

Effects of vermicompost, humic acid and Flabacterium on yield, chlorophyll fluorescence indices and some physiological traits of triticale under soil salinity conditions

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Extended abstract

Introduction

Soil salinity is one of the most serious limiting factors for crop growth and production in the arid and semi-arid regions. Several strategies have been developed in order to decrease the toxic effects caused by high salinity on plant growth. Among them, use of bio-fertilizers such as plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR), vermicompost and humic acid play a very important role in yield improvement. Inoculation of plants with native suitable microorganisms may decrease the deleterious effects of environmental stresses and increase stress tolerance of plants by a variety of mechanisms, including synthesis of phytohormones such as auxins, cytokinin and gibberellins, solubilization of minerals like phosphorus, production of siderophores and increase in nutrient uptake, N₂ fixation. Vermicompost plays a very important role in plant nutrition and soil health. So, it seems that application of bio fertilizers such as PGPR, vermicompost and humic acid can improve crop yield under soil salinity stress. Therefore, the aim of this study was evaluation of yield, chlorophyll fluorescence indices and some physiological traits of triticale in response to humic acid and bio fertilizers application under soil salinity conditions

Material and methods

In order to study the effects of vermicompost, humic acid and seed inoculation with flavobacterium on yield, chlorophyll fluorescence indices and some physiological traits of triticale under soil salinity conditions, an experiment was conducted as factorial based on randomized complete block design with three replications in greenhouse research of the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the University of Mohaghegh Ardabili during 2020. Experimental factors were included salinity levels (non-application of salinity as control, application of 50 and 100 mM salinity by NaCl), and bio-fertilizers application (no application of bio-fertilizers as control, application of vermicompost, seed inoculation with Flavobacterium, both application vermicompost and Flavobacterium) and foliar application humic acid (foliar application with water as control and foliar application of 2 g.l⁻¹ humic acid). vermicompost was purchased from the Gilda corporation. Flavobacterium was isolated from the rhizospheres of wheat by Research Institute of Soil and Water, Tehran, Iran. The triticale cultivar "SANABAD" was used in the

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experiment with plant density of 400 seeds m⁻². For inoculation, seeds were coated with gum Arabic as an adhesive and rolled into the suspension of bacteria until uniformly coated. The strains and cell densities of microorganisms used as PGPR in this experiment were 1×10⁸ colony forming units (CFU). *Relative water content:* Weight of fresh leaf was measured just after detached from the plants then taken turgid weight after leaf was incubated in distilled water for 24 h to obtain a full turgidity. Dry weight of leaf was measured after it was dried at 60°C for 24 h in an oven. Relative water content was measured according to the following formula (Chelah et al. 2011).

$$RWC (\%) = [(FW-DW) / (TW-DW)] \times 100$$

Where, RWC, FW, DW and TW are relative water content, fresh weight, dry weight and turgid weight respectively.

Chlorophyll content: A portable chlorophyll meter (SPAD-502; Konica Minolta Sensing, Inc., Japan) was used to measure the leaf greenness of the wheat plants.

Quantum yield: The quantum yield was measured by the uppermost fool expanded leaf using a fluorometer (chlorophyll fluorometer; Optic Science-OS-30 USA).

Electrical conductivity: Electrical conductivity was calculated by following the standard method of Jodeh et al. (2015). Electrical conductivity (EC) values were measured at room temperature of 23±1 °C using an electrical-conductivity meter. At plant maturity, grain yield in each pot were harvested five plants per pot.

Statistical analysis: Analysis of variance and mean comparisons were performed using SAS ver 9.1 computer software packages. The main effects and interactions were tested using the least significant difference (LSD) test at the 0.05 probability level.

Results and discussion

Means comparison showed that the both application of vermicompost, Flavobacterim and foliar application of 2 g.l⁻¹ humic acid under no salinity condition increased maximum fluorescence (22.53%), variable fluorescence (94.69%), quantum yield (58.88%), chlorophyll index (28.91%), nitrogen index (3.88%), relative water content (50.48%)of flag leaf and grain yield (69.56%) in comparison with no application of bio-fertilizers and humic acid under 100 mM soil salinity. No application of biofertilizers and foliar application of humic acid at salinity of 100 mM increased the electrical conductivity and minimum fluorescence (Fo) the flag leaf.

Conclusion

It seems that application of bio-fertilizers and humic acid can increase grain yield of triticale under soil salinity conditions due to improving chlorophyll fluorescence and some physiological traits.

Keywords: Bio-Fertilizers, Chlorophyll Fluorescence, PGPR, Relative Water Content

Table 1. Result for Gilda vermicompost analysis in water and soil laboratory under Agriculture Ministry's observation

Cd	Pb	Zn	Cu	Mn	Fe	Mg	Ca	K	P	N	C/N	EC	pH
mg.kg ⁻¹												dS m ⁻¹	
1	19	110	20	275	5000	0.95	2.73	0.4	0.4	1.55	21.25	1.12	7.64

Table 2. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on chlorophyll index of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)						
		57	61	65	69	73	77	81
Replicatin	2	2432.1 **	2461.1 **	2022.5 **	1749.6 **	1590.5 **	1504.8 **	1285 **
Salinity (S)	2	95.8 **	57.9 **	64.4 **	22.4 **	61.9 **	22.8 **	92 **
Biofertilizers (B)	3	118.1 **	134.2 **	83.29 **	54.9 **	87.86 **	54.7 **	125.5 **
Humic acid (H)	1	10.5 **	72 **	15.68 **	23.8 **	7.8 **	28.8 **	13.2 **
S×B	6	3.59 **	1.89 **	1.84 **	0.87 **	4.32 **	0.87 **	7.49 **
S×H	2	0.24 ns	0.19 ns	1.18 **	0.52 *	0.15 ns	0.02 ns	1.35 *
B×H	3	1.35 **	1.50 **	1.25 **	0.46 *	0.23 *	0.97 **	1.25 *
S×B×H	6	1.64 **	1.19 **	1.31 **	1.7 **	0.68 *	1.55 **	1.24 **
Error	46	0.34	0.35	0.24	0.14	0.24	0.14	0.36
C.V%	-	7.6	9.2	7.8	6.52	8.06	9.8	7.9

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively.

Table 3. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on nitrogen index of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)						
		57	61	65	69	73	77	81
Replicatin	2	0.009 **	0.009 **	0.008 **	0.0072 **	0.006 **	0.006 **	0.005 **
Salinity (S)	2	0.0002 **	0.0001 **	0.0001 **	0.00005 **	0.0001 **	0.00006 **	0.0002 **
Biofertilizers (B)	3	0.0003 **	0.0003 **	0.0002 **	0.0001 **	0.0002 **	0.0001 **	0.0003 **
Humic acid (H)	1	0.00002 **	0.0001 **	0.00004 **	0.00006 **	0.00002 **	0.000007 **	0.00003 **
S×B	6	0.00009 **	0.00005 **	0.00004 **	0.00002 **	0.00001 **	0.00002 **	0.00001 **
S×H	2	0.000006 ns	0.000005 ns	0.00003 **	0.000001 *	0.000004 ns	0.000000 ns	0.000003 *
B×H	3	0.00003 **	0.00004 **	0.00003 **	0.00001 *	0.000006 ns	0.000002 **	0.000003 *
S×B×H	6	0.00004 **	0.00003 **	0.00003 **	0.00004 **	0.00001 *	0.00004 **	0.00003 **
Error	46	0.000009	0.000009	0.000006	0.000003	0.000006	0.000004	0.000009
C.V%	-	8.5	7.4	8.2	6.7	9.7	8.3	8.7

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively

Table 4. Means comparison of effects of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on chlorophyll and nitrogen index of triticale.

Treatments	Chlorophyll Index						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	48.4 ^g	48.5 ^h	43.8 ^j	40.9 ^h	38.5 ^{ijk}	38.3 ^{ijh}	34.1 ^{ghij}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	50.9 ^e	49.7 ^g	46.3 ^{fg}	41.7 ^g	41.8 ^{efj}	38.6 ^{ijh}	36.6 ^f
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	53.7 ^b	52.8 ^{de}	48.8 ^{bc}	44 ^d	43.1 ^{cd}	40d ^e	39.8 ^c
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	55.6 ^a	54.8 ^{ab}	49.9 ^a	45.6 ^a	45 ^a	43.1 ^a	41.9 ^{ab}
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	50 ^{fe}	51.2 ^f	45.8 ^{gh}	42.9 ^e	39.8 ^h	39f ^g	34.9 ^g
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	53 ^{cd}	52.9 ^d	48.1 ^{cd}	44.6d ^c	43 ^{cd}	40.7 ^c	39 ^{cd}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	53.7 ^b	54b ^a	49 ^b	45b ^a	43.8 ^{bc}	42 ^b	41 ^b
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	55.7 ^a	54.9 ^a	50 ^a	45.6 ^a	44.7 ^a	43.5 ^a	42.8 ^a
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	41.1 ^h	45.9 ⁱ	43 ^{jk}	40.3 ^{ih}	38 ^{kl}	37.9 ^{jk}	34.2 ^{gh}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	47.2 ^h	47.7 ^h	43.1 ^{jk}	40.6 ^{ih}	38.2 ^{ijkl}	38 ^{ij}	33.9 ^{hiji}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	50.2 ^{ef}	50 ^g	46 ^{hg}	42.5 ^{fe}	41 ^g	38 ^{ij}	39 ^f
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	53.8 ^{cd}	53 ^{ab}	47.1 ^{ef}	44.1 ^d	42.6 ^{de}	41.1 ^c	41 ^{de}
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	46.3 ^g	47.8 ^f	43.7 ^{jk}	40.7 ^h	38.4 ^{ijk}	38.1 ^{ij}	42.8 ^{ghij}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	46.4 ^h	49 ^g	44.9 ⁱ	40.9 ^h	39 ^{hij}	38.6 ^{igh}	34.2 ^{gh}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	50.2 ^{ef}	52.9 ^{ab}	46 ^{gh}	44 ^d	41.2 ^{fg}	40.5 ^{dc}	33.9 ^f
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	53.8 ^b	54.8 ^{ab}	49.9 ^a	45.5 ^{ba}	44.3 ^{ab}	43 ^c	36 ^b
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	46.3 ^h	45.7 ⁱ	42.41 ^l	40.5 ^{ih}	37.4 ^l	37 ^{jk}	38.3 ^j
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	46.4 ^h	45.8 ⁱ	42.9 ^{kl}	40 ⁱ	37.9 ^{kl}	37.3 ^{kl}	34.1 ^{hij}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	49.5 ^f	49.8 ^g	44.9 ⁱ	42.1 ^{fg}	39 ^{hjl}	38.8 ^{feg}	36.1 ^{ghi}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	52 ^d	51.9 ^{cf}	47 ^f	43.1 ^e	42 ^{ef}	39.4 ^{ef}	41.2 ^e
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	47.2 ^h	47.7 ^h	43.1 ^{jk}	40.6 ^{ih}	38.2 ^{kl}	37.9 ^{jk}	33.2 ^{ij}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	48.4 ^g	48.6 ^h	43.4 ^{jk}	41.6 ^g	38.3 ^{ijk}	38.5 ^{ghij}	33.8 ^{ghij}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	49.6 ^f	51.2 ^f	45.2 ^{hi}	42.9 ^d	39.1 ^{hi}	39.1 ^{fg}	34.2 ^{gh}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	52.2 ^{cd}	53.9 ^{bc}	47.3 ^{de}	40.9 ^{bc}	42.6 ^{de}	41.8 ^b	37.9 ^{de}
LSD	0.9633	0.9804	0.8104	0.6273	0.8171	0.6335	0.9957
Nitrogen Index							
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.096 ^g	0.096 ^h	0.088 ^j	0.08 ^h	0.08 ^{ijk}	0.079 ^{hij}	0.072 ^{ghij}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.1 ^e	0.098 ^g	0.092 ^{fg}	0.085 ^g	0.085 ^{ef}	0.08 ^{ghi}	0.077 ^f
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.104 ^b	0.103 ^{de}	0.096 ^{bc}	0.089 ^d	0.087 ^{cd}	0.082 ^{de}	0.082 ^c
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.108 ^a	0.106 ^{ab}	0.098 ^a	0.091 ^a	0.09 ^a	0.087 ^a	0.085 ^{ab}
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.098 ^g	0.1 ^h	0.092 ^{gh}	0.087 ^e	0.082 ^h	0.08 ^{fg}	0.074 ^g
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.103 ^{bc}	0.103 ^d	0.095 ^{cd}	0.09 ^{cd}	0.087 ^{cd}	0.083 ^c	0.08 ^{cd}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.104 ^b	0.105 ^{ab}	0.097 ^b	0.09 ^{abc}	0.088 ^{bc}	0.085 ^b	0.084 ^b
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.108 ^a	0.106 ^a	0.098 ^a	0.091 ^a	0.09 ^a	0.088 ^a	0.087 ^a
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.094 ^h	0.092 ⁱ	0.087 ^{jk}	0.083 ^{hi}	0.079 ^{kl}	0.079 ^{jk}	0.073 ^{ghi}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.094 ^h	0.095 ^h	0.087 ^{jk}	0.083 ^{hi}	0.079 ^{kl}	0.079 ^{ij}	0.072 ^{hij}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.099 ^{ef}	0.098 ^g	0.092 ^{gh}	0.086 ^{ef}	0.084 ^g	0.079 ^{ij}	0.076 ^f
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.102 ^{cd}	0.103 ^{cd}	0.094 ^{ef}	0.089 ^d	0.086 ^{de}	0.084 ^c	0.079 ^{de}
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.096 ^g	0.095 ^h	0.088 ^{jk}	0.083 ^h	0.081 ^{ijk}	0.079 ^{ij}	0.072 ^{ghij}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.093 ^h	0.098 ^g	0.09 ⁱ	0.084 ^g	0.081 ^{hij}	0.08 ^{ghi}	0.073 ^{gh}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.099 ^{ef}	0.103 ^d	0.092 ^{gh}	0.089 ^d	0.084 ^{fg}	0.083 ^{cd}	0.076 ^f
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.105 ^b	0.106 ^{ab}	0.098 ^a	0.091 ^{ab}	0.089 ^{ab}	0.087 ^a	0.084 ^b
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.092 ^h	0.091 ⁱ	0.086 ^l	0.083 ^{hi}	0.078 ^l	0.077 ^l	0.071 ^{ij}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.093 ^h	0.092 ⁱ	0.087 ^{kl}	0.082 ⁱ	0.079 ^{kl}	0.078 ^{kl}	0.072 ^{hij}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.098 ^f	0.098 ^g	0.09 ⁱ	0.086 ^{fg}	0.081 ^{hij}	0.08 ^{fgh}	0.073 ^{ghi}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.102 ^d	0.102 ^{ef}	0.094 ^{ef}	0.087 ^e	0.085 ^{ef}	0.081 ^{ef}	0.079 ^e
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.094 ^h	0.095 ^h	0.087 ^{jk}	0.083 ^{hi}	0.079 ^{ikl}	0.079 ^{jk}	0.072 ^{ij}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.096 ^g	0.096 ^h	0.088 ^{jk}	0.085 ^g	0.079 ^{ijk}	0.080 ^{ghij}	0.072 ^{ghij}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.098 ^f	0.1 ^f	0.091 ^{hi}	0.087 ^e	0.081 ^{hi}	0.081 ^{fg}	0.073 ^{gh}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.102 ^{cd}	0.105 ^{bc}	0.094 ^{de}	0.09 ^{bc}	0.086 ^{de}	0.085 ^b	0.084 ^{de}
LSD	0.0016	0.0016	0.0013	0.001	0.0013	0.001	0.0016

S₁, S₂ and S₃ are no salinity, salinity 50 and 100 mM respectively. B₁, B₂, B₃ and B₄ are no application of bio fertilizers, application of vermicompost, Flabacterium and both application vermicompost, Flabacterium. H₁ and H₂ are no foliar application and foliar application 2 g.L⁻¹ humic acid respectively.

Means with similar letters in each column are not significantly different based on LSD test.

Table 5. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on variable fluorescence of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)						
		57	61	65	69	73	77	81
Replicatin	2	361326.9**	253093.8**	18984.8**	139537.5**	88768**	42076**	25741.5**
Salinity (S)	2	12231.3**	45305.3**	11478.2**	16695.3**	31853.3**	1548.2**	11803.3**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	16883.6**	63687.1**	19923.2**	20046.8**	56320.8**	2662.4**	15181.5**
Humic acid (H)	1	4802**	19701.1**	4851.1**	5618**	11704.5**	790**	4802**
S×B	6	333**	1250.3**	173.1**	464.2**	653.7**	84.3**	150**
S×H	2	4.62 ^{ns}	12.8 ^{ns}	140*	43.6 ^{ns}	34.1 ^{ns}	5.34 ^{ns}	60.5 ^{ns}
B×H	3	78.3 ^{ns}	558.4*	142.3*	151*	227.5 ^{ns}	36.1**	149 ^{ns}
S×B×H	6	1.64**	78.3*	687.2**	304.5**	336.1**	732.1**	42.1**
Error	46	48	182.4	52.84	60.57	146.9	7.39	44.09
C.V%	-	6.8	8.02	8.9	6.03	7.11	10.2	8.55

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively.

Table 6. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on minimum fluorescence triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)						
		57	61	65	69	73	77	81
Replicatin	2	29744**	34367.8**	44266.8**	41633.3**	43808.5**	50600.1**	51894**
Salinity (S)	2	1805.8**	1135.1**	12.1 ^{ns}	2438.5**	4.76 ^{ns}	581.4**	371.6**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	2731.3**	1781.7**	3124.2**	2250.9**	7015.8**	1314.7**	909.6**
Humic acid (H)	1	87.7**	1596.1**	53.3**	1035.1**	12.2 ^{ns}	338**	288**
S×B	6	136.3**	1277**	105.5**	110.3**	835.4**	48.3**	107.2**
S×H	2	326.1**	596.2**	557.5**	122.4**	981.3**	7.05 ^{ns}	7.12*
B×H	3	82.6**	2203.7**	316.6**	391.3**	337.5**	48.2**	54.3**
S×B×H	6	128.6**	1891.4**	137.9**	337.3**	126.9**	44.6**	49.4**
Error	46	8.39	20.8	7.54	9.72	17.2	3.57	2.82
C.V%	-	8.2	5.6	8.9	6.5	9.11	8.3	7.18

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively

Table 7. Means comparison of effects of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on variable fluorescence and minimum fluorescence of triticale

تیمار Treatments	Variable Fluorescence						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	593 ^{klm}	471 ^{klm}	422.5 ^{ijkl}	360 ^{ij}	264 ^{kl}	199.5 ^{ijkl}	146 ^{hi}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	614 ^{hi}	513 ^{hi}	444.5 ^{hi}	381 ^{fg}	302 ^{hi}	206.5 ^{gh}	164 ^{ef}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	638 ^{ef}	561 ^{ef}	463 ^{fg}	417 ^d	346 ^{ef}	216.5 ^e	185 ^d
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	670 ^{ab}	625 ^{ab}	512 ^a	441 ^{ab}	406 ^{ab}	234.5 ^{ab}	216 ^a
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	614 ^{hi}	513 ^{hi}	444.5 ^{hi}	376 ^{fg}	302 ^{hi}	206.5 ^{gh}	161 ^{efg}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	631 ^{fg}	537 ^g	457.5 ^g	415 ^d	333 ^{fg}	211.5 ^f	184 ^d
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	655 ^{cd}	611 ^{bc}	479 ^{de}	425 ^{cd}	361 ^{de}	231 ^b	204 ^{bc}
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	677 ^a	639 ^a	504.5 ^{ab}	446 ^a	419 ^a	238 ^a	220 ^a
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	570 ^{op}	441 ^{nop}	406.5 ^{mno}	339 ^{lm}	240 ^{mno}	197 ^{klmn}	128 ^{jk}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	589 ^{lm}	463 ^{lmn}	418 ^{klm}	355 ^{jk}	257 ^{kl}	199 ^{klm}	145 ^{hi}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	604 ^{ijk}	493 ^{ijk}	433.5 ^{ij}	368 ^{hj}	284 ^{ij}	203.5 ^{hi}	155 ^{fg}
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	655 ^{cd}	577 ^{de}	488.5 ^{cd}	430 ^{bc}	378 ^{cd}	221 ^d	205 ^{bc}
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	585 ^{mn}	457 ^{mn}	414.5 ^{lm}	352 ^{jk}	245 ^{lmno}	198.5 ^{klm}	141 ⁱ
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	609 ^{ij}	503 ^{ij}	439 ⁱ	372 ^{ghi}	293 ⁱ	205 ^{hi}	158 ^{efg}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	626 ^g	547 ^{fg}	470.5 ^{ef}	402 ^{hij}	324 ^g	213 ^{ef}	181 ^d
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	663 ^{bc}	595 ^{dc}	497 ^{bc}	432 ^{bc}	393 ^{bc}	226.5 ^c	211 ^{ab}
LSD	11.387	22.199	11.947	12.792	19.921	4.4686	10.914
Treatments	Minimum Fluorescence						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	175 ^{fg}	193 ^{fg}	212.5 ^j	210 ^{ef}	208 ^j	236.1 ^{bcde}	236 ^{cde}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	163 ⁱ	190 ^{gh}	213.5 ^{ij}	215 ^{de}	213 ^{ij}	232 ^{fgh}	241 ^a
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	162 ^{ij}	207 ^{cd}	221 ^{efgh}	204 ^g	208.5 ^j	228.8 ⁱ	234 ^{ef}
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	148.5 ^l	200 ^{edf}	186 ^m	190 ⁱ	198 ^k	212 ^{mn}	215 ^j
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	172 ^{gh}	175 ^j	218.5 ^{gh}	210 ^{ef}	213 ^{ij}	231 ^{ghi}	240 ^{cde}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	193 ^{ab}	216 ^{ab}	239.05 ^a	201.5 ^g	243.4 ^a	233.2 ^{efg}	233 ^f
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	173 ^{fgh}	157 ^{fk}	224 ^{def}	196 ^h	227 ^{cdef}	214.4 ^{lm}	220 ⁱ
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	155 ^k	174 ⁱ	203.5 ^{kl}	189 ^j	201 ^k	209 ⁿ	215 ^j
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	188 ^{cd}	197 ^{fg}	210.5 ^j	219 ^{cd}	224 ^{ef}	237.2 ^{bcd}	238 ^{bc}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	186 ^d	184 ^{hi}	223 ^{defg}	205 ^{fg}	220.5 ^{fgh}	235.6 ^{ced}	236 ^{cde}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	177.5 ^{ef}	202 ^{ed}	229.5 ^b	223 ^{bc}	223 ^{fg}	234.5 ^{def}	236 ^{cde}
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	158 ^{jk}	143 ^l	202.5 ^{kl}	173.5 ^k	188.5 ^l	218.2 ^k	22 ¹ⁱ
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	186 ^d	203 ^{de}	212.5 ^j	215 ^{de}	223.5 ^{efg}	236.8 ^{bcd}	236 ^{cde}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	181 ^e	176.5 ^{ij}	229 ^{bc}	204 ^g	230 ^{cde}	231.5 ^{fghi}	235 ^{def}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	171 ^{gh}	148 ^l	205.5 ^k	189 ⁱ	217 ^{ghi}	225 ^j	230 ^g
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	155.5 ^k	206 ^d	199.6 ^l	195 ^{hi}	183.5 ^{lm}	219.5 ^k	219 ⁱ
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	186 ^d	197 ^{degf}	218 ^{hi}	226 ^b	233 ^{bc}	238 ^{abc}	242 ^a
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	191 ^{bc}	205.5 ^{efg}	225 ^{bcde}	226 ^b	231 ^{bcd}	240.8 ^a	238 ^{bc}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	195 ^{ab}	223.5 ^d	224.5 ^{def}	238 ^a	230 ^{cde}	238.9 ^{ab}	237 ^d
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	169 ^h	185 ^h	200.5 ^l	215 ^{de}	181 ^m	228.9 ^{hi}	240 ^{ab}
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	191 ^{bc}	214 ^{bc}	225 ^{bcde}	227 ^b	237.5 ^{ab}	238.6 ^{abc}	241 ^a
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	191 ^{bc}	202 ^{bc}	227 ^{bed}	220 ^{cd}	224.5 ^{def}	236.5 ^{bcd}	237 ^{cd}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	196 ^a	200.5 ^{def}	220 ^{fgh}	217 ^d	214 ^{hij}	236 ^{bcde}	233 ^f
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	161 ^{ij}	142 ^l	183.5 ^m	190 ^{ij}	154 ⁿ	217.5 ^{kl}	227 ^h
LSD	4.7623	7.5109	4.5147	5.1245	6.8333	3.1063	2.7638

S₁, S₂ and S₃ are no salinity, salinity 50 and 100 mM respectively. B₁, B₂, B₃ and B₄ are no application of bio fertilizers, application of vermicompost, Flabacterium and both application vermicompost, Flabacterium. H₁ and H₂ are no foliar application and foliar application 2 g.L⁻¹ humic acid respectively.

Means with similar letters in each column are not significantly different based on LSD test.

Table 8. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on maximum fluorescence of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)					
		57	61	65	69	73	77
Replicatin	2	598409.4**	473990.8**	417471.4**	3333609**	257296.9**	184959.4**
Salinity (S)	2	4682.8**	39933.9**	11101.8**	7779.4**	32600.2**	245.1**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	6704.6**	44539**	10042.7**	9290.9**	26032.6**	246.3**
Humic acid (H)	1	6188.2**	10082**	5921.4**	1830.1**	12474.1**	94.5**
S×B	6	140.6**	1175.2**	358.2**	283.7**	1685.2**	12.8**
S×H	2	324.4**	525.2*	159.9**	25.5 ^{ns}	727.6**	0.12 ^{ns}
B×H	3	197.6**	756.3**	192.08**	123.2**	378.2**	12.2**
S×B×H	6	140.3**	1073**	83.1*	87.7**	500.1**	9.20**
Error	46	22.3	139.3	35.8	27.7	99.4	0.86
C.V%	-	9.12	9.8	10.1	8.42	9.02	27.5

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively.

Table 9. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on quantum yield of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)					
		57	61	65	69	73	77
Replicatin	2	0.57**	0.5**	0.43**	0.39**	0.32**	0.21**
Salinity (S)	2	0.005**	0.01**	0.003**	0.01**	0.01**	0.005**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	0.007**	0.01**	0.01**	0.01**	0.07**	0.01**
Humic acid (H)	1	0.0001*	0.009**	0.0007**	0.006**	0.007**	0.002**
S×B	6	0.0002**	0.002**	0.0001**	0.0005**	0.002**	0.0003**
S×H	2	0.0003**	0.0005**	0.0008**	0.0002**	0.001**	0.00003 ^{ns}
B×H	3	0.00006*	0.003**	0.0004**	0.0008**	0.0004*	0.0001**
S×B×H	6	0.0001**	0.002**	0.0003**	0.0008**	0.0009**	0.0002**
Error	46	0.000021	0.000074	0.000032	0.000060	0.00016	0.000027
C.V%	-	8.65	7.3	7.85	8.31	9.8	10.2

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively

Table 10. Means comparison of interaction of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on maximum fluorescence and quantum yield of triticale

Treatments	Maximum Fluorescence						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	768 ^{mno}	664 ^{jk}	635 ^{lmn}	570 ^{klm}	472 ^m	435.6 ^{ijkl}	382 ^{ik}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	777 ^{kl}	703 ^{fgh}	658 ^{hi}	596 ^{fg}	515 ⁱ	438.5 ^{efg}	405 ^{fg}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	800 ^{fg}	768 ^c	684 ^{de}	621 ^{bc}	554.5 ^{ef}	445.3 ^{bcd}	419 ^{cde}
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	818.5 ^{cd}	825 ^a	698 ^{bc}	631 ^a	604 ^{ab}	446.5 ^{ab}	431 ^{ab}
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	786 ^{ij}	688 ^{hi}	663 ^{gh}	586 ^{hi}	515 ⁱ	437.5 ^{fgh}	401 ^{fg}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	824 ^{bce}	753 ^{cd}	696.5 ^{bc}	616.5 ^{cd}	576.4 ^{cd}	444.7 ^{cd}	417 ^{de}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	828 ^{ab}	768 ^c	703 ^{ab}	621 ^{bc}	588 ^{bc}	445.4 ^{bcd}	424 ^{bcd}
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	832 ^a	813 ^{ab}	708 ^a	635 ^a	620 ^a	447 ^a	435 ^a
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	758 ^{pq}	638 ^{lmn}	617 ^{pq}	558 ^{op}	464 ^m	434.2 ^{lmn}	366 ^{lm}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	775 ^{klm}	647 ^{klm}	641 ^{kl}	560 ^{pop}	477.5 ^{lm}	434.6 ^{klm}	381 ^{ik}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	781.5 ^{kj}	695 ^{ghi}	663 ^{gh}	591 ^{gh}	507 ^{ij}	438 ^{efhg}	391 ⁱ
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	813 ^{ed}	720 ^{ef}	691 ^{cd}	603.5 ^{ef}	566.5 ^{de}	439.2 ^e	426 ^{bc}
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	771 ^{lmn}	660 ^k	627 ^{no}	567 ^{lmn}	468.5 ^m	435.3 ^{jkklm}	377 ^{jk}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	790 ^{hi}	679.5 ^{ij}	668 ^{fg}	576 ^{jk}	523 ^{hi}	436.5 ^{hij}	393 ^{hi}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	797 ^{gh}	695 ^{ghi}	676 ^{ef}	591 ^{gh}	541 ^{fg}	438 ^{efgh}	411 ^{ef}
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	818.5 ^{cd}	801 ^b	696.6 ^{bc}	627 ^{ab}	576.5 ^{cd}	446 ^{abc}	430 ^{ab}
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	755 ^q	624 ⁿ	612 ^q	554 ^p	462 ^m	433 ⁿ	355 ⁿ
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	762 ^{opq}	629.5 ^{mnn}	622 ^{op}	556 ^{op}	466 ^m	433.8 ^{mnn}	356 ⁿ
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	765 ^{nop}	664.5 ^{jk}	631 ^{mno}	573 ^{ijkl}	470 ^m	435.9 ^{ijk}	362 ^{mnn}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	790 ^{hi}	712 ^{fg}	652.5 ^{ij}	600 ^f	496 ^{jk}	438.9 ^{ef}	407 ^{fg}
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	765 ^{nop}	647 ^{klm}	627 ^{no}	560 ^{nop}	468.5 ^m	434.6 ^{klm}	359 ^{mnn}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	773 ^{lm}	651 ^{kl}	638 ^{klm}	563 ^{mno}	474.5 ^{lm}	435 ^{jkklm}	374 ^{kl}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	794 ^{gh}	681.5 ^{ij}	647 ^{jk}	581 ^{ij}	487 ^{kl}	437 ^{ghi}	385 ^{ij}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	807 ^{ef}	737 ^{de}	672 ^{fg}	611 ^{de}	532 ^{gh}	444 ^d	423 ^{bcd}
LSD	7.7741	19.401	9.8371	8.6617	16.386	1.5291	8.6323
Treatments	Quantum Yield						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.772 ⁱ	0.709 ^g	0.665 ^{fg}	0.631 ^{hijk}	0.559 ^{gf}	0.486 ^{defg}	0.457 ^{ijk}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.79 ^{fg}	0.729 ^{ef}	0.675 ^{de}	0.639 ^{ghi}	0.586 ^e	0.513 ^d	0.47 ^{fg}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.797 ^{ef}	0.73 ^e	0.676 ^{de}	0.671 ^f	0.623 ^c	0.556 ^c	0.486 ^e
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.818 ^a	0.757 ^c	0.733 ^a	0.698 ^{bcd}	0.672 ^b	0.63 ^a	0.525 ^{ab}
S ₁ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.781 ^h	0.745 ^{cd}	0.670 ^{ef}	0.641 ^{gh}	0.586 ^e	0.51 ^{de}	0.472 ^{fgh}
S ₁ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.765 ^{ij}	0.713 ^g	0.656 ^{gh}	0.673 ^{ef}	0.577 ^{ef}	0.556 ^c	0.475 ^{fg}
S ₁ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.791 ^{fg}	0.795 ^{ab}	0.681 ^d	0.684 ^{de}	0.613 ^{cd}	0.61 ^{ab}	0.518 ^{bc}
S ₁ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.813 ^{ab}	0.785 ^b	0.712 ^b	0.702 ^{ab}	0.675 ^b	0.64 ^a	0.532 ^a
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.751 ^{lmn}	0.691 ⁱ	0.658 ^{gh}	0.607 ^m	0.517 ^{hik}	0.44 ^{hi}	0.453 ^{jk}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.76 ^{jk}	0.715 ^{gf}	0.652 ^{hi}	0.633 ^{ghij}	0.538 ^{gh}	0.48efg	0.457 ^{ijk}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.772 ⁱ	0.709 ^g	0.653 ^h	0.622 ^{ik}	0.56 ^f	0.5def	0.464 ^{ih}
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.805 ^{cd}	0.801 ^a	0.706 ^b	0.712 ^a	0.667 ^b	0.61 ^{ab}	0.503 ^d
S ₂ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.758 ^{ijkl}	0.692 ^{hi}	0.661 ^{gh}	0.62 ^{kl}	0.522 ^{hik}	0.476 ^{fg}	0.456 ^{ijk}
S ₂ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.77 ⁱ	0.74 ^{de}	0.657 ^{gh}	0.645 ^g	0.56 ^f	0.51 ^{de}	0.469 ^{gh}
S ₂ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.785 ^{gh}	0.787 ^b	0.696 ^c	0.68 ^{def}	0.598 ^{de}	0.556 ^c	0.486 ^e
S ₂ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.81 ^{bc}	0.742 ^{de}	0.713 ^b	0.688 ^{dc}	0.681 ^b	0.62 ^a	0.507 ^d
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₁	0.753 ^{klm}	0.684 ^{ij}	0.643 ^{ij}	0.592 ⁿ	0.495 ^j	0.403 ^j	0.45 ^{kl}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₁	0.749 ^{mnn}	0.673 ^{jk}	0.638 ^j	0.593 ⁿ	0.504 ^{ki}	0.42ji	0.444 ^l
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₁	0.745 ⁿ	0.663 ^k	0.644 ^{ij}	0.584 ⁿ	0.51 ^{ijk}	0.436 ^{hi}	0.451 ^{kl}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₁	0.786 ^{gh}	0.74 ^{ed}	0.692 ^c	0.641 ^{gh}	0.635 ^c	0.516d	0.478 ^{ef}
S ₃ ×B ₁ ×H ₂	0.75 ^{mn}	0.669 ^k	0.641 ^j	0.594 ⁿ	0.493 ^j	0.41ji	0.45 ^{kl}
S ₃ ×B ₂ ×H ₂	0.752 ^{klm}	0.689 ⁱ	0.644 ^{ij}	0.609 ^{lm}	0.526 ^{hi}	0.463 ^{gh}	0.456 ^{ijk}
S ₃ ×B ₃ ×H ₂	0.753 ^{lkm}	0.705 ^{gh}	0.659 ^{gh}	0.626 ^{hij}	0.56 ^f	0.496def	0.459 ^{ij}
S ₃ ×B ₄ ×H ₂	0.8 ^{de}	0.807 ^a	0.726 ^a	0.689 ^{cd}	0.71 ^a	0.583bc	0.51 ^{cd}
LSD	0.0076	0.0142	0.0093	0.0128	0.0214	0.301	0.0086

S₁, S₂ and S₃ are no salinity, salinity 50 and 100 mM respectively. B₁, B₂, B₃ and B₄ are no application of bio fertilizers, application of vermicompost, Flabacterium and both application vermicompost, Flabacterium. H₁ and H₂ are no foliar application and foliar application 2 g.L⁻¹ humic acid respectively.

Means with similar letters in each column are not significantly different based on LSD test

Table 11. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on electrical conductivity of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)					
		57	61	65	69	73	77
Replicatin	2	2647.3**	4331.7**	5102.7**	8137.7**	11563.8**	15079.6**
Salinity (S)	2	276.8**	62.6**	89**	2322.4**	2856.3**	2443.6**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	522.2**	95.3**	228**	3070.3**	3715.4**	1682.4**
Humic acid (H)	1	442.9**	18.6**	91.8**	515.6**	3024.4**	1489.2**
S×B	6	22.4**	6.43**	9.96**	124.7**	131.1**	41.9**
S×H	2	1.37 ^{ns}	1.76**	0.33 ^{ns}	12.1 ^{ns}	94.9**	131.5**
B×H	3	21.3**	3.38**	8.31**	27*	196.4**	33.7**
S×B×H	6	18.9**	1.32**	1.50*	40.8**	77.5**	35.5**
Error	46	1.66	0.28	0.60	8.96	12.70	7.10
C.V%	-	10.2	5.64	6.9	9.2	8.75	7.03

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively.

Table 12. Analysis of variance of the effect of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on relative water content of triticale in different days after planting (DAP)

S.O.V	df	M.S (DAP)					
		57	61	65	69	73	77
Replicatin	2	5905.4**	5185.3**	4136.6**	3436.3**	3179.9**	2906.6**
Salinity (S)	2	106.8**	450.4**	503.4**	793.1**	803.7**	704.8**
Biofertilizers (B)	3	269.4**	377.4**	666.1**	410.3**	378**	633.2**
Humic acid (H)	1	109.7**	285.6**	668.3**	170.8**	234.3**	215.5**
S×B	6	2.15**	10.6**	18.1**	31.1**	8.75**	22.5**
S×H	2	3.09**	6.81**	39.3**	4.27 ^{ns}	42.3**	2.43 ^{ns}
B×H	3	1.12 ^{ns}	10.4**	35.8**	8.42**	6.33*	13.6**
S×B×H	6	3.49**	8.75**	17.6**	11.2**	6.76**	9.51**
Error	46	0.68	1.43	2.36	1.89	1.84	2.18
C.V%	-	7.42	8.03	10.1	9.56	6.23	7.64

ns, * and ** are non-significant, significant at P≤0.05 and P≤0.01, respectively.

Table 13. Means comparison of interaction of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on electrical conductivity and relative water content triticale.

Treatments	Electrical Conductivity ($\mu\text{S m}^{-1}$)						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
$S_1 \times B_1 \times H_1$	58.26 ^{de}	68.48 ^d	76.1 ^{ef}	104.75 ^{bc}	125.35 ^{ef}	132.5 ^{fg}	166.45 ^{de}
$S_1 \times B_2 \times H_1$	53.81 ^{gh}	65.93 ^{gh}	73 ^{gh}	86.25 ^h	112.61 ^{ij}	121.5 ^{jk}	134.5 ^{ij}
$S_1 \times B_3 \times H_1$	47.35 ^{mno}	64.51 ^j	70.32 ^{klm}	75.1 ^{kl}	92.41 ^{no}	112 ⁿ	119.4 ^{klm}
$S_1 \times B_4 \times H_1$	45.84 ^{op}	64.26 ^j	68.57 ^{no}	71.35 ^l	90.3 ^o	109 ⁿ	113.75 ^m
$S_1 \times B_1 \times H_2$	51.57 ^{ij}	66.78 ^{efg}	71.29 ^{ijk}	91.23 ^{fg}	101.16 ^{lm}	122 ^{ijk}	152.75 ^{fg}
$S_1 \times B_2 \times H_2$	45.35 ^{op}	64.71 ^{ij}	69.57 ^{lmno}	76.6 ^{lk}	90.91 ^o	110 ⁿ	117.5 ^{lm}
$S_1 \times B_3 \times H_2$	45.1 ^p	64.51 ^j	69.07 ^{mno}	73.6 ^{kl}	90.3 ^o	109.2 ⁿ	115 ^{lm}
$S_1 \times B_4 \times H_2$	44.85 ^p	64.25 ^j	68.45 ^o	70.6 ^l	90.22 ^o	108.7 ⁿ	112.5 ^m
$S_2 \times B_1 \times H_1$	66.99 ^a	71.33 ^a	78.87 ^{bc}	111 ^a	136.8 ^{bc}	144 ^{bc}	194.1 ^a
$S_2 \times B_2 \times H_1$	54.56 ^{gh}	70.63 ^{ab}	77.4 ^d	110.5 ^a	115.81 ^{hi}	135 ^{ef}	180.5 ^{bc}
$S_2 \times B_3 \times H_1$	52.56 ^{hi}	66.28 ^{gh}	71.79 ^{hij}	88.25 ^{gh}	109.41 ^{jk}	128.5 ^{gh}	159.95 ^{ef}
$S_2 \times B_4 \times H_1$	46.35 ^{nop}	64.93 ^{ij}	69.32 ^{mno}	81 ^{ij}	93.66 ^{no}	120 ^{kl}	122 ^{klm}
$S_2 \times B_1 \times H_2$	57.06 ^{ef}	69.38 ^c	76.8 ^{de}	107.99 ^{ab}	122.15 ^{fg}	130 ^{gh}	191 ^a
$S_2 \times B_2 \times H_2$	50.07 ^{kl}	66.68 ^{fg}	74 ^g	98.5 ^{de}	106.41 ^{kl}	116.5 ^{lm}	141.5 ^{hi}
$S_2 \times B_3 \times H_2$	48.35 ^{lmn}	66.28 ^{gh}	69.82 ^{lmn}	88.25 ^{gh}	98.16 ^{mn}	113 ^{mn}	129.5 ^{jk}
$S_2 \times B_4 \times H_2$	45.85 ^{op}	64.26 ^j	68.82 ^{no}	72.1 ^{kl}	90.8 ^o	110 ⁿ	117 ^{lm}
$S_3 \times B_1 \times H_1$	62.45 ^b	71.42 ^a	80.33 ^a	112.6 ^a	147.8 ^a	150.55 ^a	195.95 ^a
$S_3 \times B_2 \times H_1$	61.71 ^{bc}	71.4 ^a	79.62 ^{ab}	111.4 ^a	139 ^b	141.5 ^{cd}	195 ^a
$S_3 \times B_3 \times H_1$	59.46 ^d	67.58 ^e	72.29 ^{hi}	100.75 ^{cd}	128.25 ^{de}	140 ^{cd}	186 ^{ab}
$S_3 \times B_4 \times H_1$	50.58 ^{ijk}	65.43 ^{hi}	70.82 ^{jk}	84 ^{hi}	103.41 ^{lm}	124 ^{ij}	142.75 ^{ghi}
$S_3 \times B_1 \times H_2$	60.21 ^{cd}	71.23 ^a	77.77 ^d	110.5 ^a	131.55 ^{cd}	148 ^{ab}	193 ^a
$S_3 \times B_2 \times H_2$	55.81 ^{fg}	70.28 ^b	75.5 ^f	108.1 ^{ab}	119.03 ^{gh}	137.5 ^{de}	173.45 ^{cd}
$S_3 \times B_3 \times H_2$	49.32 ^{klm}	67.28 ^{ef}	71.17 ^{ijk}	94.25 ^{ef}	103.41 ^{lm}	126 ^{hi}	147.75 ^{gh}
$S_3 \times B_4 \times H_2$	46.85 ^{nop}	64.33 ^j	69.07 ^{mno}	81 ^{ij}	95.16 ^{no}	118.5 ^{kl}	124.5 ^{kl}
LSD	2.123	0.876	1.281	4.922	5.858	4.38	10.163
Treatments	Relative Water Content (%)						
	Day after planting						
	57	61	65	69	73	77	81
$S_1 \times B_1 \times H_1$	80.81 ^{hi}	75.35 ^j	68.2 ^{hij}	58.65 ^{ij}	56.5 ^g	56.25 ^{hi}	49.99 ^{hi}
$S_1 \times B_2 \times H_1$	84.35 ^{fg}	76.85 ^{hi}	71.7 ^g	61.15 ^{hi}	61.25 ^{de}	58.75 ^{fg}	56.14 ^{de}
$S_1 \times B_3 \times H_1$	85.37 ^{ef}	79.6 ^{ef}	79.3 ^c	68.12 ^{de}	68.3 ^{ab}	64.5 ^{cd}	65.22 ^{ab}
$S_1 \times B_4 \times H_1$	91.1ab	84.95 ^a	82.8 ^{ab}	75.7 ^{4b}	69.33 ^{ab}	67.85 ^{ab}	66.3 ^a
$S_1 \times B_1 \times H_2$	85.1f	79.35 ^{ef}	74.2 ^{ef}	65 ^{fg}	63 ^{de}	60.5 ^{ef}	54.42 ^{ef}
$S_1 \times B_2 \times H_2$	87.14 ^{de}	81.25 ^d	81.29 ^b	77.24 ^{ab}	68.33 ^{ab}	65.9 ^{bc}	63.47 ^b
$S_1 \times B_3 \times H_2$	89.49 ^{bc}	83.45 ^{bc}	83.3 ^a	79.25 ^a	69.83 ^{ab}	67.35 ^{ab}	65.55 ^{ab}
$S_1 \times B_4 \times H_2$	91.64 ^a	85.45 ^a	83.8 ^a	78.25 ^{ab}	70.33 ^a	68.35 ^a	67.3 ^a
$S_2 \times B_1 \times H_1$	78.4 ^{kj}	73.1 ^{lm}	66.41 ^{jk}	55.91 ^k	51.86 ^{hi}	49.25 ^m	45.85 ^{kl}
$S_2 \times B_2 \times H_1$	79.2 ^{jk}	73.85 ^{kl}	69.7 ^h	60.4 ⁱ	52.6 ^{hi}	50.5 ^{lm}	47.1 ^{jk}
$S_2 \times B_3 \times H_1$	84.03 ^{fg}	78.35 ^{fg}	72.45 ^{fg}	63.25 ^{gh}	61 ^{ef}	55 ^{ij}	55.41 ^{def}
$S_2 \times B_4 \times H_1$	88.42 ^{dc}	82.45 ^{cd}	77.12 ^d	72.73 ^e	65.8 ^c	60 ^f	57.17 ^{cd}
$S_2 \times B_1 \times H_2$	80.4 ^{ghi}	74.6 ^{ik}	68.95 ^{hi}	59.9 ^{ij}	53.45 ^{hi}	52.5 ^{kl}	49.6 ^{hi}
$S_2 \times B_2 \times H_2$	81.34 ^h	75.85 ^{ij}	73.2 ^{fg}	66.11 ^{ef}	58.75 ^{fg}	58.75 ^{fg}	51.98 ^{gh}
$S_2 \times B_3 \times H_2$	85.63 ^{ef}	79.85 ^e	74.45 ^e	67.63 ^e	62.5 ^{de}	62.5 ^{de}	55.42 ^{def}
$S_2 \times B_4 \times H_2$	90.57 ^{ab}	84.45 ^{ab}	81.3 ^b	75.74 ^b	67.8 ^{bc}	65.9 ^{bc}	65.22 ^{ab}
$S_3 \times B_1 \times H_1$	77.8k	72.56 ^{lm}	64.12 ^l	55.7 ^k	51.46 ⁱ	48.4 ^m	44.8 ^{kl}
$S_3 \times B_2 \times H_1$	77.59k	72.35 ^m	65.1 ^{kl}	56.02 ^k	51.52 ⁱ	49 ^m	44.63 ^l
$S_3 \times B_3 \times H_1$	83.22g	77.6 ^{gh}	67.43 ^{ij}	57.39 ^{jk}	52.1 ^{hi}	52 ^{kl}	50.23 ^{hi}
$S_3 \times B_4 \times H_1$	85.1f	79.35 ^{ef}	73.7 ^{ef}	66.1 ^{ef}	57.75 ^g	57.5 ^{gh}	56.67 ^{de}
$S_3 \times B_1 \times H_2$	79.19 ^{kji}	73.84 ^{kl}	67.42 ^{ij}	57.39 ^{jk}	52 ^{hi}	48.8 ^m	47.1 ^{jk}
$S_3 \times B_2 \times H_2$	81.08 ^h	75.6 ^{ij}	69.45 ^h	60.1 ⁱ	53.05 ^{hi}	49.25 ^m	48.32 ^{ij}
$S_3 \times B_3 \times H_2$	84.56 ^{fg}	78.85 ^{efg}	73.7 ^{ef}	67.14 ^{ef}	53.9 ^h	53 ^{jk}	53.22 ^{fg}
$S_3 \times B_4 \times H_2$	89.49 ^{bc}	83.45 ^{bc}	74.77 ^e	70.53 ^{cd}	63.5 ^d	59.5 ^{fg}	59.47 ^c
LSD	1.796	1.356	1.97	2.525	2.265	2.229	2.427

S_1 , S_2 and S_3 are no salinity, salinity 50 and 100 mM respectively. B_1 , B_2 , B_3 and B_4 are no application of bio fertilizers, application of vermicompost, Flabacterium and both application vermicompost, Flabacterium. H_1 and H_2 are no foliar application and foliar application 2 g L⁻¹ humic acid respectively.

Means with similar letters in each column are not significantly different based on LSD test

Table 14. Means comparison of effects of bio fertilizers, foliar application of humic acid and salinity stress on grain yield

Treatments	Grain Yield (g per plant)				
	Biofertilizers Levels				
	B1	B2	B3	B4	
S ₁	H ₁	2.2 ^{hi}	2.35 ^{f,g}	2.51 ^{de}	3.1 ^a
	H ₂	2.42 ^{e,f,g}	2.6 ^{c,d}	2.9 ^b	3.12 ^a
S ₂	H ₁	1.9 ^{ik,l}	2 ^j	2.39 ^{e,f,g}	2.7 ^c
	H ₂	2.17 ⁱ	2.31 ^{g,h}	2.47 ^{e,f}	2.97 ^b
S ₃	H ₁	1.84 ^l	1.99 ^k	2.3 ^{g,h}	2.45 ^{e,f}
	H ₂	1.87 ^{kl}	2 ^j	2.42 ^{e,f,g}	2.5 ^{d,e}
LSD		0.1224			

S₁, S₂ and S₃ are no salinity, salinity 50 and 100 mM respectively. B₁, B₂, B₃ and B₄ are no application of bio fertilizers, application of vermicompost, Flabacterium and both application vermicompost, Flabacterium.

H₁ and H₂ are no foliar application and foliar application 2 g.L⁻¹ humic acid respectively.

Means with similar letters in each column are not significantly different based on LSD test