

Impact of NPK Bio-Fertilization on Some Growth Pomegranate of Manfaloty and Wonderful Pomegranate Transplants

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Abstract

This study was conducted throughout the two successive seasons of 2017 and 2018 at Fruit Nursery of Horticulture Department, Faculty of Agriculture at Moshtohor, Benha University Qalyubia Governorate, Egypt., to study the impact of NPK bio fertilization application on different growth parameters of Manfaloty and Wonderful pomegranate transplants at one-year- old. The eight treatments involved in this study were summarized as follows: T1-recommended doses (RD) , T2-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobenzene at 5 ml/ transplant,T3-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobenzene at 10 ml/ transplant, T4-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Phosphorene at 5 ml/ transplant,T5-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Phosphorene at 10 ml/ transplant, T6 - RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Potasene at 5 ml/ transplant,T7- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Potasene at 10 ml/ transplant and T8 RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobenzene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml / + Potasene at 5 ml / transplant.The result indicated that, application of T8 (RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobenzene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml / + Potasene at 5 ml / transplant) caused a significant increasing in the rate of length, diameter, number of leaves, leaf area,transplant leaves area, fresh and dry weights.Moreover, T3 (RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobenzene at 10 ml/ transplant)ranked statistically second in this concern. On the contrary, the least values of the abovementioned parameters were usually in concomitant to T₁ - Control (recommended dose) which ranked statistically last during both seasons of study.

Keywords: Manfaloty, wonderful, pomegranate, NPK-bio fertilizers, Transplants and growth

Introduction

Pomegranate *Punica granatum* L., belongs to the Punicaceae family and is one of the oldest known edible fruits. It has been cultivated extensively in Mediterranean countries. The fruit is consumed fresh, or it can be processed into juice, syrup, jams, or wine. The edible part of the fruit contains considerable amounts of acids, sugars, vitamins, polysaccharides, polyphenols and important minerals.

The pomegranate tree grows well in a wide range of climatic conditions, but the most satisfactory areas are interior valleys of California, Arizona and Northern Mexico, where hot dry summer mature fruit of highest quality. It is a desert plant, but also grows well under high humidity as in high Himalayas, but shipping and keeping qualities are declared by humid conditions. This plant well succeeds as far as the 35 the degree latitude north but during extreme cold periods, the plant are sometimes injured by cold. The trees withstand a temperature of 10 F to 15 F, a rather large amount of summer heat is required to ripen the fruits (**The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, 1970**).

The pomegranate has reversal nutritive, industrial, medicinal values and some pharmacological properties. Extracts of different parts of pomegranate plants and fruits have

hypotensive (causing low blood pressure). Antispasmodic (having the power to prevent or relieve spasms or convulsion) and anthelmintic properties (expelling or destroying parasitic worms). The seed oil was also shown to possess oestrogenic (var. of Estrogen) activity but was devoid of any and ergenic (male parthenogenesis).

The pomegranate area in Egypt (13609) feddans, according to annual of the Ministry of Agriculture **Anonymous (2011)**.

Wonderful pomegranate is late cultivar with high yield, large fruit, rich red aril, high juice, and good palatability (**Palou et al., 2007**). Wonderful is currently one of the most desired planted pomegranate cultivars in Egypt since it offers best balance combination yield and quality (**Abd-elghany et al., 2012**).

There are many factors face the growers to improve and maximize their productivity for example, propagation, fertilization, irrigation and other horticultural practices.

Most fruit seedlings are known to be slow growing plants, since they develop few lateral shoots and roots. Such growth habit of these seedlings poses a major problem to nurserymen, since the loss of a large portion of the plant root system in the re-transplanting process coupled with the slow vegetative growth in the first seasons account for the long time required to produce a standard nursery

seedlings (Brisson, 1974). Furthermore, a major comparison for the low of soil fertility was the extensive use of chemical fertilizers and gradually it became an expensive item in orchard management. Moreover, fruit growers are faced by the hazards of increased use of chemical in agriculture production which result in environmental pollution.

Fertilization is one of the important management tools in increasing growth and crop yield, especially with nitrogen. Nitrogen (N) is known to be one of the most major elements for plant nutrition and development. It plays an important role as a constituent of all proteins, nucleic acids and enzymes (Nijjar, 1985).

The use of bio-fertilizers in enhancing plant growth and yield has gained momentum in recent years because of higher cost and hazardous effect of chemical fertilizers. Nitrogen-fixing bacteria and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi were found to enhance the growth and production of various fruit trees significantly (Khanizadeh *et al.*, 1995), besides improving the microbiological activity in the rhizosphere (Aseriet *et al.*, 2008). Bio-fertilizer improves growth and fruit quality of pomegranate (Abo-Taleb, Safia *et al.*, 1999, Wadee, 2007 and Aseri *et al.*, 2008).

Bio-fertilizers are mainly consisted of beneficial microorganisms that can release nutrients from rock and plant residues in the soil and make them available for economical crops. They are of the most importance for plant production and soil fertility as they improve the biological, physical and chemical properties of the soil. Moreover, biological

fertilization plays an important role in increasing the yield and fruit quality of citrus (Subba Rao *et al.*, 1993; Subba Rao, 1984).

Thus, the main objective of this investigation was directed towards improving Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants vegetative growth and nutritional Status by using NPK bio fertilizers.

Materials and Methods

This study was carried out during the two successive seasons of 2017 and 2018 on uniform in vigor transplants of Manfaloty and Wonderful pomegranate (*Punica granatum* L.) cultivars. This experiment aimed to know more knowledge about the effect of bio-fertilizer on growth and nutrients status of Manfaloty and Wonderful pomegranate transplants at the nursery of the Faculty of Agriculture, Benha University. Uniform and healthy one-year-old seedlings of Manfaloty and Wonderful pomegranate cultivars were the plant material used in this study. In both seasons of study and during the second week of February, these seedlings were transplanted individually each in clay pot of 25 cm. in diameter that previously had been filled with specific weight of media consisting of clay and sand at equal proportion (by volume).

Before the experiments had been conducted in the first season, both mechanical and chemical analysis were done shown in Table 1(a&b) according to the methods described by Jackson and Ulrich, (1967) and A. O. A. C., (1985).

Table (1-a): Physical properties of soil (%):

Partial distribution		
Total sand	Silt	Clay
60.00	10.00	30

Table (1-b): Chemical properties of soil:

Soluble cations mg/L				Soluble anions meg /L				Ca Co ₃	PH	EC
Mg ⁺⁺	Ca ⁺⁺	K ⁺	Na ⁺	HCO ₃ ⁻	CO ₃ ⁻	SO ₄ ⁻	Cl ⁻			
2.10	8.80	0.60	7.70	3.00	-	9.20	6.90	1.30	8.72	1.90

The bio-fertilizers (BF) which used in this study were produced by soil microbiology unit, Ein Shams university. Nitrobene application as an additional N bio*fertilization, while Phosphorene additional P bio-fertilization as well as Potasene additional K bio-fertilization to the seedlings. This experiment involved seven treatments:

- T1- Mineral fertilizers: NPK fertilization program, (recommended doses) as control was added from 40 g from ammonium sulphate, 20 g from superphosphate and 10 g potassium sulphate were annually added per plant monthly from April to July.
- T2- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobene at 5 ml/ transplant.

- T3- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobene at 10 ml/ transplant.
- T4- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Phosphorene at 5 ml/ transplant.
- T5- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Phosphorene at 10 ml/ transplant.
- T6- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Potasene at 5 ml/ transplant.
- T7- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Potasene at 10 ml/ transplant.
- T8- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml / + Potasene at 5 ml / transplant.

Application time:

Anyhow, Bio-fertilizers (Nitrobene + Phosphorene + Potasene) were applied twice in April and May.

Experimental layout:

The complete randomized block design with three replications was used for arranging the differential investigated treatments. Every replicate was represented in each of the aforesaid three plants. The response of Pomegranate transplants to differential treatments of the experiment was investigated through determining of the following measurements:

- **Vegetative growth measurements:**

On last week of August during both seasons as the experiment was ended, the effect of different treatments on some vegetative growth measurements were evaluated by the following growth parameters during both seasons as follows:

1. Stem height (cm).

Net increase in plant height = plant height in the end of August - initial plant height on the first of April.

Increment percentage in stem height was estimated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Final stem height} - \text{Initial stem height}}{\text{Initial stem height}} \times 100$$

2. Stem diameter (cm).

Net increase in stem diameter = Stem diameter in the end of August - Initial stem diameter in the first of April.

Increment percentage in stem diameter was estimated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Final stem diameter} - \text{Initial stem diameter}}{\text{Initial stem diameter}} \times 100$$

3. Number of lateral shoots / transplant**4. Number of main branches / transplant****5. Leaves dry weight****6. Leaves fresh weight****7. Leaf area:**

Five mature leaves were taken from the middle of shoots for each transplant to measure the leaf area (cm²) according to the following equation.

$$\text{The average leaf area (cm}^2\text{)} = \frac{\text{Leaves weight (g)}}{\text{Sections weight (g)}} \times 2$$

The method was described by **Motskobili (1984)** and followed by **Mohsen et al., (1987)**.

- **Root growth measurements**

9. Root weight**10. Root length**

- **Fresh and dry weights (g) of plant organs** (leaves and stem) root weight (g) root length (cm).

Statistical Analysis:

All data obtained during both seasons were subjected to analysis of variance and significant differences among means were determined according

to (**Snedecor and Cochran, 1977**). In addition, significant differences among means were differentiated according to the Duncan's, multiple range (**Duncan, 1955**). Where capital letters were used for distinguishing means of different treatments for each investigated characteristic.

Results and Discussion**1- Effect of NPK bio-fertilizers on increment percentage of stem height(cm) and increment percentage stem diameter (cm) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants:**

Concerning the response of the increment percentage of stem height(cm) and increment percentage stem diameter (cm) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants to the differential investigated treatments; **Table (2)** shows a considerable variation in this respect. Herein, the highest number of values were significantly coupled with the transplants subjected to T₈-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasene at 5 ml / transplant. Moreover, T₃- (RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Soil application of Nitrobene at 10 ml/ transplant ranked statistically 2nd on its efficiency. On the contrary, the least values of the abovementioned parameters were usually in concomitant to T₁ - Control (recommended dose) which ranked statistically last during both seasons of study. Besides, five other investigated were in between the previously mentioned two extremes. Such trend was true during two experimental seasons and with both cultivars.

The present results regarding the great beneficence of NPK bio-fertilizers application on stimulating different growth parameters goes in parallel line with those found by several investigators i.e., (**Osman and Abd El-Rhman, 2010**) on fig tree, (**EL-Giushy, 2016**) on young Manfalouty Pomegranate trees, (**El-Badawy and Ali, Maha, 2019**) on Banana Grande Naine Cultivar .

2 -Effect of NPK bio-fertilizers on number of lateral shoot number of main branches/ transplants and number of main branches/ transplant of Manfaloty wonderful pomegranate transplants:

Table (3) displays obviously that all investigated treatments of using bio-fertilizers resulted significantly in increasing total number of lateral shoot number of main branches/ transplants of number of main branches/ transplant of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants. However, T₈-RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasene at 5 ml / transplant were statistically the superior with both Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants and showed the highest total values during 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons. However, T₂ and T₃ showed

significantly the same effectiveness in this concern with Manfaloty pomegranate transplants but with Wonderful pomegranate transplants T6 showed significantly the same effectiveness in this concern in generally, all the above mentioned treatments ranked statistically the superior with both cultivars during

two experimental seasons. On the contrary, the least values of the abovementioned parameters were usually in concomitant to T₁ - Control (recommended dose) which ranked statistically last during both seasons of study. Besides, the other investigated were in between the previously mentioned two extremes.

Table 2. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on increment percentage of stem height(cm) and increment percentage stem diameter (cm) during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	increment percentage of stem height (cm)		increment percentage stem diameter(cm)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		43.33 e	31.667 e	68.00 f	66.33 c
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		59.63 d	31.633 e	79.33 cd	77.00 a
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		63.0 ab	48.833 b	77.33 de	78.667 a
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		64.73 ab	41.167d	74.567 e	79.33 a
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		61.667 bcd	41.500 d	81.330bc	72.000 b
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		60.232 cd	46.433 c	75.330 e	72.330 b
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		60.233 cd	40.330 d	84.667 ab	70.000bc
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		66.200 a	52.500 a	86.330 a	81.000 a
B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	increment percentage of stem diameter (cm)		increment percentage stem height(cm)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		42.433 d	29.300 h	94.000 d	100.000 e
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		81.667 b	60.300 b	114.570 a	109.330ab
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		80.000 b	67.100 a	112.670 a	113.000 a
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		79.330 b	49.000 d	97.330 cd	108.000 bc
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		88.330 a	35.533 g	104.670 b	100.670 de
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		57.667 c	57.200 c	97.330 cd	106.330bc
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		54.933 c	42.367 f	103.000 bc	103.670cde
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		88.700 a	46.200 e	118.000 a	105.000 bcd

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

On the other hand, the noticeable positive effect of the investigated nutritive amendments may be attributed to the additional N source. Anyhow, the present results are in general in accordance with those previously found by **Ebrahiem and Mohamed (2000)** on Balady mandarin, **El-Sayed, (2005)** on Washington navel orange Cv., **Osman and Abd El-Rahman, (2010)** on Fig trees, **Zayan et al., (2016)** on Washington Navel Orange Trees and **EL-Gioushy et al., (2018)** on Fagri Kalan Mango Trees, **3 -Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on leaves fresh and dry weight (g) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants:**

In this regard leaves fresh and dry weight of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants as influenced by the differential investigated bio NPK fertilizers treatments. Herein, Data obtained during both 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons are presented in Table (4). Tabulated data revealed that all investigated treatments resulted significantly in increasing leaves fresh and dry weight of Manfaloty

and wonderful pomegranate transplants compared to control. On the other side, T6- RD+ 5ml of Potasane and T7- RD+10ml of Potasane (6th & 7th treatments) didn't effect on leaves fresh and dry weight of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants. Such a trend was actual during both 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons with both cultivars.

However, T8- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobin at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasane at 5 ml / transplant were statistically the superior. Moreover, T3. RD +10ml of Nitrobin ranked statistically 2nd, while T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin came third. Such a trend was actual during both the 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons.

The present results regarding the great beneficence of NPK bio-fertilizers application on stimulating different growth parameters goes in parallel line with those found by several investigators i.e., **(EL-Gioushy, 2016)** on young Manfaloty Pomegranate trees and **(El-Badawy and Ali, Maha, 2019)** on Banana Grande Naine Cultivar.

Table 3. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on number of lateral shoot number of main branches/ transplants and number of main branches/ transplant during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Number of lateral shoots / transplant		Number of main branches/ transplant	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		6.000 abc	6.000 abc	2.2667 abc	1.6667 c
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		7.00 ab	7.33 ab	2.6607 a	1.8333 bc
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		8.000 a	6.6667 ab	2.500 a	2.6667 a
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		7.000 ab	7.00 ab	1.500 bc	2.000 bc
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		7.33 ab	7.667 a	2.33 ab	2.333 ab
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		7.000 bc	5.000 bc	1.333 c	2.1667 abc
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		6.33 c	4.000 c	2.600 abc	2.000 bc
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		8.000 a	8.000 a	2.833 a	2.6667 a
B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Number Of Lateral Shoots / Transplant		Number of main branches/ transplant	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		7.000 b	4.000 b	1.8333 c	2.0833 abc
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		9.000 a	8.667 a	2.500 ab	2.500 ab
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		9.33 a	8.667 a	2.6667 a	2.500 ab
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		8.6667 ab	6.33 ab	2.0833 bc	2.1667 abc
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		8.6667 ab	7.33 ab	2.333 ab	2.5000 ab
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		9.333 a	8.000 a	2.1667b	2.000 bc
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		8.333 ab	7.000 ab	2.1667 bc	1.7500 c
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		9.000 a	8.000 a	2.6667 ab	2.667 a

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

Table 4. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on leaves fresh and dry weight (g) during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Leaves fresh weight(g)		Leaves dry weight (g)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		22.00 d	17.667 d	14.767 d	12.533 e
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		24.233 ab	18.400 c	15.467 c	15.833 b
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		24.500 ab	19.200 b	15.900 b	16.200 b
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		23.70 bc	16.300 e	15.867 b	13.500 d
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		23.100 c	15.400f	13.900 e	14.733 c
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		21.400 d	14.633 g	10.767 f	10.767 f
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		16.70 e	14.267 h	9.700 g	10.367 g
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		24.867 a	19.657 a	17.733 a	17.300 a
B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Leaves fresh weight (g)		Leaves dry weight (g)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		25.167 f	19.467 d	14.300 cb	16.267 c
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		36.200 c	19.967 c	15.200 b	17.176 b
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		37.700 b	21.33 a	17.267 a	17.433 b
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		26.200 e	19.467 d	14.400 bc	15.300 d
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		30.767 d	19.33 d	14.367 bc	14.33 e
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		23.233 g	18.100 e	13.600 c	13.567 f
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		17.267 h	16.833 f	11.200 d	10.167 g
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		39.200 a	21.700 a	18.200 a	18.600 a

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

4 -Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on leaf area (cm²) and number of leaves of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants:

In this regard leaf area (cm²) and number of leaves of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants as influenced by the differential investigated treatments. Herein, Data obtained during 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons are presented in Table (5). Tabulated data revealed that all investigated treatments resulted significantly in increasing leaf area (cm²) and number of leaves of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants as compared to control. On the other side, T6- RD+5ml of Potasane and T7- RD+10ml of Potasane (6th & 7th treatments) didn't effect on leaf area (cm²)

and number of leaves of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants. However, T8- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobenzene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasane at 5 ml / transplant were statistically the superior. Moreover, T3. RD +10ml of Nitrobin ranked statistically 2nd, while T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin came third. Such a trend was actual during both the 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons. On the contrary, the least values of the abovementioned parameters were usually in concomitant to T₁ - Control (recommended dose) which ranked statistically last during both seasons of study. Besides, the other investigated were in between the previously mentioned two extremes.

Table 5. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on leaf area (cm²) and number of leaves during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Leaf area (cm ²)		Number of leaves	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		4.833 d	3.7667 c	118.67 e	114.67 e
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		5.833 b	4.200 b	181.67 a	130.67 c
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		6.200 a	4.200 b	182.00 a	138.00 b
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		5.200 c	4.100 b	160.0 c	121.33 d
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		5.3667 c	3.553 d	172.67 b	123.00 d
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		4.4667 e	3.800 c	134.67 d	112.67 e
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		3.867 f	3.900 c	118.67 e	104.33 f
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		6.733 a	6.00 a	184.33 a	150.33 a
B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Leaf area (cm ²)		Number of leaves	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		4.700 cd	5.167 c	222.00 d	130.67 d
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		5.200 b	5.600 b	243.33 b	145.67 c
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		5.233 b	5.833 b	259.00 a	182.33 b
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		4.900 c	4.700 d	215.00 e	144.33 c
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		4.733 cd	4.900 d	226.67 c	131.67 d
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		4.600 d	3.800 e	191.33 f	120.00 e
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		4.300 e	3.733 e	145.67 g	115.00 e
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		6.600 a	6.467 a	261.33 a	191.33 a

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

5 -Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on stem fresh and dry weight(g) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants:

Table (6) displays obviously that seven investigated treatments increased the stem fresh and dry weight(g) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants over T₁ – control (recommended doses) significantly. However, T8- RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobenzene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasane at 5 ml / transplant were statistically the superior in this concern during both 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons. However, 3rd treatment (RD+10ml of Nitrobin / transplant) ranked statistically second, descendingly followed by T₂ – RD + 5ml of Nitrobin and T₇. RD+10ml of

Potasane per transplant during both experimental seasons. On the contrary, the least values of the abovementioned parameters were usually in concomitant to T₁ - Control (recommended dose) which ranked statistically last during both seasons of study. Besides, the other investigated were in between the previously mentioned two extremes.

This result may be attributed to the relatively higher uptake of more accessible N form could be absorbed and/or translocated within tissues as a direct result of applying such N more productive compounds where an adequate and sufficient N level is needed at such critical stage of plant development.

The obtained result regarding the positive effect exhibited by differential treatments goes in line with

those found by **Baiea and EL-Gioushy**, on banana cv. Grande Naine plants, (2015), **EL-Gioushy**, (2016) on Young Manfaloty Pomegranate Trees **EL-**

Badawy et al., (2017) on Washington Navel Orange trees and **Salama et al.**, (2017) on Washington Navel Orange Trees.

Table 6. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on stem fresh and dry weight(g) during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Stem Fresh Weight (g)		2017	2018
		2017	2018		
T1. Control (recommended dose)		45.267 e	54.100 e	23.300 f	32.233 c
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		55.833 c	55.933 c	29.300 c	36.233 a
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		56.967 b	63.667 b	30.067 b	36.300 a
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		48.700 d	55.130 d	27.333 d	34.067 bc
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		54.933 c	55.00 d	24.333 e	35.533 ab
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		44.900 e	46.800 f	22.667 g	32.233 c
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		37.633 f	45.133 g	20.433 h	25.33 d
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		58.33 a	64.533 a	31.233 a	37.467 a

B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Stem fresh weight (g)		Stem Dry Weight (G)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		45.867 d	59.267 bc	31.733 d	23.700 e
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		87.267 a	74.133 a	36.400 ab	32.500 b
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		87.367 a	74.533 a	37.267 a	33.133 b
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		64.133 b	62.367 b	35.133 bc	25.767 d
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		60.333 c	57.000 bcd	33.367 cd	31.167 c
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		43.5674 e	54.700 bc	27.233 e	16.167 f
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		26.500 f	51.833 d	19.500 f	14.800 g
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		87.900 a	74.533 a	37.500 a	36.367 a

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

5 -Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on root weight (g) and root length (cm) of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants:

In this regard root weight and root length (cm) were the two investigated roots properties for Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants regarding their response to the differential treatments . Data obtained during both 2017 & 2018 experimental seasons are presented in Table (6). Herein, It is quite clear that the response of root weight and root length to the differential investigated treatments followed to great extent the same trend previously detected with leaves properties. Hence, T₈ and T₃ i.e., (RD NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobin at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasane at 5 ml / transplant) and (RD+10ml of Nitrobin), respectively

were statistically the most effective and showed significantly the same level root properties for Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants, during both experimental seasons. The reverse was true with T₁ - Control (recommended dose) that induced significantly the poorest transplants roots properties during both seasons. besides, other investigated treatments were in between the abovementioned two extremes.

The present result goes partially in the line with that pointed out by several investigators regarding the beneficial effect of differential fertilizers on improving roots properties i.e., **El-Gioushy and Baiea (2015)** on Canino Apricot, **Abd-El-Latif et al., (2017)** on "Le-Conte" pear trees and **Salama et al., (2017)** on Washington Navel Orange Trees.

Table 7. Effect of NPK bio- fertilizers on root weight (g) and root length (cm) during 2017 and 2018 experimental seasons.

A. Manfaloty pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Root weight (g)		Root Length (Cm)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		11.833 bcd	12.000 cd	13.667 bcd	10.667 c
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		12.967 ab	13.133 abc	16.000 ab	15.000 b
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		13.167 ab	13.233 ab	16.667 ab	17.00 ab
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		12.250 bcd	12.667 bcd	12.333 cd	11.667 c
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		12.333 bc	12.467 d	14.667 bc	10.667 c

T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane	11.483 cd	11.667 de	11.00 d	9.000 cd	
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane	10.833 d	10.583 e	7.000 e	7.667 d	
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane	14.000 a	14.00 a	18.000 a	18.00 a	
B. Wonderful pomegranate transplants					
Parameters	Treatments	Root weight (g)		Root Length (Cm)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
T1. Control (recommended dose)		20.467 bc	19.500 b	10.500 b	11.667 abc
T2. RD+5ml of Nitrobin		22.167 abc	19.967 b	13.00 ab	12.667 abc
T3. RD+10ml of Nitrobin		23.756 ab	23.00 a	13.00 ab	13.33 ab
T4. RD+5ml of Phosphorene		18.600 c	19.33 b	10.33 b	11.167 abc
T5. RD+10ml of Phosphorene		19.500 c	19.400 b	11.00 ab	12.00 abc
T6. RD+ 5ml of Potasane		11.833 d	17.00 c	10.00 b	10.00 c
T7. RD+10ml of Potasane		14.500 d	19.300 b	10.00 b	11.00 bc
T8. RD+ 5ml Nitrobin+5ml Phosphorene+5ml of Potasane		26.00 a	23.567 a	14.00 a	14.33 a

Means followed by the same letter/s within each column did not significantly differ at 5% level.

Conclusion

Conclusively, from the obtained results, it can be concluded that using of recommended doses of NPK mineral fertilizers + Nitrobenzene at 5 ml + Phosphorene at 5 ml + Potasane at 5 ml per transplant could be safely recommended, as their beneficial effects on different growth parameters of Manfaloty and wonderful pomegranate transplants grown under similar environmental conditions and horticulture practices adopted in present experiment.

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تأثير إضافة الأسمدة الحيوية (النيتروجينية والفوسفاتية والبوتاسية) علي بعض قياسات النمو لشتلات الرمان المنفلوطي والوندرقول

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اجريت هذه التجربة خلال موسمين متتاليين 2017 و 2018 في مثلث الفاكهة بقسم البساتين - كلية الزراعة - بمشتر - جامعة بنها - محافظة القليوبية- مصر وذلك لدراسة تأثير إضافة التسميد الحيوي من NPK علي بعض قياسات النمو في كلا من الرمان المنفلوطي والوندرقول خلال موسمي الدراسة وعليه كانت المعاملات كالتالي:

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 2. المعاملة الثانية : الجرعة الموصي بها من التسميد المعدني + 5ملي من النيتروجين مضافا اضافة ارضية لكل شتلة
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 4. المعاملة الرابعة : الجرعة الموصي بها من التسميد المعدني + 5ملي من الفوسفورين مضافا اضافة ارضية لكل شتلة
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