

Bidirectional movement of transport of radioactive inorganic nutrition (P32) between parasite the host during Orobanche and Dandrapthi falcata

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Abstract: *Orobanche and Dendrophthoe falcata are angiosperm parasite stimulates phosphorus absorption rate of the host plant. An accumulation of phosphate, at the parasite contact zone of the host stem, has been observed. Redistribution of Phosphate in the top leaves of the infected host is considerably reduced as compared to the healthy one. This is due to the tapping of Phosphate by parasite from the host. Additional proofs have also been obtained to indicate a bidirectional flow of P32 between parasite and the host. Singh et al (11) have demonstrated an accumulation of phosphate compounds in the parasite which is perhaps indicating an active transport mechanism at the point of host- parasite contact. Similar accumulation of phosphorus in Loranthus –host associate has been reported (7). Littlefield et al (4), reported a substantial movement of sugar from host's body to dodder but was unable to establish any evidence of movement from the parasite to the host. Some recent studies have indicated transmission of viruses by *Cuscuta*. [Price (8); Lackey (3); Weathers (13); Miller & Troutman (5)]. On the hand, Polak (6) was unable to transmits a virus by dodder. No reference of movement.*

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I. Introduction

Many people give statement that Orobanche and falcata are take nutrients to host but we prove that it will also give nutrients to host. Common Orobanche and Dendrophthoe falcata is an unusual angiosperm parasite with multiple hosts. Its vestigial photosynthetic apparatus is unable to meet its total demand. The mechanism of its metabolic adjustment with different Hosts is still to a large extent unknown. The prevailing view that there is perhaps an unidirectional flow of organic food, inorganic nutrients and water from host to parasite is questioned in the present study, of inorganic nutrients from the parasite to the host has been found, in the literature. P32 is measured in Geiger molar counter in molar mass as well as in gram.

The present study with P32 as tracer revealed that the parasite exerts an active force on the points of contact with the host to change the normal flow of nutrients in the host stems towards its own requirements. Additional proofs were also obtained to indicate a bi directional flow of P32 between the parasite and the host.

II. Methods and Material

Experiment 1-

Firstly, we take braches of *Ficus glomerata* having orobanche and another having *dendrophthoe falcata* infections and another of without both infections after that we will keep their roots in water for some time. And then we fed it a type of Hoagland solution containing radioisotope P32 (60 c/ 100ml) under normal light conditions inside the laboratory. Samples of Hoagland solution were taken after samples of host were taken after 42 hours to observe the rate of Phosphorus uptake. Simultaneously leaf samples of host from three sites (below infection, infection zone and above infection). Were after that along with a parasite for test in radioisotope. Radioautograms of infection plants were taken to establish the pattern of P32 distribution following for orobanche and falcata infection.

Experiment 2

In study, pot grown *Ficus ficus glomerata* or *nerium indicum* and *Impatiens balsamina*, a scrub and herbs respectively. Were chosen as hosts and to observe the flow of P32 from parasite to host. The free end of the parasite was cut, dipped into the nutrient solution tagged with radioactive Phosphate (60 /100ml) for 24hrs under normal laboratory conditions. At the end of experiment period samples were taken from the different parts of the host and parasite as mentioned in Table 1. Samples were dried in an oven at 65 degree Celsius for 72hrs and then ground to fine power. 100 mg of each powered sample was spread uniformly on a planchette, a

few drop of 4% MgSO₄ added and ash in furnace. Radioactivity was measured in an open window GM 4% MgSO₄ added and ash in furnace. The Orobanche and dendrophthoefalcata are parasites, generally all people think that. But we prove that they are not completely parasites they also give nutrients to its host. This is tested by us by giving radioactive material P₃₂ in parasites and tested in GM counter and X-ray. This report proves that the parasites are not total parasites because it also gives nutrients to its parasite. Radioactive was measured in an open window GM counter. The result is shown in figure.

III. Result

Result will give us as counts per minute. Background: 29 counts/ minute efficient of counts/ minute Efficiency of counter: 1% approximately.

In case of infection Orobanche, a root parasite and dendrophthoe falcata rise in Phosphate absorbed rate in the host record. Radioactive plate (Fig. 2) further demonstrated an accumulation of phosphate at the parasite contact zone of the host stem. Study of the redistribution of phosphate in the infected plant body (Fig. 1 B) revealed that the top leaves in the host possess only 38% of the redistribution phosphate found in lower epidermis of leaves. On the other hand, the top leaves have about 63% of the restriction phosphate found in the lower epidermis of very healthy plant. Obviously, this is due to the tapping of phosphate by the parasite from the host as shown in the histogram. Distribution of Phosphate in whole stem (Fig 1.C) does not seem to affect very badly in leaves. P₃₂ is used which is also generally known as phosphorus 32 which is a radioisotope. Which is measured in gram and mole, ml (Millie liter) etc.

Result is clearly shown that in Table 1 indicate in parasite is able to absorb P₃₂ through the cut portions and transfers almost an equal amount to the host's only stem part. These redistribution patterns of entering in stem of host from parasite body has been depend on the what type of plant is taken as host and quality of plant. In the woody scrub Nerium indicum the distribution is very fairly equal in upper epidermis of the leaves and in lower regions of the leaves have infection zone, While in the herb Ficus glomerata and Impatiens balsamina, the younger leaves pull up more than nine times of the entering phosphorus as compare to the lower epidermis of leaves. P₃₂ is used in this experiment for testing that Orobanche like root parasites can also give nutrients to host plant. This is tested by radioisotope and GM that is Geiger molar counter for net weight and permanent weight for that material or element.

IV. Discussion

The normal distribution of phosphate in plants, as described by Biddulph (1), Brewer and Bramley (2), Rabideau et al (9) and Stumpf (12) is disturbed due to Orobanche and dendrophthoe falcata infection. Orobanche and Dendrophthoe falcata changes the normal course of nutrients translocate in host's body. The present result is that further indication that is the contact with zone of Parasite infection accumulates Phosphorus and perhaps actively transported the same towards Parasite. This causes young leaves to run into a state very high deficiency nutrients.

In the above study of host and parasite relation between Orobanche and dendrophthoe falcata and exchange of nutrients between host and parasite and adjustment of parasite to different hosts, still remains to a extent unsolved. The results support the ideas about host is not merely a nutrition substrate for the total parasite Orobanche and Dendrophthoe falcata but they have very close physiological contact between their metabolic processes through the infection sites. Ficus glomerata, or Nerium indicum and Impatiens balsamina, angiosperm etc.

V. Figures and Tables



1.) A dendrophthoefalcata parasite 2.) Orobanche aegyptiaca pers.

Figure 1-

Table 1 Radioactivity of infected plant

Sample	Mean values of P32 (counts/minutes)	Significance (Student's)
Parasite	484 and 485	485
Stem of host	453 and 456	455
Upper leaves of host	404 and 405	404
Lower leaves	434 and 435	434

Results given as counts per minute. Back ground # counts/minutes (Efficiency of counter: 5% approximately)

Figure 2-

	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>				<i>Solanum melongena</i>			
	P32		P33		P32		P33	
	8	24	32	48	8	24	32	48
1.1 Control Lower Leaves (L.L.)	412	1055	1232	1267	452	0956	1005	1056
2.1 Middle Leaves (M.L.)	922	1535	1108	1435	557	1098	1178	1223
3.1 Upper leaves (U.L.)	977	1175	1443	1618	610	1171	1180	1202
4.1 Lower stem (L.S.)	516	834	983	2018	388	774	896	092
5.1 Middle Stem (M.S.)	713	1088	1108	1127	442	1003	1101	1134
6.1 Upper Stem (U.S.)	945	1917	1381	1399	571	1081	1133	1165
Mean	783	1341	1193	1299	496	1005	1082	1114
1.2 Lower Leaves (L.L.)	823	2169	1280	3301	478	1186	1122	1252
2.2 Middle Leaves (M.L.)	0909	3426	3437	3492	619	2569	3404	3466
3.2 Upper Leaves (U.L.)	1200	5240	5312	5398	629	4478	4901	4927
4.2 Lower Stem (L.S.)	0759	1489	1587	2480	406	1280	1308	1372
5.2 Middle leaves (M.S.)	0845	2456	2603	2793	543	2304	2629	2566
6.2 Upper Stem (U.S.)	1029	4154	4672	4788	578	4178	4300	4257
Parasite	1184	4893	5430	3438	942	5134	5623	5684
Mean	1048	3443	3532	3575	548	3185	3298	3346

Table 2. Mean values of P32 absorption by healthy and parasite infected hosts. Values are given as C.P.M./200 mg. dry and wet.

Figure 3-

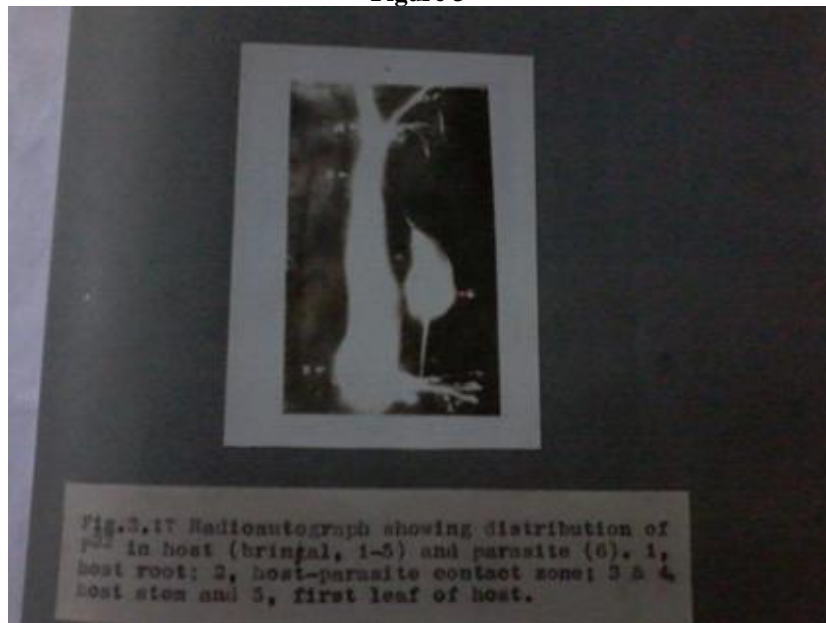


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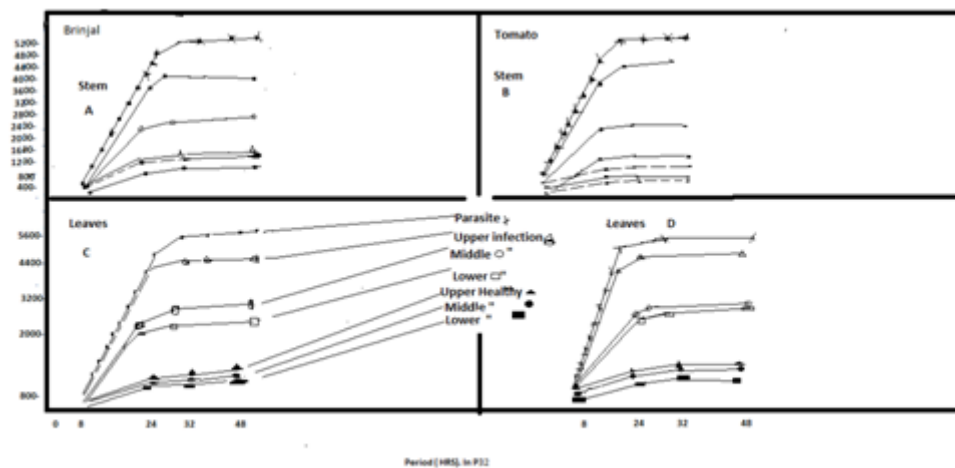


Fig. 11.7. Uptake of P32 in healthy and infected hosts as compared to the accumulation in the parasite.

Figure 5-

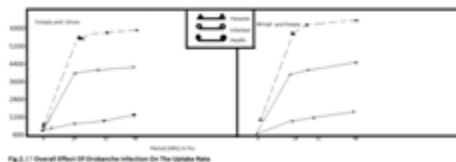


Fig. 5. Overall Effect of Dendrobythe infection on the uptake rate.

VI. Conclusion

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