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CAUSAL AGENT OF STALK AND FRUIT
ROT OF ROSELLE

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ABSTRACT

Sclerotium rolfsii has been attacking stalk and fruits of Roselle plant causing rots which is an unrecorded disease in Sri Lanka. It has been found that the growth of the colony and the production of sclerotia of S. rolfsii was more on calyces and leaves than on seeds and stalk. On PDA, Rice meal agar (Parboiled) and Rice meal agar (raw) the growth of colony was fast but on RMA (parboiled) media the production of sclerotia was nil.

Morut and Captan controlled the growth of S. rolfsii better than Antracol. The highest concentration 200 ppm of Morut completely checked the growth of the colony till 48 hours and Captan checked the growth till 24 hours. Antracol controlled the growth till 24 hours but next 2 days the growth was faster than Morut and Captan. Dalsene showed no control on the growth of the sclerotia.

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