



## Effect of spraying with full green fertilizer, GA<sub>3</sub> and NAA on some vegetative and rooting growth characteristics of almond seedlings (*Prunus amigdalus*)

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### ABSTRACT

This study was conducted in the University of Duhok's nursery of the horticulture department, College of Agriculture Engineering Sciences, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, during the growing season (2022–2023). One-year-old almond seedlings were obtained from the college nursery. And sprayed two times: the first was on 1st April and the second was on 1st May. Randomized complete block design (RCBD) as factorial experiment was used, including three factors (Full green fertilizer (0, 4, 8) gm. L<sup>-1</sup>, GA<sub>3</sub> (0, 50, 100) mg. L<sup>-1</sup>, and NAA (0, 750, 1250) mg. L<sup>-1</sup> (3\*3\*3), with three seedlings for each experiment unit. SAS program Results performed statistical analysis were compared according to Duncan's multiple range tests at 5%. Results showed that full green significantly increased (stem length (90.11cm), shoot number (9.22), leave area (47.48 cm<sup>2</sup>), shoot dry weight (5.58gm)) at 8 mg/L<sup>-1</sup>, GA<sub>3</sub> significantly affected on (stem length (89.11cm), leave area (47.08cm<sup>2</sup>), shoot fresh weight (9.05gm), shoot dry weight (5.92gm), root fresh weight (6.50gm), and root dry weight (3.85gm)) at 100mg/L<sup>-1</sup>, and NAA increased stem length (90.85cm) and shoot fresh weight (8.73gm) at 1250mg/L<sup>-1</sup>, while shoot number (9.59) and leave area (46.12cm<sup>2</sup>) at 750mg/L<sup>-1</sup> NAA.

**Keywords:** Full green Fertilizer, Plant growth regulators GA<sub>3</sub>, NAA, Almond seedlings..

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### INTRODUCTION

Almonds are one of the world's oldest commercial nut crops; they originated in West and Middle Asia and have since expanded to the Middle East, China, the Mediterranean region, and America [1]. One of the oldest tree nut varieties, almonds (*Prunus amygdalus*) are produced in greater quantities in Iran [2]. Then in any other country in the world. The fertilizer led to the improvement of vegetative growth characteristics. Since all fertilizers have a variety of roles in the life of plants, giving them the nutrients they need to grow in an equilibrium shape can help to improve vegetative growth and tree production [3]. In addition to their ability to accelerate plant growth, plant growth regulators are known to improve the source-sink relationship and promote the translocation of photoassimilates, which helps better retention of flowers and fruits. Growth regulators and promoters, such as GA<sub>3</sub> and NAA, are responsible for initiating cell division in the cambium and stimulating vegetative growth. The primary function of auxin growth regulators is to regulate the development and expansion of roots. They are well known for their capacity to promote cell enlargement and fruit growth in peaches and citrus [4]. Auxins also modify the ripening process of fruit and inhibit the typical cell wall deterioration that occurs during cold storage [5]. Through their influence on photosynthetic enzymes, leaf-area index, light interception, and improved nutrient use efficiency, they are known to increase the photosynthetic efficiency of plants. They also play a significant role in modulating various processes throughout plant development. Gibberellic acid (GA<sub>3</sub>)-induced integrated mechanisms increase sink strength and redistribute photosynthesis to improve source potential [6]. Furthermore, GA increases phloem loading by influencing hormone concentration, apoplast pH, and cell turgor [7]. [8]. investigated how the fig cultivar 'Poona' reacted to varying GA<sub>3</sub> concentrations and time intervals. Fig plants treated with three sprays of GA<sub>3</sub> at a concentration of 60 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, spaced 15 days apart, beginning from bud initiation, showed a notable increase in shoot length and the quantity of functional leaves. Stem elongation and protein synthesis are regulated by gibberellic acid (GA<sub>3</sub>). The Gibberella fujikuroi, which causes stem elongation, recovers GA<sub>3</sub> as a metabolic byproduct. It is an extremely strong hormone that governs plant development and is found naturally in plants. [9]. showed that plant height, fresh and dry weights of leaves and roots were increasing highly significantly with 3 g/l of potassium nitrate, supplemented by 2 g/l urea and 5 g/l ammonium sulfate, respectively, at both seasons on date palm. Balance fertilization of NPK showed that had significant affected on leave area, diameter, height, and lateral branches of apple cultivars [10]. [11]. found that GA<sub>3</sub> affected on chlorophyll content on anna apple tree. [12]. GA<sub>3</sub> was most effective on stem height, leaf area, stem diameter, root fresh weight, root dry weight, shoot fresh and dry weights of both almond species. [13] indicated that spraying of GA<sub>3</sub> and NAA on seedling sour orange with treatment singular and together caused a significant increasing in the rate of length, diameter, leaf area, and chlorophyll. [14]. NAA and GA<sub>3</sub> treatments recorded

significantly maximum length of seedling, diameter, leaf area, chlorophyll content, fresh weight of seedling and dry weight of custard apple seedling.

[15]. It was found that GA3 has a significant effect on vegetative growth of almond transplants, such as diameter, number of shoots, leaf area, and chlorophyll content.

#### Material and Methods

This study was carried out during the growing season (2022-2023) in the nursery of the horticulture department, College of Agriculture Engineering Sciences, University of Duhok, Kurdistan region, Iraq. One-year-old almond seedlings are taken from the college nursery, planted in plastic pots (26cm diameter) with a capacity of 10kg of soil. Randomized complete block design (RCBD) as factorial experiment was used, including three factors (Full green fertilizer (NPK) (0, 4, 8) gm. L<sup>-1</sup>, GA3 (0, 500, 1000) mg. L<sup>-1</sup>, and NAA (0, 750, 1250) mg. L<sup>-1</sup> with three levels (3\*3\*3) with three seedlings for each experiment unit. Statistical analysis was performed using the SAS program [16]. According to Duncan's multiple range tests, results were compared at 5% [17].

#### In the end of the study, the measurements were measured:

1. Stem length (cm) by tap
2. Stem diameter (mm) by digital Verner device
3. Leave area (cm<sup>2</sup>) by image program
4. Number of branches
5. Total chlorophyll content by SPAD- 502 device
6. Shoot fresh weight (gm)
7. Shoot dry weight (gm)
8. Root fresh weight (gm)
9. Root dry weight (gm)

#### Results

Table (1) showed that spraying full green fertilizer had a significant effect on length (90.11 cm) at 8 gm/l-1 compared with the control, while GA3 had no significant effect on length. However, spraying seedlings with NAA increased their length (90.85 cm) at 1250mg/l-1 compared to other levels.

The triple interaction gave significant differences in the data. The longest seedling (98.33 cm) was in 4gm/l-1 full green with 50 gm/l-1 GA3 from untreated seedlings of NAA, compared with other treatments.

Table 1: Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on stem length (cm) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3<br>(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA (mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |          |          | Full green<br>F. *<br>GA3 | Full green<br>F. |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   |                              | 0                         | 750      | 1250     |                           |                  |
| 0   | 0                            | 88.67c-i                  | 82.00i-l | 90.67b-g | 87.11c                    | 86.07b           |
|   | 50                           | 77.00l                    | 93.67a-d | 78.00kl  | 82.89d                    |                  |
|   | 100                          | 85.67e-j                  | 83.67g-l | 95.33abc | 88.22bc                   |                  |
| 4   | 0                            | 84.33f-k                  | 90.00b-h | 86.00e-j | 86.78c                    | 89.22a           |
|   | 50                           | 98.33a                    | 84.00f-k | 91.33a-f | 91.22ab                   |                  |
|   | 100                          | 95.33abc                  | 79.67jkl | 94.00a-d | 89.67abc                  |                  |
| 8   | 0                            | 85.67e-j                  | 82.67h-l | 96.00abc | 88.11bc                   | 90.11a           |
|   | 50                           | 90.00b-h                  | 96.33ab  | 92.00a-e | 92.78a                    |                  |
|   | 100                          | 87.67d-i                  | 86.33e-j | 94.33a-d | 89.44abc                  |                  |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                              | 88.07b                    | 86.48b   | 90.85a   |                           |                  |
| Full green<br>F. *                                | 0                            | 83.78d                    | 86.44cd  | 88.00bc  | Mean of GA3               |                  |
|   | 4                            | 92.67ba                   | 84.56cd  | 90.44ab  |                           |                  |
|   | 8                            | 87.78bc                   | 88.44bc  | 94.11a   |                           |                  |
| NAA   | 0                            | 86.22d-f                  | 84.89ef  | 90.89abc | 0                         | 87.33a           |
|   | 50                           | 88.44b-e                  | 91.33ab  | 87.11c-f | 50                        | 88.96a           |
|   | 100                          | 89.56bcd                  | 83.22f   | 94.56a   | 100                       | 89.11a           |

In Table 2, it was found that each single factor (full green fertiliser, GA3, and NAA) had no significant effect on stem diameter. Triple interaction between (full green fertilizer\*GA3\*NAA) gave a significant decrease in stem diameter, the best diameter (5.81 mm) at untreated seedlings of full green, GA3 with 1250 mg/l<sup>-1</sup> NAA.

Table (2): Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on stem diameter (mm) of almond seedlings.

| Full green fertilizer (gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA (mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | Full green F. * GA3 | Full green F. |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------|
|   |                          | 0                         | 750     | 1250    |                     |               |
| 0   | 0                        | 4.33c-f                   | 5.70ab  | 5.81a   | 5.28a               |               |
|   | 50                       | 3.86def                   | 4.51c-f | 5.03abc | 4.47bc              | 4.75a         |
|   | 100                      | 4.39c-f                   | 4.41c-f | 4.72b-e | 4.51bc              |               |
| 4   | 0                        | 4.48c-f                   | 3.62f   | 4.07c-f | 4.06c               |               |
|   | 50                       | 4.99abc                   | 4.19c-f | 4.78b-e | 4.65b               | 4.49a         |
|   | 100                      | 5.03abc                   | 4.45c-f | 4.84a-d | 4.77b               |               |
| 8   | 0                        | 5.07abc                   | 4.41c-f | 4.66cde | 4.71b               |               |
|   | 50                       | 4.70b-e                   | 4.75b-e | 4.42c-f | 4.62b               | 4.61a         |
|   | 100                      | 3.75ef                    | 4.86a-d | 4.82a-d | 4.48c               |               |
| Mean of NAA                                 |                          | 4.51a                     | 4.54a   | 4.80a   |                     |               |
| Full green F. *                             | 0                        | 4.19cd                    | 4.87ab  | 5.19a   | Mean of GA3         |               |
|   | 4                        | 4.83ab                    | 4.09d   | 4.56bcd |                     |               |
|   | 8                        | 4.51bcd                   | 4.68abc | 4.64bcd |                     |               |
| GA3 * NAA                                   | 0                        | 4.62a                     | 4.58a   | 4.85a   | 0                   | 4.68a         |
|   | 50                       | 4.52a                     | 4.48a   | 4.75a   | 50                  | 4.58a         |
|   | 100                      | 4.39a                     | 4.57a   | 4.80a   | 100                 | 4.59a         |

Table (3) illustrates that full green fertilizer meaningfully increased shoot number (9.22) at 8gm/l-1 compared to other treatments, while GA3 found no significant effect at three levels on a number of branches. In addition, NAA had a significant effect (9.59) at 750mg/l<sup>-1</sup>. Triple interaction between three factors had no significant effect on number of branches, the highest value was (13.33) from the untreated plants) control of each treatment

Table (3): Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on shoot number of almond seedlings.

| Full green fertilizer(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA (mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |          |          | Full green F. * GA3 | Full green F. |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|---------------|
|  |                          | 0                         | 750      | 1250     |                     |               |
| 0  | 0                        | 13.33a                    | 9.67b-e  | 6.67efg  | 9.89ab              |               |
|  | 50                       | 6.67efg                   | 11.33ab  | 9.33b-f  | 9.11abc             | 8.96a         |
|  | 100                      | 8.00c-g                   | 8.00c-g  | 7.67d-g  | 7.89cd              |               |
| 4  | 0                        | 7.67d-g                   | 10.33bcd | 10.33bcd | 9.44abc             |               |
|  | 50                       | 6.33fg                    | 11.00abc | 6.33fg   | 7.89cd              | 8.04b         |
|  | 100                      | 6.33fg                    | 7.67d-g  | 6.33fg   | 6.78d               |               |
| 8  | 0                        | 9.33b-f                   | 9.33b-f  | 6.00g    | 8.22cd              |               |
|  | 50                       | 10.33bcd                  | 7.33d-g  | 8.67b-g  | 8.78bc              | 9.22a         |
|  | 100                      | 11.33ab                   | 11.67ab  | 9.00b-g  | 10.67a              |               |
| Mean of NAA                                |                          | 8.81a                     | 9.59a    | 7.81b    |                     |               |
| Full green F. * NAA                        | 0                        | 9.33ab                    | 9.67a    | 7.89bc   | Mean of GA3         |               |
|  | 4                        | 6.78c                     | 9.67a    | 7.67c    |                     |               |
|  | 8                        | 10.33a                    | 9.44ab   | 7.89bc   |                     |               |
| GA3 * NAA                                  | 0                        | 10.11a                    | 9.78a    | 7.67b    | 0                   | 9.19a         |
|  | 50                       | 7.78b                     | 9.89a    | 8.11b    | 50                  | 8.59a         |
|  | 100                      | 8.56ab                    | 9.11ab   | 7.67b    | 100                 | 8.44a         |

Table (4) shows that the full green fertilizer significantly increased the leaf area (47.48cm<sup>2</sup>) at 8gm/l-1. Also, GA3 had a significant effect on the leaf area (47.08cm<sup>2</sup>) at 100mg/l-1. In addition, NAA also had a significant effect (46.12cm<sup>2</sup>) at 750 mg/l-1. The tri interaction gave a significant difference (50.50 cm<sup>2</sup>) from 8gm/l-1 full green fertilizer with 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> GA3 and 750mg/l<sup>-1</sup> NAA compared to other data.

Table (4) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3<br>(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA (mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |          |          | Full green<br>F. *<br>GA3 | Full green<br>F. |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   |                              | 0                         | 750      | 1250     |                           |                  |
| 0   | 0                            | 43.84d-h                  | 41.27hi  | 45.79b-g | 43.63d                    |                  |
|   | 50                           | 46.21a-g                  | 43.90d-h | 41.31hi  | 43.81cd                   | 44.32b           |
|   | 100                          | 43.93d-h                  | 45.78b-g | 46.82a-f | 45.51bcd                  |                  |
| 4   | 0                            | 43.46e-i                  | 47.59a-e | 45.87b-g | 45.64bcd                  |                  |
|   | 50                           | 39.48ij                   | 42.79f-i | 37.01j   | 39.76e                    | 43.83b           |
|   | 100                          | 47.00a-f                  | 45.46c-h | 45.78b-g | 46.08bc                   |                  |
| 8   | 0                            | 46.64a-g                  | 49.68abc | 47.07a-f | 47.80ab                   |                  |
|   | 50                           | 44.50d-h                  | 48.13a-d | 42.29ghi | 44.97cd                   | 47.48a           |
|   | 100                          | 50.21ab                   | 50.50a   | 48.27a-d | 49.66a                    |                  |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                              | 45.03ab                   | 46.12a   | 44.47b   |                           |                  |
| Full green<br>F. *                                | 0                            | 44.66cd                   | 43.65cd  | 44.64cd  | Mean of GA3               |                  |
|   | 4                            | 43.31d                    | 45.28bcd | 42.89d   |                           |                  |
|   | 8                            | 47.12b                    | 49.44a   | 45.88bc  |                           |                  |
| NAA   | 0                            | 44.65bc                   | 46.18ab  | 46.24ab  | 0                         | 45.69b           |
|   | 50                           | 43.40c                    | 44.94abc | 40.20d   | 50                        | 42.85c           |
|   | 100                          | 47.05ab                   | 47.25a   | 46.96ab  | 100                       | 47.08a           |

Table (5) illustrated that the full green fertilizer, GA3, and NAA gave significant decrease on total chlorophyll (45.86%), (45.65%), and (46.45%) respectively on untreated seedlings. Triple interaction found that the higher level (62.08%) was in 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> full green fertilizer and from untreated seedlings of GA3 and NAA.

Table (5) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on leaf chlorophyll content (SPAD unit) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |          |          | Full green<br>F. *<br>GA3 | Full green<br>F. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   |                          | 0                        | 750      | 1250     |                           |                  |
| 0   | 0                        | 53.16b                   | 40.30e-h | 53.02b   | 48.83a                    |                  |
|   | 50                       | 54.27b                   | 36.50hij | 37.43hij | 42.73cd                   | 45.86a           |
|   | 100                      | 42.62d-g                 | 51.42b   | 44.07de  | 46.03b                    |                  |
| 4   | 0                        | 39.38f-i                 | 38.88g-j | 51.07b   | 43.11cd                   |                  |
|   | 50                       | 42.90d-g                 | 49.93bc  | 37.18hij | 43.34cd                   | 41.05c           |
|   | 100                      | 35.30ij                  | 34.69j   | 40.08e-h | 36.69e                    |                  |
| 8   | 0                        | 62.08a                   | 37.71hij | 35.28ij  | 45.02bc                   |                  |
|   | 50                       | 46.18cd                  | 40.24e-h | 52.83b   | 46.42b                    | 44.30b           |
|   | 100                      | 42.20d-g                 | 38.70g-j | 43.47def | 41.46d                    |                  |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                          | 46.45a                   | 40.93c   | 43.83b   |                           |                  |
| Full green<br>F. *                                | 0                        | 50.02a                   | 42.74bc  | 44.84b   | Mean of GA3               |                  |
|   | 4                        | 39.19d                   | 41.17cd  | 42.78bc  |                           |                  |
|   | 8                        | 50.15a                   | 38.88d   | 43.86b   |                           |                  |
| NAA   | 0                        | 51.54a                   | 38.97e   | 46.45b   | 0                         | 45.65a           |
|   | 50                       | 47.78b                   | 42.22cd  | 42.48c   | 50                        | 44.16b           |
|   | 100                      | 40.04de                  | 41.60cd  | 42.54c   | 100                       | 41.39c           |

Table 6 shows that full green fertilizer significantly decreases shoot fresh weight, with the maximum value was (8.67g) from the control. Also, GA3 and NAA factors find the best shoot fresh weight, respectively, (9.05g and 8.73g) from 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> GA3 and 1250mg/l<sup>-1</sup> NAA. Triple interaction explained that 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> full green fertilizer with 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> GA3 with 750mg/l<sup>-1</sup> NAA gave the best differences between data, with a value of (10.84g), compared to other data.

Table (7) illustrated that full green fertilizer significantly increased shoot dry weight (5.58g) at 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup>, while, GA3 meaningfully increased shoot dry weight (5.92g) at 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup>, otherwise, NAA has no significant effect on shoot dry weight. Triple interaction on almond seedlings found the best shoot dry weight (8.05g) from 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> full green fertilizer with 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> GA3 via 750mg/l<sup>-1</sup> NAA compared to other data.

Table (6) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on shoot fresh weight (gm) of almond seedlings.

| Full Green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3<br>(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | Full Green F. ×<br>GA3 | Full Green F. |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------------|
|   |                              | 0                        | 750     | 1250    |                        |               |
| 0   | 0                            | 7.88e-h                  | 7.66fgh | 9.21cd  | 8.25bc                 | 8.67a         |
|   | 50                           | 8.75cde                  | 7.27gh  | 10.42ab | 8.81b                  |               |
|   | 100                          | 8.23d-g                  | 8.36def | 10.23ab | 8.94ab                 |               |
| 4   | 0                            | 6.95h                    | 9.54bc  | 8.39def | 8.29bc                 | 8.10b         |
|   | 50                           | 7.71e-h                  | 7.91e-h | 7.13h   | 7.58c                  |               |
|   | 100                          | 8.25d-g                  | 9.18cd  | 7.85e-h | 8.43bc                 |               |
| 8   | 0                            | 9.66bc                   | 7.44fgh | 8.35def | 8.48bc                 | 8.66a         |
|   | 50                           | 7.70e-h                  | 7.89e-h | 7.53fgh | 7.71c                  |               |
|   | 100                          | 9.08cd                   | 10.84a  | 9.45bc  | 9.79a                  |               |
| Full Green<br>F. * NAA                            | 0                            | 8.29bc                   | 7.77c   | 9.95a   | Mean of GA3            |               |
|   | 4                            | 7.64c                    | 8.88b   | 7.79c   |                        |               |
|   | 8                            | 8.81b                    | 8.73b   | 8.44bc  |                        |               |
| GA3*<br>NAA                                       | 0                            | 8.16bc                   | 8.22bc  | 8.65abc | 8.34b                  |               |
|   | 50                           | 8.05c                    | 7.69c   | 8.36bc  | 8.03c                  |               |
|   | 100                          | 8.52abc                  | 9.46a   | 9.18ab  | 9.05a                  |               |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                              | 8.25b                    | 8.46ab  | 8.73a   |                        |               |

Table (7) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on shoot dry weight (gm) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | Full green F.×<br>GA3 | Full green F. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------------|
|   |                          | 0                        | 750     | 1250    |                       |               |
| 0   | 0                        | 4.82f-j                  | 4.74g-j | 5.37d-j | 4.98bc                | 5.53a         |
|   | 50                       | 5.72d-g                  | 4.05j   | 7.69ab  | 5.82ab                |               |
|   | 100                      | 5.15e-j                  | 5.17e-j | 7.07abc | 5.80ab                |               |
| 4   | 0                        | 4.30hij                  | 6.54bcd | 5.48d-i | 5.44bc                | 5.15b         |
|   | 50                       | 5.12e-j                  | 5.16e-j | 4.07j   | 4.78bc                |               |
|   | 100                      | 4.89f-j                  | 6.10c-f | 4.70g-j | 5.23bc                |               |
| 8   | 0                        | 6.62bcd                  | 4.16ij  | 5.56d-h | 5.45bc                | 5.58a         |
|   | 50                       | 4.59g-j                  | 4.74g-j | 4.36hij | 4.56c                 |               |
|   | 100                      | 5.87c-g                  | 8.05a   | 6.27cde | 6.73a                 |               |
| Full green<br>F. * NAA                            | 0                        | 5.23bc                   | 4.65c   | 6.71a   | Mean of GA3           |               |
|   | 4                        | 4.77c                    | 5.93ab  | 4.75c   |                       |               |
|   | 8                        | 5.69bc                   | 5.65bc  | 5.40bc  |                       |               |
| GA3<br>*NAA                                       | 0                        | 5.25abc                  | 5.15bc  | 5.47abc | 5.29b                 |               |
|   | 50                       | 5.14bc                   | 4.65c   | 5.37abc | 5.06b                 |               |
|   | 100                      | 5.30abc                  | 6.44a   | 6.02ab  | 5.92a                 |               |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                          | 5.23a                    | 5.41a   | 5.62a   |                       |               |

Table (8) show us the root fresh weight increased (6.37g) from untreated plant of full green fertilizer, while GA3 significantly differ (6.50g) in 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> from other level, otherwise, NAA had no significant effect on root fresh weight.

Triple interaction (full green F.\*GA3\*NAA) factors produced best weight (7.40g) by 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> full green and control of each GA3 and NAA treatment.

Table (8) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on root fresh weight (gm) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | Full green F. ×<br>GA3 | Full green F. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------------|
|   |                          | 0                        | 750     | 1250    |                        |               |
| 0   | 0                        | 6.32d-g                  | 6.04e-j | 6.56c-f | 6.30abc                | 6.37a         |
|   | 50                       | 6.28d-g                  | 5.57g-j | 7.10abc | 6.32abc                |               |
|   | 100                      | 6.22d-h                  | 6.17d-i | 7.05abc | 6.48ab                 |               |
| 4   | 0                        | 5.41ij                   | 6.23d-h | 5.50hij | 5.71cd                 | 5.82b         |
|   | 50                       | 5.46hij                  | 5.88e-j | 5.35j   | 5.57d                  |               |
|   | 100                      | 6.05e-j                  | 6.64b-e | 5.84f-j | 6.17bcd                |               |
| 8   | 0                        | 7.40a                    | 5.64g-j | 5.51hij | 6.18bcd                | 6.24a         |
|   | 50                       | 5.52hij                  | 6.15d-i | 5.47hij | 5.71cd                 |               |
|   | 100                      | 6.81a-d                  | 7.28ab  | 6.41c-f | 6.83a                  |               |
| Full green<br>F. * NAA                            | 0                        | 6.27bcd                  | 5.93cde | 6.90a   | Mean of GA3            |               |
|   | 4                        | 5.64e                    | 6.25bcd | 5.56e   |                        |               |
|   | 8                        | 6.57ab                   | 6.36bc  | 5.80de  |                        |               |
| GA3<br>*NAA                                       | 0                        | 6.38abc                  | 5.97bc  | 5.86bc  | 6.07b                  |               |
|   | 50                       | 5.75c                    | 5.87bc  | 5.97bc  | 5.86b                  |               |
|   | 100                      | 6.36abc                  | 6.70a   | 6.43ab  | 6.50a                  |               |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                          | 6.16a                    | 6.18a   | 6.09a   |                        |               |

Table (9) illustrated that full green significantly decreased at root dry weight (3.93g) from control, also, GA3 increased (3.85g) at 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup>, otherwise, NAA does not significant difference. We found best results of root dry weight per almond seedling and significant differences during the triple interaction, the maximum value obtained (4.98g) from 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> full green and control each of GA3 and NAA.

Table (9) Effect of full green fertilizer, Ga3, and NAA on root dry weight (gm) of almond seedlings.

| Full green<br>fertilizer<br>(gm/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | GA3(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) | NAA(mg/l <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | Full green F. ×<br>GA3 | Full green F. |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------------|
|   |                          | 0                        | 750     | 1250    |                        |               |
| 0   | 0                        | 4.06b-f                  | 3.84c-h | 4.82ab  | 4.24a                  | 3.93a         |
|   | 50                       | 3.78c-i                  | 3.17f-j | 4.26a-d | 3.74abc                |               |
|   | 100                      | 3.56d-j                  | 3.60d-j | 4.28a-d | 3.81ab                 |               |
| 4   | 0                        | 2.86j                    | 3.88c-h | 3.34e-j | 3.36bc                 | 3.52b         |
|   | 50                       | 3.72c-j                  | 3.50d-j | 3.01hij | 3.41bc                 |               |
|   | 100                      | 3.88c-h                  | 4.23a-e | 3.22f-j | 3.78ab                 |               |
| 8   | 0                        | 4.98a                    | 3.45d-j | 3.26f-j | 3.90ab                 | 3.66b         |
|   | 50                       | 3.11g-j                  | 3.32f-j | 2.91ij  | 3.11c                  |               |
|   | 100                      | 3.93c-g                  | 4.53abc | 3.42d-j | 3.96ab                 |               |
| Full green<br>F. * NAA                            | 0                        | 3.80b                    | 3.53bc  | 4.45a   | Mean of GA3            |               |
|   | 4                        | 3.49bc                   | 3.87b   | 3.19c   |                        |               |
|   | 8                        | 4.00ab                   | 3.76b   | 3.20c   |                        |               |
| GA3<br>*NAA                                       | 0                        | 3.96ab                   | 3.72ab  | 3.81ab  | 3.83a                  |               |
|   | 50                       | 3.54ab                   | 3.33b   | 3.39b   | 3.42b                  |               |
|   | 100                      | 3.79ab                   | 4.12a   | 3.64ab  | 3.85a                  |               |
| Mean of NAA                                       |                          | 3.76a                    | 3.72a   | 3.61a   |                        |               |

## Discussion

The significant increasing of some studied parameters as a result to increase the levels of full green as in (length of stem, no. of branches, leave area, and shoot dry weight) Fertilizers have a significant impact on almond seedlings because they contain three essential elements for plant growth: potassium, which is important for stem and root growth and is involved in plant metabolism and protein synthesis, phosphorus, which is important for photosynthetic processes, respiration, energy storage, and cell division, and nitrogen, which promotes leaf growth, chlorophyll component, and vegetative growth and green coloration of foliage [18] [19]. According to [20]. The primary macronutrients in inorganic fertilizers are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. These nutrients impact the vegetative and reproductive phases of plant growth. Similar results were also reported by [21] on peach tree, [22] and [23] on almond transplant. At the same time, most parameters showed significant differences in 100 mg/l-1 GA3, as in (length of stem, leaf area, shoot fresh weight, shoot dry weight, root fresh weight, and root dry weight). The reason might be attributed to the seedling's overall growth and increased rate of photosynthesis, which resulted in the seedling's overall assimilation and redistribution of photosynthesis. Enhanced growth may be caused by GA3's rise in leaf length and width. Greater cell division and elongation finally increased vegetative growth. Similar results were reported by [24] in custard apple, [25] on almond transplant. Also, NAA meaningfully increased some characteristics, such as the stem length, shoot fresh weight, number of branches, and leaf area, respectively, in 1250 and 750 mg/l<sup>-1</sup>. NAA can also promote protein synthesis and RNA synthesis [26]; [27] and stimulate carbohydrate and nitrogenous material hydrolysis and translocation at the seedling, resulting in increased cell division and improved rooting.

## Conclusion

This conclusion explained according to the results that were obtained from the study that was conducted: the best level of full green 8gm/l<sup>-1</sup> was the effect concentration on (stem length, no. of branches, leave area, and shoot dry weight), while, GA3 in 100mg/l<sup>-1</sup> concentration obtained the best results on (stem length, leave area, shoot fresh weight, shoot dry weight, root fresh weight, root dry weight), more ever, but NAA at 750mg/l<sup>-1</sup> effect on no. of branches and leave area, also, NAA at 1250mg/l<sup>-1</sup> effect on almond seedlings in stem length and shoot fresh weight parameters. However, triple interaction significantly affects all parameters excellently.

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## تأثير الرش بسماد Full green و $GA_3$ و NAA في بعض صفات النمو الخضري و الجذري لشتلات اللوز البذرية

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### ملخص

أجريت هذه الدراسة في مشتل جامعة دهوك قسم البستنة كلية علوم الهندسة الزراعية في إقليم كردستان العراق خلال الموسم الزراعي (2022-2023). حصلنا شتلات اللوز البالغة من العمر عام واحد من مشتل الحرم الجامعي. وتم الرش مرتين: الرش الأولى كانت في 1 نيسان والرش الثانية في 1 ايار. تم استخدام تصميم القطاعات العشوائية الكاملة (RCBD) كتجربة عاملية، متضمنة ثلاثة عوامل (سماد *Full green (NPK)*، 4، 8) غم. لتر<sup>-1</sup>، (*GA3* 0، 50، 100) ملغم. لتر<sup>-1</sup>، و (*NAA* 0، 750، 1250) ملغم. لتر<sup>-1</sup>، ( $3 \times 3 \times 3$ ) بثلاثة شتلات لكل وحدة تجريبية. تم إجراء التحليل الإحصائي بواسطة برنامج SAS، وتمت مقارنة النتائج وفقاً لطبقاً لاختبارات دنكان المتعددة المدى بنسبة 5%، أظهرت النتائج أن سماد *Full green* زاد معنوياً (طول الساق 90.11سم، عدد الأفرع 9.22، مساحة الورقة 47.48سم<sup>2</sup>، الوزن الجاف لمجموعه الخضري 5.58غم) عند 8 غم/لتر<sup>-1</sup>، كما زاد *GA3* معنوياً. تأثر على (طول الساق 89.11سم، مساحه الورقة 47.08سم<sup>2</sup>، الوزن الرطب للمجموع الخضري 9.05غم، الوزن الجاف للمجموع الخضري 5.92غم، الوزن الرطب للجذر 6.50غم، الوزن الجاف للجذر 3.85غم) عند 100 ملغم/لتر<sup>-1</sup>، بالإضافة إلى ذلك، زاد *NAA* طول الساق 90.85سم والوزن الجاف للمجموع الخضري 8.73غم عند 1250 ملغم/لتر<sup>-1</sup> بينما بلغ عدد الفروع 9.59 فروع ومساحة الأوراق 46.12سم<sup>2</sup> في 750 ملغم/لتر<sup>-1</sup> *NAA*.

. **الكلمات المفتاحية:** سماد *Full green* ومنظمات النمو *GA3*، *NAA*، شتلات اللوز البذرية.