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Integrated nematode management in vegetables: Review article

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Abstract

Vegetable production around the world is being increasingly hampered by the unfavourable soil and environmental conditions that include abiotic constraints, as well as biotic ones as soil-borne pests and diseases. Among them Root knot nematode *Meloidogyne* spp. is one of the most important yield limiting constraints in vegetable crops causing an estimated yield loss of 5–43% in the tropics and subtropics. The concept of Integrated Nematode Management (INM) gaining momentum for management of Root knot nematodes compared to individual approach. INM is not isolated approach from Integrated Pest Management (IPM), rather a component of it. INM is pragmatic approach; it includes Cultural methods, Physical methods, Bio management methods and Chemical methods.

Keywords: INM, Root knot nematodes, *Meloidogyne* spp. Bio management

1. Introduction

Root knot nematodes are severe damaging pests in Vegetable crops. In overall Plant-parasitic nematodes cause 21.3 per cent crop losses amounting to Rs. 102,039.79 million (1.58 billion USD) annually in different crops. In India in Horticultural crops monetary loss due to nematodes is Rs. 50,224.98 million with yield loss 23.03 per cent annually (Kumar *et al.*, 2020) [22]. In Vegetable crops due to plant parasitic nematodes monetary losses amounting to Rs. 14461.22 million with 19.6 per cent yield losses In Protected cultivation, an overall average annual yield loss in major horticultural crops due to nematodes goes up to 60% (Kumar *et al.*, 2020) [22]. Root-knot nematodes are obligate sedentary endo parasites, that induce the formation of giant cells in the roots, from which the nematode feed to complete its life cycle (Baldacci-Cresp *et al.*, 2015) [4]. The availability of water and nutrients to the plant decreases while the giant cells are located close to the root systems xylem and phloem. As the giant cells are located close to the xylem and phloem, availability of water and nutrients to the plant decreases (Siddiqui *et al.*, 2014) [36]. Hence, for managing Root knot nematodes, Integrated Nematode Management (INM) is better approach. Biological management of Root knot nematodes main aims to manipulate the parasites, predators and pathogens of nematodes in the rhizosphere in order to control the plant parasitic nematodes.

2. Major Nematode species infecting vegetable crops

Every vegetable grown is known to be attacked by either of 4 common species of Root knot nematodes (*Meloidogyne incognita*, *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*, *M. hapla*). These four species are worldwide distributed and have a wide host range that includes vegetable crops (Greco & Esmenjaud, 2004) [9]. *M. incognita*, *M. javanica*, *M. arenaria* are widely distributed in tropical & sub-tropical warm temperate regions of the world, *M. arenaria* is less frequent and *M. hapla* occurs in temperate climate i.e., temperature -15° c to -27° c. Root knot nematode (RKN), identified as serious crop pest worldwide are obligatory sedentary endoparasites of plant roots' vascular tissues in eggplant (Caillaud *et al.*, 2008).

2.1 Different races in Root knot nematodes

Root knot nematodes races are known to occur in four prominent species of the root knot nematodes such as *M. incognita*, *M. javanica*, *M. arenaria* and *M. hapla*. Sasser (1952) [30] first reports the host range variations in four major *Meloidogyne* species. Taylor and Sasser, (1978) [31] used the term 'race' to *Meloidogyne* populations.

Table 1: Races (Root knot nematodes) in India

Occurrence of race	Species	Reference
4 races (race 1, 2, 3 and 4)	<i>M. incognita</i>	Sharma and Gill 1992 [33], Khan 1997 [18]
3 races (race 1, 2 (pepper race) and 3 (groundnut race))	<i>M. javanica</i>	Sharma <i>et al.</i> 1995 [34], Khan <i>et al.</i> 2003 [16]
1 race (race 2)	<i>M. arenaria</i>	Khan <i>et al.</i> 1993 [19], Kumar <i>et al.</i> 2008 [21]
race 5 and 6	<i>M. incognita</i>	Khan <i>et al.</i> (2014) [17]
3 new races	<i>M. javanica</i>	

In *M. incognita*, out of four races, race 1 is widely prevalent in India and race 2, 3 and 4 are reported to present in selected parts of the country. Similarly, the races of *M. javanica* and *M. arenaria* distribution in different parts the country.

2.2 Symptomology

Formation of Giant Galls in roots are the most characteristic symptom shown by plants infected by the most important *Meloidogyne* species. The size of galls is variable depending on quantity of inoculum and plant species. Low nematode density produces individual or scattered galls induced by one or few females and an egg mass, related to individual females, can be observed on the root surface. As density of nematodes increases, galls develop closer to each other and roots become deformed, their size increase considerably. In this case, only few egg masses can be seen on the root surface, as the majority of them are inside the root. Plant species affects gall size, ranked from more to less discrete galls: Alliaceae, Cruciferae, Asteraceae, Chenopodiaceae, Apiaceae, Fabaceae, Cucurbitaceae and Solanaceae (Ornat. C and Sorribas F). Symptoms in the aboveground depend on disease severity, they can range from no symptoms, when initial population density is lower than the tolerance limit, to dead plants, at higher population densities. Damping-off can occur when seeds are planted in heavily infested soils. Nutrient and water absorption is affected in plants with severely galled roots. As a consequence, plant growth is retarded, leaves show nutrient deficiency, wilt, yellowing and necrosis, flowering can be reduced or flowers become dry, in addition, the number of fruits is reduced or fruit size does not attain marketable standards (Ornat. C and Sorribas F.)

3. Integrated Nematode Management (INM)

3.1 Objectives of Integrated Nematode management (INM)

1. To minimize environmental and health hazards.
2. Utilization of several compatible measures.
3. To maximize natural environmental resistance to plant parasitic nematodes.
4. To minimize the use of drastic control measures and also to minimize the input costs.
5. To increase reliance on location specific and resource compatible management strategy.

3.2 Main components of Integrated Nematode Management

3.2.1 Cultural methods: Main principles behind cultural practices are (i) Prevention of new area from pest infestations i.e., prevention of infested soil, crop residues, vegetative propagules, human activities and irrigation water. (ii) Reduction of secondary soil inoculum once nematode is infested.

1. **Summer ploughing:** 2 or 3 deep summer ploughings during the hot summer months (May-June) expose the nematodes and infected tissue to solar heat and dehydration. This method reduces the root knot nematode population densities, weeds, soil borne pathogenic fungi and bacteria. This practice has been found effective to manage root-knot nematodes (Jain and Bhatti, 1987) [11]. In brinjal, fallowing and summer ploughing during hot summer months significantly reduce the *M. incognita* (Singh, 2013) [38]. According to Jain and Gupta (1990) [12] normal (10 cm) and deep ploughing (20 cm) during the month of June followed by a fallow period of about two months recorded significant reduction of root-knot nematode population ranging between 78.2 to 92.3%, respectively at the time of transplanting of tomato.
2. **Crop rotation:** Certain cropping sequences, including non-preferred hosts like sesame, mustard, wheat, maize, etc. are found to suppress the nematode population in vegetable crops. The key principal involved in this method is starvation and interruption in their life cycle. Rotation of non-host crops such as Velvet bean (*Mucuna*) mustard, garlic, onion and cereals at least for 2 to 3 years in a suitable cropping system helps in minimizing inoculum level of the nematodes. Siddiqui and Alam (2001) [35] evidenced that, the cropping sequences of sorghum-wheat-horse gram-turnip and fallow cauliflower-sorghum-coriander were found to have a maximum suppressive effect on root knot nematode *M. incognita* and reniform nematode *R. reniformis*.
3. **Antagonistic Crop (Bio fumigation):** Crops like asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*), mustard, and African marigold as antagonistic crops in susceptible main crop helps in suppression of root knot nematode population. Growing African marigold (*Tagetes erecta* or *Tagetes patula*) with susceptible crop helps in suppressing root knot nematode population by releasing nematotoxic compounds polyterthienyl (α -terthienyl) through root exudates respectively. Incorporation of *Brassica* spp. such as Indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*) and rapeseed (*B. napus*) as green manures into the soil limits the reproduction of nematodes. After decomposition, they release volatile compound like isothiocyanates produced from glucosinolates, which are highly toxic to root knot nematodes. This process generally termed as bio-fumigation.
4. **Cover crops:** Green manures suppress the nematode population by releasing nematotoxic compounds after decomposition (Chitwood and David 2002) [5]. In general, crops such as *Crotalaria*, castor bean, velvet bean, jack bean, sorghum-sudan, castor, grasses and cereals have been successfully utilized as cover crops for root knot nematode management (Hackney and Dickerson 1975; Viaene *et al.* 2006) [10, 43].
5. **Trap crops:** Trap crops are highly susceptible crops normally grown in root knot nematode infested fields. These crops which allow invasion by root knot nematodes, but do not support their development E.g. *Crotalaria spectabilis*.
6. **Destructions of crop residues:** Burning of infected plant debris helps in reducing inoculum densities. Removal of weeds such as *Chenopodium album*, *Solanum nigrum*, *Tithonia rotundifolia* and other unknown weeds are known to be associated with vegetable crops act as

alternate hosts for root knot nematodes for the perpetuation of life cycle. (Khan *et al.*, 2014)^[17].

7. Applications of organic amendments: Organic amendments with C: N ratios between 12 and 20 were highly suitable to exhibit high nematicidal activity and even to avoid phytotoxicity on crops. Plant products such as Neem (leaf, seed kernel, seed powders, seed extracts, oil, sawdust, and oilcake) has been extensively used against control of root knot nematodes including other major plant parasitic nematodes. Nematicidal action is

due to release of chemical compounds from neem such as salanin, azadirachtin, nimbin, thionemone and various flavonoids.

8. Host plant resistance: Host plant resistance is one of the best environment safe approach for Root knot nematode management. In Nematology, resistance is the ability of a plant to suppress development or reproduction of nematodes (Roberts, 2002). Resistance sources in Solanaceous and other vegetables furnished in below table.

Table 1: Host plant resistance in Tomato

Parasite	Host resistance	References
<i>Meloidogyne incognita</i>	Hisar Lalit, HN 2, PNR 7, IIHR 2614 and IIHR 2868	Sujatha R. <i>et al.</i> , (2017) ^[40]
	Advanced line- H-88-78-1 and Hisar Lalit, Motelle and Mogeor	Yerasu Suresh Reddy <i>et al.</i> , (2018) ^[24] .
	LA2819, LA2820, LA2822, CGN14387 and LA1221	Ali <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[2]
	Bridget40, Galilea, and Irma	Seid <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[31]
	Mahy 80, JK Kajal and Hybrid green, Mahy 112 and Mahy Ruby.	Akhter and Khan (2018) ^[1]
	Red Rock	Faraj and Qadir (2018) ^[8]
	Samrudhi F1 (<i>S. lycopersicum</i>) rootstock., <i>S. aethiopicum</i> , <i>S. macrocarpon</i> and Mongal F1 (<i>S. lycopersicum</i>)	Okorley <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[27]
	Hybrid-HN2 × CLN 2123A	Sundharaiya and Karuthamani (2018) ^[41]
	MS-113, CLN-2366C, E-9111, E-9113, E-9321, PAU Sel. 2-1, PAU-951 and Punjab Swarna	Kaur <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[15]
EC- 617047, EC- 620394 and EC- 620427	Nihal <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[26]	
<i>Meloidogyne javanica</i>	Assila, Eden, Galilea, Tisey, CLN-2366A, CLN-2366B and CLN-2366C	Seid <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[31]

Table 2: Host Plant resistance in Chilli and Capsicum

Crop	Parasite	Host resistance	Ref
<i>C. chacoense</i>	<i>Meloidogyne incognita</i>	528-8, 529-8, 46-530/7, 530-8, 213-8	Naresh <i>et al.</i> , 2019 ^[24]
<i>C. chinense</i>		PA-353, PA-398, PA-426, 201-26, 547-7, 56-547/7	
<i>C. frutescens</i>		586-12, 28-201, Santanka XS, White Kandhar	
<i>C. annuum</i>		PI322719, PI201234, CM 334, Pusa Jwala, Carolina Cayenne, PM687, PM217, PR205, PM702	
Capsicum (Bell pepper)		Charleston Hot', 'Carolina Wonder', 'Charleston Belle', 'Mississippi Nemaheart' and 'Carolina Cayenne'	Kokalis-Burelle <i>et al.</i> , 2009 ^[20]

Table 3: Host plant resistance in Egg plant and Potato

Crop	Parasite	Host resistance	Ref.
Brinjal	<i>Meloidogyne incognita</i>	<i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> <i>Solanum torvum</i> <i>Solanum aethiopicum</i>	Di Vito <i>et al.</i> , 1992 ^[7] .
		Gachhabaigan, Azadkranti, Kantabaigen, Athagara Local, Kamaghara local, <i>Solanum indicum</i> , PBR 129-5, ARU-1, BB1-3, BB 45-C, BB-49, KS-224, Utkal madhuri, BR-112, LB-13, LB-25, LB-28, LB-30, LB-44, LB-55	Nayak D K
Potato	Potato cyst nematode	Kufri Swarna, Kufri Neelima, Kufri Sahyadri <i>Solanum demissum</i> , <i>S. acule</i> , <i>S. Chacoense</i>	www.cpri.in

Table 4: Host plant resistance in other Vegetables

Crop Name	Host resistance	Reference
Okra	<i>Abelmoschus moschatus</i> (two genotypes <i>viz.</i> IC-140970-A, IC-203863) and <i>Abelmoschus angulosus</i> genotypes (IC-	Manjunatha T., <i>et al.</i> , 2017 ^[23]
Bottle gourd	PSPL, Hoe-505, Samrat, Bogh-2	
Other Cucurbits	<i>Cucumis anguria</i> , <i>C. ficifolius</i> , <i>C. longipes</i> , <i>C. metuliferus</i> , <i>C. eptadactylu</i>	Dhall R.K. 2016 ^[6] .

3.2.2 Biological control

Biological management of Root knot nematodes main aims to manipulate the parasites, predators and pathogens of nematodes in the rhizosphere in order to control the plant parasitic nematodes.

3.2.2.1 Biological control -Antagonists

Antagonists are colonizing in the soil and remain active (inoculation strategy). Effective biological antagonists are generally belonging to the 1. Fungi and 2. Bacteria group. These antagonists feed or parasitize the nematodes or release secondary metabolites which are having nematicidal activity.

3.2.2.2 Fungal antagonists

This group categorized into three groups based on their mode of action. The detailed information furnished in below

3.2.2.3 Nematode trapping fungi

Fungal antagonists *viz.*, *Arthrobotrys spp.* and *Monacrosporium spp.* are trap nematodes in constricting rings and adhesive nets respectively. Their predation mechanism involves the association between a lectin secreted by the fungus and a carbohydrate secreted by the nematode cuticle. However, their predation is specific to certain nematode species and restricted availability of these antagonists in soil

limits their potential use. (Manjunatha T. *et al.*, 2017)^[23]

3.3 Egg parasites

Paecilomyces lilacinus 1% W. P. and *Pochonia chlamydosporia* 1% W. P. are effective bionematicides. *P. lilacinus* and *P. chlamydosporia* are the potential fungal antagonists successfully control by parasitizing eggs and females of root knot nematode. (IIHR, Bengaluru)

3.4 Toxin producing fungi

Aspergillus spp. (*Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigates*, *Aspergillus terreus*), *Trichoderma* spp. (*Trichoderma viride*, *Trichoderma harzianum*) *Rhizoctonia bataticola*, *Alternaria alternata*, *Aspergillus flavus*, *Penicillium chrysogenum*, produce toxin which act as antagonists against plant parasitic nematodes. Most prominently the filamentous fungi, *Trichoderma harzianum* 1% W. P. & *Trichoderma viride* 1.5% W. P strains commercially used for the management of root knot nematodes infesting vegetable crops and the effective bio-fungicides. (IIHR, Bengaluru).

3.4.1 Bacterial antagonists

This group categorized in to two major groups viz., Nematode parasites (*Pasteuria penetrans*) and Nematode antagonistic rhizobacteria (Plant growth promoting rhizobacteria).

3.4.2 *Pasteuria penetrans*: It is obligate parasite produces adhesive endospore which inhibits reproduction activity in the root knot nematode.

3.4.3 Nematode antagonistic rhizobacteria: Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) having four multiple mode of actions such as i. competition ii. Antibiosis iii. plant growth promotion and iv. induction of systemic resistance against, plant parasitic nematodes including root knot nematodes, fungal and bacterial pathogens infecting a wide range of host plant species. *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 1% W. P. an effective bio bactericide and also has nematicidal properties. Strains of *P. fluorescens* which produce an antibiotic DAPG (2, 4-diacetylphloroglucinol) is responsible for high nematicidal action. Hence strains producing antibiotic DAPG have been widely used for the control of root knot nematodes infecting vegetables as well as other crops. Other Promising nematode antagonists in PGPR is *Bacillus* spp. *Bacillus* spp. (*Bacillus subtilis*, *B. pumilus*) are also most promising antagonist which produce secondary toxic metabolites to suppress the population of root knot nematodes.

3.5 Mode of Application Bio agents

3.5.1 Method of seed treatment with bio-agents

Formulation can be used as a seed treatment or seed dressing agent. Dosage – 15 to 20 grams of formulation /kg of seed.

1. Method of substrate treatment with bio-agents:

Formulation can be used for treatment of coco-peat (substrate) in which seedlings are grown under shade net or protected conditions. Dosage – 5 – 10g of formulation/kg of coco-peat (substrate)

2. Enrichment process: One ton of Neem cake/ Vermicompost/ well decomposed FYM has to be enriched by mixing with 2 kg each of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* + *Trichoderma harzianum* + *Paecilomyces lilacinus* formulation under shade. It has to be covered with mulch and optimum moisture of 25 - 30% has to be

maintained for a period of 15 -21 days.

- 3. Seed treatment:** 15 to 20 g of formulation /kg of seed.
- 4. Nursery treatment:** For transplanted vegetable crops such as tomato, brinjal and chilli, nursery beds treated with antagonists (*Trichoderma harzianum*, *Paecilomyces lilacinus* or *Pseudomonas fluorescens*) @ 50g/m² area.
- 5. Substrate treatment:** 5 to 10 g of formulation/kg of coco-peat (substrate). iii. Preparation of beds: Bio-pesticides enriched FYM@ 5kg/sq.m + bio-pesticides enriched neemcake @ 250g/sq.m or bio-pesticides enriched vermicompost @ 1kg have to be mixed in top 12 cm of soil in the beds.
- 6. Spraying, drenching/drip irrigation:** Formulation sprayed on the plants, applied through drip / by drenching at regular intervals at a dosage of 5g/ lit.

As reference source from technical bulletin (Manjunath *et al.*, 2017)^[23] and field experiments at IIHR Varanasi, application of Organic manures i.e., combined application of FYM @ 10 t/ha + poultry manure @ 2.5 t/ha + bio-fertilizers (Rhizobium and Phosphate Solubilizing Bacteria) effectively reduced root knot incidence along with other plant parasitic nematodes at organic farm at ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi. Integrated application of both the antagonists *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and fungal bio-gent, *Trichoderma harzianum* (Seed treatment (10g/kg seed and soil application of 10kg /ha with 1.5 ton FYM) effectively reduced root knot incidence in bitter gourd. Seed treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 1% W.P. (2×10^8 cfu) @ 20g/kg seed and application of 5 tons of FYM enriched with 2.5 kg of each *Paecilomyces lilacinus* (2×10^6 cfu/g) + *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (2×10^8 cfu/g) have been found highly effective for reducing the root knot nematode *M. incognita* disease by increasing in marketable yield in okra. In Brinjal, root knot nematode incidence has been effectively reduced through integrated approaches such as application of neem cake (1.5 t/ha) before 10 days of transplanting of seedlings + soil application of 10 kg/ha (talc-based formulation of antagonists *Pseudomonas fluorescens* + *Trichoderma harzianum*) enriched with farm yard manure 1.5 t/ha (FYM) at the time of transplanting. In chilli, combined application of talc based formulations such as *Trichoderma viride* (30g/10 m²), *Pochonia chlamydosporia* (20g/10 m²) and neem cake (0.15 kg/10 m²) showed greater plant growth with a significant reduction of root knot nematode (*M. incognita*).

3.6 Physical Methods

3.6.1 Steam sterilization: Generally used in Protected cultivation.

3.6.2 Soil solarization: It is a method of heating moist soil by covering it with 100 gauge Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) clear films were efficient to manage root knot nematode incidence.

3.6.2.1 Principle of Soil Solarization

1 Accumulation of heat due to transmission of short-wave solar radiation and prevents loss of long wave radiation in solarized soil. (2) increase in temperature due to greenhouse effect; (3) soil moisture helps in solarization process by conducting heat energy; (4) increase in microbial and physico-chemical reactions in the soil resulting in to accumulations of gases, some being toxic pathogens and

others acting as a nutrient source or induce resistance to subsequent crop and (5) prolonged exposure to higher temperature resulting in increased mortality of nematodes and also making them susceptible to antagonists. Jain and Gupta (1996) ^[13] reported that, solarization during May to June months reduced 78% of *M. javanica* soil nematode population. In nursery, soil solarization with clear and black LLDPE (Linear Low-Density Polyethylene) mulch reduced 92.5 and 87.4% of soil population of *M. javanica* respectively (Jain and Gupta 1997) ^[14]. Soil solarization through 100 gauge (25 µm) LLDPE clear plastic film for 15 days during May month reduced the root knot disease and weeds by 66% and 93% respectively (Walia *et al.* 2016) ^[44].

3.7 Chemical Control

Carbofuran 1kg a.i./ha (33 kg/ha) or Apply Nimitz (Fluensulfone 2% G) @ 1 g/plant before planting or Apply Velumprime (Fluopyram 35%EC) @ 0.3 to 0.5 ml per plant before planting.

3.8 Field experiments- Integrated Nematodes management

Shanti *et al.* (2005) ^[32] reported in Tomato, 56.50 per cent yield was increased and 65.30 per cent reduction of Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) population in soil, with Solarization of nursery bed + resistant tomato variety (Hisar Lalit) transplanted to main field.

In Chilli 70 per cent Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) population was reduced in soil and 117 per cent yield was increased over control through, three deep summer ploughings at 15 days interval + neem cake at 20 t/ha + seed treatment (6 g/kg seed) + soil application with a talc formulation of fungal biological control agents (*Pochonia chlamydosporia* (2×10⁷ cfu/g) at 12 kg/ha and *Trichoderma viride* (2.8×10⁶ cfu/g) at 12 kg ha (Singh *et al.* 2012) ^[37].

In Brinjal 89.9 per cent Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) population was reduced in soil and 69.6 per cent yield was increased over control through, Combined application of neem cake (1.5 t/ha) before 10 days of transplanting + soil application of 10 kg/ha talc-based formulation of antagonists *Pseudomonas fluorescens* + *Trichoderma harzianum* enriched with farm yard manure 1.5 t/ha (Singh 2013) ^[38].

In Okra 82.40 per cent Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) population was reduced in soil and 71 per cent yield was increased over control through, Seed treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 1% W.P. (2 × 10⁸ cfu) @ 20g/kg seed + application of 5 tons of FYM enriched with 2.5 kg of each *Paecilomyces lilacinus* (2 × 10⁶ cfu/g) and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (2 × 10⁸ cfu/g) (Singh *et al.* 2014) ^[39]

Rao *et al.*, (2104) ^[29] revealed in Carrot crop, 82.40 per cent Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) population was reduced in soil and 71 per cent yield was increased over control through, Seed treatment with *Bacillus subtilis* IHR BS-2 at 10 ml kg/seed+ soil application of 2 tons/ ha of vermicompost enriched with 5 litres of *B. subtilis* IHR BS-2.

4. Conclusion

According to the issues summarized in this review, Integrated nematode management, can generally be considered as the best option for nematode management. Availability of Resistant sources basically cost effective and environmentally benign. However, unlike the use of nematicides that is not dependent on biological specificity of action among nematodes, natural host resistance can be applied only after an

investigation of the specificity of the resistance traits and their targets among the wide variety of nematode species and subspecies. Physical methods and cultural methods are pre precautionary measures for management of Root knot nematode (*M. incognita*) in Vegetables. Bio management is effective antagonists in management of Root knot nematodes.

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