

Response of Some Snap Bean Cultivars to Foliar Application with some Antioxidant Substances for Increasing Productivity and Quality under Local Environments at Early Summer Season.

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ABSTRACT

Two field experiments were carried out at El-Baramoon Research Farm, El-Mansoura Horticulture Research Station, Horticulture Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Egypt during the early summer season of 2014 and 2015 to study the effect of some foliar applications, i.e., moringa leaf extract (20 ml/l), yeast extract (25 ml/l), salicylic acid (150 ppm) and ascorbic acid (250 ppm) on vegetative growth, pod yield and quality of snap bean cultivars, i.e. Bronco, Polista and Valentino. The results showed that Valentino cultivar had longest plant height, heaviest fresh and dry weight, largest leaf area and gave the highest pod length, number of pods/plant and pod yield (ton/fed) compared with other cultivars in the two seasons. Whereas, the least one was Bronco cultivar in both seasons. Moreover, Bronco cultivar was the highest in pod weight, total soluble solids (TSS) and vitamin C in both seasons, meanwhile Polista pods had the highest fiber and titrable acidity contents. Whereas, the least one was Valentino cultivar in both seasons. All foliar applications significantly increased all the studied parameters compared with the control treatment. The superior application was salicylic acid followed by ascorbic acid in both seasons, respectively. From the obtained results, it could be concluded that Valentino cultivar sprayed with salicylic acid at 150 ppm three times, i.e., 15 days after planting and repeated each 15 days interval, respectively collected the highest total pod yield /fed and quality.

Keywords: Snap bean cultivars, salicylic acid, ascorbic acid, moringa leaf extract, yeast extract, growth, pod yield, quality.

INTRODUCTION

Snap bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L) is one of the most important vegetable crops in Egypt for both local consumption and exportation. It is one of the most important food crops in Egypt and consumed as a cooked vegetable either as dry seeds or green pods. It plays an important role in human nutrition as a cheap source for protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals. Many investigations indicated that bean plants are very sensitive to chilling, drought and heat stress (Dale, 1964, singer *et al.*, 1996 and El-Tohamy *et al.*, 1999). However, bean plants are relatively sensitive to environmental stresses that may occur in the field compared with most vegetable crops which negatively affect its growth, yield and even the quality of pods. Under such stressful environmental conditions and the consequences of exposure to relatively low temperature, reduction in yield and different performances could be expected (Buis *et al.*, 1988, Fryer *et al.*, 1995, Greaves, 1996 and Haldiman, 1998). The degree of plant tolerance to environmental stress varies greatly not only between species but in different varieties of the same species (Wentworth *et al.*, 2006). Hence, improving tolerance of bean plants to the possible environmental stresses by using different treatments is important to enhance its growth and maximize the yield. Antioxidants such as salicylic acid, ascorbic acid and some natural materials such as yeast extract and moringa leaf extract act as cofactors for some enzymes, i.e., dismutases, catalases and peroxidases those catalyzed break down of the toxic H₂O₂, OH, O₂

radicals (Romheld and Marschner, 1991 and Bowler *et al.*, 1992).

Moringa leaf extract is known as a miracle plant due to its multiple uses. Beign, rich in amino acids, ascorbate, zeatin (cytokinins), minerals and many other compounds, moringa has several applications in agriculture and medical sciences. Secondary metabolites isolated from this plant promote the plant growth and defense mechanisms against abiotic stresses. Moringa extracts accelerate the growth of plants, strengthen plants and improve resistance against pests and diseases (Hussain *et al.*, 2013).

Yeast is natural source of cytokinins and has stimulatory effects on bean plants (Amer, 2004). It has a beneficial role during vegetative and reproductive growths through improving flower formation and their set in some plants due to its high auxin and cytokinins content and enhancement carbohydrates accumulation. In addition, it participates in a beneficial role during stress due its cytokinins content (Barnett *et al.*, 1990).

Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) plays an important role in photosynthesis as an enzymes co-factor including synthesis of gibberellins, abscisic acid, ethylene and anthocyanin and control of cell growth (Smirnoff and Wheeler, 2000). Also, it's a good scavenger of activated oxygen as O₂, OH, ¹O₂ and reducing hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) to water via ascorbate peroxidase reaction (Bodannes and Chan, 1979 and Noctor and Foyer, 1998), as well as, enhancing the accumulation of chlorophyll and delay senescence (Mattagajasingh and Kar, 1989 and Novabour *et al.*, 2003).

Salicylic acid (SA) is a phenolic derivative, distributed in a wide range of plant species. It is classified as phenolic growth regulator, a non-enzymatic antioxidant, a signaling or messenger molecule in plants to induce responses of plants to environmental stresses. SA has direct involvement in plant growth, thermogenesis, flower induction and uptake of ions. It affects ethylene biosynthesis, stomata movement and also reverses the effects of ABA on leaf abscission. It has an important role in enhancement the level of chlorophyll and carotenoid pigments, photosynthetic rate and modifying the activity of some important enzymes (Abdel-Ati *et al.*, 2000 and Galal *et al.*, 2000). Thereby, the present study aimed to use some natural compounds, i.e., moringa leaf, yeast extracts and promotive substances, i.e., ascorbic and salicylic acids as antioxidant substances to improve growth, yield and quality of some snap bean cultivars grown under the early summer season conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were carried out at El-Baramoon Research Farm, El-Mansoura Horticulture Research Station, Horticulture Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Egypt during the early Summer season of 2014 and 2015 to study the effect of some foliar applications, i.e., moringa leaf extract, yeast extract, salicylic acid and ascorbic acid on vegetative growth, pod yield and quality of snap bean cultivars, i.e., Polista, Valentino and Bronco.

The experimental design and treatments:

The experimental layout was split plot system in a randomized complete blocks design with three replicates. These experiments include 15 treatments which were the combination among 3 cultivars and 5 foliar applications. The cultivars were randomly arranged in the main plots, while the foliar applications were randomly distributed in the sub plots. The sub plot area was 10.5 m² (3 ridges, each 5 m long and 70 cm width). Seeds of the tested cultivars were sown at the first and second week of February in the first and second season, respectively and thinned on two plants/hill after germination. The treatments were arranged as follow: a. Snap bean cultivars: Polista, Valentino and Bronko. b. Foliar applications: Moringa leaf extract at 50 ml/L, yeast extract at 25ml/L., salicylic acid at 150 ppm/L, ascorbic acid at 250 ppm/L and control (sprayed with tap water). Moringa leaf extract prepared according to Culver *et al.* (2012). Plants of aforementioned cultivars were sprayed three times (15, 30 and 45 days) after planting. Normal agricultural practice of snap bean production was followed according to the recommendations of Egyptian ministry of agriculture.

Data recorded were as follows:

Vegetative growth:

At 55 days after sowing, five plants were randomly marked from each plot for determining the following data: plant height in cm, leaf area according to Koller (1972) and plant fresh and dry weight in gram.

Pod yield and its components:

Ten plants were randomly marked from each plot for determining the number of pods/plot.

Green pods of each plot were harvested at the proper maturity stage, counted and weighted in each harvest and total fresh pod yield (ton /fed.) was determined. Twenty pods were randomly chosen from each treatment to determine; average weight of pod (gm), pod length (cm) and pod diameter (mm).

Chemical composition of leaves:

A random representative samples of dried foliage from each plot were taken at 55 days after sowing to determine; nitrogen (%) by the method described by Plummer (1978), phosphorus (%) according to the method of Jackson (1958) and potassium (%) using flame photometer according to Piper (1950). Chlorophyll contents were determined according to Lichtenthaler and Wellburn (1983).

Chemical composition of pods:

Randomly samples of pods from each treatment were taken to assay the following characters: Total soluble solids (TSS) was determined by Carl zeiss refractometer, vitamin C (mg/100gf.w.) was determined in juice using 2, 6 dichlorophenol indophenol dye according to A.O.A.C (1990) and titrable acidity (%) was determined by the titration method with 0.1 N sodium hydroxide according to A.O.A.C (1990). Crude fibers were determined as percentage according to Maynard (1970).

Statistical analysis:

All collected data on plot basis were subjected to the statistical analysis according to the method mentioned by Snedecor and Cochran (1968). Data of treatment means were compared using least significant difference (LSD) method as mentioned by Gomez and Gomez (1984) at 5% significance level. All statistical analyses were performed using analysis of variance technique by means of CoStat computer software.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Vegetative growth characters:

Effect of cultivars:

The effect of the three snap bean cultivars on vegetative growth characters, i.e., plant height, leaf area and fresh and dry weights presented in table (1). Such data clearly showed that snap bean cultivars (Valentino, Polista and Bronko) significantly differed in previous studied parameters in both seasons of the study except fresh and dry weight for polista and bronco cvs. In the first season only.

Valentino cultivar recorded the highest values of plant height, leaf area, fresh weight and dry weight in both seasons. Meanwhile, the lowest values of above parameters were noticed with Bronko cv. in both seasons. The differences between snap bean cultivars in vegetative growth parameters refer to their variations in genetic habitat and responses to environmental conditions. Our results are supported by many researchers, i.e., Abdel-Mawgoud *et al.* (2005), Wentworth *et al.* (2006) and Shokr and Fathy (2009), they found that snap bean cultivars differed significantly in their vegetative growth aspects.

Effect of foliar applications:

Data presented in table (1) show the effect of foliar applications, i.e., salicylic acid, ascorbic acid and

yeast and moringa leaf extracts on plant height, leaf area and fresh and dry weight of snap bean. The obtained results clearly indicated that all foliar treatments increased the values of vegetative growth habits compared with control treatment in the two growing seasons.

Salicylic and ascorbic acid treatments recorded the highest values of plant height leaf area, fresh weight and dry weight in both seasons compared with yeast and moringa extract treatments. The control plants registered the lowest values of mentioned growth parameters in the two growing seasons.

Table 1. Effect of snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on plant height, leaf area and fresh and dry weight during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Plant height (cm)		Leaf area (cm ²)		Fresh weight (gm)		Dry weight (gm)	
		2014	2015	2014	20145	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cvs	Polista	34.93	35.80	1065.04	1099.68	38.55	45.18	6.99	8.16
	Valentino	35.96	37.40	1098.00	1109.28	41.18	47.68	7.64	9.27
	Bronko	33.93	34.53	1049.65	1070.80	37.04	43.11	6.71	7.51
LSD at 0.05 %		0.272	0.684	8.295	23.010	1.552	1.623	0.447	0.258
Foliar	Salicylic	38.38	38.88	1118.60	1149.40	45.60	52.50	8.61	10.30
	Ascorbic	36.00	37.11	1085.31	1119.73	39.68	48.74	7.48	9.45
	Yeast	34.33	35.33	1062.24	1068.95	37.53	43.06	6.61	7.46
	Moringa	34.22	35.33	1073.70	1101.84	37.33	44.40	6.67	8.01
	Control	31.77	32.55	1017.56	1026.35	34.47	37.91	6.18	6.34
LSD at 0.05 %		0.648	0.575	10.209	17.762	0.634	1.081	0.166	0.210

In general, all foliar treatments significantly improved all studied vegetative growth parameters compared with untreated plants. Similar results were obtained by Shafeek *et al.* (2014), Abdel Azem *et al.* (2015) and Rady *et al.* (2015) for salicylic acid, Abd El-Dayem *et al.* (2015) and Barakat *et al.* (2015) for ascorbic acid, Emongor (2015), Rady *et al.* (2015) and Zaki and Rady (2015) for moringa leaf extract and Abdel-Hkim *et al.* (2012) and Mohamed *et al.* (2013) for yeast extract.

The beneficial effects of salicylic acid (SAon growth may be due to its essential role in the regulation of plant growth, development and interaction with other organisms and it was called a plant hormone (Harborne, 1980 and Raskin, 1992). Indeed, it has a beneficial effect for catching the abundant reactive oxygen species (ROS) that cause senescence and loss of plasma membrane permeability and death of cells within plant tissues (Bodannes and Chan, 1979), a signal transduction or messenger (Klessing and Malamy, 1994) and a growth regulator which participates in the regulation of physiological processes in plants (Umebese *et al.*, 2009).

The effect of ascorbic acid on snap bean growth can be discussed on the ground that ascorbic acid seems to enhance biosynthesis of soluble sugars and carbohydrates which are vital steps in stepping up plant

tissues (Rady, 2006). Moreover, ascorbic acid has auxinic effect and protects plant cells against free radicals that are responsible for plant senescence (Prusky, 1988 and Elade, 1992) and has effectual role in many metabolic and physiological processes (Shadded *et al.*, 1990).

As for moringa leaf extract, its favorable effect on vegetative growth of snap bean might be due to its role as a plant growth stimulator, which it being a rich source of amino acids, essential macro and micro plant nutrients, vitamins, natural antioxidants and plant growth regulators such as zeatin (cytokinins) and gibberellins, it can be effectively exploited as plant growth enhancer (Mahmood *et al.*, 2010 and Basra *et al.*, 2011). Moreover, moringa leaf extract accelerate the growth of plants, strengthen plants and improve resistance against pests and diseases (Hussain *et al.*, 2013). In this contest, Emongor (2015) reported that cytokinins in moringa leaf extract have a role in reducing the plastochron and /or increasing cell division of snap bean plants.

As for the positive effects of yeast extract, it contains different amounts of nutrients, high percentage of protein, considerable amount of vitamin B and natural plant growth regulators such as cytokinins (Nagodawithana, 1991). In addition to the physiological roles of vitamins and amino acids in the yeast extract

which increase the metabolic processes role and levels of endogenous hormones that may promote the vegetative growth parameters.

Effect of interaction between cultivars and foliar applications:

Data presented in table (2) show the effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on plant height, leaf area and fresh and dry weight characters during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

It is obviously that the combinations between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications were significantly differed in the two seasons of study, except fresh weight in the second season. However, spraying Valentino plants with salicylic acid recorded the highest means of plant height, leaf area, fresh weight and dry weight in the two seasons, respectively.

Pod yield and its components

Effect of cultivars:

Data in table (3) indicated that all studied cultivars significantly differed in pod yield and its characters in both seasons, except pod length in both seasons of the study. Bronko cultivar registered the

highest values of pod length (11.73 and 11.86 cm) and pod weight (6.02 and 6.24 gm) in both seasons while Valentino cultivar recorded the highest values of pod diameter (7.33 and 7.83 mm) in both seasons, respectively. On the other hand the lowest values of pod length (11.13 and 11.53 cm), pod diameter (6.30 and 6.74 mm) and pod weight (4.43 and 4.88 gm) were noticed by Polista cv. in 2014 and 2015 seasons, respectively. As for pod yield, the results illustrated that the highest values of number of pods/plant (14.26 and 16.33) and total pod yield (4.489 and 4.655 ton/fed.) were collected by Valentino cultivar while the lowest (12.80 and 14.53) and (4.32 and 4.48 ton/fed.) were recorded with Bronko cultivar in both seasons, respectively. Although Bronko cv. had the highest values of pod weight, but it recorded the lowest total pod yield because of its less number of pods/plant compared with Valentino and Polista cvs. The differences between cultivars in yield per feddan (table, 3) as a result of their variation in the vegetative growth (table, 1). Such results were noticed by Abdel-Mawgoud *et al.* (2005) and Brunner *et al.* (2014).

Table 2. Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on plant height, leaf area and fresh and dry weight during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Plant height (cm)		Leaf area (cm ²)		Fresh weight (gm)		Dry weight (gm)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cvs × Foliar									
Polista	Salicylic	38.33	39.00	1104.50	1133.23	44.26	52.26	8.46	10.16
	Ascorbic	36.33	37.00	1073.73	1127.93	39.23	48.90	7.43	9.43
	Yeast	34.66	36.33	1062.03	1099.90	37.26	43.06	6.63	7.46
	Moringa	34.00	34.66	1064.33	1102.33	37.26	43.43	6.26	7.26
	Control	31.33	32.00	1023.93	1035.00	34.73	38.23	6.16	6.46
Valentino	Salicylic	39.16	40.33	1159.20	1186.46	51.13	55.13	9.26	11.16
	Ascorbic	36.00	38.33	1119.40	1144.50	41.20	49.93	7.96	10.36
	Yeast	35.66	36.33	1078.63	1058.60	38.90	46.00	7.10	8.43
	Moringa	35.33	37.66	1098.06	1115.46	38.10	47.70	7.40	9.56
	Control	33.66	34.33	1038.50	1041.40	36.56	39.63	6.46	6.83
Bronko	Salicylic	37.66	37.33	1092.10	1128.50	41.40	50.11	8.10	9.56
	Ascorbic	35.66	36.00	1062.80	1086.76	38.63	47.40	7.06	8.56
	Yeast	32.66	33.33	1046.06	1048.36	36.43	40.13	6.10	6.50
	Moringa	33.33	33.66	1058.70	1087.73	36.63	42.06	6.36	7.20
	Control	30.33	31.33	990.26	1002.66	32.13	35.86	5.93	5.73
LSD at 0.05 %		1.123	0.996	17.683	30.764	1.098	NS	0.288	0.364

Table (3): Effect of snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on pod length, pod diameter, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield/fed during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Pod length (cm)		Pod diameter (mm)		Pod weight (gm)		Number of pods/plant		Total pod yield (ton/fed.)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cvs	Polista	11.13	11.53	6.30	6.74	4.43	4.88	13.53	15.33	4.385	4.556
	Valentino	11.70	11.80	7.33	7.83	5.67	5.94	14.26	16.33	4.489	4.655
	Bronko	11.73	11.86	7.09	7.66	6.02	6.24	12.80	14.53	4.324	4.486
LSD at 0.05 %		NS	NS	0.099	0.075	0.214	0.217	0.261	0.692	0.018	0.020
Foliar	Salicylic	12.00	12.22	7.25	7.81	5.81	6.21	14.77	16.66	4.643	4.834
	Ascorbic	11.83	12.11	7.27	7.81	5.47	5.82	14.00	15.88	4.510	4.675
	Yeast	11.77	11.88	6.91	7.47	5.33	5.57	13.33	15.22	4.342	4.532
	Moringa	11.22	11.55	7.00	7.45	5.20	5.55	13.44	15.33	4.386	4.587
	Control	10.77	10.88	6.10	6.52	5.06	5.26	12.11	13.88	4.116	4.199
LSD at 0.05 %		0.461	0.416	0.231	0.198	0.167	0.155	0.464	0.441	0.037	0.035

Effect of foliar applications:

The effect of foliar applications with salicylic acid and ascorbic acids and yeast and moringa leaf extracts on yield and its components of snap bean is presented in table (3). It is obvious from the obtained results that all foliar applications increased all studied parameters, i.e., pod length, pod diameter, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield/feddan compared with the control in both seasons. Spraying snap bean plants with salicylic acid gave the best results as for pod length (12.00 and 12.22 cm), pod weight (7.25 and 7.81 gm), number of pods/plant (14.77 and 16.66) and total pod yield (4.643 and 4.834 ton/fed.) in both seasons, respectively followed by ascorbic acid while control plants recorded the lowest values in the two seasons of the study. Add to that, ascorbic acid treatment gave the highest values of pod diameter (7.50 and 7.52 cm) and the control plants recorded the lowest values with (7.30 and 6.83 mm) in both seasons, respectively.

These results are in agreement with those obtained with Shokr *et al.* (2014), Abdel Azem *et al.* (2015) and Rady *et al.* (2015) for salicylic acid, Abd El-Dayem *et al.* (2015) and Barkat *et al.* (2015) for ascorbic acid, Emongor (2015) and Zaki and Rady (2015) for moringa leaf extract and Abdel-Hkim *et al.* (2012), Dawa *et al.* (2014) and Khattab *et al.* (2015) for yeast extract.

The stimulatory influence of spraying salicylic acid on yield may be due to its bioregulator effect on ion uptake, cell elongation, cell division, cell differentiations and sink and source regulation, protein synthesis and photosynthetic activity (Blokhdina *et al.*, 2003 and El-Tayeb, 2005). Moreover, SA increases flower longevity via inhibition of ethylene production (Lesilie and Romani, 1986).

Concerning, ascorbic its effect acid on snap bean yield may be due to its role in the regulation of

photosynthesis, enhancing cell division and expansion, root elongation and trans-membranne electron transport (Smirnoff, 2000).

Regarding the positive effect of moringa leaf extract on yield, it might be connected with the role of plant growth regulators in improving crop growth and hence yield (Muhamman *et al.*, 2013). Moreover, it contains endogenous cytokinins (zeatin, dihydrozeatin and isopentyladenine) which affect assimilate mobilization and /or distribution and increase pod set and pod number per branch in leguminous crops (Emongor, 2015).

As for yeast, it participate a beneficial role during vegetative and reproductive growths through improving flower formation and their set in some plants due to its high auxins and cytokinins content and its beneficial effect on carbohydrates accumulation (Barnett *et al.*, 1990).

Effect of interaction between cultivars and foliar applications:

Table (4) shows the effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on pod length, pod diameter, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield/feddan of snap bean. It is clear from the previous table that all combinations between cultivars and foliar applications recorded significant differences in all pod yield parameters, except pod weight in the first season and pod length and number of pods/plant in both seasons. Spraying Valentino cv. plants with salicylic acid produced the highest values of pod length, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield per feddan meanwhile spraying the same cultivar with ascorbic acid gave the highest pod diameter value in both seasons. Moreover, the lowest values of pod length, pod diameter, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield/fed. were recorded with untreated Polista cv. plants.

Table 4. Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on pod length, pod diameter, pod weight, number of pods/plant and total pod yield/fed during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments	Pod length (cm)		Pod diameter (mm)		Pod weight (gm)		Number of pods/plant		Total pod yield (ton/fed.)		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	Cvs × Foliar										
Polista	Salicylic	11.33	12.00	6.70	7.36	4.96	5.60	14.66	16.33	4.623	4.810
	Ascorbic	11.33	11.66	6.93	7.13	4.60	4.93	14.33	16.00	4.510	4.673
	Yeast	11.66	11.66	5.93	6.63	4.16	4.90	13.33	15.33	4.370	4.576
	Moringa	11.00	11.66	6.16	6.43	4.36	4.70	13.33	15.33	4.323	4.550
	Control	10.33	10.66	5.76	6.16	4.06	4.26	12.00	13.66	4.100	4.170
Valentino	Salicylic	12.33	12.33	7.53	8.03	6.10	6.33	15.66	18.00	4.760	4.950
	Ascorbic	12.16	12.33	7.63	8.26	5.83	6.16	14.66	16.66	4.570	4.750
	Yeast	11.66	12.00	7.53	7.93	5.50	5.73	14.00	16.00	4.380	4.543
	Moringa	11.33	11.33	7.50	8.00	5.60	5.80	14.33	16.33	4.543	4.733
	Control	11.00	11.00	6.46	6.93	5.35	5.66	12.66	14.66	4.193	4.301
Bronko	Salicylic	12.33	12.33	7.53	8.03	6.36	6.70	14.00	15.66	4.546	4.743
	Ascorbic	12.0	12.33	7.26	8.03	6.00	6.36	13.00	15.00	4.450	4.603
	Yeast	12.00	12.00	7.26	7.86	5.93	6.10	12.66	14.33	4.276	4.476
	Moringa	11.33	11.66	7.33	7.93	6.03	6.16	12.66	14.33	4.293	4.480
	Control	11.00	11.00	6.06	6.46	5.76	5.86	11.66	13.33	4.056	4.126
LSD at 0.05 %	NS	NS	0.401	0.343	NS	0.290	NS	NS	0.064	0.061	

Chemical composition:

Chemical composition of leaves:

Effect of cultivars:

Data in Tables (5 and 6) show the effect of cultivars on leaves content of N, P and K percentages and chlorophyll a and b and total chlorophyll during 2014 and 2015 seasons. Concerning N, P and K, it is obviously from table (5) that all studied snap bean cultivars differed and Valentino cv. registered the highest amount of leaf N, P and K followed by Polista and Bronko cvs., respectively in both seasons. As for chlorophyll a and b and total chlorophyll, the data in table (6) showed that the differences among cultivars were significant in all previous parameters in both seasons. Valentino cv. outclassed other cultivars in all

studied chlorophyll pigments in 2014 and 2015 seasons while Bronko cv. was the least one. Similar results were obtained by Hendawey and Younes (2013).

Effect of foliar applications:

Tables (5 and 6) show the effect of foliar applications on leaves content of N, P and K percentages and chlorophyll a, b and total chlorophyll during 2014 and 2015 seasons. Our results in table (5) indicated that plants sprayed with all studied foliar applications, i.e., antioxidants such as salicylic and ascorbic acids and some natural substances such as yeast and moringa leaf extracts increased leaves content of N, P and k percentages in both seasons of study compared with untreated plants.

Table 5. Effect of snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on leaves content of N, K and K percentages during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		N (%)		P (%)		K (%)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cvs	Polista	3.22	3.24	0.39	0.40	1.17	1.21
	Valentino	3.25	3.26	0.40	0.42	1.22	1.23
	Bronko	3.21	3.22	0.36	0.37	1.17	1.19
LSD at 0.05 %		0.006	0.040	0.008	0.007	0.131	0.031
Foliar	Salicylic	3.30	3.33	0.41	0.43	1.25	1.26
	Ascorbic	3.29	3.30	0.41	0.43	1.23	1.24
	Yeast	3.29	3.30	0.39	0.40	1.21	1.23
	Moringa	3.29	3.29	0.40	0.41	1.22	1.24
	Control	2.96	2.98	0.32	0.33	1.01	1.08
LSD at 0.05 %		0.006	0.006	0.008	0.010	0.134	0.029

Table 6. Effect of snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on leaves content of chlorophyll a and b and total chlorophyll during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Chlorophyll a (mg/gf.w.)		Chlorophyll b (mg/gf.w.)		Total Chlorophyll (mg/gf.w.)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cvs	Polista	1.30	1.32	0.49	0.51	1.79	1.83
	Valentino	1.33	1.34	0.51	0.51	1.84	1.86
	Bronko	1.25	1.26	0.48	0.49	1.74	1.76
LSD at 0.05 %		0.013	0.020	0.003	0.009	0.016	0.019
Foliar	Salicylic	1.36	1.37	0.57	0.58	1.93	1.95
	Ascorbic	1.32	1.34	0.54	0.54	1.86	1.88
	Yeast	1.29	1.31	0.48	0.49	1.78	1.81
	Moringa	1.30	1.31	0.48	0.49	1.79	1.81
	Control	1.18	1.21	0.40	0.41	1.58	1.63
LSD at 0.05 %		0.014	0.016	0.005	0.006	0.015	0.019

However, the dimension order of obtained results were, salicylic acid, ascorbic acid, moringa leaf extract, yeast extract and control, respectively in both seasons. Regarding chlorophyll a, b and total chlorophyll, table (6) explained that all studied foliar treatments had significant effect on previous parameters compared with control in both seasons. Spraying snap bean plants with salicylic acid recorded the highest content of leaf pigments followed by, ascorbic acid, moringa extract and yeast extract, respectively in both seasons, meanwhile the control treatment recorded the lowest contents of these pigments. Similar results were noticed by Nour *et al.* (2012) and Abdel Azem *et al.*(2015) for

salicylic acid, Dawa *et al.* (2014) and Abd El-Dayem *et al.* (2015) for ascorbic acid, Emongor (2015) and Zaki and Rady (2015) for moringa leaf extract and Abido and Seadh (2014) and Khattab *et al.* (2015) for yeast extract.

Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications:

Tables (7 and 8) show the effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on leaves content of N, P and K percentages and chlorophyll a, b and total chlorophyll during 2014 and 2015 seasons. Spraying Valentino cv. with salicylic acid recorded the highest values of N, P, K and chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b and total chlorophyll contents in both

seasons, except P content in second season, in which sprayed Valentino cv. with ascorbic acid came in the

first place. The control plants of Bronko cv. recorded the lowest values in all studied characters.

Table 7. Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on leaves content of N, P and K percentages during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments	N (%)		P (%)		K (%)		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	Cvs × Foliar						
Polista	Salicylic	3.29	3.34	0.40	0.40	1.26	1.26
	Ascorbic	3.29	3.30	0.38	0.39	1.22	1.23
	Yeast	3.28	3.31	0.38	0.38	1.20	1.23
	Moringa	3.28	3.29	0.37	0.38	1.20	1.23
	Control	2.96	2.99	0.29	0.30	0.99	1.10
Valentino	Salicylic	3.34	3.36	0.44	0.46	1.27	1.28
	Ascorbic	3.32	3.33	0.44	0.47	1.25	1.25
	Yeast	3.30	3.31	0.38	0.39	1.23	1.25
	Moringa	3.31	3.32	0.43	0.44	1.24	1.25
	Control	2.98	3.00	0.34	0.35	1.10	1.15
Bronko	Salicylic	3.28	3.29	0.41	0.43	1.24	1.25
	Ascorbic	3.28	3.29	0.41	0.42	1.23	1.23
	Yeast	3.28	3.28	0.41	0.42	1.22	1.23
	Moringa	3.27	3.27	0.40	0.41	1.22	1.25
	Control	2.94	2.95	0.33	0.33	0.95	0.99
LSD at 0.05 %	0.010	0.011	0.014	0.007	0.023	0.050	

Chemical composition of pods:

Effect of cultivars:

Results in table (9) show the effect of cultivars on pod quality characters, i.e., vitamin C, total soluble

solids (TSS), acidity and fiber. Same data declared that all cultivars were differed in all studied parameters.

Table 8. Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on leaves content of chlorophyll a and b and total chlorophyll during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments	Chlorophyll a (mg/gf.w.)		Chlorophyll b (mg/gf.w.)		Total Chlorophyll (mg/gf.w.)		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	Cvs × Foliar						
Polista	Salicylic	1.37	1.39	0.58	0.58	1.96	1.98
	Ascorbic	1.34	1.35	0.55	0.56	1.90	1.92
	Yeast	1.30	1.33	0.48	0.50	1.79	1.83
	Moringa	1.31	1.33	0.45	0.47	1.77	1.81
	Control	1.15	1.22	0.41	0.41	1.56	1.64
Valentino	Salicylic	1.39	1.40	0.58	0.59	1.98	1.99
	Ascorbic	1.35	1.36	0.55	0.56	1.90	1.92
	Yeast	1.34	1.37	0.50	0.51	1.84	1.88
	Moringa	1.34	1.35	0.49	0.50	1.84	1.85
	Control	1.22	1.22	0.40	0.41	1.63	1.64
Bronko	Salicylic	1.32	1.33	0.54	0.56	1.87	1.90
	Ascorbic	1.28	1.29	0.51	0.51	1.79	1.81
	Yeast	1.23	1.25	0.47	0.47	1.71	1.73
	Moringa	1.24	1.25	0.51	0.51	1.76	1.76
	Control	1.16	1.20	0.40	0.40	1.56	1.60
LSD at 0.05 %	0.025	0.029	0.010	0.010	0.016	0.033	

It is clear from the table (9) that the highest values of vitamin C were obtained from Bronko cv. pods and the highest values of total soluble solids were determined in Valentino cv. pods while Polista cv. pods recorded the lowest values of vitamin C and total soluble solids in both seasons. On the other hand, the highly acidity and fiber contents were Polista and Bronko cvs. Pods and the lowest in acidity and fiber content was Valentino pods in both seasons. The

differences among cultivars in their pod quality are a result of their variation in growth, ion uptake and responses to other environmental conditions. In this contest, Abdel-Mawgoud *et al.* (2005) reported that snap bean cultivars differed in their pod quality.

Effect of foliar applications:

The effect of salicylic and ascorbic acids and moringa leaf and yeast extracts foliar applications on chemical compositions of pods, i.e., vitamin C, total

soluble solids, acidity and fiber contents is presented in table (9). Such results revealed that all foliar applications significantly increased total soluble solids (TSS) and vitamin C, meanwhile decreased acidity and fiber contents compared with control in both seasons.

Pods of the plants treated with ascorbic acid and salicylic acid took the first place for vitamin C and TSS contents, respectively and the least was pods of untreated plants in which acidity and fiber contents increased.

Table 9. Effect of snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on pods content of vitamin C, acidity, total soluble solids and fiber during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Vitamin C (mg/100gf.w.)		TSS (%)		Acidity (%)		Fiber (%)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		Cvs	Polista	9.50	9.82	4.88	5.30	0.431	0.405
	Valentino	9.96	10.57	5.76	5.94	0.360	0.352	4.52	4.43
	Bronko	11.50	12.25	5.50	5.70	0.381	0.364	7.07	6.58
LSD at 0.05 %		0.276	0.278	0.454	0.232	0.005	0.017	0.032	0.119
	Salicylic	10.73	11.44	5.88	6.32	0.345	0.345	5.42	5.19
	Ascorbic	10.97	11.67	5.63	5.83	0.368	0.351	5.98	5.69
Foliar	Yeast	10.60	11.00	5.33	5.44	0.386	0.364	5.38	5.04
	Moringa	10.58	10.82	5.33	5.58	0.391	0.374	5.77	5.60
	Control	8.71	9.46	4.72	5.05	0.453	0.434	6.63	6.36
LSD at 0.05 %		0.202	0.232	0.339	0.378	0.008	0.007	0.073	0.083

About acidity and fiber contents, pods of control plants recorded the highest values in both seasons compared with other treatments, whereas pods of plants sprayed with salicylic acid recorded the lowest values in both seasons. These results are similar to that recorded by Shokr and AbdElhamid (2009) and Shokr *et al.* (2014) for salicylic acid, Abd El-Dayem *et al.* (2015) and Barkat *et al.* (2015) for ascorbic acid, El-Sherbini (2015) for moringa leaf extract and Shokr and AbdElhamid (2009) for yeast extract.

The favorable effect of salicylic acid on pod quality may be due to its influence on physiological and biochemical processes including, photosynthesis, ion uptake, membrane permeability, enzyme activities, flowering, energy production and growth and development of plants (Arberg, 1981). The synergistic effect of ascorbic acid on leaf total chlorophylls content may be attributed to its major role in increasing its endogenous concentrate on which regulate and protect photosynthetic processes (Farago and Brunhold, 1994) and in turn probably led to more synthesis of pigments including total chlorophylls and carotenoids content. Moreover, the enhancing effect of ascorbic acid on pod quality probably related to its major role in multivarious metabolic processes such as photosynthesis and regulating co-enzymatic reactions by which carbohydrates and proteins are metabolized (Barakat *et al.*, 2015).

The positive effect of moringa leaf extract on pod quality of snap bean might be due to its content of cytokinins, which facilitates the mobilization of nutrients to the pods and vitamins A, B (1, 2, 3, 6 and 7), C, D, E and K, minerals include calcium, copper, iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese and zinc and

more than 40 natural antioxidants (Makkar and Becker, 1996, Mahmood *et al.*, 2010 and Kumari *et al.*, 2011). The enhancement effect of yeast extract on N, P and K may be attributed to

its stimulatory effects on cell division and enlargement, protein and nucleic acid synthesis and chlorophyll formation (El- Desouky *et al.*, 1998 and Wanas, 2006), in addition to its content of cryo protective agent, i.e. sugars, protein, amino acids and also several vitamins (Mahmoud, 2001).

Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications:

The effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on total soluble solids (TSS), vitamin C, acidity and fiber contents of snap bean pods is shown in table (10). It is obvious that the interaction treatments recorded differences in all studied parameters, except TSS in both seasons and acidity in the first season. Regarding vitamin C and TSS contents in pods, Valentino cv. plants treated with ascorbic and salicylic acids recorded the highest values, respectively in both seasons while Polista cv. untreated plants recorded the lowest values.

Moreover, acidity and fiber contents of pods were highly in Polista cv. untreated plants, whereas Valentino cv. plants received salicylic acid recorded the lowest values in both seasons. From the obtained results, it could be concluded that Valentino cultivar sprayed with salicylic acid at 150 ppm three times, i.e., 15 days after planting and repeated each 15 days interval, respectively collected the highest total yield /fed.

Table 10. Effect of interaction between snap bean cultivars and foliar applications on pods content of vitamin C, acidity, total soluble solids and fiber during 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Treatments		Vitamin C (mg/100gf.w.)		TSS (%)		Acidity (%)		Fiber (%)	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		Cvs × Foliar							
Polista	Salicylic	9.83	10.13	5.33	5.83	0.389	0.370	5.34	5.29
	Ascorbic	10.00	10.40	5.06	5.33	0.400	0.374	6.03	5.66
	Yeast	9.73	10.00	5.00	5.33	0.431	0.392	5.46	5.18
	Moringa	9.86	9.96	5.00	5.33	0.433	0.408	5.66	5.54
	Control	8.06	8.60	4.00	4.66	0.502	0.484	7.10	6.92
Valentino	Salicylic	10.30	11.006	6.33	6.80	0.328	0.321	4.26	4.20
	Ascorbic	10.50	11.26	6.00	6.16	0.347	0.332	4.69	4.56
	Yeast	10.23	10.53	5.66	5.66	0.353	0.350	3.89	3.83
	Moringa	10.06	10.33	5.66	5.75	0.360	0.356	4.56	4.50
	Control	8.70	9.66	5.16	5.33	0.413	0.402	5.20	5.05
Bronko	Salicylic	12.06	13.13	6.00	6.33	0.346	0.345	6.66	6.09
	Ascorbic	12.43	13.36	5.83	6.00	0.359	0.348	7.21	6.85
	Yeast	11.83	12.46	5.33	5.33	0.375	0.350	6.80	6.10
	Moringa	11.83	12.16	5.33	5.66	0.381	0.360	7.10	6.75
	Control	9.36	10.13	5.00	5.16	0.445	0.416	7.58	7.11
LSD at 0.05 %		0.350	0.401	NS	NS	NS	0.013	0.127	0.144

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استجابة بعض أصناف الفاصوليا للرش ببعض مضادات الأكسدة لزيادة الإنتاجية والجودة تحت الظروف المحلية في العروة الصيفي المبكرة .

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أجريت تجربتين حقليتين بالمرزعه البحثية بالرامون التابعة لمحطة بحوث البساتين بالمنصوره - معهد بحوث البساتين - مركز البحوث الزراعية خلال موسمى ٢٠١٤-٢٠١٥ في العروة الصيفي المبكرة لدراسة تأثير بعض مواد الرش مثل مستخلص أوراق المورينجا (٥٠ مل / لتر) ؛ مستخلص الخميرة (٢٥ مل / لتر) ؛ حمض الساليسليك (١٥٠ جزء فى المليون) و حمص الأسكوربيك (٢٥٠ جزء فى المليون) على النمو الخضري و المحصول و الجودة علي بعض أصناف الفاصوليا مثل البرونكو و البوليستا و الفلانتيو. أظهرت النتائج ما يلي : أن صنف الفلانتيو أعطي أعلى القيم في كل من ارتفاع النبات ؛ الوزن الطازج و الجاف ؛ المساحة الورقية ؛ طول القرون ؛ عدد القرون لكل نبات و محصول القرون للقدان بالمقارنة بالأصناف الأخرى خلال موسمى الدراسة بينما أعطي البرونكو أقل القيم علاوة علي ذلك أعطي صنف البرونكو أعلى القيم في وزن القرن ؛ المواد الصلبة الذائبة الكلية و فيتامين ج خلال موسمى الدراسة ، بينما أعطي صنف البوليستا أعلى القيم في محتوى القرون من الألياف و الحموضة ، بينما الفلانتيو سجل أقل القيم خلال موسمى الدراسة. أظهرت النتائج أن جميع معاملات الرش أعطت زيادة معنوية فى جميع الصفات المدروسة مقارنة بالكنترول ، وتفوق حمض الساليسليك على باقى معاملات الرش فى صفات النمو الخضري ، المحصول ومكوناته وكذلك صفات الجودة للقرون ، وجاء حمض الأسكوربيك فى المرتبة الثانية فى هذه الصفات خلال موسمى الدراسة. مما سبق نستنتج أن صنف الفلانتيو الذي تم رشه بحمض الساليسليك بتركيز ١٥٠ جزء فى المليون أعطي أعلى القيم فى إنتاج محصول القرون الطازجة.

