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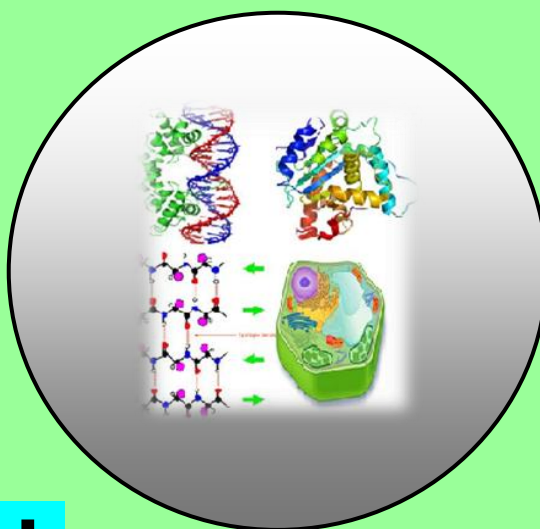
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ABSTRACT

*A field experiment was conducted during late Rabi season (Jan-May 2012) on Peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*) to study the effect of different concentrations of pyridoxine aqueous sprays solutions (0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04 and 0.05%) applied 40 days after sowing on leaf biochemical components (total free amino acids, leaf chlorophyll and caretenoid content), herb yield (t/ha) and essential oil (%) of Peppermint. It was observed that 0.03% pyridoxine aqueous sprays solution was best for total free amino acids, leaf chlorophyll and caretenoid of peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*). Moreover, the herb yield and essential oil (%) was also noted that maximum with the same 0.03% pyridoxine aqueous sprays solution.*

Keywords: Pyridoxine, Leaf Biochemical Components, Herbs Yield and Essential Oil Content.

INTRODUCTION

Peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*) is a highly aromatic herb. This species has strong odour and a more aromatic taste. It is rich in essential oil. It is administered in serious nervous disorders in headaches, colic nervous vomiting and tympanitis hiccups flatulence and periodine discharges with nervous symptoms. As a flavoring agent peppermint is used in wide range of pharmaceuticals, confectionary, alcoholic drinks, dental creams and mouth washes

(Bhattacharjee, 2000, Chopra et al., 1956, Kapoor, 1990). A reported by Khan and Ansari (1984), Khan and Zaidi (1985) a plant would response to exogenous supply of the vitamins only if its endogenous vitamin levels were low. Thus, the present author attempted to study the effect of different concentrations of aqueous pyridoxine solutions supplied at appropriate stage on leaf biochemical contents, herb yield and essential oil content in peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

This field experiment was performed during late rabi season of 2012 in a sandy loam soil at G.F. College, Shahjahanpur experimental field. The experiment was designed to study the effect of different levels of aqueous pyridoxine concentrations (0.0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05 %) supplied at 40 days to sowing on foliage of peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*) on leaf biochemical contents (free amino acids, chlorophyll and carotenoids content) at 50, 70 and 90 days to sowing and herb yield (t/ha) and essential oil content (%) at harvest in 4 sqm bed.

Table 1. Effect of different concentrations of pyridoxineleaf biochemical components in peppermint (*Mentha piperita L.*)
Mean of three replicates

Pyridoxine	Concentration (%)	Pre amino acid (mg / 1 w mg)	Chlorophyll (mg / gm)	Carotenoid (mg / gm)
50 days	0.00	0.20	0.51	0.14
	0.01	0.32	0.54	0.16
	0.02	0.32	0.56	0.16
	0.03	0.40	0.60	0.18
	0.04	0.38	0.55	0.16
	0.05	0.38	0.55	0.14
70 Days	0.00	0.40	0.62	0.50
	0.01	0.56	0.80	0.55
	0.02	0.58	0.90	0.58
	0.03	0.65	1.20	0.60
	0.04	0.55	1.05	0.50
	0.05	0.50	0.90	0.50
90 Days	0.00	0.35	1.10	0.55
	0.01	0.45	1.80	0.58
	0.02	0.50	1.85	0.60
	0.03	0.55	1.98	0.65
	0.04	0.50	1.30	0.60
	0.05	0.50	1.20	0.60

The sowing was done on 5 January, 2012. A uniform dose of 50kg N, 60kg each of Pad k was given uniformly to each bed. FYM @ 20q/ha was uniformly applied during field preparation. The crop was irrigating fastingly. The harvesting was done on 10 May, 2012. The weeding was done when sequenced. 1 % aqueous Bavistin Solution treatment was given to stolens before sowing for two days.

**Table 2. Effect of different Eneupalins of pyridoxine....on herb yield (t/ha) and essential oil content (%) at harvest.
Mean of three replicates**

Pyridoxine content (%)	Herb Yield (t/ha)	Essential oil content (%)
0.00	12.55	0.39
0.01	14.60	0.42
0.02	16.20	0.42
0.03	18.40	0.52
0.04	16.20	0.45
0.05	14.40	0.40
C. Dat 5 %	0.82*	0.01*

*Significant

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Many physiological research has been deliberately directed towards the improvement of agriculture to suit special conditions or for special purposes to obtain optimum productivity table 1 clearly indicates that 0.03 % aqueous pyridoxine application proved best for all biochemical components having maximum impact on peppermint crop. The beneficial effects of pyridoxine has also been reported by Khan and Ansari (1994) and Khan and Zaidi (1985) Kodandaramaiah and Gopal Rao (1985) suggested that B vitamins participation plant growth and development indirectly by enhancing the endogenous levels of various growth factors such has cytokinins and gibberellins. The significantly highest herbs yield (46.61 % more than control) is therefore highly justified (table 2). Similarly essential oil content was also recorded maximum by this (0.03 % pyridoxine solution) which was 33.3 % more than the control.

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