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#### ABSTRACT

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Key words: sesame, water logging, morpho-physiological parameters, yield

### INTRODUCTION

Water logging is an environmental factor that limits plant growth and yield. Water logging reduces gas exchange between plant tissues and the atmosphere, resulting in an imbalance between slow diffusion and rapid consumption of oxygen in the rhizosphere that drastically reduces the oxygen supply and induces anoxia in plants (Kozlowski 1984 and Sachs *et al.* 1980).

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), a crop with high oil content, has the potential capacity to combat nutritional deficiencies in developing regions and countries. Most current cultivars contain 50–60% oil and 18–24% protein in their seeds (Mondal *et al.* 2010 and Ram *et al.* 1990). In particular, greater than 80% of its oil is in the form of unsaturated fatty acids, which are more beneficial for human health than are saturated fatty acids. In addition, the antioxidant properties of sesame lignans, primarily sesamin and sesamolin, are used for therapeutic and cosmetic applications (Nakano *et al.* 2006 and Miyahara *et al.* 2000). Sesame is typically considered drought-tolerant but susceptible to water logging, a property that can be ascribed to its suspected origin in Africa or India and its subsequent dispersal to tropical or semitropical regions (Ram *et al.* 1990 and Bedigian 2004). According to the Food and Agricultural Organization, the average sesame yield was alarmingly low at only 617 kg/ha worldwide in 2011 and ranked second to last among 22 oil crops between 2007 and 2011. This low yield may be attributed to several reasons, but water logging is a primary factor.

To understand the effects of abiotic stress in an effort to maintain a stable food supply, a number of studies have investigated the responses of model plants and crops to stresses (Rasmussen *et al.* 2013 and Nakashima *et al.* 2009). These studies have revealed that plant responses to different stresses are coordinated by complex and often interconnected signaling pathways that regulate numerous metabolic networks (Nakashima *et al.* 2009 and Miro and Ismail, 2013). At the protein level, low oxygen selectively induces the synthesis of anaerobic proteins, especially enzymes involved in sugar metabolism, glycolysis and fermentation (Huang *et al.* 2005; and Komatsu *et al.* 2009). The vast majority of these proteins have been investigated in water logging-susceptible or tolerant strains of *Arabidopsis* or rice (Nakashima *et al.* 2009; Bahmanyar 2007 and Atkinson *et al.* 2013). Despite an increased understanding of the adaptive mechanisms and molecular regulation at play in other crops, the mechanisms underlying the sesame response to water logging need further elucidation (Wei *et al.* 2013 and Wang *et al.* 2012).

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

A pot experiment was conducted with seven sesame genotypes *viz.*, Rajshahi Khoyeri, Kistotil Chapai, Kathtil Chapai, Gopalgonj MV-40, Gopalgong Black, Kalotil Gopalgong and Laltil Gopalgonj at BINA farm, Mymensingh during March to June 2017. The sesame land races were collected from different agro-ecological zones of Bangladesh. The objective of the study was to find out the water logging tolerant genotypes. Four water logging treatments *viz.* control and water logging periods of 24, 48 and 72 hours were imposed at flowering stage of the sesame genotypes. Each pot contained 8 kg soil collected from BINA farm. Urea, TSP, MP and Gypsum were applied 125, 150, 50 and 110 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Half of urea and all other fertilizers were mixed with pot soils and remaining urea was applied at 30 days after sowing. After seedling establishment one seedling was allowed to grow in each pot. The experiment was laid out in completely randomized design with three replications. Data on plant height, number of branches, capsules and seeds plant<sup>-1</sup>, number of seeds capsule<sup>-1</sup>, shoot dry weight, root dry weight and total dry matter plant<sup>-1</sup>, 1000-seed weight, seed yield plant<sup>-1</sup>, SPAD reading, photosynthesis and nitrate reeducate activity were recorded. Data were analyzed statistically and DMRT was used to compare the means.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Results revealed that plant height, number of branches, capsules and seeds  $plant^{-1}$ , number of seeds capsule<sup>-1</sup>, total dry matter  $plant^{-1}$ , 1000-seed weight, seed yield  $plant^{-1}$ , photosynthesis, nitrate reeducate activity and chlorophyll content was significantly decreased with increasing water logging periods (Table 1 and Table 4). Similar results were observed by many researchers (Sarker *et al.* 2016; Wei *et al.* 2013; Wang *et al.* 2011, 2000; and Islam *et al.* 2006. Four genotypes *viz.* Rajshahi Khoyeri, Kistotil Chapai, Kathtil Chapai and Laltil Gopalgonj showed higher yield (Table 2). The highest total dry matter was observed in the treatment combination of  $T_1 \times V_2$  followed by  $T_1 \times V_1$  with same statistical rank (Table 3). The higher yield under water logging condition was found in Rajshahi Khoyeri, Kistotil Chapai, Kathtil Chapai and Laltil Gopalgonj (Table 2). Therefore, these four genotypes showed more tolerance to water logging at flowering stage.

Table 1. Effect of water logging period on morphological, physiological, seed yield and yield components of sesame genotypes

	Morphological parameters		Physiological parameters		Yield attributes and seed yield					
Water logging period	Plant height (cm)	Branches plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Shoot dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Root dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Total dry matter plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Capsules plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds capsule <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000- seed weight (g)	Seed weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)
Control	63.1a	4.95a	5.85a	1.33a	7.05a	37.67a	63.67a	2385a	2.74a	6.54a
24 hrs	49.0b	1.66b	4.14b	1.01b	5.04b	28.01b	47.81b	1313b	2.44b	3.19b
48 hrs	44.7c	1.15c	2.87c	0.94bc	3.81c	21.29c	33.62c	703.7c	2.82c	1.59c
72 hrs	40.1d	0.96c	1.51d	0.76c	2.24d	10.52d	24.19d	255.2d	1.77d	0.44d

Values having common letter(s) in a column do not differ significantly at 5% level as per DMRT

Table 2. Effect of water logging condition on plant height, biomass production, yield and yield components of sesame genotypes

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	Shoot dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Root dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Total dry matter plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Capsules plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds capsule <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000- seed weight (g)	Seed weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)
Rajshahi Khoyeri	45.67cd	4.08a	0.92	4.93a	20.33d	51.8a	1233ab	2.44a	3.83a
Kistotil Chapai	41.67d	4.01a	0.96	4.97a	21.67cd	46.9ab	1209ab	2.27bc	2.94ab
Kathtil Chapai	48.00bc	3.23b	1.13	4.35ab	29.83a	45.7bc	1311a	2.42ab	3.42a
Gopalgonj MV-40	52.92a	3.24b	0.87	4.08b	28.25a	35.8c	1153ab	2.13c	2.76b
Gopalgong Black	52.67ab	3.36b	1.12	4.22b	24.08bc	37.2bc	1040b	2.45a	2.71b
Kalotil Gopalgong	51.67ab	3.37b	1.07	4.25b	21.33d	40.9bc	1037b	2.16c	2.45b
Laltil Gopalgonj	52.08ab	3.89a	0.97	4.86a	25.08b	38.0bc	1166ab	2.24bc	2.89ab

Values having common letter(s) in a column do not differ significantly at 5% level as per DMRT

Table 3. Interaction effect of water logging condition on plant height, biomass production, yield and yield components of sesame genotypes

Interaction	Plant height (cm)	Shoot dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Root dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Total dry matter plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Capsules plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds capsule <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000- seed weight (g)	Seed weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)
$V_1T_1$	58.3bcd	6.67ab	1.12b-e	7.80a	38.0a-d	74.3a	2823a	3.00ab	8.42a
$V_1T_2$	45.0g-j	4.20efg	0.66cde	4.86cde	21.0hi	58.7a-d	1226ef	2.50cde	3.05d
$V_1T_3$	45.0g-j	3.14h-k	0.95b-e	4.10e-h	15.3ij	43.3b-j	668.7gh	2.56cd	1.68efg
$V_1T_4$	34.3kl	2.17j-m	0.94b-e	3.04hij	7.0k	30.7g-m	215.3i	1.70lm	0.36hij
$V_2T_1$	56.7cde	6.83a	1.05b-e	7.88a	36.0b-e	74.3a	2669ab	2.43c-g	6.40b
$V_2T_2$	41.3ijk	4.87c-f	0.91b-e	5.78bcd	23.7gh	56.6a-f	1342ef	2.63bcd	3.55d
$V_2T_3$	39.7ijk	2.88ijk	1.02b-e	3.90e-h	18.0hi	34.7f-m	628gh	2.43c-g	1.53f-i
$V_2T_4$	29.01	1.46 lm	0.86b-e	2.32ijk	9.0k	22.0j-m	197.3i	1.6m	0.32ij
$V_3T_1$	67.0ab	5.63cd	1.40ab	7.03ab	42.6a	51.6b-g	2203cd	3.07a	6.79b
$V_3T_2$	43.3g-k	3.47ghi	1.02b-e	4.77c-f	32.7def	41.0b-k	1342ef	2.53cde	3.37d
$V_3T_3$	38.7jk	2.31jkl	1.27abc	3.48f-i	28.3fg	35.7e-l	1001fg	2.36c-i	2.35def
$V_3T_4$	43.0h-k	1.26m	0.85b-e	2.12jk	15.7ij	54.3a-f	697gh	1.73klm	1.16f-j

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Interaction	Plant height (cm)	Shoot dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Root dry weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Total dry matter plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)	Capsules plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds capsule <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	Seeds plant <sup>-1</sup> (no.)	1000- seed weight (g)	Seed weight plant <sup>-1</sup> (g)
$V_4T_1$	67.0ab	5.50cd	1.2bcd	6.7ab	41.3ab	58.0а-е	2399bc	2.74abc	6.57b
$V_4T_2$	50.00d-i	3.69ghi	1.0bcde	4.54d-g	32.3def	39.6c-k	1288ef	2.13e-k	2.74de
$V_4T_3$	52.0c-h	2.55jk	0.65cde	3.2g-j	23.7gh	26.7i-m	628.7gh	2.00h-m	1.25f-j
$V_4T_4$	42.7h-k	1.25m	0.63de	1.89jk	15.6ij	18.6klm	295.3hi	1.67lm	0.47g-j
$V_5T_1$	56.0c-f	5.04cde	1.84a	5.91bc	35.0cde	62.0abc	2161cd	2.70abc	5.85bc
$V_5T_2$	60.3abc	3.97fgh	0.96b-e	4.94cde	27.3fg	42.3b-j	1163ef	2.63bcd	3.07d
$V_5T_3$	47.3e-j	3.08hij	0.82b-e	3.90e-h	23.7gh	28.0h-m	668gh	2.50cde	1.62e-h
$V_5T_4$	47.0e-j	1.33 lm	0.82b-e	2.12jk	10.3jk	16.6lm	168i	1.96i-m	0.33ij
$V_6T_1$	68.00a	5.40cd	1.36ab	6.77ab	31.6ef	62.3abc	197d	2.47c-f	4.96c
$V_6T_2$	53.6c-g	3.89f-i	1.36ab	4.63c-f	27.0fg	50.6b-h	1373ef	2.4c-h	3.28d
$V_6T_3$	44.3g-k	3.00hij	0.92b-e	3.93e-h	19.3hi	36.0d-l	691.3gh	2.04g-1	1.39f-j
$V_6T_4$	40.0ijk	1.17m	0.66cde	1.68k	7.33k	14.7lm	108.7i	1.76klm	0.19j
$V_7T_1$	68.0ab	5.86bc	1.35ab	7.21a	39.0abc	63.0ab	2464abc	2.76abc	6.81b
$V_7T_2$	49.3d-i	4.64d-g	1.11b-e	5.75bcd	32.0ef	45.6b-i	1454e	2.23d-j	3.25d
$V_7T_3$	46.0f-j	3.16hij	0.91b-e	4.07e-h	20.7hi	31.0g-m	640gh	2.06f-1	1.31f-j
$V_7T_4$	45.0g-j	1.90klm	0.52e	2.43ijk	8.67k	12.3m	104.7i	1.9j-m	0.19j

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Table 4. Effects of water logging period on physiological and biochemical parameters of sesame genotypes

Water logging time	SPAD Reading (Chlorophyll)	Photosynthetic rate $(\mu molCO_2 m^{-2}S^{-1})$	NR Activity (μ moN0₂/gfw/h)
Control	35.57a	41.12a	0.414a
24 hrs	25.68c	35.58b	0.349b
48 hrs	28.43b	33.82c	0.281c
72 hrs	20.93d	32.89c	0.245d

Values having common letter(s) in a column do not differ significantly at 5% level as per DMRT

Table 5. Variation in physiological and biochemical parameters of sesame genotypes under different water logging period

Genotypes	SPAD Reading (Chlorophyll)	Photosynthetic rate (µmolCO <sub>2</sub> m <sup>-2</sup> S <sup>-1</sup> )	NR Activity (μ moN0₂/gfw/h)	
Rajshahi Khoyeri	28.54ab	35.81	0.34b	
Kistotil Chapai	26.49cd	35.24	0.46a	
Kathtil Chapai	29.64a	35.54	0.32bc	
Gopalgonj MV-40	29.03a	36.11	0.27d	
Gopalgong Black	27.42bc	36.08	0.30cd	
Kalotil Gopalgong	26.65cd	36.45	0.23e	
Laltil Gopalgonj	25.78d	35.74	0.30cd	

Values having common letter(s) in a column do not differ significantly at 5% level as per DMRT

Table 6. Interaction effects of water logging condition on physiological and biochemical parameters of sesame genotypes

Interaction	SPAD Reading (Chlorophyll)	<b>Photosynthetic rate</b> $(\mu molCO_2 m^{-2}S^{-1})$	<b>NR Activity</b> (μ moN0 <sub>2</sub> /gfw/h)
$V_1T_1$	34.33bcd	41.53a	0.44c
$V_1T_2$	22.2no	35.83bc	0.37d
$V_1T_3$	29.53e-h	33.53bcd	0.29fgh
$V_1T_4$	28.1ghi	32.33cd	0.28f-i
$V_2T_1$	38.5a	41.4a	0.64a
$V_2T_2$	22.5mno	35.57bc	0.53b
$V_2T_3$	28.87f-i	32.5cd	0.38cd
$V_2T_4$	16.1p	31.5d	0.31e-h

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Interaction	SPAD Reading (Chlorophyll)	<b>Photosynthetic rate</b> $(\mu molCO_2 m^{-2}S^{-1})$	<b>NR Activity</b> (μ moN0 <sub>2</sub> /gfw/h)
$V_3T_1$	34.77bc	41.07a	0.41cd
$V_3T_2$	25.37jkl	35.23bcd	0.35de
V <sub>3</sub> T <sub>3</sub>	31.03ef	34.03bcd	0.29f-h
$V_3T_4$	27.4hij	31.83cd	0.27f-j
$V_4T_1$	38.77a	42.73a	0.32e-g
$V_4T_2$	24.43k-n	35.73bcd	0.29f-g
$V_4T_3$	30.03e-h	33.67bcd	0.26g-k
$V_4T_4$	22.9l-o	32.3cd	0.25h-l
$V_5T_1$	33.77cd	40.6a	0.41cd
$V_5T_2$	29.7e-h	34.57bcd	0.32e-g
$V_5T_3$	24.97j-m	33.87bcd	0.27f-j
$V_5T_4$	21.270	35.27bcd	0.21kl
$V_6T_1$	32.13de	40.43a	0.29f-h
$V_6T_2$	28.97e-h	35.4bcd	0.26f-k
$V_6T_3$	30.37efg	34.47bcd	0.21j-l
$V_6T_4$	15.13p	35.5bcd	0.191
$V_7T_1$	36.7ab	40.1a	0.41cd
$V_7T_2$	26.57ijk	36.7b	0.32ef
$V_7T_3$	24.23k-n	34.7bcd	0.28f-i
$V_7T_4$	15.63p	31.47d	0.21i-l

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#### CONCLUSION

Water logging generally affected growth and yield of sesame genotypes. However, four sesame genotypes *viz.*, Rajshahi khoyeri, Kistotil Chapai, Kathtil Chapai and Laltil Gopalgonj showed better tolerance to water logging than other three genotypes.

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