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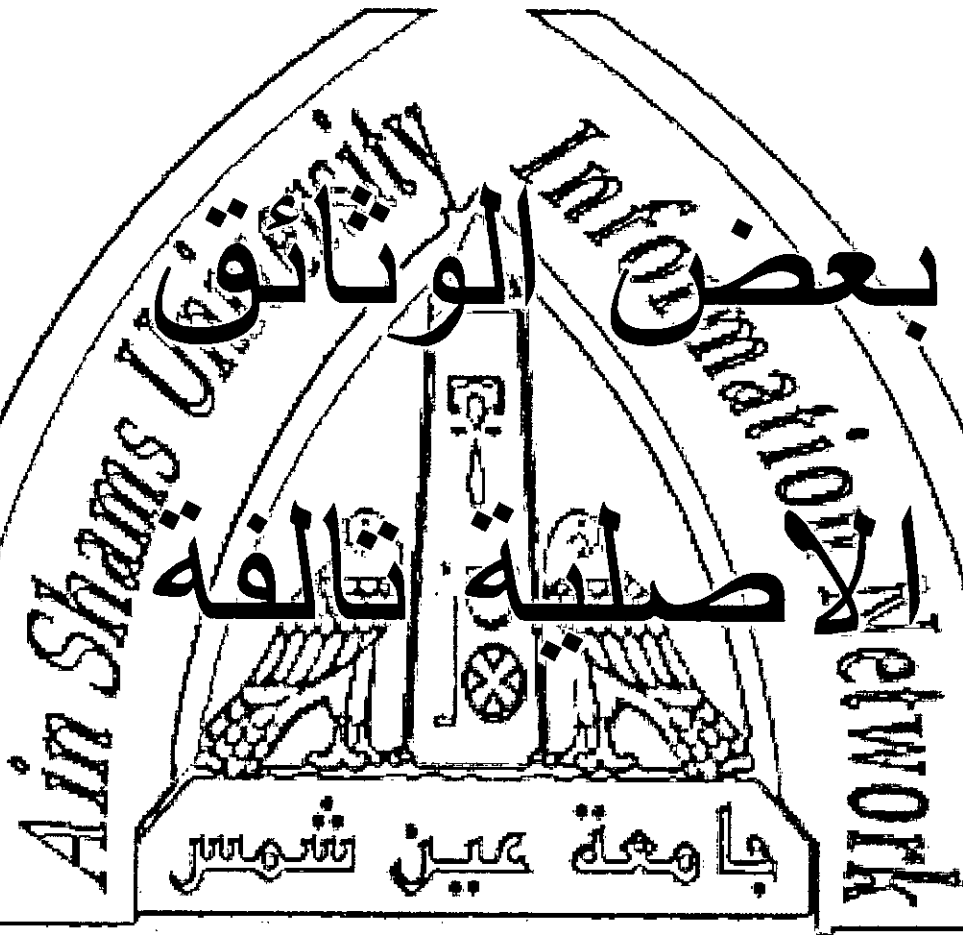
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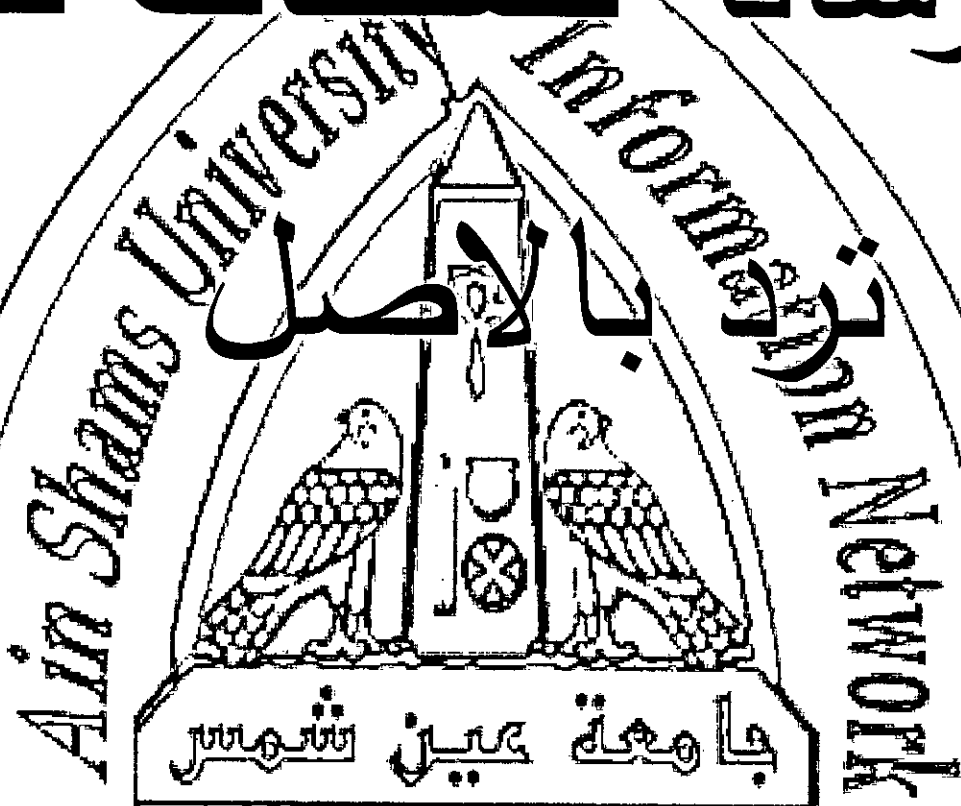
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## ABSTRACT

*Macrophomina phaseolina* was the most isolated and pathogenic fungus, while *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Sclerotium rolfsii* were the less efficacy. *In vitro*, the cold watery extracts of rue, thyme, anise, eucalyptus and marjoram had an antifungal effect against the three mentioned fungi.

Rue and thyme extracts had the highest effect on *F. oxysporum* growth, sporulation and spore germination. Also, rue and thyme extracts had the highest effect on sclerotia formation and germination of both *M. phaseolina* and *S. rolfsii*. Rue and thyme plant extracted with petroleum ether were the most effective in inhibition fungal growth, sporulation, spore germination and sclerotia germination. Vitavax/Thiram was the most effective fungicide in lab. experiments. *In vivo*, rue and thyme extracts were more effective in controlling damping-off when they were used either as seed soaking for 30 minutes or as soil treatment with dry herb at 6 g/kg. soil. Vitavax/Thiram was the most effective as seed dressing. Considerable, promessing and applied data were detected in this study.

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## 1-INTRODUCTION

Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) is one of the major annual oil seed crops in the world. Since 1967, due to its advantages, it has occupied the second rank in the world oil crops. (Sackston, 1978). The cultivated areas increased from 28.666 to 43.000 feddans in 1975 and 1995 respectively, while it was decreased reaching 3103 feddans in 2003 (Agricultural Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt). This crop as well other members of oily crops need more attention in the Egyptian agriculture in order to increase the national income instead of importing oils and loss hard currency.

Sunflower is attacked by several microorganisms which cause a large loss in seed and oil yield quality and quantity. Fungal pathogens *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Macrophomina phaseolina* and *Sclerotium rolfsii* are among the most important fungi attacking sunflowers (Saeed, 1990; Ahmed *et al.*, 1994 and Vicente and Zazzerini, 1997). The use of fungicides for controlling fungal diseases is an expensive operation and may be hazardous to public health. In recent years, due to increase in environmental pollution, the need to find alternative to synthetic chemicals for the control of

fungus diseases has been increasingly felt in agriculture. Biological and genetic engineering techniques are of great importance in this situation (McLaren, 1986). Consequently, there is an increasing interest in evaluating other control mechanisms including the effect of plant metabolites on plant pathogens. Secondary compounds, considered as final products of plant metabolism or metabolite residues, have important ecological functions for the plant which synthesizes them. One of these functions is to protect the plant against infection by pathogens (Whittaker and Fenny, 1971; Swain, 1977 and Wink, 1988). In the last decades, different active constituents were extracted from various parts of plants especially medicinal and aromatic ones which are *in vitro* active against a large number of bacteria, fungi, yeast and viruses (Pandy *et al.*, 1983; Reddy, 1987; Arya, 1988; Ressa *et al.*, 1993; Arab, 1994; Dwivedi, 1994; Arras *et al.*, 1995; Inouye *et al.*, 1998; Ahmed *et al.*, 2000 and El-Shazly, 2000). Such compounds, being valuable selective for controlling some plant diseases. They are alkaloids, essential oils and phenolic compounds (Cepek, 1956; Agarwal and Mathela, 1979; Walters and Eilert, 1981; Bachir *et al.*, 1984 and Singh and Gupta, 1992). Several authors reported that most plant extracts have antifungal properties depend upon the

plant organ used, fungal species tested, solvent used for extraction and compound dose and structure (Moor and Atkins, 1977 and Ismail *et al.*,1989).

The present work aimed to investigate the efficiency of natural products of five Egyptian medicinal and aromatic plants such as aqueous and solvent extracts in inhibiting and controlling the chosen fungal pathogens and their diseases under laboratory and greenhouse conditions, respectively. Also, values of these products in controlling these pathogens in comparison with a fungicide were evaluated.

## 2-REVIEW OF LITERATURE

### Soilborne diseases affecting sunflower; occurrence, symptoms and the causal pathogens:

Many pathogens were isolated from rotted roots of sunflower by many scientists.

**Simmonds (1956)** isolated *Sclerotium rolfsii* and *Macrophomina phaseolina* from crown and stem rots of sunflower. **Sackston (1957 & 1958)** reported that sunflower plants were attacked by *Sclerotium bataticola* (*M. phaseoli*) and it caused stunting, blackish stem, undeveloped roots, dark externally and gray to greenish-gray internally, which can either become dry and brittle or rotted and soft. He added that the disease, caused more serious damage on mature sunflower plants than on young ones. **El-Helaly et al. (1966)** found that sunflower was attacked by *M. phaseolina*. **Middleton (1971)** reported that *S. rolfsii* caused basal-rot of sunflower plants. **Hulea et al. (1973)** observed the appearance of *M. phaseoli* in some commercial sunflower fields and many plants withered and died. **Orellana (1973)** isolated *Fusarium moniliforme* and *M. phaseolina* from root rot of sunflower plants in Texas. **A'cimovic (1975)** found that *M. phaseolina* was predominated in all sunflower growing districts of Iran and in some districts *Fusarium* sp. was found. **El-Zarka (1976)**