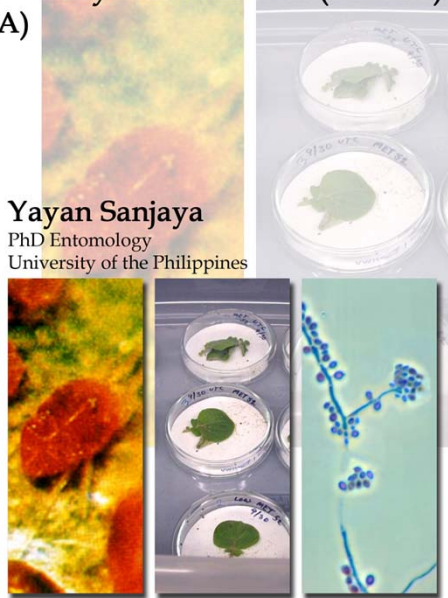


INFECTIVITY OF ENTOMOPATHOGENIC FUNGI
AGAINST THE SPIDER MITE, *Tetranychus kanzawai* (Kishida)
(TETRANYCHIDAE: ACARINA)

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Spider mite (Tetranychidae) is widely distributed as well in the Philippines and Indonesia. [T. kanzawai](#) is one important throughout East and South Asia and is a polyphagous mite.

In the Philippine it commonly infests cassava and papaya plants. The mites attack and severely damage the older leaves of [papaya](#) and sometimes, its seedlings.

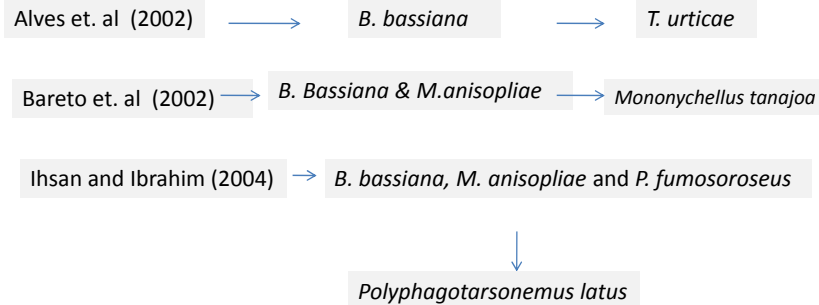
Application of [entomopathogenic fungi](#) is an important factor in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) concerning safety of environment. There are some advantages in using these

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Some researches were also carried out using entomopathogenic fungi to mite for bioassay and examine morphologically and [genetically](#)



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Specifically, this study

- Screened the entomopathogenic fungi *M. anisopliae*, *B. bassiana* and *P. lilicanus* to *T. kanzawai*;
- Investigated the transmission process through surface contamination and through infected *T. kanzawai*;
- Investigated the efficacy of selected entomopathogenic fungi against *T. kanzawai* in the green house; and
- Characterized the most virulent entomopathogenic fungi against *T. kanzawai* using morphological and molecular techniques

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Time and Place of Study



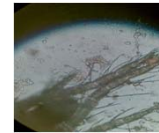
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Maintenance of Host Plants



Male



Female

Test Fungi

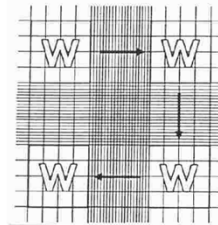


Fourteen isolates of Entomopathogenic Fungi

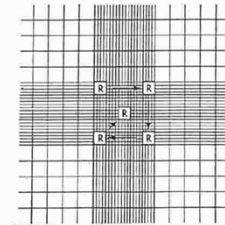


Maintenance Fungi

Study 1. Screening of the Entomopathogenic Fungi against *T. kanzawai*

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Cell concentration per milliliter =
Total cell count in 4 squares x
2500 x dilution factor



Cell concentration per milliliter =
Total cell count in 5 squares x
50,000 x dilution factor

Bioassay Tests for Virulence Laboratory Screening

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Preliminary phase.

10 adult female mite with 3 replication

spray →



Five series dilution
 $10^4 - 10^8$
conidia/mL



Final phase.

10 adult female mite with 3 replication

→

Eight series dilution
 $10^1 - 10^7$
conidia/mL

→



Koch's Postulates

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Reinoculation & reisolation

Observe fungi on
microscope

Spray the *T. kanzawai*

Death mite

Dead mite

Isolate

Compare with initial
isolate



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10^8
conidia/mL



Spray



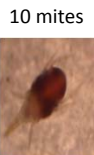
10 adult
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Horizontal Transmission



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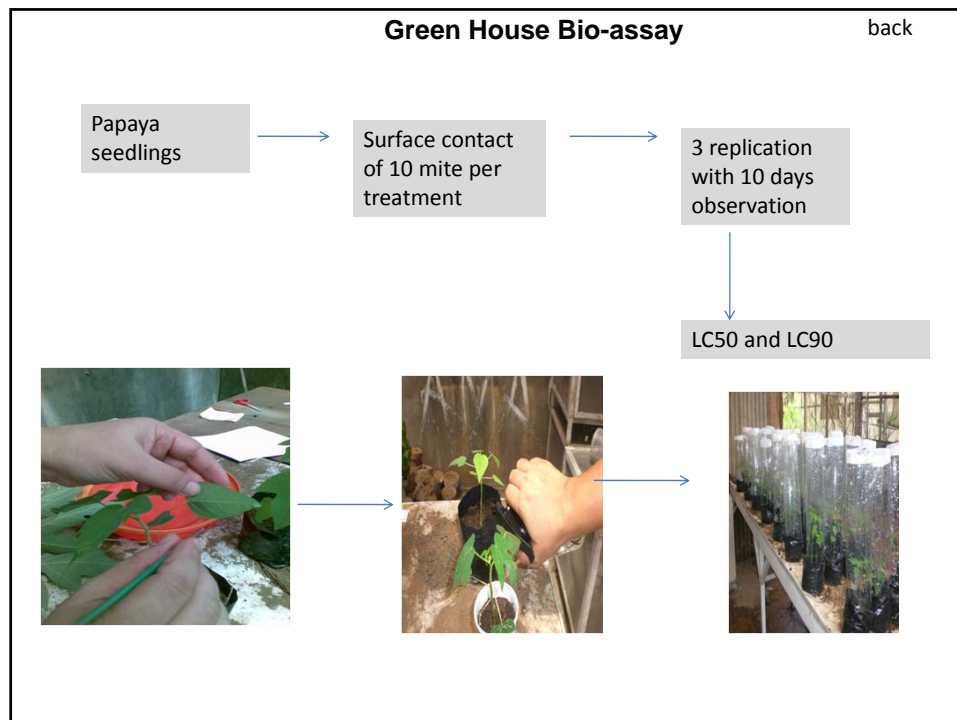
10^8
conidia/mL



10 mites

cadaver





Study 2. Characterization of the Selected Entomopathogenic Fungi

Scanning electro microscope (sem) → Send to biotech

Morphological characterization of fungi.

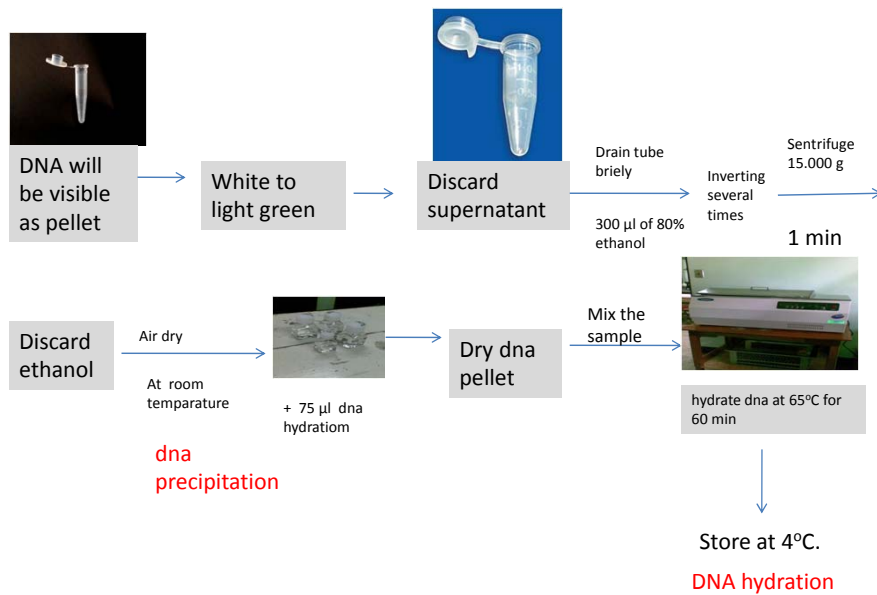
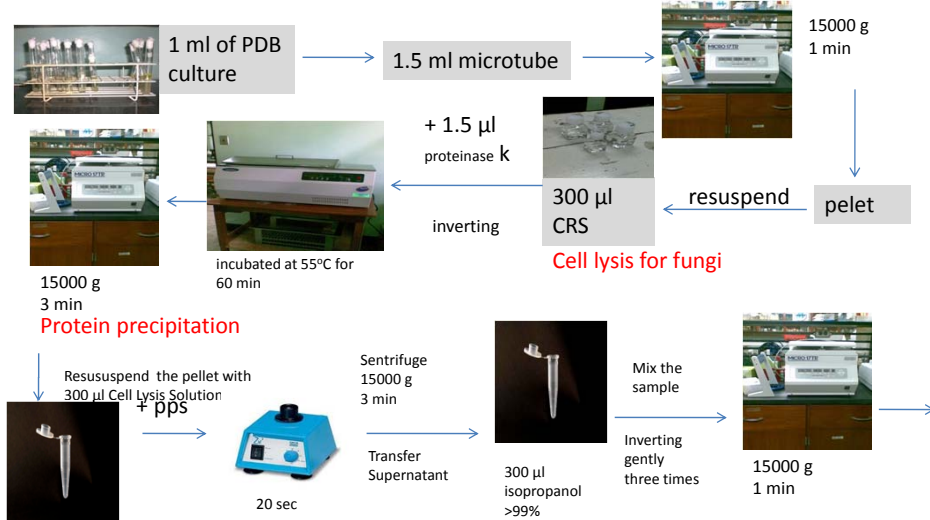
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The observations covered color, mycelia structure, colony shape, growth rate, number of sporulation

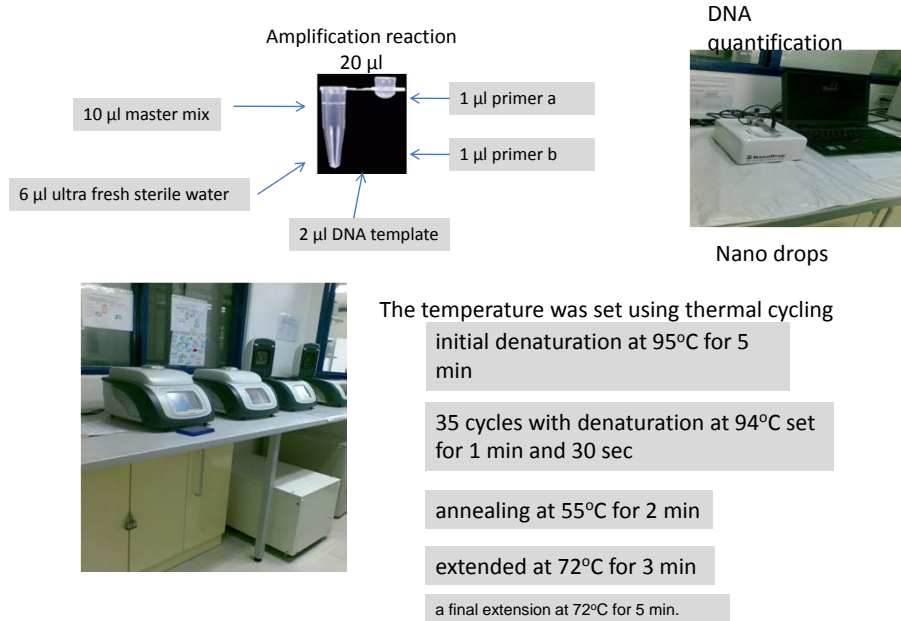


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Electrophoresis



electrophoresis in 1.2% agarose gel mixed with cyber safe

DNA 10 μ l and 2 μ l loading dye

450 mV, then at 400 mA for 45 min.



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Study 1. [Selection of the Most Pathogenic Isolates](#)Mean of mortality of *T. kanzawai* on 5th day after treatment with 14 isolates of entomopathogenic fungi

FUNGAL ISOLATES	Concentration						Mean
	0	1.0 x 10 ⁴	1.0 x 10 ⁵	1.0 x 10 ⁶	1.0 x 10 ⁷	1.0 x 10 ⁸	
Ma1	0.00	18.00	20.50	24.33	26.00	28.00	19.47 ^{cde}
Ma2	0.50	18.17	20.67	24.00	26.67	28.50	19.75 ^{cd}
Ma3	0.33	15.83	19.00	23.33	26.17	28.17	18.81 ^e
Ma4	0.67	19.83	22.33	26.17	28.50	29.17	21.11 ^b
Ma5	0.67	21.00	24.67	27.33	28.67	29.50	21.97 ^a
Ma6	0.50	20.67	23.00	26.50	28.00	29.33	21.33 ^{ab}
Ma7	0.20	15.17	17.33	22.00	24.67	27.00	17.73 ^f
Bb1	0.33	14.67	17.17	17.17	22.00	25.50	16.14 ^f
Bb2	0.33	15.00	17.83	20.67	24.17	26.33	17.39 ^f
Bb3	0.45	17.72	20.39	23.31	26.00	27.81	19.28 ^f
Bb4	0.50	16.83	19.17	24.00	27.33	28.67	19.42 ^e
Bb5	0.17	17.83	19.83	23.67	27.00	28.50	19.50 ^c
Bb6	0.33	17.50	19.17	23.17	27.00	28.83	19.33 ^{de}
PI	0.50	14.33	16.67	20.17	24.67	27.00	17.22 ^f
	0.39A	17.33 B	19.84 C	23.27 D	26.20 E	28.02 F	

Means with the same letter are not significantly at Duncan 0.05

Refined LC₅₀ Values for the 7 Selected Isolates

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Table . LC₅₀ values (conidia/ml) of 7 entomopathogenic fungi at 5 days after application on *T. kanzawai* adult females

SPECIES	LC ₅₀	FIDUCIAL LIMITS	SLOPE
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 4	1441.13	664.70 – 2905.71	.338+- .028
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 5	722.00	312.27 – 1502.98	.332+- .028
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 6	496.46	225.39 – 97.29	.363+- .028
<i>P. lilacinus</i>	17775.56	9241.89 – 34819.90	.358+- .028
<i>B. bassiana</i> 4	2348.58	1110.42 – 5046.76	.318 +- .027
<i>B. bassiana</i> 5	1959.63	902.69 – 3988.75	.330+- .028
<i>B. bassiana</i> 6	1161.92	590.23 – 2153.39	.392+- .029

Table . LC₉₈ values (conidia/ml) of 7 entomopathogenic fungi at 5 days after application on *T. kanzawai* adult females

SPECIES	LC ₉₈	FIDUCIAL LIMIT
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 4	9.7 X 10 ⁸	1.6 X 10 ⁸ to 1.1 X 10 ⁹
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 5	6.0 X 10 ⁸	1.0 X 10 ⁸ to 7.1 X 10 ⁹
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 6	1.3 X 10 ⁸	3.0 X 10 ⁷ to 9.4 X 10 ⁸
<i>P. lilacinus</i>	55 X 10 ⁸	8.8 X 10 ⁷ to 12.2 X 10 ¹⁰
<i>B. bassiana</i> 4	3.8 X 10 ⁸	5.0 X 10 ⁸ to 6.0 X 10 ¹⁰
<i>B. bassiana</i> 5	1.9 X 10 ⁸	2.9 X 10 ⁸ to 25.4 X 10 ⁹
<i>B. bassiana</i> 6	1.2 X 10 ⁸	3.0 X 10 ⁷ to 7.4 X 10 ⁸

Refined LC₅₀ Values for the 7 Selected Isolates

Table 4. Mean of mortality of *T. kanzawai* on 5th day after treatment with 7 isolates of entomopathogenic fungi

FUNGI ISOLATE	CONCENTRATION								Mean
	0	1.0 X10 ¹	1.0 x 10 ²	1.0 x 10 ³	1.0 x 10 ⁴	1.0 x 10 ⁵	1.0 x 10 ⁶	1.0 x 10 ⁷	
Ma4	0.33	8.00	10.83	14.17	16.67	20.33	25.67	28.17	15.52c
Ma5	0.50	9.67	11.50	15.50	18.00	20.50	25.67	29.33	16.33b
Ma6	0.67	9.00	12.67	16.17	18.50	22.50	27.17	29.50	17.02a
Bb4	0.33	7.83	10.00	13.67	15.67	19.17	24.00	27.83	14.81d
Bb5	0.50	8.00	10.33	14.00	16.00	18.83	25.00	28.33	15.13d
Bb6	0.50	6.83	11.33	14.50	17.33	21.83	26.33	29.67	16.04b
PI	0.83	3.33	7.00	9.67	14.67	17.00	21.33	26.00	12.48e
Mean	0.52A	7.52B	10.52C	13.95D	16.69E	20.02F	25.02G	28.40H	

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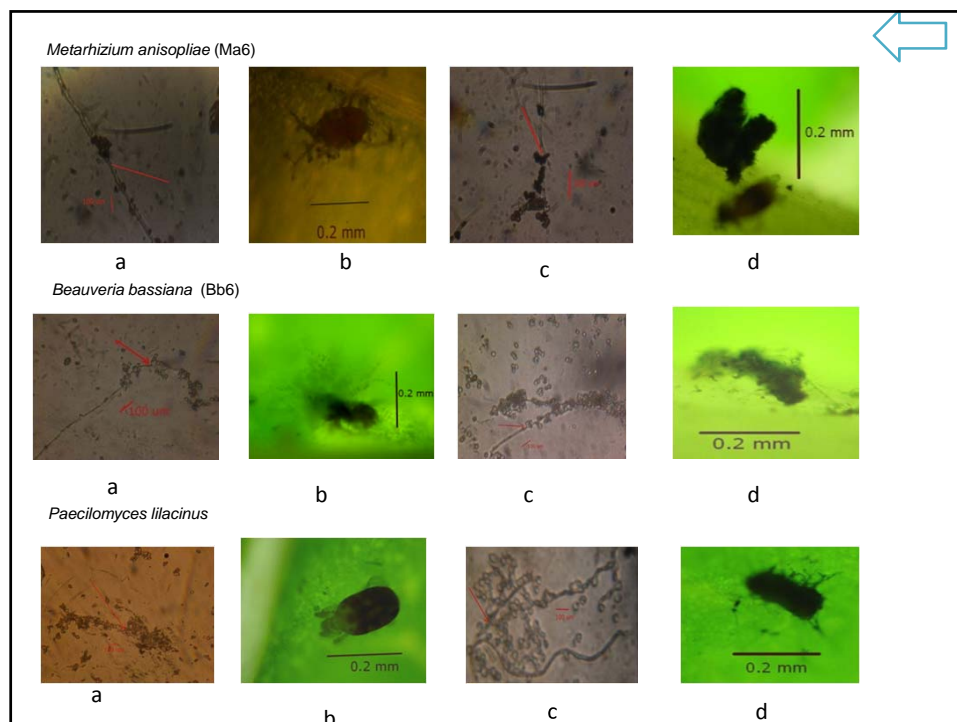
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*Conidiophores of three *Metarhizium* isolates aggregated in dense tuft with repeated, more or less, verticillate branching on Ma4 and Ma6, with Ma5 having the most tufts.

*Mycelia grew on Bb4, Bb5 and Bb6. Conidia hyaline had a barely yellowish color, smooth, globose to broadly ellipsoidal, sometimes with an apiculate base.

**P. lilacinus* showed a cottony-textured colony on PDA. Spores which were pinkish in color could be seen covering the whole body of the cadaver.



Transmission of Fungal Infection between Mites

Horizontal Transmission

Table . LT_{50} value (days) of 7 entomopathogenic fungi to *T. kanzawai* female adults through contact through diseased mites under laboratory condition

NO.	NAME	CODE	LT_{50} (CADAVER)	FIDUCIAL LIMIT 50 %	SLOPE
1.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma4	3.02	2.737 to 3.324	3.641+-355
2.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma5	2.88	2.596 to 3.140	3.811+-362
3.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma6	2.91	2.631 to 3.199	3.654+-354
4.	<i>P. lilacinus</i>	Pl	4.15	3.754 to 4.653	3.399+-385
5.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb4	3.42	3.128 to 3.723	4.125+-405
6.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb5	3.32	3.044 to 3.618	4.197+-406
7.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb6	3.21	2.921 to 3.518	3.817+-374

The LT_{50} values for *T. kanzawai* mites as shown in Table 6, ranged from 2.88 to 4.150 days. The LT_{50} values were lower for Ma isolates than Bb isolates and the highest LT_{50} value was for *P. lilacinus*.

Transmission through a Contaminated Surface

Table 8. LT_{50} value (days) of 7 entomopathogenic fungi to *T. kanzawai* female adults through contact with contaminated surface under laboratory condition

NAME	CODE	LT50 (SURFACE)	FIDUCIAL LIMIT	SLOPE
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 4	Ma4	2.87	2.613 to 3.136	4.065+- .374
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 5	Ma5	2.55	2.286 to 2.807	3.613+- .339
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 6	Ma6	2.22	1.977 to 2.462	3.591+- .335
<i>P. lilacinus</i>	Pl	4.21	3.847 to 4.645	3.941+- .435
<i>B. bassiana</i> 4	Bb4	3.42	3.127 to 3.731	4.050+- .400
<i>B. bassiana</i> 5	Bb5	3.25	2.965 to 3.553	3.952+- .382
<i>B. bassiana</i> 6	Bb6	2.98	2.717 to 3.240	4.228+- .374

Three fungal species were found to have potentials within the value range of 2.223 - 4.206. The highest LT_{50} value was found in *P. lilacinus* (4.206) which was statistically different to others. The lowest LT_{50} value was found in *M. anisopliae* 6 (2.223) while others were not significantly different.

Efficacy of Selected Entomopathogenic Fungi in the Greenhouse

Table 9. LT_{50} values (days) of spray suspension of 7 entomopathogenic fungi to *Tetranychus kanzawai* through papaya seedlings (60 days) under green house conditions

NAME	LT50	FIDUCIAL LIMIT	SLOPE
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 4	3.97	3.674 to 4.258	3.423 +- .0.229
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 5	3.63	3.341 to 3.917	3.275 +- .0.219
<i>M. anisopliae</i> 6	3.54	3.260 to 3.805	3.495 +- .0.229
<i>P. lilacinus</i>	6.14	5.783 to 6.528	3.979+- .0.292
<i>B. bassiana</i> 4	4.93	4.552 to 5.331	3.863+- .0.260
<i>B. bassiana</i> 5	4.53	4.261 to 4.806	4.265+- .0.280
<i>B. bassiana</i> 6	4.18	3.858 to 4.492	3.729+- .0.492

Table 10. LT_{90} values (days) of spray suspension of 7 entomopathogenic fungi to *Tetranychus kanzawai* through papaya seedlings (60 days) under green house conditions

NO.	NAME	CODE	LT90	FIDUCIAL LIMIT
1.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma4	9.38	8.470 to 10.627
2.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma5	8.95	8.068 to 10.150
3.	<i>M. anisopliae</i>	Ma6	8.23	7.485 to 10.150
4.	<i>P. lilacinus</i>	Pl	12.89	11.508 to 14.918
5.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb4	10.60	9.381 to 12.444
6.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb5	9.05	8.330 to 10.018
7.	<i>B. bassiana</i>	Bb6	9.22	8.300 to 10.507

Table 9 and 10. LT_{90} values (days) of spray suspension of 7 entomopathogenic fungi to *Tetranychus kanzawai* through papaya seedlings (60 days) under green house conditions. Green house experiment results indicate that pathogenic fungi have great potential for control of *T. kanzawai*. The LC_{90} of *T. kanzawai* infected with all isolates ranged from 8.23 to 12.89 among experimental units. These data show that the LC_{90} was more or less the same prior to the trial except on *P. lilacinus*. The lowest LC_{50} (12.89) was observed at the plots treated with *P. lilacinus* while the highest was found on Ma6 (8.23).

Mean of mortality of *T. kanzawai* on 5th day after treatment with 7 isolates of entomopathogenic fungi

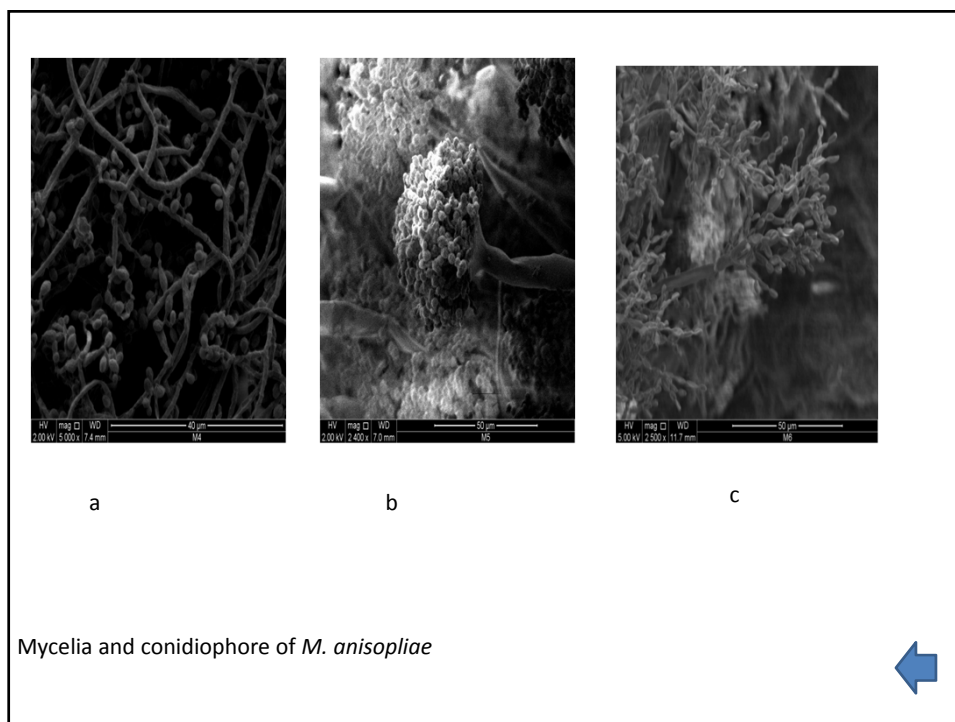
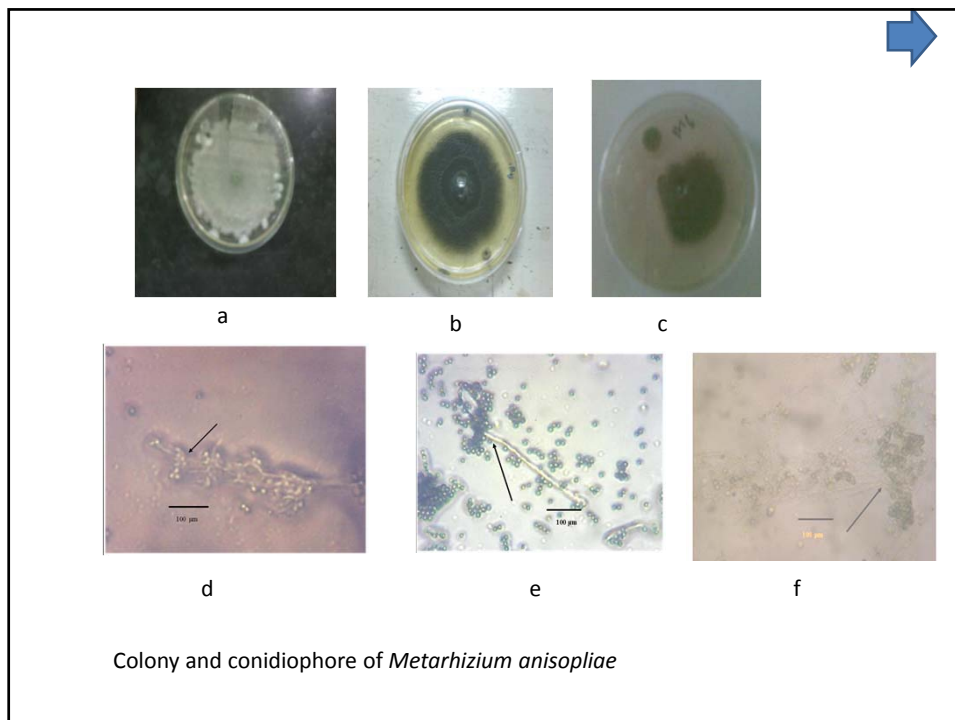
FUNGI ISOLATE	CONCENTRATION				MEAN
	0.00	1x 10 ⁻⁶	1 X 10 ⁻⁷	1 X 10 ⁻⁸	
Ma4	0.00	6.33	7.89	9.00	5.81b
Ma5	0.00	7.11	8.56	9.22	6.22a
Ma6	0.00	7.67	9.11	9.89	6.67a
B4	0.00	5.89	7.22	8.11	5.31c
B5	0.00	6.56	8.00	8.78	5.83b
B6	0.00	7.33	8.44	9.56	6.33a
Pl	0.00	5.33	7.00	7.67	5.00d
MEAN	0.00 A	6.60 B	8.03 C	8.89 D	

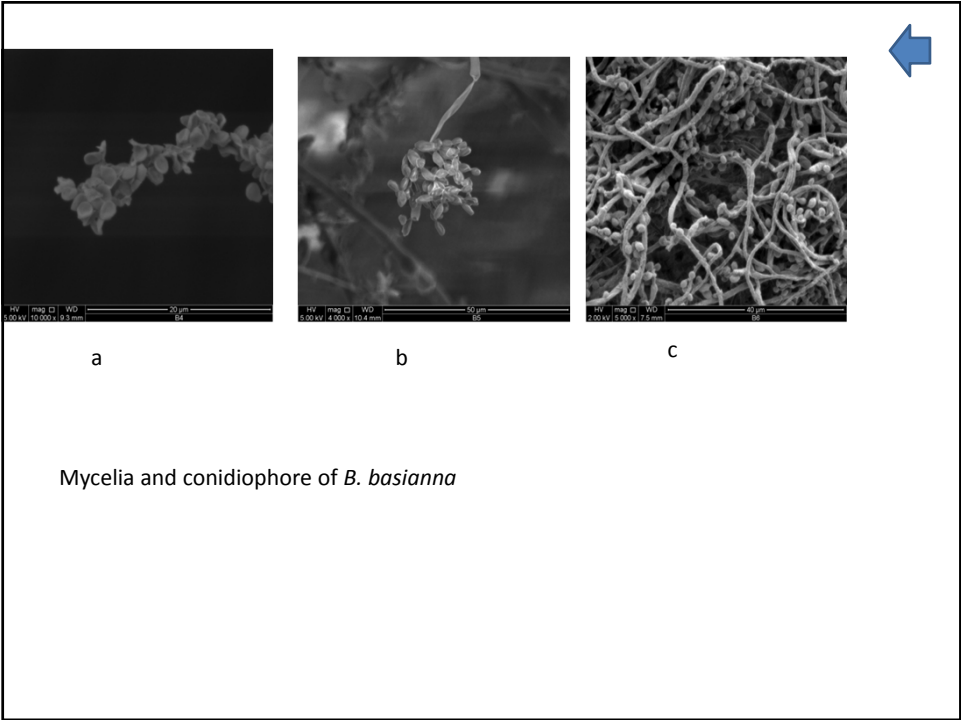
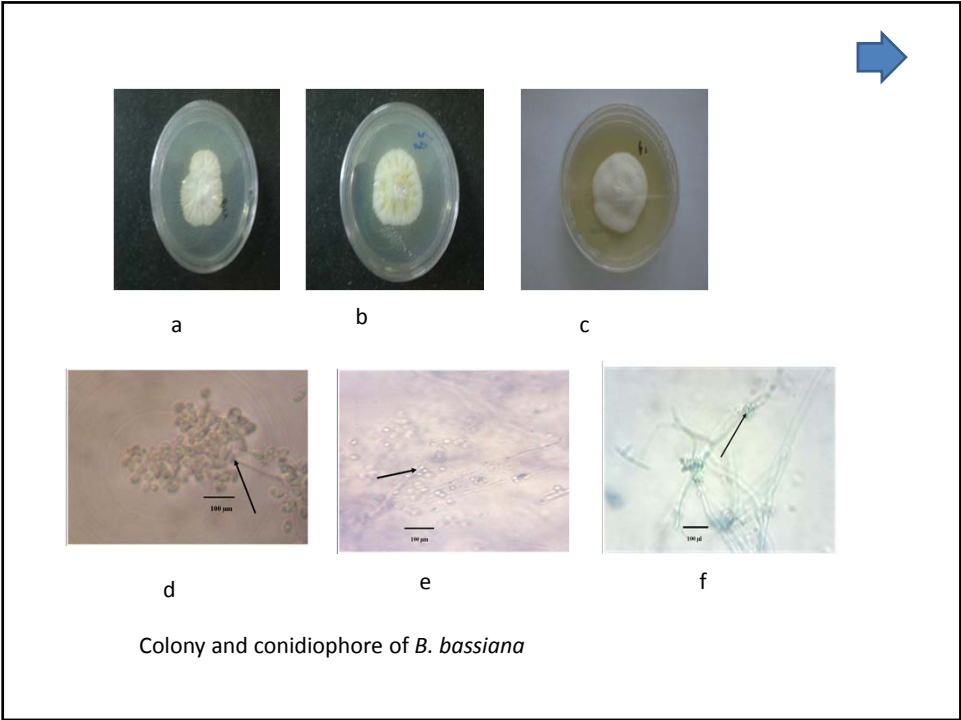
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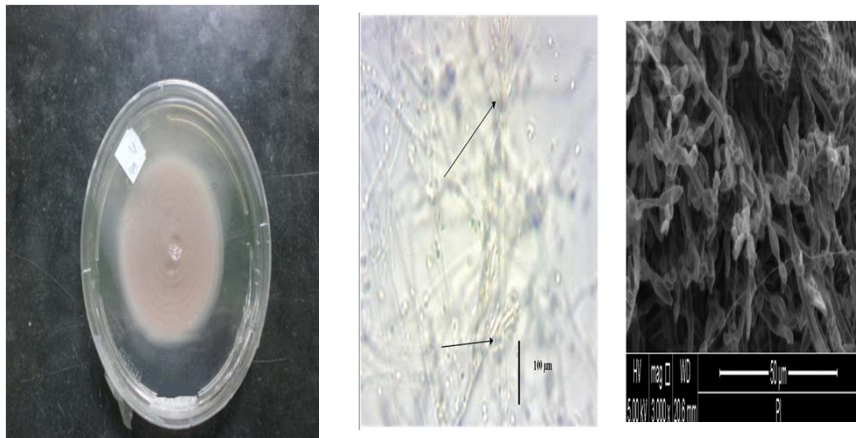
Study 2. Characterization of *M. anisopliae*, *B. Bassiana* and *P. lilacinus*

Table . Cultural characteristic of Entomopathogenic fungi

ISOLATE	COLOR		MYCELIA STRUCTURE	COLONY SHAPE MEAN	GROWTH RATE MM	SIZE (MM)	NO. OF DAYS TO SPORULATION	SHAPE OF CONIDIA	SIZE OF CONIDIA (µM)
	Top	Bottom							
Ma4	white micelia with circular ring	Brown with circular ring	Thin adpressed	and Round	0.20	21	3	cylindrical	3 X 1.5
Ma5	Green conidia covering whole colony with white outside rings	Brown with circular ring	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.21	22	3	cylindrical	3.5 x 1.5
Ma6	Yellow dark with circular conidia	brown with circular ring	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.21	22	3	cylindrical	5.5 x 1.5
pl	Pinkish	White	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.19	20	4	ovoid	4 x 1.5
Bb4	White	Brownish white	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.15	16	4	globose	2 x 2.5
Bb5	White	Yellowish White	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.16	17	4	Sub-globose	2 x 3
Bb6	White	White	Thick adpressed	and Round	0.21	22	3	globose	2 x 1.5







Colony and conidiophore of *P. lilacinus*

Infection Process to *M. anisopliae*, *B. bassiana* and *P. lilacinus*

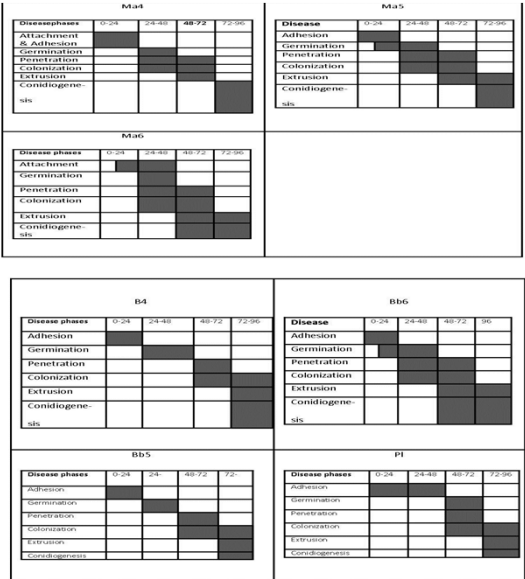
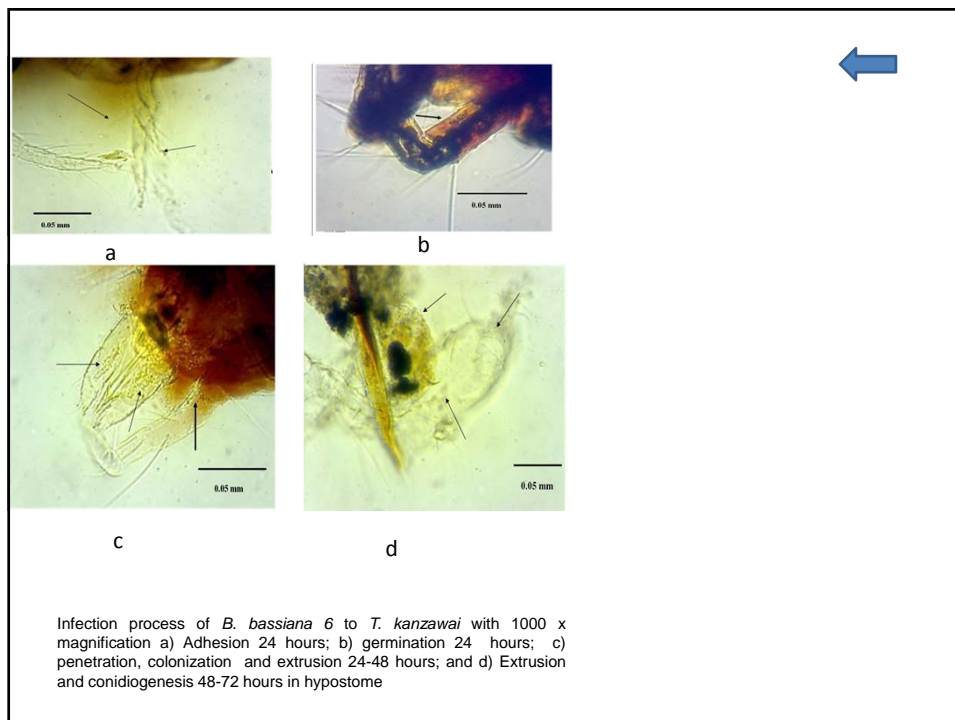
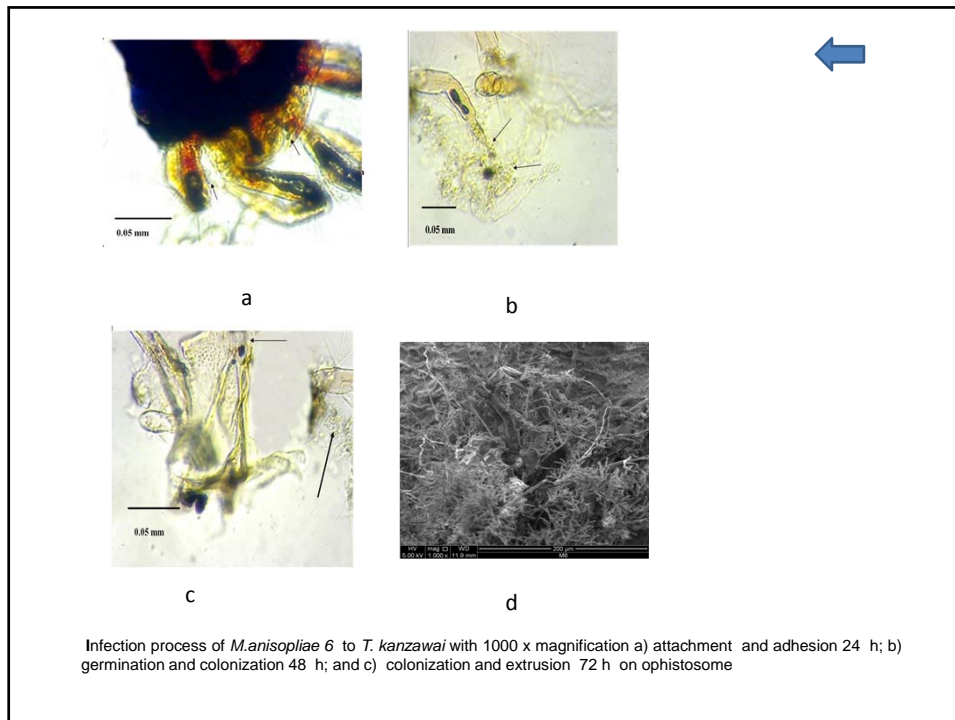
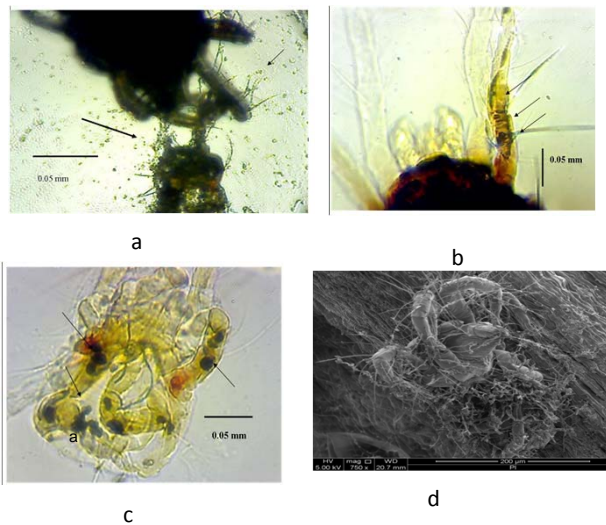
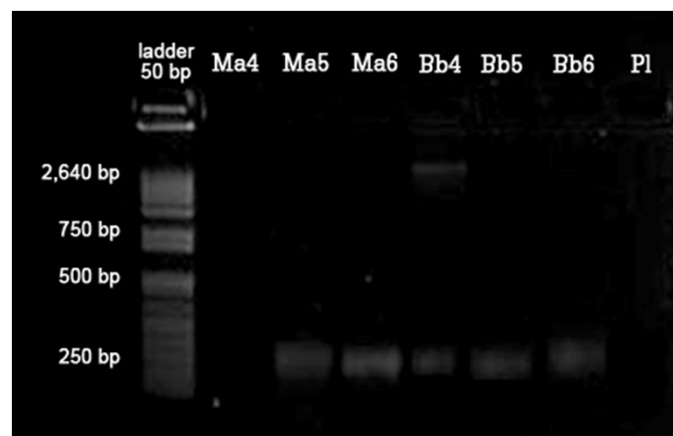


Figure . Duration, in hours, of the different developmental phases of *M. anisopliae* , *B. bassiana* and *P. lilacinus* on the red mite *T. kanzawai*.



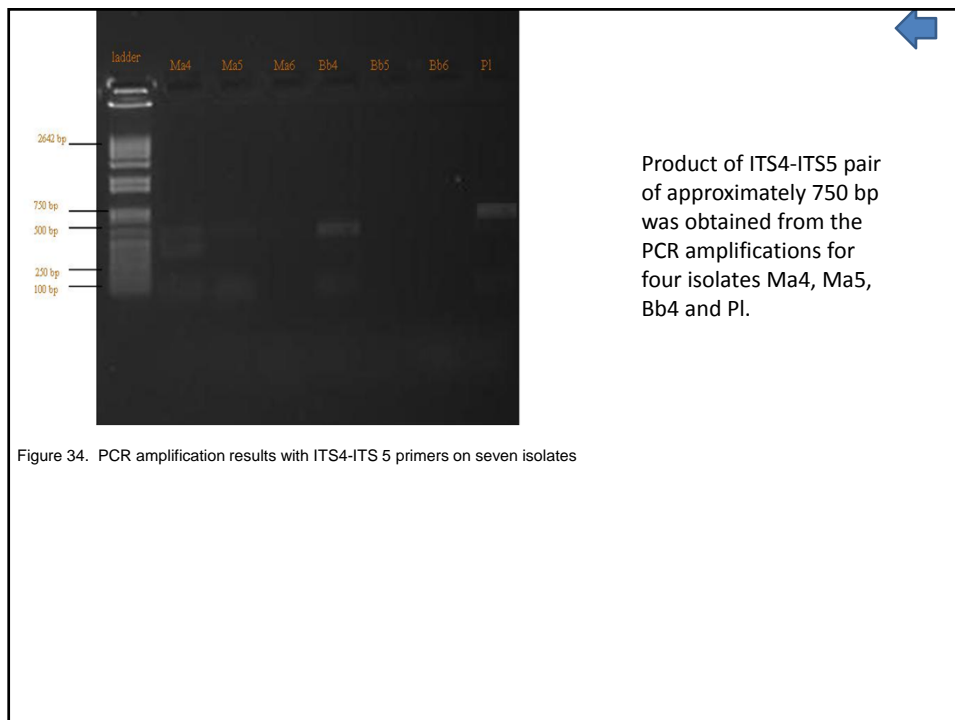
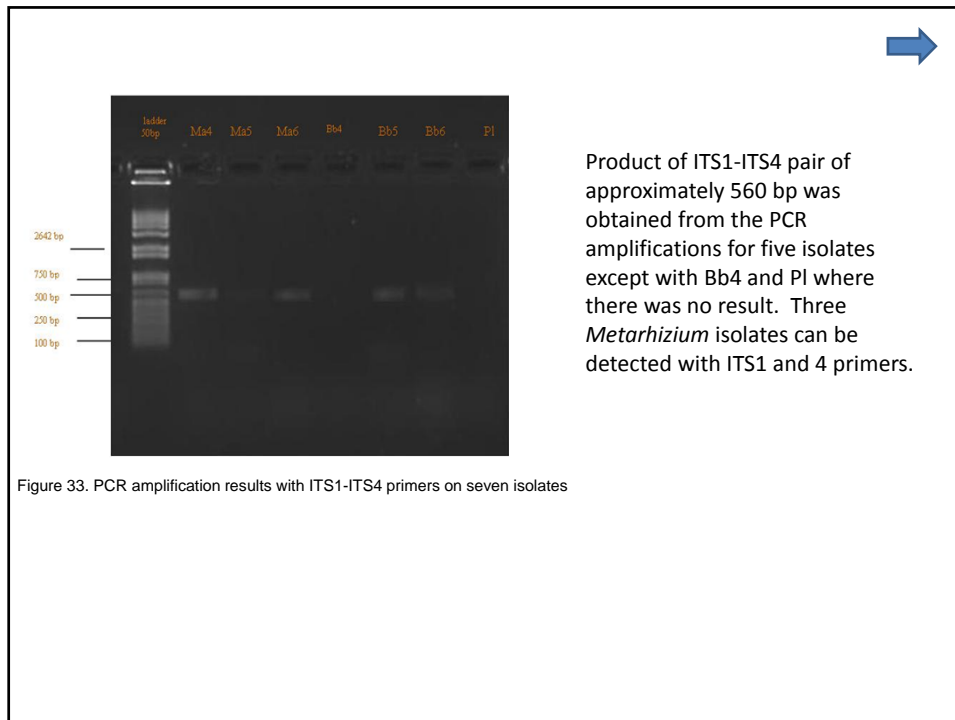


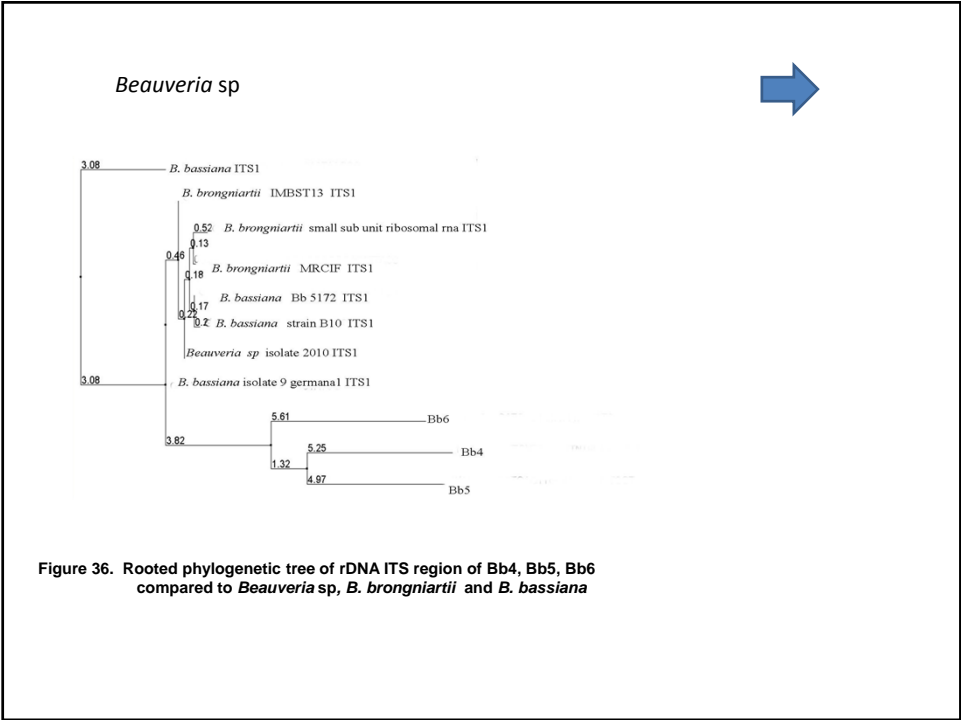
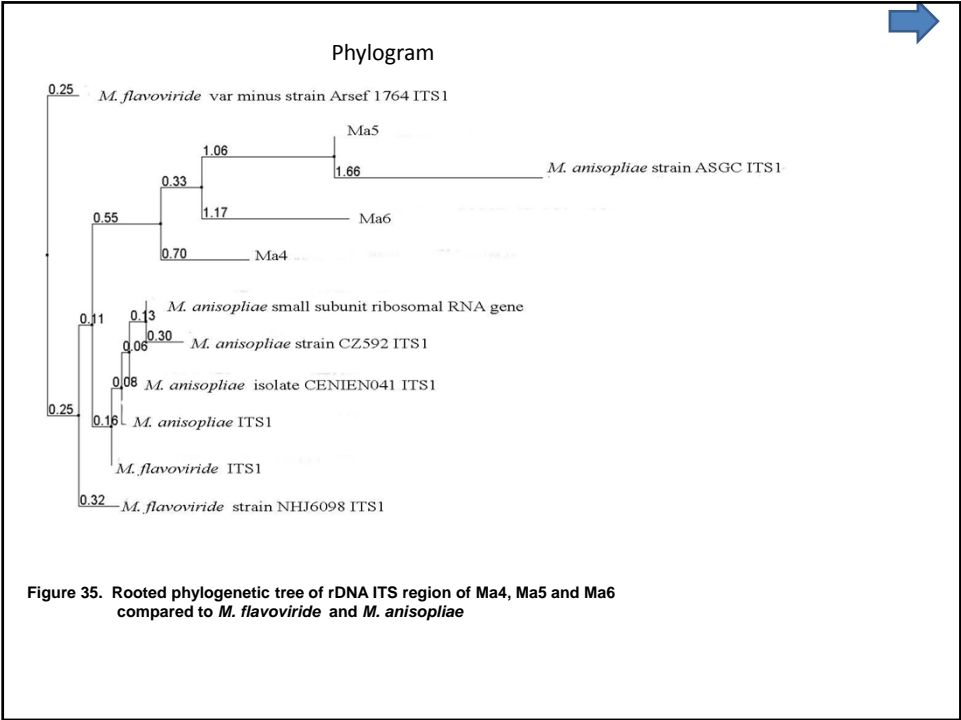
Infection process of *P. lilacinus* to *T. kanzawai* with 1000 x magnification a) attachment and adhesion 24 h; b) germination 48 h; c) colonization 48-72 h on ophiosome; and d) colonization 48-72 h on intersegmental



PCR amplification results with ITS1-ITS2 primers on 7 isolates

Product of ITS1-ITS2 pair of approximately 200 bp was obtained from all the PCR amplifications for five isolates except with Ma4 and PI which had no product result of three *Beauveria* isolates that can be detected with ITS1 and 2 primers.





Paecilomyces sp

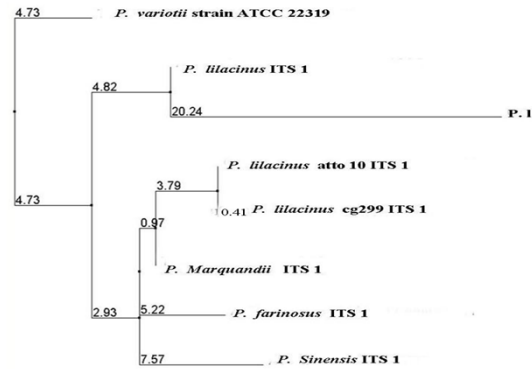


Figure 37. Rooted phylogenetic tree of rDNA ITS region of PI compared to *Paecilomyces* sp, *P. marquandii*, *P. farinosus* and *P. sinensis*, and *P. lilacinus*


SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

➤ The 14 most pathogenic isolates of *M. anisopliae* at 5 DAT in order of decreasing pathogenicity were Ma5>Ma6>Ma3>Ma2>Ma1>Ma3>Ma7. For *B. bassiana*, Bb5>Bb6>Bb4>Bb3>Bb1>Bb2.

➤ The refined LC₅₀ values The most pathogenic isolates remained to be Ma5>Ma6>Ma4 and Bb6>Bb5>Bb4

Reinoculation and reisolation from infected *T. kanzawai* with definite signs of infection were observed among insects treated with seven isolates demonstrating its entomopathogenic capacity


➤ The LT₅₀ values ranged from 2.865 to 4.150 days. The LT₅₀ values were lower for Ma isolates than Bb isolates and the highest LT₅₀ value was for *P. lilacinus*.



➤ Greenhouse experiment results is The LC_{90} of *T. kanzawai* infected with all isolates ranged from 8.23 to 12.82 among experimental units.

➤ Infection process showed attachment, germination and fungal form *M. anisopliae* 5, *M. anisopliae* isolate 6 and *Beauveria bassiana* 6 were the fastest to infect mite

➤ All *M. anisopliae* had cylindrical shapes with different characteristic. *B. bassiana* had a globose with variation of characteristic and *Paecilomyces* is characterized by having flasked phialides or phialides with swollen base structure; the phialides taper into a distinct neck and generate conidia that are dry and hyaline or slightly pigmented.



➤ Further analysis were confirmed molecularly by subjecting to polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification with set of ITS primers (ITS1, ITS2, ITS4, and ITS5) which are commonly used among fungal species. Lengths of amplified fragments of the two isolates were approximately 200bp, 560bp and 750bp, respectively.

➤ Alignment sequence showed that isolate Ma4, Ma5, Ma6 had close similarity with *Metarhizium anisopliae*. The analyses indicated that Bb4, Bb5, Bb6 had close related to *B. bassiana* isolates. A dendrogram showed that *PI* is close similar with *P. lilacinus*

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T. kanzawai



male



Female

