

## Radiosensitivity with rays gamma of $^{60}\text{Co}$ at seeds of Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.) to determine $\text{LD}_{50}$

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**Abstract:** The main objective of this study was to determine radiosensitivity curve in seeds Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.), subjected to 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 Gy, the which they were irradiated at the National Institute for Nuclear Research (ININ). Their radiated seeds were sown in polystyrene trays to determine the percentage of germination, which was used to perform a simple linear regression between germination and the radiation dose and to determine the lethal dose ( $\text{LD}_{50}$ ). The results indicate that the model had a highly significant  $\text{icor}^2=0.99$  \*\* adjustment so germination high dose 50 Gy, only decreased by 28% germination. From this study it can be concluded that in determining the  $\text{LD}_{50}$ , you have to expand the range of radiation may between 500 or 1000 Gy.

**Keywords:** mutation, DNA, improvement, ionizing radiation

### INTRODUCTION

The Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.) is a crop plant belonging to the family of Malvaceae, whose origin is located on the African continent specifically as currently includes Sudan, although Vavilov mentioned the ancestors of this plant at the center Abyssinian [5]. The uses of which has undergone this crop are medicinal as is considered diuretic, feed of livestock and as industrial crop because of their stems a fiber is extracted very resistant to salinity, their seeds of an oil extracted with antimicrobial properties [1]. Regarding the breeding a technique as old as agriculture itself, since man has had the need to enhance the potential and attributes of their crops [2], and to achieve this you have different techniques among which may be mentioned mutation, which is based on accelerating the process of molecular mutation using chemical or physical, such as ionizing radiation emitted by some radio active isotopes such as  $^{60}\text{Co}$  mutagens [3]. So under this trend, the gamma radiation is a type of ionizing radiation as a very short wave length of  $10^{-11}$  m, which would transfer enormous power of penetration, which is used to induce changes at the molecular level in the DNA, causing mutations at the molecular level, which will lead to spontaneous and permanent changes, manifested in the phenotype of the individuals under study [6]. Therefore to start a breeding program using mutation induction radiation is necessary to know the

curve of radiosensitivity of the species under study, as such trials are needed to determine the  $\text{LD}_{50}$  in which 50% of individuals under study die as a result of the radiation, and thus establish the ranges of radiation to be applied to the species in question. The aim of this study was: irradiating seeds of Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.) with  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma irradiation to determine radiosensitivity curve and the  $\text{LD}_{50}$ . The hypothesis was:  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma radiation affect seed germination under different doses Jamaica.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

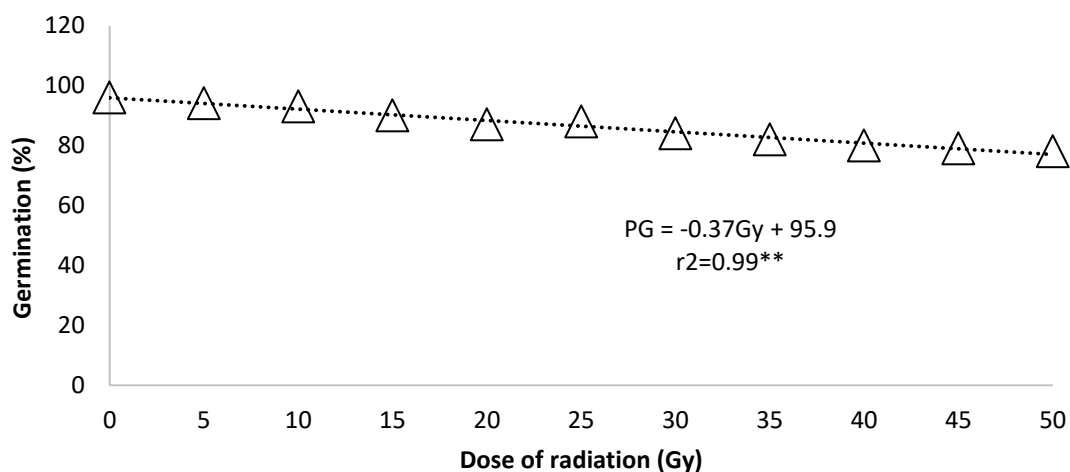
This study was carried out in the facilities of the Technological University of Tehuacan 18°24'51" located north latitude, 97° 20'00" west longitude and and 1409 meters of altitude. The genetic material consists of botanical seed of Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.), which were collected from an accession on the coast of Oaxaca, Mexico Pinotepa Nacional in a location north of 16° 21'; 98° 02' west and 28 meters of altitude. Whose characteristics are: medium sized 0.50 to 1.50 m in height and red caliculus. Seed irradiation was performed at the National Institute for Nuclear Research (ININ) located in La Marquesa Mexico. The radiation source was  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma rays through Transelektro. Radiation doses were 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 Gy. Their radiated seeds were sown in trays of polystyrene white cavities 200 and

using as peatmoss substrate. To determine the percentage of germination the following equation is used  $PG = SG / SS \times 100$  where: PG, is the percentage of germination; SG, seeds germinated; SS, seeds sown. To determine radiosensitivity curve, germination data for each of the applied doses were used, and performing a linear regression by the method of least squares.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In Figure 1, the data of germination of seeds Jamaica under  $^{60}\text{Co}$  irradiation, it can be seen that the radiosensitivity curve was adjusted to a decreasing linear model and proved to be highly significant, according to the model presented by variables germination percentage and radiation were found to be closely correlated negatively, and by increasing the radiation dose germination tends to decrease. Thus the slope -0.37 of the curve indicates that for every gray

$^{60}\text{Co}$  radiation applied to the seeds of Jamaica, germination percentage decreased by 0.37% which is too low to be considered in determining the  $\text{LD}_{50}$ . So under this trend, the maximum radiation dose able to reduce by 28% germination, indicating that in order to determine the  $\text{LD}_{50}$ , germination at high doses should have a germination of 0%, this suggests that it is necessary to Jamaica further trials perhaps increasing radiation dose up to 500 or 1000 Gy as shown by studies of [4], who work with soybean cultivar Cubasoy-23 report that for response decreased seed germination must radiate over a range of 50 to 480 Gy [7]. Mention that dose of 150 Gy retard germination *Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. Lie that the application of gamma rays at doses of 600, 800 and 1000 Gy, are lethal and useful for dosimetry studies on the species in question.



**Fig 1: Curve radiosensitivity seed Jamaica (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.), under  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma radiation. Technological University of Tehuacan. 2015.**

## CONCLUSION

According to the results of their radiation of the material under development of the Faculty of Ecophysiology applied to crops in a ridzones, acknowledge the financial

- The curve of radiosensitivity in Jamaica at the doses tested, at a decreasing linear model was adjusted.
- The maximum radiation dose, only managed to reduce seed germination in Jamaica by 28%.
- The model fit was excellent, which shows that this previous study was well done.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

For a better response from germination to gamma irradiation of  $^{60}\text{Co}$  in seeds of Jamaica, it is recommended to increase the range of irradiation may be even 500 or 1000 Gy for dosimetry studies, and thus it may provide a more complete way radiosensitivity curve and to determine the  $\text{LD}_{50}$ .

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