Rice Grain Chalkiness Is Negatively Correlated with Root Activity During Grain Filling [PDF]

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(Rice Research Institute, Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Guangzhou 510640, China) intiallightarrow in the experiments were conducted using indica rice varieties with differential chalkiness. Therewere significant differences in root activity among the varieties. The percentages of chalky grains and chalky $area were both negatively correlated with root activity expressed as <math>\alpha$ -naphthylamine oxidation ability (RA) per gram of fresh root (RAfw), RA per spikelet (RAgrn), or RA per sink capacity (RAsink). The RAsink was more closely related to chalkiness than RAfw and RAgrn when varieties differed greatly in panicle size and grain weight. Application of N03--N fertilizer at heading resulted in higher root activity and reduced chalkiness. Application of 30 mg/L NaN3 (respiration inhibitor) resulted in reduced root activity and increased chalkiness for one variety ' GD9501', but for the other variety ' Qinluai' was in reverse. The percentages of chalky grains and chalky area were negatively correlated with root activity at 10 days after heading under different chemical treatments (r =-0.8567* and r =-0.9211**, respectively).

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