



IMPACT OF MAGNETIZED SEAWATER APPLICATION AND BIOFERTILIZATION ON SEEDLINGS GROWTH AND CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS OF *SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA* KING SEEDLINGS

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Abstract

This trail was conducted at El-Qanater El-Khairia Horticultural Research Station, Qalupia, Egypt, during two successive seasons of 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to investigate the effect of magnetized seawater and biofertilization on seedlings growth and chemical constituent of *Swietenia macrophylla*. Four diluted seawater at concentrations of (2000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 ppm) as well as control (non-saline water) have taken and four treatments were used namely magnetized seawater alone, biofertilizer with alga mixture (*Anabaena* sp. and *Nostoc* sp.) as nitrogen-fixing ability, biofertilizer plus magnetized technique and the control that non-magnetized and non-biofertilized. The obtained results demonstrated that different salinity levels significantly reduced increment of height growth rate, stem diameter, leaf area, root length, fresh and dry weight biomass. Furthermore the high levels of 5000 and 6000 ppm caused the death of all plants and survived only when the plants exposed to magnetized field treatment or biofertilization. Adding the magnetized device alone, biofertilizer and magnetized water plus biofertilizer overall. Exceeded the increment of height growth rate by 22.61, 36.68 and 74.66% over control respectively. Moreover irrigating water at the level of 2000 ppm salinity combined with magnetized seawater plus bio fertilizer increased the percentage rate of height growth by 23.36% over control (non saline). At any level of salinity the treatment of magnetization with or without biofertilizer enhanced the leaves area and root length comparable with control. Total chlorophyll in leaves and total carbohydrate in stem reduced related to increasing salinity levels. Also, the salinity decreased the elements of N, P and K% in leaves content and increased Na content. Treatments of magnetization and biofertilization significantly accelerated formation total chlorophyll and carbohydrates than control and the levels of salinity 2000 and 4000 ppm combined with magnetization with or without biofertilizer revealed increases in total chlorophyll more than control. Magnetic treatment and bio fertilizer ameliorated and raised N, P and K% content in leaves beside reduced the absorption Na% led to the increases in ratio $K^+ : Na^+$. The magnetic treatment plus biofertilizer was more beneficial than separate addition, in which the magnetic technique alone was less effective at the highest level of salinity and adding saline water at a level of 5000 or 6000 ppm alone affective negatively most of the growth parameters and reduced both of N, K and P% but increased Na% and the ratio of $K^+ : Na^+$. It can be concluded that using both of biofertilizer and magnetized treated saline water irrigation was more beneficial in restricting the injurious referred to salinity stress.

Key words: Seawater, Magnetic Water, Cyanobacteria, timber trees

Introduction

Water shortage and low water quality are becoming an international issue, especially in the arid and semi-arid region due to several reasons; water resources are being always under pressure and require a scientific approach to sustain the productivity of crops. Besides the use of low- quality irrigation water is achievement important in the agricultural sector in many countries all over the world because of the water quality problems and due to the scarcity of good quality water.

Salinity is a major a biotic stress factor reducing the yield of a wide variety of crops (Tester and Davenport, 2003). Salinity stress depresses plant growth and development at different physiological levels. The reduction in plant growth by salinity stress might be related to adverse effects of excess salt on ion homeostasis, water balance, mineral nutrition and photosynthetic carbon metabolism (Munns, 2002). Plants growing in saline media come across generally with major drawbacks; the first is the increase in the osmotic stress due to high salt

concentration of soil solution that decreases water potential of soil; the second is the increase in the concentration of Na and Cl exhibiting tissue accumulation of Na and Cl and inhibition of mineral nutrients uptake (Mesut *et al.*, 2010). Alssefat (2006) on *Khaya senegalensis* showed that plant height, stem diameter, leaf area, root length, fresh and dry weight of above-ground parts were decreased with increasing salt concentration compared with control.

Garcia *et al.*, (2007) on maize plants showed that the increase of soil salinity by irrigation with saline water resulted in increased the sodium content and also the relationships of Na^+/K^+ besides, Magnetic water treatment (MWT) is currently being used offers many other benefits in agriculture such as increased yield, early maturity and increased fertilizer uptake Hizayn and Qados (2010). Taha *et al.*, (2011) also, reported that magnetic increased plant growth and leaf mineral content on cauliflower, Maheshwari and Grewal (2009) on tomato clear that MTW has played important role in improving the availability of these elements to plants and noticed that using magnetized water reduced-sodium percentage in tomato leaf. And found that the magnetic treatment significantly increased the dry matter content of the plant and the N, P, K content, Zlotopolski (2017) showed that MWT reduced-sodium concentrations in soil by leaching it below root zones. This could explain why plants treated by MWT had less leaf sodium levels compared to non-MWT. Vladimir Zlotopolski (2017) on lettuce indicated that total chlorophyll and concentrations of some macro and micro-nutrients in plants treated by MWT could be achieved. MWT may also help counteract the effect of harmful sodium build up in plants when less irrigation water was used.

Cyanobacteria have been applied with success for the reclamation of saline soils (Borowitzka 1986). Vaishampayan *et al.*, (2001) the majorities of cyanobacteria are capable of fixing atmospheric nitrogen and are effectively used as biofertilizers, (Zulpa *et al.*, 2003) found that the cyanobacteria are a continually renewable biomass source that can release to the environment soluble organic substances. These substances can be vitamins, enzymes, carbohydrates, peptides, amino acids and growth promoters, Cyanobacteria, such as Nostoc and Anabaena can be a useful potential biofertilizer since it can both photosynthesize and fix N with great adaptability to various soil types (Mishra and Pabbi, 2004).

Swietenia macrophylla King, Fam. Meliaceae. It is tropical tree species native to Central and South America. It is distributed generally corresponds to forests classified

as tropical dry with annual temperature average of greater than or equal to 24°C and 1000 – 2000 mm an annual precipitation (Holdridge, 1967). The species has been extensively planted in southern Asia and Pacific it has also been introduced into West and North Africa especially Egypt. It is one of three species in the genus, can reach a height of up to 40m with a trunk up to 2 m in diameter (Pennington, 2002). It is one of the most important timber species in world trade. Principally used for making furniture and interior things and has been an important component in construction and shipbuilding (Lamb, 1966).

The present study aimed to evaluate the effects of Magnetic treatments and application algae as biofertilizer on vegetative growth and chemical composition of *Swietenia macrophylla* seedlings watered with different levels of diluted seawater.

Materials and Methods

The present study was carried out during the two successive seasons of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 at the experiment area of Forestry and timber tree Departmental, at El-Qanater El Khairia Horticultural Research Station, Qalioubia Government, 20- km northwest of Cairo.

The experimental design

The pots were distributed in split plot design treatments where the main plot was the salinity levels of diluted seawater 2000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 ppm as well as control (Nile water) but the magnetized system and biofertilizer as subplot namely magnetic system alone biofertilizer single, magnetic plus biofertilizer beside control (non-magnetic and non-biofertilizer) and three replicates were used and each replicate included all the treatments of salinity, magnetized system and biofertilization in which each saline concentration was represented by 48 seedlings while each magnetized system treatment include 12 seedlings and biofertilization include 12 seedlings during the first and second season. The statistical analysis was conducted according to Snedecor and Cochran (1980). Significant differences among the means of various treatments were compared by new L.S.D. at 5% probability. The pots were subjected to thick polyethylene sheets in the open field to prevent the penetration of growing roots into soil surface under pots.

The physical and chemical analyses of the grown media were performed as described by Piper (1947) and Klute (1986) as shown in table 1.

Plant materials

Swietenia macrophylla King (big-leaf mahogany) were used in this study, one-year-old uniform seedlings

Table 1:**1: Chemical analysis of the soil.**

| Cations (Meq/L) | | | | Anions (Meq/L) | | | | Sp |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| K ⁺ | Na ⁺ | Mg ⁺⁺ | Ca ⁺⁺ | SO ₄ ⁻ | Cl ⁻ | HCO ₃ ⁻ | CO ₃ ⁻ | |
| 0.30 | 10.78 | 6.96 | 11.96 | 15.75 | 13.15 | 1.10 | - | 20.00 |

2: Physical analysis of the soil.

| Soil type | Clay % | Silt % | Fine Sand % | Coarse sand % | CaCO ₃ | OM | Ec ds/m | pH |
|------------|--------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|------|---------|------|
| Sandy loam | 4.30 | 10.20 | 45.40 | 40.10 | 1.00 | 0.70 | 3.00 | 7.51 |

3: Chemical properties of Seawater mg/kg of seawater.

| Cations | | | | Anions | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------|
| K ⁺ | Na ⁺ | Mg ⁺⁺ | Ca ⁺⁺ | SO ₄ | HCO ₃ ⁻ | Cl ⁻ | EC (ppm) | ph |
| 390 | 10752 | 1295 | 416 | 2701 | 145 | 19345 | 35.044 | 8.28 |

planted on March 1st, 2016 and 2017. In the average height of (25 cm) grown in the nursery of Forestry Department, Horticulture Research Institute and transplanted individually in black plastic pots (25cm diameter) fill with 6 kg sandy loam soil transported from reclaimed new soil, near Alexandria.

Nile water was used in irrigation of the planted pots for a month then on April 1st, 2016 and 2017 through both seasons the irrigation treatments were started in which three different concentrations of diluted seawater of 2000, 4000 and 6000 ppm. Saline water, as well as the control (non-salinized) in the first season and 5000 ppm concentration salinity in water irrigation was used in the second season instead of 6000 ppm level which caused the death of plants that irrigated with it in the first one. Each diluted seawater treatment and Nile water as control exposed to the magnetized or non-magnetized field before applying the irrigation. A magnetic tube (magnetron) was used to pass the water through it for the treated magnetic water device 250 mT magnetron unit of 3.5cm diameter which produced by magnetic technologies (Germany).

To implement the irrigation water treatments, a big water container with a tap (50 L) was used and the water flow rate was fixed in all treatments. For the magnetically water treatment, the magnetic field unit has been attached to the tap of the container and the water was passed through it, then the magnetized water was collected into a smaller container to use it in the irrigation. The same procedure was applied both in Nile water or saline water.

The saline water used in the study was prepared by adding measured amounts of seawater (35000 ppm) transported from the Mediterranean Sea, in Alexandria to Nile water to achieve the required salinity levels to obtain the concentrations (2000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 ppm) using an electrical conductivity meter.

The main irrigation scheduling strategy used in the

study was to apply enough water to bring the soil back to field capacity at the end of each irrigation.

The plants were irrigated alternative days that twice-weekly interval in winter and every three times weekly in summer season up to field capacity and the volume of irrigation water applied was determined by knowing the changes pot weight due to evapotranspiration since the last irrigation.

Every three times of irrigation by saline water one time of freshwater was used to leach the soil and avoid accumulate of the salinity.

All pots received of NPK fertilizers, 5g calcium superphosphate (15.5% P₂O₅) which was added immediately after planting, 2g potassium sulfate (48% K₂O) and 4g ammonium nitrate (33.5% N). Recommended by (Abd El-Dayem, 1988).

Biofertilizer by the mixture of cyanobacteria (*Anabaena oryza* and *Nostoc muscorum*) as nitrogen-fixing ability were added by The filtrate of algal cultures at the rate of 1.2 ml/pot (Reddy *et al.*, 1986).

Each culture was grown for one month where added four applications to the soil throughout (0, 2, 4 and 6 weeks) after planting.

Cyanobacteria strains were obtained from the Microbiology Department, Soils, Water and Environment Res. Inst., Agric. Res., Center. The cyanobacteria strains were grown separately on BG11 medium (Rippka *et al.*, 1979).

The following parameters were recorded after 12 months from treatments in 2016 and 2017 seasons.

A. Determination of vegetative growth:

1. Increment seedling height growth rate (cm)
2. Stem diameter (cm)
3. Leaf Area (cm²)

4. Root length (cm)
5. Fresh and dry weight biomass was estimated.

B. Chemical Analysis

The following chemical constituents were determined:

Total Chlorophylls determination (mg/gm f.w.) in leaves

The total Chlorophyll was extracted from fresh leaves taken from the middle part of the stem of experimental plants using the DMSO method based on Barnes *et al.* (1992) and determined colourmetrically.

Determination of total carbohydrates in stems

Total carbohydrates in stems were determined as the percentage described by Dubois *et al.* (1956).

Determination of some elements as percentage i.e.

The nitrogen content of dried samples of leaves was determined by the modified micro kjoldahl method as described by Pregl (1945).

Phosphorus percentage in leaves was measured with a spectrophotometer at 880 nm according to the method described by Rowell (1993). Sodium concentration as a percentage was determined using a flame photometer according to the method described by Irri (1976). Potassium was determined using the flame photometry method of Black (1982).

Results and Discussion

Increment of seedling height growth

Table 2 cleared that salinity inhibited the rate of height growth in both seasons. The high salinity levels of 5000 and 6000 ppm greatly depressed the rate of growth height as this reduction equilibrium 72.4% and 69.83% in the first and second season than the control, respectively, also it is cleared that there are highly significant differences among the used different concentrations of 2000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 ppm salinity in both seasons.

Magnetization and biofertilization treatments significantly increased rate of height growth compared with control moreover there were significant differences in between and the highest rate was 25.57 cm in treatment of magnetized plus bio fertilized followed by those of biofertilizer alone 20.01 cm and the intermediate was 17.95 cm in the plants exposed to magnetic field only while the lowest rate 14.64 in control in the first season respectively regardless the effect of salinity. It can result that the treatment of biofertilizer plus magnetic technique was more beneficial and gave the best height growth rate; it is a fact in both seasons.

The interaction among salinity and magnetized or

biofertilization treatments cleared that the highest mean values of height growth rate were 33.67 and 27.78 exhibited with the seedlings irrigated by Nile water combined with the treatment of magnetization plus bio fertilization, in both seasons respectively. On the other hand, it can be noticed that the treatment of 6000 ppm saline water alone resulted in mortality the seedlings with the exception those exposed to a magnetic field plus biofertilizer in the first season however treatment of 5000 ppm salinity and exposed to either magnetization or biofertilizer alone survived although the rate of height growth had inferior value. Also, the seedlings irrigated with 2000 ppm saline water and treated with magnetization alone, magnetization plus biofertilization increased the height growth rate 2.87 and 23.36% over control that irrigated with non saline water respectively. Generally the magnetized system with or without bio fertilizer associated withstanding the plants to salinity.

Stem diameter (cm)

Data existed in table 2 indicated that stem diameter of *Swietenia macrophylla* seedling treated by magnetized seawater plus biofertilizer produced significantly the highest thickest stem diameter 0.987 cm followed by those treated with biofertilizer alone 0.971 cm while the intermediate was the treatment of magnetized water only 0.746 cm and the late was 0.686 cm. in control, the similar trend was obtained in the second season approximately. It means that the magnetized seawater technique was more positively affected stem diameter irrespective of the effect of salinity.

As for the effect of salinity, the results of table 2 cleared reduction in stem diameter related to the concentrations of salinity especially at high levels of 5000 and 6000 ppm.

It worthily noticeable that the treatments of the magnetized system and biofertilization enhanced stem diameter even so with saline water irrigation at the level of 2000 ppm better than those irrigated by Nile water without using magnetized technique application or biofertilizer but when the levels of salinity increased to 6000ppm the stem diameter reduced even though using the magnetized system. However, at any level of salinity, the treatment of magnetization and biofertilization improved stem diameter compared with control.

Leaf area (cm²)

As shown in table 2 leaf area of *Swietenia macrophylla* significantly reduced due to irrigation the plants by different diluted of seawater at the levels of 2000, 4000 and 6000 ppm compared with control and among these levels consequently, the reductions in leaf

Table 2: Average of Increment of height growth, stem diameter and leaf area of *Swietenia macrophylla* as affected by magnetized seawater treatment and biofertilization during 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons.

| Salinity Treatments | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| | First season; 2016/2017 | | | | | Second season; 2017/2018 | | | | |
| Increment of height growth(cm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 23.33d | 19.78g | 15.44j | 0.01l | 14.64D | 23.56c | 18.11f | 13.33h | 0.01i | 13.75D |
| Magnetization | 28.67b | 24.00d | 19.11gh | 0.01l | 17.95C | 27.11a | 21.89d | 16.11g | 9.89i | 18.75C |
| Biofertilizer | 27.11c | 22.22e | 18.22i | 12.50k | 20.01B | 27.33a | 21.22d | 17.44f | 12.89h | 19.72B |
| Magnetization + biofertilizer | 33.67a | 28.78b | 21.33f | 18.50hi | 25.57A | 27.78a | 26.00b | 19.78e | 9.11j | 20.67A |
| Mean | 28.20A | 23.70B | 18.53C | 7.76D | | 26.45A | 21.81B | 16.67C | 7.98D | |
| Stem diameter (cm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 0.970de | 0.933ef | 0.840gh | 0.001i | 0.686D | 1.057e | 0.977f | 0.887gh | 0.001i | 0.730C |
| Magnetization | 1.087b | 1.007cd | 0.890fg | 0.001i | 0.746C | 1.200ab | 1.123d | 0.963f | 0.850h | 1.034B |
| Biofertilizer | 1.150a | 1.043bc | 0.943ef | 0.750hi | 0.971AB | 1.220a | 1.147cd | 1.057e | 0.887gh | 1.078A |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 1.163a | 1.13bc | 0.937ef | 0.803h | 0.987A | 1.233a | 1.170bc | 1.057e | 0.893g | 1.088A |
| Mean | 1.093A | 1.02B | 0.903C | 0.388D | | 1.178A | 1.104B | 0.991C | 0.658D | |
| Leaf area (cm)² | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 184.4e | 172.6e | 116.2gh | 0.01i | 118.3D | 236.7d | 224.7d | 162.6f | 0.01g | 156.0D |
| Magnetization | 270.1a | 176.6e | 138.2f | 0.01i | 146.2C | 293.0a | 250.0c | 193.6e | 157.9f | 223.6B |
| Biofertilizer | 232.5c | 182.3e | 138.9f | 108.1h | 165.4B | 265.4b | 236.0d | 193.7e | 151.1f | 211.5C |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 270.7a | 255.1b | 210.0d | 127.5fg | 215.8A | 289.1a | 256.1bc | 228.9d | 200.2e | 243.6A |
| Mean | 239.4A | 196.7B | 150.8C | 58.9D | | 271.0A | 241.7B | 194.7C | 127.3D | |

* Mean values in the same column of different treatment followed by the same capital letters are non-significant at 5% probability.** Mean values in the same row of different salinity levels followed by the same capital letters are non-significant at 5% probability.*** Mean values in each column and row followed by small letters are non-significant at 5% probability.

area were 17.84, 37.01 and 75.44% in the first season and they were 10.81, 28.15 and 53.03% than control, respectively in the second one, regardless the effect of magnetized system and biofertilization.

The results cleared that the plants were treated by magnetized water plus biofertilizer induced significantly the biggest leaves area. Followed by Treatment of using biofertilizer single and intermediate was the treatment of magnetized water alone. It is observed that increments in leaves area equilibrium 82.16, 39.70 and 23.58% over control.

The plants were treated with magnetized fields with or without biofertilizer combined with the irrigation by Nile water produced the highest averages in leaves area. On the other hand, the plants irrigated by saline water at the level of 2000 ppm or 4000 ppm and treated with magnetized field plus biofertilizer pronounced increases in leaves area more than those irrigated by Nile water without utilizing magnetize techniques or biofertilizer where the increases attained 38.34% and 13.88% respectively in the first season. From the previously obtained results, it can be concluded that using magnetized water or biofertilizer treatment was more favorable and beneficial with saline water where lessened the injurious of salinity. It means that magnetized technique ameliorated

the status of plants and involved in withstood the salinity. The previously obtained results coincided with those findings of Mostafa (2002) who reported that the height of *Calendula officinalis* and Moraji was significantly reduced with increasing salinity > 3.8 dsm⁻¹. These results may be due to the effect of salinity on reducing the influx concentration of the absorption of the nutrients by the plant (the ratio between the uptake of nutrients and water). The herein obtained results illustrated that magnetization enhanced the seedling height, stem diameter and leaf area of *Swietenia macrophylla* were harmony by Helal (1998) reported that using magnetized seawater or biofertilizer led to increasing the height of *Dimorhatica* plants and it may be due to the influence of magnetic treatment enhanced soil acidity (pH) value and water retention in the rooting medium hence the availability and absorption of nutrients could be enhancing led to more initiation and elongation of stem cells, besides the magnetic considering of water may be an influx of electron which may effect the microorganisms such as *Azotobacter* sp., also El-Nashawy (1997) cleared using magnetic or biofertilizer single resulted in the tallest plants similar results were cleared by Khattab *et al.*, (2000) on *Gladulus* hybrids they reported that under the different levels of salinity the addition of magnetic treatment or biofertilization led to producing a large area of Maiji leaves Abou El-Yazied

et al., (2011) on tomato showed that irrigation by magnetically treated water enhances the leaf area in the grown seedling.

Concerning the effect of biofertilizer on vegetative growth, the obtained results were harmony with the finding of many scientists such El-Gaml (2006) explained that biofertilization using cyanobacteria led to increased microbial diversity community in the soil through increased organic matter, microbial activity and nitrogenase activities and subsequently improved soil fertility and enhanced the growth parameters. Shanan and Higazy (2009) revealed that biofertilization with Azot., *Azo* sp. and Cyano increased significantly plant height and leaf area as compared to mineral fertilization.

As for the effect of salinity, many researchers were in agreement with the obtained results such as Meloni *et al.*, (2004) on *Prosopis alba*, Rowland *et al.*, (2004) on *Populus deltoids* and Alssefat (2006) on *Khaya senegalensis* all of them showed that plant height, stem diameter, leaf area and plant biomass were decreased with increasing salt concentration compared with control.

Root length (cm)

As shown in table 3 the results in both seasons indicated that root length significantly reduced due to saline water comparable with those of control. The values depressed than control by 14.54, 35.22 and 70.88% in the first season for the plants irrigated with saline water at levels of 2000, 4000 and 6000 ppm, irrespective the

effect of magnetization and biofertilization. The plants exposed to magnetized field plus biofertilizer root length attained to the longest one 28.31 cm, in addition as the plants treated by biofertilizer alone, root length also increased 27.06 cm in the second season. The previous results cleared that expose the plants to the magnetic field with or without biofertilization resulted in an increased root length compared to control. Concerning the interaction, it can be concluded that the longest root length of 31.33 cm and 34.22 cm appeared in seedlings biofertilized only or exposed to magnetized field plus biofertilization combined with the irrigation by Nile water in the first and second season, respectively. It is evident that root length increased 9.68% and 5.45% in the first and second season over control in plants irrigated with 2000 ppm salinity and treated with magnetization plus biofertilizer. This fact appeared in both seasons. It means that magnetic water either with or without biofertilizer improved the root length of salinized seedling than non-magnetically although the plants irrigated by freshwater.

The obtained results were similar to those reported by many investigators such as Meloni *et al.*, (2004) on *Prosopis alba*, Rowland *et al.*, (2004) on *Populus deltoids*, Khan *et al.*, (2009) on *Acacia nilotica* and Soliman (2015) on *Moringa peregrine* and Alssefat (2006) on *Khaya senegalensis* all of them showed that the root length decreased with increasing salt concentration compared with control.

Table 3: Average of root length, biomass fresh and dry weights (gm) of *Swietenia macrophylla* as affected by magnetizing seawater treatment and biofertilization during 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons.

| Salinity Treatments | Root length (cm) | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
| | First season; 2016/2017 | | | | | Second season; 2017/2018 | | | | |
| Control | 26.44c | 21.11e | 15.22f | 0.01h | 15.69D | 28.45c | 25.44f | 22.44ij | 0.01k | 19.08D |
| Magnetization | 29.89b | 24.78d | 15.89f | 0.01h | 17.64C | 29.11c | 27.00d | 24.56g | 22.34j | 25.75C |
| Biofertilizer | 31.33a | 26.44c | 21.22e | 21.00e | 25.00A | 30.00b | 28.33c | 26.45de | 23.45h | 27.06B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 30.89a | 29.00b | 24.45d | 13.50g | 24.46B | 34.22a | 30.00b | 25.78ef | 23.22hi | 28.31A |
| Mean | 29.64A | 25.33B | 19.20C | 8.63D | | 30.45A | 27.69B | 24.81C | 17.25D | |
| Biomass fresh weight (gm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 46.22d | 35.84e | 24.1g | 0.01h | 26.74D | 42.97c | 36.07e | 30.81g | 0.01i | 27.46B |
| Magnetization | 59.15b | 45.19d | 28.41fg | 0.01h | 33.19C | 48.56b | 43.28c | 36.36e | 32.68fg | 40.22A |
| Biofertilizer | 60.10b | 49.14d | 37.25e | 30.83f | 44.33B | 50.55ab | 43.42c | 39.38d | 27.68h | 40.26A |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 70.02a | 54.48c | 40.17e | 30.07f | 48.69A | 52.14a | 44.72c | 34.55ef | 27.44h | 39.71A |
| Mean | 58.87A | 46.16B | 32.69C | 15.23D | | 48.56A | 41.87B | 35.28C | 21.95D | |
| Biomass dry weight (gm) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 17.91cd | 14.45e | 10.05f | 0.01g | 10.60D | 17.00d | 12.93f | 10.73g | 0.01i | 10.17C |
| Magnetization | 23.49b | 16.65d | 9.91f | 0.01g | 12.51C | 18.77c | 15.97e | 13.04f | 10.93g | 14.68AB |
| Biofertilizer | 24.99b | 18.44c | 14.17e | 12.73e | 17.58B | 19.79b | 15.82e | 12.81f | 9.76h | 14.54B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 31.18a | 23.61b | 18.79c | 13.01e | 21.65A | 20.90a | 16.47de | 12.74f | 10.12gh | 15.06A |
| Mean | 24.39A | 18.29B | 13.23C | 6.44D | | 19.12A | 15.30B | 12.33C | 7.70D | |

Sarhan *et al.*, (2018) showed that salinity concentration at levels of 2000 and 4000 ppm significantly decreased root length of *Swietenia macrophylla* while the highest level of 6000 ppm saline water caused the death of seedling in agreement with the herein present results. The obtained results of magnetically treated water were in harmony with the finding of De Souza (2005) who cleared that magnetic treatments led to a remarkable increase in plant root length. Anand *et al.*, (2015) showed that the use of a combination of all these Cyanobacterial isolates in consortium with Maize crop showed a significant increase in the root lengths.

Biomass fresh and dry weights (gm)

As shown in table 3 fresh weight biomass of seedlings significantly declined in both seasons than the control, due to salinity levels of 2000, 4000 and 6000 ppm and there are significant differences among the different levels of salinity in irrigation water since the reduction percentages attained 21.59, 44.47 and 74.3% less than control, respectively.

In this respect, the influence of magnetized system and biofertilization it can be concluded that fresh biomass weight was the significantly maximized heaviest 48.69gm as a result to the treatment of magnetized seawater plus biofertilizer followed by those treated by biofertilizer single 44.33gm, on the other hand, the plants exposed to the magnetized system alone recorded the intermediate 33.19gm while the last one 26.74gm in the plant of control that non-magnetize or non- biofertilization.

From the aforementioned it can be concluded that the exposure to the magnetic system with or without biofertilizer was beneficial and resulted more fresh biomass comparable to control plants, in addition, the plants irrigated by saline water at the level of 2000 ppm

combined with magnetized water both biofertilizer with or without exceeded fresh biomass 17.87% and 6.32%, respectively meaning that both of them ameliorated the growth of plants irrigated with saline water at level of 2000 ppm but when the level of salinity increased more than 2000 ppm the promoted effect of magnetically or biofertilizer reduced compared to control.

Concerning dry biomass the results of table 3 have been taken the same trend approximately to those of fresh biomass otherwise the plants exposed to the magnetized system plus biofertilizer and irrigated by saline water at the level of 2000 or 4000 ppm increased dry biomass by 31.82% and 4.91% over the control in the first season.

The previously obtained results were in harmony with the findings of Ali *et al.*, (2011) on *Chrysophyllum oliviform*, *Tamarindus indica* and *Terminalia arjuna* found growth and biomass measurements of each tree species decreased as salinity increased.

As regards, the effect of biofertilization the obtained results from the herein study were in accordance with the obtained by Boghdady and Ali (2013) on wheat cultivars, Mohsen *et al.*, (2016) on Lettuce Plants (*Lactuca sativa* L.) and Grzesik *et al.*, (2017) found that biofertilization with cyanobacteria and green algae improved the growth of willow (*Salix viminalis* L.).

Total chlorophyll

The present data of table 4 apparently cleared that total chlorophyll significantly reduced in the leaves of *Swietenia macrophylla* in relation to different levels of salinity 2000, 4000 and 6000 ppm in irrigation water compared to control, irrespective the effect of magnetization and biofertilization.

Magnetically seawater resulted in an increase in total

Table 4: Effect of magnetized seawater and biofertilization on total chlorophyll and carbohydrates in leaves of *Swietenia macrophylla* during seasons of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.

| Salinity Treatments | Total chlorophyll (A+B) mg/g fresh | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
| | First season; 2016/2017 | | | | | Second season; 2017/2018 | | | | |
| Control | 2.89ef | 2.74f | 2.66f | 0.01h | 2.07C | 2.74fg | 2.60gh | 2.54hi | 0.01j | 1.97D |
| Magnetization | 3.57cd | 3.12e | 2.96ef | 0.01h | 2.41B | 3.16c | 2.92de | 2.60gh | 2.40i | 2.77C |
| Biofertilizer | 4.01ab | 3.60cd | 3.50d | 2.30g | 3.35A | 3.86a | 3.44b | 2.98d | 2.56hi | 3.21B |
| Magnetization + biofertilizer | 4.24a | 3.85bc | 3.60cd | 2.12g | 3.45A | 3.98a | 3.88a | 3.40b | 2.78ef | 3.51A |
| Mean | 3.68A | 3.33B | 3.18C | 1.11D | | 3.44A | 3.21B | 2.88C | 1.94D | |
| Carbohydrate % in stem | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 26.50d | 12.00i | 5.20l | 0.01m | 10.93D | 27.60d | 12.58h | 5.57m | 0.01n | 11.44D |
| Magnetization | 28.00c | 19.30g | 8.90k | 0.01m | 14.05C | 29.10c | 20.74f | 9.10k | 7.80l | 16.69C |
| Biofertilizer | 29.30b | 20.30f | 12.80h | 9.22k | 17.91B | 30.28b | 21.30f | 13.00gh | 11.00i | 18.90B |
| Magnetization + biofertilizer | 31.20a | 21.00e | 13.10h | 10.00j | 18.83A | 32.30a | 22.30e | 13.20g | 10.00j | 19.45A |
| Mean | 28.75A | 18.15B | 10.00C | 4.81D | | 29.82A | 19.23B | 10.22C | 7.20D | |

chlorophyll more than control and magnetic device plus biofertilizer produced to maximize the value of total chlorophyll 3.45 mg/gm followed by those received biofertilizer only 3.35 and the intermediate 2.41 mg/gm recorded with the treatment of magnetization only. As for the interaction between salinity levels and treatment of magnetization or biofertilization it can result that the highest mean value of total chlorophyll was 4.24 mg/g fresh weight-related to irrigating the plants with Nile water combined with magnetization plus biofertilization. On the other hand, the seedling irrigated with 2000 or 4000 ppm saline water and treated with magnetization with or without biofertilizer induced increases in total chlorophyll 7.96 and 24.57% over control in the first season.

Total carbohydrates (%)

As shown in table 4 it can be concluded that total carbohydrates in stem extremely significantly diminished because of the irrigation by different saline water levels compared with control and there were a linear negative correlation between the salinity levels and the reduction in total carbohydrate irrespective the effect of both magnetization and biofertilization. Magnetic water with adding biofertilizer produced significantly the highest mean values of total carbohydrates 18.83 and 19.45% in first and second seasons, respectively followed by those treated with biofertilizer only 17.91 and 18.90% and the intermediate was the obtained from the treatment of magnetized water only since the mean values were 14.05 and 16.69%. While, the control gave the least regardless of the effect of salinity. Regardless the effect of salinity.

The interaction between salinity and the treatments of magnetization and biofertilization the herein results pointed out that the highest values of total carbohydrates revealed in the plants irrigated with Nile water combined with magnetic water plus biofertilizer and the least value recorded with those irrigated with 4000 or 6000 ppm combined with non-magnetic water or non-biofertilizer.

It is worthily noticeable from the obtained results of table 4 that both magnetic water and biofertilizer improved the status of total carbohydrate in the stem of seedling irrigated with high salinity.

The former obtained results of total chlorophyll and carbohydrates were in the same line of Alssefat (2006) on *Khaya senegalensis* showed that salinity stress reduced total carbohydrate in leaves, stems and roots, also, magnetic field enhanced total chlorophyll and total carbohydrate in agreement with Al-Khazan and Abdullatif (2009) on Jojoba and Vladimir (2017) on lettuce, all of them declared that plants irrigated with magnetized water significant increases in total chlorophyll and total

carbohydrate compared to control treatment.

Concerning the effect of biofertilizer the current results were harmony with Shanan and Higazy (2009) on *Matthiola incana* plants, Grzesik *et al.*, (2017) on (*Salix viminalis* L.), Anand *et al.*, (2015) on Maize crop showed a significant increase in Chlorophyll a. and Mohsen *et al.*, (2016) on lettuce plants all of them stated that all different biofertilizer treatments considerably increased chlorophyll content and total carbohydrate.

As shown in table 5 it can be concluded that irrigation the plants with diluted sea water at levels of 2000, 4000, 5000 and 6000 ppm saline water resulted in significantly reduction in N, P, K% leaves content compared to control meaning that the salinity counteracted or reduced the absorption of these element consequently decreased in leaves specially at high level of salinity 6000 where the reduction equal 60.89, 61.7 and 59.63% in N, P, K% leaves content respectively. The previous obtained results of salinity coincided with many researches such as Viegas *et al.*, (2004) on *Prosopis juliflora*, Alsefat (2006) on *Khaya senegalensis*, Leyanes (2012) on *Jatropha curcas* L., all of them emphasized that salinity decreased N, P and K content in leaves.

Magnetized diluted sea water treatment illustrated that magnetic with or without biofertilizer raised up the leaves content of N, P, K% in particular the percentages of the increased equilibrium 78.22, 95.83 and 69.89% respectively more than control in seedlings exposed to magnetized saline water irrigation plus biofertilization. The results of second season tended to the same trended of those obtained in first one.

The obtained results indicated also that separately magnetization of biofertilization alone treatments associated in exceeding the absorption of each N, P and K, this fact exhibited in both seasons. The interaction between salinity and magnetization with or without biofertilization declared that the highest values of N, P, K% 4.93, 0.66 and 2% respectively recorded with the plants irrigated with fresh water combined with magnetic plus biofertilizer whist the lower values of 2.8, 0.25 and 1.20% appeared with irrigating the plants with saline water at levels 4000 ppm combined with non magnetic or non biofertilizer, on the other hand saline water irrigation at levels of 2000 ppm combined with magnetic sea water alone or with adding biofertilization induced. Increased N, P and k% content more than those irrigated with fresh water and did not exposed to magnetization or biofertilization. the aforementioned obtained results of influencing exposed to magnetic field were in harmony with the finding of many scientists such as Maheshwari and Grewal (2009) on tomato, Abou El-Yazied *et al.*,

Table 5: Average of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (%) of *Swietenia macrophylla* leaves content as affected by magnetizing seawater treatment and biofertilization during 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.

| Salinity Treatments | N% in leaves | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
| | First season; 2016/2017 | | | | | Second season; 2017/2018 | | | | |
| Control | 3.20ef | 3.00f | 2.80f | 0.01g | 2.25D | 3.33e-h | 3.10f-h | 2.88gh | 0.01i | 2.33D |
| Magnetization | 3.64de | 4.32bc | 3.00f | 0.01g | 2.74C | 3.74de | 4.40c | 3.10f-h | 2.80h | 3.51C |
| Biofertilizer | 4.40a-c | 4.00cd | 3.20ef | 3.10ef | 3.67B | 4.44c | 4.20cd | 3.55ef | 3.20e-h | 3.84B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 4.93a | 4.60ab | 3.30ef | 3.20ef | 4.01A | 5.00a | 4.71b | 3.41e-g | 3.33e-h | 4.11A |
| Mean | 4.04A | 3.98A | 3.08B | 1.58C | | 4.13A | 4.10A | 3.23B | 2.33C | |
| P % in leaves | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 0.35c-e | 0.33c-e | 0.25e | 0.01f | 0.24C | 0.40d | 0.36de | 0.30e | 0.01f | 0.27D |
| Magnetization | 0.36cd | 0.50b | 0.32de | 0.01f | 0.30B | 0.40d | 0.42cd | 0.35de | 0.30e | 0.37C |
| Biofertilizer | 0.52b | 0.50b | 0.43bc | 0.35c-e | 0.45A | 0.52b | 0.50b | 0.48bc | 0.40d | 0.48B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 0.66a | 0.50b | 0.38cd | 0.34c-e | 0.47A | 0.62a | 0.60a | 0.50b | 0.40d | 0.53A |
| Mean | 0.47A | 0.46A | 0.35B | 0.18C | | 0.49A | 0.47A | 0.41B | 0.28C | |
| K % in leaves | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 1.30d | 1.21de | 1.20de | 0.01f | 0.93D | 1.43de | 1.30ef | 1.33ef | 0.01g | 1.02D |
| Magnetization | 1.44c | 1.20de | 1.15e | 0.01f | 0.95C | 1.55d | 1.40de | 1.30ef | 1.20f | 1.36C |
| Biofertilizer | 1.70b | 1.75b | 1.44c | 1.30d | 1.55A | 1.73c | 1.90ab | 1.55d | 1.33ef | 1.63B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 2.00a | 1.55c | 1.45c | 1.30d | 1.58A | 2.00a | 1.77bc | 1.55d | 1.50d | 1.71A |
| Mean | 1.61A | 1.43B | 1.31C | 0.65C | | 1.68A | 1.59B | 1.43C | 1.01D | |

(2012) on *Lycopersicon esculentum*, Yanju Gao *et al.*, (2017) on Cotton they stated that magnetically treatments increased N, P and K% uptake and translocation. The former obtained results of the effect of biofertilization on mineral content were similar to the obtained by Mohsen *et al.*, (2016) and Grzesik *et al.*, (2017) since reported that adding of different concentrations of cyanobacteria extracts (*Anabaena oryzae* and *Nostoc muscorum*) for lettuce plants, increased in total N, P and K in plants.

Sodium (%) in leaves

Data presented in table 6 obviously cleared that irrigation with saline water progressively increased Na% in leaves with exceeding the concentrations of salinity. As regards, the influence of magnetized treated water it can be noticed that magnetic water singly or plus biofertilizer resulted in a decreasing Na% content in leaves of *Swietenia macrophylla* compared to control. But the mixture of biofertilizer and magnetically treated

water with the most beneficial reducing Na% content.

The obtained results of the interaction cleared that at any level of salinity in irrigation water treatment of magnetized device or biofertilization reduced the absorption of sodium from root zoon and the positive effect was more pronounced with high levels of salinity.

Meaning that magnetization with or without biofertilizer prevented or lessed the uptake of Na% consequently it reduced in leaves. The above mentioned obtained results were in harmony with (Takachenko, 1995) who reported that Na reduction may be due to the efficiency of the magnetic system on eliminating the cohesion between mineral particles thus prevents salt accumulation leading to reduction in the absorption Na⁺, Garcia *et al.*, (2007) on maize plants showed that the increasing of soil salinity by irrigation with saline water resulted in increased the sodium content.

Maheshwari and Grewal (2009) suggested that the

Table 6: Average of Sodium in leaves content of *Swietenia macrophylla* as affected by magnetizing seawater treatment and biofertilization during of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.seasons.

| Salinity Treatments | Na % | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| | control | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Control | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
| | First season; 2016/2017 | | | | | Second season; 2017/2018 | | | | |
| Control | 0.70g | 1.70c | 2.12ab | 0.01h | 1.51A | 0.80h | 1.70e | 2.10a | 0.01j | 1.53A |
| Magnetization | 0.65g | 1.55d | 2.00b | 0.01h | 1.40B | 0.65i | 1.30g | 1.85c | 2.15a | 1.49A |
| Biofertilizer | 0.61g | 1.25e | 1.68cd | 2.25a | 1.45AB | 0.63i | 1.40f | 1.80cd | 2.10a | 1.48A |
| Magnetization + biofertilizer | 0.60g | 1.00f | 1.60cd | 2.15a | 1.34C | 0.60i | 1.25g | 1.75de | 2.00b | 1.40B |
| Mean | 0.64D | 1.38B | 1.85A | 2.20A | | 0.67D | 1.41C | 1.88B | 2.08A | |

Table 7: Ratio K/Na content in leaves of *Swietenia macrophylla* as affected by magnetizing seawater treatment and biofertilization during of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons.

| Salinity Treatments | K ⁺ /Na ⁺ ratio | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | Mean | Nile water | 2000 | 4000 | 5000 | Mean |
| | First season; 2017 | | | | | Second season; 2018 | | | | |
| Control | 1.86d | 0.71h-j | 0.57j | 1.00f | 1.04D | 1.79d | 0.76hi | 0.63ij | 1.00fg | 1.06D |
| Magnetization | 2.22c | 0.77g-i | 0.58j | 1.00f | 1.19C | 2.38c | 1.08f | 0.70ij | 0.56j | 1.18C |
| Biofertilizer | 2.79b | 1.40e | 0.86f-h | 0.58j | 1.41B | 2.75b | 1.36e | 0.86gh | 0.63ij | 1.40B |
| Magnetization + Biofertilizer | 3.33a | 1.55e | 0.91fg | 0.60ij | 1.60A | 3.13a | 1.42e | 0.89gh | 0.75hi | 1.55A |
| Mean | 2.55A | 1.11B | 0.73C | 0.59C | | 2.51A | 1.15B | 0.77C | 0.65C | |

magnetic water may be assisting to reduce the Na toxicity at the cell level by detoxification of Na⁺, either by restricting the entry of Na⁺ at membrane level or by reduced absorption of Na⁺ by plant roots. Zlotopolski (2017) showed that MWT reduced-sodium concentrations in soil by leaching it below root zones. This could explain why plants treated by MWT had less leaf sodium levels compared to non-MWT.

Fernandes *et al.*, (1993) explained that the effect of cyanobacteria in decreasing soil salinity could be due to cyanobacteria exudates which remove Na⁺ from aqueous medium by bio sorption. Mahmoud *et al.*, (2007) reported that soil inoculation with cyanobacteria led to a significant reduction in electric conductivity (EC) in sandy soil, Al-Sherif *et al.*, (2015) reported that soil EC was highly significantly reduced by inoculation with a mixed culture of cyanobacteria suspension, *Nostoc minutum* and *Anabaena spiroides*.

Ratio potassium and sodium content in leaves

Table 7 cleared that the ratio of K⁺ : Na⁺ significantly diminished with the increase of salinity, due to the increasing Na consequently lessen the absorption of k regardless of the effect of magnetized seawater and using biofertilizer treatment. In this respect, the obtained results indicated in both seasons that treatment of both magnetize field and biofertilizer resulted in increases in the ratio K⁺ : Na⁺, in addition, using magnetized treatment with adding biofertilizer produced the highest ratio K⁺ : Na⁺ followed by the treatment of biofertilizer alone. The remarkable increased in ratio due to improved the uptake of K⁺ and reduced Na⁺ element led to K⁺ content raised up more than Na⁺, it may be because of magnetization system and biofertilization prevented or lessen the absorption of Na⁺ and increased K⁺, in addition, the selectivity of permeability cell wall which passed potassium more than sodium.

The interaction between salinity and both magnetization and fertilization it is cleared that the highest ratio was related to magnetization plus biofertilizer combined with irrigated by Nile water and the lowest

value revealed with 4000 ppm saline water combined with control (non-magnetic). These results emphasized that the magnetic system adding biofertilizer or without ameliorated the ratio between K⁺ : Na⁺ even though they irrigated by saline water. These obtained results confirmed in both seasons.

These results may be due to the effect of conditioner water on removal salts out of the Na⁺ ion for K⁺ absorption leading to an increasing K⁺/Na⁺ ratio, similar results obtained by Khattab *et al.*, (2000) on gladulus plants. The increases K⁺/Na⁺ ratio because of treating the plants by biofertilizer may be due to enhancing the synthesis of protein, RNA and DNA formation (Salem, 1999), thus root growth could be increased and uptake of K enhanced consequently and sodium uptake reduced by the membranes channels of cell walls in accordance with the finding of (Singh, 2000) on *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. Mostafa (2002) on *Calendula officianalis* stated that the magnetic treating of saline water was the most efficient method in increasing K⁺ : Na⁺ ratio in the leaves. Viegas *et al.*, (2004) found that salinity stress reduced K⁺ contents of *Prosopis juliflora* seedlings shoot and reduced K⁺ : Na⁺ ratio in agreement with the herein results. Garcia *et al.*, (2007) on maize plants showed that the increasing of soil salinity by saline water irrigation resulted in increased the reaction K⁺ : Na⁺ ratio.

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