



Host-plant resistance to insects in sorghum and its role in integrated pest management

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Abstract Sorghum is one of the most important cereal crops in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is damaged by ~150 insect species, of which sorghum shoot fly (*Atherigona soccata* Rond.), stem borers (*Chilo partellus* Swin., *Busscola fusca* Fuller, *Eldana saccharina* Wlk., *Sesamia* spp. and *Diatraea saccharalis* Wlk.), armyworms (*Mythimna separata* Wlk., *Spodoptera exempta* Wlk. and *S. frugiperda* L. F. Smith), aphids (*Melanaphys sacchari* Zehnt., *Schizaphis graminum* Rond. and *Rhopalosiphum maidis* Fitch), mites (*Oligonychus* spp.), midge (*Contarinia sorghicola* Coq.), head bugs (*Calocoris angustatus* Felt), *Lurystylus immaculatus* Odh. and *Oribalus* spp.) and head caterpillars (*Helicoverpa armigera* Hb., *Plutella* spp., *Pyroderes simplex* Wsm., *Cryptoblabes* spp. and *Nola* spp.) are the major pests world-wide. Considerable progress has been made in screening and breeding for resistance to shoot fly, stem borers, greenbug, midge, armyworms and head bugs. Resistance to major pests is available in diverse genotypes. It is possible to combine resistance to two or more insect species in some cases (e.g. shoot fly and stem borer, stem borer and armyworms, midge and aphids and head bugs and head caterpillars). However, it may be quite difficult to combine resistance to some insect species (e.g. shoot fly versus midge and/or head bugs). Host-plant resistance can be used for the management of sorghum midge, greenbug, mites, aphids and head caterpillars. However, host-plant resistance need to be supplemented with other methods of pest control for shoot fly, stem borers, armyworms and head bugs.

Keywords Sorghum, *Sorghum bicolor*, pest management, host-plant resistance

Introduction

Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench), one of the most important cereals in the semi-arid tropics, provides food, feed and forage, however, grain yields on peasant farms are generally low, owing partly to insect pest damage (Doggett 1988). Nearly 150 species of insects have been recorded as pests of sorghum (Reddy and Davies 1979, Jotwani, Young and Teetes 1980), the damage, economic importance and distribution of most important pests are listed in Table 1. Avoidable yield losses have been estimated at nearly 32% in India (Borad and Mittal 1983), 9% in USA (Wiseman and Morrison 1981) and nearly 20% in Africa, Central America and Mexico. The financial loss is nearly A\$80 × 10⁶ due to midge alone in Australia (ICRISAT 1985) and Rs 100 × 10⁶ due to panicle-feeding insects in India (Euschner and Sharma 1983).

Recommendations for integrated pest management (IPM) in sorghum involve cultural practices, natural enemies, host-plant resistance and insecticides. In rainfed agriculture, the sowing date cannot be manipulated to avoid pest damage, so sowing pest-resistant cultivars is especially useful under subsistence farming conditions of the semi-arid tropics (Davies 1981). Unfortunately, newly developed cultivars often fail the challenge of heterogeneous pest populations

and are rejected by farmers. Products of crop improvement programmes must be viable under existing field conditions and have the potential for increased yields with improved inputs. In this context, host-plant resistance assumes a central role in the efforts to increase the production and productivity of sorghums. Insect-resistant cultivars should yield more than susceptible cultivars in the presence of pests and yield at least as much as the susceptible cultivars in the absence of pest attack. However, there may be a few exceptions, where the pest problems are overwhelming (Doggett, Starks and Eberhart 1970), low-yielding insect-resistant varieties may be accepted by the farmers. Pest management in sorghum has been discussed earlier by Jotwani *et al.* (1980), Gahukar and Jotwani (1980), Teetes (1979, 1980, 1985), Euschner, Taneja and Sharma (1985) and Sharma (1985a); in this paper, the latest information on host-plant resistance to insects in sorghum is reviewed to formulate a strategy for the use of resistant cultivars in integrated pest management in different agroecosystems.

Host-plant resistance to insects

Shoot fly (*Atherigona soccata* Rond.)

Studies in the All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project (AIC-SIP) at ICRISAT, and in

Table 1 Important arthropod pests of sorghum^d

Common name	Scientific name	Nature of damage	Pest status ^b							
			Asia			Africa		America		Australia
			South	South East	West	West	East	South	North and Central	South
White grubs	a <i>Holotrichia</i> spp b <i>Anomala</i> spp c <i>Phyllophaga crinita</i> (Burm)	Feed on roots	*ab	*ab	'ab	*ab	*ab			
Wireworms		Feed on germinating seeds and seedlings	*	*						
Shoot fly	<i>Atherigona soccata</i> Rond	Feeds on growing point and produces a deadheart	***	**						
Stem borers	a <i>Chilo partellus</i> Swin b <i>Busseola fusca</i> Fuller c <i>Idana saccharina</i> Wlk d <i>Diatraea</i> spp e <i>Sesamia</i> spp	Larvae feed on leaves, produce a deadheart and tunnel into the stem	***ac		*ac	**bce	***abce	**abc		
Corn leaf aphid	<i>Rhopalosiphum maidis</i> Fitch	Sucks sap from whorl leaves and paritic	*	**	*	*	*	*		
Sugarcane aphid	<i>Melanaphis sacchari</i> Zehnt	Sucks sap from lower leaves	**	**	*		**			
Green bug	<i>Schizaphis graminum</i> Rond	Sucks sap from lower leaves		*			*	*		
Armyworms	a <i>Mythimna separata</i> Wlk b <i>Spodoptera exempta</i> Walk c <i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> J. I Smith	Larvae feed on leaves	**a	**a	*a	*ab	**b	*b		
Grasshoppers and locusts	a <i>Oedaleus senegalensis</i> Krauss b <i>Hieroglyphus</i> spp c <i>Colemania sphenarioides</i> Bat d <i>Schistocerca gregaria</i> Forsk e <i>Locusta migratoria</i> L f <i>L. migratoria migratorioides</i> R & F	Feed on leaves and sometimes on grain	*bcde	*b	*bde	***adef	**def	*def		
Mites	a <i>Oligonychus indicus</i> Hirst b <i>O. pratensis</i> Banks	Sucks sap from leaves	*a	*a		*b	*b			
Shoot bug	<i>Peregrinus maidis</i> Ashm	Sucks sap from leaves	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Spittle bug	<i>Poophilus costalis</i> Walk	Sucks sap from leaves	*			*	*			

Table 1 (continued)

Common name	Scientific name	Nature of damage	Pest status ¹								
			Asia		Africa		America		Australia		
			South	South East	West	West	East	South	North and Central	South	
Sorghum midge	<i>Contarinia sorghicola</i> Coq	Larvae feed on developing grain	***	*	**	***	**	**	***	***	***
Head bugs	a <i>Calocoris augustatus</i> Lcth b <i>Lurystylus immaculatus</i> Odh c <i>Taylorilygus voseleri</i> Popp d <i>Campylomma</i> spp e <i>Agonoscelus</i> spp f <i>Oebalus</i> spp	Sucks sap from developing grain	***	ide	*de	***bcde	*cde	*cd	**f	*f	
Beetles	a <i>Psalydolytta</i> spp b <i>Cylindrothorax</i> spp c <i>Mylabris</i> spp d <i>Pachnoda</i> spp e <i>Rhynypna</i> spp	Feed on inflorescence	*abcc			**abcde	**abcde	*cd			
Head caterpillars	a <i>Helicoverpa armigera</i> Hb b <i>Cryptoblabes</i> spp c <i>Tublemma</i> spp d <i>Pyroderces simplex</i> Wsm e <i>Clania</i> spp f <i>Nola</i> spp	Larvae feed on developing grain	*abcdcf	*a	*a	**abcde	*acc	*ac	**bcf	*abcf	*ab

¹ This list of major insect pests of sorghum, their relative importance and distribution is based on Reddy and Davies (1979), Gahukar and Jotwani (1980), Tectes (1979, 1980), Sharma (1985a), Sharma and Davies (1988), Tectes *et al.* (1983) and ICRI/SAI (1985). * insect present and damage occasionally serious; ** low to moderate levels of damage over seasons; occasionally serious; *** serious damage.

West, Eastern and Southern Africa (Table 2) (Singh *et al.*, 1968, Starks, Eberhart and Doggett, 1970, Pradhan 1971, Jotwani, 1978, Laneja and Leuschner, 1985a, Singh and Rana, 1986) have shown that most sources of resistance to shoot fly originate from the post-rainy season sorghums grown in India under stored soil moisture. Cultivars M 31-1 (IS 1054), IS 2123, IS 2146, IS 4664, IS 2205, IS 5604 and IS 18551 have been widely tested, and possess moderate levels of resistance. Some of the improved lines such as ICSV 700, ICSV 705 and ICSV 717 developed at ICRI/SAI have a yield potential better than the landraces (Agrawal and Abraham, 1985).

Non-preference for oviposition is considered as a primary mechanism for shoot fly resistance in sorghum by Krishnananda, Jayaraj and Subramanian (1970), Pradhan (1971), Soto (1974), Sharma *et al.* (1977), Singh and Narayana (1978), Singh and Jotwani (1980a), Sharma and Rana (1983), Rana *et al.* (1984) and Unnithan and Reddy (1985), but under no-choice conditions the resistant and susceptible varieties are equally damaged (Soto, 1974, Laneja and Leuschner, 1985a). Under glasshouse conditions, none of the varieties are highly resistant (Jotwani and Srivastava, 1970), and non-preference is substantially reduced with

a high shoot fly density (Singh and Jotwani 1980a). Antibiosis to shoot fly has been reported by Jotwani and Srivastava (1970), Blum (1972) and Soto (1974). Survival and development were adversely affected when shoot flies were reared on resistant varieties (Narayana, 1975b, Rana *et al.* 1981, Unnithan and Reddy 1985) compared with susceptible genotypes (Singh and Narayana 1978). Growth and development were retarded and the larval and pupal periods were extended by 8–15 days on resistant varieties (Singh and Jotwani 1980b). Survival and fecundity were also better on highly susceptible varieties (Singh and Narayana 1978). After the main shoot is killed by shoot fly, some sorghum cultivars can produce side tillers that can produce a reasonable yield if the plant is not subsequently attacked (Blum, 1972, Doggett, 1972). Survival of tillers and their development depends upon primary resistance (Sharma *et al.*, 1977).

Some characters of sorghum seedlings are associated with shoot fly resistance. The wild species of sorghum that are immune to shoot fly have a high trichome density on the lower surface of the leaves (Bapat and Mote, 1982b). Although the direct influence of trichomes on behaviour of the shoot fly needs to be established, the importance of trichomes on the under-

Table 2 Sources of resistance to sorghum shoot fly *Atherigona soccata*

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
IS 5566 IS 5285 IS 5623 and IS 5613	Low oviposition	Krishnamoorti <i>et al.</i> (1970)
IS 4522 IS 5210 IS 1061 and IS 1034	Resistance attributed to oviposition non preference and natural mortality	Lotwani and Srivastava (1970)
IS 1054 (M 351)	Low susceptibility	Rao, Singhi and Srivastava (1977)
IS 2123 IS 5470 and IS 1054	Non preference was a major mechanism of resistance. Larval survival and adult emergence differed on different varieties	Soto (1974)
Soaner	Also less susceptible to stem borer	Ghosh (1971)
IS 1054 IS 2269 IS 2123 and IS 5604	Oviposition was greater on susceptible varieties. Susceptible varieties were also suitable for larval growth. Flies reared on the susceptible varieties had the greatest fecundity	Singh and Narayana (1978)
Jhalawar and Villabnagar	< 10% deadhills	Kundu and Sharma (1978)
M 31 2B MA1 B and X/M 2B	Resistant	Lakshminarayana and Subba Rao (1978)
IS 1054 IS 5469 and IS 5490	Highly stable	Singh <i>et al.</i> (1978)
PJ 3K PJ 20K PJ 4K PJ 6K PJ 34K PJ 19K and PJ 21K	Resistant	Mote, Shrode and Bapat (1981)
PJ 4R × Shenoli 4 2 5 ND 15 × Improved Soaner 10 M 351 × PJ 4R 22 M 351 × PJ 4R 25 and M 351 × Improved Soaner 17	Derivatives of these crosses were better than their resistant parents	Bapat and Mote (1983a)
<i>Sorghum purpurco stricum</i> and <i>S. versicolor</i>	Immune to shoot fly	Bapat and Mote (1983b) and Mote (1984)
M 351 and BP 53 (IS 1055)	Tiller development depends on primary resistance	Kundu, Kishore and Lotwani (1977)
IS 2146 IS 4664 IS 5469 and IS 5490	Resistance due to non preference is quantitative and governed by the additive genes	Sharma <i>et al.</i> (1977)
IS 1054 IS 5469 and IS 5490	Non preference was reduced under situations of heavy infestation. Susceptible hybrid CSH 1 had greater amounts of sugars, moisture and chlorophyll. Larval and pupal periods were 8-15 days longer on the resistant lines, survival and fecundity were adversely affected and long and narrow leaves, faster seedling growth and hardness of leaf sheath were associated with resistance	Singh and Lotwani (1980a, b, c, d)
IS 2123 IS 5604 IS 5490 and IS 8315	Resistance controlled by additive and non additive gene effects. Heritability was 23-25%. Biparental mating is suggested for recovery resistance. Estimates of genetic gains are low. Under low infestation, the heritability estimates were higher	Borikar and Chopde (1980, 1981, 1982) and Borikar, Chindurwar and Chopde (1982a, b)
IS 4663 IS 4776 IS 5333 IS 8315 and PC 9	Amino acid content is greater in resistant lines. Susceptibility to shoot fly is positively correlated with P and negatively with total phenols	Khurana and Verma (1982, 1983, 1985)
Improved Soaner GM 2 3 1 and IS 3922	Highly resistant	Sulunkhe <i>et al.</i> (1982)
IS Nos. 923 1034 1057 1071 1082 1096 1104 2122 2123 2146 2195 2309 2265 2269 2291 2309 2312 2394 3962 4224 4646 4663 4664 5072 5210 5469 5470 5480 5484 5511 5538 5566 5604 5613 5636 5648 18366 18368 18369 18471 and 18551	Trichomed and glossy (except IS 1034 IS 1057 IS 4224 IS 5072 and IS 5511). IS 1054 IS 1071 IS 2394 IS 5484 and IS 18364 were most stable. IS 2123 IS 2195 IS 4664 and IS 18551 showed low damage and moderate stability	Taneja and Feuschner (1985a)
365A3 367A1 and 366B4	Resistant	Mote, Kadam and Bapat (1983)
IS 5642 IS 5490 IS 5469 and IS 4664	Low oviposition	Sharma and Rana (1983)
IS 2146 IS 3962 and IS 5613	Non preference for oviposition	Raina <i>et al.</i> (1984)

Table 2 (continued)

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
PS 21171, PS 21217, PS 2131S, PS 14093, PS 14103, and PS 14454	Breeding lines developed at ICRISSAT. Trichomes and glossiness are associated with resistance. Simply inherited recessive traits. Resistance controlled by additive and non-additive genes.	Verawal and Abraham (1985)
IS 5490	It had greater Si content (19.97%) than C.K. 60B (11.67%).	Bothe and Pokhrikar (1985)
CSV 6, SPV 8, SPV 13, SPV 29, SPV 70, CSH 7R, I 303, and IS 5490	Improved varieties with significantly low susceptibility in early and late sowings.	Kishore, Rana and Agarwal (1985)
SPH 196 and SPH 225	Showed good recovery resistance.	Mote, Kadam and Bapat (1985)
IS 2146, IS 4664, IS 5469, and IS 5490	One single recessive gene governed non-preference to oviposition and two duplicate recessive genes governed the resistance to deadheart formation.	Sharma and Rana (1985)
IS 2122, IS 2123, IS 2705, IS 2291, IS 4660, IS 5092, IS 5480, and IS 18551	Non-preference and antibiosis are the mechanisms of resistance. IS 2291 showed evidence of antibiosis.	Umuthan and Reddy (1985)
I 201 to I 208, and I 303	30% deadhearts compared with 54% in CSH 1.	Kishore (1986)
IS 1052, IS 2146, IS 2312, IS 3962, IS 4663, IS 4646, IS 4661, IS 4666, IS 4712, IS 5214, IS 5470, IS 5490, IS 5604, IS 5613, IS 5622, and IS 5633	Rapid growth, tallness, and narrow yellow-green leaves were associated with resistance.	Mote <i>et al.</i> (1986)
SG 593, SI 60, and SI 71	Easiest susceptible.	Sandhu, Dhaliwal and Sudhu (1986)
IS 5604, IS 5490, and IS 2146	Showed good general combining ability. Inheritance was additive and additive \times additive gene action.	Nimbalkar and Bapat (1987)
IS 1456, IS 7094, and IS 12611	Sweet stalk sorghums with less susceptibility to shoot fly.	Jadhav, Mote and Bapat (1988)
RSV 8R, and RSV 9R	Showed greater resistance than their parents M 35-1 and SPV 86.	Mote and Bapat (1988)
IS 5490, and M 35-1	They had the lowest chlorophyll content and were most resistant.	Mote <i>et al.</i> (1988)
IS 4660, IS 2123, IS 2269, IS 2312, IS 2146, IS 2162, IS 18551, IS 2394, and IS 544	Showed 20% deadhearts. Trichome density mainly contributed towards genetic divergence for shoot fly resistance, followed by glossiness. IS 544 and IS 1054 formed separate clusters over the years.	Omor <i>et al.</i> (1988)
IS 1054, IS 18551, IS 2123, and IS 5469	Resistance was governed by additive gene effects.	Singh and Verma (1988a)
PC 6, Pioneer V 2142, V 1124, V 2293, and 3193	Showed good tolerance.	Shivankar, Ram and Gupta (1989)
IS 18581, IS 2205, IS 1054, IS 3962, S 386, IS 5469, SPV 102, IS 5619, IS 18577, and IS 8320	Showed 20-40% deadhearts compared with 87% deadhearts in CSV 1. These lines are also resistant to stem borer.	Patel, Sukham and Srivastava (1989) and Patel and Sukham (1990b)
P 24, I 303, 370 \times 3660A, 36A \times 1481, Khedi 2, 240, CS 3541, I 302, and IS 1199	Showed 20% deadhearts compared with 75% in CSH 1.	Dalvi, Dalaya and Khanvilkar

surface of leaves has been reported by several workers (Blum, 1968; Maiti and Bidinger, 1979; Maiti *et al.*, 1980; Taneja and Leuschner, 1985a). Most of the lines resistant to shoot fly also exhibit the glossy leaf character during the seedling stage (Blum, 1972; Maiti and Bidinger, 1979; Taneja and Leuschner, 1985a; Omori, Agrawal and House, 1988). Glossy leaves may possibly affect the quality of light reflected from leaves and influence the orientation of shoot flies towards their host plants. Glossy leaves may also influence the

host selection by means of chemicals present in the surface waxes and/or leaves. Rapid growth of seedlings may retard the first-instar larvae from reaching the growing tip. In contrast, slow growth due to poor seedling vigour, low fertility or environmental stress increases shoot fly incidence (Taneja and Leuschner, 1985a; Patel and Sukham, 1990a). Shoot fly-resistant lines have rapid plant growth (Mote, Kadam and Bapat, 1986), greater seedling height and hardness (Singh and Jotwani, 1980d), and have longer stems and

internodes, and short peduncles (Patel and Sukham, 1990a). Cultivars with a high transpiration rate are preferred for oviposition (Mate, Phadanwis and Mehetre, 1988). Surface wetness of the central shoot leaf varies between resistant and susceptible genotypes (Nwanze, Reddy and Soman, 1990). Rana *et al.* (1981) reported that leaf moisture is important for the movement of the larva to the growing point and deadheart formation. Several biochemical studies on selected genotypes have shown interesting differences between susceptible and resistant genotypes, but their role in shoot fly resistance is not clear. Ponnava (1951), Blum (1968) and Bothe and Pokharkar (1985) reported the appearance of silica bodies in resistant varieties from the four-leaf stage, and from the six-leaf stage in the susceptible ones. They suggested that the relatively late appearance of these silica bodies in the susceptible varieties makes them prone to shoot fly attack over a longer period. Similarly, the percentage of nitrogen, reducing sugars, total sugars, moisture and chlorophyll content of leaves was higher in susceptible than in resistant cultivars (Singh and Jotwani, 1980c; Mate *et al.*, 1988; Patel and Sukham, 1990a). Lysine is present in the leaf sheath of susceptible cultivars but was absent in three resistant cultivars tested (Singh and Jotwani, 1980c). Shoot fly-resistant lines also contained more amino acids, phosphorus and total phenols (Khurana and Verma, 1982, 1983).

Resistance to *A. soccata* is inherited quantitatively, and is predominantly controlled by additive gene action (Rao *et al.*, 1974; Balakotiah *et al.*, 1975; Rana *et al.*, 1975; Sharma *et al.*, 1977; Rana, Jotwani and Rao, 1981; Borikar and Chopde, 1981; Bradar and Borikar, 1985; Nimbalkar and Bapat, 1987; Singh and Verma, 1988a), whereas Agrawal and Abraham (1985) reported predominantly non-additive resistance genes. Heritability has been estimated as 50% and 82% for F_1 and F_2 generations, respectively (Sharma *et al.*, 1977). In F_1 hybrids shoot fly resistance increased over the mid-parental value under low shoot fly infestation, but the reverse was true under high shoot fly infestation (Sharma and Rana, 1983). Estimates of genetic coefficients of variability, heritability and genetic advance were better when shoot fly infestation was optimized (Borikar, Chandurwar and Chopde, 1982b). Hybrid behaviour was also indicated well by parental performance (Sharma *et al.*, 1977).

Stem borers (*Chilo partellus* Swin. and *Busseola fusca* (Fuller))

Resistance to stem borers has been studied in India (Pradhan, 1971; Jotwani *et al.*, 1978b, 1979; Singh *et al.*, 1983; Singh and Rana, 1984, 1989; Srivastava, 1985; Laneja and Leuschner, 1985b; Agrawal and Laneja, 1989), Kenya (Alghali, 1985; Reddy, 1985), Brazil (Iara *et al.*, 1979), and in southern Africa (Leuschner, 1989) (Table 3). IS 1055 (BP 53), IS 1044, IS 2123, IS 2195, IS 2205, IS 2146, IS 5469 and IS 18551

show moderate levels of resistance to spotted stem borer. Genotypic resistance is poorly expressed under conditions of low fertility, drought and unfavourable weather. The stage of infestation is most critical for expression of resistance, as a progressive delay in infestation reduces the production of deadhearts (Laneja and Leuschner, 1985b). IC5A 705, SPV 135, CS 8 R, SPV 104, SPV 238 and SPV 84³ are improved genotypes with moderate levels of resistance to spotted stem borer and with a better yield potential than the original sources of resistance.

Ovipositional non-preference by moths has been reported in several genotypes (Lal and Pant, 1980; Dabrowski and Kidavari, 1983; Singh and Rana, 1989). Moths did not prefer to oviposit on IS 2309, IS 5538, IS 18551, IS 18573 or IS 18580 under natural infestation (Laneja and Woodhead, 1989). The main mechanism of stem borer resistance in sorghum is antibiosis (Jotwani, 1978; Pathak and Olela, 1983; Singh and Rana, 1984) with high mortality in the early larval stages (Jotwani, 1978; Jotwani, Chaudhari and Singh, 1978a) and poor survival of larvae (Lal and Pant, 1980) in resistant genotypes. Pupal development is also affected adversely and fecundity is reduced (Lal and Sukham, 1982; Alghali and Saxena, 1988; Singh and Verma, 1988b; Laneja and Woodhead, 1989). In some selections with severe leaf injury and stem tunnelling, yields were not reduced very much by spotted stem borer infestation (Jotwani *et al.*, 1978a). Similar results have been reported by Dabrowski and Kidavari (1983) and Alghali (1987) in Kenya.

Plant height, tassel percentage, stem thickness, number of leaves, leaf length, leaf width, leaf thickness and leaf strength were negatively correlated with deadheart formation according to Khurana and Verma (1985). Genotypes with early panicle initiation (IS 12308 and IS 13100) escape deadheart formation owing to the inability of the larvae to reach the growing point. Faster internode elongation also reduces the chances of the larva damaging the growing point (Laneja and Woodhead, 1989). The resistant genotypes tend to have a narrow angle between the leaf and the stem (Woodhead and Laneja, 1987), and the lower leaves of sorghum are detached from the culm in some resistant genotypes. The epicuticular wax and ligular hairs also act as a trap for the young larvae, thus reducing their success in climbing, and rate of establishment (Bernays, Chapman and Woodhead, 1983; Chapman, Woodhead and Bernays, 1983). Larvae climbed almost twice as fast on stems of IS 1151 from which the wax had been removed, compared with stems before removal of wax (Bernays *et al.*, 1983). Other factors associated with stem borer resistance in sorghum include low sugar content (Swarup and Chaugale, 1962), and greater amounts of amino acids, tannins, total phenols, neutral detergent fibre (NDF), acid detergent fibre (ADF), lignins (Khurana and Verma, 1982, 1983) and silica (Narwal, 1973).

Stem borer resistance is inherited quantitatively (Rana and Murty, 1971; Pathak and Olela, 1983) but

Table 3 Sources of resistance to stem borers (*Chilo*, *Busseola* and *Diatraea*)

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
<i>Chilo</i> <i>Busseola</i>		
Line 477	Highly promising	Kundu and Lotwani (1977)
I 302 (BP 53 × Kafir B) and I 303 (BP 53 × IS 3954)	Tolerant of stem borer	Lotwani, Srivastava and Kundu (1974)
I 302, I 303, P 37, NC 13 and P 151	Tolerance mechanism of resistance	Lotwani <i>et al.</i> (1978f)
IS 5679	Most resistant line. Resistance associated with mortality of first instar larvae	Lotwani <i>et al.</i> (1978a)
DU 19, DU 98, DU 245, DU 291, U 218, U 373, U 388 and U 376	Derivatives of BP 53 × M 351	Lotwani <i>et al.</i> (1979)
D 168, D 172, D 259, D 358, D 367 and D 369	Highly resistant and stable over four seasons	Singh <i>et al.</i> (1980)
I 302, D 303, D 114 and IS 4308	Lower pupation and lighter pupal weights on the resistant lines compared with those on CSV 1 and CSV 1	Patil and Sukhram (1983)
I 501, I 502, I 503, I 504, I 601, I 602, I 603 and I 604	Promising lines with good agronomic characters	Lotwani (1983)
I 302 and I 303	I 303 was least susceptible in the rainy season and I 302 in the post rainy season	Dalvi, Dalvi and Khinvalkar (1983)
I 302, I 303, IS 1044, IS 1151, IS 2162, IS 4660, IS 17739, IS 18328, IS 18349, I 18179 and IS 18849	Non preferred for oviposition. Deadhearts were lower on IS 2162, IS 2263, IS 18328 and IS 18349	Dabrowski and Kadiyala (1983)
IS Nos 1044, 1082, 1119, 2122, 2123, 2146, 2168, 2169, 2291, 2309, 2312, 2375, 2376, 4273, 4546, 4637, 4576, 4757, 4776, 4881, 4981, 5075, 5253, 5429, 5469, 5470, 5480, 5538, 5566, 5571, 5585, 5604, 5619, 5622, 7223, 8811, 9608, 10711, 12308, 13100, 13674, 17742, 17745, 17747, 17750, 17948, 17966, 18333, 18366, 18551, 18573, 18577, 18578, 18579, 18580, 18548, 18585, 18662, 18667, 20643, 21969, 22039, 22091, 22145, 22507, 23411, 23962 and 24077	Showed resistance over five seasons	Patil and Fuschner (1985b)
I 303, I 501, I 502, I 601 and I 641	Moderately resistant to shoot fly and stem borer	Mote and Bapat (1983)
CSV 8R, SPV 35, SPV 103, SPV 110 and SPV 192	Promising sources of resistance	Singh <i>et al.</i> (1983)
SPV 31, SPV 101, SPV 110, SPV 232, SPV 257, SPV 209, SPV 291, SPV 301 and SPV 311, I 302, I 701, CSV 3, CSV 6, CSV 8R and Arispari	Non preference for oviposition	Singh and Rana (1984)
CSV 5 × CSV 6, CSV 5 × CSV 4 and CSV 5 × IS 4664	Most promising crosses. Continuous screening improved the levels of borer resistance	Kishore <i>et al.</i> (1984)
I 302, SPV 135, IS 2312, IS 4664, CSV 8R and SPV 104	I 302 and SPV 135 are good combiners	Rana <i>et al.</i> (1982)
I 304	Derived from IS 2954 × BP 53. It is equivalent to CSV 1 in yield	Kundu (1985)
IC 119/83 3	Its yield was not influenced by borer damage	Alghithi (1985)
IS 10370, I 2, IS 10364, IS 1044, S 178, IS 3962, IS 4213, IS 12497, IS 18479, IS 18326, I 1, IS 4405, IS 10711, IS 18676, IS 5613, IS 18517, IS 18323, IS 4881, IS 1151 and IS 18427	Resistant to borer complex of <i>C. partellus</i> , <i>B. fusca</i> , <i>I. saccharina</i> and <i>S. calamistis</i> Hamp.	Reddy (1985)
IS 2146 × Screen 1	Provided best chance to select for resistance	Pathak (1985)
Screen 1, IC 119/80 2 and P 101	Produced maximum tillers due to borer infestation. IC 119/80 2 showed an increase in grain yield due to borer infestation	Alghithi (1987)
P 311	Resistant	Kishore (1987a)

Table 3 (continued)

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
P 217, P 297, P 500, P 54, P 296, P 467, P 471 and P 495	Resistant	Kishore (1981)
IS 1044, IS 2123, IS 5469 and IS 13308	2S deadhearts at two locations compared with 7S in IC SV 1. Erect and curled leaves and a factor in waxy is associated with larval establishment	Woodhead and Umaji (1983)
IS 5469 and IS 2205	Showed antibiosis	Singh and Verma (1988c)
IS 2123 and IS 5469	Good combiners for borer resistance	Singh and Verma (1988c)
IS 175, Improved Rinkel, S 136, PC 6, SPV 238	Resistant	Dhaliwal, Mahindru and Verma (1988)
IS 2146	Less feeding	Alghadi and Sivara (1988)
IC SV 700, IC SV 701, IC SV 525 to IC SV 529	High levels of resistance	Agarwal and Umaji (1982)
IS 3967, IS 18584, IS 2235, IS 1084, SPV 107, IS 5469, IS 5619, IS 18577 and P 37	Resistant	Eitel and Sukhram (1982)
<i>Diatraea saccharalis</i>		
AI 28 and FA 177	AI 28 is also resistant to midge and corn leaf aphid	Eitel <i>et al.</i> (1979)
M 66157 (NPE C 64735 × I 351), 884 Pozz, RICA and 7873	Superior to the susceptible checks	Mihm (1985) and Guirgossian and Mihm (1985)

heritability is low (Singh, Jotwani and Rana 1980). General combining ability is predominant for leaf feeding whereas specific combining ability is greater for stem tunnelling. Resistance to leaf feeding, dead heart formation and stem tunnelling are inherited in different ways (Singh *et al.* 1983, Pathak 1985). Stem and peduncle tunnelling are significantly correlated (Rana *et al.* 1984). However, tunnel length has no correlation with loss in grain yield (Pathak and Ojha 1983). Additive gene effects are predominant for deadheart and leaf injury (Singh and Verma 1988c). For *Ostrinia nubilalis* Hb., borer damage traits generally had strong negative correlations with grain yield (Ross *et al.* 1982). Continuous screening over several generations has been suggested to improve selection for borer resistance (Kishore, Rana and Sharma 1984). F 302, SPV 135, IS 2123, IS 5469, SPV 104 and IS 4664 are good general combiners (Rana *et al.* 1984, Singh and Verma 1988c).

Aphids (*Schizaphis graminum* Rond., *Melanaphis sacchari* Zehnt. and *Rhopalosiphum maidis* Fitch)

Extensive screening for resistance to *S. graminum* has been carried out in the USA. IS 809, KS 30, PI 264456, IAM 2567, SA 7536-1, Tx 2567 and DK 46 are good sources of resistance (Table 4). FA 266 shows non-preference, an important component of resistance to aphids (Schuster and Starks 1973). IS 809 has both tolerance and antibiosis whereas PI 202178 and PI 302236 exhibit all three mechanisms of resistance (Lara Gallí and Busoli 1981). Antibiosis has been reported also in PI 228928, PI 220248, IS 809, PI

302178, PI 302231, PI 2276096, PI 264983, KS 30 and SA 7536-1 (Schuster and Starks 1973, Lectes, Schriber and Johnson 1974) and tolerance has been observed in PI 264453. Tolerance is also affected by nutrient supply (Schweissing and Wilde 1979). Non-preference and tolerance are not influenced by continuous culturing of aphids on resistant plants. Fecundity of the aphids decreases significantly with continuous rearing on resistant plants and it is not regained immediately upon transfer to susceptible hosts (Starks and Schuster 1976). On resistant lines, aphids have a longer nymphal instar, produce fewer progeny per female, have a shorter adult life span (Lectes *et al.* 1974) and imbibe less phloem sap (Campbell *et al.* 1982). Differences between resistant and susceptible lines increase at higher temperatures (Schweissing and Wilde 1978, 1979). Genotypes with bloomless and sparse bloom characters are not preferred by the aphids (Weibel and Starks 1986, Weibel 1986a, b), the reproduction of which is adversely affected by these characters (Starks and Weibel 1981). Drever and Campbell (1984) suggested that increased methylation of the middle lamellar pectin hinders penetration by aphids.

Four biotypes of the aphid *R. maidis* have been identified but it is a sporadic pest with no apparent effect on grain yield. IAM 425 (SC 110-9) exhibits high levels of resistance to this aphid while genotypes 2R, 5R, HB 37, R 128, R 131, R 133, PI 954177 and IS 8100C are resistant to another aphid, *M. sacchari* (Table 4). Midge resistant lines IC SV 197 and IC SV 743 are relatively less damaged by *M. sacchari* (H. C. Sharma unpublished). Resistance of 2R (PI 257595) is controlled by a single dominant gene (Chang 1981) but it is

Table 4 Sources of resistance to aphids and mites

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
<i>Rhizoglyphus maidis</i>		
CS 541 and Piper Sudin 4781	Resistant	Narayana (1950)
LAM 478	Resistant	Teetes (1959)
<i>Melanaphys citrifera</i>		
AI 78	Resistant	Faria <i>et al.</i> (1953)
BR 5R and HB 37	Highly resistant. Resistance in BR is controlled by a single dominant gene	Chinn (1981)
R 128, R 151 and R 155	Resistant	Chinn and Faria (1984)
PI 984177 and IS 8100C	10% dead seedlings	Huang, Umehara and Ono (1985)
1793A × 1x 405 and BR (PI 1757895) × 1793A	Resistance was dominant	Hsieh and Pi (1988)
ICSV 197, ICSV 743 and ICSV 715	Less damaged than CSH 1 and AI 78	H. C. Sharma (unpublished)
<i>Schizaphis graminum</i>		
PI 308976, PI 309878, PI 30748, IS 809, Shillu grain, PI 307175, PI 30731, PI 306096, PI 3098781 and PI 364453	PI 309678, IS 809, Shillu grain, PI 307175 and PI 306096 showed evidence of all three mechanisms of resistance	Schuster and Starks (1975)
H 39 and K dir 60 × H 39	Bugs did not reduce yield in H 39 and heterozygous seedlings of K dir 60 × H 39 did not require protection	Harvey and Hackerott (1971)
PI 364453, IS 809, KS 30 and SA 75361	Non preferred	Teetes <i>et al.</i> (1954)
KS 30 × SA 75361, SA 75361 and PI 264453	Resistance in one parent is sufficient to afford adequate resistance to greenbugs	Teetes, Johnson and Roscnow (1975)
DeKalb Golden Acres, Warner, Teckseed and Asgrow	Greenbug resistant hybrids outyielded the susceptible hybrids RS 670 and RS 707	DePew and Witt (1979)
Heterozygous resistant hybrids involving KS 30, IS 809 and SA 75361 is the source of resistance	Heterozygous resistant hybrids withstand 15-20 times as many aphids as the susceptible hybrid	Morgan, Wilde and Johnson (1980)
PI 307175, PI 307236, IS 809, FA 71, 7304032 and FA 257	Highly resistant	Gill, Faria and Barbosa (1981)
FA 266, IS 809, PI 202178 and PI 307336	FA 266 showed non preference, IS 809 tolerance and the PI lines all three mechanisms of resistance	Faria <i>et al.</i> (1984)
Weskan (<i>Bm</i> and <i>bm bm</i>), Martin (<i>Bm</i> and <i>hh</i>) and Rcdln (<i>Bm</i> and <i>hh</i>) (<i>Bm</i> = Bloom, <i>bm bm</i> = bloomless and <i>hh</i> = sparse bloom)	Non preference suggested is a mechanism of resistance in bloomless sorghum	Starks and Weibel (1981)
LAM 2567 and IS 809	Population growth was less than on SC 473	Campbell <i>et al.</i> (1987)
BR 64R+, WAC 652 and 4000R	Resistant	Buletka and Costellino (1984)
1x 2789 to 1x 7800	Resistant to biotype C. 1x 2789 to 1x 7797 are male steriles in AI cytoplexism	Peterson <i>et al.</i> (1985b)
SA 75361, K 30, IS 809, PI 264453, PI 220248, IS 923, PI 264452 and J 242	Resistant to biotype E	Starks and Mayo (1985)
OK GP 11 to OK GP 26	Resistant bloomless and sparse bloom lines	Weibel (1986a)
AOK 8 <i>bm</i> , BOK 8 <i>bm</i> , AOK 11 <i>bm</i> , BOK 11 <i>bm</i> , A Whittland <i>bm</i> , B Whittland <i>bm</i> , A Rcdln <i>bm</i> and B Rcdln <i>bm</i>	Bloomless lines	Weibel (1986b)
RW D3 × Weskan 43112 (N), Rcdln 60 (N), R Combine, K dir 60(N), Martin(N), Rcdln derivative (N), SA 75361 (R) and IS 809 (R)	Bloomless lines were non preferred	Weibel and Starks (1986)

Table 4 Continued

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
N 41, N 42 and N 43	Resistant to biotype I	Nordquist, Kindler and Spomer (1987)
Ix 2567	Plants stayed alive for 28 days with 10 aphids per plant compared with 21 days in BR 601	Cruz and Vendrum (1988)
DeKalb DK 46	Greenbugs were consistently lower than on SC 10 and Pioneer 5790 sorghum hybrids	Harvey and Thompson (1988)
DeKalb DK 41	Greenbug resistant hybrid	Burton <i>et al.</i> (1990)
IS 2358, Sarvam, PI 264453, PI 220748, IS 53000, PI 266965, IS 923, PI 229828, I 242, PI 307136, N 50735 and N 43172	Antibiosis is the major mechanism of resistance to greenbug. PI 266965 had the highest level of antibiosis. PI 229828 had the highest level of tolerance and I 242 had the highest level of tolerance to biotype I.	Dixon <i>et al.</i> (1990)
PI 453951, PI 457709 and PI 457715	Antibiosis is the major mechanism of resistance to <i>Sipha flava</i> Forbes. The resistant genotypes had 25 nymphs per plant compared with 61 on PI 264453.	Webster (1990)
	Mites (<i>Oligonychus</i> spp.)	
SC 599 6	Showed tolerance	Foster <i>et al.</i> (1977)
CSH 5, CSH 6, CSH 9, SPH 80, CSV 5, SPV 197, SPV 220, SPV 227, SPV 224 and SPV 265	Resistant	Singh, Rana and Rao (1981)
SC 599 6	Non-senescence was not directly related to mite resistance	Archer <i>et al.</i> (1986)

incompletely dominant in F₁ (Tan *et al.*, 1985). Additive and dominance variances are significant, with the additive factor larger than the dominant factor for resistance. Complementary interaction was suggested in cross 129-3A × I × 403 (Hsieh and Pi, 1988).

Mite (*Oligonychus* spp.)

The genotype SC 599 6 is tolerant of mites (Foster *et al.*, 1977). Mite damage has been reported to be less on late-flowering lines (Perring *et al.*, 1982), and more on senescing lines (Foster *et al.*, 1977), but non-senescence is not directly linked with resistance to mites (Archer, Bynum and Peterson, 1986).

Shoot bug and chinch bug (*Peregrinus maidis* Ash and *Blissus leucopterus* Say)

Lines 1753, H 109, GIB 377B, BP 53, IS 8884, IS 8887, IS 8891 and IS 8918 are less damaged by the shoot bug (Agarwal, Verma and Bharaj, 1978; H C Sharma, unpublished). BCK 60-1155, 1155, SC 303, SC 261 and Atlas are resistant to chinch bug. Sorghum hybrids possessing kafer germplasm exhibit moderate levels of resistance whereas those based on milo cytoplasm are relatively susceptible (Teetes, 1980). Leaves tightly wrapped around the stem have been suggested to be associated with shoot bug resistance in sorghum (Agarwal *et al.*, 1978). The fecundity of chinch bugs

feeding on BCK 60-1155, 1155 Early Sumac and SC 303 is reduced (Wilde and Morgan, 1978; Mizc and Wilde, 1986a, b).

Armyworms (*Mythimna separata* Walk and *Spodoptera frugiperda* J. E. Smith)

Armyworms are sporadic pests, and result in extensive damage on most cereals during outbreaks (Sharma and Davies, 1983). In such situations, plant resistance is unlikely to be helpful. However, some resistance may be useful to restrict a population build up. Lines I 302 and I 709 (resistant to borers) have been reported to be less damaged by *M. separata*. SC 109 12, 1821 CM, IAM 2566 and NK Savana 5 are resistant to *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Table 5). Antibiosis has been reported as a mechanism of resistance to *S. frugiperda* (Ordello, Lara and Parra, 1980). Tannin content of grain does not seem to influence the development of fall armyworm larvae (Wiseman *et al.*, 1984), whereas chemical factors in glumes have a greater effect on larval development (Wiseman *et al.*, 1986).

Sorghum midge (*Contarinia sorghicola*)

Substantial progress has been made in identification and utilization of resistance to sorghum midge in India (Jotwani, 1978; Sharma, 1985b; Agrawal, Sharma and Leuschner, 1987; Singh, 1987; Sharma *et al.*, 1992b), the USA (Johnson, Rosenow and Teetes, 1973; Teetes,

Table 5 Sources of resistance to leaf-feeding insects

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
	<i>Myllocerus maculosus</i> Desb	
SPH 6, 22E, CSV 3, 3600 × 370 and 36A × 148	Less damaged	Kishore, Jotwani and Sharma (1977)
	<i>Mythimna separata</i>	
R 16, R 24, 604 and CS 3541	Less susceptible	Rangarajan <i>et al.</i> (1974)
SB 803, 1744, 296 and 604	Less susceptible	Kulkarni and Ramakrishna (1975)
E 302, Line 141, E 303 and NI 1953	Less susceptible	Kulkarni, Parameshwarappa and Kajjari (1978a)
SB 905 and SB 412	Least damaged; SB 2145 is highly susceptible	Corradi and Kulkarni (1986)
IS 9692, IS 61, IS 6984, CSH 5 and CSH 9	Suffered a damage rating of 2 compared with 5 in IS 2761	H. C. Sharma (unpublished)
	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i>	
IS 4757, SC 10912, E 15 and EA 761	Most resistant	Lordello <i>et al.</i> (1980)
1821 cm	Moderately resistant; SGIRI-MR-I highly susceptible	Wiseman and Gourley (1983), Wiseman (1985)
Savanna 5 and IAM 2566	Greatest differences were observed when milk stage grains were incorporated in the artificial diet	Wiseman <i>et al.</i> (1984)
IAM 428, 884 Poza Rica, 7873 and 8961	Tolerant to armyworm and borer	Guiragossian and Mihm (1985)
NK Savanna 5	Panicle at flowering, milk and hard dough stages affected larval mass in meric diets compared with Funk HS 245	Wiseman <i>et al.</i> (1986)
PI 452554, PI 455018, PI 456111, PI 452571, PI 452962, PI 452987, PI 452771, PI 453120, PI 457620, PI 453356 and PI 454733	Damage rating 6 compared with 9 in Hucrin Inta	Wiseman and Lovell (1988)

1980, Peterson *et al.*, 1985a), Australia (Page, 1979; Franzmann and Page, 1984, Passlow, Franzmann and Allsopp, 1985) and Latin America (Rossetto, Goncalves and Dimz, 1975; Reyes, 1985; Rossetto, 1985). Sorghum midge resistance is also being utilized in breeding programmes in Africa, Argentina and El Salvador.

IS 2579C, IS 12666C, IAM 2566, AF 28, DI 6514, IS 10712, Lift MR 88, IS 7005 and IS 8721 are diverse sources of resistance (Table 6). ICSV 197, ICSV 745, ICSV 88013 and ICSV 88032 have high levels of midge resistance, and their yield potential is comparable to commercial cultivars. Sorghum midge resistance is being transferred to hybrid parents with improved agronomic backgrounds, and experimental hybrids are being tested. The use of host-plant resistance in the management of sorghum midge is therefore most promising as the levels of resistance are quite high. These new cultivars will provide greater flexibility in sowing times to get maximum yields, and proper utilization of available rainfall without risking midge damage.

Non-preference as a mechanism of resistance to sorghum midge was reported by Wiseman and McMillian (1968) and Sharma, Vidyasagar and

Leuschner (1988b). IAM 2566, IS 12666C and SGIRI-MR-I were not preferred by the midges, and suffered less damage (5–11% florets with midge larvae) under natural conditions, but SGIRI-MR-I was susceptible under no-choice conditions (Sharma *et al.*, 1988b). Fewer midge flies emerged from panicles of resistant cultivars than from susceptible ones (Jotwani, 1978, Page, 1979, Sharma and Leuschner, 1986, Sharma, Leuschner and Vidyasagar, 1990a, Sharma, Vidyasagar and Leuschner, 1990b). Resistant cultivars (DI 6514, AF 28, IAM 2566 and IS 15107) had fewer eggs (<50 eggs per 100 florets) in the spikelets compared with the susceptible check CSH 1 (122 eggs per 100 spikelets). The life cycle of sorghum midge is prolonged by 5–8 days when reared on resistant genotypes such as IS 10712, IS 19474, IS 19512 and IAM 2566.

Factors such as the degree of apposition of glumes (Geering, 1953), cleistogamous glumes (Bodwen and Neve, 1953), closed spikelets (Rossetto, Nagar and Overman, 1984) and panicle compactness (Murty and Subramaniam, 1978) have been reported to be associated with resistance to sorghum midge. Susceptibility to sorghum midge is positively and significantly correlated with the length of glumes, lemma, palea, anther and

Table 6 Sources of resistance to sorghum midge *Contarinia sorghicola*

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
Nunaba	3% incidence	Bowden and Neve (1953)
ODC 19	0.2 flies per panicle compared with 52.2 flies on CI 935	Wiseman and McMillin (1968)
IS 2579C, IS 2816C, IS 3574C, IS 12612C and IS 12666C	Damage rating < 4.5	Johnson <i>et al.</i> (1975)
SGIRI MR 1	Damage rating < 5	Wiseman, McMillin and Widstrom (1973)
A 25 (Crenador INTA mf Linca 64121 mf (RS 25 83), Linca 63/54 mf (RS 2324), Linca 3017 (SA 8774 2 2 109 WH) and 11157 (Arkansas)	Damage rating < 5	Wiseman, McMillin and Widstrom (1971)
IS 2660 and IS 2663	Closed glume character	Bergquist, Rotar and Mitchell (1974)
Hurein INTA	Tolerant of midge	Parodi, Gamba and Scintimburo (1974)
AF 28	Resistant to midge	Rossetto <i>et al.</i> (1975)
1809 cm, 2321 cm and 2331 cm	Showed least damage	Wiseman, McMillin and Widstrom (1975)
DJ 6514	27.9% incidence	Shyamsunder <i>et al.</i> (1975)
FC 92792, FC 92794 and SGIRI MK 1	< 10% incidence	Ruedo and Krumpholtz (1975)
IS 3472, IS 4411, IS 4870, IS 5977 and IS 6170	< 1 midge per panicle	Gowda and Thontiduvva (1976)
AI 28	3 midges emerged from AI 28 compared with 137-252 from the susceptible hybrid R 1090	Furia, Rossetto and Igwe (1977)
Co 4, Co 11, Co 18 and K 4	10% incidence	Murty and Subramaniam (1978)
DJ 6514	Resistant	Kulkarni, Parameshwara and Kajiiri (1978b)
AI 28, IS 1257C and IS 2508C	AI 28 was most stable	Faris, Faria and Veiga (1979)
IS 12608C and IS 12664C	Significantly superior to Alpha and KS 19	Page (1979)
EA 73	Highly resistant	Busoli and Osuna (1982)
AF 28	At least two pairs of major recessive genes determine its resistance	Rossetto and Igwe (1983)
SGIRI MR 1	Behaved in a different manner to other parents. Small glume character was a useful genetic marker	Boozaya, Angoon <i>et al.</i> (1984)
AIx 2754 x Ix 2767	Mean yield loss per female in this hybrid was 0.19 g compared with 0.92 g for susceptible hybrids	Franzmann and Page (1984)
IS 8100C and IS 2549C	Resistant	Hagio <i>et al.</i> (1984)
ATx 2755 x R1x 2767 and AIx 2761 x R1x 2767	Resistant hybrids lost 0.32 g of grain per midge compared with 1.5 g grain per midge in the susceptible hybrid AIx 2752 x R1x 430	Hallman, Tectes and Johnson (1984)
ATx 2755 x R1x 2767 and AIx 2761 x R1x 2767	Midge infested resistant hybrids produced 50-60% less progeny per female	Melton and Tectes (1984)
AI 28	Recorded 17 times less eggs than Sart	Rossetto <i>et al.</i> (1984)
SGIRI MR 1 and PI 383856	Resistance of SGIRI MR 1 was recessive and greatly reduced when used as a female parent and that of PI 383856 is recessive	Widstrom <i>et al.</i> (1984)
Ix 2801 to Ix 2815	Resistant to midge. Ix 2801 to Ix 2803 are male steriles in AI cytoplasm	Peterson <i>et al.</i> (1985a)
ATx 2755 x R1x 2767	Less midges were trapped on it than on AIx 2752 x R1x 430	Waquil, Tectes and Peterson (1985)

Table 6 (continued)

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
PVK 80, PVK 88, AI 28 and DJ 6514	Suffered 70% damage compared with 75% in SPV 234. Antibiosis was one of the mechanisms of resistance.	Nutrition and Chelliah (1986)
ATx 2755 × Tx 2367	Diazinon application resulted in higher yield in the resistant hybrid.	Teetes, Becerra and Peterson (1986)
ATx 2755 × Tx 2767	Oviposition efficiency was 4 times less on the resistant than on the susceptible hybrid ATx 2755 × Tx 430. Few larvae reached 1st larval instar/pupal stages.	Wajid, Teetes and Peterson (1986a, b)
ICSV 197	Highly resistant to midge with yield potential comparable to commercial cultivars.	Agrawal <i>et al.</i> (1987)
DJ 6514 and IAM 2566	Best general combiners for midge resistance.	Agrawal <i>et al.</i> (1988)
IS 3017C, NK 66, IS 8100C and IS 2549C	Resistant.	Higino and Ono (1988)
ATx 2755 × Tx 2767, Funk HW 869 ² and Funk HW 6045	Showed low susceptibility to midge.	Segura, Carmona <i>et al.</i> (1989)
DJ 6514, IAM 2566 and IS 12666C	Showed repeatable levels of resistance under no-choice head damage testing.	Sharma, Vidyasagar and Leuschner (1988a, b)
SGIRI-MR-3 and SGIRI-MR-1	Resistant to midge.	Wiseman, Duncanson and Widstrom (1988)
Ift MR 88	Derived from BC ₁ population of Redbinc 60 × PI 38356.	Hanna <i>et al.</i> (1989)
IS 1837C, IS 8237C, IS 8112C, IS 2740C, IS 3390C, IS 7132C, IS 2655C, IS 957C, IS 7193C, IS 2144C and IS 12572C	Selected for resistance both by visual scores and percentage yield loss.	Peterson <i>et al.</i> (1989)
IS 8232C, IS 8237C, IS 8117C, IS 2740C, IS 3390C, IS 7132C, IS 2655C, IS 957C, IS 7193C, IS 2144C and IS 12572C	Resistant to midge.	Sharma (1985b)

style. The rate of grain development between the third and seventh days after anthesis is negatively associated with midge damage (Sharma *et al.* 1990a). Short and tight glumes possibly hinder oviposition and limit the space between glumes and ovary for the development of midge larvae. Santos and Carmo (1974) have suggested that the tannin content of grain may be one of the factors imparting resistance to sorghum midge, but there are distinct exceptions, e.g. DJ 6514 (Sharma *et al.* 1990a).

Resistance to *C. sorghicola* is inherited quantitatively and is controlled by additive genes and some cytoplasmic effects (Widstrom, Wiseman and McMillan 1984; Agrawal, Abraham and House 1988). Susceptibility to midge is completely or incompletely dominant in some parents. At least two pairs of recessive genes determine the resistance of AI 28 and genes with minor effects are also present (Rossetto and Igue 1983). Midge resistance of Ift MR 88 has been reported to be under recessive gene control (Hanna *et al.* 1989). SGIRI-MR-1 and PI 38356 behave in different ways and resistance of SGIRI-MR-1 is lost when used as a female parent (Widstrom *et al.* 1984). The genotypes DJ 6514 and IAM 2566 are good general combiners. Both general and specific combining ability of the parents is important (Patil and Thombre 1985) as the mean performance of parents and general

combining ability effects are highly correlated (Agrawal *et al.* 1988).

Head bugs (*Calocoris angustatus* Leth and *Eurystylus immaculatus* Odh)

A major effort concerning identification of resistance to head bugs has been made in India (Sharma 1985c; Sharma and Lopez 1990, 1991, 1992a, b) and in West Africa (Sharma, Doumbia and Dionisio 1992a; Sharma *et al.* 1993). IS 17610, IS 17645, IS 21443 and IS 17618 have moderate levels of resistance to *C. angustatus* (Table 7). CSM 388, S 29, IS 14332, Mahsor 84-7 and Sakoika are good sources of resistance to *I. immaculatus*. Most of the sources of resistance have either coloured grain/high tannin content or are *gumense* sorghums from West Africa. Mahsor 84-7, a line derived from *gumense* sorghums, has a moderate yield potential and is medium dwarf in height with a good grain quality. It can be cultivated in areas endemic to bugs in West Africa and also used in a resistance breeding programme.

IS 2761, IS 17610, IS 17618 and IS 17645 were not preferred by the bugs in laboratory tests (Sharma and Lopez 1990). Under cage conditions, nine eggs per 100 spikelets were recorded in IS 17610 compared with 129 eggs per 100 spikelets in CSH 5 (Sharma and Lopez,

Table 7 Sources of resistance to sorghum head bugs

Genotype(s)	Remarks	Reference
	<i>Calocoris angustatus</i>	
Chenholam	Supported low populations	Balasubramanian <i>et al.</i> (1979)
IS 2761, IS 9692, IS 9639, IS 6984, IS 17610, IS 17618 and IS 17645	Supported lower head bug numbers and/or suffered a grain damage rating of 3 compared with 4 in the susceptible cultivar CSH 5	Sharma (1985c)
IS 17610, IS 17618 and IS 17645	Support lower head bug numbers and suffered low grain damage across seasons and infestation levels	Sharma and Lopez (1990, 1991, 1993a, b)
IS 17610, IS 17618, IS 17645, IS 21443, IS 21444, IS 19940, IS 25069, IS 19949, IS 19950, IS 19957, IS 20068, IS 25760 and IS 27329	Suffered a damage rating of 3 across seasons and under headage conditions compared with a damage rating of 4 in the susceptible cultivar CSH 5	Sharma and Lopez (1993b)
	<i>Lurystylus immaculatus</i>	
IS 14332, Malisor 84-7, CSM 388, S 29, Sikoika and Kamboinsic local	Resistant to <i>Lurystylus immaculatus</i> under natural and headage conditions	Sharma <i>et al.</i> (1993a, 1993)

1990). Cultivar non-preference is also a component of resistance to *Lurystylus*. IS 14332, CSM 388, Malisor 84-7, 83F6-16 and 83I 6-111 had less than five females per panicle compared with 11 females per panicle in F 35-1 under free-choice conditions in the field. The non-preference of CSM 388 has also been confirmed in laboratory cage tests (Sharma *et al.*, 1993). Post-embryonic development of *C. angustatus* is prolonged by 1-2 days on IS 17610, IS 17618 and IS 17645. Survival and establishment of first-instar nymphs is relatively lower on IS 17645 than on the susceptible checks, CSH 1 and CSH 5 (Sharma, 1985c, Sharma and Lopez, 1990). Growth rate and efficiency of conversion of ingested food into body matter are lower on IS 6984 and IS 2761 than on CSH 5 (Sharma, 1985c).

Balasubramanian *et al.* (1979) reported that cultivars with loose panicles are less susceptible to head bugs. Grain damage and bug population increase are positively associated with panicle compactness (Sharma, 1985c, Sharma *et al.*, 1993). However, under heavy levels of head bug density, severe grain damage of genotypes with loose panicles could be due to other factors. Cultivars less susceptible to *C. angustatus* tend to have long, hard and less hairy glumes (Sharma, 1985c). Days to glume opening (>20 days from anthesis), longer glumes (>5 mm), >50% of the grain surface covered by the glumes, hard corneous grain, and possibly quicker grain ripening, all contribute towards resistance to *F. immaculatus* (Sharma *et al.*, 1993).

Head caterpillars (*Helicoverpa armigera* Hb.)

Resistance to head caterpillars has not been studied specifically, although some lines suffering less damage have been reported. Chenholam, SPV 130, SPV 69, SPV 9, RS 160 and K Tall are resistant to head caterpillars (Wilson, 1976, Balasubramanian *et al.*, 1979, Natarajan and Babu, 1988). Genotypes with loose panicles suffer little damage by head caterpillars,

possibly because of easy access to parasitoids and predators (Balasubramanian *et al.* 1979). The ability to combine factors for resistance to head caterpillars has been studied by Patel *et al.* (1986).

Effect of insect-resistant cultivars on population dynamics and economic thresholds

Adequate levels of resistance are present against only a few sorghum pests—sorghum midge and aphids. However, varieties with low to moderate levels of resistance against shoot fly, stem borers, head bugs and armyworms can be very useful for pest suppression over a period of time. The adverse effects of resistant genotypes on pest populations are continuous, cumulative and without costs to the farmers, whereas pesticides require money and their effect on pest populations declines over time, so they may require re-application. Reduction in pest density through plant resistance also can assist control with natural enemies and reduces the number of pesticide treatments that may be needed. A reduction of the rate at which the pest populations increase will delay the attainment by the insect of an economic threshold level (E TL). This is especially true if the resistance mechanisms increase the mortality of immature stages and prolong the developmental period of survivors. The delay may also prevent the insect population reaching an E TL until after the most susceptible stage of the crop, thus eliminating the need for any insecticide use. Overall, the use of host-plant resistance in IPM conserves natural enemies, preserves environmental quality, and slows down the rate of development of insecticide-resistant insect populations.

Effect of host-plant resistance on economic thresholds (ETL)

The effect of insect-resistant cultivars on threshold levels will depend on the nature of resistance and the

criterion on which the threshold is based. If the ETL is based on damage (e.g. percentage of deadhearts for shoot fly and stem borer, number of leaves damaged by aphids or percentage leaf area consumed by armyworms) and the major component of resistance is tolerance, non-preference and antibiosis (as in shoot fly, stem borers, greenbug, aphids, armyworms etc.) then economic damage will be suffered by a susceptible cultivar in July, a moderately resistant cultivar in August and a resistant cultivar by the end of the season (Figure 1 a, b, c). Where insect damage is limited to a particular stage and over a short period (e.g. deadheart formation due to shoot fly and stem borer), the dates when a cultivar can be sown will depend on its level of resistance. Thus a susceptible cultivar such as CSH 1 cannot be sown after June.

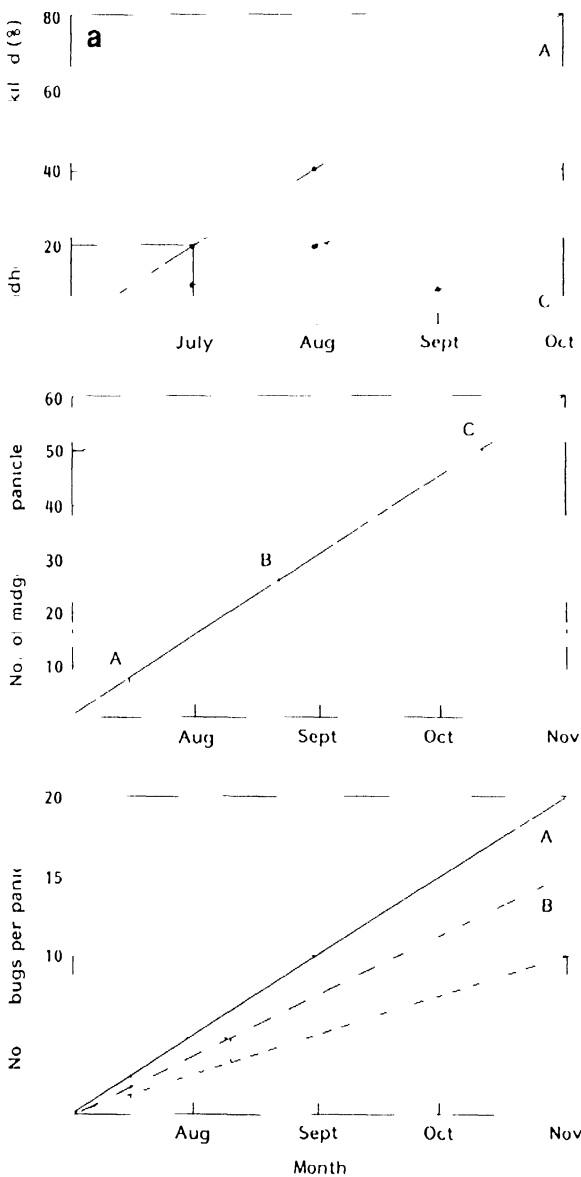


Figure 1 Effect of host plant resistance on economic threshold level (ETL) when the ETL is based on (a) damage, (b) non-damaging adult stage and (c) damaging adults on genotypes with non-preference and antibiosis. A, B, and C are susceptible, moderately resistant and resistant genotypes, respectively

If the ETL is based on adults that do not damage the crop, such as midge adults on panicles or the number of moths caught in pheromone or light traps, the ETL will be higher with an increase in the level of insect resistance. The ETL of sorghum midge may be five adults per panicle for a susceptible cultivar, 25 adults per panicle for a moderately resistant cultivar, and >50 adults per panicle for a highly resistant cultivar (Figure 1b). Under field conditions, if the insect density increases linearly between August and November, the susceptible cultivar must flower by September, the moderately resistant one by October and the highly resistant one at any time, to keep the midge damage below ETL. Thus, based on ETL for a genotype, a suitable cultivar can be selected for sowing early or late in the season. If the ETL is based on adults that cause damage (e.g. head bugs), and the mechanism of resistance is non-preference and antibiosis (decreasing the rate of population increase), then sowing a resistant variety will increase the ETL (Figure 1c) and also delay when it is attained.

Effect of plant resistance on insect density/yield loss relationship

The usefulness of resistant cultivars can be assessed from relationships between insect density and yield loss on resistant and susceptible cultivars. Plant resistance to shoot fly depends on non-preference, but this mechanism does not operate under no-choice conditions or under situations of high pest density. For all cultivars, 20% deadhearts result in a significant decrease in grain yield (Figure 2). The ultimate aim should therefore be to develop cultivars that would suffer < 20% deadhearts, irrespective of pest densities or sowing dates. Currently available cultivars suffer 50% damage when susceptible cultivars suffer 100% damage.

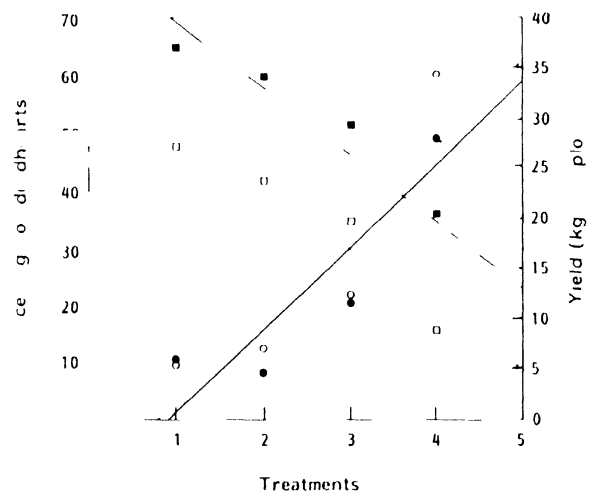


Figure 2 Effect of different levels of protection (treatments 1-4) on shoot fly deadhearts and grain yield in the susceptible cultivar CSH 1 during 1983-84. ●—●, Percentage deadhearts, 1983, ■—■, yield, 1983, ○—○, percentage deadhearts, 1984, □—□, yield, 1984 (S. L. Taneja, personal communication)

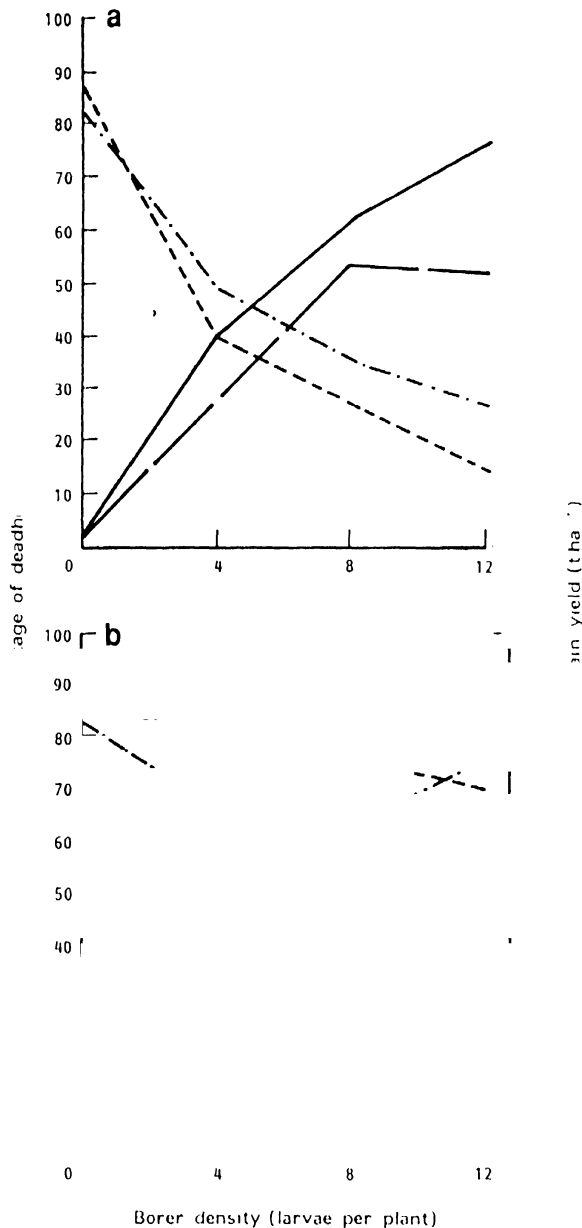


Figure 3 Effect of number of larvae per plant on deadheart formation and grain yield (a) 20 and (b) 40 days after emergence (Taneja and Nwanze, 1989) — — — —, Yield of resistant cultivar, — — —, yield of susceptible cultivar, — — — —, percentage of deadhearts on susceptible cultivar, — — — —, percentage of deadhearts on resistant cultivar

With *C. partellus*, the situation is almost similar to that of shoot fly, except that the pest can complete 3-4 generations on a single crop compared with only one shoot fly generation. Thus, even low levels of resistance can have a greater cumulative effect in reducing pest populations. The extent of damage (deadheart formation) is greatly influenced by the timing of infestation (Figure 3). Greater damage and yield loss can occur 20 days after crop emergence compared with 40 days after crop emergence. Under a heavy infestation (12 larvae per plant), a resistant cultivar yields more than a susceptible cultivar whereas the reverse can occur without borer infestation.

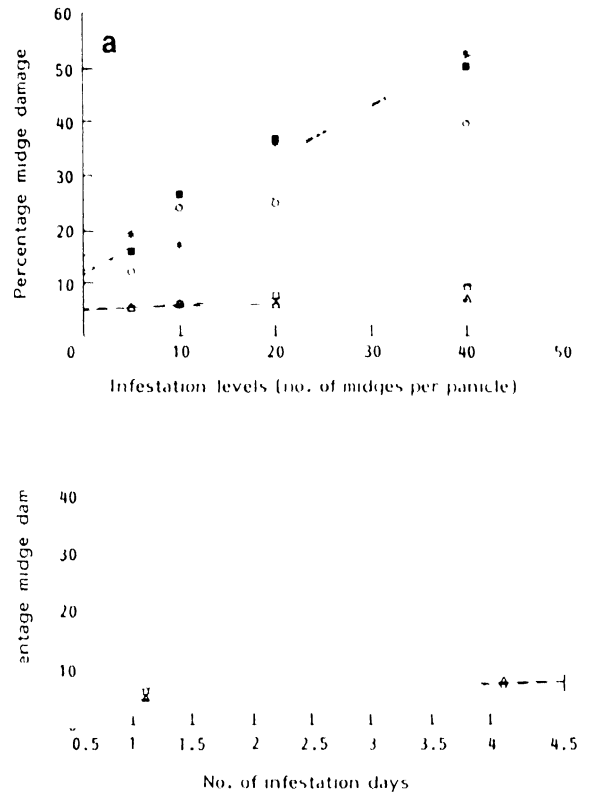


Figure 4 Effect of (a) insect density (no. of midges per panicle) and (b) number of infestation days on midge damage in five sorghum genotypes: resistant cultivars ICSV 197 (○) and ICSV 745 (△), susceptible cultivars ICSV 1 (□), ICSV 112 (◇) and CSH 1 (■) (H C Sharma, unpublished)

In relation to level of midge infestation or number of infestation days, the extent of loss (percentage midge damage) remains < 10% in the resistant cultivars ICSV 197 and ICSV 745 compared with a linear increase in damage in the susceptible cultivars CSH 1, ICSV 1 and ICSV 112 (Figure 4). At five midges per panicle, the susceptible cultivars lose 10-20% grain yield compared with < 4% in the resistant cultivars. Thus, midge-resistant cultivars can be sown irrespective of pest densities without suffering a significant loss in grain yield.

Bug numbers remain substantially lower across stages of panicle development on a resistant cultivar (IS 21443) compared with a susceptible cultivar (CSH 11) (Figure 5). At the dough stage, there were 824 bugs per five panicles in CSH 11 sprayed four times with demeton-O-methyl compared with eight bugs per five panicles in the resistant cultivar IS 21443. Yield potential of the susceptible hybrid is much greater than that of the resistant cultivars, but a very low level of head bug damage can render the grain unfit for human consumption (Sharma and Lopez, 1989). Loss in grain yield in CSH 11 due to head bugs is 3 t ha⁻¹ compared with 0.74 t ha⁻¹ for IS 21443. Currently available sources of resistance to bugs reduce the rate of increase in bug populations, resulting in less loss of grain yield and quality.

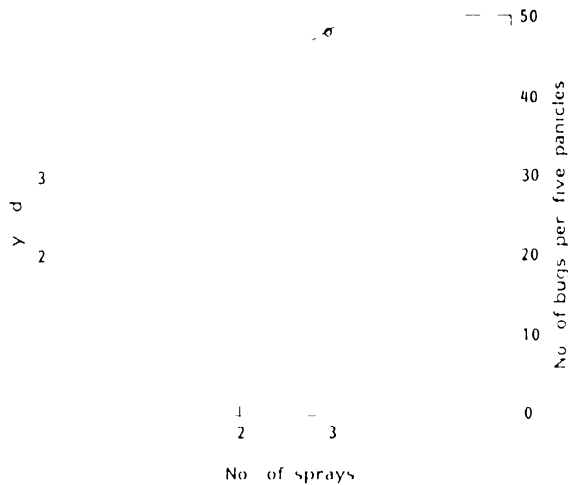


Figure 5 Effect of different levels of protection (no. of sprays) on head bug numbers (closed symbols) and grain yield (open symbols) in a resistant (IS 21443) and a susceptible cultivar (CSH 11) (H. C. Sharma unpublished)

Host-plant resistance as a component of IPM in sorghum in different agroecosystems

The most acceptable form of IPM involves the use of insect-resistant varieties in conjunction with crop husbandry practices and natural enemies, with insecticides applied only if really necessary. Both natural enemies and insecticides can be used in an IPM system provided that the target pests for each are separated in space (e.g. root-feeding pests such as white grubs versus foliage feeders such as armyworms, aphids, etc.) or time (at different stages of crop growth). As improved cultivars do not have adequate host-plant resistance against bugs, chemical control with carbaryl (0.1%) or demeton O methyl (0.025%) is a better option based on economic thresholds (five bugs per ten panicles at half anthesis) (Sharma and Feuschner 1987; Sharma and Lopez 1989). In this situation, natural enemies can be combined with moderate levels of plant resistance to control shoot fly and stem borers. Where chemical control is neither feasible nor economical, resistance to key pests has to be sufficiently high to avoid pesticide use and conserve the natural enemies.

The role of host-plant resistance for pest management in different agroecosystems is discussed below.

South Asia

During the rainy season, timely sowing of the same cultivar over a large area can minimize shoot fly and midge damage. This will help decrease the insect density per plant and also avoid the multiplication of the pest that occurs on sequentially sown crops. Where other insects such as stem borers, armyworms and head bugs are also important, a need-based insecticide may

be applied to minimize damage. *Trichogramma* spp. and *Apanteles fulvipes* Cam. are important parasitoids for the control of stem borers. *A. ruficornis* Hal. can be used for the biological control of *M. separata*. Timely sowing of midge-resistant varieties can avoid shoot fly damage and head bugs may be controlled with insecticides if necessary. Midge-resistant varieties such as ICSV 197, ICSV 88032 and ICSV 88013, with loose panicles, are also less damaged by the head caterpillars. Stem borer is a problem in Pakistan, Iran and Syria, while midge can be devastating in Yemen. Genotypes with resistance to these pests may be developed to fit into specific needs of these regions but generally more studies are needed to determine the relative importance of pest species and to develop the IPM systems accordingly.

Cultivars with moderate levels of resistance to shoot fly, such as M 351, IS 2205, CSH SR and CSH 13R, can be sown during the first fortnight of October, when shoot fly incidence begins to decline during the post-rainy season in India. Midge and head bugs are not major pests during the post-rainy season, however, as most of the genotypes with adaptation to the post-rainy season are highly susceptible to these pests, insecticide application may be necessary. *Trichogramma* and *A. flavipes* can be used as important natural enemies against borers.

South East Asia

Most sorghum grown in this region is for feed and sown after the main crop of paddy. Shoot fly and armyworms are the major pests of sorghum in this area, with aphids in colder areas. Midge has been reported to be a problem in the Philippines, Japan, China and Thailand. Genotypes with specific resistance to shoot fly are needed for most areas, but other pests such as armyworms may have to be controlled by using natural enemies or insecticides. Dwarf cultivars with resistance to shoot fly and midge are most desirable. Resistance to aphids is required in China, Taiwan and Japan.

Americas

Cultivars with adequate levels of resistance to aphids have been developed, and efforts are being made to develop midge-resistant hybrids. Other pests are sporadic in nature and may be managed through other components of pest management. The parasite *Lysiphlebus testaceipes* Cress. can be used for the management of aphids in conjunction with resistant varieties (Starks, Muniappan and Eikenbary 1972; Starks, Wood and Burton 1974).

Australia

Midge-resistant varieties and hybrids are needed for control of this major pest. Other pests, which are sporadic in nature, may be controlled through other components of IPM.

Eastern Africa

In Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, the severity of stem borers, midge, shoot fly and aphids differs. Armyworms and locusts are sporadic pests, while head bugs may become serious on late-flowering crops. In equatorial areas, two successive crops of sorghum are grown during the long- and short-season rains; in addition, the sowings are staggered in relation to rainfall pattern. This creates conditions that are highly conducive to increased populations of shoot fly and midge. Local landraces are tall, photoperiod sensitive, coloured (less damaged by birds) and have specific adaptations for pests, diseases and drought, depending upon altitude, latitude and rainfall pattern. To increase sorghum productivity, short-duration (for drought-prone areas) and medium-duration cultivars are required. Resistance (or at least some tolerance) to stem borers and shoot fly is essential in most areas, especially the drier lowland and mid-hill areas where most sorghum is grown. Farmers have a marked preference for red sorghums to minimize bird damage, but, where large areas are sown, white sorghums can be cultivated to increase crop productivity and improve nutrition. Resistance to aphids is also essential in some of these areas. Resistance to midge will be most desirable for regions in which the sowings are staggered or where the genotypes with different maturities are grown, e.g. the lowlands of Ethiopia (Gambella region), the midlands of Kenya (Busca region) and Tanzania. As resistance to shoot flies and midge is not available in the same backgrounds, genotypes with specific resistances to these pests may be sown over large areas to avoid population build-up. Mixed cropping of sorghum with cowpeas, together with biological control, can also be used to minimize the damage by stem borers. Chemical control is largely non-existent in these areas, but in epidemic situations such as major armyworm infestations, chemical control may be necessary. With a change in the cropping patterns and the cultivars grown, the situation with head bugs (*Jaylorilygus*) may have to be watched carefully.

West Africa

In sub-Saharan Africa (Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Togo, Ivory Coast, Ghana, etc.), the major pests of sorghum are head bugs, midge, stem borers and shoot fly. Farmers usually grow tall photoperiod-sensitive *guineense* landraces, which flower at the end of the rainy season during the last week of September. In some areas, *durra* and *durra-bicolor* sorghums are also grown. There is a wide variation in rainfall (400–1500 mm) in the sorghum-growing areas; accordingly, landraces with specific adaptation to different agroclimatic regions are grown by the farmers. Efforts to replace the local landraces have largely been unsuccessful because of problems of adaptation and food quality. The latter

is highly influenced by head bug damage, which also predisposes the grain to a greater incidence of grain mould. Resistance to head bugs and/or midge is essential in most areas; resistance to stem borers is necessary in drier zones. Timely and uniform sowing of the same cultivar in a region can help to minimize the losses due to shoot fly and midge. Local landraces have long glumes, which cover the grain for a period of 20–25 days compared with 6–8 days in the improved cultivars. These genotypes usually have very hard and corneous grain, which reduces the effective feeding period by the head bugs. In addition, these genotypes flower at the end of the rainy season when the relative humidity begins to decline and the climatic conditions are not conducive to the development and survival of head bugs.

Medium maturity genotypes with glume grain and panicle characteristics imparting resistance to head bugs need to be developed for this region. Furthermore, improvements within *ferafera* in Nigeria and *guineense* sorghums in other regions would be highly desirable. Efforts are being made to achieve this objective. ICRISAT's sorghum improvement programme in West Africa (SM 388 (a high yielding landrace of *guinea* sorghums) and Malisor 847 (a medium maturity line derived from *guinea* sorghums)) may be useful for areas endemic to head bugs. Midge-resistant lines may be useful in areas where midge populations build up because of staggered sowings. As head bugs are external feeders, chemical control is fairly effective, and a single application of a readily available insecticide is enough to minimize head bug damage. Intercropping sorghum with cowpeas (which is the most important legume crop of the region) can also be used to reduce the damage by stem borers.

Southern Africa

Stem borers, shoot fly, armoured cricket and aphids are some of the important pests of sorghum in southern Africa. Head bugs have begun to appear on newly developed genotypes in Botswana. Both local landraces and improved genotypes are grown by farmers in the region. Cultivars with resistance to borers and aphids may be applicable to the integrated pest management systems. Timely and uniform sowing can reduce the incidence of shoot fly and midge, and adequate fertilizer application can help to reduce damage by borers. Head bugs may have to be watched carefully on newly developed cultivars. Birds are by far the most important pests in this region. Coloured grain sorghums with a high tannin content, which are also useful in the brewing industry, may be developed for these areas.

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