

## Effect of Foliar Spraying for Some Amino Acids on The Water Requirements of snap beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Plants

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### Abstract

Snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the most important economic market crops in the Egypt. Also, the water is one of the major resources that limit agricultural developments especially in the arid lands so the shortage of irrigation water is the most important factor constraining agricultural production in Egypt. So, the field experiments were carried out during successive autumn seasons of 2019 and 2020 in EL-Kassasien Horticulture Research Station Ismailia Governorate to investigate the effect of water requirements rates (720, 960 and 1200 m<sup>3</sup> / fed) combined with different concentrations of amino acids (100 mg/l, 150 mg/l and 200 mg/l) on vegetative growth, chemical composition of plant foliage as well as green pods yield and its quality of snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L. cv. Poulista) grown under sandy soil condition using drip irrigation system. Results showed that all vegetative growth characteristics (plant height, leaves area, number of leaves as well as branches and fresh as well as dry weights of snap bean plants), chemical composition characteristics (N%, P%, K% and total carbohydrates contents), pods quality (average pod length, diameter and weight of snap beans pods) and pods yield as well as WUE were significantly increased with increasing rate of applied irrigation water in both seasons. In addition increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the highest values of most studied parameters of snap beans plants in both seasons of study. Results show also clearly that studied parameters were significantly increased gradually with increasing concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l. In this respect, the highest values of studied parameters were represented in plants which were sprayed by highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L.) and were irrigated by highest level of irrigation water (1200 m<sup>3</sup>/F) followed by the plants which were sprayed by middle concentration of amino acids (150 mg/L.) and were irrigated with the same level of irrigation water during both seasons. Meanwhile the lowest values were obtained the snap bean plants which were irrigated by 720 m<sup>3</sup>/F of irrigation water and were sprayed with 100 mg/L. of amino acids.

**Keywords:** amino acids, water requirements, snap beans

### Introduction

Snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) is one of the most important economic market crops in the world. In Egypt snap bean is one of the most important vegetable crops have cultivated for local consumption and export as an out of vegetable season to European countries especially during the period from December to May. In 2018, the Egyptian cultivation of green snap bean plants was 65671 fed. which produced 284299 tons of green pods with an average of 4,327 tons / fed. (FAO, 2019).

Water is one of the major resources that limit agricultural developments especially in the arid lands so the shortage of irrigation water is the most important factor constraining agricultural production in Egypt. Snap bean like many other crops is sensitive to water stress at all growth stages, it is more sensitive to drought at flowering, green pods and grain development stage (Thaloot *et al.*, 2006). The responses of plants to stresses depend on many factors, such as phenological stage and the time and strength of stresses (Torres *et al.*, 2006 and Jaleel *et al.*, 2008). Drought stress is one of the major causes for crop production losses world-wide, reducing average yield with 50% and over (Wang *et al.*,

2003). Where, deficit irrigation had an opposite influences on many aspects of plants physiology, water balance, nutrient, absorption and consequently photosynthetic capacity so that, plant growth (Abd El-Ati, 2000; Amer *et al.*, 2002a; Ismail, 2004; El-Noemani *et al.*, 2010; Abd El-Aal *et al.*, 2011; Hegab *et al.*, 2014 and Marzouk *et al.*, 2016) and production are severely decreased (Buan, 2002; Ismail, 2004; Khonok *et al.*, 2012; Byan, 2014; Silva *et al.*, 2016 and Morais *et al.*, 2017).

Amino acids as biostimulants substances that promote plant growth, improve nutrient availability, and enhance plant quality (Rouphael and Colla, 2018 and Rouphael *et al.*, 2018) and are not only getting popular for mitigating injuries caused by abiotic stresses [Kowalczyk *et al.* 2008] but also serve as hormone precursors (Rouphael and Colla, 2018; Zhao, 2010 and Calvo *et al.*, 2014); regulators of nitrogen uptake (Miller *et al.*, 2007), and antioxidant metabolism (Calvo, 2014; Halpern, 2015 and Ertani *et al.*, 2013). Additionally, application of amino acids was also found to increase K<sup>+</sup> in plants both in the presence of salt stress and without salt application (Calvo, 2014; Halpern *et al.*, 2015 and Ertani, 2013). Amino acids is a well known biostimulant which has positive effects on

plant growth, yield and significantly mitigates the injuries caused by abiotic stresses (Kowalczyk and Zielony 2008). Saeed *et al.*, (2005) on soybean found that treatments of amino acids significantly improved growth parameters of shoots and fresh weight as well as pod yield.

Accordingly, this study was conducted to investigate the effect of water requirements rate and foliar application with some amino acids concentration as well as their interaction between them on vegetative growth, plant chemical constituents, yield and its components of green pods as well as quality of green pods and water use efficiency of snap bean under sandy soil condition.

### Materials and Methods

Two field experiments were carried out during successive autumn seasons of 2019 and 2020 in EL-Kassasien Horticulture Research Station Ismailia Governorate to investigate the effect of water requirements rates combined with different concentrations of amino acids (Arginine+Proline+Glutamic acid) on vegetative growth, chemical composition of plant foliage as well as green pods yield and its quality of snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L. cv. Poulista) grown under sandy soil condition using drip irrigation system.

The experiment included 9 treatments, which were combination between three water requirements rates (720 m<sup>3</sup>, 960 m<sup>3</sup> and 1200 m<sup>3</sup>) and three concentrations of amino acids (100 mg/l, 150 mg/l and 200 mg/l) as follows:

A split plot designed with three replicates was adopted. Irrigation quantities treatments were located randomly in the main plots while concentrations of amino acids were applied in the subplots.

Drip irrigation system was used (4 L/h for dripper) with 40 cm interval on the lateral line and spaced 20 cm along the irrigation tube (16 mm).

Each subplot area was 21 m<sup>2</sup>. It consisted of 1.5m width and 14 m in length and it contained three drippers' lines. Two dripper lines between each subplot area were used as interval between irrigation treatments (Belt).

All experimental units received equal amounts of water during germination (50 m<sup>3</sup>/fed). The irrigation treatments started at 10 days after emergence and were added three days intervals in the morning along plant life. The water was added using water counter. The amounts of water added at different treatments were calculated, expressed in terms of time based on the rate of water flow through the drippers (4L/hr.) at one bar to give such amounts of water presented in Table 3.

Foliar spray treatments were applied three times during the growing period of snap bean plants at 21, 35 and 50 days after sowing. The recommended agricultural practices for commercial snap bean production, i.e., irrigation; fertilization and weed as well as pests control were followed according to Ministry of Agriculture recommendations.

**Table 3.** The amount of water, the irrigation number and amount of water supply every irrigation.

Total water quantity (m <sup>3</sup> /fed.)	Irrigation number	Water supply / irrigation (m <sup>3</sup> / fed.)
720 m <sup>3</sup> /fed.	24	30.00
960 m <sup>3</sup> /fed.	24	40.00
1200 m <sup>3</sup> /fed.	24	50.00

Three plants from each plot were taken random from each plot at 60 days after sowing to evaluate the following vegetative characters (**Plant height, Number of branches per plant, Number of leaves per plant and Fresh weight per plant.**)

Leaf area was determined according to the following formula of Wallace and Munger (1965).

$$LA = \frac{\text{leaves dry weight (g.)} \times \text{disk area (cm}^2\text{)}}{\text{disk dry weight (g.)}} = \text{cm}^2$$

LA=.

Sample of leaves were taken from each plot and oven dried at 70 °C till constant weight. The dry matter of leaves was finely ground and wet digested with sulfuric acid and perchloric acid (v/v) (3:1). Nitrogen (%) was determined colorimetrically

according to the method described by Kock and Mc-Meekin (1924). Phosphorus (%) was determined colorimetrically according to the method mentioned by Murphy and Riley (1962). Potassium (%) was determined using the flame-photometer according to Brown and Lilliland (1946).

Green pods were harvested at proper maturity stage in each harvest and the following data were recorded.

**Total yield**, as kg/plot, and then calculated as kg/fed.

Water use efficiency expressed as water economy, was calculated using the following equation of Begg and Turner (1976).

Water use efficiency (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

$$= \frac{\text{Total yield (kg/fed.)}}{\text{Total amount of applied water (m}^3\text{/fed.)}}$$

Representative sample of 20 pods from each experimental plot was taken and average pod length, diameter and fresh weight as well as TSS were recorded.

A representative sample of 20 green pods was taken and oven dried at 70°C till constant weight and the dry matter was used to determine the chemical constituents of pods as follows.

- a. Total protein (%): It was calculated by multiplying total nitrogen x 6.25
- b. Total sugars, it was determined in the dry matter samples according to **Herbert et al. (1971)**.
- c. Fibres %, it was determined as g/100 g dry weight according to **A.O.A.C. (1990)**.

Data were subjected to the statistical analysis by the method of Duncan's multiple range tests as reported by **Gomez and Gomez (1984)**. All statistical analysis was performed with SAS computer software.

## Results and discussion

### 4.1 Vegetative growth characteristics of snap beans plants.

#### A. Effect of water requirements rate.

Concerning the effect of irrigation water rates on vegetative growth parameters of snap beans, results in Table 5 show that there were significant differences among the irrigation water treatments on all vegetative growth characteristics of snap beans plants during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons. In this regard, it is obvious from such data that plant height, leaves area, number of leaves as well as branches and fresh as well as dry weights of snap bean plants were significantly increased with increasing rate of applied irrigation water in both seasons of study. In addition increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the highest values of plant height, leaves area, number of leaves as well as branches and fresh and dry weights of snap beans plants parameters in both seasons of study. Such increments in plant growth aspects due to increasing the level of irrigation water may be attributed to the role of water in accelerating the physiological processes and increasing the solubility and up-take of macro-nutrients which constitute and incorporate in the formation of protoplasmic material necessary for cells formation and consequently increasing the plant growth. The reduction in plant growth under

conditions of low level (720 m<sup>3</sup> / feddan) as compared with the higher levels (1200 m<sup>3</sup>) may be due to that water stress causes losses in tissue water which reduce turgor pressure in the cell, thereby inhibition enlargement and division of cells as concluded by **(Hsiao and Acevedo 1974)**. Also, the decrease in enlargement and division of cells decrease leaf area and hence the effectiveness of photosynthetic surface **(Jain and Misra 1970)**. These results are in accordance with those reported by each of **Marzouk et al. (2016)**, **Baath et al. (2020)**, **Papazoglou et al. (2020)**, **Silva et al. (2020)**, **El-Gawad et al. (2021)**, **Ibrahim et al. (2021)** and **Moraes et al. (2022)** who showed that increase water quantity led to a significant increase of plant growth (plant height, leaves number and leaves area /plant as well as fresh and dry weight).

#### C. Effect of amino acids concentration.

As shown in Table 5, the different concentration of studied amino acids significantly affected all vegetative growth characteristics in both seasons except leaves number in second season which did not reach the level of significance. Where, these parameters were increased gradually with increasing concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l. The highest concentration (200 mg/L.) recorded the highest values and no significant differences were found between the lowest (100 mg/L.) and the moderate (150 mg/L.) concentrations of applied amino acids. Such enhancement effect of the used amino acids (Arginine + proline + glutamic acids) on all measured growth parameters are attributed to the main role which play and necessary for enhancement plant metabolism phytoprotection and maintain plant health and consequently increase plant growth. Obtained results are in agreement with those reported **Ismail and Helmy (2018)**, **Ibrahim et al. (2019)**, **Talib et al. (2021)** and **Zaky et al. (2021)** on different crops they showed that vegetative growth parameters affected by proline treatment.

**Table 5.** Effect of water requirements rate, amion acids concentration and the interaction between them on some vegetative growth characteristics of snape beans plants during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons.

Characteristics		First season						Second season					
Treatments		Plant	Leaves	Branc	Leav	Fresh	Dry	Plant	Leaves	Branc	Leave	Fresh	Dry
Water	Amio	high	area	hes	es	weight	weight	high	area	hes	s	weight	weight
rates	n	(cm)	(cm <sup>2</sup> /pla	No.	No.	(g/plan	(g/plan	(cm)	(cm <sup>2</sup> /pla	No.	No.	(g/pla	(g/pla
(m <sup>3</sup> /Fe	acids		nt)			t)	t)		nt)			nt)	nt)
d.)	(mg/L)												
720		29.5C	213.4C	6.0C	7.8C	31.7C	5.3C	29.3C	201.5C	5.3C	6.1C	32.1C	5.3C
960		42.2B	332.1B	8.0B	11.1B	46.2B	8.1B	41.6B	323.5B	7.6B	11.0B	45.9B	7.8B
1200		53.2A	370.2A	14.2A	22.4A	55.1A	11.3A	50.7A	359.4A	11.7A	17.1A	53.6A	9.9A
	100	40.2B	300.9C	8.8C	13.0C	43.3C	7.9C	40.2B	292.4B	8.0B	11.5A	43.4B	7.6B
	150	40.4A						40.4A					
	200	B	306.0B	9.4B	13.9B	44.4B	8.3B	B	293.8B	8.1B	11.5A	43.7B	7.7B
		41.0A	308.9A	10.0A	14.5A	45.2A	8.5A	41.0A	298.3A	8.5A	11.2A	44.5A	7.8A
	100	28.6d	210.2c	5.4d	7.3d	30.0e	5.1d	28.9c	200.5c	5.1c	6.1c	31.4c	5.3c
720	150	29.8d	213.7c	6.2d	8.0d	32.3d	5.3d	29.0c	200.5c	5.1c	6.0c	31.8c	5.3c
	200	30.1d	216.2c	6.2d	8.0d	32.7d	5.4d	30.0c	203.6c	5.7c	6.1c	33.1c	5.5c
	100	41.6c	327.8b	7.7c	10.8c	45.9c	7.9c	41.3b	319.8b	7.6b	10.9b	45.6b	7.7b
960	150	42.2c	332.8b	8.0c	11.1c	46.1c	8.2c	41.6b	323.0b	7.6b	10.9b	45.8b	7.8b
	200	42.8c	335.9b	8.3c	11.6c	46.6c	8.2c	42.0b	327.8b	7.8b	11.2b	46.2b	8.0b
	100	52.1b	364.7a	13.3b	20.9b	53.9b	10.8b	50.3a	356.9a	11.4a	17.4a	53.2a	9.8a
1200	150	53.1a			22.4a	54.8a					17.7a		
	200	b	371.6a	14.0ab	b	b	11.3ab	50.7a	358.0a	11.6a	16.3a	53.5a	9.9a
		54.3a	374.4a	15.3a	23.9a	56.5a	11.9a	51.0a	363.4a	12.1a	a	54.2a	10.1a

Amino acids mean Arginine + proline + glutamic acids at 100, 150 and 200 mg/L. at each amino acid.

#### E. Effect of water requirements rate X amion acids concentration.

Data presented in Table 7 clearly indicate that plant height, leaves area, number of leaves as well as branches and fresh as well as dry weights of snap bean plants were significantly affected by amion acids concentration as foliar application with rates of irrigation water in both seasons. In this respect, the highest values were represented in plants which were foliar sprayd by highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L. of each amino acid used) and were irrigated by highest level of irrigation water (1200 m<sup>3</sup>/F) followed by the plants which were sprayed by middle concentration of amino acids (150 mg/L. of each amino acid used) and were irrigated with the same level of irrigation water during both seasons of study. Meanwhile the lowest values were obtained from the snape bean plants which were irrigated by 720 m<sup>3</sup>/F of irrigation water and foliar sprayed with 100 mg/L. of amino acids (Arginine + proline + glutamic).

As a consequence, vegetative growth characters decreased as deficit level increased. Increasing deficit level up to 720m<sup>3</sup>/F. decreased the quantity of water absorption by plant roots so that decreasing the quantity of essential nutrients (N P K) absorbed by plant roots. Also, water stress (by deficit of irrigation) had an opposite influence on many aspects of plants physiology, especially photosynthetic capacity. So that, if the drought stress is prolonged, plant growth and production are severely decreased, plants dehydrate and finally will die. Whereas, the combination treatment of spraying plants by highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/l.) resulted in the highest values of vegetative growth charactres under each level of irrigation quantity. In general, increasing the deficit irrigation reduced the vegetative growth in both seasons. Meanwhile the effects of applied treatments either individual or with their interactions reversed these results where the treatments increased the parameters of vegetative growth.

#### 4.2 Chemical composition of snape bean plants.

### A. Effect of water requirements rate.

With regards the effect of water requirements rate, results in Table 10 reveal that irrigation with various levels of irrigation water affected significantly and increased on N%, P%, K% and total carbohydrates contents as well as loss total chlorophyll for plant foliage in both seasons of study. Where, increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the highest values of N%, P%, K% and total carbohydrates contents and the lowest values for total chlorophyll reading for plant foliage in both seasons of study. Such enhancing effect of irrigation on determined N, P, K elements and total carbohydrates may be due to the increase of nutrient solubility which become available for absorption by plants and total carbohydrates assimilation through photo synthetic process which in turn translocate and accumulate in plant leaves. Obtained results are matched with those

reported on tomato, by **El-Gawad *et al.* (2021)** who reported that the uptake of nitrogen and phosphorus was significantly reduced by increasing water stress in the plants. On other hand, **Ibrahim (2005)** showed that increasing the irrigation level decreased the total nitrogen and phosphorus concentration of plant foliage.

### C. Effect of amion acids concentration.

The different concentration of studied amino acids significantly affected all the determined chemical composition of snap beans plants in both seasons, as shown in Table 10. Where, N%, P%, K% and total carbohydrates contents were increased gradually with increasing the concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l on the other hand, total chlorophyll reading which decreased gradually with increasing the increasing the concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l for each used amino acid (Arginine + proline + glutamic acids)

**Table 10.** Effect of water requirements rate, amion acids concentration and the interaction between them on some chemical characteristics of snap beans plants during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons.

Characteristics		First season					Second season				
Treatments			N (%)	P (%)	K (%)	Total CARB. (%)	Total chlorophyll (Reading)	N (%)	P (%)	K (%)	Total CARB. (%)
Water rates (m <sup>3</sup> /Fed.)	Amion acids concentration (mg/L)	Total chlorophyll (Reading)									
720		0.782A	2.02C	0.32C	1.76C	9.56C	0.782A	2.09C	0.35C	1.85C	10.89C
960		0.705B	2.30B	0.42B	2.08B	11.73B	0.703B	2.39B	0.45B	2.16B	13.03B
1200		0.622C	2.47A	0.50A	2.14A	14.30A	0.624C	2.63A	0.55A	2.35A	16.35A
	100	0.710A	2.13C	0.35C	1.85C	11.00C	0.707A	2.24C	0.39C	1.98C	12.62C
	150	0.702B	2.26B	0.42B	2.01B	11.66B	0.703B	2.36B	0.45B	2.12B	13.35B
	200	0.697B	2.39A	0.47A	2.12A	12.93A	0.698C	2.51A	0.50A	2.26A	14.31A
	100	0.788a	1.89f	0.26g	1.56g	8.88f	0.788a	1.99g	0.29f	1.68g	10.26e
720	150	0.781a	2.02ef	0.32f	1.81f	9.33f	0.782ab	2.08fg	0.35e	1.89f	10.82e
	200	0.777a	2.14de	0.38e	1.90ef	10.47e	0.777b	2.21ef	0.40d	1.98ef	11.60de
	100	0.716b	2.19cd	0.35ef	1.96de	10.85de	0.705c	2.28de	0.39d	2.05de	12.21c
960	150	0.702c	2.30bc	0.42d	2.10bc	11.60d	0.702c	2.39cd	0.46c	2.16cd	12.92cd
	200	0.698c	2.40b	0.47bc	2.19ab	12.74c	0.700c	2.49bc	0.49c	2.26bc	13.96c
	100	0.627d	2.31bc	0.44	2.04cd	13.25bc	0.628d	2.46c	0.49c	2.20bc	15.40b
1200	150	0.623d	2.46b	0.50b	2.12bc	14.06b	0.625d	2.61b	0.54b	2.31b	16.30ab
	200	0.617d	2.63a	0.56a	2.26a	15.60a	0.618d	2.83a	0.60a	2.53a	17.36a

Amino acids mean Arginine + proline + glutamic acids at 100, 150 and 200 mg/L. at each amino acid.

### E. Effect of water requirements rate X amion acids concentration.

Data presented in Table 12 clearly indicated that total chlorophyll reading, N%, P%, K% and total carbohydrates contents for snap bean foliage were

significantly affected by amion acids as foliar application with rates of irrigation water interaction treatments in both seasons. In this respect, the highest values were represented in plants which were sprayed by the highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L.) and were irrigated by the highest level

of irrigation water (1200 m<sup>3</sup>/Fed.) followed by the plants which were sprayed by middle concentration of amino acids (150 mg/L.) and were irrigated with the same level of irrigation water during both seasons. Meanwhile the lowest values were represented in the snape bean plants which were irrigated by 720 m<sup>3</sup>/Fed. of irrigation water and were sprayed with 100 mg/L. of amino acids (Arginine + proline + glutamic acids).

#### 4.3 Quality of snape beans pods.

##### 4.3.1 Physical quality of snape beans pods.

###### A. Effect of water requirements rate.

With regard to the effect of irrigation water quantity, results in Table 15 show significant differences among the irrigation water treatments on all physical quality characteristics of snap pods during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons. In this regard, it is obvious from such data the average pod length, diameter and weight of snap beans pods were significantly increased with increasing rate of applied irrigation water in both seasons. In addition increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the highest values of average pod length, diameter and weight of snap beans pods in both seasons of study. Obtained results

are in harmony with those of *Morais et al. (2017)*, *El-Gawad et al. (2021)* and *Ibrahim et al. (2021)* who showed that the pod length have a linear increase according to the increase of irrigation.

###### C. Effect of amion acids concentration.

Regarding to the effect of foliar application with some amino acids, the same data in Table 15 show that the different concentration of studied amino acids (Arginine + proline + glutamic acids) significantly affected all physical quality characteristics of snap pods in both seasons except pod length and diameter only in second season which did not reach to the level of significance. Where, these parmeters were increased gradually with increasing concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l from each amino acid used. The highest concentration (200 mg/L.) recorded the highest values and no significant differences were found between the lowest (100 mg/L.) and the moderate (150 mg/L.) concentrations of applied amino acids. Such improvement in physical green pod traits as aresult of using some amino acids treatments may be due to the increase in menral elements content (Table 5) and consequently on physical quality of produced green pods.

**Table 15.** Effect of water requirements rate, amion acids concentration and the interaction between them on some physical quality of snape beans pods during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons.

Treatments	Characteristics	First season			Second season		
		Pod length	Pod diameter	Pod weight	Pod length	Pod diameter	Pod weight
Water rates (m <sup>3</sup> /Fed.)	Amion acids concentration (mg/L)						
	720	7.6C	0.51C	4.04C	7.6C	0.51C	4.03C
	960	11.6B	0.69B	6.14B	11.6B	0.67B	6.13B
	1200	13.9A	0.77A	7.31A	13.5A	0.76A	7.28A
	100	10.8B	0.64B	5.73B	10.8A	0.64A	5.73B
	150	10.9B	0.66AB	5.80B	10.9A	0.64A	5.79B
	200	11.3A	0.67A	5.96A	10.9A	0.65A	5.92A
	100	7.4d	0.51d	3.98d	7.4c	0.51c	3.98d
720	150	7.6d	0.51d	4.03d	7.6c	0.49c	4.03d
	200	7.7d	0.53d	4.10d	7.7c	0.52c	4.09d
	100	11.3c	0.66c	5.96c	11.4b	0.66b	6.01c
960	150	11.6bc	0.70b	6.14bc	11.5b	0.67b	6.07bc
	200	11.9b	0.71b	6.32b	11.9b	0.68b	6.30b
	100	13.7a	0.77a	7.24a	13.7a	0.76a	7.21a
1200	150	13.7a	0.77a	7.23a	13.8a	0.77a	7.28a
	200	14.2a	0.77a	7.47a	13.1a	0.77a	7.36a

Amino acids mean Arginine + proline + glutamic acids at 100, 150 and 200 mg/L. at each amino acid.

### E. Effect of water requirements rate X amion acids concentration.

Data presented in Table 17 clearly indicate that average length, diameter and weight of snap beans pods were significantly affected by amion acids as foliar application with rates of irrigation water in both seasons. In this respect, the highest values were represented in plants which were sprayd by the highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L. of each amino acid used) and were irrigated by the highest level of irrigation water (1200 m<sup>3</sup>/Fed.) followed by the plants which were sprayed by the same concentration of amino acids and were irrigated with the middle level of irrigation water (960 m<sup>3</sup>/Fed.) during both seasons. Meanwhile the lowest values were obtained with the snape bean plants which were irrigated by 720 m<sup>3</sup>/Fed. of irrigation water and were sprayed with 100 mg/L. of amino acids (Arginine + proline + glutamic acids). Such results are similar in the two seasons of growth.

#### 4.3.2 Chemical quality of snape beans pods.

##### A. Effect of water requirements rate.

Results in Table 20 show significant differences among the irrigation water treatments on all chemical quality characteristics of snap pods during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons. In this regard, it is obvious from such data the loss total fibers and highest total protien of snap beans pods were significantly with increasing rate of applied irrigation water in both seasons. In addition increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the lowest and the highest values for the total fibers and total protien of snap beans pods in both seasons of study.

##### C. Effect of amion acids concentration.

Results in Table 20 show that the different concentration of studied amino acids significantly affected all chemical quality characteristics of snap pods in both seasons. Where, the total protien increased gradully with increasing concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l. and the oppeside trend was observed on the total fibers. In this concept, similar results were reported by *El-Saadony et al. (2017)*, *Mahmood et al. (2017)* and *Zaky et al. (2021)*.

**Table 20.** Effect of water requirements rate, organic manure amount and amion acids concentration on some chemical quality of snape beans pods during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons.

Characteristics		First season			Second season		
Treatments		Fibers	Protien	TSS	Fibers	Protien	TSS
Water rates (m <sup>3</sup> /Fed.)	Amion acids (mg/L.)						
720		10.12A	12.28C	8.78A	10.23A	13.12C	8.78A
960		9.60B	13.79B	7.59B	9.68B	15.52B	7.59B
1200		8.87C	16.44A	7.06C	8.96C	17.81A	7.06C
	100	9.80C	13.15C	7.89A	9.86C	14.47C	7.93A
	150	9.54B	14.22B	7.83AB	9.64B	15.35B	7.81A
	200	9.25A	15.14A	7.70B	9.36A	16.63A	7.69B
		Fibers	Protien	TSS	Fibers	Protien	TSS
	100	10.34a	11.33g	8.89a	10.49a	12.21f	8.89a
720	150	10.13b	12.32f	8.78a	10.22b	12.92f	8.78a
	200	9.90c	13.19de	8.67a	9.98c	14.23e	8.67a
	100	9.83c	12.74ef	7.67b	9.89cd	14.46e	7.78b
960	150	9.63d	13.77d	7.67b	9.74d	15.41d	7.56bc
	200	9.33e	14.87c	7.44bc	9.40e	16.70c	7.44c
	100	9.23e	15.38c	7.11cd	9.22f	16.75c	7.11d
	150	8.87f	16.57b	7.06d	8.97g	17.72b	7.11d
1200	200	8.51g	17.38a	7.00d	8.70h	18.95a	6.94d

Amino acids mean Arginine + proline + glutamic acids at 100, 150 and 200 mg/L. at each amino acid.

### E. Effect of water requirements rate X amion acids concentration.

Data presented in Table 22 clearly indicate that total protien and the total fibers of snap beans pods were significantly affected by amion acids as foliar application with rates of irrigation water in both seasons. In this respect, the highest values of total protien were represented in plants which were sprayd by highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L.) and were irrigated by highest level of irrigation water

(1200 m<sup>3</sup>/F) followed by the plants which were sprayed by the same concentration of amino acids and were irrigated with the middle level of irrigation water during both seasons and the oppesid trend were observed in case of total fibers.

#### 4.4 Total yield and WUE.

##### A. Effect of water requirements rate.

Results in Table 25 reveal that irrigation with various levels of irrigation water affected

significantly increased on total yield of pods and WUE in both seasons. Where, increasing amount of applied irrigation water from 720 to 1200 m<sup>3</sup>/fed. exhibited the highest values of total yield of pods and WUE in both seasons. It could be suggest that increasing the quantity of water applied to the soil increases the soil moisture content, that makes the nutritional elements more available to the plant, and this in turn might favoured the plant growth characters (Table, 5) and most of the physiological processes (Table, 10), that directly affect the yield and its components. In addition, higher water quantity applied to plants led to keep higher water content in the plant tissues, and this turn produced the higher number of pods than those under water stress. These results are in accordance with those

reported by each of *El-Gawad et al. (2021)*, *Ibrahim et al. (2021)*, *Yavuz (2021)* and *Moraes et al. (2022)*.

#### C. Effect of amion acids concentration.

The different concentration of studied amino acids significantly affected total yield of pods and WUE for snape beans plants in both seasons. Where, total yield of pods and WUE for snape beans plants were increased gradully with increasing concentration of applied amino acids from 100 up to 200 mg/l. . Obtained results are in harmony with those of *Ismail and Helmy (2018)*, *Ibrahim et al. (2019)*, *Talib et al. (2021)* and *Zaky et al. (2021)* who showed that the studied treatments had a significant impact on total yield.

**Table 25.** Effect of water requirements rate, organic manure amount and amion acids concentration on total yield and WUE of snap beans plants during 2019 and 2020 autumn seasons.

Treatments	Characteristics		First season		Second season	
	Organic manure (m <sup>3</sup> /Fed.)	Amion acids (mg/L.)	Yield (kg/F.)	WUE	Yield (kg/F.)	WUE
720			913C	1.27C	764C	1.06C
960			2271B	2.37B	1895B	1.97B
1200			5535A	4.61A	4600A	3.83A
		100	2870C	2.72C	2392C	2.26C
		150	2909B	2.75B	2413B	2.28B
		200	2941A	2.78A	2454A	2.32A
	100		906d	1.26d	755d	1.05d
	150		906d	1.26d	761d	1.06d
	200		928d	1.29d	775d	1.08d
	100		2251c	2.35c	1877c	1.95c
	20	150	2273c	2.37c	1894c	1.97c
		200	2289c	2.38c	1915c	1.99c
		100	5453b	4.54b	4544b	3.79b
	30	150	5547a	4.62a	4583b	3.82b
		200	5605a	4.67a	4671a	3.89a

Amino acids mean Arginine + proline + glutamic acids at 100, 150 and 200 mg/L. at each amino acid.

#### E. Effect of water requirements rate X amion acids concentration.

Data presented in Table 27 clearly indicate that total yield of pods and WUE for snape beans plants were significantly affected by amion acids as foliar application with rates of irrigation water in both seasons. In this respect, the highest values were represented in plants which were sprayd by highest concentration of amino acids (200 mg/L.) and were irrigated by highest level of irrigation water (1200 m<sup>3</sup>/F) followed by the plants which were sprayed by

middle concentration of amino acids (150 mg/L.) and were irrigated with the same level of irrigation water during both seasons. Meanwhile the lowest values were represented in the snape bean plants which were irrigated by 720 m<sup>3</sup>/F of irrigation water and were sprayed with 100 mg/L. of amino acids.

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**تأثير الرش الورقي لبعض الأحماض الأمينية على الاحتياجات المائية لنباتات الفاصوليا (*Phaseolus Vulgaris L*)**  
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تعتبر الفاصوليا أحد أهم محاصيل السوق الاقتصادية في مصر. كما أن المياه هي أحد الموارد الرئيسية التي تحد من التنمية الزراعية خاصة في الأراضي القاحلة ، لذا فإن نقص مياه الري هو أهم عامل يعوق الإنتاج الزراعي في مصر. لذلك أجريت هذه الدراسة خلال مواسم الخريف المتتالية لعامي 2019 و 2020 بمحطة بحوث القصاصين بمحافظة الإسماعيلية لدراسة تأثير معدلات الاحتياجات المائية (720 ، 960 ، 1200 م / 3 فدان) مع تراكيز مختلفة من الأحماض الأمينية (100 مجم / لتر ، 150 مجم / لتر و 200 مجم / لتر) على النمو الخضري ، التركيب الكيميائي لأوراق النبات وكذلك محصول القرون الخضراء وجودة قرون الفاصوليا صنف بوليسنا النامية المنزوع في الارض الرملية وباستخدام نظام الري بالتنقيط. أظهرت النتائج أن تحسنت جميع صفات النمو الخضري (ارتفاع النبات ، المساحة الكلية للأوراق ، عدد الأوراق وكذلك الأفرع والوزن الطازج والجاف لنبات الفاصوليا) ، صفات المحتوى الكيميائي للأوراق (النتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم و الكربوهيدرات الكلية) ، وجود القرون (متوسط طول القرون وقطرها ووزنها) والمحصول الكلي للقرون وكفاءة استخدام المياه مع زيادة معدل مياه الري في كلا الموسمين. بالإضافة إلى زيادة كمية مياه الري من 720 إلى 1200 م / 3 فدان. أظهرت أعلى قيم لمعظم الصفات المدروسة لنباتات الفاصوليا في موسمي الدراسة. كما أوضحت النتائج أن الصفات المدروسة زادت معنوياً تدريجياً مع زيادة تركيز الأحماض الأمينية المستخدمه من 100 حتى 200 ملجم / لتر. في هذا الصدد ، تم تمثيل أعلى قيم للصفات المدروسة في النباتات التي تم رشها بأعلى تركيز من الأحماض الأمينية (200 مجم / لتر) وتم ربيها بأعلى مستوى من مياه الري (1200 م / 3 فدان) تليها النباتات التي تم رشها بتركيز متوسط من الأحماض الأمينية (150 مجم / لتر) وتم ربيها بنفس مستوى مياه الري خلال الموسمين. في حين تم الحصول على أقل القيم لنباتات الفاصوليا التي تروى بمقدار 720 م / 3 فدان من مياه الري وتم رشها بـ 100 ملجم / لتر. من الأحماض الأمينية.