

## Effect of Gibberellic Acid, Naphthalenacetic Acid, Calcium and Zinc Spraying on Fruiting of Manfalouty Pomegranate Trees

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### Abstract

This study was carried out at the Experimental Orchard, Faculty of Agriculture, Assiut University, Egypt, to study the effect of Gibberellic Acid (GA<sub>3</sub>), Naphthalenacetic acid (NAA), calcium chloride and zinc sulphate spraying on fruiting of Manfalouty pomegranate during 2017 and 2018 seasons. The experiment was set up in a complete randomized block design with three replicates, one tree per each.

GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and zinc sulphate (ZnSO<sub>4</sub>) spraying significantly increased the yield/ tree compared to unsprayed ones. GA<sub>3</sub> spraying gave the highest yield followed by calcium chloride. On the other hand, all treatments significantly decreased the fruit cracking percentage compared to unsprayed ones. The least fruit cracking was recorded due to calcium chloride spraying.

All treatments significantly increased fruit weight and fruit dimensions as well as pulp percentage and juice contents compared to unsprayed ones. Moreover, calcium chloride and zinc sulphate as well as combination of GA<sub>3</sub> or NAA with them significantly improved the fruit chemical constituents, whereas, GA<sub>3</sub> spraying alone decreased the chemical fruit constituents compared to unsprayed ones.

It could be concluded that spraying Manfalouty pomegranate trees with calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) at 2% and zinc sulphate at 0.025% plus GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm or NAA 25 ppm thrice was necessary to get high yield, reduce the fruit cracking percentage and improve fruit quality.

**Keywords:** GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, Fruit cracking, Fruit quality, Manfalouty pomegranate.

### Introduction

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) belongs to the family puniceae and it is one of the favorite table fruits in the world. It is one of esteemed desert fruit and is very much liked by people for its cool refreshing juice, taste and being highly valued for its nutritional and medicinal properties (Singh, 2004 and Bakeer, 2016). Moreover, commercial pomegranate juice has been shown to have three times higher antioxidant activity

than green tea and red wine (Gil *et al.*, 2000). Pomegranate is one of the most suitable fruits for tropical, subtropical regions and even temperate regions (Sheikh and Manjula, 2012; Reddy and Prasad, 2012 and Bakeer, 2016).

In Egypt, the total cultivated area reached 10838 fed. and produced about 173007 ton (Ministry of Agriculture and Statistics, (M.A.L.R.) 2016).

Manfalouty is considered one of the most important pomegranate cultivars grown successfully in upper Egypt (Hegazi *et al.*, 2014).

The growth and development of fruit, yield and quality are generally poor due to non adoption of improved cultivation practices and several other horticultural practices. Among different elite horticultural practices, growth regulators have been advantageously used in the recent time to increase the fruit production and to improve the quality of several fruit crops.

Cracking causes a major fruits loss, which is a serious commercial loss to farmers. Fruit cracking, seems to be a problem that lessens the marketability to a great extent. This problem is due to the improper water management and deficiency of micronutrients and Ca (Sheikh and Manjula, 2012).

Calcium plays an important role in reducing fruit cracking, it improves fruit growth and creates a state of water balance between epicarp and inside fruit tissues, as well as maintains fruit cell wall elasticity and firmness (Mitra, 1997). Applying calcium before harvest improves various fruits quality (Pooviah, 1979 and Cheour *et al.*, 1990).

Plant growth regulators enhance the rapid changes in physiological and biochemical characters and improve crop productivity. Plant growth regulators are reported to play a significant role in pomegranate productivity (Ghosh *et al.*, 2009 and Anawal *et al.*, 2016).

Spraying pomegranate with various concentrations of GA<sub>3</sub> reduced the percentage of fruit cracking

(Sepahi, 1986; El-Salhy, 1996; Reddy and Prasad, 2012; Khalil and Aly, 2013; Hegazi *et al.*, 2014; El-Akkad *et al.*, 2016 and Masoud *et al.*, 2018).

Zinc is an essential trace element for plants, being involved in many enzymatic reactions and is necessary for their good growth and development. It is also involved in regulating the protein and carbohydrate metabolism (Swietlik, 1999). Boron, zinc and calcium were highly effective in improving, nutritional status yield and fruit quality of pomegranate trees. Foliar application of some micronutrients such as Fe, B, Mn and Zn increased fruit yield and reduced the percentage of cracked fruits (Bambal *et al.*, 1991; Bahadur *et al.*, 1998 and Masoud *et al.*, 2018).

So, this investigation aimed to study the effect of spraying with GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride, and zinc sulphate on improving the fruiting of Manfalouty pomegranate cultivar.

#### **Materials and Methods**

This experiment was conducted at the Fruit Orchard of Faculty of Agriculture, Assiut University, Egypt during two successive seasons of 2017 and 2018. Thirty three healthy nearly uniformed in shapes, size and productivity pomegranate trees of Manfalouty cultivar, forty one years old were chosen for this study. Trees are grown on clay soil and spaced 5x5 m apart, subjected to surface irrigation system, and received the same horticultural practices.

This investigation included the following eleven treatments, as follow:

- 1- Control (spraying with water).
- 2- Spraying with gibberellic acid at 50 ppm

3- Spraying with gibberellic acid at 75 ppm

4- Spraying with Naphthalenetic acid (NAA) at 25 ppm.

5- Spraying with NAA at 50 ppm.

6- Spraying with calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) at 2%.

7- Spraying with calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) at 4%.

8- Spraying with Zinc sulphate (35% Zn) at 0.025%.

9- Spraying with Zinc sulphate (35% Zn) at 0.050%.

10- Spraying with GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm + CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% + ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%.

11- Spraying with NAA 25 ppm + CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% + ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%

GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zn solution were prepared by dissolving the assigned amount in the required water. The trees received solutions with triton B, 0.1% as a surfactant to reduce surface tension and to facilitate the absorption of sprayed solution. Using a back held sprayers at the first and third week of May and second week of June during the two seasons of study.

The experiment was laid out in a complete randomized block design with eleven treatments each treatment replicated three times, one tree per each.

During both seasons, the following traits were measured: yield/tree (kg), fruit cracking (%), fruit weight (g), fruit dimension, pulp (%) and juice (%) as well as total soluble solids (TSS), total acidity, TSS/acid ratio, reducing sugars and vitamin C content (ascorbic acid/100 ml juice) according to A.O.A.C. (1995). Total anthocyanin content of juice was determined according to

Rabino and Mancinelli (1986). Hydrolysable tannin content of juice was measured according to Cam and Hisil (2010).

Data were tabulated and statistically analyzed according to Snedecor and Cochran (1972). Means were compared using the least significant differences (New LSD) values at 5% levels of the probability.

## Results

### 1- Yield and fruit cracking:

Data presented in Table (1) showed the effect of GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zinc sulphate spraying singly or combination on yield/tree and fruit cracking percentage of Manfalouty pomegranate trees during 2017 and 2018. It is obvious from the data that the results took similar trend during the two studied seasons.

In general view, data showed that all treatments significantly increased the yield/ tree compared to untreated ones. The highest values of yield/tree were recorded on the trees that sprayed by either GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm singly or combined with calcium chloride and zinc sulphate (103.64 & 103.58 kg as an av. of the two studied seasons), respectively. On other hand, the lowest values were recorded on untreated trees (84.07 kg as an av. of the two studied seasons). The obtained yield/tree were (103.64, 102.63, 92.50, 93.24, 93.26, 100.69, 95.10, 101.48, 103.58, 100.77 and 84.07 kg/tree as an av. of the two studied season) due to spray with GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm, GA<sub>3</sub> at 75 ppm, NAA 25 ppm, NAA 50 ppm CaCl<sub>2</sub> at 2%, CaCl<sub>2</sub> at 4%, ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%, ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.050%, GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%, NAA 25 ppm

plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025% and untreated one (control).

Hence, the corresponding increment percentage over unsprayed ones were (23, 28, 22.08, 10.03, 10.91, 10.93, 19.77, 13.12, 20.71, 23.21 and 19.86%, respectively).

Contrarily, all treatments significantly decreased the fruit cracking percentage compared to unsprayed ones. The least values was recoded on the trees that sprayed by CaCl<sub>2</sub> at 2% (5.8 & 5.4%), whereas, the highest ones were obtained on unsprayed ones (15.3 & 14.1%) during the two studied seasons, respectively. The recorded fruit cracking percentage was (7.7, 6.5, 8.6, 8.1, 5.6, 6.0, 8.2, 7.5, 6.1, 6.4 and 14.7% as an av. of the two studied season) due to spray with GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm, GA<sub>3</sub> at 75 ppm, NAA 25, NAA 50, CaCl<sub>2</sub> at 2%, CaCl<sub>2</sub> at 4%, ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%, ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.050%, GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm combined with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% plus ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025%, NAA 25 ppm combined CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% plus ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025% unsprayed one, respectively. Hence, the corresponding decrement percentage of fruit cracking percentage under unsprayed ones was at-

tained (47.62, 55.78, 41.50, 44.89, 61.90, 59.18, 44.22, 48.98, 58.50 and 56.45%), respectively.

## 2- Fruit properties:

### A- Physical fruit properties:

These include fruit weight, fruit dimension, pulp percentage and juice percentage. As shown in Tables (1 & 2), fruit weight and its dimension took similar trend in response to different treatments. Generally, the results indicated that all treatments significantly increased all the studied physical fruit properties compared to untreated ones. Increasing concentrations of GA<sub>3</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> or Znso<sub>4</sub> solution failed significantly effected on these fruit traits. Also, no significant differences were seen due to spray GA<sub>3</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> and combined of GA<sub>3</sub> plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> and zinc sulphate. GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm singly or combined with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> 0.025% gave the highest values of these traits, where the fruit weight reached (456.2 & 464.5 g), pulp % (65.62 & 65.90%) and juice percentage (49.71 & 50.80% as an av. of the two studied seasons), respectively.

**Table 1. Effect of GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zn spraying on yield/tree, fruit cracking, fruit weight (g) and pulp (%) of Manfalouty pomegranate during 2017 and 2018 seasons.**

Treatment	Yield kg/tree			Fruit cracking (%)			Fruit weight (g)			Pulp (%)		
	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean
Control	79.84	88.30	84.07	15.3	14.1	14.7	383.2	358.3	370.8	60.11	59.82	59.97
GA <sub>3</sub> 50 ppm	99.18	108.11	103.64	8.2	7.8	7.7	481.8	430.6	456.2	66.35	64.89	65.62
GA <sub>3</sub> 75 ppm	97.85	107.40	102.63	6.8	6.2	6.5	465.3	440.5	452.9	65.38	65.11	65.25
NAA 25 ppm	86.90	98.10	92.50	9.2	8.0	8.6	408.9	402.0	405.5	65.66	64.11	64.88
NAA 50 ppm	87.23	99.25	93.24	8.4	7.7	8.1	412.8	400.0	406.4	66.30	65.32	65.81
CaCl 2%	87.68	98.83	93.26	5.8	5.4	5.6	453.0	436.8	444.9	64.80	65.16	64.98
CaCl 4%	95.80	105.58	100.69	6.1	5.8	6.0	446.0	451.2	448.6	65.90	64.18	65.04
Zn 0.025%	89.68	100.53	95.10	8.5	7.9	8.2	415.0	422.0	418.5	65.84	65.00	65.42
Zn 0.050%	96.72	106.23	101.48	7.9	7.1	7.5	423.0	418.5	420.8	66.30	64.84	65.57
GA <sub>3</sub> 50+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	98.50	108.65	103.58	6.5	5.6	6.1	473.0	456.0	464.5	65.31	64.50	65.40
NAA 25+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	94.70	106.84	100.77	6.8	5.9	6.4	448.0	423.0	435.5	64.83	65.11	64.97
N. LSD	4.98	5.96		0.38	0.33		22.18	23.96		3.31	2.86	

**Table 2. Effect of GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zn spraying on fruit dimension (cm) and juice % of Manfalouty pomegranate fruits during 2017 and 2018 seasons.**

Treatment	Fruit length (cm)			Fruit dimension (cm)			Juice (%)		
	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean
Control	8.08	7.89	7.98	9.20	8.38	8.79	40.66	41.14	40.83
GA <sub>3</sub> 50 ppm	9.10	8.86	8.98	10.12	9.11	9.62	49.30	50.13	49.71
GA <sub>3</sub> 75 ppm	8.89	8.65	8.77	10.08	9.02	9.55	45.20	46.20	45.70
NAA 25 ppm	8.41	8.24	8.32	9.60	8.76	9.18	44.30	45.89	45.09
NAA 50 ppm	8.46	8.20	8.33	9.64	8.80	9.22	47.75	48.57	48.16
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2%	8.70	8.61	8.66	9.94	9.10	9.52	49.90	50.10	50.00
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 4%	8.62	8.43	8.52	9.86	8.94	9.40	49.66	50.15	49.90
Zn 0.025%	8.40	8.22	8.31	9.61	8.78	9.20	51.10	50.86	50.98
Zn 0.050%	8.43	8.28	8.36	9.65	8.83	9.24	51.00	51.03	51.01
GA <sub>3</sub> 50+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	8.92	8.75	8.83	10.18	9.28	9.73	50.99	50.90	50.94
NAA 25+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	8.78	8.59	8.68	10.00	9.11	9.55	50.82	50.78	50.80
N. LSD	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.29</b>		<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.36</b>		<b>2.91</b>	<b>3.15</b>	

The recorded fruit weight were (456.2, 452.9, 405.5, 406.4, 444.9, 448.6, 418.5, 420.8, 464.5, 435.5 and 370.8 g as an av. of the two studied seasons) due to spray with GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm, GA<sub>3</sub> at 75 ppm, NAA 25 ppm, NAA 50 ppm, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2%, CaCl<sub>2</sub> 4%, Zn 0.025%, Zn 0.050%, GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm combined with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% plus Zn 0.025%, NAA 25 ppm combined CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% plus Zn 0.025% and unsprayed one, respectively. Hence, corresponding the increment percentage of fruit weight over unsprayed ones were (23.03, 22.14, 9.36, 9.60, 19.98, 20.98, 12.86, 13.48, 25.27 and 17.30%), respectively.

#### **B- Chemical fruit constituents:**

Data presented in Tables (3 & 4) indicated that all spraying, excepted GA<sub>3</sub> singly significantly improved the fruit chemical constituents in terms of increasing the total soluble solids, reducing sugars, anthocyanin contents and reducing, the tannins contents and total acidity percentage compared to unsprayed ones. On the other hand, spraying GA<sub>3</sub> either at 50

or 75 ppm significantly decreased the total soluble solids, reducing sugars, and anthocyanin content compared to unsprayed ones. All treatments significantly increased vitamin C compared to unsprayed ones.

The highest values of TSS (16.23 & 16.32%), reducing sugar (12.96 & 12.99%), and anthocyanin content (61.55 & 62.74 mg/100 g) and V.C. contents (27.24 & 26.96 mg/100 ml as an av. of the two studied seasons) were recorded due to spray by combined of GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and Zn 0.025% and NAA 25% ppm plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and Zn 0.025%), respectively. These values were (15.16, 10.84, 55.89 and 23.84) due unsprayed ones, respectively. Hence, the corresponding increment percentage of these traits due to spray GA<sub>3</sub> or NAA combined with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and Zn 0.025% over unsprayed ones were attained (7.06 & 7.65%), (19.56 & 19.83%), (10.13 & 12.26%) and (14.26 & 13.09%), respectively.

**Table 3. Effect of GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zn spraying on TSS (%), reducing sugars (%) and Acidity (%) of Manfalouty pomegranate juice during 2017 and 2018 seasons.**

Treatment	TSS (%)			Reducing sugars (%)			Acidity (%)		
	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean
Control	15.12	15.00	15.16	10.73	10.95	10.84	1.30	1.39	1.35
GA <sub>3</sub> 50 ppm	14.80	14.75	14.78	10.38	10.22	10.30	0.93	0.99	0.96
GA <sub>3</sub> 75 ppm	14.63	14.58	14.61	10.38	10.35	10.37	0.98	0.98	0.98
NAA 25 ppm	15.76	15.82	15.79	12.61	12.36	12.48	0.89	0.96	0.92
NAA 50 ppm	16.18	16.10	16.14	12.48	12.49	12.49	0.93	0.99	0.96
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2%	16.20	16.15	16.18	12.61	12.36	12.48	0.98	1.02	1.00
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 4%	16.25	16.08	16.17	12.95	12.94	12.94	0.97	1.04	1.01
Zn 0.025%	16.00	16.12	16.06	12.88	12.84	12.86	0.98	1.05	1.01
Zn 0.050%	16.10	16.18	16.14	12.84	12.85	12.85	0.95	1.02	0.99
GA <sub>3</sub> 50+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	16.15	16.32	16.32	12.97	12.95	12.96	0.98	1.05	0.98
NAA 25+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	16.38	16.25	16.32	12.97	13.02	12.99	0.90	0.95	0.92
N. LSD	0.53	0.48		0.51	0.46		0.31	0.26	

**Table 4. Effect of GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, calcium chloride and Zn spraying on VC, Anthocyanin (mg/100 g) and tannin content (mg/100 ml of juice) of Manfalouty pomegranate juice during 2017 and 2018 seasons.**

Treatment	VC			Anthocyanin (mg/100 g)			Tannins content (mg/100 ml of juice)		
	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean	2017	2018	Mean
Control	24.16	23.84	24.00	54.80	56.98	55.89	2.69	2.77	2.73
GA <sub>3</sub> 50 ppm	27.32	28.27	27.79	51.58	54.31	52.94	2.73	2.78	2.76
GA <sub>3</sub> 75 ppm	26.78	27.83	27.30	50.64	54.68	52.66	2.68	2.86	2.77
NAA 25 ppm	25.68	26.18	25.93	60.28	62.78	61.53	2.24	2.39	2.40
NAA 50 ppm	25.84	25.94	25.89	59.89	69.11	61.50	2.17	2.41	2.29
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2%	26.16	26.88	26.52	59.68	63.00	61.34	2.14	2.46	2.30
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 4%	26.54	27.11	26.82	60.11	63.43	61.77	2.21	2.40	2.31
Zn 0.025%	25.90	26.18	26.04	60.13	62.88	61.51	2.13	2.43	2.28
Zn 0.050%	26.11	27.06	26.59	60.36	63.11	61.73	2.24	2.51	2.38
GA <sub>3</sub> 50+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	26.95	27.53	27.24	60.65	62.45	61.55	2.18	2.34	2.26
NAA 25+CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% + Zn 0.025%	26.84	27.08	26.96	61.82	63.66	62.74	2.11	2.35	2.23
N. LSD	1.43	1.15		1.98	2.01		0.14	0.19	

The least values of acidity were (0.92 & 0.98%) and tannin content (2.26 & 2.23 mg/100 ml g juice) as an av. of the two studied seasons) due to spray GA<sub>3</sub> 50 ppm combined, with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% plus Zn 0.025% and NAA 25 ppm plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and Zn 0.05%, respectively.

On other hand, the highest values of acidity (1.35%) and tannins

content (2.73 mg/100 ml) as an av. of the two studied seasons, respectively. Hence, the corresponding decrement percentage of those traits attained (31.85 & 27.41%) and (17.22 & 18.32%), respectively.

#### Discussion

The effect of CaCl<sub>2</sub> on reducing the fruit cracking percentage may be attributed to that calcium enhanced

fruit growth and cause maintaining of water balance between exocarp and inside fruit tissues and keep fruits cell walls flexibility and strength. Positive role of auxins like NAA and GA<sub>3</sub> application on fruit weight and yield weight may be explained from the fact that there are associated with cell division and cell enlargement (Weaver, 1972). In addition, they play a modulation role in mobilization of nutrient to the developing organs (Suman *et al.*, 2017). GA<sub>3</sub> an influence fruit cracking indirectly by influencing of permeability or elasticity of the fruit cuticle (El-Salhy, 1996; Hegazi *et al.*, 2014 and Bakeer, 2016).

These results are agree with those reported by El-Salhy (1996), Mohamed (2004), Ali (2006), Hasani *et al.* (2012), Reddy and Prasad (2012), Sheikh and Manjula (2012), Goswami *et al.* (2013) Ahmed *et al.* (2014), Bakeer (2016), Digrase *et al.* (2016), El-Akkad *et al.* (2016) and Masoud *et al.* (2018).

Zinc plays a great role in plant growth, yield and fruit quality as a result of affecting many physiological processes in plant life and activating a large number of enzymes, nucleic acid metabolism and protein biosynthesis (Swietlik, 1999 and Hasani *et al.* (2012)).

Gibberellins are involved in cell division and cell elongation, resulted in influence fruit weight and size. On the other hand, calcium enhanced fruit growth and cause maintaining of water balance. These effects induce an obvious promotion increasing in yield fruit weights and their dimension and their juice contents.

The data of the current study, the foliar application of combined of GA<sub>3</sub> or NAA plus CaCl<sub>2</sub> and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> caused about (23.21 & 19.86%), (25.30 & 17.46%), (7.06 & 7.65%), (11.12 & 12.87%) and (14.26 & 13.09%) increases in the yield, fruit weight and TSS as well as, anthocyanin and V.C contents.

These results were supported by the results of El-Salhy (1996), Mohamed (2004), Ali (2006), El-Hamedawy *et al.* (2008), Ghosh *et al.* (2009), Reddy and Prasad (2012), Hasani *et al.* (2012), Eiada and Al-Hadethi (2013), Verreynne and Merwe (2011), Hegazi *et al.* (2014), Masoud *et al.* (2018) and Thakur and Sharma (2018).

### Conclusion

On the light at previously results, it could be concluded that sprayed the Manfalouty pomegranate trees with calcium chloride at 2% and Zinc sulphate at 0.025% combined GA<sub>3</sub> at 50 ppm or NAA 25 ppm three times to get high yield and reduction fruit cracking percentage with fruit quality.

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## تأثير رش حمض الجبريليك وحمض النفثالين والكالسيوم والزنك علي إثمار أشجار الرمان المنفلوطي

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### الملخص

تمت دراسة تأثير الرش بحمض الجبريليك وحمض النفثالين وكلوريد الكالسيوم وسلفات الزنك علي محصول وخصائص ثمار الرمان المنفلوطي المنزرعة بمزرعة كلية الزراعة - جامعة أسيوط - مصر، خلال موسمي ٢٠١٧ ، ٢٠١٨ حيث تم رش الأشجار بحمض الجبريليك بتركيزي ٥٠ ، ٧٥ جزء في المليون وكذلك حمض النفثالين بتركيزي ٢٥ ، ٥٠ جزء في المليون وكذلك كلوريد الكالسيوم بتركيزي ٢ أو ٤% وكذلك سلفات الزنك بتركيزي ٢٥،٠٠% أو ٥٠،٠٠% مقارنة بالرش بالماء فقط.

-أدي الرش بحمض الجبريليك أو حمض النفثالين أو كلوريد الكالسيوم أو سلفات الزنك أو خلطهم إلي زيادة معنوية في وزن المحصول/ شجرة مقارنة بمحصول الأشجار غير المرشوشة. كذلك أدت جميع المعاملات إلي نقص جوهري في نسبة تشقق الثمار مقارنة بالأشجار الغير مرشوشة.

-أظهرت المعاملات أن رش مخلوط حمض الجبريليك أو حمض النفثالين مع كل من كلوريد الكالسيوم وسلفات الزنك أعطي أعلى وزناً للمحصول .

-سببت جميع المعاملات زيادة معنوية في صفات الثمار الطبيعية من حيث زيادة وزن وأبعاد الثمار وكذلك نسبة اللب وحجم العصير مقارنة بالثمار الغير معاملة.

-أدي رش حامض النفثالين وخليط الجبريليك أو حمض النفثالين مع كلوريد الكالسيوم وسلفات الزنك إلي تحسين محتوى الثمار الكيميائية من حيث المواد الصلبة الكلية والسكريات وصبغة الأنثوسيانين بينما أدي رش حمض الجبريليك فردياً إلي نقص معنوي في المكونات الكيميائية للثمار مقارنة بالثمار الغير مرشوشة.

من نتائج هذه I نوصي بضرورة رش حمض الجبريليك أو حمض النفثالين أو كلوريد الكالسيوم أو سلفات الزنك أو خليط حمض الجبريليك أو حمض النفثالين مع كلوريد الكالسيوم وسلفات الزنك ثلاث مرات وذلك لإنتاج محصول عال ذو ثمار جيدة مع تقليل نسبة تشقق الثمار وهي من المشاكل الإنتاجية الهامة في بساتين الرمان.