

EFFECT OF FYM, MINIA AZOTEIN, SALICYLIC AND ASCORBIC ACIDS TREATMENTS ON GROWTH AND ESSENTIAL OIL PRODUCTION OF CORIANDER (*CORIANDRUM SATIVUM*, L.) PLANTS

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ABSTRACT: A field experiment was carried out during 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 seasons at the Experimental Farm, Fac. of Agric., Minia Univ. to investigate the effect of FYM (0, 10, 15 and 20 ton/fed), Minia Azotein (M.A.) as biofertilizer containing N-fixing bacteria, salicylic acid (Sal.), ascorbic acid (Asc.), M.A. + Sal. and M.A. + Asc. on the vegetative growth and essential oil productivity of coriander plants.

The obtained data revealed that vegetative growth characters (plant height, number of branches/plant and herb dry weight/plant) and essential oil production (oil % as well as oil yield/plant and /fed) were significantly increased due to the application of all levels of FYM over those of control treatment. The maximum values were recorded at the high level of FYM (20 ton/fed). Vegetative growth characters and essential oil productivity parameters were significantly augmented as a result of using the different five treatments. The most effective treatments in this concern were Minia Azotein (M.A.) + salicylic acid (at 50 ppm) followed by Minia Azotein (M.A.) + ascorbic acid (at 50 ppm) without significant difference between such superior treatments. While, M.A. plus either salicylic acid or ascorbic acid gave the highest essential oil % and oil yield /plant and /fed.

It could be recommended to supply *Coriandrum sativum* plants with FYM at 20 ton/fed in combination with M.A. + salicylic acid or ascorbic acid each at 50 ppm to give the high productivity and the safety, not only for human but also for the environment in which we live.

Key words: *Coriandrum sativum*, FYM, Minia Azotein, biofertilizer containing N-fixing bacteria, salicylic acid, ascorbic acid.



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INTRODUCTION

Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*) belongs to the Apiaceae family. It is herbaceous annual plant, which is native to Mediterranean region. The coriander seeds have essential oil as an active substance, while linalool and pinene are the most

important constituents of coriander oil which are used in pharmaceutical, food, perfumery and flavoring industry (Stary and Jirasck, 1975).

Organic material improve soil physical and chemical properties that important for plant growth and improved the volatile oil (Osman, 2000; Khattab and Gomaa, 2004;

Abdalla, 2009 and Rekaby, 2013) on coriander, (Abdou *et al.*, 2014) on khilla and (Ismail, 2008 and Shoor *et al.*, 2010) on black cumin.

Minia Azotein (M.A.) as biofertilizer (contains N-fixing bacteria) had positive effect on growth and essential oil production namely (Helmy, 2008) on black cumin, (Hemdan, 2008) on anise, (Abdou *et al.*, 2012) on sage and (Abd El-Latif, 2014) on lavender.

Ascorbic acid and Salicylic acid have synergistic effect on growth and productivity of most medical and aromatic plants as follows. Al-Shareif (2006) and Botros (2013) on caraway, Ayat (2007) and Rekaby (2013) on coriander, Tanious (2008) and Hendawy and Ezz El-Din (2010) on fennel. They showed that foliar spray of ascorbic acid increased growth and essential oil % and yield.

While, Ismail (2008) on black cumin, Abdou *et al.* (2009b), Shala (2012) and Botros (2013) on caraway, Hassan and Ali (2010) and Rekaby (2013) on coriander and Al-Shewailly (2012) and Rahimi *et al.* (2013) on cumin. They found that salicylic acid treatments increased all vegetative growth parameters and essential oil % and essential oil yield/plant.

Production of medicinal and aromatic plants using organic matter, biofertilizer (M.A.), salicylic and ascorbic acids became an essential process to ensure the safety, not only for human, but also for the environment in which we live. So, the present study was carried out to investigate the effect of FYM, Minia Azotein and salicylic and ascorbic acids on growth and oil production of coriander plants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Field experiment was carried out during the two successive seasons of 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 at the Nursery and Laboratory, Fac. of Agric. Minia Univ. Seeds of coriander plants were sown on September 25th for both seasons, in 2.1×2.1 m plots with

70 cm distance between the rows and 30 cm between hills within each row. So, each plot contained 3 rows and 21 hills, each hill contained 2 plants. Physical and chemical characters of the used soil are shown in Table (a).

Plants were thinned twice, the first one after one month from planting date and the second one after two weeks from the first one. All other agricultural practices were followed as usual.

A complete randomized block design following the split plot arrangement, in three replicates, was executed in this experiment with four Farmyard manure (FYM) treatments (0, 10, 15 and 20 ton/fed) in the main plots and five treatments [Minia Azotein (M.A.), salicylic acid (Sal.) at 50 ppm, ascorbic acid (Asc.) at 50 ppm, M.A. + Sal. and M.A. + Asc.] in the sub plots. Farmyard manure (FYM) amounts, for each treatment, were added to the soil during preparation. Physical and chemical properties of the Farmyard manure (FYM) are shown in Table (b).

M.A. was applied three times to the soil beside the plants at 50 ml/hill while, salicylic and ascorbic acids each at 50 ppm were applied by hand sprayer three times. The first dose (for M.A., Sal. and Asc.) was added after 50 days from planting date and the 2nd and 3rd spray were done at one month thereafter.

At the end of experiment (first week of May), the following data were recorded:

- Vegetative growth characters: Plant height (cm), number of branches/plant and herb dry weight/plant (g).
- Essential oil determination: Essential oil %, oil yield/plant (ml) and /fed (liter) were calculated.

The obtained data were tabulated and statistically analyzed according to MSTAT-C (1986) and L.S.D. test at 5% was followed to compare between the means.

Table a. Physical and chemical properties of the used soil.

Soil Character	Value	Soil Character	Value	
Sand %	28.30	Available P %	15.12	
Silt %	30.70	Exch. K ⁺ (mg/100 g soil)	2.11	
Clay %	41.00	Exch. Ca ⁺⁺ (mg/100 g soil)	31.74	
Soil type	Clay loam	Exch. Na ⁺ (mg/100 g soil)	2.41	
Organic matter %	1.62	Fe	8.54	
CaCO ₃ %	2.09	Cu	2.06	
pH (1:2.5)	7.83	DTPA	Zn	2.75
E.C. (mmhos/cm)	1.04	Ext. ppm	Mn	8.26
Total N %	0.08			

Table b. Physical and chemical properties of the used Farmyard manure (FYM).

Content	Value	Content	Value
Organic matter (%)	27.07	K (%)	1.09
Carbon (%)	15.70	Fe (ppm)	2379.2
Total N (%)	0.82	Zn (ppm)	274.2
C/N ratio	19.14	Mn (ppm)	235.4
Humidity	8.01	pH	7.44
P (%)	0.25	E.C. (m. mhose/cm)	1.08

RESULTS

1- Vegetative growth parameters:

Data presented in Table (1) indicate that, the three levels of FYM had significantly positive effect on vegetative growth characters i.e. plant height, number of branches and herb dry weight/plant compared with control. Data also showed that, FYM at 20 ton/fed gave the maximum mean values of plant height (121.51 and 127.20 cm), number of branches (9.50 and 9.37) and herb dry weight/plant (56.97 and 56.39 g) for both seasons, respectively compared to control. Obtained results agreed with those of Rekaby (2013) on coriander and Ibrahim (2014) on khilla plants.

Also, the obtained results indicated that all used treatments of Minia Azotein (M.A.) and/or salicylic acid or ascorbic acid had remarkably positive effect on vegetative growth characters (plant height, number of branches/plant and herb dry weight/plant).

The treatments of M.A. + Sal. followed by M.A. + Asc. resulted the best values of vegetative growth comparing with other used treatments in both seasons (Table, 1). M.A. had positive effect on vegetative growth parameters as reported by Abdou *et al.* (2009a) on borage and Ibrahim (2014) on khilla plants.

Also, salicylic acid increased plant growth characters as mentioned by Ismail (2008) on black cumin and Abdou *et al.* (2013) on caraway. Ascorbic acid as an antioxidant increased vegetative growth characters as mentioned by Al-Shareif (2006) and Botros (2013) on caraway, Ayat (2007) and Rekaby (2013) on coriander, Tanious (2008) and Hendawy and Ezz El-Din (2010) on fennel.

The interaction between the two studied factors (A×B) was significant for plant height, number of branches and herb dry weight/plant (Table, 1). The highest values were obtained due to addition FYM at 20

Table 1. Effect of FYM, Minia Azotein, salicylic acid and ascorbic acid on plant height (cm), number of branches/plant and herb dry weight/plant (g) of coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*, L.) plants, during the first and second seasons.

M.A., salicylic and ascorbic acids treatments (B)	FYM levels (ton/fed) (A)										
	1 st season (2013/2014)					2 nd season (2014/2015)					
	0	10	15	20	Mean (B)	0	10	15	20	Mean (B)	
Plant height (cm)											
M.A. at 50 ml/l	106.2	111.5	117.5	122.2	114.3	111.4	117.1	123.0	127.9	119.8	
Sal. at 50 ppm	103.1	108.3	113.8	118.3	110.9	108.4	113.8	119.5	124.3	116.5	
Asc. at 50 ppm	100.4	105.4	110.8	115.2	107.9	104.4	109.6	115.2	119.9	112.3	
M.A. + Sal.	110.9	116.4	122.4	127.4	119.3	116.3	122.1	128.2	133.2	125.0	
M.A. + Asc.	108.4	113.8	119.6	124.4	116.6	113.8	119.5	125.5	130.6	122.4	
Mean (A)	105.78	111.09	116.82	121.51		110.86	116.42	122.26	127.20		
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 4.12		B: 3.71		AB: 7.42		A: 4.73		B: 3.55		AB: 7.10
Number of branches/plant											
M.A. at 50 ml/l	5.93	7.12	8.40	9.66	7.78	6.31	7.44	8.57	9.85	8.04	
Sal. at 50 ppm	5.71	6.86	8.09	9.30	7.49	5.96	7.05	8.11	9.30	7.60	
Asc. at 50 ppm	5.20	6.24	7.36	8.46	6.81	5.37	6.33	7.28	8.44	6.86	
M.A. + Sal.	6.30	7.56	8.93	10.26	8.26	6.99	8.25	9.49	9.65	8.60	
M.A. + Asc.	6.02	7.21	8.52	9.80	7.89	6.56	7.74	8.90	9.61	8.20	
Mean (A)	5.83	7.00	8.26	9.50		6.24	7.36	8.47	9.37		
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 0.61		B: 0.55		AB: 1.1		A: 0.75		B: 0.89		AB: 1.78
Herb dry weight/plant (g)											
M.A. at 50 ml/l	35.6	42.6	50.4	58.0	46.7	38.0	44.5	51.3	59.1	48.2	
Sal. at 50 ppm	34.2	41.2	48.5	55.8	44.9	35.9	42.4	48.7	55.7	45.7	
Asc. at 50 ppm	31.1	37.5	44.1	50.8	40.9	32.2	38.1	43.8	50.9	41.3	
M.A. + Sal.	38.0	45.2	53.6	61.5	49.6	42.1	49.6	56.9	58.6	51.8	
M.A. + Asc.	36.2	43.3	51.1	58.8	47.4	39.7	46.6	54.4	57.6	49.6	
Mean (A)	35.03	41.94	49.54	56.97		37.59	44.25	51.03	56.39		
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 2.21		B: 2.40		AB: 4.80		A: 2.82		B: 2.90		AB: 5.80

M.A.: Minia Azotein Sal.: Salicylic acid Asc.: Ascorbic acid

ton/fed in combination with M.A. + Sal. or M.A. + Asc.

2- Essential oil productivity:

Data in Table (2) indicated that essential oil percentage, oil yield/plant and oil yield/fed had significant effect of these parameters with FYM, M.A., salicylic and ascorbic acids treatments. Also, the interaction between treatments had significant effects on these traits. The highest

oil percentages (0.39% and 0.42% in the first and second seasons, respectively), oil yield/plant (0.144 and 0.180 ml in both seasons, respectively) and oil yield/fed (5.749 and 7.214 liter in both seasons, respectively) were obtained at 20 ton/fed FYM Table (2). Similar results were obtained by Osman (2000), Khattab and Gomaa (2004), Abdalla (2009) and Rekaby (2013) on coriander plants.

Table 2. Effect of FYM, Minia Azotein, salicylic and ascorbic acids on oil percentage, oil yield/plant (ml) and oil yield/fed (liter) of coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*, L.) plants, during the first and second seasons.

M.A., salicylic and ascorbic acids treatments (B)	FYM levels (ton/fed) (A)									
	1 st season (2013/2014)					2 nd season (2014/2015)				
	0	10	15	20	Mean (B)	0	10	15	20	Mean (B)
Oil percentage										
M.A. at 50 ml/l	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.36	0.32	0.28	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.33
Sal. at 50 ppm	0.30	0.33	0.36	0.39	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.42	0.43	0.39
Asc. at 50 ppm	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.38	0.34	0.33	0.35	0.39	0.40	0.37
M.A. + Sal.	0.32	0.35	0.38	0.41	0.37	0.34	0.39	0.43	0.46	0.40
M.A. + Asc.	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.40	0.36	0.33	0.37	0.42	0.46	0.39
Mean (A)	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.39		0.32	0.36	0.40	0.42	
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 0.02		B: 0.01	AB: 0.02		A: 0.03		B: 0.01	AB: 0.02	
Oil yield/plant (ml)										
M.A. at 50 ml/l	0.046	0.067	0.098	0.131	0.083	0.053	0.082	0.116	0.153	0.098
Sal. at 50 ppm	0.046	0.067	0.078	0.134	0.080	0.059	0.083	0.132	0.165	0.107
Asc. at 50 ppm	0.042	0.061	0.087	0.117	0.075	0.049	0.071	0.109	0.138	0.090
M.A. + Sal.	0.059	0.088	0.130	0.173	0.111	0.075	0.117	0.175	0.230	0.143
M.A. + Asc.	0.055	0.080	0.120	0.163	0.103	0.067	0.103	0.160	0.215	0.129
Mean (A)	0.050	0.073	0.102	0.144		0.060	0.091	0.138	0.180	
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 0.021		B: 0.008	AB: 0.016		A: 0.028		B: 0.011	AB: 0.022	
Oil yield /fed (liter)										
M.A. at 50 ml/l	1.844	2.701	3.891	5.240	3.308	2.103	3.293	4.602	6.149	3.904
Sal. at 50 ppm	1.841	2.685	3.121	5.364	3.192	2.357	3.310	5.278	6.598	4.270
Asc. at 50 ppm	1.667	2.431	3.501	4.678	2.976	1.980	2.875	4.370	5.482	3.617
M.A. + Sal.	2.370	3.543	5.203	6.937	4.451	2.967	4.678	7.001	9.216	5.694
M.A. + Asc.	2.179	3.172	4.807	6.526	4.121	2.676	4.122	6.369	8.625	5.174
Mean (A)	1.980	2.906	4.104	5.749		2.417	3.655	5.524	7.214	
L.S.D. at 5 %	A: 0.311		B: 0.315	AB: 0.630		A: 0.375		B: 0.322	AB: 0.644	
M.A.: Minia Azotein	Sal.: Salicylic acid			Asc.: Ascorbic acid						

Mean comparison for M.A., salicylic and ascorbic acids treatments showed that M.A. plus either Sal. or Asc. gave the highest essential oil %, oil yield/plant and /fed (Table, 2).

The combination treatments between FYM (20 ton/fed) and M.A.+ Sal. or M.A. + Asc. gave the highest values in both seasons.

DISCUSSION

The obtained results indicated the favorable effect of FYM on coriander plant growth and productivity. Organic fertilizer improves the soil texture. The structural improvement can encourage the plant to have a good root development by improving the aeration in the soil, which leads to a higher plant growth. Also, the obtained

results indicated the favorable effect of FYM on coriander plant productivity, this result might be due to the role of organic material for continues supply of nutrients, growth stimulants, disease suppressors and support biologically diverse and metabolically dynamic process during the plant growth plays an essential role in the biosynthesis of the organic substances (Weltzien, 1990 and Fliessbach *et al.*, 2000).

Minia Azotein as biofertilizer contain a mixture of *Azotobacter* strain of bacteria which increase crop growth through different mechanisms, i.e. biological nitrogen fixation, growth-promoting or hormonal substances increasing availability of soil nutrients (Galal and Aly, 2004)

Salicylic acid is a naturally occurring phenolic compound found in many plants. As an important endogenous signal molecule, salicylic acid has been proven to be a major component in signal molecule transduction systems, which can induce particular enzymes catalyzing biosynthetic reactions and is essential for the development of systematic acquired resistance (Klessig and Malamy, 1994). It is assigned divers regulatory role in the metabolism of plants (Raskin, 1992 and Popova *et al.*, 1997). Salicylic acid has direct involvement in plant growth, thermogenesis, lower induction and uptake of ions (Gorddon *et al.*, 1997; Dat *et al.*, 2000).

Generally, the physiological effects of ascorbic acid include stimulation of respiration, photosynthesis cell division, manage enzymes activities, promotion of lipase, catalase, as well as, increase vegetative growth and oil % (Oertli, 1987; Dewick, 2000).

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تم إجراء تجربة حقلية خلال موسمي ٢٠١٣/٢٠١٤ و ٢٠١٤/٢٠١٥ بمزرعة كلية الزراعة، جامعة المنيا لاختبار تأثير السماد العضوي للمزرعة (صفر، ١٠، ١٥ و ٢٠ طن/فدان) والسماد الحيوي المنيا أزوتين (M.A)، حمض الساليساليك، حمض الأسكوربيك، المنيا أزوتين + حمض الساليساليك و المنيا أزوتين + حمض الأسكوربيك على نمو وإنتاجية الزيت الطيار للكزبرة.

وقد أظهرت النتائج أن صفات النمو الخضري (ارتفاع النبات، عدد الفروع والوزن الجاف للعشب للنبات) و صفات إنتاج الزيت (النسبة المئوية ومحصول الزيت للنبات ولفدان) زادت معنوياً نتيجة استعمال كل معاملات السماد العضوي. وكانت أعلى القيم سجلت نتيجة استعمال المستوى العالي من السماد العضوي (٢٠ طن/فدان).

وقد سجلت النتائج زيادة معنوية في قيم صفات النمو الخضري وإنتاجية الزيت الطيار نتيجة استعمال الخمس معاملات المختلفة وكانت أكثرها كفاءة هي السماد الحيوي المنيا أزوتين + حمض الساليساليك و السماد الحيوي المنيا أزوتين + حمض الأسكوربيك بدون فارق معنوي بينهما.

معاملة التسميد الحيوي (M.A.) + حمض الساليساليك أو حمض الأسكوربيك كل حمض بتركيز ٥٠ جزء في المليون أعطت أعلى نسبة مئوية للزيت الطيار وأيضاً سجلت أعلى محصول زيت طيار للنبات.

يمكن التوصية بإمداد الكسبرة بالسماد العضوي للمزرعة عند ٢٠ طن/فدان مع السماد الحيوي المنيا أزوتين + حمض الساليساليك أو حمض الأسكوربيك للوصول لأعلى نمو وإنتاجية مع الأمان ليس فقط للإنسان ولكن أيضاً للبيئة التي يعيش فيها الإنسان.