

1. Physiological Studies of Some Polyamines on Wheat Plants Irrigated with Waste Water. I. Osmolytes in Relation to Osmotic Adjustment and Grain Yield

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Abstract:

A pot experiment was conducted to evaluate the beneficial effect of grain pre-soaking in spermine (0.15 mM), spermidine (0.30 mM) and their interaction on tolerance of wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L. cv Sakha 94) plants irrigated with waste water mostly polluted by heavy metals. Osmotic pressure (OP), some osmolytes concentration and grain yield were determined. Waste water at all examined concentrations caused marked increases in OP, osmolytes [proline, organic acids, chloride and heavy metals (Cd(++), Pb(++), Cu(++), Ni(++), & Zn(++))] content in flag leaves of wheat plants at heading and anthesis stages. On the other hand, waste water stress induced marked decreases in total soluble nitrogen (TSN), total soluble sugars (TSS) and ions (Na(+), K(+) & Ca(++)) as well as grain yield. Exogenous application of polyamines either spermine, spermidine or their interaction mitigated the deleterious effects of waste water on wheat plants. The effect was more pronounced with spermine + spermidine treatment. The applied polyamines increased the osmotic pressure, TSN, TSS, proline, organic acids and ions (Na(+), K(+), & Ca(++)) concentration as well as grain yield. The osmotic pressure appeared to depend mainly on proline, organic acids, chloride and heavy metals content, where there is positive correlations between OP and proline, organic acids, and heavy metals. The economic yield (grain yield) was positively correlated with TSN, TSS and ion contents but negatively correlated with proline, organic acids, chloride, heavy metals and OP

Keywords: Grain yield; wheat; osmotic pressure; osmoprotectants; polyamines; *Triticum aestivum*; waste water

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Abstract:

To evaluate the beneficial role of glycine betaine and shikimic acid and their combination on Sorghum bicolor plants under water deficit conditions, the plants were grown under greenhouse conditions and subjected to withholding water at days 40 from sowing. Analysis of growth, photosynthetic pigments, some solutes concentration, water relations and yield were carried out. Water stress markedly reduced S. bicolor growth, chl a, chl b, carotenoids concentrations, RWC, transpiration rate and total leaf conductance at both lower and upper leaf side as well as yield components. On the other hand, total soluble sugars increased and proline accumulated in S. bicolor plants grown under drought conditions. The applied chemicals mitigated the effect of water stress on S. bicolor growth and yield. The effect was more pronounced with glycine betaine + shikimic acid treatment. Used chemicals increased the formation of photosynthetic pigments as well as soluble sugars concentrations, and lowered proline concentration and transpiration rate of S. bicolor plants under the stress conditions as compared with untreated droughted plants. The economic yield (grain yield) was found to be strongly positively correlated with shoot fresh and dry weights, leaf area, chlorophyll a concentration, transpiration rate, RWC and the biomass of developing grains. On the other hand, the economic yield was strongly negatively correlated with proline concentration of S. bicolor leaves.

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