**Sustainable Biological Management of Important Temperate Fruit Diseases for Quality Fruit Production**

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**Introduction**

The inherent potential for increasing area and production of low-temperature fruits, notably apples, is enormous thanks to the agroclimatic conditions in hilly states. These fruits are subject to a number of diseases brought on by fungi, bacteria, and viruses that have a significant impact on how they are produced. Farmers suffer significant losses as a result of these diseases. In the fruit production system, producers use chemical control strategies to reduce losses brought on by diseases. The use of chemical fungicides on fruit crops poses risks to the environment and human health. The use of chemicals in modern organic farming is being discouraged. The emergence of pathogen populations that are resistant to pesticides has also stoked interest in developing an integrated disease control system. Incorporating biological control into organic and conventional temperate fruit production systems would seem to offer tremendous potential in terms of both environmental and economic considerations. The production of temperate fruits, a perennial crop, presents distinct potential and challenges for the employment of biological control methods, particularly during the plant establishing process (Anwar et al. 2008). There will be numerous chances in the nursery setting to apply microbial inoculants such biocontrol agents or mycorrhizal fungi. When an orchard is first established, there is an additional window of opportunity for the introduction of biocontrol agents.

**Soil-borne diseases**

**Replant Problem**

Fruit tree cultivation is undergoing a rapid change as growers switch from low density, strong tree orchards to high density, dwarfing rootstock orchards. Growers are forced to set up new plantations on the location of the previous orchard because there isn't much area available to plant new orchards. Due to this, growers are now quite concerned about the replanting issue. Replant difficulty or replant disease is the term used to describe the issue with planting fruit trees in old nursery or orchard areas. Abiotic and biotic variables that affect replanting can result in stunted growth and late fruit yield. Replant disease is one of the elements of the replant problem that is brought on by biotic causes. Replanting issues are a complicated disease affecting temperate fruit crops. It is brought on by both biotic and abiotic elements. Replanting issues are caused by abiotic variables such as phytotoxins, nutritional imbalance, poor soil structure, poor drainage, cold or draught stress, and too much or too little soil moisture. Numerous fungus, bacteria, nematodes, and actinomycetes have been reported to be related with replant disease among other biotic variables. Numerous researchers have discovered a number of fungi, bacteria, and nematode species that are linked to replant disease, including Fusarium equiseti, Fusarium oxysporum, Fusarium solani, Rhizoctonia spp., Cylindrocladium spp., Rosellinianecatrix, Penicilliumclaviforme, P. janthinellum, Phytophthora spp. Each region has its own unique causes for the replanting issue. Different control measures are used depending on the primary element contributing to the replanting issue. However, it is not a desirable strategy because temperature and moisture can affect how effective volatile fumigants are. Additionally, applying fumigants is challenging, costly, and dangerous. Furthermore, it is thought that soil fumigation disturbs the equilibrium between pathogens and rival microorganisms in the soil. In this regard, efforts have been made to create a biological remedy for the replanting issue. According to several studies, the following growth of apples in replanted soil benefits from the application of rhizobacteria that promote plant growth and inhibit disease (Caesar and Burr, 1987; Utkhede and Li, 1989b; Janisiewicz and Covey, 1983). Apple seedling growth in replant soil was shown to be accelerated by the application of strain B8 of E. Aerogenesalone (Utkhede and Li, 1989a). Similar to formalin fumigation, soil drenching with the BACT-1, EBW, and B10 strains of Bacillus subtilis and the B8 strain of E. aerogenes promoted plant growth (Utkhede and Li, 1989b). Replanting problems have been resolved in greenhouse and nursery testing by inoculating the roots of immature apple plants with Agrobacterium radiobacter (Catska and Hudska, 1990). This biocontrol product decreased the number of phytotoxic micromycetes colonies, which are a factor in replant disease. Pseudomonas putidastrain 2 CB isolated from apple roots was found to increase growth of M-26 root stock in different apple replant soil while inhibiting growth of each component of the fungal complex identified to instigate replant disease (Mazzola et al., 2002). Two fluorescent pseudomonads and an intestinal bacterium that might encourage apple growth in replant soils were discovered by Casear and Burr in 1987. Cylindrocarpondestructans, a fungal pathogen known to cause apple replant disease, was found to have less root infection as a result of these rhizobacteria's enhanced development (Jaffe et al., 1982; Mazzola, 1998). In British Columbia, Canada, it has also been discovered that the application of Bacillus subtilis and Enterobacteraerogenes is efficient in increasing apple plant growth even in field conditions (Utkhede and Smith, 1994). These findings suggest that these rhizobacteria species have the ability to biologically reduce replant disease. Phosphorus is a crucial mineral for new plant growth in replant soil, according to a number of studies. In particular for immobile ions like phosphate, mycorrhizae symbiosis can increase nutrient absorption (Mosse, 1973). Inoculation of apple seedlings with AMF *Glomusfasciculatum*and *G. Macrocarpus*suppressed the population of phytotoxic micromycetes, responsible for replant disease and increased plant biomass (Catska, 1994). Two AMF, *Glomusintraradices*and *G. Mosseae*significantly increased total shoot length and number of shoots per rootstock in replant soil. The seedlings inoculated with *G. Mosseae*showed increased growth in replant soil which was neither pasteurized nor fertilized (Utkhede*et al*., 1992). Preplant sterilization of soil and subsequent inoculation with AMF, *Glomusepigaeum*significantly controlled the replant problem of apple and peach. It was observed that the growth promotion by inoculation with AMF was more in autoclaved replant soil (Bingye and Shengrui, 1998).

**Root rot**

The lateral roots turn dark brown and are covered with greenish gray or white mycelial mat and with the progress of disease all the roots are attacked and fibrous root system disappears. Whitish mycelial mat like fungal growth is visible during monsoon on the affected parts. The affected plants show bronzing of the leaves and progressive decline and ultimately die within 2-3 years of infection. The pathogen survives in the form of mycelium or sclerotia in the infected roots. The infection of new roots takes place by the fungal mycelium present in the soil on debris or by the contact of new plant roots with the old dead roots. The disease is more serious in water logged acidic soils. Management of root rot is very difficult because of deep seated infection. Reaching the point of infection with corrective therapy is quite challenging. It can be controlled by putting preventive and therapeutic strategies into practise that include cultural, biological, and chemical techniques as well as resistant root stocks. Investigations into the biocontrol of bacteria and fungi that are hostile to soil-borne diseases have been ongoing for many years. This technique has drawn a lot of interest and seems to hold promise as a workable addition to or replacement for chemical control. Iekiet al. (1969) observed that various isolates of Trichoderma spp. inhibited R. Necatrix. According to Freeman et al. (1986), two Trichoderma species—T. harzianum and T. Hamatum—isolated from naturally rotting roots prevented the growth of the fungus R. Necatrix. Along with soil solarization, the use of antagonistic Trichoderma spp. as a treatment for the illness has been investigated (Sztejnberget al., 1987). Studies on pot culture have also shown that antagonists such T. harzianum, T. koningii, and T. viride can reduce root rot (Sharma, 1993). In tests using pot culture, the fungi T. harzianum and T. viride, as well as the bacteria Pseudomonas fluorescens and Bacillus spp., all demonstrated efficacy in reducing root rot (Sharma, 2000). According to Gupta and Jindal (1989), other bacterial antagonists called Enterobacteraerogenes have been shown to shield the plants from D. nectrix. These antagonists became more effective against the virus and had a longer-lasting effect when they were applied repeatedly. Arbuscularmycorrhizal fungi (AMF) have also been utilised against soil-borne diseases in addition to antagonistic fungi and bacteria. When researching the interactions between AMF and the microorganisms that cause root rot, Bharat and Bhardwaj (2001) According to research on D. Necatrixon apple seedlings grown in pots, seedlings that had previously been inoculated with a local AMF isolate of Glomusspp. had less severe root rot than seedlings that hadn't received the inoculation. Additionally, the mycorrhizal seedlings showed faster development.

**Crown rot**

In every region of the world where apples are grown, crown rot, often called collar rot, is a common problem. A fungus called Phytophthoracactorum (Lebert-Cohn) Schroeter is the culprit. The disease frequently results in significant losses, including tree death. The collar region is where the illness first appears, and it primarily spreads to subsurface organs and the above-ground stem. Bark rots and becomes sticky at the soil level, causing a canked area. The foliage on the affected trees is chlorotic and has reddish veins and edges. It is known that the causative fungus can live in orchard soils as chlamydospores in plant matter or soil. The primary inoculum is produced by the fungus in the form of oospores. High soil moisture and a moderate temperature encourage the illness. There have been attempts to manage this illness utilising drugs, cultural practises, and host resistance. The use of biological treatments to control P. cactrum, however, has also been investigated by a number of researchers. Trichoderma spp. were tested against Phytophthoracrown Rot of Apple by Roiger and Jeffer (1991), who discovered that T. virens, T. koningii, and T. harzianum were successful in containing the disease. Trichoderma species T. longibrachiatum and T. viride also demonstrated efficacy in preventing P. cactorum in apples (Kumar, 2002). A few bacterial antagonists have also been discovered to be successful in controlling the illness. P. cactorum is hostile to Enterobacteraerogenes, as demonstrated by Utkhede (1983). The infection of P. Cactorumin McIntosh apple seedlings was decreased when these antagonistic bacterial cells were applied as a soil drench. According to Janisiecki and Covey and Utkhede (1983, 1984), Pseudomonas spp. and Bacillus subtilis were also effective against phytophthoracrown rot. Gupta and Utkhede (1986) also noted the antifungal activity of E. aerogenes and Bacillus spp. against P. cactorum, and they treated apple plants with these antagonists to successfully treat crown rot infections in the field (Utkhede, 1987). Utkhede and Smith (1991) studied the effects of soil soaking apple trees with E. aerogenes for three years in British Columbia with good disease control. In addition to reducing P. Cactorum infection, apple trees treated with strain B8 of E. Aerogenes for two consecutive years also grew taller (Levesque et al., 1993). Additionally, it has been shown that apple trees are protected from infection by various soil-borne diseases by antibiotics produced by E. aerogenes (Marchi and Utkhede, 1994). In the McSpur apple on MM 106 rootstock, which is otherwise sensitive rootstock for crown rot, another species of antagonistic bacterium Enterobacter, E. agglomerans, has also been observed to minimise disease severity and enhance the trunk girth and fruit yield (Utkhede and Smith, 1997). This antagonist's lyophilized dry formulation of strain B8 worked well. According to Orlikowski and Schmidle (1985), the P. cactorum infection in apple seedlings can be successfully controlled by the use of the product Binab-1, which was made from the antagonist Trichoderma viride. In a six-year trial, the application of the bacterial antagonists E. agglomerans and B. subtilis as well as the arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus Glomus intraradices greatly decreased the infection of apple trees with P. cactorum and boosted fruit yield and tree trunk growth (Utkhede and Smith, 2000). This antagonist's use has also been tested in conjunction with the fungicide metalaxyl as a soil trunk drench once in the spring for seven years and twice a year for three years. P. Cactorum disease ratings were decreased by the combined application (Utkhede and Smith, 1993). Similarly the same combination (each 1g/tree) when applied once in a year resulted higher annual increase in trunk diameter of effected apple plants (Levesque et al., 1993). In pot cultures, Kumar (2002) found that pre-inoculating apple seedlings with Trichoderma longibrachiatum and simultaneously inoculating them with Bacillus subtilis efficiently suppressed P. cactorum infection.

**Foliar and fruit diseases**

**Apple scab**

The most significant apple disease is apple scab, which affects apples everywhere. Fruit quality is reduced as a result, which is its main effect. Infected fruit cannot be stored for as long because of size reduction, premature fruit drop, defoliation, and poor fruit bud growth for the following year. In India, Kashmir was where the illness was originally discovered in 1930 (Nath, 1935). In Kashmir, this disease devastated the apple harvest in 1973 when it first emerged as an outbreak. The illness was discovered in Himachal Pradesh in 1977 (Gupta, 1978), and it became widespread in 1983 (Gupta, 1989). The majority of the state's apple harvest was devastated by the illness. One of the top five plant diseases of national significance, according to the Indian government, is the illness. On leaves, petioles, blooms, fruits, and pedicels, the disease symptoms can be seen. Velvety brown to olive green lesions first show up on the lower surface of developing leaves before spreading to the other surfaces. Deformed leaves develop from the tissue around the lesion becoming thicker as the affected leaf ages. The name "scab" is used to describe to this sort of symptoms. The number of lesions can range from one to several, and sometimes the entire surfaces get covered with scab. Petioles and pedicels that are infected cause leaves and fruits to ripen prematurely. The virus ruined the majority of the state's apple crop. The ailment is one of the top five plant diseases of national importance in India, according to the government. The disease signs can be detected on pedicels, flowers, fruits, and leaves. Before spreading to the other surfaces, velvety brown to olive green lesions first appear on the lower surface of growing leaves. As the damaged leaf ages, the tissue around it thickens, which leads to deformed leaves. The term "scab" is used to characterise this particular set of symptoms. One to multiple lesions may be present, and occasionally the entire area will be covered in scabs. Infected petioles and pedicels accelerate the ripening of leaves and fruits. On Mills period or Tables, the criteria of temperature and length of leaf wetness for scab infection are well stated. Scab prediction and warning have become possible based on meteorological information and the quantity of primary inoculum, which is advantageous for the monitored apple scab management campaign, particularly in Himachal Pradesh. In India, a protective fungicide spraying programme is being used to manage the illness. At the silver tip stage is when the first protective fungicide spray should be applied. In this approach, the necessity for 6-7 sprays of different fungicides during the growth season results in pollution and health risks. In order to combat apple scab biologically, work on resistance breeding was started. The work on biological control is mostly concentrated on controlling the pathogen's overwintering stage on leaf litter. Microsphearopsis spp., Diplodia spp., and Trichoderma spp. are antagonistic fungi that have been researched by Carisseet al. (2000) for their effects on ascospore generation in the wild, either as foliar postharvest sprays or as a ground treatment at 90% leaf fall. They discovered a notable decline in ascospore production. According to Carisse et al. (2007), the antagonistic fungus Microsphaeropsisochraceae is a powerful bio-sanitation agent against apple scab because it destroys the V. Inaequalis fungus's resting structures and lowers the initial inoculum. In organic apple cultivation in Canada, the use of biocontrol agents for the management of apple scab has gained popularity (Carisse and Dewdney, 2002). An alternative to chemical control strategies is the use of antagonistic fungus to suppress the overwintering stage of the scab pathogen in fallen leaves (Bengtsonet al., 2001). Yeasts isolated from apple leaves have also been tested for their antagonistic action towards V. inaequalis (Fisset al. 2003). Under greenhouse tests, three strains—H10, H15, and H25—were discovered to lessen the severity of scab on apple seedlings. An application of 1.5 x 107 yeast cells per millilitre significantly reduced scab on a 9-year-old Golden Delicious apple tree. In their 2002 study, Altinok and colleagues looked at the antagonistic effects of 30 different fungal isolates against three different apple cultivars: granny smith, stark spur golden, and starkrimson. A number of isolates, including Cryptococcus spp. (white yeast), Sporobolomyces (pink yeast), Alternaria spp., Epicoccum spp., and Popularia spp., were discovered to produce volatile antibiotics, which completely inhibited the growth of the scab pathogen's colony. Evaluations of certain biofungicides against apple scab have also been conducted. Fruitine, a biofungicide formulation of the Bacillus subtilis strain BIMV 262 tested by Pleskatsevich and Berlinchick (2004) against scab, found a decrease in the disease. In Russia, it was discovered that the biofungicide formulations Dizofungin, Biostat, and Narciss of bacterial and fungal species caused resistance in apple plants to scab (Nadykta, 2004).

**Apple powdery mildew**

Apple powdery mildew is a serious foliar disease that affects all nations that produce apples. In Iova, USA, in 1871, apple saplings were the first to show symptoms of the illness (Bessey, 1877). The biotrophic fungus Podosphaeraleucotricha(Ell. and Ev.) Salm is the culprit. Every stage of the development of apples can have substantial commercial implications, from stunting the growth of nursery stock to causing fruit rusting (Jones and Aldwinckle, 1990). The disease survives the winter in dormant apple buds, and infected buds may not produce new shoots during the next growing season. The primary source of inoculum is overwintering mycelium's conidia, and secondary pathogen propagation is sparked by inoculum that forms from infection of young leaves, flowers, and other plant parts. Although the perfect stage of the pathogen has been observed in nature (Bharat and Bhardwaj, 2000), it is not thought to play a significant part in the progression of the disease. All agents that have been documented to provide biological control of powdery mildew are of the fungal variety. As biotrophs, powdery mildews normally do not require exogenous nutrients for germination and initial penetration, so controlling them by competing for nutrients is not a practical tactic. Antibiosis control is unlikely to be an effective disease control strategy, just as the pathogen's exposure on the leaf surface during spore germination is constrained. As a result, the use of mycoparasites for the management of powdery mildews has received the most attention. Ampelomycesquisqualis is one of them (Novitskaya and Puzanova, 1992). The fungus's method of biocontrol has been identified as hyper-parasitism because it can colonise powdery mildew's mycelium and form reproductive structures. This fungus is a naturally occurring hyper-parasite of the powdery mildew pathogen's sexual and asexual structures. Within the hyphae, conidiophores, and cleistothecia of powdery mildew, it parasitizes and forms pycnidia. Powdery mildew parasitized colonies have a drab look, are flattened off-white to grey in colour, and produce fewer spores (Falk et al., 1995). A. quisqualis has also been isolated by Vaidya and Thakur (2005) from afflicted apple plants and other rosaceae family plant species. For the purpose of treating powdery mildew disease, it demonstrated the naturally occurring occurrence of this hyper-parasite in the western Himalayan region. According to Meszka and Bielenin (2006), using plant extracts in conjunction with hyper-parasite treatments, particularly walnut extract, has been shown to lessen the initial infection of apple foliar diseases such powdery mildew. For the biological management of powdery mildew, the mycoparasite A. quisqualisisolate A-10 has been made available as a commercial product under the trade name AQ 10 TM (Grove and Boal, 1997). According to Smol-Yokova et al. (2004), another ampelomitsin formulation from the genus Ampelomycesspp. was able to prevent powdery mildew on temperate fruit to a 70–80% degree.

**Postharvest diseases**

Stone fruits are significantly more perishable and vulnerable to postharvest illnesses than other temperate fruits. According to Steppe (1976), postharvest infections cause 10–50% losses to temperate fruit. Numerous fungi and bacteria can result in post-harvest spoiling, with Alternaria, Aspergillus, Botyosphaeria, Botrytis, Colletotrichum, Monilinia, Mucor, Penicillium, Rhizopus, and Trichothecium species being the main pathogens. The majority of the time, postharvest pathogens enter sensitive fruit tissues and spread infection through fruit surface wounds that are caused by handling and harvesting the fruit as well as by wounds on the fruit's surface. Some infections can also enter through lenticels or the sinus between the calyx and core cavity, or decay may start there (Spottset al., 1988). It is possible to limit postharvest illnesses by paying attention to fruit handling procedures in the field and during storage to prevent mechanical and physical harm, as well as by managing controlled air conditions. These techniques do not, however, guarantee that stored fruits are well protected. Fungicide use has thus been essential in the management of postharvest disease (Eckert and Ogawa, 1988). But in the present era of organic farming, fungicide use is being avoided because of potential or real risks to human health and the environment. The employment of biological methods for controlling postharvest diseases has attracted a lot of attention and even had some degree of success over the past 20 years since fruits can be sources of direct fungicide intake. The microbial community living on the fruit surface and in the phyllosphere has been the main source of biological agents for controlling postharvest diseases (Janisiewicz, 1987). The most often used agents for the biological management of postharvest illnesses of temperate fruits have been bacteria and yeasts or yeast-like organisms (Sharma and Kaul, 1999). For the management of postharvest diseases of apples, pears, and peaches, bacterial agents have been discovered in several investigations. Grey mould, blue mould, and mucor rot on pears as well as on apples were biologically controlled by a saprophytic strain of Pseudomonas syringe (Janisiewicz and Marchi, 1992; Jeffers and Wright, 1994). Currently, the P. syringe ESC-11 strain is approved for postharvest treatment to apples and sold under the trade name Bio-save 110. Blue mould and grey mould on Golden Delicious apples were biologically controlled by an isolate of Burkholderiacepacia (Jamisiewicz and Roitman, 1988). Fruit rot brought on by Penicilliumexpansum, P. malicorticis, and Botrytis cineria was lessened when Bacillus subtilis was administered to damaged apples (Leibinger et al., 1997). Bacillus subtilis, Epicoccum nigrum, and Pseudomonas spp. have been used to biologically reduce postharvest brown rot in stone fruits (Pusey and Wilson, 1984; Smilaricket al., 1993; Madrigal et al., 1994; Foschiet al., 1995). B. Subtilis can also be added to wax, which is typically used to prevent brown rot in peaches (Pusey and colleagues, 1986). Yeast use has proved successful in biologically controlling fruit postharvest illnesses. Studies on apple yeast diversity for biological controls of postharvest decays have been conducted. It has been reported that the yeasts Condidaguilliermondii, C. oleophila, Cryptococcus laurentii, Kloeckeraapiculata, and Sporobolomycesroseus can control Penicilliumexpansum, Botrytis cineria, and Mucor spp. Commercialised as postharvest fungicide Aspire for control of Penicillium spp. and Botrytis spp. is the yeast Candida oleophilastrain 182. The application of strain combinations has been encouraged by the use of numerous agents, which when used in concert broaden the area of biocontrol activity. However, the biological control of postharvest diseases has been achieved by the use of individual isolates. According to Janisiewicz (1988), Pseudomonas spp. and Acremonium provided total control over B. Cineria and P. Expansumon apple. The control of blue mould obtained by treatment with the individual agents applied separately using a biomass equivalent to that of the mixture was superior to that obtained by treatment with the bacterial antagonist P. syringe and the yeast S. Roseusapplied in equal biomass (Janisiewicz and Bors, 1995). When it came to preventing decay brought on by B. cineria, P. expansum, and P. malicorticis, a combination of two Aureobasidiumpullulans strains and an isolate of Rhodotorulaglutinis performed better than any of the strains treated alone (Leibinger et al., 1997). Antibiosis competitive exclusion, host-induced resistance, the creation of hydrolytic enzymes, and the suppression of B. cinerea and P. expansum are some of the mechanisms identified to support biological management of postharvest illnesses.reportedly involves the manufacture of the antibiotic pyrrolnitrin by Burkholderiacepacia (Janisiewicze et al., 1991). Iturin peptides, an antifungal chemical generated by Bacillus subtilis, have a broad range of antifungal activity. This chemical was found to be the antagonistic bacterium's main route of action in inducing the brown rot of stone fruits caused by Moniliniafructicola (McKeenet al., 1986). Using carbon or nitrogen sources, competing for nutrients, and physically excluding pathogens are all thought to be potential mechanisms by which yeasts could manage postharvest illnesses of fruits (Roberts, 1990). According to Droby and Chalutz (1994), the application of yeasts to wounds on several fruits increased the synthesis of the chemical ethylene. It was suggested that because ethylene is known to play a part in the process of inducing resistance, inducing host resistance may contribute to the suppression of sickness brought on by yeast application.

Determining the viability of using bio-control agents in the fields before to harvest as a means of controlling postharvest diseases has attracted growing interest. The fact that postharvest viruses can infect fruit in the field before it is harvested or as a result of a wound caused during handling and harvesting but before the fruit is moved into dump tanks where bio-control chemicals have been sprayed is what sparked this interest. Based on the few research that have been done, biological management of fruit postharvest diseases in a preharvest context does seem to be an option. Bulls eye rot symptoms in storage were greatly lessened by applying Trichoderma harzianum to apples in the field. In order to control postharvest disease, Leibinger et al. (1997) administered antagonists to Golden Delicious apples in the field. The administration of a combination combining the antagonists Aurobasidium pullans and Rhodotorulaglutinis was just as successful as using chemical fungicides to treat these illnesses. According to these findings, the use of specific biocontrol agents that are a typical component of the native microflora of fruits may be helpful in preventing infections both in the field and later on during fruit storage.

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