



## Behaviour of Oriza Stiva Under Variable UV Radiations

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Solar UV radiation at the earth's surface grows as the ozone layer depletes, affecting economically vital plants. The effects of UV radiation on germination, growth, chlorophyll content, and fresh and dry weight of Oriza Stiva were investigated in this study. Oriza Stiva seeds were placed in plates and subjected to UV light for 30, 60, and 120 minutes each day. UV radiation lowered the percentage of seeds that germinated. Increased UV exposure significantly slowed seedling root and shoot growth. In comparison to the control, UV irradiation had a beneficial effect on chlorophyll contents, increasing total chlorophyll content. According to the findings, UV radiation reduced radicle and plumule lengths while increasing chlorophyll content in Oriza Stiva.

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## Introduction

Plants rely on solar energy for their growth and development. A small variation in light wavelength can greatly impact plant physiology and biochemistry [1][2]. Light waves with wavelengths of 400-700 nm have a stronger impact on plant responses, causing changes in the magnitude relationship of UV light to influence biomass allocation [3][4][5]. The presence of the ozone layer at around 10-30 km above the earth's surface protects humans from damaging UV rays all across the world[6][2]. The depleted stratospheric layer and global weather change are two of the most serious risks. UV light with a 280-320 nm wavelength can reach the earth's surface if the ozone layer is depleted. As the ozone layer around the globe thins, the harmful effects of UV light rise, and their strength is amplified by a variety of topographic conditions[7]. In 1881, Hartley first observed the negative effects of UV light [8][9], [10].

UV light has a greater impact at high altitudes than in low-lying places, and it affects practically all plant activities beginning with germination. The ozone layer's depletion increased the penetration of solar UV radiation to the earth's surface. UV radiation that reaches the earth's surface can impact plant growth. The plumule and radicle length of freshly emerging plants are similarly affected by daily UV shocks [11]. UV light of high intensity is harmful to all creatures, including microorganisms [12]–[14]. Paul (2001) investigated species and discovered that UV exposure can produce physiological, morphological, and chemical changes as well as molecular changes. UV radiation reduces the formation of chlorophyll, soluble proteins, and Rubisco in C3 plants [15][16]. UV light inhibits development, destroys photosynthetic pigments, lowers carbon intake, and affects various other functional and hormonal systems as a stressor [17], [18][19]. Plants experience intraspecific differences in biochemicals, wet or dry mass, and other factors due to UV radiation [20][21]. Most plant species are sensitive to UV light, whereas only a few are unaffected [22][23]. UV radiation has a negative impact on physiological and metabolic systems. UV-treated seeds are disrupted by protein formation, gas exchange, water transport, and hormonal and enzymatic activity[24]–[26]. UV therapy is directly or indirectly detrimental to plants [27], [28]. It has been found that UV therapy reduces photosystem II activity in photosynthesis. UV radiation causes the stomatal opening and shutting to be disrupted, inhibiting gaseous exchange and lowering transpiration rates [29]–[31].

UV light causes changes in cell division, hormone abnormalities, and nucleic acid damage [32][33]. UV light produces curled leaves and a reduction in plant size, leaf size, and biomass[34][35]. *Oriza Stiva* members are utilized as potherbs and are essential for their chemical components, flavonoids, and mineral elements. UV radiation reduced the quantity of chlorophyll, anthocyanin, and proline in vegetable plants, according to Mahdavian[36][37].

The goal of this study was to see how UV radiation influences seed germination. Specifically, in plants that are acclimating to cool habitats and are thought to be vulnerable to high temperatures and in plants that have been exposed to UV light. Seeds of various *Oriza Stiva* species were utilized to screen for UV sensitivity in this investigation.

## Materials and Procedures

Because of the importance of these plants as pot herbs, seeds of *Oryza Sativa* were utilized in the experiment. These species' seeds were harvested in good health. Clean seeds of *Oryza Sativa* were sterilized for two minutes with 0.5 percent sodium hypochlorite, then rinsed and steeped for two hours in distilled water. The soaking 20 seeds were placed in Petri plates with two discs of Whatman no.1 filter paper. Seeds were divided into 9 groups for treatment, each with three replicates. One group was for control, two groups for 25 minutes, two groups for 55 minutes, and two groups for 120 minutes. The six groups were exposed to UV radiation for 25, 55, and 120 minutes every day.

There were six treatments, each with three replicates. Petri plates were kept at room temperature for the germination investigation. Daily observations on germination were kept

track of. To maintain the Petri plates moist, little volumes of distilled water were introduced on a regular basis. Germination was tracked on a daily basis for up to 20 days. The pigments of chlorophyll were determined on the 14th day. The seedlings' radicle and plumule lengths and their fresh and dry weights were measured at the end of the experiment. On the 16th day of the experiment, the plumule and radical lengths were measured [38].

The fresh weight of each plate was determined on the 16th day of seed germination, and the plants were subsequently dried in the oven for 48 hours. The dry weight was determined the next day.

Two-hour soaking seeds were exposed to UV light for 0 (control), and chlorophyll in the leaf was measured using a chlorophyll meter on the 12th day.

## Results

UV light at high intensities causes a variety of changes, both outwardly and inside, and chemical disruption [39]. With more UV radiation exposure, the overall germination rate was dramatically lowered compared to the control group. The irradiation rate of ultraviolet radiation is reduced and it increases the germination percentage. This investigation revealed that UV irradiation had a significant impact on seed germination and chlorophyll content in the plants studied. UV radiation treated rice for 25, 55, and 120 minutes, respectively.

These findings were consistent with the existing literature. Seeds exposed to UV light during germination and seedling appearance have a greater impact than seeds exposed to UV light at later stages [40].

### Lengths of radicle and plumule

*Oryza sativa* showed a similar reduction in shoot length when compared to the control group. Seeds and seedlings in their early phases of development are extremely sensitive to environmental factors, particularly UV light [41], [42]. The plant growth stage and environmental conditions influence UV-irradiated seeds germination and chlorophyll concentration [43], [44]. Previous research has revealed that not only germination percentage, but also shoot length, is influenced in particular plants [45]. Phenols are induced to accumulate in plants during exposure to UV radiation as a stress signal [46], [47] and protect plants from stressors [48]–[51].

The effects of UV radiation on germination and growth are determined by the fresh and dry weight. The fresh weight was determined on the 16th day after germination. Compared to the Control, both the Fresh and Dry weights were reduced. The fresh and dry weight in control replicates is higher than in UV-treated replicates. Flavonoids, found in seed coats, protect seeds [52]. The current study found that shoot and root length were affected in all treatments after being exposed to UV radiation. UV radiation had an effect on the root and shoot lengths of sprouting seedlings in this investigation. Exposure to UV light suppressed root and shoot growth, according to the author [52]. Similarly, the fresh and dry weight of the seedling, which indicates seedling growth, decreases. According to Mladin UV light damages photosystem II, resulting in reduced or even no photosynthesis and low biomass. Plants are affected by UV light, although their defense mechanisms try to mitigate this by activating their antioxidant system [53]. UV light increases antioxidant enzyme activity. UV light also increases the activity of antioxidant enzymes [54].

The fresh and dry weight determines UV light's impact on germination and growth. The fresh. Control duplicates in both species have higher fresh and dry weights than UV-treated replicates. Seed coverings include flavonoids, which preserve seeds. In the current study, the shoot and root length of emerging seedlings. According to research UV radiation inhibited root and shoot growth, and the seedling's fresh and dry weight, which reflects seedling growth, also drops. UV light affects photosystem II, leading in reduce or no photosynthesis and low biomass, according to Mladin et al. (2014). UV light affects plants, although their defense mechanisms try to counteract this by activating their antioxidant

system. UV radiation boosts the activity of antioxidant enzymes. According to Kondo and Kawashima, UV radiation also boosts the activity of antioxidant enzymes (2000).

## Conclusions

Seeds exposed to UV radiation had a significantly lower germination percentage and a slower germination rate. The radicle and plumule lengths were altered by UV exposure. In all UV exposures, shoot length was reduced compared to the control, but root length remained unchanged. UV exposure also caused seedlings to curl and twist. UV radiation lowered the fresh and dry weight of the plant; in comparison to the control, UV exposure reduced the fresh and dry weight substantially. UV radiation can also enhance the number of chlorophyll pigments in the plant compared to controls. Plant development, seedling, and germination were slowed by UV radiation, although chlorophyll content rose.

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