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## I. INTRODUCTION

Pastoralism is important to many people in Africa as it is a way of life, which is based on raising different livestock including cattle, small ruminants, and camels (Tilahun *et al.*, 2017). Sudan economy is highly dependent on selling the live animals to Egypt as a source of meat by the pastoral nomads "Abbala" or by exporting the raising and sports camels to Saudi Arabia and the gulf countries (Yousof and El Zubeir, 2018). According to FAOSTAT (2021), the estimation of camel population during 2019, the Sudan is rated second highest world size of camel population

in the world; after Somalia; with population of more than 5 million heads.

Camel milk has unique benefits for human health because of its remarkable properties in terms of its proteins in addition to its richness in vitamin C, manganese, iron, unsaturated fatty acids, immunoglobulin, insulin-like protein, and the protective enzymes like lactoferrin, and lysozyme (Mohammadabadi, 2020). Camel milk could be one of the future promising industrial products due to its unique properties (El Zubeir, 2015; Abdullahi, 2019; Ali *et al.*, 2019). Despite its merits among the pastoralists, still the camel milk is facing with various problems such as high postharvest quantity losses, and quality deterioration (Oselu *et al.*, 2022). Moreover, camel milk is reported to be contaminated by some spoilage, and pathogenic microorganisms (Shuijp *et al.*, 2007; Shuijp *et al.*, 2009; Benyagoub *et al.*, 2013; Mohamed and El Zubeir, 2014; Elhosseny *et al.*, 2008). This situation necessitates the introduction of some safe method of preservation like pasteurization, however good manufacturing practices has to follow to ensure public health (El Zubeir, 2015). Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) found that the heat treatment of camel milk was efficient in reducing the microbial loads, and the increase of the shelf life of the product. Nevertheless, raw camels' milk, compared to cows' milk, has more shelf life at room temperature, and if heat treatment is applied, it can stay stable for a longer time (El Zubeir, 2015).

Wernery (2007) demonstrated that many camel milk components were more resistant to heat than cow's milk. Moreover, Wernery *et al.* (2003) found that pasteurization process ( $72^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 minutes) has no effect on fat, protein,  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin, minerals (zinc, iron, calcium, and copper), and vitamins (A, E, B1, B2, B6, D3, C, and pyridoxal) of camel milk. However, significant ( $P\leq0.05$ ) decrease was reported in the pH, protein, and lactose contents, while the acidity was increased due to the increase in heat treatment for camel milk (Elhasan *et al.*, 2017). Moreover, some countries like India and the United Arab Emirates have started the industrial production of pasteurized camel milk (using  $74^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 seconds) commercially; the product secured a shelf life of about 15 days in the refrigerator (Yadav *et al.*, 2014). However, the processing of camel milk is rarely adopted in the countries owning the high numbers of camels due to many constraints, including socioeconomic aspects.

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The heating of camel milk is not commonly practiced among pastoralist in Sudan because they believe that camel milk is produced ready cooked from the udder (El Zubeir, 2015). Hence awareness programs are needed among the consumers on the health risks that might occur when raw milk is consumed (Warsma and El Zubeir, 2015). Therefore, it is aimed in this study to investigate the effect of pasteurization and sterilization treatments on camel milk properties, and to get safe products from camels with longer shelf life.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### a) Source of camel milk

Two batches of fresh camel milk (thirty liters, each) were collected from a local camel herd that browsed the natural pasture of Green Valley at the Eastern Nile of Khartoum State, Sudan in August 2018. The milk samples were kept cool in an icebox, during their transportation for processing.

### b) Processing of pasteurized and sterilized camel milk

In this study, the camel milk was made into pasteurized and sterilized products. The two experiments were conducted spartanly in the Products Promotion Unit of DAL Food's Company (CAPO) at Khartoum North, Sudan.

Both pasteurization and sterilization processes of camel milk were conducted using the USPTO UHT+ S1 pilot plant (Germany). Camel milk was first preheated at 55°C under homogenization pressure (160 Bar) before applying of the pasteurization and sterilization process. The temperature used for pasteurization was fixed at 78°C for 15 seconds, and that used for the sterilization was 137°C for 4 seconds. The data for evaluation of the milk after application of the heat treatments was obtained immediately after pasteurization and sterilization and during the storage (on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> days) for the pasteurization, and sterilization process. Each batch (n= 2) of heat-treated camel milk products was examined four times for the chemical compositional content.

### c) Chemical analysis of the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk

In the present study, the chemical analysis of camel milk samples was determined using the milk analyzer Milkoscan FT2, FOSS Analytical A/S.69 according to the manufacture instructions (Slangerug-gade, and DK3400 Hillerod, Denmark). The chemical composition of camel milk that were examined include the total solids (TS), solids not fat (SNF), fat, free fatty acid (FFA), lactose, protein, casein, urea, citric acid (CA), density, acidity, and freezing point depression (FPD). Meanwhile the pH meter was used for the determination of the pH. The measurements for the chemical analysis of camel milk included raw milk, immediately after heat treatments and on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>,

10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> days while storing of the pasteurized and sterilized products.

### d) Microbial loads of processed camel milk

The total bacterial counts in fresh, pasteurized, and sterilized camel milk were determined using the plate count agar medium according to the method described by Houghtby *et al.* (1992). Meanwhile, the coliform bacterial count was estimated in the same samples using violet red bile salt agar medium (Christen *et al.*, 1992).

### e) Sensory evaluation of processed camel milk

The obtained pasteurized and sterilized camel milk products were subjected to the assessment by 20 semi-trained panelists that belong to DAL Food's Company (CAPO). They evaluated the following sensory attributes for the 2 products: appearance, aroma, immediate taste, flavor, taste, after taste, and acceptance of the overall product. Each attribute was evaluated by the semi trained panelist according to the differences among the preference scales (Like very much, like moderately, like slightly, neither like nor a dislike, dislike slightly, dislike rather and dislike very much) for respect to the scores given. Furthermore, the differences in the judgment between the pasteurized and the sterilized products of camel milk were calculated.

### f) Statistical analysis of the data

The analysis of variance (ANOVA) by IBM SPSS statistics (version 22) was conducted in the present study using Complete Randomized Design with four replicates. The means were compared and separated using Duncan's Multiple Range Test. Moreover, the Student t-test was used for sensory evaluation data.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### a) Physio-chemical properties of pasteurized camel milk

The average mean values for the pasteurized camel milk samples revealed  $3.9 \pm 0.09\%$  for fat,  $11.0 \pm 0.18\%$  TS,  $7.5 \pm 0.12\%$  SNF,  $1.4 \pm 0.098\%$  FAA,  $3.7 \pm 0.07\%$  lactose,  $2.4 \pm 0.04\%$  protein,  $1.5 \pm 0.05\%$  casein,  $570.2 \pm 16.65\text{ mgL}^{-1}$  urea,  $0.11 \pm 0.005\%$  citric acid,  $1.025 \pm 0.000\text{ gm/cm}^3$  density,  $0.2 \pm 0.007\%$  acidity,  $6.5 \pm 0.013$  pH and  $466.6 \pm 72.81\text{ m}^\circ\text{ C}$  FPD (Table 1). The obtained values were approaching those reported for the means of total solids (10.80–11.19%), SNF (7.31–7.54%), fat (3.62–3.86%), lactose (3.58–3.72%), protein (2.37–2.45%), casein (1.469–1.557%) and density (1.024–1.025 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>) of camel milk samples subjected to the heat treatment of pasteurization process (Hessain *et al.*, 2013). Also, the obtained values for the unsaturated fatty acids (Table 1) supported Al-Shamsi *et al.* (2018) who stated that camel milk has a higher amount of unsaturated fatty acids compared to bovine milk. Moreover, Dowelmadina *et al.* (2018) reported that the fatty acids composition of camels' milk from Arabi

ecotypes in Sudan confirmed the nutritional and health interest of camel's milk. They added that the fatty acids composition and types of camel milk seems to be very different from that of other mammalian milk consumed by humans due to their lower content of long-chain fatty acids. Also, higher values were reported for urea concentration in camel milk (Table 1, 2, 3) compared to the values mentioned for camel milk in Kazakhstan, which gave a mean value of  $81.6 \pm 60.4 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  and a range of  $0-290.5 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  (Faye *et al.*, 2010).

The data in Table 2 showed non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) variations in the values of the TS, SNF, lactose, fat, FFA, protein, casein, urea, citric acid, density, and acidity of pasteurized camel milk during the storage periods. Similarly, heating camel milk at either  $63^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes,  $72^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 seconds, or  $78^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 seconds showed no effect ( $P>0.05$ ) on the levels of SNF, lactose, fat, and density of camel milk (Hessain *et al.*, 2013). Hence using heat treatment to improve camel milk quality, and to extend its shelf life is recommended (Hessain *et al.*, 2013). Moreover, the indirect boiling of camel milk did not affect its Physio-chemical properties, while the direct boiling was found to cause an increase in the total solids, lactose, ash, density, and casein contents. In contrast, it decreased the whey protein of milk from camel (Mohammed and El Zubeir, 2016). Also, with an increasing heat treatment applied for camel milk, no effect was found in SNF, fat, and density. In contrast, a significant ( $P\le0.05$ ) decrease was found for protein, lactose, and the pH, and a significant ( $P\le0.05$ ) increase was reported for the level of the acidity (Elhasan *et al.*, 2017). However, higher significant variations were found in the protein and total solids of camel milk during heat treatment at both  $80^\circ\text{C}/30$  minutes and  $90^\circ\text{C}/30$  minutes, while the fat content was not affected (Hatem *et al.*, 2011). Moreover, Elhasan *et al.* (2017) reported variable results for the physico-chemical content of milk samples obtained from cows, goats, sheep, and camels according to the differences in heat treatments to which the milk was subjected. The present results supported the conclusion that it is possible to produce pasteurized camel milk (Ipsen, 2017).

The obtained pH values of fresh ( $6.4 \pm 0.024$ ) and the pasteurized camel milk samples ( $6.5 \pm 0.013$ ) were significantly ( $P\le0.05$ ) different (Table 1). Similarly, Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) found a gradual increase of lactic acid in the raw and heat-treated milk samples from camel during their storage. The present finding was also in line with those which indicated that the pH of fresh camel milk was in a range of 6.4 and 6.7 (Singh *et al.*, 2017) or 6.2 to 6.5 (Abdullahi, 2019). Also, Elhasan *et al.* (2017) found that the mean value of the pH of camel milk samples subjected to heat treatment was 6.6.

The freezing point depression was  $466.6 \pm 72.81$  and  $618.9 \pm 18.62$  for the fresh and pasteurized camel milk samples, respectively (Table 1). The freezing point

depression of camel milk revealed values between 570 and 610 or  $-0.57$  and  $-0.61^\circ\text{C}$  (Ipsen, 2017). Moreover, the freezing point depression was found to show a significant ( $P\le0.05$ ) reduction immediately after the pasteurization process. At the same time, it revealed non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) variation at the end of the storage period (Table 2).

#### b) Physio-chemical properties of sterilized camel milk

The values obtained for the sterilized camel milk revealed  $3.6 \pm 0.08\%$  for fat,  $11.0 \pm 0.25\%$  TS,  $7.7 \pm 0.16\%$  SNF,  $1.6 \pm 0.127 \text{ m}^\circ\text{C}$  FAA,  $3.8 \pm 0.083\%$  lactose,  $2.5 \pm 0.07\%$  protein,  $1.6 \pm 0.07\%$  casein,  $542.0 \pm 15.65 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  urea,  $0.10 \pm 0.006\%$  citric acid,  $0.2 \pm 0.008\%$  acidity,  $6.5 \pm 0.006 \text{ pH}$ ,  $1.025 \pm 0.001 \text{ gm/cm}^3$  density and  $608.3 \pm 24.09 \text{ m}^\circ\text{C}$  FPD (Table 1). More or less similar values for TS, fat, SNF, lactose, protein, acidity, pH and density were reported previously for the fresh raw camel milk (Shuiep *et al.*, 2008; Babiker and El Zubeir, 2014 and Mohamed Elhassan *et al.*, 2015).

The results indicated non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) variations between the values of TS, SNF, lactose, fat, protein, casein, urea, citric acid, density, and the pH of the sterilized camel milk during the storage periods (Table 3). Meanwhile, the obtained values of FAA and the acidity of camel milk (Table 1) were significantly ( $P\le0.05$ ) different between the sterilized and the fresh raw products. However, Elhasan *et al.* (2017) found variations in the physico-chemical characteristics of camel milk after sterilization at  $121^\circ\text{C}$ . Also, Hattem *et al.* (2011) stated that usually the milk processors face challenges when applying UHT treatment of camel milk due to the heat resistance of its casein, whey proteins, vitamins and fat globules, in addition to some other compounds. Similarly, He *et al.* (2020) reported that the ultra-high-temperature treatment of camel milk was found to reduce the levels of its proteins and lactose significantly. Pasteurization of the camel milk in its final package was tried previously using direct and indirect UHT treatment ( $150^\circ\text{C}/2$  seconds and  $138^\circ\text{C}/4$  seconds, respectively) at the pilot scale (Farah *et al.*, 2007). Short shelf life was obtained for the UHT from camel milk (Table 3). This might be because of the difficulty of obtaining UHT from camel milk.

Table 3 illustrated that sterilized camel milk has short shelf life, which indicated the difficulty of securing UHT from camel milk. The reason might be because in this study, the UHT product was packed into the bottles that were usually used for the pasteurized milk. Hence we recommend that Tetra back containers should be used in the future studies on sterilized camel milk. Also, the sedimentation of protein and short shelf life (5 weeks only) under refrigeration conditions suggested that mild UHT treatment of camel milk is not suitable (Ipsen, 2017). The origin of these deposits is the camel milk proteins, which is due to the low quantities of free thiol groups in comparison to that from bovine milk



(Konuspayeva and Faye, 2021). Thus more research is needed to solve the problem of instability before introducing the UHT and sterilization treatments at the industrial level (Ipsen, 2017). This especially because of the benefit from the camel milk product that will be gained by many of the milk producers and retailers due to the extended storage period at the shelf without refrigeration (Oselu *et al.*, 2022).

*c) The bacterial count of pasteurized and sterilized camel milk*

The data in Figures 1a and 1b showed a significantly ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) higher total bacterial count in raw fresh camel milk than in pasteurized ( $51.4 \pm 13.3$  CFU vs.  $6.3 \pm 1.3$  CFU) and sterilized ( $60.1 \pm 9.4$  CFU vs.  $0.9 \pm 0.3$  CFU) camel milk. However non-significant ( $P > 0.05$ ) variations for the total bacterial counts of the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk were found (Figure 1). Also, El Zubeir (2015) reported that the microbial loads in camel milk were reduced when applying different heat treatments. Suliman *et al.* (2013) mentioned that the purpose of heat treatment of milk include the destruction of microorganism and prolonging its shelf life. Moreover Tay and Chua (2015) reported on the introduction of a pilot pasteurization plant for the raw camel milk; it was based on indirect heating using HTST continuous process ( $72^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 seconds) to kill the most harmful microorganisms present in the milk. The slightly reported difference in the microbial loads could be attributed to the different temperature degrees used for pasteurization ( $78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 seconds) and sterilization ( $137^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 4 seconds) of camel milk used during the present study. The high temperature/short time treatment had similar effects to UHT treatment on microbial diversity of camel milk; however, the low temperature/long time treatment had a different impact (He *et al.*, 2020). Also, Yehia *et al.*, 2019) reported that the use of ultra-high temperatures (UHTs) for reducing or killing the bacteria in camel milk is preferable especially where this problem is encountered in camel milk factories.

Significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) differences in the bacterial coliform count between the raw and the pasteurized ( $6.8 \pm 2.7$  vs.  $0.7 \pm 0.0$  CFU) and between natural and sterilized ( $2.3 \pm 1.5$  vs.  $0.7 \pm 0.0$  CFU) camel milk was found (Figure 1).

The relatively low coliform count obtained during the present study (Figure 1) for unheated milk supported the previous data, which showed an acceptable bacteriological quality for camel milk (Warsma and El Zubeir, 2015). However, the high loads obtained for both the total bacteria and the coliform in raw camel milk reported previously (Mohamed and El Zubeir, 2014 and Elhosseny *et al.*, 2018) necessitate the application of pasteurization before the consummation of camel milk. The total bacteria and coliform counts showed highly significant ( $P < 0.001$ ) differences for the

raw camel and that were subjected to heat treatment during the storage (Mohamed and El Zubeir, 2014). HTST is an essential milk processing technique that used commonly to destroy the pathogenic microbes in milk products to ensure the production and sale of safe products to the public (Tay and Chua, 2015). Moreover, Warsma and El Zubeir (2015) recommend that heat treatment for camel milk should be encouraged, and that collection centers and, or mobile dairy processing units should be established in the production areas to produce safe, clean camel milk.

Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) reported that the reasons for the high burden of raw camel milk; when a high microbial load was found; were lack of good practices and sanitation in its treatment, collection, transportation, and storage. Similarly Konuspayeva and Faye (2021) stated that the traditional methods used for camel milk handling and transportation decrease the possibility of marketing the milk to other localities due to the contamination. In a previous study, Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) found high thermoduric bacterial count in the heat-treated samples of camel milk. The variation might be because in the present study, appropriate pasteurization and sterilization processes were conducted via the use of USPTO UHT+ S1 pilot plant that enables proper heat treatment. The high bacterial counts are expected in milk in Sudan due to the high environmental temperature and lack of cooling (Warsma and El Zubeir, 2015). El Zubeir (2015) reported that the contamination of raw camel milk might be due to the poor hygiene, and environmental contamination, and the milking procedures. she added that the high coliform count could arise from fecal contamination, low level of sanitation, and, or udder infection with mastitis. However, the most dangerous or alarming situation is if people consume pasteurized camel milk contaminated with pathogenic bacteria. Therefore, camel milk should be subjected to high temperatures during its heat treatments in order to kill all kinds of pathogens and other contaminating bacteria associated with raw milk (Yehia *et al.*, 2020).

*d) Comparison of shelf life of pasteurized and sterilized camel milk*

During this study (Tables 2 and 3), both the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk products revealed longer shelf life compared to the original raw milk from which the products were made. Pasteurized camel milk has been successfully undertaken and applied industrially for mass production. Still, ultrahigh temperature (UHT) and sterilization of camel milk resulted in protein instability (Yirda *et al.*, 2020). In a previous reports, Wernery, 2007) and Mohamed and El Zubeir, 2014) found that heating of camel milk resulted in longer shelf life products than the raw original milk. The reason might be because the heat treatment of milk is well known as an efficient method for killing the

pathogenic and the thermoduric microorganisms. However, Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) found higher keeping quality (20 days) compared to that found by Wernery (2007) who reported that pasteurized camel milk kept at four °C had a shelf life of 10 days. In this study, the sterilized camel milk showed shorter shelf life in comparison with cow's milk. Ipsen (2017) showed increased viscosity and reduced sedimentation in UHT treated camel milk, and he attributed this to the presence of plasmin during the production of that UHT product. Mohamed and El Zubeir (2014) conducted a study on the heat-treated camel milk, and found that the stability of the total acidity can reach 46 days when storing milk at four °C. After pasteurization, the camel milk can be ready for either consumption or refrigeration storage for further 21 days (Konuspayeva and Faye, 2021). They added that with the introduction of such a pasteurization pilot plant, it is hoped that the level of hygiene and the livelihood of the farmers will be improved as there is a possibility of storing and transporting camel milk safely to satisfy the demands of the consumers.

e) *Comparison of sensory evaluation between pasteurized and sterilized camel milk*

Non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) differences were reported for the scores given to the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk for all the studied attributes (appearance, aroma, immediate taste, flavor, taste, after taste, and the overall acceptability) as shown in Figure 2. However, the sterilized camel milk revealed higher scores for all attributes than the pasteurized camel milk (Figure 2).

As shown in Table 4, the panelists recorded non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) differences for the scores of the preference scales (like very much, like moderately, like slightly, neither like nor dislike, dislike slightly, dislike moderately, and dislike very much) evaluated in each parameter (appearance, aroma, immediate taste, flavor, taste, after taste and acceptance of the overall product) for pasteurized camel milk. However, the scores reported by the panelists revealed significant ( $P<0.05$ ) differences for the preference scales (like very much, like rather, like slightly, neither like nor a dislike, dislike slightly, dislike rather, and dislike very much) evaluated for the aroma and flavor of sterilized camel milk (Table 4). Farah *et al.* (2007) reported that camel milk pasteurization can be achieved at an industrial scale as some dairy plants have good experience in producing such products. Moreover, they added that pasteurized camel milk, with a shelf-life of about a week, can be provided directly to consumers. Furthermore, due to the camel milk's distinct properties, its consumption is going to increase as currently, some industries are promoting the production and processing of camel milk (Ali *et al.*, 2019).

Results in Figure 2 and Table 4, as was recorded by the panelists, it indicated slightly significant ( $P\leq0.05$ ) variations in the scores for aroma and flavor for sterilized milk. However, the scores given by the panelist during the evaluation of the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk products showed non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) differences in the sensory-evaluated parameters. Moreover, Lund *et al.* (2020) found lower scores for taste, texture, and overall acceptability for camel milk heat-treated samples compared to the control one. Furthermore, in this study, most of the panelists accepted both the pasteurized and sterilized camel milk products (Table 4 and Figure 2). They recorded non-significant ( $P>0.05$ ) differences for the sensory scores between the two products. Lund *et al.* (2020) reported that the highest sensory scores for taste and texture for the camel milk subjected to heat treatment were at 63°C/30 minutes, while the highest keeping quality and the best shelf life of camel milk were obtained at 100.5°C/10 minutes.

The salty taste noticed by the panelist (Figure 2 and Table 4) for camel milk is because of the high chloride proportion compared to phosphorous, copper, and iron, as camel feeding is mainly on the dried plants in addition to the shortage of water that available to other dairy ruminants (Khaskheli *et al.*, 2005). Generally, the milk from the camel is white, and its taste is acceptable (El Zubeir and Jabreel, 2008). The global increase in consumption of camel milk is due to its salty taste and medicinal properties (Ali *et al.*, 2019).

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

This study concluded that pasteurized and sterilized camel milk are rich in their chemical components, which are not different from that of raw milk. In addition, both the pasteurized and sterilized camel milks are safe due to their low bacterial counts and revealed longer shelf life in comparison to the original fresh (unheated) milk. Moreover the acceptability of these products will increase the chance of improving the lifestyles of the camel herders' societies and provides profitable products for the industry in the future.

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**Table 1:** Comparison of the physio-chemical properties of fresh and heat-treated milk

Milk constituents	Camel milk (Mean $\pm$ S.E.)			
	Unpasteurized	Pasteurized	Unsterilized	Sterilized
Total solids (%)	11.18 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.19	11.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.18	11.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.11	11.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.25
Solids not fat (%)	7.53 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.12	7.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.12	7.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.07	7.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.16
Fat (%)	3.98 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.12	3.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.092	3.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.03	3.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.08
Free fatty acids (%)	1.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.217	1.4 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.098	1.2 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.048	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.127
Lactose (%)	3.68 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.082	3.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.072	3.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.03	3.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.083
Protein (%)	2.43 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.057	2.4 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.047	2.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.047	2.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.07
Casein (%)	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.05	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.05	1.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.035	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.07
Urea (mgL <sup>-1</sup> )	543.80 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 22.70	570.20 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 16.65	550.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 6.86	542.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 15.65
Citric acid (%)	0.11 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.011	0.11 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.005	0.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.002	0.10 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.026 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.001
Acidity (%)	0.21 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.009	0.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.007	0.1 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.002	0.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.008
pH	6.4 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.024	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.013	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.010	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006
Freezing point depression (m°C)	618.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 18.62	466.6 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 72.81	636.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.670	608.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 24.09

a, b, c, d Means in the same raw followed by different superscript letters are different ( $P<0.05$ ) level of probability according to DMRT.

**Table 2:** Physio-chemical properties of pasteurized camel milk during the storage

Milk constituents	Storage periods/day of camel milk after pasteurization process				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
Total solids (%)	10.87 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.259	11.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.080	11.01 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.129	11.01 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.079	10.92 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.292
Solids not fat (%)	7.35 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.191	7.51 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.021	7.50 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.060	7.53 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.049	7.69 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.122
Fat (%)	3.85 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.111	3.88 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.073	3.81 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.079	3.77 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.069	3.38 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.045
Free fatty acids (%)	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.164	1.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.154	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.086	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.088	1.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.379
Lactose (%)	3.62 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.114	3.67 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.034	3.70 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.030	3.73 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.040	4.06 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.296
Protein (%)	2.42 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.065	2.40 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.021	2.43 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.024	2.45 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.022	2.25 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.181
Casein (%)	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.079	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.010	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.028	1.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.027	1.4 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.085
Urea (mgL <sup>-1</sup> )	552.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 18.39	559.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 5.53	554.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 10.32	573.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 5.37	584.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 13.73
Citric acid (%)	0.11 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006	0.10 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006	0.11 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.004	0.11 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.003	0.12 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.023
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.024 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.001	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.026 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.001
Acidity (%)	0.20 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.011	0.21 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.007	0.20 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.004	0.20 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.004	0.18 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.009
pH	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.013	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.010	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.016	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.026
Freezing point depression (m°C)	592.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 35.82	625.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 2.02	620.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 9.64	600.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 28.79	391.1 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 77.44

**Table 3:** Physio-chemical properties of sterilized camel milk during the storage

Milk constituents	Storage periods/day of camel milk after sterilization process			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Total solids (%)	10.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.235	11.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.091	10.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.509	11.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.130
Solids not fat (%)	7.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.152	7.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.050	7.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.266	7.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.093
Fat (%)	3.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.081	3.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.066	3.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.199	3.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.056
Free fatty acids (%)	1.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.099	1.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.101	1.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.170	1.6 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.233
Lactose (%)	3.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.077	3.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.027	3.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.150	3.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.034
Protein (%)	2.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.061	2.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.033	2.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.094	2.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.074
Casein (%)	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.062	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.023	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.086	1.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.070
Urea (mgL <sup>-1</sup> )	532.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 17.29	530.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 6.690	523.4 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 40.49	541.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 9.073
Citric acid (%)	0.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.005	0.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.005	0.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.010	0.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.010
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.001	1.026 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000	1.025 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.001	1.026 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.000
Acidity (%)	0.2 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.007	0.2 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.004	0.21 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.015	0.1 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.003
pH	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.006	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.003	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.016	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.011
Freezing point depression (m°C)	595.3 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 24.80	603.2 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 25.41	473.1 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 76.58	563.7 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 67.36

Mean  $\pm$  S.E.; a, b, c, d Means in the same raw followed by different superscript letters are different ( $P<0.05$ ) level of probability according to DMRT.

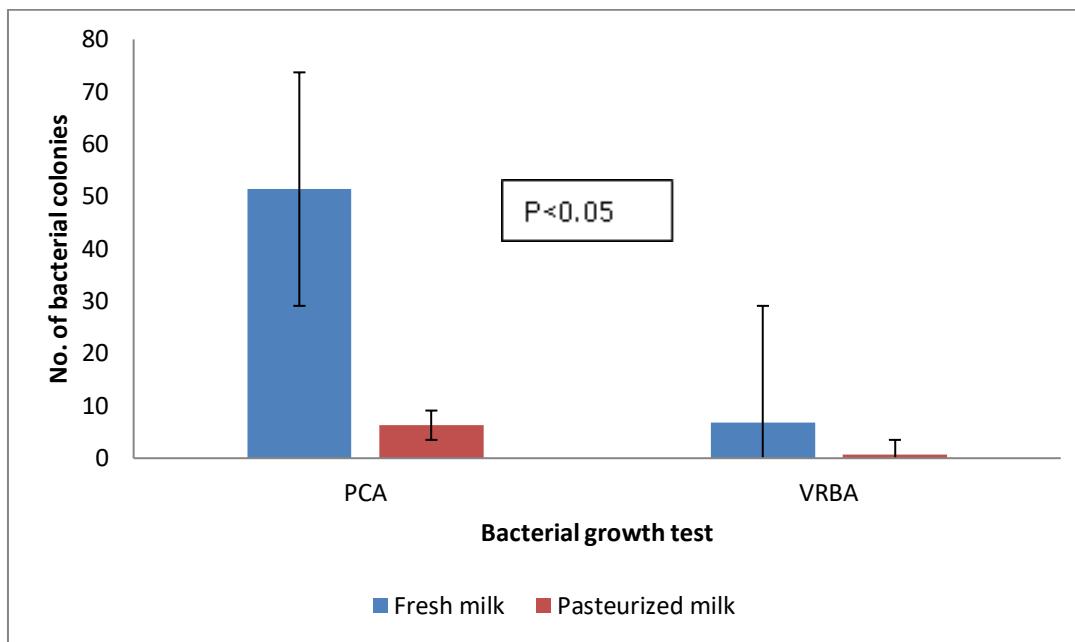
TS: total solids; SNF: solids not fat; FFA: free fatty acids FPD: freezing point depression.

Table 4: Comparison between pasteurized and sterilized camel milk regarding sensory evaluation

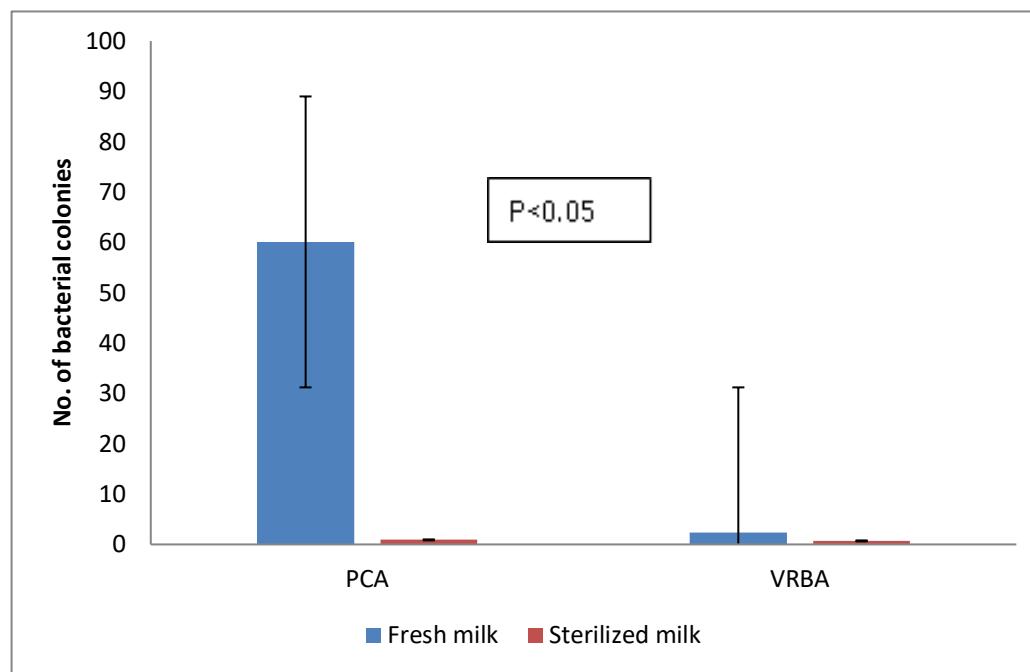
Score and statistics	Appearance (%)		Aroma (%)		Flavor (%)		Immediate taste (%)		Taste (%)		After taste (%)		Overall product (%)	
	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.	Past.	Ster.
Like very much	10	20	10	5	0	10	0	15	0	15	0	10	5	10
Like moderately	30	30	10	40	25	20	15	20	10	0	5	10	15	20
Like slightly	15	20	30	30	15	45	35	20	25	25	15	25	15	20
Neither like nor dislike	20	25	25	10	20	10	10	20	10	30	25	15	10	15
Dislike slightly	20	5	10	10	25	5	15	5	30	15	20	15	30	15
Dislike moderately	0	0	10	0	5	10	20	10	15	5	25	25	15	10
Dislike very much	5	0	5	5	10	0	5	10	10	10	0	0	5	5
$\chi^2$ value	4.600	3.500	7.300	13.000	4.000	13.000	6.400	3.100	4.600	5.200	4.000	2.800	6.421	2.737
Degree of freedom	5	4	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	6
P-value	0.467	0.478	0.294	0.023	0.549	0.023	0.269	0.796	0.467	0.392	0.549	0.731	0.378	0.841
Significant	NS	NS	NS	*	NS	*	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

Past: pasteurization

Ster: sterilization



*Figure 1a:* Comparison of the total bacterial (PCA) and coliform (VRBA) counts of fresh and pasteurized camel milk



*Figure 1b:* Comparison of the total bacterial (PCA) and coliform (VRBA) counts of fresh and sterilized camel milk

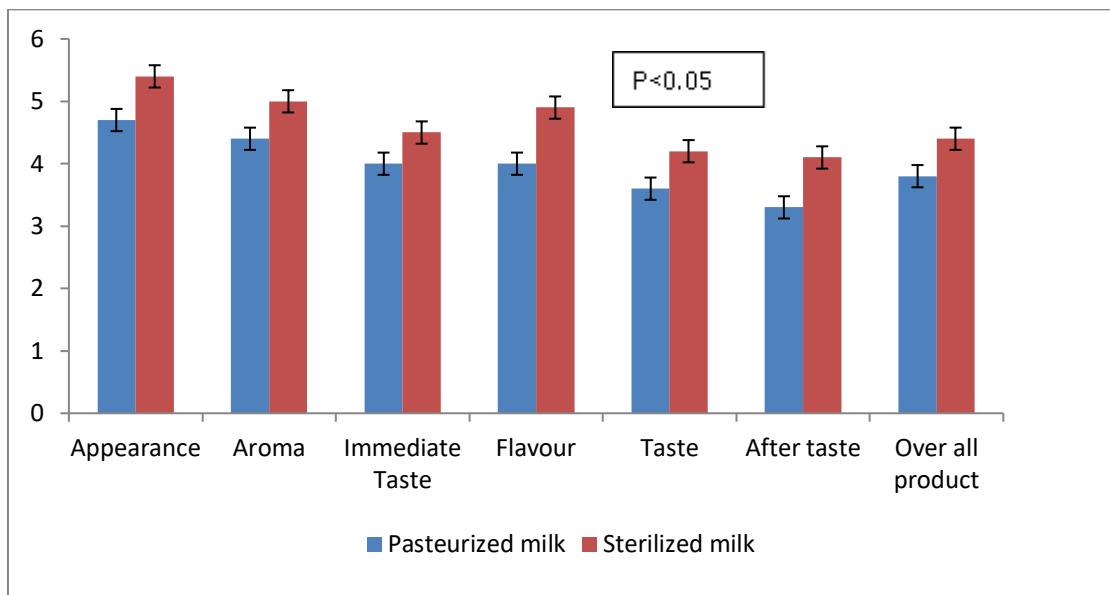


Figure 2: Comparison of the sensory evaluation of pasteurized and sterilized camel milk

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Wheat is a very staple food crop of billions of people world-wide. However, its production is hampered by non-availability of suitable varieties and local limiting factors. Variety plays an important role and selection of suitable wheat variety is crucial as per local conditions of farmers' fields. That is why an experiment was designed and conducted to evaluate thirteen wheat varieties under the conditions of farmland of B. R. D. P. G. College, Deoria, in eastern Uttar Pradesh, India. The twin objectives of this experiment were to: 1. provide a very objective variety selection procedure and based on this selection, 2. develop a very precise varietal recommender system so that farmers of this region get the best varieties suitable to their field conditions.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment under present investigation was conducted during Rabi 2019-2020 at Agricultural Research Farm of Baba Raghav Das Post Graduate College, Deoria in eastern Uttar Pradesh, India. Geographically, this College is located in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh, India. The site of experiment is located at 26.5°N latitude, 83.79°E longitude and 68 meters (223 feet) above mean sea level. The climate of district is semi-arid with hot summer and cold winter. Nearly 80% of total rainfall is received during monsoon (only up to

September) with a few winter- and pre-monsoon showers.

The experimental materials comprised of 13 wheat genotypes available in wheat section of the department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, BRD PG College, Deoria (U.P.). The varieties included are HD-2967, HD-3086, HUW-213, HUW-37, HUW-510, HUW-669, K-0307, MACS-6222, MAYHYCO- GOAL, PBW-343, SHREERAM-303, UP-2672 and WB-2. The experiment was conducted in a randomized block design comprising of thirteen treatments and three replications. The data were recorded on 12 characters including plant height (cm), flag leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>), peduncle length (cm), spike length (cm), effective tillers, grains per spike (grain number), grain weight (g), spikelets per spike, test weight (g), grain yield per plant (g), biological yield per plant (g) and harvest index (%).

## III. DATA ANALYSIS

The experimental data were collected on 12 parameters of thirteen wheat genotypes. These data were compiled by taking the mean values (Table 1) of five selected plants in each plot and subjected to following non-parametric analysis:

## IV. RANKING, NORMALIZING AND CALCULATING NORMALIZED CUMULATIVE RANKS

An example of a nonparametric statistical analysis procedure is given here to comprehend a small data-set of wheat-diversity for wheat breeding. Thirteen wheat genotypes in three replications were evaluated on twelve parameters. The proposed normalized cumulative ranks considered all the twelve parameters and gave an ordered list of genotypes. Each parameter was given due consideration and a normalized cumulative rank for each genotype was calculated. The cumulative ranks could be normalized in any desired way either by minimum, maximum (directional selection) or mid values (stabilizing selection). In this case the cumulative ranks were normalized by minimum. The parameters needing further attention for the improvement in desired genotypes were identified.

The procedure was carried out in two steps: 1. Calculation of ranks of each genotype and summing the ranks to find cumulative rank, and 2. Normalizing the cumulative ranks by minimum value and finding out a

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preferred list of genotypes by sorting the normalized cumulative ranks. The two steps could be easily understood by the following two formulae: 1.  $CR = \sum_{i=1}^n R_i$  and 2.  $NCR = CR/CR_{min}$ , where, CR = cumulative rank; NCR = normalized cumulative rank; R = Rank; n = number of parameters (or characters) evaluated. The values of NCR would range from one to

$CR/CR_{min}$ . NCR value one (1) would show the best genotype and the maximum value would show the worst genotype. The range would be an indicator of diversity. A single line formula for normalized cumulative ranks (NCR) analysis could be given as  $NCR = (\sum_{i=1}^n R_i)/(\sum_{i=1}^n R_i)_{min}$ .

Table 1: Average values based on the three replications

S. NO	GENOTYPES ↓	Plant height (cm)	Flag leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Peduncle length (cm)	Spike length / plant (cm)	No. Of productive tillers	Grain no	Grain weight (g)	Spikelets	Test weight (g)	Grain yield (g/plant)	Biological yield (g/plant)	Harvest index (%)
	Sort Order→	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	HD - 2967	92.27	31.11	44.45	12.31	7.2	43.4	2.2	21.67	47.73	11.93	35.33	33.51
2	HD - 3086	91.6	31.27	46.38	9.66	6.8	49.4	2	16.93	36.13	10.07	27.53	37.01
3	HUW - 213	97.57	41.91	50.71	9.86	7.87	59.67	2.13	19.07	38.33	11.33	32.67	34.79
4	HUW - 37	89.41	40.79	45.29	10.47	6.33	44.13	1.73	16.4	40.87	10.6	33.13	32.07
5	HUW - 510	85.75	41.86	46.08	10.33	7.67	43.2	1.87	16.4	42.33	11.27	33.33	34
6	HUW - 669	90.87	38.19	43.81	11.06	6.47	55.73	2.2	19.73	41.13	12.2	32.2	38.42
7	K - 0307	90.99	33.33	46.2	11.26	6.4	52.4	2	19	39.2	12	30.73	39
8	MACS - 6222	90.87	37.45	44.87	10.7	7.4	63.07	2.33	19.67	39.67	12.53	32.4	38.52
9	MAHYCO GOAL	89.29	34.32	45	11.65	5.8	49.07	2	18.87	40.47	9.93	27.53	35.34
10	PBW - 343	82.33	32.18	36.67	9.37	6.4	35.53	1.93	16.6	44.6	8.73	21.4	42.96
11	SHREE RAM - 303	84.49	33.37	42.35	11.39	5.53	46.8	2.07	19.33	42.8	9.07	23.93	39.56
12	UP - 2672	89.85	38.97	45.71	10.4	7.47	45.07	2.27	17.93	43	10.27	31.8	33.63
13	WB - 2	88.11	26.28	39.55	10.07	6.27	57.53	2.27	20.53	38.2	11.53	28.53	39.22

(0 = Descending, 1 = Ascending)

From sort order as given in table 1, it is clear that desirable plant types being selected are for tall plants, less flag leaf area, more peduncle length, and remaining all characters for more.

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the analysis are given in table 2.

Table 2: Ranks, CR and NCR values that give Table 3 on sorting on CR or NCR.

S. NO	GENOTYPES ↓	Plant height (cm)	Flag leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Peduncle length (cm)	Spike length / plant (cm)	No. Of productive tillers	Grain no	Grain weight (g)	Spikelets	Test weight (g)	Grain yield (g/plant)	Biological yield (g/plant)	Harvest index (%)	CR	NCR
	Sort Order→	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	HD - 2967	2	2	9	1	5	11	4	1	1	4	1	12	53	1
2	HD - 3086	3	3	2	12	6	6	8	10	13	10	10	7	90	1.7
3	HUW - 213	1	13	1	11	1	2	6	6	11	6	4	9	71	1.34
4	HUW - 37	8	11	6	7	10	10	13	12	7	8	3	13	108	2.04
5	HUW - 510	11	12	4	9	2	12	12	12	5	7	2	10	98	1.85
6	HUW - 669	5	9	10	5	7	4	4	3	6	2	6	6	67	1.26
7	K - 0307	4	5	3	4	8	5	8	7	10	3	8	4	69	1.3
8	MACS - 6222	5	8	8	6	4	1	1	4	9	1	5	5	57	1.08
9	MAHYCO GOAL	9	7	7	2	12	7	8	8	8	11	10	8	97	1.83
10	PBW - 343	13	4	13	13	8	13	11	11	2	13	13	1	115	2.17
11	SHREE RAM - 303	12	6	11	3	13	8	7	5	4	12	12	2	95	1.79
12	UP - 2672	7	10	5	8	3	9	2	9	3	9	7	11	83	1.57
13	WB - 2	10	1	12	10	11	3	2	2	12	5	9	3	80	1.51

**Table 3:** Varietal preference order based on 12 parameters analyzed

S. NO	GENOTYPES ↓	Plant height (cm)	Flag leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Peduncle length (cm)	Spike length / plant (cm )	No. Of productive tillers	Grains/ear	Grain weight (g)	Spikelets	Test weight (g)	Grain yield (g/plant)	Biologica l yield (g/plant)	Harvest index (%)	CR	NCR
	Sort Order→	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
1	HD - 2967	2	2	9	1	5	11	4	1	1	4	1	12	53	1
2	MACS - 6222	5	8	8	6	4	1	1	4	9	1	5	5	57	1.08
3	HUW - 669	5	9	10	5	7	4	4	3	6	2	6	6	67	1.26
4	K - 0307	4	5	3	4	8	5	8	7	10	3	8	4	69	1.3
5	HUW - 213	1	13	1	11	1	2	6	6	11	6	4	9	71	1.34
6	WB - 2	10	1	12	10	11	3	2	2	12	5	9	3	80	1.51
7	UP - 2672	7	10	5	8	3	9	2	9	3	9	7	11	83	1.57
8	HD - 3086	3	3	2	12	6	6	8	10	13	10	10	7	90	1.7
9	SHREE RAM - 303	12	6	11	3	13	8	7	5	4	12	12	2	95	1.79
10	MAHYCO GOAL	9	7	7	2	12	7	8	8	8	11	10	8	97	1.83
11	HUW - 510	11	12	4	9	2	12	12	12	5	7	2	10	98	1.85
12	HUW - 37	8	11	6	7	10	10	13	12	7	8	3	13	108	2.04
13	PBW - 343	13	4	13	13	8	13	11	11	2	13	13	1	115	2.17

Based on the sorted NCR values, as shown in Table 3, the top five varieties viz., HD-2967, MACS-6222, HUW-669, K-0307 and HUW-213 were recommended to farmers of this region for cultivation. In comparison to other varieties, PBW-343 is becoming obsolete and it is evident from table 3 also that its (PBW-343's) ranking is very low in 6 to 8 parameters (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> parameters ranking all 13<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> parameters ranking 11<sup>th</sup>). Once this variety used to be very popular in this region and long back in a varietal trial (Gaur *et al.*, 2010) its performance was not good compared to other tested varieties. That is why, it was predicted that slowly PBW-343 will become an obsolete variety in this region. The most suitable variety (HD-2967) can be further improved by paying attention to parameters 3<sup>rd</sup> (peduncle length), 6<sup>th</sup> (grains/ear) and 12<sup>th</sup> (harvest index). In this small dataset, PBW-343 ranks first in harvest index. Hence, one may think of crossing PBW - 343 with overall top ranking HD-2967 for its further improvement. This way, if large datasets are created, we could get clues for what needs to be done for further improvement of a newly improved or popular variety. Similarly, grains per ear of HD - 2967 could be improved further by crossing with HUW – 213. These ideas might give clues for how to go about gene pyramiding.

#### a) Precis(e) varietal recommender system

Quite often, due to shortage of time and resources, we have no option but to be very precis(e) in our presentation. This happens during paper presentations, poster presentations and paper writings. This problem comes while presenting the varietal screening data especially when a large number of varieties/ genotypes/ accessions are tried in multi-location trials. Under such a scenario, the raw data (e.g., Table 1) and the ranking data (Table 2) could be combined into a single table as given in Table 4. After sorting the table 4 on CR or NCR, we get Table 5. To be

even more precis(e) than the above suggestions, we can give only one table (Table 5) to sum up whole findings. When the numbers of entries in the trials are large enough to present in a single page table, then only a single page could be presented showing only the top performers. This precis(e)ness saves paper, time and money. This experiment and the paper got inspiration from crop ideotype concept of Donald, C.M. (1968). Similar types of non-parametric analyses were carried out by Singh 2017, Singh *et. al.* 2018 and Yadav *et. al.* 2020.

Table 4: Precis(e) varietal recommendation: combining initial two tables

S. No.	GENOTYPES ↓	Plant height (cm)	Flag leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Peduncle length (cm)	Spike length / plant (cm)	No. Of productive tillers	Grain no	Grain weight (g)	Spikelets	Test weight (g)	Grain yield (g/plant)	Biologica l yield (g/plant)	Harvest index (%)	CR	NCR
		Sort Order→	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
1	HD - 2967	92.27 (2)	31.11 (2)	44.45 (9)	12.31 (1)	7.2 (5)	43.4 (11)	2.2 (4)	21.67 (1)	47.73 (1)	11.93 (4)	35.33 (1)	33.51 (12)	53	1
2	HD - 3086	91.6 (3)	31.27 (3)	46.38 (2)	9.66 (12)	6.8 (6)	49.4 (6)	2 (8)	16.93 (10)	36.13 (13)	10.07 (10)	27.53 (10)	37.01 (7)	90	1.7
3	HUW - 213	97.57 (1)	41.91 (13)	50.71 (1)	9.86 (11)	7.87 (1)	59.67 (2)	2.13 (6)	19.07 (6)	38.33 (11)	11.33 (6)	32.67 (4)	34.79 (9)	71	1.34
4	HUW - 37	89.41 (8)	40.79 (11)	45.29 (6)	10.47 (7)	6.33 (10)	44.13 (10)	1.73 (13)	16.4 (12)	40.87 (7)	10.6 (8)	33.13 (3)	32.07 (13)	108	2.04
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6	HUW - 669	90.87 (5)	38.19 (9)	43.81 (10)	11.06 (5)	6.47 (7)	55.73 (4)	2.2 (4)	19.73 (3)	41.13 (6)	12.2 (2)	32.2 (6)	38.42 (6)	67	1.26
7	K - 0307	90.99 (4)	33.33 (5)	46.2 (3)	11.26 (4)	6.4 (8)	52.4 (5)	2 (8)	19 (7)	39.2 (10)	12 (3)	30.73 (8)	39 (4)	69	1.3
8	MACS - 6222	90.87 (5)	37.45 (8)	44.87 (8)	10.7 (6)	7.4 (4)	63.07 (1)	2.33 (1)	19.67 (4)	39.67 (9)	12.53 (1)	32.4 (5)	38.52 (5)	57	1.08
9	MAHYCO GOAL	89.29 (9)	34.32 (7)	45 (7)	11.65 (2)	5.8 (12)	49.07 (7)	2 (8)	18.87 (8)	40.47 (8)	9.93 (11)	27.53 (10)	35.34 (8)	97	1.83
10	PBW - 343	82.33 (13)	32.18 (4)	36.67 (13)	9.37 (13)	6.4 (8)	35.53 (13)	1.93 (11)	16.6 (11)	44.6 (2)	8.73 (13)	21.4 (13)	42.96 (1)	115	2.17
11	SHREE RAM - 303	84.49 (12)	33.37 (6)	42.35 (11)	11.39 (3)	5.53 (13)	46.8 (8)	2.07 (7)	19.33 (5)	42.8 (4)	9.07 (12)	23.93 (12)	39.56 (2)	95	1.79
12	UP - 2672	89.85 (7)	38.97 (10)	45.71 (5)	10.4 (8)	7.47 (3)	45.07 (9)	2.27 (2)	17.93 (9)	43 (3)	10.27 (9)	31.8 (7)	33.63 (11)	83	1.57
13	WB - 2	88.11 (10)	26.28 (1)	39.55 (12)	10.07 (10)	6.27 (11)	57.53 (3)	2.27 (2)	20.53 (2)	38.2 (12)	11.53 (5)	28.53 (9)	39.22 (3)	80	1.51

Table 5: Precis(e) varietal recommendation: sorting on CR or NCR values

S. No.	GENOTYPES ↓	Plant height (cm)	Flag leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Peduncle length (cm)	Spike length / plant (cm)	No. Of productive tillers	Grain no	Grain weight (g)	Spikelets	Test weight (g)	Grain yield (g/plant)	Biologica l yield (g/plant)	Harvest index (%)	CR	NCR
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## I. INTRODUCTION

Ravines are networking of gullies. Bundelkhand part of Uttar Pradesh is having 4.92 lakh hectares of ravine lands. Very extensive degradation of land has occurred along with rivers Yamuna, Chambal, Ken, Dhashan, Pahuj, Betawa and their tributaries, which form deep gullies. The 1.29 lakh hectares land available in Hamirpur district of Bundelkhand, which suffer from the ravines, hillocks, valleys etc. These subjected areas are an indication of very bad management of land resources. Erratic, short duration and high intensity rainfall, uneven terrain, faulty agricultural practices, illicitly cutting of tree and over grazing have combined to aggravate the gullies formation in Hamirpur district of Bundelkhand. Therefore, Hamirpur district of Bundelkhand which is

edaphically socially quite different from other districts of Bundelkhand zone of Uttar Pradesh. Characterized by semi arid climate, undulating topography, residual soil of erodible nature, deep water stata underlain with impermeable rocks, poor crop husbandry, including low plant nutrients use and irrigation. During rainy season, the residual nature of soil and rocks reduced infiltration rate and consequently leads to high runoff. The management of this ravine affected area and expansion of wheat cultivation on the basis of conservation production system are the pin points for improving the life style of farm families and their food security. The eroded soil transported through gullies during rainy season and deposited in river bed near to banks. This siltation is most fertile because it contain the various plant nutrients. After receding of river water during winter season, river bed is open. The farming majority use this land for grazing of animals and vegetables cultivation tit-bite. The production of wheat on deposited siltation of riverbed is the subject matter of this manuscript.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The innovative and introductory field study was laid out during winter season of 2009-10 and 2010-11 at Hamirpur in left riverbed of Betawa river. The study was carried out under "Farmers Participatory Action Research Project on Water/Water Harvesting" (Scheme Funded by Central Water Commission, New Delhi). The pilot soil was silty mixed with fine to coarse granules of rock (*Morang*). This riverbed siltation (locally called GADA), having pH 7.9, organic carbon 0.29%, total nitrogen 0.02%, available  $P_2O_5$  9.8 kg/ha and available  $K_2O$  167 kg/ha, which indicate the better plant nutrients status. The pH was determined by Electrometric glass electrode method (Piper 1950), while organic carbon was determined by Colorimetric method (Datta *et al.*, 1962). Total nitrogen was analyzed by Kjeldahl's method as discussed by Piper (1950). The available phosphorus and potassium were determined by Olsen's method (Olsen *et al.*, 1954) and Flame photometric method (Singh, 1971), respectively. The field was fertilized with the application of 200 q/ha FYM. The applied FYM was inoculated with vermi cast and vermi cast eggs @ 10 q/200 q FYM just to prepare the vermi compost *in situ* and increase the demography of earthworm in

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experimental field as suggested by Singh (2006). FYM applied in the experimental field contained 0.50% N, 0.25% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 0.50% K<sub>2</sub>O. Similarly, vermicast and vermicast eggs used as inoculants was comprised organic matter 16.98%, total nitrogen 1.50%, phosphorus 0.30%, potassium 0.46%, sodium 0.15%, calcium 0.10%, copper 8.5 ppm, iron 7.3 ppm, zinc 10.5 ppm and sulphur 448 ppm (Singh, 2006). The fine powder of mustard cake @ 5 q/ha was also applied with irrigational water at the time of second irrigation. The applications of FYM, vermin cost and vermin cost eggs and mustard cake powder have loosened the siltation soil of riverbed. The applied all organic matter loosened the siltation of riverbed. The applied organic matter was fulfilled all the major and minor plant nutrients specially N-110.88 kg, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 51.50 kg and K<sub>2</sub>O 96.68 kg/ha. Wheat WH 147 was seeded in rows at the distance of 30 cm using 100 kg seed/ha. The wheat was planted on 15 November and harvested after 125 days on 20 March in both the years. The conservation agronomical practices were followed for raising of wheat crop, planted in riverbed. The protective irrigations were given to crop as and when required with diesel driven pump set. No incidence of insects, pest and diseases was seen in experimental crop.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The pooled data of two years of grains yield, growth parameters and yield traits of experimental crop recorded and presented in Table-1 and discussed here under appropriate heads.

Since it was innovative and introductory experiment on cv. WH 147 which was grown in the riverbed of Betawa was also compared to the wheat crop grown under normal soil in the vicinity of river bank of Betawa. The collected data of conventional practice sown wheat are also given in Table -1.

1) *Effect on growth and yield traits:* The main shoot height and tillers/plant were found similar to the

wheat grown on normal soil with chemical fertilizers. The spike/plant display that wheat grown under two conditions indicated not much difference but normal sown condition wheat showed superiority over riverbed sown wheat. The at par grain weight/plant and 1000-grain weight were observed in both condition sown wheat. The equal uptake of plant nutrients under both the condition by wheat plants was responsible for similar growth and yield contributing characters (Table-1)

2) *Effect on wheat yield (q/ha):* The grain yield of wheat grown in riverbed gave 40.10 q/ha, which was 94.68% in comparison to wheat yield of normal soil sown condition. The yield recorded from normal soil was 42.35 q/ha, which gave only 2.25 q/ha more grain yield in comparison to riverbed wheat grain yield. The residue of chemical fertilizers available in the normal soil was responsible for slightly superior grain yield. The superiority of spike/plant, grain weight/plant and 1000-grain weight were responsible to slightly superior yield of wheat under normal soil conditions.

The riverbed soil have the granules of rocks (Morang), which hinder to the production of tillers/plant, therefore, low tillers production in riverbed soil was responsible for low yield of wheat (q/ha).

The progressive and positive effect of earthworm base organic matter application on wheat yield has also been reported by Singh (1999) and Singh (2006).

### IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Nutrients rich riverbed soil gave wheat yield > 40 g/ha, which is almost similar to the normal soil sown wheat yield, the farming majority residing in vicinity of rivers may be advocated for sowing of wheat in nutrients rich riverbed under extensive cultivation with natural and organic farming.



Figure 1

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*Table 1:* Growth & yield traits and wheat yield under riverbed and normal soil condition

(Pooled data of two, Years)

S. No.	Treatment	Main shoot height (cm)	Tillers/ plant	Spike/ Plant	Grain weight/ plant (g)	1000-seed weight (g)	Grain yield (q/ha)	Yield (%)
1.	Riverbed sown wheat cv. WH 147	79.30	9.44	6.10	9.60	40.30	40.10	94.68
2.	Normal Soil sown wheat	80.10	9.62	7.00	9.65	40.40	42.35	100.00



*Figure 2*

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**摘要:** 2019—2022 年对文昌市椰子和槟榔病虫害进行了调查,发现危害椰子的主要有泻血病、椰子织蛾、椰心叶甲和红棕象甲;危害槟榔的主要为黄化病、黄叶病毒病、细菌性叶斑病、椰心叶甲、红脉穗螟。本次调查发现椰子织蛾为害的寄主植物有 17 种,在重兴镇、文城镇等 5 镇发现黄化病和黄叶病毒病,在文城镇和会文镇首次发现坏死环斑病毒病。鉴于文昌市椰子和槟榔重要病虫害总体呈逐渐加重趋势,建议农林业部门定期进行监测,做好预测预报工作,一旦发现有爆发趋势及时采取综合防控措施,从而保障产业持续健康发展。

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### I. 引言

文昌市位于海南省东北部,素有“椰子之乡”(Homeland of Coconut)美誉。文昌市现种植椰子树超过 1.33 万 hm<sup>2</sup>。椰子树经济寿命长,可达 40~50 年,加之椰果产量、价格较稳定,现已成为当地农民的重要经济来源之一。槟榔是文昌市另外一种重要的经济作物,目前全市种植面积超过 5300 hm<sup>2</sup>,在农民增收中也占据着重要的地位。近年来,椰子和槟榔病虫害问题日趋严重,已显著影响到产业的健康发展。

在海南,已报道的严重制约椰子和槟榔产业发展的病虫害非常多,包括椰心叶甲[1-2]、红棕象甲[3]、椰子织蛾[4]、椰子茎干腐烂病[5]、槟榔黄化病[6-7]、槟榔细菌性叶斑病[8]、槟榔黄叶病毒病[9]等。目前,尽管全省范围内的椰子和槟榔病虫害调查较多[10-12],然而对文昌市病虫害的系统性调查却很少。例如,针对槟榔“癌症”——槟榔黄化病,先前仅车海彦采用 TaqMan-MGC 探针实时荧光 PCR 技术对 2008 年采集于会文镇的样品进行了研究,首次在文昌市检测到病原槟榔黄化植原体[13]。2020 年, Wang 等首次发现槟榔隐症病毒 1 (areca palm velarivirus 1, APV1) 与海南的部分“槟榔黄化病”相关[9] (由其引起的病害现已更名为槟榔黄叶病毒病[6])。然而,文昌市槟榔黄化病和黄叶病毒病的分布情况尚不清楚。再如,2014 年唐庆华等报道在昌洒镇首次发现槟榔细菌性叶斑病[8],该病流行情况直到 2022 年才初步完成[14]。文昌市林业局检疫部门于 2017—2018 年先后对辖区的椰子和槟榔病虫害开展了调查[15-16],此后鲜有对重要病虫害的系统调查。与此同时,部分病虫害如椰心叶甲和椰子织蛾具有迁飞习性、繁殖能力强[17-18],极具爆发性,若防治不彻底其种群易于再次反弹甚至爆发。此外,在全球气候变

暖、产业布局调整等背景条件下,一些先前未发现或发生不严重的病虫害有可能甚至已上升为主要病害(如2018年报道的槟榔坏死环斑病毒病[19]和2020年发现的槟榔黄叶病毒病[9])。因此,有必要对文昌椰子及槟榔病虫害进行系统调查,摸清现阶段重要病虫害及其发生情况,从而采取相应防控措施。

本调查对于保障文昌市椰子及槟榔产业健康发展具有重要意义,对于文昌市生态健康及美丽乡村建设也具有重要价值。

## II. 调查方法

### a) 调查时间及地点

2019年9月—2022年9月,先后对文昌市辖区17个镇进行了调查。其中,对椰子、槟榔主栽区清澜镇、文教镇、重兴镇、会文镇、文城镇、东郊镇等进行重点调查。

### b) 调查对象

椰子织蛾、椰心叶甲、椰子泻血病、红棕象甲、槟榔黄化病、槟榔黄叶病毒病、槟榔细菌性叶斑病、槟榔坏死环斑病毒病、红脉穗螟等。

### c) 调查方法

重要病虫害槟榔黄化病、槟榔细菌性叶斑病、椰心叶甲、椰子织蛾等采用五点调查法<sup>[17]</sup>(方中达,1998)进行调查,记录发病面积并用GPS标记发病槟榔园的位置信息。椰子泻血病、红脉穗螟等采样随机踏查法。

### d) 病虫害鉴定方法

病害分离鉴定方法:真菌及细菌病害病原分离参考方中达《植病研究方法》[20]并结合形态观察及分子鉴定(真菌采用通用引物ITS1/ITS4[22];细菌采用通用引物27F/1492R[8];植原体采用巢式PCR引物对组合F4/R1和F2/R2[23])。病毒病害病原采用分子鉴定的方法,槟榔坏死环斑病毒病采用引物ANRSV-CPF/ANRSV-CPF[24];槟榔黄叶病毒病采用引物4-F/4-R[9]。害虫采用形态观察方法[17-18]。

## III. 结果与分析

对文昌市椰子和槟榔病虫害的调查及病原分子鉴定结果显示,危害椰子的主要有椰子织蛾(*coconut black-headed caterpillar*, *Opisina arenosella* Walker)(图1-5)、红棕象甲(*red palm weevil*, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* Fab)(图6)、椰心叶甲(*Coconute Leaf Beetle*, *Brontispa longissima*

*Gestro*)(图7)、椰子泻血病(*coconut stem bleeding disease*, 病原奇异长喙壳菌 *Ceratocystis paradoxa* (Dade) Mor. (无性态为奇异根串珠霉菌 *Theiaviosis paradoxa* (de Seyn) Hohn., 该病原亦可引起椰子茎干腐烂病)(图8-9);危害槟榔的主要为槟榔黄化病(*areca palm yellow leaf disease*, 病原为槟榔黄化植原体 *areca palm yellow leaf phytoplasma*)和黄叶病毒病(*areca palm necrotic ringspot disease*; 病原为槟榔隐症病毒1, *areca palm velarivirus 1*)(图10-12)、椰心叶甲(图13)、槟榔细菌性叶斑病(*areca palm bacterial leaf spot disease*, 病原为须芒草伯克霍尔德氏菌 *Burkholderia andropogonis* (synonym: *Robbsia andropogonis*)(图14, 病原菌落图15)、槟榔坏死环斑病毒病(*areca palm necrotic ringspot virus disease*, 病原为槟榔坏死环斑病毒 *areca palm necrotic ringspot virus*)(图16)、红脉穗螟 *Tirathaba rufivena* (Walker)。此外,椰子次要病害有炭疽病、灰斑病、煤烟病等,槟榔有炭疽病、藻斑病、果腐病、鞘腐病、日灼和冻害等。主要病虫害危害情况见表1。

### a) 椰子病虫害

调查结果显示,文昌市椰子上为害最严重的是椰子织蛾、椰心叶甲、红棕象甲和椰子泻血病。其中,椰子织蛾是一种新发现的危害棕榈科植物的重要入侵性害虫[25],对我国棕榈科植物的安全生产构成了严重威胁。尽管此前文昌市林业局莫景瑜等对椰子病虫害进行了调查[15],并对椰子织蛾为害状进行描述,但未对寄主植物进行调查。本次调查发现,该虫于2019年在椰子大观园(隶属于中国热带农业科学院椰子研究所)爆发成灾。调查发现该虫可危害椰子(图1)、蒲葵、圣诞椰子、红柄椰、琼棕、箬棕、酒瓶椰子、斐济榈、华盛顿棕、大王棕(图2)、糖棕(图3)、香棕、霸王棕(图4)、红棕榈、沙巴尔榈、贝叶棕(图5)、飓风椰子共17种棕榈植物。其中,椰子、大王棕、糖棕受害最为严重。2021年底,该虫在中国热带农业科学院椰子研究所建设管理的棕榈植物种质资源圃再次爆发,造成30多株椰子树死亡,并对附近超过6 hm<sup>2</sup>的棕榈植物造成了严重威胁。此外,调查还发现该虫在文城镇清澜经济开发区以及重兴镇至琼海市长坡镇、长坡镇至文昌市以及文昌市至文教镇的道路沿线等地均有发生,且具有继续扩散趋势。椰心叶甲是海南省一种最重要的可以为害椰子等10多种棕榈植物的外来入侵有害生物[26]。本次调查发现文昌市辖区各镇椰树均有受害,但程度不一。椰子泻血病是一种致死性病害[22, 27]。2011—2014年仅椰子大观园每年受害死亡植株超过30株(唐庆华等,未发表数据)。根据此前的报道[22],该病仅限于文城镇。本调查发现该病害在文教镇亦有发生。此外,椰子上红棕象甲、二疣犀甲为害也比较严重。

### b) 榆榔病虫害

本次调查结果表明, 为害榆榔最严重的病虫害为榆榔黄化病、榆榔黄叶病毒病、椰心叶甲, 细菌性叶斑病为害也较重。其中, 榆榔黄化病为一种毁灭性病害, 现已给中国[28-29]和印度[30-32]榆榔产业造成了严重损失。榆榔黄叶病毒病是2020年新报道的一种与榆榔黄化相关的病害[9]。本研究发现2种病害主要分布于与流行区琼海市交界的重兴镇、会文镇、文城镇、蓬莱镇。椰心叶甲在各乡镇均有发生, 台风过后更容易扩散为害。细菌性叶斑病[8]、坏死环斑病毒病[19]为分别于2014、2019年报道的新病害(迄今得到的关注依然并不多), 前者于文昌市昌洒镇首次发现, 后者于2018年在琼海、定安发现。本次调查发现细菌性叶斑病在会文镇、文城镇、蓬莱镇发生为害, 坏死环斑病毒病在文城镇、蓬莱镇亦有发生。此外, 部分榆榔园中红脉穗螟为害也较重。

## IV. 结论

本次调查结果显示, 除了先前报道的主要病虫害椰心叶甲、椰子织蛾、红棕象甲、红脉穗螟、椰子泻血病、榆榔细菌性叶斑病和榆榔黄化病, 2018年之后报道的新病害榆榔黄叶病毒病为害也较重, 与榆榔黄化病一起成为榆榔生产中最重要的限制因素。由于近5年榆榔价格较高, 农户种植积极性非常大, 各乡镇均有新种植的榆榔, 2种病害随种苗调运的潜在扩散趋势令人担忧。细菌性叶斑病极易在台风季节爆发、病毒病扩散趋势明显, 需要引起注意。榆榔坏死环斑病毒病仅在文城镇和蓬莱镇个别榆榔园中发现, 若不加以防范该病害可能会成为今后榆榔生产中需要面对的一种主要病害。对于椰子, 2种外来入侵害虫野心叶甲和椰子织蛾是最严重的2种害虫, 现已严重威胁着文昌市椰子、榆榔及其他棕榈植物产业。此外, 红棕象甲、二疣犀甲、椰子泻血病(以及该病病原引起的椰子茎干腐烂病)也需要进行关注。总之, 目前文昌市椰子和榆榔病虫害(尤其是椰心叶甲、椰子织蛾、榆榔黄化病和榆榔黄叶病毒病)发生形势较严重, 应得到足够重视。



## a) 防控措施

## V. 防控措施及建议

表1：文昌市椰子、槟榔重要病虫害调查及危害情况

病虫害名称	寄主	症状	危害特征	分布
椰子织蛾 coconut black-headed caterpillar	椰子、蒲葵、糖棕、大王棕等 17 种棕榈植物	椰子织蛾以幼虫取食叶片，危害老叶和新叶，并构筑丝网状虫道。受害严重时整个树冠被侵染，叶片干枯脱落，树势衰弱。椰子幼蛾还取食苞芽，造成椰树花穗减少、生长迟缓、过早落果等现象，进而严重影响椰果产量。椰子织蛾严重危害椰子后，可造成椰果减产近 50%。	寄主范围广，繁殖快，极具爆发性。发生初期若不能有效控制极易爆发成灾。	文昌镇、文城镇、迈号镇、文教镇等
椰心叶甲 coconut leaf beetle	椰子、槟榔、大王棕等	成虫和幼虫主要潜藏于未展开的心叶或心叶间取食为害。受害心叶伸展后变为枯黄状，不久树势衰败以至整株枯死。	椰子上已得控制，槟榔上呈加重趋势。	文昌镇区均有分布
椰子泻血病 coconut stem bleeding disease	椰子、槟榔上也有零星发生	病菌由基部侵入，引起内部组织溃烂，从而整株死亡。泻血病发生时，树干基部裂缝处流出红色汁液，以后逐渐变黑，裂缝组织腐烂，并由基部逐渐向上扩展。严重时冠叶变小，继而树冠凋萎、脱落，重病植株 5~6 年死亡。	冬季低温多雨时易发生，可导致植株死亡。	文昌镇、文城镇
红棕象甲 red palm weevil	椰子、霸王棕、糖棕等	主要以幼虫钻蛀为害。该虫能为害不同树龄的椰子树，尤其对 3~15 龄椰子树危害较严重。成虫易在植株受伤组织上产卵，尤其是受伤的幼嫩组织，在伤口处分泌大量汁液时容易吸引雌虫来产卵。卵孵化后，幼虫直接取食周围组织，钻蛀为害导致成片椰子林或棕榈科植物死亡。	钻蛀性害虫，隐蔽为害，防控困难。	文昌镇
槟榔黄化病 areca palm yellow leaf disease	槟榔	发病初期植株下层 2~3 片复叶的小叶叶尖首先出现黄化，花穗短小，无法正常展开。果实产量少且颜色变黑不能食用，常提前脱落。随后黄化症状逐年加重，逐步发展到整株叶片黄化。大部分感病株显症后 5~7 年内枯顶死亡。	槟榔“癌症”，严重威胁产业健康发展。	文昌镇、会文镇、文城镇、蓬莱镇、覃牛镇
槟榔黄叶病毒病 areca palm yellowing disease	槟榔	症状类似于槟榔黄化病	严重威胁产业健康发展。	同槟榔黄化病
槟榔细菌性叶斑病 areca palm bacterial leaf spot disease	槟榔	槟榔苗期和成株期均可染病，主要受害部位为叶片。发病初期在叶片上形成不规则深绿色至淡褐色水渍状小斑点，密集排列成栅栏状，随后病斑逐渐扩大，形成暗绿色条斑，周围黄晕明显。	台风季节易于爆发。	会文镇、文昌镇、蓬莱镇等
槟榔坏死环斑病毒病 areca palm necrotic ringspot disease	槟榔	槟榔坏死环斑病毒侵染发病初期叶片病斑表现为梭形退绿黄斑，后期梭形退绿黄斑发展成坏死斑。	影响光合作用，对产量影响尚不清楚。	文昌镇区均有分布
红脉穗螟 <i>Trithatha rufivena</i> (Walker)	椰子、槟榔	幼虫在候椰未展的花穗上取食，花穗不能正常开放，未能展开的花穗枯死，受害较轻的花穗展开后能开花结果，但果实容易脱落。幼虫一般蛀食果实内的种子和部分内果皮，也会啃食外表皮，造成流胶或形成木栓化硬皮，影响果实品质。钻食叶及生长点，可造成植株死亡。	直接危害花穗和果实，对产量和品质影响大。	文昌镇区均有分布



图1: 椰子织蛾为害椰子



图2: 椰子织蛾为害大王棕



图3: 椰子织蛾为害糖棕



图4: 椰子织蛾为害霸王棕



图5: 椰子织蛾为害贝叶棕



图6: 红棕象甲为害霸王棕



图7: 椰心叶甲为害椰子



图8: 椰子泻血病



图9: 椰子泻血病



图10: 槟榔黄化病为害



图11: 槟榔黄叶病毒病为害



图12: 椰心叶甲为害槟榔



图13: 槟榔细菌性叶斑病为害



图14: 槟榔细菌性叶斑病菌



图15: 槟榔坏死环斑病毒病为害



图16: 红脉穗螟为害槟榔花穗

1. 检疫。对于槟榔黄化病和黄叶病毒病，严禁从疫区调运种苗。
2. 农业防治。加强田间管理，强化水肥管理，提高植株抗性；及时去除受害叶片（如椰子织蛾等），粉碎、喷施农药后深埋或集中销毁。
3. 化学防治。对于椰子织蛾、细菌性叶斑病等喷施高效低毒化学农药如（如啶虫脒、绿乳铜等）进行预防及应急防治。
4. 生物防治。对于椰心叶甲，释放椰甲截脉姬小峰 (*Asecodes hispinarum* Boucek)、椰心叶甲嗜小峰 (*Tetrastichus brontispae* Ferriere) 进行防治；红脉穗螟也可采用生物防治措施，例如周氏嘎小峰 (*Chouioia cunea* Yang)、麦蛾柔茧蜂 (*Habrobracon hebetor* Say) 和褐带卷蛾茧蜂 (*Bracon adoxonphyesi* Mimanikawa)。

#### b) 建议

本次调查结果显示，椰子织蛾在局部区域爆发且有扩散趋势、椰心叶甲在叶子和槟榔上为害日趋严重、槟榔黄化病和黄叶病毒病随种苗调运扩散的危险性加大。同时，椰子泻血病、槟榔细菌性叶斑病等也具有季节性爆发的特点。为了更好地保障椰子和槟榔产业的健康发展，笔者的建议如下：

1. 文昌市政府高度重视椰子及槟榔病虫害防控工作。
2. 市林业局和农业局等相关部门多与高校和研究所紧密合作，加强病虫害监测、预警以及重要病虫害防控。
3. 加强乡镇农技人员以及农户技术培训，提升病虫害识别及防控能力。

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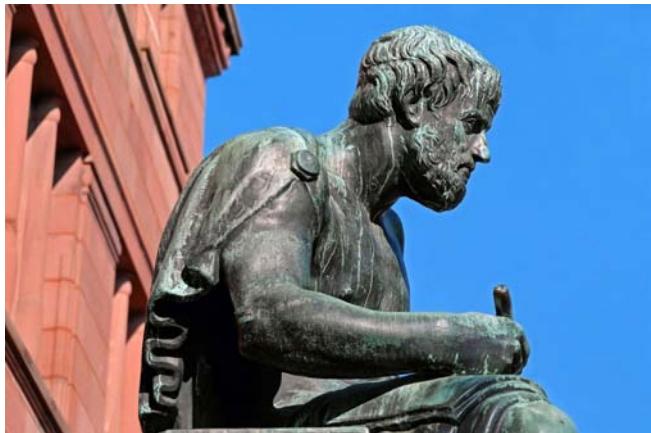
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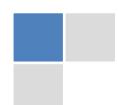
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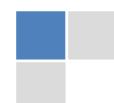
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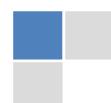
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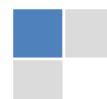
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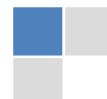
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