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ARBUSCULAR MYCORRHIZATION OF TINSA (*OUGEINIA OOJEINENSIS*) IN CENTRAL INDIA

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ABSTRACT: An investigation was carried to study root colonization in *Ougeinia oojeinensis* (tinsa) by arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi and their spore population in rhizosphere soil of central India. For this study soil and feeder root samples were collected from 3 localities of Jabalpur and one locality of Mandla (Madhya Pradesh). Root colonization in this important tree ranges from 45 to 58%. The total AM fungi spores have a range of 105-230 spores per 100g air dried soil. Out of the spores extracted from soil twelve AM fungi were identified which include seven species of *Glomus: G. aggregatum G. fasciculatum, G. geosporum, G. intraradices, G. macrocarpum G. microcarpum* and *G. mosseae*, two species of *Gigaspora: G. decipiens and G. marginata*, two species of *Acaulospora: Acaulospora laevis* and *Acaulospora scrobiculata* and one *Scutellospora species, S. heterogama.*

Keywords: Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi, tinsa, rhizosphere, AM symbiosis. root colonization.

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