



Assessment of O-9897 Seedling Growth and Dry Weight Parameters Under Greenhouse and Field Conditions as Influenced by Seed Source and Seedling Age

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Abstract: A series of experiments were conducted to evaluate the plant establishment of white jute seeds collected from five different sources of Bangladesh. The establishment experiments were conducted at greenhouse of BJRI, Dhaka and field of Jute Agriculture Experimental Station (JAES), Manikganj during March to June 2018. The treatments consisted of five different seed sources viz., i) Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI), ii) Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC), iii), iv) Farmers of two different locations and v) Local market. Farmer's source was divided into two sub-sources. The sub sources were farmer1 of Faridpur and farmer2 of Rangpur locations. Two different conditions were i) Greenhouse and ii) Field. The four seedlings age were 30, 40, 50, and 60 days. The cv. O-9897 of the *Corchorus olitorius* L. was used as study material. Randomized completely block design with three replication were followed. Results revealed that O-9897 seed's seedling growth and dry weight parameters affected significantly due to seed sources. The shoot height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights for O-9897 seed's influenced significantly due to seed sources in both the condition of greenhouse and field. BJRI and BADC seed sources showed better performance than the others. The attributes showed significant variations for seedling ages in both the conditions also. The highest values were observed in 60 days of seedling age. The interactions of seed sources and seedling ages were highly significant for all the growth and dry weight parameters. The BJRI seeds of 60 days of seedling age performed the highest shoot height, base diameter, and root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights.

Keywords: *Corchorus olitorius* L., Shoot and Root Length, Base Diameter, Shoot Dry Weight, Root Dry Weight

1. Introduction

Jute is one of the mainstays of Bangladesh economy. It plays an important role earning about 5-6% foreign exchange through exporting jute and jute goods. It covers about 2.86% of total cropped area. In Bangladesh, annually covering about 0.761 millions ha of land with the production of 1.62 million tons of fibre. The farmers require about 5500 tons of seed to cultivate the said area [1, 2]. Bangladesh produces world's best quality jute. The agriculture climate of Bangladesh is very much suitable for quality fibre production. As a result supply of quality jute seed will ensure the fibre quality as well as quantity to a great extent. The government of

Bangladesh has given more thrust to promote the jute seed industry by strengthening public sectors dealing with jute seed and also by sensitizing private sectors to reduce the dependence on imported jute seed. The activities of private sectors regarding jute seed are limited on seed import only [3].

Bangladesh requires about 5,000 metric tons of jute seeds of which only 12-15% is produced and distributed by Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation [4]. The rest of seeds is solely produced and utilized by the farmers'. The quality of farmers' seed is not maintained during production, processing and storage. In many cases, farmers' collect their seeds from their friends or neighbors and thus,

there is no specific system to control the quality of seeds. Hence, it is conceived that the quality of seeds produced by majority of the farmers' is of low standard. Also, there is very little information regarding the level of farmers' knowledge on the production of jute seed and method of quality testing before sowing. Farmers' sometimes get good germination and good crop, but in most cases they get poor germination and a poor crop, and occasionally seeds do not germinate which results in total crop failure [5-7].

The quality status of jute seed at farm level is very poor and farmers' are normally ignorant of seed quality and quality evaluating tests. Farmers' are not aware of the germination percentage, vigor value, pathogens associated with seeds and percentage of moisture in their seeds. Although, there are many researches on the quality of the seed, no effort has yet been made to evaluate the quality of seed at farm level despite 75% of the total requirements of the jute seed are solely produced and distributed by the farmers'. If it is possible to address and appreciate the seed growers about their seed problems and help understand them to assess quality of jute seeds, they could establish it as a profitable enterprise [8, 9]. Seeds from BJRI and BADC of both the jute varieties showed better quality in terms of vigor and pathogen incidence compared to seeds from farmers' and local markets [10].

Jute seed quality does not vary only from farmer to farmer, but also from source-to-source. Information relating to viability, vigour and emergence of jute seed are very scanty under Bangladesh condition. Moreover, the category and extent of jute seed quality through seedling emergence and establishment of different sources are yet to be elucidated. The present study was, therefore, undertaken to evaluate the performances of seedling growth of white jute and their interactions as influenced by seed sources and seedling age.

2. Materials and Methods

The experiments were conducted at the Crop Management Laboratory, Agronomy division of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI). The emergence experiment was conducted at Crop Management Laboratory, Agronomy Division of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI), Dhaka as Greenhouse and at field of Jute Agriculture Experimental Station, Manikgonj of BJRI during March to June 2017. The treatments consisted of five seed sources viz., i. BJRI, ii. Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC), iii., iv) farmers of two locations and v. local market. The farmers seed source was divided into two sub-sources. The sub sources were farmer1 of Faridpur and farmer2 of Rangpur locations. The seed sample variety O-9897 of *Corchorus olitorius* L. was used as study material. Primary seed samples of 250g each from all sources and from 20 farmers of each location were collected randomly. All the primary seed samples were mixed thoroughly to make a composite sample of each location. From the composite samples 500g seeds were taken and was regarded as submitted sample. The submitted seed samples were kept in

brown paper bags. All the seed samples collected from the different seed sources were labeled properly and preserved in Gene Bank of BJRI at 20°C till the samples were used for studies. Working seed samples were taken from the preserved seed samples as per requirement. Total procedure was maintained following the rules [10]. Local market seed samples were collected and processed as that of farmers source of two locations. After collection of seed samples following tests were conducted.

The soil of field opened with power tiller in the month of Mid February, then the land was prepared with the country spade. The Laboratory greenhouse soil was prepared and managed as per recommendation of BJRI. The land was made free from weeds and plant debris by hand collection. During final plot preparation NPK fertilizers were applied in the form of urea, triple super phosphate and muriate of potash. The rates of fertilizers used were 200-50-60-11kg of NPKS ha⁻¹, respectively. Half quantity of N and the whole quantity of P, K and S were applied as basal dose. The other half quantity of N was top dressed in two equal splits at 15 DAS.

Seeds used for the experiments had minimum of 80% germination. Seeds were sown on 23 March and 25 March in greenhouse and in the field, respectively. For each unit plot 500 seeds of each sample sources were sown in broadcast method and later covered with soil. In establishment test, 30, 40, 50 and 60-day-old seedlings were randomly collected from the greenhouse laboratory and as well as from field. The data of seedling shoot length, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weight of the seedlings were collected. Treatment mean differences were adjudged by DMRT following level of significance (0.05 and 0.01%) [12].

3. Results and Discussion

Results revealed that at greenhouse, seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights differed significantly due to seed sources for the variety O-9897 at greenhouse condition (Table 1). The highest seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights (100.50cm, 10.53mm and 12.88cm, 9.88g and 2.94g, respectively) were recorded in BJRI seeds, which were statistically similar to BADC seeds except root length. The lowest seedling height, base diameter and root length were recorded in farmers seed of Faridpur (Table 1). The farmers seed of Faridpur and Rangpur; and market seed had statistically equal seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights, the variation was found in seedling height (Table 1).

Irrespective of seed sources seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights of O-9897 varied significantly due to different seedling age at field (Table 1). Except root dry weight all others showed statistical similarity in BJRI and BADC seeds. Seedling shoot dry weight and root dry weight were highest in BJRI seeds followed by BADC. The lowest Seedling shoot dry weight of farmers seed of Rangpur, and root dry weight of farmers seed

of Faridpur; and stem dry weight in farmers seed of Faridpur and root dry weight in market seed were recorded. In terms of seed stem dry weight BADC seed showed statistical similarity with farmers and local market seeds (Table 1). Under field condition significant variations were found in shoot and root dry weight among the seed sources of O-9897 (Table 1). Statistical similarity observed in BJRI and BADC seeds in terms of seedling shoot and root dry weight. The shoot dry weight and root dry weights were highest in BJRI seeds followed by BADC. The lowest shoot and root dry weight were observed in farmers seed of Faridpur. Local market seeds had the third highest shoot and root dry weights among the seed sources. The seedling shoot dry weight of market seed had similarity with BJRI and BADC seeds (Table 1). Development of a normal seedling from the seed is an essential requirement in the maintenance of seed viability. A normal seedling essentially should have a well-developed root system, some intact hypocotyls, two cotyledonary leaves and plumule with developing green leaves Islam, [6], Dempsey, [13].



Figure 1. Examining flowering stage on different experimental plots.



Figure 2. Examining fruiting stage on different experimental plots.

Table 1. Effect of seed sources on seedling growth characters of O-9897 under green house and field condition.

Seed sources	At greenhouse				
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry weight(g)	Root dry weight(g)
BJRI	100.50 a	10.53 a	12.88 a	9.88 a	2.94 a
BADC	98.42 a	10.18 a	12.45 b	9.77 a	2.87 a
Farmer1	88.33 c	9.08 c	10.74 d	8.87 cd	2.61 c
Farmer2	90.42bc	9.10 bc	10.88 cd	8.94 c	2.66bc
Local market	93.42 b	9.36 b	11.09 c	9.39 b	2.72 b

Table 1. Continued.

Seed sources	At field				
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry weight(g)	Root dry weight(g)
BJRI	82.92 a	10.29 a	12.10 a	9.47 a	2.65 a
BADC	81.17 a	9.76 b	11.61 b	9.05 a	2.52 a
Farmer1	71.83 bc	8.22 d	10.40 c	8.51 b	2.20 c
Farmer2	71.92 c	8.15 d	9.91 d	8.40 bc	2.22 bc
Local market	74.33 b	8.65 c	10.40 cd	9.02 a	2.39 b

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Irrespective of seed sources the seedling age showed significant differences in respect of seedling height, base diameter, root length, seedling shoot and root dry weights at field of the variety O-9897 at greenhouse condition (Table 2). The highest seedling heights base diameter and root length were 155.47cm, 15.58mm, 16.24cm, 23.61g and 7.60g, respectively. The lowest were observed at 30 DAS. The seedling height, base diameter and root length increased with the increase of seedling age. Significant differences were observed under seedling age regarding seedling height, base diameter and root length of CVL-1 due to seed sources (Table 2). The highest seedling height, base diameter, root lengths, shoot dry weight and root dry weights were observed at 60 days of seedling age. The lowest seedling height, base diameter and root length were 44.73cm, 4.93mm, 7.02cm, 1.02g and 0.32g, respectively, were observed at 30 days of seedling age at greenhouse. A chronological increase was

found in seedling height, base diameter and root length with the increase of seedling age from 30 to 60 days at an interval of 10 days (Table 2).



Figure 3. Experimental seed plots demonstration to foreigner.

The highest seedling height, base diameter, root length,

seedling shoot and root dry weight, were found at 60 days after sowing (DAS) at field. The highest seedling height, base diameter and root length were found in BJRI seeds, which were similar to BADC seeds except base diameter. The farmer's seed of Faridpur had the lowest values for these parameters, which were similar to farmer's seed of Rangpur especially for seedling height at field condition (Table 2). Local market seeds showed a little bit higher performance than farmers seeds. Local market seeds produced similar seedling height as that of farmers' seed of Rangpur (Table 2). Irrespective of seed sources seedling age differed significantly regarding seedling shoot dry weight and root dry weight in O-9897 (Table 2). Gradual increases were found in shoot and root dry weight with the increase of

seedling age. In terms of shoot and root dry weight the variations among the seedling age were very high. The highest seedling shoot dry weights were found at 60 days and root dry weights were recorded in both the years at 60 DAS also. The lowest shoot dry weight and root dry weights were found at 30 DAS (Table 2). Seedling age significantly affected the shoot and root dry weights in O-9897 under field condition irrespective of seed sources. Gradual increases were found in seedling shoot and root dry weight with the increase of seedling age. Very high variations among the duration were recorded in shoot and root dry weight at field condition also. The highest SDW of 18.47 Highest shoot and root dry weights were observed at 60 DAS, while it was the lowest at 30 DAS (Table 2).

Table 2. Effect of seedling characters of O-9897 under greenhouse and field condition.

Seedling age (Days)	At greenhouse				
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry weight(g)	Root dry weight(g)
30	44.73 d	4.93 d	7.02 d	1.02 d	0.32 d
40	75.47 c	7.85 c	10.61 c	3.60 c	1.04 c
50	101.20 b	10.24 b	12.57 b	9.25 b	2.08 b
60	155.47 a	15.58 a	16.24 a	23.61 a	7.60 a

Table 2. Continued.

Seedling age (Days)	At field				
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry weight(g)	Root dry weight(g)
30	37.47 d	4.74 d	6.72 d	1.00 d	0.29 d
40	67.53 c	7.76 c	9.77 c	3.05 c	1.19 c
50	85.60 b	9.55 b	11.99 b	8.72 b	2.08 b
60	115.13 a	14.00 a	15.05 a	22.78 a	6.02 a

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The interaction between seed sources and seedling age affected the seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weights and root dry weights significantly for O-9897 at greenhouse (Table 3). The highest seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights were recorded (170.00cm, 16.70mm, 17.30cm, 24.40g and 8.04g, respectively) in BJRI seeds at 60 days seedling age. The lowest seedling height and base diameter (42.32cm and 4.07mm, respectively) were observed in farmers' seed of Faridpur with 30 days seedling age. At 30 days seedling age, was statistically identical to farmers' seed of Faridpur and market seed (Table 3). BADC seeds showed statistically identical results to BJRI. The seedling shoot and root dry weights were the lowest in farmers seed of Faridpur and in local market seed and in farmers seed of Rangpur at 30 DAS. Farmers' seed of both Faridpur and Rangpur; and market seeds showed statistical similarity as regard to seedling age (Table 3).

Seedling height, base diameter, root length, seedling shoot and root dry weights of O-9897 under field condition were significantly affected by the interaction between seed sources and seedling age. The highest seedling height, base diameter, root length, seedling shoot and root dry weights were observed in BJRI seeds at 60 days of seedling age followed by BADC seeds. In farmers seed of Faridpur the lowest values for these parameters were found at 30 DAS. Seedling height, base diameter and root length observed under greenhouse condition were higher than those at the field (Table 3). BADC seeds had statistical similarity with BJRI seed. The seedling shoot and root dry weights were lowest at 30 DAS in farmers seed of Faridpur. Similar root dry weight was observed in farmers' seed of Rangpur. Farmers' seed of both the locations and market seed's had shoot and root dry weights statistically indifferent (Table 3). Results are in agreement with Islam [6] and Islam [10].

Table 3. Interaction effect of seed sources and seedling age on seedling growth characters of O-9897 under green house and field.

Seed sources and seedling age(days)	At greenhouse					
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry wt(g)	Root dry wt(g)	
BJRI	30	48.00d	6.27d	8.50d	1.06d	0.34d
	40	79.67c	8.26bc	11.83bc	4.02c	1.12c
	50	104.33b	10.90b	13.87b	10.04b	2.24b
	60	170.00a	16.70a	17.30a	24.40a	8.04a

Seed sources and seedling age(days)	At greenhouse					
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry wt(g)	Root dry wt(g)	
BADC	30	46.33d	5.93d	8.23d	1.04d	0.33d
	40	77.00c	8.03c	11.27c	3.90c	1.08c
	50	102.00b	10.67b	13.40b	10.04b	2.14b
	60	168.33a	16.07a	16.90a	24.10a	7.95a
Farmer1	30	42.32d	4.07d	6.17d	0.98d	0.29d
	40	72.65c	7.53c	9.80c	3.22c	0.98c
	50	96.65b	9.83b	11.67b	8.27b	1.95b
	60	141.67a	14.90a	15.33a	23.02a	7.20a
Farmer2	30	43.00d	4.23d	5.90d	1.01d	0.31d
	40	73.33c	7.65c	9.97c	3.36c	0.98c
	50	98.66b	9.83b	11.90b	8.47b	2.04b
	60	146.67a	14.67a	15.77a	22.91a	7.31a
Local market	30	44.00d	4.17d	6.30d	1.03d	0.31d
	40	74.64c	7.73c	10.17c	3.48c	1.02c
	50	104.32c	9.97b	12.00b	9.41b	2.04b
	60	150.66a	15.57a	15.90a	23.63a	7.52a
	50	104.32c	9.97b	12.00b	9.41b	2.04b
	60	150.66a	15.57a	15.90a	23.63a	7.52a

Table 3. Continued.

Seed sources and seedling age(days)	At field					
	Seedling height(cm)	Base diameter(mm)	Root length(cm)	Shoot dry wt(g)	Root dry wt(g)	
BJRI	30	40.67d	5.87d	7.83d	1.08d	0.32d
	40	70.67c	8.53bc	10.87bc	3.14c	1.30c
	50	90.33b	10.96b	12.85b	9.50b	2.16b
	60	130.00a	15.80a	16.83a	24.14a	6.81a
BADC	30	38.67d	5.48d	7.53d	1.04d	0.30d
	40	69.00c	8.07bc	10.37bc	3.08c	1.29c
	50	87.33b	10.37b	12.33b	9.01b	2.11b
	60	129.66a	15.13a	16.20a	23.08a	6.38a
Farmer1	30	35.63d	3.90d	6.17d	0.96d	0.28d
	40	66.32c	7.40c	9.53c	2.99c	1.10c
	50	80.31b	8.87b	11.60b	8.08b	2.02b
	60	105.00a	12.70a	14.30a	22.00a	5.40a
Farmer2	30	34.33d	4.10d	5.67d	0.92d	0.26d
	40	65.33c	7.27c	8.73c	2.97c	1.08c
	50	84.65b	8.87b	11.52b	8.20b	2.04b
	60	103.33a	12.37a	13.73a	21.51a	5.49a
Local market	30	38.00d	4.35d	6.40d	0.98d	0.32d
	40	66.30c	7.53c	9.37c	2.56c	0.78c
	50	85.29b	8.70b	11.65b	6.13b	1.93b
	60	107.64a	14.00a	14.17a	16.17a	6.94a
	50	85.29b	8.70b	11.65b	6.13b	1.93b
	60	107.64a	14.00a	14.17a	16.17a	6.94a

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4. Conclusion

Seedling growth of O-9897 seed's varied significantly due to seed sources and seedling age. The seedling height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights for seedling establishment of O-9897 seed's varied significantly due to seed sources in both the condition of green house and field. The interaction of seed sources and seedling ages were highly significant and the BJRI seeds of 60 days age showed the highest plant height, base diameter, root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights. Seeds from BJRI and BADC of the O-9897 varieties showed better performances in terms of seedling growth and dry weight

compared to seeds from farmers' and local markets.

5. Recommendation

BJRI and BADC seed sources performed better. BJRI seeds of 60 days seedling age produced the highest shoot/stem height, base diameter, and root length, shoot dry weight and root dry weights.

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All the authors contributed equally.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest exists.

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Biography



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