

## EFFECT OF FOLIAR SPRAYING OF SOME CHELATED MICROELEMENTS ON GROWTH, YIELD AND CHOCOLATE SPOT DISEASE SEVERITY OF FABA BEAN

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**ABSTRACT:** *Field experiment using three faba bean cultivars namely Sakha 1, Sakha 4 and Giza 716 was carried out to study the efficacy of foliar spraying chelated Fe, Mn and Zn individually on vegetative growth, yield and its components, some biochemical constituents and its relation to chocolate spot disease severity caused by Botrytis fabae Sard. during two successive seasons 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 at Etay El-Baroud Agricultural Research Station Farm, El-Beheira Governorate. Sakha 1 cv. had the highest shoot dry weight and leaf area/plant in both seasons. Sakha 4 cv. was the earliest flowering and maturity in the first and second seasons, respectively. Sakha 4 cultivar had the tallest plant and the heaviest 100-seed weight in both seasons, but Giza 716 had the highest number of pods/plant, seed yield /plant and seed yield/fed. in the first season, however Sakha 4 cv. was surpassed the other cultivars in the second season. Chelated Fe, Mn and Zn foliar spray had excellent effects in increasing faba bean growth and yield compared to the fungicide Mancozeb and control treatments. Zn treatment significant increased mean values of shoot dry weight, leaf area/plant, number of branches/plant and seed yield/plant in both seasons. Also, it had the first grade in case of the plant height and seed yield/fed. in the first season, only. Fe treatment significantly increased number of pods/plant and 100-seed weight in the first season, and seed yield/fed. in the second season. Giza 716 cv. had the highest content of chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b and chlorophyll a+b in both seasons. Sakha 4 cv. had the highest percentage of the seed carbohydrates and protein contents. In case of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities, Giza 716 cv. had the first grade. Fe significantly increased chlorophyll a in the first season and chlorophyll b and chlorophyll a + b in both seasons. Zn treatment significantly increased seeds total carbohydrates%, total protein %, leaves peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities. Sakha 1 cv. had the least chocolate spot disease severity in the first season and Giza 716 in the second season. The three tested faba bean cultivars sprayed with Mancozeb reduced disease severity in both seasons followed by Fe in the first season and Zn in the second one. Data clear that there were negative association between disease severity and peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities in all cases. So it could be concluded that the used micronutrients could resist the detrimental effects of Botrytis fabae on the plant growth and improve yield production.*

**Key words:** *Chelated microelements, Faba bean, Vegetative growth, Yield and its components, Chlorophyll a and b, Peroxidase, Polyphenol oxidase, Chocolate spot disease.*

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### INTRODUCTION

Faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) is belonging to family Fabaceae. It is a multi-purpose

crop that plays an important role in the socio-economic life of farming communities (Agegnehu and Fessehaie,

2006) where it serves as a source of food, feed and is a valuable cheap source of protein (Noorka *et al.*, 2009). In addition, it is an excellent candidate crop to provide nitrogen input into temperate agricultural systems, moreover, it makes a significant contribution to soil fertility restoration as a suitable rotation crop that fixes atmospheric nitrogen (Samuel *et al.*, 2008 and Boubekeur *et al.*, 2012).

Some biotic and abiotic factors are the main reason of the low productivity of faba bean (Agegnehu *et al.*, 2006). Diseases are among the important biotic constraints that limit the production of faba bean crop. Chocolate spot (*Botrytis fabae* Sard.) and rust (*Uromyces fabae* (Pers.) Scharf) are the economically important diseases that damage the foliage, limiting photosynthetic activity and reduce faba bean production (El-Bramawy and Abdul Wahid, 2005 and Torres *et al.*, 2006). In this connection, Omar *et al.*, (1992) who reported that foliar spraying faba bean with Fumazin, Fe, Zn and Mn reduced chocolate spot disease severity. Also, the same trend stated by Rahhal (1993) using the same above micronutrients as faba bean dressing.

Application of green chemistry in agriculture is considered safe methods to control the diseases and produce high quality seeds with lower economic costs (Elwakil *et al.*, 2016). Micronutrients can able to control pathogen damage in plants either directly by antagonizing the pathogen or indirectly through enhancing plant defense mechanism by systemic acquired resistance and or stimulating antagonist population in rhizosphere. Balanced plant nutrients availability can affect the growth rate of the host which can enable host to escape or avoid infection when they are in most susceptible stage, while sufficiency and/or deficiency of plant nutrients may

pre-disposed the normal plants to certain diseases (Dutta *et al.*, 2017).

Foliar application of micronutrients generally is more effective, less costly and accepted practice for many crops. In this respect, spraying of micronutrients to plants grown on some soil of Egypt, gave better growth and more yield (Abd-El Hamid and Sarhan, 2008, El-Desuki *et al.*, 2010). Micronutrients have diverse but essential role in plant functioning especially in photosynthesis, respiration, photolysis, protein, carbohydrate metabolism, phenyl-propanoid pathway and also in plant metabolism by affecting the phenolics and lignin content and membrane stability (Dutta *et al.*, 2017). Zinc exerts a great influence on basic plant life processes, such as (i) nitrogen metabolism, uptake of nitrogen and protein quality; (ii) photosynthesis-chlorophyll synthesis, carbon anhydrase activity; (iii) resistance to abiotic and biotic stresses protection against oxidative damage (Alloway, 2004, Potarzycki and Grzebisz, 2009 and Tekale *et al.*, 2009). Iron has a valuable role in the synthesis of chloroplastic mRNA and rRNA, which control chlorophyll synthesis (Kumawat *et al.*, 2006). Manganese is an essential element of photosystem II where it participates in photolysis (Dutta *et al.*, 2017). Mn is required for biological redo system, enzyme activation, oxygen carrier in nitrogen fixation (Romheld and Marschner, 1995). Recent studies research appeared that a small amount of nutrients, particularly Zn, Fe and Mn applied by foliar spraying increases significantly the yield of crops (Sarkar *et al.*, 2007, Wissuwa *et al.*, 2008, and Sajedi, 2010).

The aim of this study was planned to evaluate the effect of some chelated Fe, Mn and Zn micronutrients as safe

chemicals on faba bean growth, yield, some chemical components and its effect on chocolate spot disease severity caused by *Botrytis fabae* under field conditions.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The present study was carried out at the experimental farm of Itay El-Baroud Agricultural Research Station during the two successive seasons of 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

### **Field Experiment:**

The experiment was conducted in split-plot design with three replicates where the three faba bean cultivars Sakha 1, Sakha 4 and Giza 716 cultivars were randomly distributed in the main plots and the five treatments; chelated Fe, Zn, Mn, the fungicide Mancozeb® and control allocated in the sub-plots. Seeds of faba bean cultivars used in this investigation were obtained from Legumes Dept., Field Crops Res. Institute, Agric. Res. Center, Giza, Egypt. The plot size was 5 ridges each ridge was three meters long and 70 cm apart. Seeds were planted on two sides of the ridge at 15 cm hill spacing with one seed per hill. Faba bean seeds were sown in 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 and 2018, respectively and all the other cultural practices were carried out according to the recommendations of Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt.

### **Foliar Spraying of the Treatments:**

Faba bean plants were sprayed with the chelated microelements (Fe-EDTA, Mn-EDTA and Zn-EDTA separately) three times at 30, 45 and 60 days after sowing during the two seasons at the rate of 4g/L and at the same time the fungicide (Mancozeb) at the rate of 250 g/100 L which served as positive control while a

treatment sprayed with tap water as negative control.

### **Character Measurements:**

#### **1 – Growth characters:**

Shoot dry weight / plant (g) and leaf area / plant (cm<sup>2</sup>) were estimated as the average of ten plants chosen randomly from the center of the three rows of each plot at 90 days after sowing. The number of days to 50% flowering and 90% maturity were recorded. Plant height (cm) and number of branches / plant were estimated as the average of ten plants chosen randomly as mentioned at harvest.

#### **2 – Yield and its components:**

Number of pods / plant, 100-seed weight (g), seed yield / plant (g) and seed yield / feddan (kg) were estimated at harvest time.

#### **3 – Physiological traits:**

##### **3-1-determination of leaf chlorophyll:**

Leaves were selected from different positions on the faba bean stem after 90 days from sowing date and homogenized in 5 ml of 85% cold acetone and centrifuged. The extract was diluted to the appropriate volume. The extract was measured spectrophotometrically at 663 and 647 nm (Metzner *et al.*, 1965). The chlorophyll content was then expressed as mg / g fresh weight.

##### **3-2-determination of total carbohydrate and protein in dried seeds:**

Total carbohydrate was determined using phenol sulphuric method (Dubois *et al.*, 1956). Total nitrogen percentage was determined by Modified Micro-Kjeldahl method as described by AOAC (1988) and the percentage of protein was calculated by multiplying total N values by 6.25.

### 3-3-determination of Enzyme Activities:

#### 3-3-a- crude enzyme extract.

The sample of one g of leaves (after 90 days from sowing) was homogenized in 2 ml of 0.1 M sodium phosphate buffer (SPB) pH 6.5 at 4°C. The filtrate was centrifuged at 20,000 rpm at 4°C for 15 min. The supernatant served as an enzyme extract for enzyme assay of polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase.

#### 3-3-b-peroxidase activity:

Peroxidase activity was assayed colorimetrically according to the method described by (Amako *et al.*, 1994). Peroxidase enzyme activity was expressed as change in absorbance at 430 nm per min/g fresh leaves.

#### 3-3-c-polyphenol oxidase (PPO) activity:

Polyphenol oxidase activity was estimated as described by Mayer and Harel (1979) with some modifications. The polyphenol oxidase activity was expressed as change in absorbance at 495 nm per min/g fresh leaves.

### 4-Determination of chocolate spot disease severity:

Severity due to natural infection was determined after 75, 90 and 105 days from sowing. Ten randomly pre-tagged faba bean plants in the three central rows, visual disease severity score on leaves was rated using 1-9 rating scale (Bernier *et al.*, 1993), where 1= no disease symptoms or very small specks; 3= few small discrete lesions; 5= some coalesced lesions with some defoliation; 7= large coalesced sporulating lesions, 50% defoliation and some dead plant; and 9= extensive lesions on leaves, stems and pods, severe defoliation, heavy sporulation, stem girdling, blackening and death of more than 80% of plants (Bernier *et al.*, 1984). Chocolate spot disease severity % was assessed according to the following formula:

$$\text{Disease severity \%} = \frac{\sum (n \times v)}{9N} \times 100,$$

Where: (n) = Number of plants in each category; (v) = Numerical values of symptoms category; (N) = Total number of plants; (9) = Maximum numerical value of symptom category.

Then efficacy percentage (E %) of each compound in reducing disease, severity percentage of faba bean was assessed according to the equation adapted by Rewal and Jhooty (1985) as follow:-

$$E\% = (C - T / C) \times 100$$

Where: C = Disease severity % in control treatment; T = Disease severity % in the treatment

### Statistical analysis:

All data were subjected to the analyses of variance (ANOVA) for split-plot design followed by compared means with LSD at level probability 5% according to (Gomez and Gomez, 1984).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1- Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on shoot dry weight/plant and leaf area / plant after 90 days from sowing in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 growing seasons:

The data presented in Table (1) show that Sakha 1 cv. had the highest shoot dry weight (14.54 and 19.32 g) and leaf area/plant (1203.43 and 1754.26 cm<sup>2</sup>) in the first and second seasons, respectively. Also results indicate that chelated Fe, Mn and Zn foliar spray had excellent effects in increasing faba bean parameters mentioned above compared to Mancozeb and control treatments. Foliar application of Zn had the highest mean values with averages of 17.60 and 23.53 (g) and 1577.97 and 2082.80 (cm<sup>2</sup>) for shoot dry weight and leaf area / plant for the two seasons, respectively followed by Mn and Fe treatments.

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**Table (1): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on shoot dry weight/plant (g) and leaf area/plant (cm<sup>2</sup>) during two successive seasons after 90 days under field conditions.**

Parameter		Shoot dry weight/plant (g)		Leaf area/plant (cm <sup>2</sup> )	
Factor	Season	2017/2018	2018/2019	2017/2018	2018/2019
		<b>Cultivar ( C )</b>			
Sakha 1		14.54	19.32 <sup>a</sup>	1203.43	1754.26 <sup>a</sup>
Sakha 4		13.23	18.74 <sup>a</sup>	1114.17	1251.95 <sup>b</sup>
Giza 716		12.49	14.88 <sup>b</sup>	1041.84	1268.06 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Treatment ( T )</b>					
Fe		14.30 <sup>b</sup>	17.08 <sup>b</sup>	1027.73 <sup>b</sup>	1357.47 <sup>c</sup>
Mn		15.12 <sup>ab</sup>	21.44 <sup>a</sup>	1409.90 <sup>a</sup>	1769.83 <sup>b</sup>
Zn		17.60 <sup>a</sup>	23.53 <sup>a</sup>	1577.97 <sup>a</sup>	2082.80 <sup>a</sup>
Mancozeb		10.66 <sup>c</sup>	14.46 <sup>bc</sup>	842.89 <sup>bc</sup>	1035.63 <sup>d</sup>
Control		9.75 <sup>c</sup>	11.73 <sup>c</sup>	740.57 <sup>c</sup>	878.07 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Interaction (CXT)</b>					
Sakha 1	Fe	18.55	20.99	1117.38	1666.43
	Mn	16.31	22.97	1333.87	2332.06
	Zn	15.76	23.69	1731.88	2473.48
	Mancozeb	11.13	15.78	952.36	1162.80
	Control	10.96	13.17	881.64	1136.56
Sakha 4	Fe	11.45	16.33	1050.77	1235.97
	Mn	14.63	24.63	1447.42	1441.36
	Zn	17.76	24.04	1431.62	1636.15
	Mancozeb	11.47	15.99	900.38	1049.76
	Control	10.85	12.70	740.52	896.51
Giza 716	Fe	12.89	13.91	1415.05	1170.02
	Mn	14.42	16.72	1448.40	1536.06
	Zn	19.29	22.85	1570.26	2138.78
	Mancozeb	8.39	11.60	675.93	894.33
	Control	7.45	9.33	599.56	601.13
LSD 5% Cultivar ( C )		NS	2.60	NS	231.69
LSD 5% Treatment ( T )		2.69	3.35	211.47	299.11
LSD 5% C x T		4.65	5.80	366.27	557.90

Means in the same column followed by the same letter (s) are not significant according to L.S.D 0.05 values.

Also, the statistical analysis showed that the differences between spraying treatments were significant, especially between the microelements from one side and Mancozeb and control treatments from another side in the two seasons. The control treatment (untreated) had lower values of shoot dry weight (g) and leaf area/plant (cm<sup>2</sup>) in the two seasons.

From data presented in the same Table, it is clear that there are significant differences between the interaction of faba bean cultivars and the spraying chelated micronutrients in both seasons. As for the interactions between faba bean cv. and treatments the obtained data in Table 1 indicated that, Giza 716 cv. under spraying Zn had the highest shoot dry weight (19.29 g) and leaf area (1570.26 cm<sup>2</sup>) in the first season. While, Sakha 4 cv. x Mn had the highest shoot dry weight in the second season with average of 24.63 g. finally, Sakha 1 cv. x Zn had the highest leaf area in the second season with an average of 2473.48 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Tharanathan and Mahadevamma (2003) stated that foliar application of Zn at different growth stages increased the leaf area index of bean. Also, El-Sallami and Gad (2005) reported that Zn increased the vegetative growth measurements plant height, number of leaves as well as the fresh and dry weights of aster plants. Ghasemian *et al.* (2010) revealed a significant positive effect of Zn treatment on the dry matter of soybean. In this respect, Zn has a significant role in cell elongation and synthesis of tryptophan (precursor of indole-3-acetic acid). Increased elongation of cells in the early stages of plant growth can lead to greater plant height and dry weight of maize (Memari Tabrizi *et al.*, 2011).

Application of Zn or Fe has been reported significant positive effects, in

most cases, on growth measurements of common bean (Fernandes *et al.*, 2007). Statistically, data were significant between the three cultivars tested in case of shoot dry weight and leaf area / plant in the second season, only.

Abd El-azeem *et al.*, (2014) exhibited the positive effect of foliar application with Fe, Zn or B on the performance of faba bean genotypes (local cultivar Hassawi 2 and new developed Population 4). Similar results were obtained by El-Fiki *et al.*, (2008) and Knany *et al.* (2009) who stated that growth and yield parameters were positively affected by the application of Zn, Mn and Fe either individually or in mixtures.

## **2- Effect of cultivar, foliar application treatments and their interaction on days to flowering and maturity dates in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 growing seasons:**

Data in Table (2) appear that Sakha 4 and Sakha 1 cv. are earliest in flowering date than Giza 716 cv. in the first season with averages of 48.33, 48.47 and 49.73 days, respectively, but in the second season this parameter differed where cultivar Giza 716 was the earliest followed by Sakha 1 and Sakha 4 cv. with averages of 47.60, 50.33 and 52.13 days, respectively. In case of maturity date, Sakha 1 and Sakha 4 cultivars had the earliest mature in the first and second seasons with averages of 145.26 and 140.43 days, respectively. The statistical analysis showed that the differences between foliar spraying were not significant for flowering date and significant for maturity date in both seasons. In the same Table the control treatment showed the earliest mature plants in both seasons with averages of 145.89 and 138.78 days, respectively.

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**Table (2): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on days to flowering and maturity dates during two successive seasons under field condition.**

Parameter		Days to flowering		Days to maturity	
Factor	Season	2016/2017	2017/2018	2016/2017	2017/2018
	<b>Cultivar ( C )</b>				
Sakha 1		48.47 <sup>b</sup>	50.33 <sup>ab</sup>	145.26 <sup>c</sup>	143.54 <sup>a</sup>
Sakha 4		48.33 <sup>b</sup>	52.13 <sup>a</sup>	148.67 <sup>b</sup>	140.43 <sup>b</sup>
Giza 716		49.73 <sup>a</sup>	47.60 <sup>b</sup>	149.93 <sup>a</sup>	141.40 <sup>ab</sup>
<b>Treatment ( T )</b>					
Fe		49.00	50.33	149.78 <sup>a</sup>	141.00 <sup>b</sup>
Mn		49.22	49.78	147.45 <sup>b</sup>	139.45 <sup>b</sup>
Zn		48.11	50.67	149.11 <sup>a</sup>	145.00 <sup>a</sup>
Mancozeb		48.89	49.56	147.56 <sup>b</sup>	145.56 <sup>a</sup>
Control		49.00	49.89	145.89 <sup>c</sup>	138.78 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Interaction (C x T)</b>					
Sakha 1	Fe	49.33	53.33	146.33	145.67
	Mn	48.33	48.00	144.67	140.67
	Zn	47.33	52.00	147.33	145.67
	Mancozeb	48.00	47.67	143.33	145.67
	Control	49.33	50.67	144.33	140.00
Sakha 4	Fe	47.67	49.33	150.67	138.33
	Mn	50.00	53.33	147.67	139.00
	Zn	48.00	54.69	148.67	142.00
	Mancozeb	48.33	53.67	149.00	145.33
	Control	47.67	51.00	147.33	140.00
Giza 716	Fe	50.00	49.33	152.33	139.00
	Mn	49.33	48.00	150.00	138.67
	Zn	49.00	45.33	151.33	147.33
	Mancozeb	50.33	47.33	150.00	145.67
	Control	50.00	48.00	146.00	136.33
LSD 5% Cultivar (C)		0.87	3.99	1.20	2.23
LSD 5% Treatment (T)		NS	NS	1.55	2.88
LSD 5% C x T		1.95	2.84	2.23	4.14

Means in the same column followed by the same letter (s) are not significant according to L.S.D 0.05 values.

As for the interaction effect, Sakha 1 cv. x Zn in the first season and Giza 716 cv. x Zn in the second season showed the lowest flowering dates with averages of 47.33 and 45.33 days, respectively. While, the interactions of Sakha 1 cv. x Mancozeb in the first season and Giza 716 cv. x control in the second season had the earliest mature plants with averages of 143.33 and 136.33 days, respectively.

Zn is a component of important enzymes such as proteinase, peptidase and dehydrogenase, which promotes starch formation, seed maturation and production (Laware and Raskar, 2014). Also, Zn may be required for pollen function and fertilization (Pandey *et al.*, 2006).

### **3- Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on yield and yield components in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 growing seasons:**

Data presented in Tables (3- a and b) showed that Sakha 4 cv. had the tallest plants with mean values in both seasons of (106.20 and 111.40 cm). Giza 716 cv. exceeded the three cultivars in the number of branches / plant in both seasons with averages of 1.80 and 1.76, respectively. In case of 100-seed weight Sakha 4 cv. had the first grade with averages of (80.50 and 91.11g) and the second grade with the number of pods / plant, seed yield / plant (g) and seed yield/fed. (kg) with averages of 8.95, 16.19 (g) and 1353.33 (kg), respectively in the first season. The differences between the foliar spraying treatments were significant in both seasons. Zn had the highest significant mean values for plant height (110.00 cm), number of branches/plant (1.91), seed yield/plant (17.75g) and seed yield/fed. (1435.00 kg) in the first season. In the same season Fe had the highest number of pods/plant

(10.09) and 100-seed weight (79.63). In the second season, Zn showed the highest number of branches/plant (1.87), number of pods/plant (10.96) and seed yield/plant (21.77g) while Fe had the highest 100-seed weight (89.81g) and seed yield/fed. (1815.33 kg). Finally, the tallest plants were obtained under Mn treatment with average of 112.56 cm.

As for the interaction effect, data in Table 3-a indicated that in the first season the interaction of Giza 716 cv. x Fe gave the highest number of pods/plant (11.08) and seed yield/plant (18.73 g), while Giza 716 cv. x Zn showed the highest number of branches/plant (3.07) and 100-seed weight (86.66 g). In the same season sprayed Sakha 4 cv. with Fe gave the highest seed yield/fed (1596.93 kg). In the second season, the obtained date in Table 3-b showed that spraying Sakha 4 cv. with Fe gave the highest 100-ssed weight (96.62 g) and seed yield/fed (1997.80 kg) while, spraying Sakha 4 cv. with Zn gave the highest number of pods/plant (11.80) and seed yield/plant (22.62). On the other side, Giza 716 cv. under Zn treatment showed the highest number of branches/plant (2.07). Also, sprayed Giza 716 cv. with Mn gave the tallest plant in both seasons with averages of 114.67 and 118.67 cm respectively.

These results are in agreement with the findings mentioned by Ibrahim *et al.*, (2007) who, reported that foliar application of micronutrients significantly increased faba bean plant height, number of branches, leaf area as well as number of pods / plant and consequently the seed yield. Chelated Fe, Mn and Zn foliar spray had excellent effects in increasing faba bean seed yield and yield components significantly more than Mancozeb and control treatments (positive and negative check treatments). In this respect, Bameri, *et al.*, (2012) showed that Fe, Mn and Zn individually



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and combined can be easily sprayed on leaf, thus leaves chlorophyll concentration increased, which in turn, lead to increase in plant height and yield of wheat.

Also, Bozorgi *et al.*, (2011) reported that spraying faba bean plants with Zn increase number of pods/plant and 100-

seed weight. Sharaf *et al.*, (2009) mentioned that foliar treatment of broad bean and lupin with either Boron (75 ppm) or Zinc (100 ppm) showed significant stimulation in most of the growth and yield characteristics for both plants.

**Table (3-a): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on yield and yield components in the first season 2017/2018.**

Factor	Parameter	Plant height	No. of branches/	No. of pods/	100-seed	Seed	Seed
	Cultivar ( C )	(cm)	plant	plant	weight (g)	yield/plant (g)	yield/fed. (kg)
	Sakha 1	98.93 <sup>b</sup>	1.56 <sup>b</sup>	7.72 <sup>b</sup>	69.24 <sup>b</sup>	15.42	1060.59 <sup>b</sup>
	Sakha 4	106.20 <sup>a</sup>	1.37 <sup>b</sup>	8.95 <sup>a</sup>	80.50 <sup>a</sup>	16.19	1353.33 <sup>a</sup>
	Giza 716	105.60 <sup>a</sup>	1.80 <sup>a</sup>	9.20 <sup>a</sup>	79.45 <sup>a</sup>	16.71	1378.24 <sup>a</sup>
	<b>Treatment ( T )</b>						
	Fe	104.22 <sup>b</sup>	1.78 <sup>a</sup>	10.09 <sup>a</sup>	79.63 <sup>a</sup>	16.96 <sup>ab</sup>	1375.27 <sup>b</sup>
	Mn	108.78 <sup>a</sup>	1.67 <sup>a</sup>	9.10 <sup>b</sup>	78.82 <sup>ab</sup>	16.81 <sup>ab</sup>	1353.02 <sup>b</sup>
	Zn	110.00 <sup>a</sup>	1.91 <sup>a</sup>	9.78 <sup>ab</sup>	78.80 <sup>ab</sup>	17.75 <sup>a</sup>	1435.00 <sup>a</sup>
	Mancozeb	99.56 <sup>c</sup>	1.36 <sup>b</sup>	7.53 <sup>c</sup>	73.77 <sup>ab</sup>	15.37 <sup>bc</sup>	1103.07 <sup>c</sup>
	Control	95.34 <sup>d</sup>	1.18 <sup>b</sup>	6.62 <sup>c</sup>	70.97 <sup>b</sup>	13.63 <sup>c</sup>	1053.94 <sup>d</sup>
	<b>Interaction (CxT)</b>						
Sakha 1	Fe	98.33	1.67	8.67	77.87	14.45	1039.27
	Mn	103.67	1.93	8.30	73.50	15.89	1049.53
	Zn	105.33	1.87	9.21	66.75	18.64	1184.87
	Mancozeb	94.67	1.33	7.05	64.35	14.38	1020.47
	Control	95.67	1.00	5.36	63.73	13.71	1008.87
Sakha 4	Fe	105.67	1.67	10.54	77.78	17.71	1596.93
	Mn	108.00	1.33	9.49	83.92	17.49	1557.27
	Zn	110.67	1.80	10.01	82.99	16.38	1583.87
	Mancozeb	104.00	1.07	7.06	79.35	15.76	1021.53
	Control	102.67	1.00	7.66	78.45	13.59	1007.07
Giza 716	Fe	108.67	2.00	11.08	83.23	18.73	1489.60
	Mn	114.67	1.73	9.50	79.03	17.04	1452.27
	Zn	114.00	3.07	10.13	86.66	18.22	1536.27
	Mancozeb	100.00	1.67	8.46	77.60	15.96	1267.20
	Control	90.67	1.53	6.82	70.72	13.59	1145.87
	LSD 5% Cultivar(C)	1.96	0.19	0.71	6.26	NS	36.96
	LSD 5% Treatment(T)	2.54	0.25	0.92	0.08	2.26	47.71
	LSD 5% C x T	4.39	0.43	1.59	13.99	3.91	88.64

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Table (3-b): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on yield and yield components in the second season 2018/2019.

Parameter		Plant height (cm)	No. of branches/plant	No. of pods/plant	100-seed weight (g)	Seed yield/plant (g)	Seed yield/fed. (kg)
Factor	Cultivar ( C )						
Sakha 1		102.00 <sup>c</sup>	1.44 <sup>b</sup>	8.64 <sup>b</sup>	84.49 <sup>b</sup>	18.07	1324.12 <sup>b</sup>
Sakha 4		111.40 <sup>a</sup>	1.59 <sup>b</sup>	9.73 <sup>a</sup>	91.11 <sup>a</sup>	19.33	1694.11 <sup>a</sup>
Giza 716		107.47 <sup>b</sup>	1.76 <sup>a</sup>	9.09 <sup>ab</sup>	84.15 <sup>b</sup>	18.09	1587.49 <sup>a</sup>
Treatment ( T )							
Fe		111.56 <sup>a</sup>	1.71 <sup>a</sup>	10.58 <sup>a</sup>	89.81 <sup>a</sup>	19.34 <sup>b</sup>	1815.33 <sup>a</sup>
Mn		112.56 <sup>a</sup>	1.71 <sup>a</sup>	9.96 <sup>a</sup>	87.64 <sup>b</sup>	20.14 <sup>ab</sup>	1496.13 <sup>b</sup>
Zn		111.11 <sup>a</sup>	1.87 <sup>a</sup>	10.96 <sup>a</sup>	88.06 <sup>ab</sup>	21.77 <sup>a</sup>	1770.09 <sup>a</sup>
Mancozeb		102.89 <sup>b</sup>	1.51 <sup>b</sup>	7.87 <sup>b</sup>	84.97 <sup>c</sup>	16.55 <sup>c</sup>	1404.87 <sup>b</sup>
Control		96.47 <sup>c</sup>	1.18 <sup>c</sup>	6.42 <sup>c</sup>	82.44 <sup>d</sup>	14.69 <sup>c</sup>	1189.78 <sup>c</sup>
Interaction (CxT)							
Sakha 1	Fe	107.67	1.60	9.67	87.60	17.88	1548.87
	Mn	109.33	1.40	10.07	87.87	19.41	1195.13
	Zn	103.33	1.67	10.60	86.11	21.07	1689.33
	Mancozeb	97.67	1.47	7.87	81.17	16.23	1135.40
	Control	92.00	1.07	5.00	79.69	15.77	1051.87
Sakha 4	Fe	113.33	1.73	10.80	96.62	21.84	1997.80
	Mn	109.67	1.80	10.13	90.73	20.90	1678.60
	Zn	116.67	1.87	11.80	93.15	22.62	1996.93
	Mancozeb	110.67	1.33	8.07	87.81	16.63	1596.47
	Control	106.67	1.20	7.87	87.28	14.65	1200.73
Giza 716	Fe	113.67	1.80	11.27	85.20	18.28	1899.33
	Mn	118.67	1.93	9.67	84.31	20.10	1614.67
	Zn	113.33	2.07	10.47	84.91	21.60	1624.00
	Mancozeb	100.33	1.73	7.67	85.93	16.80	1482.73
	Control	91.33	1.27	6.40	80.37	13.64	1316.73
LSD 5% Cultivar ( C )		2.81	0.15	0.91	1.57	NS	120.95
LSD 5% Treatment ( T )		2.62	0.20	1.18	2.02	2.11	156.15
LSD 5% C x T		6.28	0.30	3.50	3.50	3.66	224.60

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**4- Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on chlorophyll. a, b and a + b in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 growing seasons:**

Data presented in Table (4) clear that the significant differences were obtained among all cultivars in the three traits except chlorophyll a and a + b in the first season. Giza 716 cv. had the highest contents of chlorophyll a (0.80 and 0.90 mg/g f.w), chlorophyll b (0.47 and 0.49 mg/g f.w) and chlorophyll a+b (1.27 and 1.39 mg/g f.w) in both seasons, respectively. Sakha 4 cv. had the second grade. Also, the results indicate that foliar spraying of chelated micronutrients had excellent effects in increasing the leaves chlorophyll content of the tested faba bean cultivars. Fe, Mn and Zn caused significantly increased chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b and chlorophyll a+b compared to Mancozeb and control treatments. These results are in harmony with that reported by Sharaf *et al.*, (2009) who reported that photosynthetic pigments increased in broad bean leaves with foliar application of B and Zn. The same trend mentioned by Elwakil *et al.*, (2016) who reported that Zn and Fe in the form of seed soaking or foliar spraying increased faba bean leaves chlorophyll a, b and carotenoids. Tobbal (2006) showed that, spraying Celosia plants with Zn increased contents of chlorophyll a, b and total chlorophyll (a + b), the increase in chlorophyll could be ascribed to the effect of this element on increasing the biosynthesis of photosynthetic pigments and/or retarding their degradation. Also, from the same Table the differences between the values of chlorophyll a, b and a+b obtained from the interaction between the three cultivars and foliar spraying treatments mentioned before are significant in all cases. The data revealed that significantly increased the three cultivars content of chlorophyll a, b

and a+b compared to mancozeb and control treatments. Zn followed by Mn then Fe showed the highest contents of chlorophyll a, b and a+b in the three cultivars in both seasons.

**5- Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on seed content of total carbohydrates and protein (%), peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities (mg /g leaves fresh weight/min) in the second season 2018/2019 :**

From data presented in Table (5), it clear that the differences between the three cultivars were significant for peroxidase activity and insignificant for poly phenol oxidase, total carbohydrates and protein. Sakha 4 cv. had the highest percentages of the total carbohydrates and total protein of seed contents with averages of 52.40 and 24.08%, respectively. Also, Sakha 4 and Giza 716 cultivars had the highest content of polyphenol oxidase with the same average of 0.58 mg/g fresh weight/min. In case of peroxidase activity, Giza 716 cv. had the first grade with an average of 0.69 mg/g fresh weight/min followed by Sakha 1 and Sakha 4 cultivars with the same average (0.66). Fe, Mn and Zn caused significant excess from one hand for leaves peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities and on the other hand for seeds carbohydrates and total protein compared to Mancozeb and control treatments. Zn had the highest values with averages of 0.72, 0.62, 53.40% and 24.87% respectively.

Foliar treatment of broad bean with Zn caused significant increases in the contents of photosynthetic pigments, soluble carbohydrates and soluble proteins greatly affected the activities of amylases, proteases, 3 catalases and peroxidases (Sharaf *et al.*, 2009).

Table (4): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on leaf chlorophyll a, b and a+b contents (mg/g leaves fresh weight) during two successive seasons after 90 days from sowing under field conditions.

Parameter		Chlorophyll a		Chlorophyll b		Chlorophyll a+b	
Factor	Season	2017/2018	2018/2019	2017/2018	2018/2019	2017/2018	2018/2019
	<b>Cultivar ( C )</b>						
Sakha 1		0.80	0.86 <sup>b</sup>	0.44 <sup>b</sup>	0.46 <sup>b</sup>	1.24	1.32 <sup>b</sup>
Sakha 4		0.79	0.90 <sup>a</sup>	0.45 <sup>ab</sup>	0.47 <sup>ab</sup>	1.24	1.37 <sup>a</sup>
Giza 716		0.80	0.90 <sup>a</sup>	0.47 <sup>a</sup>	0.49 <sup>a</sup>	1.27	1.39 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Treatment ( T )</b>							
Fe		0.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.49 <sup>a</sup>	0.53 <sup>a</sup>	1.34 <sup>a</sup>	1.46 <sup>a</sup>
Mn		0.81 <sup>b</sup>	0.94 <sup>a</sup>	0.49 <sup>a</sup>	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	1.31 <sup>ab</sup>	1.44 <sup>a</sup>
Zn		0.81 <sup>b</sup>	0.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.48 <sup>a</sup>	0.50 <sup>a</sup>	1.28 <sup>b</sup>	1.43 <sup>a</sup>
Mancozeb		0.78 <sup>c</sup>	0.84 <sup>b</sup>	0.41 <sup>b</sup>	0.44 <sup>b</sup>	1.18 <sup>c</sup>	1.29 <sup>b</sup>
Control		0.75 <sup>c</sup>	0.79 <sup>c</sup>	0.38 <sup>b</sup>	0.40 <sup>c</sup>	1.13 <sup>d</sup>	1.20 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Interaction (CXT)</b>							
Sakha 1	Fe	0.86	0.89	0.48	0.51	1.34	1.40
	Mn	0.80	0.90	0.49	0.48	1.29	1.38
	Zn	0.81	0.89	0.46	0.49	1.27	1.38
	Mancozeb	0.79	0.82	0.38	0.41	1.18	1.23
	Control	0.76	0.79	0.36	0.41	1.12	1.20
Sakha 4	Fe	0.83	0.93	0.50	0.53	1.33	1.46
	Mn	0.79	0.94	0.49	0.50	1.28	1.45
	Zn	0.82	0.95	0.47	0.49	1.28	1.44
	Mancozeb	0.77	0.86	0.40	0.45	1.17	1.31
	Control	0.74	0.81	0.39	0.40	1.13	1.21
Giza 716	Fe	0.86	0.98	0.49	0.54	1.36	1.52
	Mn	0.85	0.97	0.50	0.51	1.35	1.48
	Zn	0.80	0.94	0.50	0.52	1.30	1.46
	Mancozeb	0.77	0.85	0.44	0.47	1.20	1.32
	Control	0.74	0.77	0.39	0.40	1.13	1.18
LSD 5% Cultivar ( C )		NS	0.03	0.02	0.03	NS	0.04
LSD 5% Treatment ( T )		0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05
LSD 5% C x T		0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.08

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**Table (5): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on seed content of total carbohydrates and protein (%), peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities (mg/g leaves fresh weight/min) in the second season 2018/2019.**

Parameter		Total Carbohydrates (%)	Total protein(%)	Peroxidase Activity	Polyphenol oxidase Activity
Factor					
Cultivar ( C )					
Sakha 1		52.25	23.62	0.66 <sup>b</sup>	0.57
Sakha 4		52.40	24.08	0.66 <sup>b</sup>	0.58
Giza 716		51.72	23.86	0.69 <sup>a</sup>	0.58
Treatment ( T )					
Fe		52.79 <sup>ab</sup>	24.68 <sup>a</sup>	0.70 <sup>a</sup>	0.60 <sup>a</sup>
Mn		52.60 <sup>ab</sup>	24.48 <sup>a</sup>	0.69 <sup>a</sup>	0.61 <sup>a</sup>
Zn		53.40 <sup>a</sup>	24.87 <sup>a</sup>	0.72 <sup>a</sup>	0.62 <sup>a</sup>
Mancozeb		51.20 <sup>bc</sup>	22.91 <sup>b</sup>	0.64 <sup>b</sup>	0.56 <sup>b</sup>
Control		50.61 <sup>c</sup>	22.32 <sup>b</sup>	0.59 <sup>c</sup>	0.48 <sup>c</sup>
Interaction (CxT)					
Sakha 1	Fe	52.36	24.48	0.71	0.60
	Mn	53.01	23.78	0.69	0.63
	Zn	54.13	24.64	0.72	0.62
	Mancozeb	51.39	23.06	0.61	0.55
	Control	50.34	22.32	0.59	0.46
Sakha 4	Fe	53.80	24.55	0.70	0.59
	Mn	52.72	24.91	0.69	0.59
	Zn	52.84	25.02	0.72	0.61
	Mancozeb	51.60	23.23	0.62	0.58
	Control	51.03	22.69	0.59	0.51
Giza 716	Fe	52.20	25.22	0.73	0.61
	Mn	51.34	24.74	0.70	0.62
	Zn	53.24	24.95	0.72	0.62
	Mancozeb	50.60	22.45	0.71	0.56
	Control	50.48	21.95	0.59	0.48
LSD 5% Cultivar ( C )		NS	NS	0.02	NS
LSD 5% Treatment ( T )		1.85	0.77	0.03	0.03
LSD 5% C x T		3.21	1.05	0.05	0.05

Means in the same column followed by the same letter (s) are not significant according to L.S.D 0.05 values.

In this respect, El Sayed *et al.*, (2012) illustrated that spraying with micronutrients significantly increased the concentration of total carbohydrates and total protein in green seeds of pea plants compared with control plants. In this connection, Elwakil *et al.*, (2016) reported that Zn and Fe in the form of seed soaking or foliar spraying increased faba bean total protein in seeds. Also, Radwan and Tawfik, (2004) showed that the positive effect of micronutrients on chemical contents may be due to their involvement in one or more of important biological functions such as synthesis of chlorophyll, electron transport system, oxidation-reduction reactions, protein synthesis and degradation. On the other hand, El-Gebaly *et al.*, (2003) pointed out that, treatment flax plants with Zn insignificantly affected the activities of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidases enzymes.

In concern to the interaction, the statistical analysis showed that the differences between the values of total carbohydrates, total protein, peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase are significant. The use of Fe, Mn and Zn in the three cultivars led to significantly increase of total carbohydrates, total protein and peroxidase and phenol oxidase activities compared to mancozeb and control treatments.

#### **6- Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on chocolate spot disease severity in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 growing season:**

Data presented in Table (6) show the percentages of chocolate spot disease severity of faba bean cultivars which were sprayed with chelated Fe, Mn and Zn after 75, 90 and 105 days during two successive seasons. The results exhibit that disease severity differed between

the three tested cultivars and it increased with increasing time. Data of the first season show that Sakha 1cv. had the least disease severity after 90 days from sowing with an average of 4.78%. Generally Sakha 1 cv. had the least general mean of disease severity followed by Giza 716 and Sakha 4 cultivars with 4.89, 5.01 and 5.07%, respectively. Statistically, the differences between the values of cultivars disease severity are not significant except in case of 90 days after sowing. In case of the second season, the insignificant differences were obtained for disease severity in 90 and 105 days. Disease severity after 75 and 105 days looks like that in the first season but in case of 90 days the three cultivars differed in its arrangement and Giza 716 cv. had the least general mean 4.79%.

These results are in agreement with the findings of El-Sayed *et al.*, (2011) who mentioned that Giza 716 and Sakha 1 were the lowest infection with *B. fabae* compared to the other tested cultivars. Huber and Haneklaus (2007) mentioned that disease resistance is genetically controlled, but mediated through physiological and biochemical processes interrelated with the nutritional status of the plant or pathogen. Also, Yitayih and Azmeraw (2018) reported that the differences among faba bean cultivars for chocolate spot disease incidence and severity may be due to the genetic variation between cultivars to the infection.

From the same Table data appear that foliar spraying of Fe, Mn, Zn and mancozeb in the first season decreased chocolate disease severity compared to the control treatment. Mancozeb had the best effect in reducing the disease severity more than the other treatments with general mean of 4.05% followed by Fe, Zn and Mn with general means of 4.61, 4.63 and 5.05%, respectively. In

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case of the second season the results are close to that of the first season, where Mancozeb had the best effect followed by Zn , Fe and Mn with general means 3.98, 4.66, 4.73 and 4.84 %, respectively.

As for the interaction effect data indicated that spraying Sakha 4 and Sakha 1 cultivars with mancozeb significantly reduced the disease severity in both seasons with general means of 4.03 and 3.91% respectively.

Table (6): Effect of cultivars, foliar application treatments and their interaction on chocolate spot disease severity % caused by *Botrytis fabae* during two successive seasons under field conditions.

Season		2017/2018				2018/2019			
Factor	days	Days from sowing							
		75	90	105	Mean	75	90	105	Mean
Cultivar ( C )									
Sakha 1		3.11	4.78 <sup>b</sup>	6.79	4.89	3.03 <sup>b</sup>	5.04	6.84	4.97
Sakha 4		3.14	5.51 <sup>a</sup>	6.57	5.07	3.14 <sup>b</sup>	5.04	6.59	4.92
Giza 716		3.06	5.38 <sup>a</sup>	6.59	5.01	2.87 <sup>a</sup>	4.79	6.84	4.84
Treatment( T )									
Fe		2.76 <sup>bc</sup>	4.85 <sup>bc</sup>	6.21 <sup>bc</sup>	4.61	2.84 <sup>bc</sup>	4.73 <sup>bc</sup>	6.61 <sup>b</sup>	4.73
Mn		3.24 <sup>b</sup>	5.35 <sup>b</sup>	6.55 <sup>b</sup>	5.05	2.87 <sup>bc</sup>	4.78 <sup>b</sup>	6.88 <sup>b</sup>	4.84
Zn		2.85 <sup>bc</sup>	4.94 <sup>bc</sup>	6.11 <sup>bc</sup>	4.63	3.04 <sup>b</sup>	5.07 <sup>b</sup>	5.88 <sup>c</sup>	4.66
Mancozeb		2.52 <sup>c</sup>	4.27 <sup>c</sup>	5.35 <sup>c</sup>	4.05	2.67 <sup>c</sup>	4.44 <sup>c</sup>	4.82 <sup>d</sup>	3.98
Control		4.15 <sup>a</sup>	6.71 <sup>a</sup>	9.01 <sup>a</sup>	6.62	3.66 <sup>a</sup>	5.76 <sup>a</sup>	9.59 <sup>a</sup>	6.33
Interaction (CxT)									
Sakha 1	Fe	2.69	3.69	6.78	4.39	2.82	4.69	7.76	5.09
	Mn	3.06	5.18	6.55	4.93	2.89	4.82	6.93	4.88
	Zn	2.81	4.68	5.91	4.47	3.19	5.31	5.68	4.73
	Mancozeb	2.58	3.94	5.68	4.07	2.59	4.32	4.82	3.91
	Control	4.42	6.41	9.01	6.61	3.64	6.05	9.01	6.23
Sakha 4	Fe	2.81	5.43	5.93	4.72	3.04	5.06	6.03	4.71
	Mn	3.43	5.19	6.67	5.10	2.82	4.69	6.82	4.78
	Zn	2.94	5.19	6.40	4.84	3.04	5.07	6.03	4.71
	Mancozeb	2.57	4.44	5.07	4.03	2.82	4.69	4.69	4.07
	Control	3.93	7.29	8.77	6.66	4.00	5.68	9.38	6.35
Giza 716	Fe	2.77	5.44	5.93	4.71	2.67	4.44	6.05	4.39
	Mn	3.23	5.68	6.42	5.11	2.89	4.82	6.90	4.87
	Zn	2.81	4.94	6.03	4.59	2.89	4.82	5.93	4.55
	Mancozeb	2.40	4.44	5.31	4.05	2.59	4.32	4.94	3.95
	Control	4.10	6.42	9.26	6.59	3.33	5.56	10.37	6.42
LSD 5% Cultivar ( C )		NS	0.59	NS		0.22	NS	NS	
LSD 5% Treatment ( T )		0.66	0.77	0.76		0.28	0.46	0.51	
LSD 5% C x T		1.14	1.33	1.32		0.49	0.80	0.88	

Means in the same column followed by the same letter (s) are not significant according to L.S.D 0.05 values.

The results are in harmony with that reported by Elwakil *et al.*, (2016) who stated that all tested combinations of salicylic acid, Zn and Fe decreased chocolate spot severity. Generally, nutrient sufficiency may provide a general form of disease resistance by maintaining a high level of inhibitory compounds in tissue or quick response to invasion by a pathogen. Mn has an important role in lignin and suberin biosynthesis (Vidhyasekaran, 1997) which are important biochemical barriers to fungal pathogen invasion (Yousef *et al.*, 2013) through activation of several enzymes of the Shikimic acid and phenylpropanoid pathway (Marschner, 1995), since they are phenolic polymers resistant to enzymatic degradation (Agrios, 2005). Also, it inhibits the induction of aminopeptidase, an enzyme which supplies essential amino acids for fungal growth and pectin methylesterase, a fungal enzyme that degrades host cell walls. Cakmak (2000) stated that Zn is

involved in membrane protection against oxidative damage through the detoxification of superoxide radicals. Fe is a component of peroxidase and stimulates other enzymes involved in the biosynthetic pathway. Also, it can activate enzymes that are involved in the infection of the host by the pathogen or the defense, which is why opposite effects were found (Graham and Webb, 1991).

Data illustrated in Figure 1 show the reduction of chocolate spot disease severity in the foliar spraying treatments compared to control treatment (infected only). In the first season Mancozeb had the best effect in reducing the disease severity followed by Fe, Zn and Mn with averages of 38.82, 30.36, 30.06 and 23.71% compared to the control treatment, respectively. The results of the second season Mancozeb followed by Zn, Fe and Mn with averages of 37.12, 26.38, 25.28 and 23.54%, respectively.

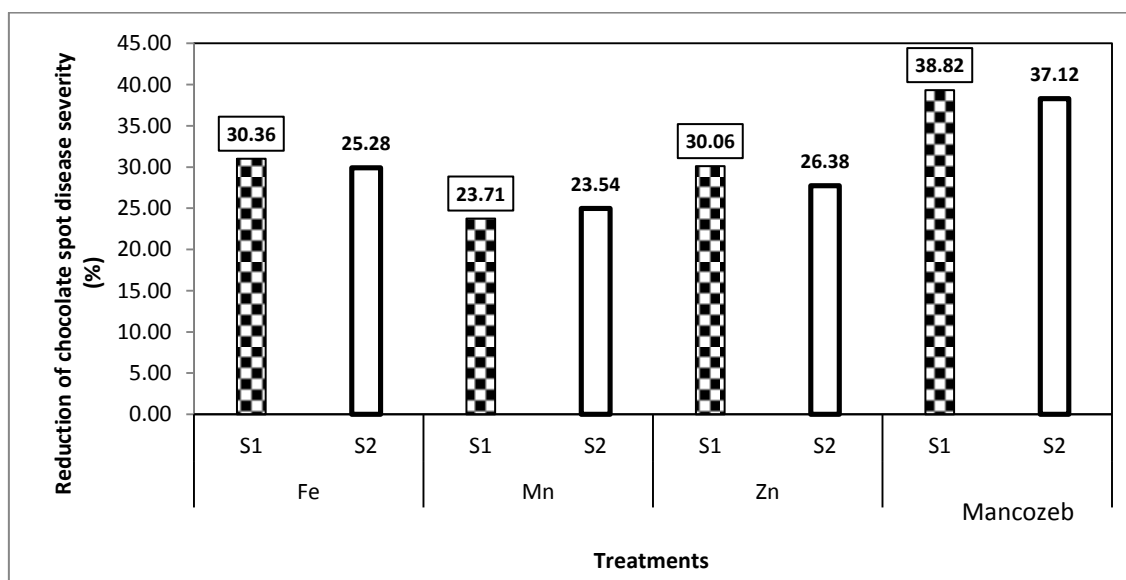


Figure (1): The reduction of chocolate spot disease severity in the foliar spraying treatments compared to control treatment (S1 =2017/2018 and S2 = 2018/2019).



**7- The relationship between the activity of defense – related enzymes (peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase) and chocolate spot disease severity on the sprayed faba bean cultivars:**

Peroxidase play active role in cell wall toughening and production of toxic secondary metabolites and its simultaneous oxidant and antioxidant properties make it an important factor in the defense response of plants to a variety of stresses (Idrees *et al.*, 2011). Oxidation of phenols by polyphenol oxidase leads to formation of quinones and free radicals that can activate enzymes, which form a part of the metabolic processes acting against different stresses (Bhonwong *et al.*, 2009). When the plant found a suitable amount of microelements such as Fe, Mn and Zn it used it as alternative defense materials and this consider a basic reason in the decrease of plant enzymes defense such as peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase under higher disease infections.

Data presented in Figure 2 (A, B and C) clear that there were negative association between disease severity of chocolate spot and peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase in all cases. The association between disease severity and peroxidase activity for the three cultivars was significantly negative with correlation coefficient of  $r = -0.834^*$  while, the association between disease severity and polyphenol oxidase activity for the same three cultivars was insignificantly negative and very weak with correlation coefficient of  $r = -0.243$  (Figure 2-A). The high and/or moderate negative association between disease severity and peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities were presented over all treatments where the correlation

coefficients were  $r = -0.622$  and  $r = -0.808^*$  for peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase, respectively (Figure 2-B). With respect to the relationship between disease severity and peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase for both cultivars and treatments data presented in Figure (2-C) indicated that there were significant and highly significant association between disease severity and peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase where the correlation coefficient were  $r = -0.496^*$  and  $r = -0.626^*$ , respectively. These results are in harmony with the findings of Kumari and Vengadaramana (2017) who reported that plants enhance defense responses by inducing activity of a broad spectrum of defense enzymes which are pathogenesis – related (PR) proteins, namely peroxidase,  $\beta - 1,3 -$  glucanase, chitinase, polyphenol oxidase and phenylalanine ammonia lyase which slow the rate of disease spread. Also, El – Ghanam *et al.*, (2018) mentioned that with increasing the activity of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase, the disease severity of powdery mildew in squash decreased. Also, when peroxidase level increases due to the induced systemic resistance (Prasannath *et al.*, 2014), quick synthesis of reactive oxygen derivatives by oxidative burst lead to cell death and inhibits pathogenic activities (Almagro *et al.*, 2009). In this respect, Lai *et al.*, (2007) mentioned that most of the biotic and abiotic stresses lead to an increase in the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) which in high density, hurt cells lipids, proteins and nucleic acids and finally stop the natural metabolism of plant. Plants protect themselves from cytotoxic effects of these ROS with the help of antioxidant enzymes such as peroxidase, polyphenol oxidase, catalase and superoxide dismutase induced in plants in response to the stress (He *et al.*, 2011 and Rani and Jyothsna, 2012).

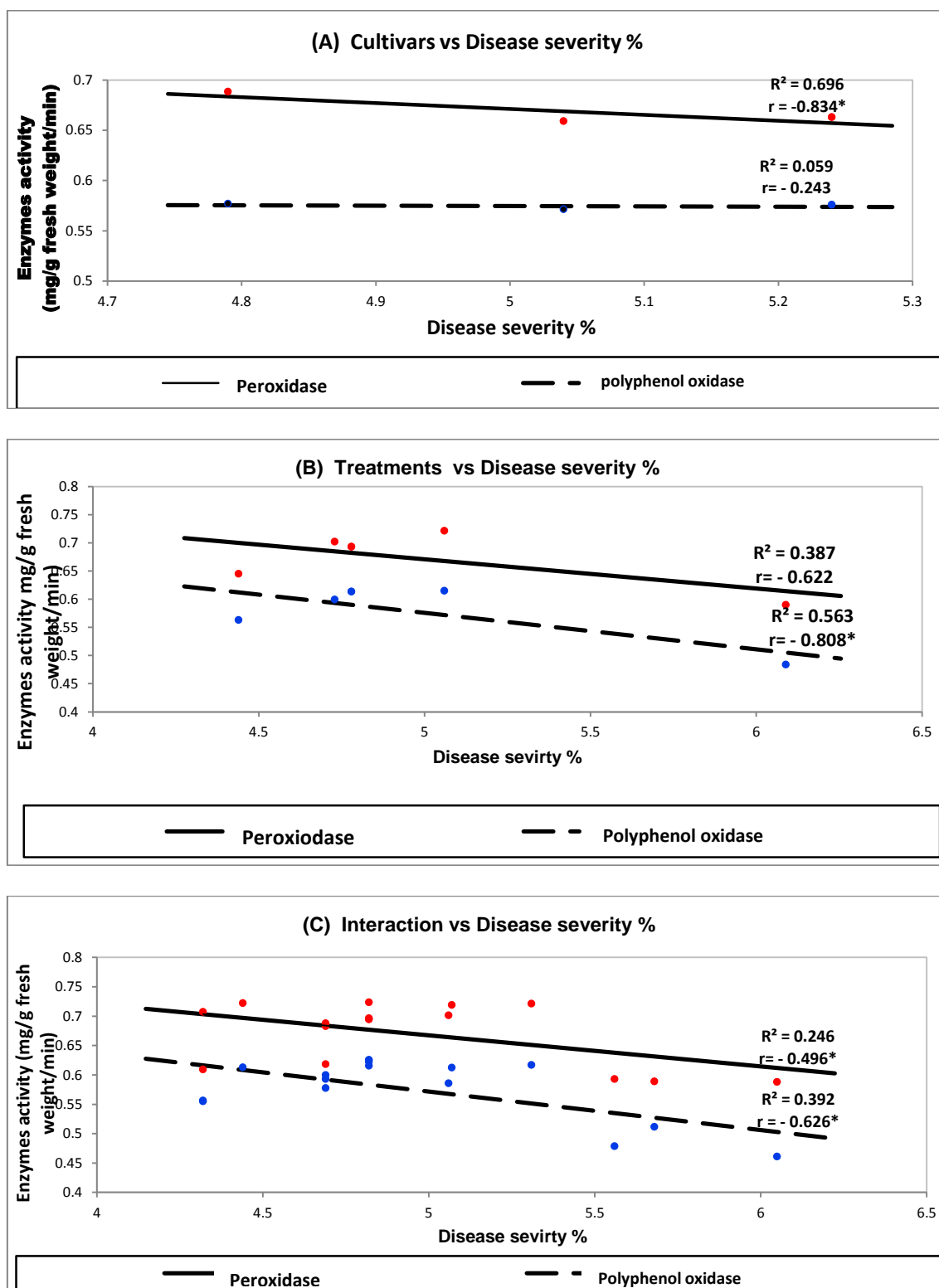


Figure 2: Linear regression of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities (mg / g leaves fresh weight / min) by chocolate spot disease severity % (A= faba bean cultivars, B= treatments and C= the interaction between cultivars x treatments).

Peroxidase oxidizes phenolics to quinones and generates hydrogen peroxide. It is antimicrobial and also releases highly reactive free radicals and further increases the rate of polymerization of phenolic compounds into lignin-like substances. These substances are then deposited in cell walls and papillae and hinder the further growth and development of the pathogen (Agrios, 2005). In addition, a large number of toxic phytoalexins can be derived from phenolic compounds (Orcutt and Nilsen, 2000). Also, Alfred (2006) reported that polyphenol oxidases participate in the oxidation of aromatic substrates and dihydroxyphenolic compounds in the presence of oxygen in host tissues, producing quinones that are toxic to pathogens

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## تأثير الرش ببعض العناصر الصغرى المخليبه على النمو والانتاجية و شدة الإصابة بالتبقع الشيكولاتى فى الفول البلدى

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### الملخص العربى

أجريت تجربته حقلية باستخدام ثلاثة أصناف من الفول البلدى وهى سخا 1، سخا 4، جيزه 716 لدراسة تأثير رش عناصر الحديد، المنجنيز، الزنك المخليبه بصوره منفرده على النمو الخضرى، المحصول ومكوناته، بعض المكونات الكيموحيويه وعلاقة ذلك بشدة الإصابة بالتبقع الشيكولاتى الذى يسببه فطر بوترايتس فابى وذلك خلال الموسمين المتتاليين 2016 / 2017 ، 2017 / 2018 بمزرعة محطة البحوث الزراعيه بإيتاى البارود - محافظة البحيره وقد أظهر الصنف سخا 1 أعلى وزن جاف للمجموع الخضرى ومساحة الاوراق/ نبات فى كلا الموسمين وكان الصنف سخا 4 الأكثر تبيكيرا فى تاريخ الإزهار فى الموسم الأول وفى تاريخ النضج فى الموسم الثانى أيضا فى حين أظهر الصنف سخا 4 أعلى القيم لطول النبات ووزن 100 بذره فى كلا الموسمين و احتل جيزه 716 المرتبه الأولى فى عدد القرون / نبات، محصول البذور / نبات، محصول البذور / فدان فى الموسم الاول وسخا 4 فى الموسم الثانى وأظهر رش عناصر الحديد، المنجنيز، الزنك تأثيرا جيدا على النمو والانتاجية لأصناف الفول البلدى الثلاثة المختبره مقارنة بمعاملة الرش بالمبيد الفطرى مانكوزيب ومعاملة المقارنه واطهرت معاملة الرش بالزنك زياده معنويه فى قيم متوسطات الوزن الجاف للمجموع الخضرى، مساحة الاوراق / نبات، عدد الأفرع / نبات، محصول البذور / نبات فى كلا الموسمين كما احتلت هذه المعامله المرتبه الأولى فى طول النبات ووزن محصول البذور / فدان فى الموسم الأول فقط بينما ادت معاملة الرش بالحديد إلى زياده معنويه فى عدد القرون / نبات ووزن 100 بذره فى الموسم الاول ووزن محصول البذور / فدان فى الموسم الثانى من ناحية أخرى أظهر الصنف جيزه 716 أعلى محتوى لكلوروفيل أ ، ب ، ( أ + ب ) فى كلا الموسمين وأعلى نشاط لانزيمى بيروكسيديز وبولى فينول أوكسيديز فى الأوراق وقد اظهر الصنف سخا 4 اعلى زيادة فى محتوى البذور من الكربوهيدرات والبروتين كما أظهرت معاملة الرش بالحديد زياده معنويه فى محتوى الأوراق من كلوروفيل أ فى الموسم الأول وكلوروفيل ب ، ( أ + ب ) فى كلا الموسمين وأدى الرش بعنصر الزنك إلى زياده معنويه لمحتوى البذور من الكربوهيدرات والبروتين ونشاط كلا الإنزيمين بيروكسيديز وبولى فينول أوكسيديز فى الأوراق وكانت شدة الإصابة بالتبقع الشيكولاتى الأقل فى الصنف سخا 1 فى الموسم الاول وجيزه 716 فى الموسم الثانى وادى رش الأصناف الثلاثة بالمبيد الفطرى مانكوزيب الى نقص شدة الإصابة فى كلا الموسمين يليه الرش بالحديد فى الموسم الأول والزنك فى الموسم الثانى كما أظهرت النتائج أنه يوجد تلازم سالب بين شدة الإصابة المرضيه ونشاط الإنزيمين فى كل الحالات المختبره . وبناء على ماسبق يمكن استخدام الرش الورقى لعناصر الزنك والمنجنيز والحديد فى تحسين النمو وزيادة الانتاجية لنبات الفول البلدى وكذلك التقليل من التأثير الضار لفطر البوترايتس على النبات.

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