barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*), bristly foxtail (*Setaria verticillata*) and large crabgrass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*) when compared with emergence in mulch-free plots (Dhima et al. 2006-b). Corn sown on barley residues grew with less biomass of weeds such as barnyard grass and bristly foxtail (Dhima et al. 2006-a). Incorporated barley residues in the soil reduced germination, plant height and weight of wild barley (*Hordeum spontaneum*) (Ashrafi et al. 2009). Grains yield of continuous barley after straw incorporation was lower when compared to conventional tillage removed straw and burned straw treatments (Procházková et al. 2002). A nine years field experiment of wheat cultivation showed that direct drilling (DD) or conventional drilling (CD) caused a one third reduction in yield when straw of wheat was burnt prior to wheat sowing (Christian et al. 1999). However, different methods of durum wheat residues management presented an auto-toxicity risk (Ben-Hammouda et al. 2003). Establishment of winter oats (*Avena sativa*) was better when wheat straw was incorporated by tine cultivation when compared to DD (Christian and Miller, 1986). In a no-till maize (*Zea mays*), germination and seedling growth of red root pigweed (*Amaranthus retroflexus*) was particularly affected by rye mulch used as a cover crop (Tabaglio et al. 2013).

Incorporation of fresh barley biomass reduced quack grass (*Agropyrum repens*) germination, plant height and plant weight when compared with a control treatment (Ashrafi et al. 2009). Growth of wild barley was significantly

reduced when black mustard (*Brassica nigra*) was the prior crop in comparison to its growth in monoculture (Tawaha and Turk, 2003). Soil rhizosphere of wild oat (*Avenafatua*) inhibited wheat seedlings growth (Fragasso et al. 2012). Root exudates of durum wheat, barley and oat affect plant dry weight of bread wheat, with durum wheat making the lowest radicle length while oat minimized all recorded data (Ali 2013). Amended soil with decomposing alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) and kava (*Piper methystecum*) strongly and continuously inhibited barnyard grass growth during 25 days (Xuan et al. 2005).

The present work aimed to: i) study the allelopathy potentials expressed by residues as straw and stubble and plus soils-extracts among three cereal species (barley, bread wheat, durum wheat), and ii) develop a better understanding of cereal production under CA conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material and field experiments.

Three cereal crops represented by 5 varieties each [barley ('Manel', 'Martin', 'Momtaz', 'Rihane', 'Souihli'), bread wheat ('Byrsa', 'Haïdra', 'Salambo', 'Tebica', 'Utique') and durum wheat ('Karim', 'Khar', 'Nasr', 'Oum rabiaa', 'Razzak') were grown at the Experimental Station of the *Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture du Kef* (NW/Tunisia) during the 2003/04 growing season. The site was located in the semi-arid zone. All species were sown after a fallow in a soil slightly alkaline (pH = 7.5) with clay dominance (48% clay, 34% sand, 18% silt) and 2% organic matter. From soil preparation to harvest, appropriate technical package to the semi-arid zone, under rain-fed conditions, was applied. The field lay-out was a Complete Randomized Block Design (CRBD) with four replications. Cereal varieties were

conducted in 6-row plots of 12 m² (10 m × 1.2 m) each. Climatic data were collected from a neighboring

meteorological station (Table 1) and plots were irrigated with 40 mm of water when severe wilting was observed.

Table 1. Climatic data* relative to the biological cycle of barley

Month	Rain-fall (mm)	ETP** (mm)	Temperature (°C)
November	13.20	38.20	19.30
December	203.00	27.30	13.10
January	49.10	29.20	13.20
February	16.90	51.20	16.90
March	77.20	71.80	17.60
April	45.20	98.20	19.50
May	47.50	180.00	23.40
Total	452.10	495.90	-
Mean/month	64.58	70.84	17.57

* Source: Meteorological Station of Boulifa/Kef, adjacent to the experimental site.

** Evapotranspiration potential.

Preparation of water extracts

Cereal straw and stubble were randomly collected from field after harvest. Roots from soil were gently washed by tap water, then with distilled water, dried between 2 paper towels before being chopped into 1-cm long pieces and placed in oven at 50°C for 24 h. The extraction followed the procedure reported by Ben-Hammouda et al. (1995).

After harvest, soil samples were randomly collected from plots cultivated with the 3 tested cereals (barley, bread wheat, durum wheat) across a profile of 30 cm, than air dried for 1 day and sieved through 0.3 mm stitches. Soil extraction was done following the procedure described as follow: A sample of 250 g equivalent of dry soil was extracted in 250 ml distilled water then set on a horizontal shaker for 24 h at 200 rpmn (Read and Jensen 1989). Soil suspensions were filtered across Whatman N° 2 filter paper, by gravity then stored at less than 5°C until bioassay.

Bioassays of plant extracts

Extracts of the 3 cereal species were tested for auto-toxicity on germination and seedlings (radicle, coleoptile) growth using 'Manel'/barley as the test-variety. For germination bioassays, 'Manel' seeds were surface sterilized with a 5% aqueous solution of sodium hypochlorite for 1-min, rinsed 5 times with distilled water and dried between 2 paper towels. Surface sterilized seeds were placed in a standard Petri Dish containing 15 ml of water agar, as growth medium, amended with 20 ml of residues (straw, stubble) or soil extracts. The control was 1.2% distilled water agar. After incubation for 35 h in dark at 25°C, seeds with 2 mm radicle length were recorded as germinated.

For seedlings growth bioassays, the growth medium was similar to what was used for germination bioassays. Surface-sterilized seeds of 'Manel' were pre-germinated then set for seedling growth. Data were collected following the procedure described by Ben-Hammouda

et al. (2001; 2002). Inhibition of 'Manel' growth was expressed as follow: $[(\text{Control} - \text{Treatment})/\text{Control}] \times 100$.

Statistical analysis

Bioassays were conducted in a Complete Randomized Design (CRD) with four repetitions. Treatments with a significant main effect were separated by the protected LSD Fisher-test at the probability level of 5% (Steel and Torrie 1980).

The average individual effects of five varieties, as inhibition rate of 'Manel' radicle growth $[(\text{Control} - \text{Treatment})/(\text{Control})]$, was used to make a single observation relative to each species. A combined analysis of allelopathic species effects/potential on the test-variety was conducted. In addition, a second combined analysis concerning source of extracts (straw,

stubble) among the three tested species was conducted too. Data transformation was operated to reach an acceptable level of coefficient of variation then subjected to analysis of variance using SAS package (SAS Institute 1992).

RESULTS

Germination bioassays

All over the five tested varieties, barley stubble-extracts showed a significant allelopathic/auto-toxic effect on the germination of the test-variety 'Manel', and the same applies for all bread wheat and durum wheat varieties. Only straw-extracts of bread wheat did similar effect to 'Manel' germination. However, soil-extracts of the three cereal species showed no significant effect on germination of the barley test-variety (Table 2).

Table 2. Treatment mean squares for germination of 'Manel' assayed with three sources of extracts (straw, stubble, soil) from three cereals

Source of extract	Barley	Bread wheat	Durum wheat
Straw	104.01 ^{NS}	11.90 ^{**}	18.54 ^{NS}
Stubble	261.10 ^{**}	7.22 [*]	77.20 [*]
Soil	9.70 ^{NS}	46.96 ^{NS}	6.56 ^{NS}

NS Not significantly different at 5% level of probability.

* Significantly different at 5% level of probability.

** Significantly different at 1% level of probability.

Stubble-extracts, of three ('Moumtez', 'Rihane', 'Souihli') out of five barley varieties, were inhibitory to 'Manel' germination, with 'Moumtez' having the most inhibiting extracts. Straw-extracts of two bread wheat varieties ('Byrsa', 'Haïdra') and stubble-extracts of three varieties ('Byrsa', 'Haïdra', 'Utique') inhibited significantly barley germination. As was the case of bread wheat, stubble-extracts of four durum wheat varieties ('Karim', 'Khlar', 'Oum-rabaa', 'Razzak') inhibited

significantly barley germination (Table 3).

Seedling growth bioassay.

Coleoptile bioassay. Both barley residues (straw, stubble) and soil extracts had no effect on 'Manel' coleoptile growth. However, two (stubble, soil) bread wheat extracts showed a highly significant effect 'Manel' coleoptile growth. For durum wheat, only straw-extracts showed a significant effect on barley coleoptiles growth (Table 4).

Table 3. Effects of straw and stubble extracts of three cereals (barley, bread wheat, durum wheat) on germination (%) of 'Manel' variety

Barley	Stubble	BW ^{††}	Straw	Stubble	DW ^{††}	Stubble
Control	99.00 a [†]	Control	96.20 a [†]	95.30 a [†]	Control	44.00 a [†]
'Manel'	96.50 ab	'Byrsa'	93.00 b	91.50 b	'Karim'	31.70 b
'Martin'	90.00 abc	'Haïdra'	92.00 b	92.00 b	'Khiar'	32.70 b
'Moumtez'	78.00 d	'Salambo'	95.50 a	93.00 ab	'Nasr'	37.20 ab
'Rihane'	86.50 bcd	'Tebica'	96.00 a	93.50 ab	'Oum rabiaa'	35.70 b
'Souihli'	82.50 cd	'Utique'	94.00 ab	92.50 b	'Razzak'	34.50 b
LSD (5%)	1.12	-	2.38	2.35	-	6.80

[†] Means within a column followed by different letters are significantly different at 5% level of probability.

^{††} BW (bread wheat) and DW (durum wheat).

Table 4. Treatment mean squares for coleoptile growth of 'Manel' assayed with 3 sources of extracts (straw, stubble, soil) of three cereals, independently of variety

Source of extract	Barley	Bread wheat	Durum wheat
Straw	0.01 ^{NS}	0.02 ^{NS}	0.18*
Stubble	0.14 ^{NS}	0.35***	0.18 ^{NS}
Soil	0.02 ^{NS}	0.41**	0.08 ^{NS}

NS Not significantly different at 5% level of probability.

* Significantly different at 5% level of probability.

** Significantly different at 1% level of probability.

*** Significantly different at 0.1% level of probability.

Stubble-extracts of three bread wheat varieties ('Byrsa', 'Haïdra', 'Salambo') inhibited significantly barley coleoptile growth with 'Haïdra' being the most inhibitory. Soil-extracts of three varieties ('Haïdra', 'Salambo', 'Utique') within bread species inhibited coleoptile

growth, with 'Salambo' being the most inhibitory. However, straw-extracts of all the tested durum wheat varieties showed a significant inhibition on 'Manel' coleoptile growth, with 'Oum rabiaa' being the least inhibitory (Table 5).

Table 5. Extract effects of bread wheat stubble, bread wheat soil and durum wheat straw on 'Manel' coleoptile growth (cm)

BW ^{††}	Stubble	Soil	DW ^{††}	Straw
Control	3.22 a [†]	3.40 a [†]	Control	3.60 a [†]
'Byrsa'	2.82 b	3.39 a	'Karim'	3.00 b
'Haïdra'	2.43 c	2.91 b	'Khiar'	3.00 b
'Salambo'	2.89 b	2.68 b	'Nasr'	3.00 b
'Tebica'	3.00 ab	3.33 a	'Oum rabiaa'	3.20 b
'Utique'	3.23 a	2.82 b	'Razzak'	3.00 b
LSD (5%)	0.29	0.38	NA	0.35

[†] Means within a column followed by different letters are significantly different at 5 % level of probability.

^{††} BW (bread wheat) and DW (durum wheat).

NA Not applicable.

Radicle bioassay. Barley straw and stubble extracts showed a highly significant effect on barley radicle growth. Straw and stubble extracts as well as soil-extracts of bread wheat showed a highly significant effect too. The pronounced of allelopathy in soils cultivated with bread wheat could be

explained by a high release of allelochemicals into the soil by this cereal crop. Straw and stubble extracts of durum wheat showed a significant effect on barley radicle growth. Soil-extracts of barley and durum wheat have no detectable effect on radicle growth of barley (Table 6).

Table 6. Treatment mean squares for radicle growth of 'Manel' assayed with three sources of extracts (straw, stubble, soil) of three cereals, independently of variety

Source of extract	Barley	Bread wheat	Durum wheat
Straw	4.15***	0.49***	1.82*
Stubble	5.05***	4.07***	1.82*
Soil	0.09 ^{NS}	0.81***	0.72 ^{NS}

NS Not significantly different at 5% level of probability.

* Significantly different at 5% level of probability.

*** Significantly different at 0.1% level of probability.

Due to its elevated degree of significance compared to germination and coleoptile growth bioassays, only radicle growth bioassay will be considered for statistical combined analysis. Straw-extracts of the five barley varieties ('Manel', 'Martin', 'Moumtez', 'Rihane', 'Souihli') inhibited barley radicle growth.

'Moumtez' was the most inhibitor variety. The same happened with stubble-extracts; with 'Rihane' expressing the most inhibitory effect. Straw and stubble extracts of 'Souihli' were the least depressive to barley radical growth (Table 7).

Table 7. Effects of straw and stubble extracts of 5 barley varieties on radicle growth (cm) of 'Manel' variety

Treatment	Straw	Stubble
Control	4.71 a [†]	4.95 a [†]
'Manel'	2.69 bc	2.29 c
'Martin'	2.39 c	2.66 b
'Moumtez'	1.90 d	2.18 c
'Rihane'	2.05 d	1.78 d
'Souihli'	2.89 b	2.72 b
LSD (5%)	0.32	0.35

[†] Means within a column followed by different letters are significantly different at 5% level of probability.

Straw-extracts of two bread wheat varieties 'Byrsa' and 'Tebica' stimulated barley radicle growth whereas those of 'Salambo' and 'Utique' showed an inhibition. However straw-extracts of 'Haïdra' showed no significant effect.

Stubble-extracts of all bread wheat varieties inhibited radicle growth. Soil-extracts of 'Byrsa' and 'Salambo' showed a stimulation of radicle growth while soil-extracts of 'Haïdra' were inhibitory (Table 8).

Table 8. Effects of straw, stubble and soil extracts of five bread wheat varieties on radicle growth (cm) of 'Manel'

Treatment	Straw	Stubble	Soil
Control	1.58 b [†]	6.12 a [†]	4.03 b [†]
'Byrsa'	1.87 a	3.63 b	4.83 a
'Haïdra'	1.47 b	3.78 b	3.59 c
'Salambo'	1.07 c	3.35 b	4.58 a
'Tebica'	1.83 a	3.85 b	3.99 b
'Utique'	1.06 c	3.85 b	4.04 b
LSD (5%)	0.20	0.56	0.36

[†] Means within a column followed by different letters are significantly different at 5% level of probability.

Except 'Razzak' straw-extracts, those of the remaining durum wheat varieties inhibited radicle growth of barley, with 'Karim' as the most inhibitory. Stubble-extracts of durum wheat were inhibitory except 'Khar'

which showed no significant effect. 'Razzak' was the most inhibitory variety. For the same variety 'Razzek', straw-extracts were inhibitory whereas stubble had no significant effect (Table 9).

Table 9. Effects of straw and stubble extracts of five durum wheat varieties on radicle growth (cm) of 'Manel' variety

Treatment	Straw	Stubble
Control	4.00 a [†]	5.50 a [†]
'Karim'	2.40 b	4.30 bc
'Khar'	2.60 b	5.00 ab
'Nasr'	2.90 b	4.20 bc
'Oum Rabiaa'	2.90 b	4.00 bc
'Razzak'	3.20 ab	3.70 c
LSD (5%)	0.90	1.20

[†]Means within a column followed by different letters are significantly different at 5% level of probability.

The effect of cereal species on radicle growth of 'Manel' was very highly significant. Across varieties, the species effect on barley radical was more pronounced than source of extract, either

straw or stubble. Also the effect of source of extract was significant due to a highly significant interaction between cereal species and source of extract (Table 10).

Table 10. ANOVA of source of extract and cereal species effects on radicle growth (cm) of ‘Manel’

Source of Variation	DF	SS	MS	F value	P> F
Total	29	0.38696793			
Source of extract	1	0.02341932	0.02341932	4.79	0.0386*
Species	2	0.18258224	0.09129112	18.67	0.0001***
Source of extract × Species	2	0.06358244	0.03179122	6.50	0.0055**
Error	24	0.11738393	0.00489100		

* Significantly different at 5% level of probability.

** Significantly different at 1% level of probability.

*** Significantly different at 0.1% level of probability.

Bread wheat expressed the highest inhibition (86.19%) of barley radicle growth, followed by durum wheat

(85.43%) and barley (69.27%). The difference between the two later species was not significant (Fig. 1).

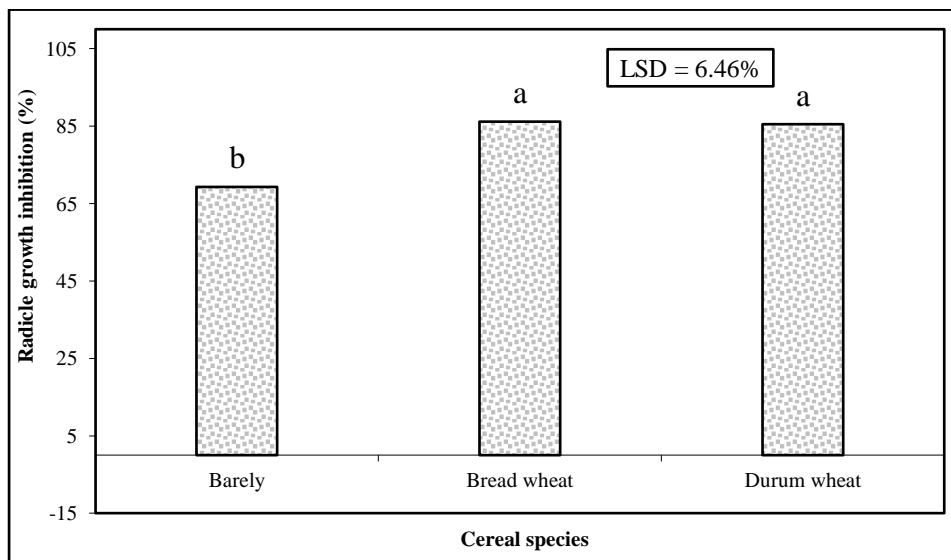


Fig. 1. Effect of cereal species on radicle growth inhibition (%) of the test-variety ‘Manel’. Bars with the same letter are not significantly different according to LSD test at 5% level of probability.

Previous results show that heterotoxicity is more pronounced than autotoxicity. Regardless the cereal species, straw-extracts expressed the largest

inhibition (83.09% vs 77.50%) of barley radicle growth when compared to extracts coming out of stubble (Fig. 2).

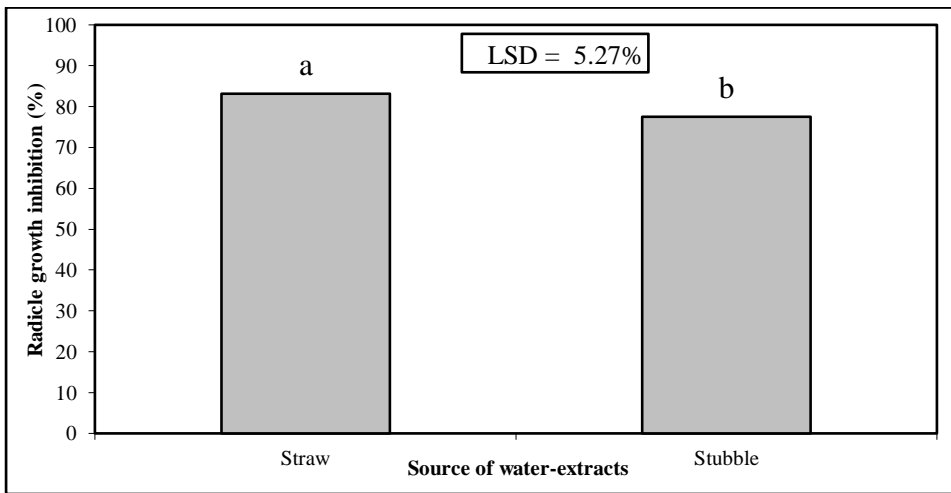


Fig. 2. Effect of source of extracts on radicle growth inhibition (%) of the test-variety 'Manel'. Bars with the same letter are not significantly different according to LSD test at 5% level of probability.

DISCUSSION

Allelopathic effect expressed by inhibition of germination was reported with barley and durum wheat plant components (Ben-Hammouda and Oueslati 1999; Oueslati 2003). Both varieties 'Haïdra' and 'Salambo', stubble and soil-extracts expressed an inhibitory effect on 'Manel' coleoptile growth. This was not the case for 'Byrsa' and 'Utique', suggesting that these varieties are not necessarily those which released detectable allelochemicals into the soil by leaching and/or exudation. Similar results were obtained by Oueslati and Ben-Hammouda (2014). Mostly soil extracts of cereals have no detectable effect on germination and seedling growth of barley. In previous work, soil extracts of barley and durum wheat showed a heterotoxic/allelopathic effect (Ali 2013). Once again radicle growth bioassay was the best tool for screening cereal species allelopathy (Ben-Hammouda et al. 2001; 2002; Oueslati et al. 2005).

The carried work showed varietal differences of the allelopathic potential expressed by barley, bread wheat and durum wheat. In fact varietal differences of the three cereals in expressing allelopathy were reported (Asghari and Tewari 2007; Oueslati 2003; Xuan et al. 2005). This potential is expressed under the form of auto-toxicity and hetero-toxicity. Hetero-toxicity was more pronounced than auto-toxicity and straw extracts were more allelopathic than stubble extracts. In contrary, stubble-extracts of barley were shown to be most allelopathic than straw-extracts (Procházková et al. 2002). Residues of the three cereal crop species contain soluble allelochemicals that were in general inhibitory to barley radicle growth. Phenolic acids and two protoalkaloids (hordenine, gramine) are responsible of barley auto-toxicity (Hoult and Lovett 1993; Oueslati et al. 2009). Also phenolic acids, hydorxamic acid and DIMBOA are allelochemicals isolated from tissues of bread wheat (Ma 2005). Total phenolic content is responsible of

durum wheat allelopathy (Wu et al. 1998).

The bread wheat variety 'Byrsa' had the lowest inhibitory straw and soil extracts, which make it of great interest for agronomic sequencing with barley.

There were a significant interaction between cereal species and source of extracts (straw, soil, stubble) according to radicle growth inhibition. Similar results were obtained by Oueslati et al. (2005) when working on barley auto-toxicity.

These results should be considered by grower practicing direct drilling in the

semi-arid zone especially when arranging crop sequences. Removing straw of the subsequent crop could be a help to minimize inhibitory allelopathic effect.

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RESUME

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L'orge est une céréale importante, cultivée en Tunisie pour le pâturage et la production de grains. L'orge est principalement conduite en monoculture ou en rotation avec d'autres céréales comme le blé tendre et le blé dur. Lors de la conduite de l'orge en semis direct (SD), les résidus (chaume, paille) qui sont abandonnés à la surface du sol peuvent être une source de substances allélochimiques, préjudiciables pour les rendements de la culture suivante. Le potentiel allélopathique différentiel du paillis de trois céréales (orge, blé tendre, blé dur) et des sols cultivés en ces trois céréales a été étudié en se basant sur des bio-essais de germination et de croissance de jeunes plantes. Pour ces bio-essais, 'Manel' (orge) était la variété-test. Le bio-essai de la croissance de la racine était le test le plus sensible pour détecter l'allélopathie exprimée sous forme d'auto-toxicité (orge/orge) et d'hétéro-toxicité (blé tendre/orge, blé dur/orge). Seuls les extraits du sol avec le blé tendre ont montré un effet significatif sur la croissance de l'orge. Un effet inhibiteur a été identifié parmi et entre les espèces de céréales étudiées. L'hétéro-toxicité était significativement plus prononcée que l'auto-toxicité. En outre, les extraits de chaume étaient plus inhibiteurs que les extraits de paille, ceci indépendamment de l'espèce de céréale. Les résultats suggèrent que l'auto-toxicité de l'orge et l'hétéro-toxicité du blé tendre et du blé dur doivent être prises en considération lors du choix des séquences culturales surtout en cas de conduite en SD (comme moyen d'agriculture de conservation) sur paillis permanent. La monoculture de l'orge semble être un meilleur choix que la rotation de l'orge avec le blé tendre ou le blé dur.

Mots clés: allélopathie, auto-toxicité, blé tendre, blé dur, hétéro-toxicité, orge, résidus

ملخص

وسلاتي، أسامة والمنصف بن حمودة. الفرق في المجاهضة الكامنة لثلاثة أنواع من الحبوب.

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تتم زراعة الشعير في تونس لغرض مزدوج، الرعي وإنتاج الحبوب. يجرى استعمال الشعير كزراعة أحادية أو بالتداول مع القمح اللين والقمح الصلب. أثناء القيام بالبذر المباشر يتم التخلي عن مخلفات النباتات أي القش والتبن على سطح التربة. هذه المخلفات يمكن أن تكون مصدر لمواد سمية يمكن لها التأثير سلبي على مردود الزراعة الموالية. تمت دراسة الفرق في المجاهضة الكامنة للغطاء النباتي للحبوب الثلاث (شعير، قمح لين، قمح صلب) وللتربة التي زرعت عليها هذه الحبوب باستعمال اختبارات بيولوجية (إنبات، نمو البادرات). بالنسبة لجميع الاختبارات البيولوجية تم اختيار 'منال'

(شعير) كصنف اختبار. كان اختبار نمو جذير البادرات الأكثر حساسية للكثف عن السمومية الذاتية (شعير/شعير) أو السمومية المغايرة (قمح لين/شعير، قمح صلب/شعير). فقط مستخلصات التربة التي زرع عليها القمح اللين أظهرت تأثيرا ملموسا على نمو الشعير. تم اكتشاف فرق في المفعول المثبط ضمن وبين الأنواع الثلاثة للحبوب المدروسة. كانت السمومية المغايرة أكثر تأثيرا على نمو الشعير من السمومية الذاتية. علاوة على ذلك، كانت مستخلصات القش أكثر تثبيطا من مستخلصات التبن. تشير النتائج أنه يجب الأخذ بعين الاعتبار السمية الذاتية والسمية المغايرة عند اختيار تداول الزراعات، خاصة عند تطبيق البذر المباشر على غطاء نباتي مستديم. يبدو أن اختيار الزراعة الأحادية للشعير أفضل من تداول الشعير مع القمح اللين أو القمح الصلب.

كلمات مفتاحية: المجاهضة، السمومية الذاتية، السمومية المغايرة، الشعير، القمح اللين، القمح الصلب، المخلفات النباتية

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