

## IMPROVEMENT OF FIG GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY AT SIWA OASIS

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### ABSTRACT

This study was conducted during the two successive seasons of 2016 and 2017 at Khamisa research station farm of Desert Research Center, under Siwa Oasis – Matrouh Governorate – Egypt on Conadria fig cultivar grown under salinity stress to study the effect of some biological compounds (biomagic, yeast and biovite) on improving productivity. Four treatments of foliar applications : (T<sub>1</sub>): tap water, biomagic at 7.5% (T<sub>2</sub>), yeast extracts at 5g/l (T<sub>3</sub>), and biomagic 7.5% + yeast extracts 5g/l (T<sub>4</sub>) sprayed once every two month starting from January until the harvest time. In addition, soil inoculated twice at (January and March) in the rizosphere area with irrigation water by three treatments (control 0 (B<sub>1</sub>), 100 ml/tree (B<sub>2</sub>) and 200 ml/tree (B<sub>3</sub>) of biovite suspension 1%. The obtained results revealed that all treatments were very effective on growth parameters, yield (fruits number and weights) for each of “boni-crop”, “main-crop” and final crop in addition to fruit physical and chemical characteristics. Generally, T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>3</sub> increased shoot length, leaves number /shoot, leaf area, leaf total chlorophyll, number of fruits (boni-crop), number of fruits (main-crop), total number of fruits, weight of fruits (boni-crop), weight of fruits (main-crop), total yield, fruit weight, fruit height, fruit diameter, total soluble solid, reducing sugars, non- reducing sugars, total sugars and decreased total acidity in both seasons. It is also clear that B<sub>3</sub> increased total microbial account with plant growth reaching their highest figures after 90 days from inoculation. In addition, B<sub>3</sub> decreased EC, pH, Na, and Cl in soil at the end of each seasons.

**Key words:** bio-fertilization, fig, salinity stress, Siwa Oasis

## INTRODUCTION

Fig (*Ficus carica* L.) is one of the deciduous fruit trees belong to the family *Moraceae*. Vigorous and precocious tree produces a good breba crop and a very good second crop. Yellow-green skinned figs have strawberry colored sweet flesh and are good for fresh eating and drying. They have a small eye and resist spoilage. The low growth and production of fig trees in arid regions are apparently due to many factors such as insufficient irrigation, unbalanced or insufficient fertilization, salinity and pests which attack these trees (**Taha, *et al*, 1989**).

Siwa oasis is an urban oasis in Egypt between the Qattara Depression and the Great Sand Sea in the Western Desert. It is located at the northern edge of the Great Sand Sea, It is a great natural depression that has an altitude of 23m below sea level. Siwa is characterizes by severe drought environment. According to the meteorological data of Siwa station, the climate of Siwa exhibits extreme aridity. In addition, the climate is somewhat warmer and more humid in summer than most other desert areas of similar latitude, and is slightly colder in winter. However, these areas are suffering from land degradation problems.

Salinity is a major problem and one of the most significant environmental challenges limiting crop production all over the world, particularly in arid and semi-arid climates. The constituent cations of total soluble salts in soils are usually sodium ( $\text{Na}^+$ ), calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ), and magnesium ( $\text{Mg}^{+2}$ ) and the anions are chloride ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ), sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4^{-2}$ ) and carbonate (including bicarbonate;  $\text{CO}_3^{-2}$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ). However,  $\text{Na}^+$  dominates the cations and  $\text{Cl}^-$  is the anions in the majority of saline soils to the extent that NaCl comprises from 50–80% of the total soluble salts (**Rengasamy, 2010**). Salt stress has 3-fold effects on plant growth: it reduces soil water potential leading to osmotic stress, it induces ion imbalance in cells, especially lower concentrations of  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ , and  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , and it causes ion ( $\text{Na}^+$  and/or  $\text{Cl}^-$ ) toxicity. Since salt stress involves both osmotic and ionic stresses, growth suppression is directly related to the total concentration of soluble salts and the osmotic potential of the soil solution. The detrimental effect is observed at the whole-plant level as the death of plants or a decrease in productivity (**Munns and Tester, 2008**). Therefore, understanding the mechanisms of tolerance to high soil concentration of NaCl is essential to improve crop salt tolerance. In addition, salinity stress decreased growth parameters in the fig tree (**Mahvash and Majid 2016**).

Bio-fertilization is biological preparations containing primarily patent strains of micro- organisms in sufficient numbers. These micro-organisms have definite beneficial roles in the fertility of soil rhizospheres and the growth of plants by fixing atmospheric N<sub>2</sub>, both in association with plant roots and independent of roots, solubilizing insoluble soil phosphates, and producing plant growth substances in the soil. Bio-fertilizers proved to eliminate the use of pesticides sometimes, and rebalance the ratio between plant nutrients in soils. They are easy and safe to handle with field applications that improved their efficiency in increasing crop yields and decreasing the costs of some agricultural practices. It is worthy to state that, biofertilizers do not replace mineral fertilizers, but significantly reduce their rate of application (**Ishac, 1989 and Saber, 1993**). Bio-fertilizers are very safe for human, animal and environment. Since they reduce at the lower extent the great pollution happened in the environment. Inoculation with bio-fertilization under saline stress condition is useful as it can accumulate compatible solutes, such as glycine betaine, glutamate and proline, to allow adaptation to the fluctuations of soil salinity.

Bio-fertilizers are the most importance for plant production and soil as they play an important role in increasing vegetative growth, yield and fruit quality (**Soliman,2001**) on guava and banana plants and (**Ahmed *et al.*, 1999** and **Osman *et al.*, 2010**) on olive plants, (**Chokha *et al.*, 2000; El-Geushy, 2011** and **Bakry *et al.*, 2013**) on sweet orange. Also, **Shaban and Mohsen (2009)** showed that, all bio-fertilizers were effective in improving vegetative growth and nutritional status of sweet orang transplants. **Khamis, *et al.*, (2014)** indicated that leaf photosynthetic pigments content (chlorophyll A, B and carotenoids) were improved by bio-fertilizers.

Biomagic product is a biological promoter of microbial origin and contains many of the biological products, which affect plant growth and productivity and increase the plant immunity to microbial diseases. Biomagic product consists of amino acids, vitamins, macro and micro elements which, in turn, increase the vegetative growth, total yield, period of production, enhancing photosynthesis and encourage absorbing of water and nutrients from the soil Biomagic product does not contain any of the synthetic phytohormones, (**El-Sibaie,1995**). **Izquierdo *et al.*, (1993)** and **Chokha *et al.*, (2000)** stated that Volkamryana lemon and Mosambi sweet orange increased growth measurements using biomagic.

Biovite is a bio fertilizer contains different selective strains of bacteria, which encourage plant tolerance for stress conditions (drought,

salinity and temperature) by releasing enzymes which decompose organic manure and produce antibiotics which have high ability to stop fungal and bacterial diseases. In addition, biovite improved soil properties and increased the status of minerals release in suitable form to be absorbed by plants (**Ibrahim, 2009**). **El- Massiry (2009)** reported that application of biomagic combined with biovite increased lettuce plant growth characters and total yield. Also, the application of both biomagic and biovite on globe artichoke induced increases of plant height, leaf number, leaf area and chlorophyll (**Ibrahim 2009**).

The dry bread yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) is a kind of the used biofertilizers for soil or for foliar application on the shoots of vegetable crops to improve growth of fruit crops (**El-Ghamriny et al., 1999, Subba Rao, 2008 and Nijjar, 1985**). This is due to its content of many nutrient elements protein, large amount of vitamin B and being productive compounds of the same growth regulators compounds like auxins, gibberellins and cytokinins (**Glick, 1995**). Moreover, it use also as a natural bio-stimulant appeared to induce an astonished influence on growth of many crops, since it has various basic function, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub> production as well as formation of alcohol, acids and esters (**Magoffin and Hoseney, 1974 and Martinez- Anoya et al., 1990**). In addition, (**Ferguson et al, 1987; Idso et al., 1995 and Hashem et al., 2008**) added that application of active dry yeast was very effective in releasing CO<sub>2</sub> which reflected on improving net photosynthesis. Active dry yeast at 0.1 % caused a striking improvement in growth of the berries for Red roomy grapes (**Ahmed et al., 1997**). In apple, dry yeast was very effective in improving leaf area. (**Mansour, 1998**). In Valencia orange trees, spraying active dry yeast at 0.25 to 0.75% on March or / and August was favorable in improving growth, fruit weight and volume (**Hegab et al., 1997 and 2005**). However, **Elham et al., (2010)** showed that spraying mango trees with algae at 2% combined with yeast at 0.2% increased fruit length, fruit width and fruit weight. **Sheren (2014a&b)** stated that sprayed mango trees with yeast extract gave the best leaf area, leaf chlorophyll, fruit length, diameter, weight, yield, total soluble solids (T.S.S.), total sugar, non-reducing sugar and decrease fruit acidity.

The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of some biological compounds (i.e. biovite, biomagic and yeast) on growth and productivity of Conadria fig tree under salinity stress in Siwa Oasis.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was conducted during the two successive seasons of 2016 and 2017 at khamisa research station of D.R.C. at Siwa Oasis – Matrouh Governorate – Egypt on 36 trees of *Conadria* fig cv grown under saline stress to study the effect of some biological compounds ( biovite, biomagic and yeast ) on improving productivity. The selected trees were 10 years old, planted at 5 X 5 m apart, and grown in sandy soil under drip irrigation system. All are almost uniform in shape and received the common horticultural practices. The soil and irrigation water analysis data are given in **Table (1)**. Four treatments of foliar applications : (T<sub>1</sub>): tap water, biomagic at 7.5% (T<sub>2</sub>), yeast extracts at 5g/l (T<sub>3</sub>): and biomagic 7.5% + yeast extracts 5g/l (T<sub>4</sub>) sprayed once every two month starting from January until the harvest time. In addition, soil inoculated twice at (January and March) in the rhizospheres area with irrigation water by tree treatments (control 0 (B<sub>1</sub>), 100 ml/tree (B<sub>2</sub>) and 200 ml/tree (B<sub>3</sub>) of biovite suspension 1%. The experiment was designed as split plot design each treatment represented by 3 replicates of 3 trees each.

**Table (1): Some physical and chemical analysis of the experiment soil and irrigation water at khamisa research station Siwa oasis.**

| Particle size distribution% |      |       | Texture soil | Ecds/ml | pH  | Soluble cations meq/l |      |      |     | Soluble anions meq/l |      |      |     |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------|---------|-----|-----------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------|------|------|-----|
| Sand                        | Silt | Clay  |              |         |     | Ca2+                  | Mg2+ | Na+  | K+  | SO4-                 | Cl-  | HCO3 | CO3 |
| 81.2                        | 8.57 | 10.23 | Sand loamy   | 9.05    | 7.7 | 25                    | 12.1 | 52.1 | 1.3 | 26.2                 | 61.5 | 2.8  | -   |

| EC, pH and Soluble cations and anions in water of irrigation (mmolc L <sup>-1</sup> ) |  |     |  |                  |                 |                |                                       |      |                               |                              |
|---|--|-----|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EC (dS/m) dSm <sup>-1</sup>   |  | pH  | Soluble Cations (melcL <sup>-1</sup> ) |                  |                 |                | Soluble Anions (melcL <sup>-1</sup> ) |      |                               |                              |
|   |  |     | Ca <sup>+2</sup>                       | Mg <sup>+2</sup> | Na <sup>+</sup> | K <sup>+</sup> | SO <sub>4</sub>                       | Cl   | HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> | CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> |
| 6.78  |  | 7.7 | 21.8                                   | 9.7              | 35.95           | 0.35           | 10.8                                  | 47.5 | 9.5                           | -                            |

The Biovite consists of *Azotobacter chococcom*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus megaterium*, *Bradyphizobiu japonicum* and *Pseudomonas flouresence*. Number after dilution was 10.000.000.000 in one ml for all spices from bacteria (**El-Sibaie 1995**).

Yeast extract was prepared by **Spencer et al, (1983)** described to which allowed yeast cells (pure dry yeast) to grow and multiply efficiently during conducive aerobic and nutritional conditions which, in turn, allow to produce beneficial bio constituent (carbohydrates, sugars, proteins amino acids, fatty acids, hormones, etc.). Then these constituents could be released out of yeast cells in readily form by two cycles of freezing and thawing for disruption of yeast cells and releasing their

contents. Biomagic **El Massiry, (2009)** and yeast extract **Mahmoud, (2001)** were presented in **Table (2)**.

**Table 2: The analysis of biomagic and yeast extract.**

| Biomagic               |                      |                                      |                             | Yeast extract                    |      |                                |       |  |       |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| Amino acids<br>(2.07%) | Vitamins<br>(0.04 %) | Ma.E<br>(in<br>mg/l)                 | M i. E<br>(3.7 %<br>inmg/l) | Amino acid<br>mg/100g dry weight |      | Vitamins<br>mg/100g dry weight |       | Carbohydrates<br>mg/100g dry<br>weight |       |
| Arginine               | thiamine             | 1125 N                               | 45 Mg                       | Arginine                         | 1.99 | Vit.B1                         | 2.23  | Carbo                                  | 23.2  |
| cystine                | biotene              | 550<br>P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 160 Fe                      | Histidine                        | 2.63 | Vit.B2                         | 1.33  | Glucose                                | 13.33 |
| glycine                | choline              | 625 k <sub>2</sub> O                 | 124 Zn                      | Isoleucine                       | 2.31 | Vit.B6                         | 1.25  | minerals (mg/g):                       |       |
| histidine              | folic acid           |                                      | 100 Mn                      | Leucine                          | 3.09 | Vit B12                        | 0.15  | Na                                     | 0.12  |
| leucine                | niacine              |                                      | 45 Cu                       | Lysine                           | 2.95 | Inositol                       | 0.26  | Ca                                     | 0.75  |
| lysine                 | pantothenic          |                                      | 14 B                        | Methionine                       | 0.72 |                                |       | Fe                                     | 0.02  |
| phenylalanine          | pyridoxine           |                                      | 12 Mo                       | Phenylalanine                    | 2.01 | Biotin                         | 0.09  | Mg                                     | 1.65  |
| threonine              | riboflavin           |                                      | 8 Co                        | Threonine                        | 2.09 |                                |       | K                                      | 21.00 |
| tryptophane            |                      |                                      |                             | Tryptophan                       | 0.45 |                                |       | P                                      | 13.50 |
| tyrosine               |                      |                                      |                             | Valine                           | 2.19 | Pantothenic<br>acid            | 19.56 | S                                      | 3.90  |
| valine                 |                      |                                      |                             | Glutamic acid                    | 2.00 | Paminobenzoic<br>acid          | 9.23  | Zn                                     | 0.17  |
|                        |                      |                                      |                             | Serine                           | 1.59 | Folic acid                     | 4.36  | Cu                                     | 8.00  |
|                        |                      |                                      |                             | Aspartic acid                    | 1.33 | Pyridoxine                     | 2.90  | Mn                                     | 0.02  |
|                        |                      |                                      |                             | Cystine                          | 0.23 |                                |       | Ni                                     | 3.00  |
|                        |                      |                                      |                             | Proline                          | 1.53 |                                |       |  |       |
|                        |                      |                                      |                             | Tyrosine                         | 1.49 |                                |       |  |       |

Ma. E.= Macroelements

M i- E= Microelements

Carbo.= Carbohydrates

The following parameters were measured:

### 1. Shoot length and Leaves number /shoot:

at the end of each current season (first week of October).

### 2. Leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>):

was determined by using the leaf area meter CL203.

### 3-Total chlorophyll contents in leaf:

measured using Minolta chlorophyll meter SPAD- 502 was estimated on the selected branches

### 4-Yield per tree:

The yield per tree (number and weight of fruits) of both “boni-crop” and “main-crop” were determined. The total numbers of fruit and their weight/ tree/year were calculated.

The weight of all fruit picked during (boni-crop) and (main-crop) were calculated.

### 5- Fruit quality:

Fruit samples of the “Main-crop” were taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August to determine fruit physical and chemical properties.

## **6- Fruit parameters (fruit physical characteristics):**

Fruits sample were taken at the harvest time to be used for determining the physical properties (i.e., fruit weight (g), fruit height (cm) and fruit diameter (cm)).

## **7-Fruit quality (fruit chemical characteristics):**

a sample of 10 mature fruits of each tree was taken at the harvest time to be used for determining the chemical properties (i.e., the total soluble solids percentage (T.S.S. %) that measured using a hand refractometer, and the fruit juice % used to determine total acidity by titration against standard sodium hydroxide solution (0.1 N) using phenolphthalein as an indicator). The reducing, non-reducing and total sugars determined according to **A.O.A.C (1985)**.

## **8-Microbial cultures and biofertilizers inoculation:**

Three soil samples were taken every 30 days after inoculating the soil to record the total microbial counts according to **Nautiyal,(1999)**.

## **9. Soil nutrient contents:**

Before applying the treatments and at the end of each season, soil samples were taken from each treatment at major root zone (0–60 cm depth). Soil samples were prepared for analysis according to **Jackson (1967)**. These soil samples were dried, sieved (through 2 mm) and analyzed for soluble cations and soluble anions as discussed by **Page et al. (1982)**.

## **10. Statistical Analysis**

The obtained data were subjected to analysis of variance according to **Clarke and Kempson (1997)**. Means were differentiated using Range test at the 0.05 level (**Duncan, 1955**).

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## **Shoot length (cm), leaves number /shoot, leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>) and leaf total chlorophyll (SPAD)**

Data in **Table (3)**, clear that shoot length, leaves number, leaf area and leaf total chlorophyll were significantly affected by all treatments in both seasons. However, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best shoot length, leaves number, leaf area in both seasons and leaf total chlorophyll in first season. While, there was insignificant difference between T<sub>4</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> on leaf total chlorophyll in the second season. On the other side, T<sub>1</sub> was the lowest in shoot length, leaves number, leaf area and leaf total chlorophyll in both seasons.

In addition, shoot length, leaves number, leaf area and total chlorophyll were affected significantly by inoculating soil by biovite in both seasons. However, B<sub>3</sub> produced the highest shoot length, leaves number and leaf area in both seasons and leaf total chlorophyll in the second season, while there was insignificant difference between B<sub>2</sub> and B<sub>3</sub> in leaf total chlorophyll in the season compared with the other treatments. On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest shoot length, leaves number, leaf area and total chlorophyll in both seasons.

The data of the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and inoculating soil by biovite showed that, T<sub>3</sub> under B<sub>2</sub> recorded the highest shoot length, leaves number and leaf area in both seasons, while, there was insignificant affect among T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>2</sub> and B<sub>3</sub> in leaf total chlorophyll in the first and second season as compared with the other treatments. In addition, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest shoot length, leaves number, leaf area and total chlorophyll in both seasons.

These results may be due to that bio fertilizers have the potential to increase salt tolerance of crops and reduce soil salinization. In addition, the role of different strains of bacteria in biovite to encourage plant tolerance to stress condition and release nutrition minerals in suitable form to be absorbed by plants as reported by **Hafez, (2013)**. It is also could be due to the biomagic contents of proteins, amino acids, vitamins and hormones, as well as some micro nutrients. Furthermore, it could be due to the effective components of yeast such as major and minor elements, growth regulator and vitamins which enhanced cell division, metabolism and other biological reactions, in addition to the activation effect of these components on photosynthesis and promoting protoplasm formation including RNA and DNA that important for cell division. All of these materials lead to reduce the impact of salinity on the plant (**Barnett *et al.*, 1990, Fathy and Farid 1996, Abd El-fattah and Sorial 1998, Khedr and Farid 2000, El Massiry 2009, Ibrahim 2009, El-Hifny and El-Sayed 2011 and Hanan 2016**).

**Table (3). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on some growth parameters of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons.**

| parameters<br>Treatments                  | Shoot length (cm) |                  | Leaves number/ shoot |                      | Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) |                              | leaf total<br>chlorophyll(SPAD) |                                  |                |
|---|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|   | Season<br>2016    | Season<br>2017   | Season<br>2016       | Season<br>2017       | Season<br>2016               | Season<br>2017               | Season<br>2016                  | Season<br>2017                   |                |
| Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) |                   |                  |                      |                      |                              |                              |                                 |                                  |                |
| T <sub>1</sub>                            | 21.65d            | 22.02 d          | 13.44d               | 13.88 d              | 502.22d                      | 503.53d                      | 39.36 c                         | 39.55d                           |                |
| T <sub>2</sub>                            | 29.30b            | 29.55 b          | 15.77b               | 16.11 b              | 508.45b                      | 508.51b                      | 41.91 a                         | 42.03b                           |                |
| T <sub>3</sub>                            | 26.92c            | 27.25 c          | 15.11c               | 15.44 c              | 506.64c                      | 507.00c                      | 41.14b                          | 41.33 c                          |                |
| T <sub>4</sub>                            | 31.66a            | 32.06 a          | 16.66 a              | 17.11 a              | 511.42a                      | 511.64a                      | 42.26 a                         | 42.51a                           |                |
| Effect of application biovite (B)         |                   |                  |                      |                      |                              |                              |                                 |                                  |                |
| B <sub>1</sub>                            | 23.91c            | 24.306 c         | 14.25 c              | 14.58c               | 504.56c                      | 505.40c                      | 40.16c                          | 40.306b                          |                |
| B <sub>2</sub>                            | 28.39 b           | 28.60 b          | 15.41 b              | 15.83 b              | 507.75b                      | 508.11b                      | 41.51b                          | 41.73 a                          |                |
| B <sub>3</sub>                            | 29.85a            | 30.25 a          | 16.08 a              | 16.50a               | 509.24a                      | 509.50a                      | 41.84a                          | 42.04 a                          |                |
| The interaction between A&B               |                   |                  |                      |                      |                              |                              |                                 |                                  |                |
| (A)                                       | (B)               | Shoot length(cm) |                      | Leaves number/ shoot |                              | Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> ) |                                 | leaf total<br>chlorophyll (SPAD) |                |
|   |                   | Season<br>2016   | Season<br>2017       | Season<br>2016       | Season<br>2017               | Season<br>2016               | Season<br>2017                  | Season<br>2016                   | Season<br>2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub>    | 20.48k           | 21.00k               | 13.00 j              | 13.33 j                      | 500.00 h                     | 503.00i                         | 38.74 g                          | 39.07h         |
|   | B <sub>2</sub>    | 21.66j           | 21.90j               | 13.33ij              | 14.00 ij                     | 502.67g                      | 503.26 i                        | 39.69 ef                         | 39.85g         |
|   | B <sub>3</sub>    | 22.82i           | 23.15i               | 14.00 hi             | 14.33hi                      | 504.00 g                     | 504.33h                         | 39.66f                           | 39.75g         |
| T <sub>2</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub>    | 24.96h           | 25.07h               | 14.66fgh             | 15.00fgh                     | 505.80 f                     | 505.79 g                        | 40.98c                           | 40.66 f        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub>    | 30.85d           | 31.18d               | 16.00 cd             | 16.33cd                      | 509.00 d                     | 509.33 d                        | 42.12b                           | 42.56bc        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub>    | 32.08c           | 27.75f               | 16.66 bc             | 17.00 bc                     | 510.56c                      | 510.41 c                        | 42.63a                           | 42.88b         |
| T <sub>3</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub>    | 23.74i           | 24.41h               | 14.33 gh             | 14.66ghi                     | 505.62 f                     | 505.99 g                        | 40.23de                          | 40.48f         |
|   | B <sub>2</sub>    | 27.66f           | 32.39c               | 15.33def             | 15.66def                     | 506.86ef                     | 507.07ef                        | 41.25c                           | 41.51de        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub>    | 29.37e           | 29.60e               | 15.66 de             | 16.00de                      | 507.44e                      | 507.93e                         | 41.95 b                          | 42.00cd        |
| T <sub>4</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub>    | 26.45g           | 26.73g               | 15.00efg             | 15.33efg                     | 506.81ef                     | 506.82 fg                       | 40.70cd                          | 40.99ef        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub>    | 33.41b           | 33.58b               | 17.00 b              | 17.33 b                      | 512.47b                      | 512.78b                         | 42.99 a                          | 43.00ab        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub>    | 35.13a           | 35.87a               | 18.00 a              | 18.66 a                      | 514.98a                      | 515.34a                         | 43.10 a                          | 43.55 a        |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level. Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>): tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>): biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>): yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>): biomagic7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>): (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml.

These results are in harmony with those obtained by (Barnett *et al.*, 1990, Fathy and Farid 1996, Hegab *et al.*, 1997, Khedr and Farid 2000, Amer 2004, El Massiry 2009 and Ibrahim 2009) who reported that biomagic and yeast application improved growth. In addition, dry yeast was very effective in stimulating the leaf area and total leaf carbohydrates (Mansour, 1998 and Mansour *et al.*, 2006). Furthermore, this result goes in line with the findings of Izquierdo *et al.*, (1993), Chokha *et al.*, (2000), Bakry *et al.* (2013) , Khamis *et al.* (2012), El-Kobbia (1999), Grassi *et al.*, (1999), Obreza and Hampton (2000) and

**Moustafa (2002)** on citrus. **Sheren (2014a&b)** who stated that, the addition of bio- fertilizers increased vegetative growth measurements of mango.

### **Fruits number /tree (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total fruits number /tree**

Data presented in **Table (4)**, show that all treatments were significantly effective on fruits number (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total fruits number in both seasons. However, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best fruits number (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total fruits number in both seasons. On the other side, T<sub>1</sub> had the lowest fruits number (boni-crop), fruits number (main-crop) and total fruits number in both seasons.

**Table (4). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on number of fruits/tree (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total number of fruits/tree of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons.**

| parameters<br>Treatments                  |                | Fruits number /tree<br>(boni-crop) |                | Fruits number /tree<br>(main-crop) |                | Total number of<br>fruits/tree |                |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
|   |                | Season<br>2016                     | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016                     | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016                 | Season<br>2017 |
| Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) |                |                                    |                |                                    |                |                                |                |
| T <sub>1</sub>                            |                | 20.55 c                            | 20.88 c        | 446.22 d                           | 456.44 d       | 466.78d                        | 477.33 d       |
| T <sub>2</sub>                            |                | 22.66 b                            | 22.77 b        | 504.33 b                           | 513.44 b       | 527.00 b                       | 536.22 b       |
| T <sub>3</sub>                            |                | 22.11 b                            | 22.44 b        | 491.89c                            | 497.67 c       | 514.00c                        | 520.11c        |
| T <sub>4</sub>                            |                | 23.66 a                            | 23.88 a        | 512.56 a                           | 518.44 a       | 536.22a                        | 542.33 a       |
| Effect of application biovite (B)         |                |                                    |                |                                    |                |                                |                |
| B <sub>1</sub>                            |                | 21.25 c                            | 21.58 c        | 472.08 c                           | 479.50 c       | 493.33 c                       | 501.08 c       |
| B <sub>2</sub>                            |                | 22.50 b                            | 22.66 b        | 494.33 b                           | 501.58 b       | 516.83 b                       | 524.25 b       |
| B <sub>3</sub>                            |                | 23.00 a                            | 23.24 a        | 499.83 a                           | 508.42 a       | 522.83 a                       | 531.66 a       |
| The interaction between A&B               |                |                                    |                |                                    |                |                                |                |
| (A)                                       | (B)            | Fruits number /tree<br>(boni-crop) |                | Fruits number /tree<br>(main-crop) |                | Total number of<br>fruits/tree |                |
|   |                | Season<br>2016                     | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016                     | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016                 | Season<br>2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub> | 20.00 j                            | 20.33 i        | 441.00 L C                         | 446.67 k       | 461.00 l                       | 467.00k        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 20.66 i                            | 21.00hi        | 446.00 k                           | 457.00 j       | 466.67k                        | 478.00 j       |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 21.00 hi                           | 21.33 gh       | 451.67 j                           | 465.67 i       | 472.67 j                       | 487.00 i       |
| T <sub>2</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub> | 21.66 fgh                          | 22.00efg       | 487.67 h                           | 495.33 g       | 509.33 h                       | 517.33 g       |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 23.00 cd                           | 23.00 cd       | 510.67 d                           | 520.33 c       | 533.67 d                       | 543.33 c       |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 23.33 bc                           | 23.33 bc       | 514.67 c                           | 524.67 b       | 538.00 c                       | 548.00 b       |
| T <sub>3</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub> | 21.33ghi                           | 21.66 fgh      | 468.00i                            | 475.67 h       | 489.33 i                       | 497.33 h       |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 22.33def                           | 22.66cde       | 500.00 f                           | 505.00 e       | 522.33 f                       | 527.67e        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 22.66 cde                          | 23.00cd        | 507.67e                            | 512.33 d       | 530.33 e                       | 535.33d        |
| T <sub>4</sub>                            | B <sub>1</sub> | 22.00 efg                          | 22.33 def      | 491.67g                            | 500.33 f       | 513.67 g                       | 522.67f        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 24.00 b                            | 24.00b         | 520.67b                            | 524.00 b       | 544.67 b                       | 548.00 b       |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 25.00a                             | 25.31a         | 525.33a                            | 531.00 a       | 550.33 a                       | 556.31a        |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level.

Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>: tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>: biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>: yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>: biomagic7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>: (0), (B<sub>2</sub>: biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>: biovite at 200 ml.

Furthermore, fruits number (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total fruits number were affected significantly by inoculation biovite to soil. However, B<sub>3</sub> produced the highest fruits number (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total fruits number in both seasons. On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> showed the lowest fruits number (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total number of fruits/tree in both seasons in both seasons.

In addition, the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and inoculating soil by biovite clear that, T<sub>3</sub> under B<sub>2</sub> recorded the highest fruits number (boni-crop) (25.00 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 25.31 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), fruits number (main-crop) (525.33 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 531.00 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) and total fruits number (550.33 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 556.31 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season). While, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest fruits number (boni-crop), fruits number (main-crop) and total fruits number in both seasons

#### **Fruits weight /tree (Kg) (boni-crop), (main-crop) (Kg) and total yield/tree (Kg)**

It is evident from the data in **Table (5)** that fruits weight in boni-crop, main-crop and total yield/tree were significantly affected by all treatments in both seasons. In addition, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best fruits weight in boni-crop, main-crop and total yield in both season. On the other hand, T<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest fruits weight in boni-crop, main-crop and total yield.

Fruits weight in boni-crop, main-crop and total yield were affected significantly by inoculation biovite to soil. In addition, b<sub>3</sub> produced the highest fruits weight in boni-crop (1.03 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 1.05 kg in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), main-crop (22.55 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 23.11 kg in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) and total yield (23.59 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 24.17 kg in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season). On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest fruits weight in boni-crop, main-crop and total yield in both seasons.

Furthermore, the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and inoculated soil by biovite presented that, T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>3</sub> recorded the highest fruits weight in boni-crop, fruits weight in main-crop and total yield/tree in both seasons. While, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest fruits weight in boni-crop, fruits weight in main-crop and total yield in both seasons.

These results in **Table (4&5)** could be due to microbe action on releasing natural hormones beside vitamin B group which increase root growth, consequently, increase the ability of plants to absorb more water and nutrients (N, P, K) from deep layers of soil so increased total yield (**El-Affi et al. 2002**). In addition, the role of biomagic in increasing production period, enhancing photosynthesis, and encouraging absorbing

water and nutritional elements from soil (El Massiry, 2009 and Ibrahim, 2009).

These results agree with those obtained by El Massiry (2009), Ibrahim (2009), El-Hifny and El-Sayed (2011), Barnett *et al.*, (1990) Fathy and Farid, (1996) Khedr and Farid (2000), and Amer (2004) who found that foliar spray with both of biomagic and biovite increased total yield and its components

**Table (5). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on weight of fruits/tree (boni-crop), (main-crop) and total yield/tree of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons.**

| <div>parameters</div> <div>Treatments</div> |                | Fruits weight /tree (Kg) |                | Fruits weight /tree (Kg) |                | Total yield/tree (Kg) |                |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|   |                | Boni-Crop                |                | Main-Crop                |                |                       |                |
|   |                | Season<br>2016           | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016           | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016        | Season<br>2017 |
| Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A)   |                |                          |                |                          |                |                       |                |
| T <sub>1</sub>                              |                | 0.87 d                   | 0.89d          | 19.03 d                  | 19.54 d        | 19.91 d               | 20.43d         |
| T <sub>2</sub>                              |                | 1.01 b                   | 1.03b          | 22.65 b                  | 23.28b         | 23.67 b               | 24.32b         |
| T <sub>3</sub>                              |                | 0.98 c                   | 0.99 c         | 21.81 c                  | 22.13 c        | 22.79 c               | 23.13c         |
| T <sub>4</sub>                              |                | 1.07 a                   | 1.09a          | 23.33 a                  | 23.78a         | 24.41 a               | 24.87 a        |
| Effect of application biovite (B)           |                |                          |                |                          |                |                       |                |
| B <sub>1</sub>                              |                | 0.92 c                   | 0.94c          | 20.49 c                  | 20.94 c        | 21.42 c               | 21.88c         |
| B <sub>2</sub>                              |                | 1.00 b                   | 1.01b          | 22.08 b                  | 22.50 b        | 23.08 b               | 23.51b         |
| B <sub>3</sub>                              |                | 1.03 a                   | 1.05 a         | 22.55 a                  | 23.11 a        | 23.59 a               | 24.17 a        |
| The interaction between A&B                 |                |                          |                |                          |                |                       |                |
| (A)   | (B)            | Fruits weight /tree (Kg) |                | Fruits weight /tree (Kg) |                | Total yield/tree (Kg) |                |
|   |                | Boni-Crop                |                | Main-Crop                |                |                       |                |
|   |                | Season<br>2016           | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016           | Season<br>2017 | Season<br>2016        | Season<br>2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 0.84 k                   | 0.85 j         | 18.55L                   | 18.85 L        | 19.39 L               | 19.71 L        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 0.88 j                   | 0.90 i         | 19.12 k                  | 19.64 k        | 20.01 k               | 20.54 k        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 0.90 ij                  | 0.92 hi        | 19.43 j                  | 20.12 j        | 20.33 j               | 21.04 j        |
| T <sub>2</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 0.95gh                   | 0.96 fg        | 21.43 h                  | 21.79 h        | 22.38 h               | 22.76h         |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 1.03d                    | 1.04 c         | 22.99 d                  | 23.70d         | 24.03 d               | 24.75d         |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 1.06 c                   | 1.08 b         | 23.53 c                  | 24.36b         | 24.60 c               | 25.44 b        |
| T <sub>3</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 0.92 hi                  | 0.94gh         | 20.36 i                  | 20.82i         | 21.29i                | 21.77i         |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 0.99 ef                  | 1.01 de        | 22.28 f                  | 22.55f         | 23.27f                | 23.56f         |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 1.01de                   | 1.03 cd        | 22.80 e                  | 23.03e         | 23.82e                | 24.07e         |
| T <sub>4</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 0.96 fg                  | 0.99 ef        | 21.63 g                  | 22.28g         | 22.60 g               | 23.28 g        |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 1.10 b                   | 1.10 b         | 23.92b                   | 24.10 c        | 25.03 b               | 25.20 c        |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 1.16 a                   | 1.189a         | 24.44 a                  | 24.95 a        | 25.61a                | 26.14 a        |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level. Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>: tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>): biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>): yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>): biomagic7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>: (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml.

### **Fruit weight (g), fruit height (cm) and fruit diameter (cm)**

Data in Table (6), clear that fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter were significantly affected by all treatments in both seasons. However, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best fruit weight (45.50 (g) in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 45.84 (g) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), fruit height (5.58(cm) in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5.64(cm) in the

2<sup>nd</sup> season) and fruit diameter (5.25 (cm) in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5.29(cm) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season). On the other side, T<sub>1</sub> was the lowest in fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter in both seasons.

Data indicated that fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter were affected significantly by inoculation biovite to soil in both seasons. Regarding that effect, treatment B<sub>3</sub> produced the highest fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter in both seasons. On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest value of fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter in both seasons.

The data of the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and inoculating soil by biovite showed that, T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>3</sub> recorded the highest fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter in both seasons. In addition, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest fruit weight, fruit height and fruit diameter in both seasons.

Moreover, the obtained results - regarding the positive effect of bio fertilizers application on some fruit physical characteristics - goes generally in line with those of several investigators (**Paschoal *et al.*, (1999)** on orange and **Abd El-Migeed *et al.*, (2007)** on Washington Navel orange fruits.

**Table (6). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on fruit weight (g), fruit height and fruit diameter of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons**

| parameters<br>Treatments                         |                | Fruit weight (g) |             | Fruit height (cm) |             | Fruit diameter (cm) |             |
|--|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
|  |                | Season 2016      | Season 2017 | Season 2016       | Season 2017 | Season 2016         | Season 2017 |
| <b>Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A)</b> |                |                  |             |                   |             |                     |             |
| T <sub>1</sub>                                   |                | 42.66 d          | 42.80 d     | 5.07 d            | 5.104d      | 4.65 d              | 4.71d       |
| T <sub>2</sub>                                   |                | 44.90 b          | 45.32b      | 5.47 b            | 5.48 b      | 5.16 b              | 5.22b       |
| T <sub>3</sub>                                   |                | 44.33 c          | 44.46c      | 5.33c             | 5.366c      | 5.11 c              | 5.15c       |
| T <sub>4</sub>                                   |                | 45.50 a          | 45.84 a     | 5.58 a            | 5.640 a     | 5.25 a              | 5.290 a     |
| <b>Effect of application biovite (B)</b>         |                |                  |             |                   |             |                     |             |
| B <sub>1</sub>                                   |                | 43.38 c          | 43.63c      | 5.18 c            | 5.22c       | 4.90 c              | 4.95 c      |
| B <sub>2</sub>                                   |                | 44.60 b          | 44.80 b     | 5.42 b            | 5.43 b      | 5.09 b              | 5.13 b      |
| B <sub>3</sub>                                   |                | 45.05 a          | 45.40 a     | 5.49 a            | 5.53 a      | 5.15a               | 5.19 a      |
| <b>The interaction between A&amp;B</b>           |                |                  |             |                   |             |                     |             |
| (A)  | (B)            | Fruit weight (g) |             | Fruit height(cm)  |             | Fruit diameter(cm)  |             |
|  |                | Season 2016      | Season 2017 | Season 2016       | Season 2017 | Season 2016         | Season 2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 42.07 k          | 42.22 L     | 4.93 h            | 4.99 L      | 4.52 L              | 4.56 k      |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 42.88j           | 42.98 k     | 5.12g             | 5.14 k      | 4.66k               | 4.77 j      |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 43.03 i          | 43.21j      | 5.16 fg           | 5.17 j      | 4.78 j              | 4.81 i      |
| T <sub>2</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 43.95 g          | 43.99h      | 5.28 e            | 5.30h       | 5.01h               | 5.11 g      |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 45.03 d          | 45.56d      | 5.51 c            | 5.51 d      | 5.23d               | 5.26d       |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 45.73 c          | 46.43 b     | 5.61 b            | 5.63 c      | 5.25c               | 5.28c       |
| T <sub>3</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 43.52 h          | 43.77i      | 5.21 f            | 5.24 i      | 4.98i               | 5.00 h      |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 44.56 f          | 44.66 f     | 5.386 d           | 5.40f       | 5.16f               | 5.20e       |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 44.92 e          | 44.96e      | 5.42 d            | 5.45e       | 5.20e               | 5.26d       |
| T <sub>4</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 44.00 g          | 44.54g      | 5.32e             | 5.35 g      | 5.11g               | 5.14 f      |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 45.95 b          | 45.99c      | 5.66b             | 5.69b       | 5.30 b              | 5.32b       |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 46.54 a          | 47.00 a     | 5.77a             | 5.88a       | 5.36 a              | 5.41a       |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level. Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>): tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>): biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>): yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>): biomagic7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>): (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml.

### Total soluble solid and total acidity

Data in **Table (7)**, clear that total soluble solid and total acidity were significantly affected by all treatments in both seasons. However, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best total soluble solid (24.39 % in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 24.43 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), while, T<sub>4</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> gave the lowest total acidity (0.174% in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 0.171% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), (0.168% in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 0.165 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) respectively. On the other hand, T<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest total soluble solid and the highest total acidity in both seasons.

Total soluble solid and total acidity were affected significantly by inoculating biovite to soil in both seasons. It is clearly evident that, B<sub>3</sub> produced the highest total soluble solid and the lowest total acidity in both seasons. On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest total soluble solid and the highest total acidity in both seasons.

The data of the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and inoculating soil by biovite resulted that, T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>3</sub> recorded the best total soluble solid and the least total acidity in both seasons. In addition, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest total soluble solid in both seasons. However T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> gave the highest total acidity in both seasons

**Table (7). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on total soluble solid and total acidity of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons**

| parameters<br>Treatments                         |                | TSS (%)     |             | Acidity (%) |             |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |                | Season 2016 | Season 2017 | Season 2016 | Season 2017 |
| <b>Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A)</b> |                |             |             |             |             |
| T <sub>1</sub>                                   |                | 21.70 d     | 21.77 d     | 0.185a      | 0.186 a     |
| T <sub>2</sub>                                   |                | 23.79 b     | 23.88 b     | 0.174 bc    | 0.171 c     |
| T <sub>3</sub>                                   |                | 23.08 c     | 23.23 c     | 0.181 ab    | 0.178 b     |
| T <sub>4</sub>                                   |                | 24.39 a     | 24.43 a     | 0.168 c     | 0.165 c     |
| <b>Effect of application biovite (B)</b>         |                |             |             |             |             |
| B <sub>1</sub>                                   |                | 22.37 c     | 22.46 c     | 0.187 a     | 0.186 a     |
| B <sub>2</sub>                                   |                | 23.49 b     | 23.57 b     | 0.175 b     | 0.174 b     |
| B <sub>3</sub>                                   |                | 23.86 a     | 23.96 a     | 0.169 c     | 0.165 c     |
| <b>The interaction between A&amp;B</b>           |                |             |             |             |             |
| (A)  | (B)            | TSS (%)     |             | Acidity (%) |             |
|  |                | Season 2016 | Season 2017 | Season 2016 | Season 2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 21.23 L     | 21.23 L     | 0.193 a     | 0.196 a     |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 21.88 k     | 21.98k      | 0.190ab     | 0.193 ab    |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 22.01 j     | 22.12 j     | 0.173efg    | 0.170fgh    |
| T <sub>2</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 22.73h      | 22.88h      | 0.186 abc   | 0.183cd     |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 23.98 d     | 24.01 d     | 0.170 fgh   | 0.166 ghi   |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 24.65 c     | 24.77c      | 0.166 ghi   | 0.163hij    |
| T <sub>3</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 22.54 i     | 22.72 i     | 0.186 abc   | 0.186bc     |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 23.14 f     | 23.32f      | 0.180 cde   | 0.176 def   |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 23.55 e     | 23.67 e     | 0.176 def   | 0.173efg    |
| T <sub>4</sub>                                   | B <sub>1</sub> | 22.98 g     | 23.01g      | 0.183 bcd   | 0.180cde    |
|  | B <sub>2</sub> | 24.98 b     | 24.98b      | 0.163 hi    | 0.160 ij    |
|  | B <sub>3</sub> | 25.22 a     | 25.31a      | 0.160 i     | 0.156 j     |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level. Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>: tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>): biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>): yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>): biomagic 7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>: (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml.

**Reducing sugar (%), non- reducing sugars (%) and total sugars (%)**

It is evident from the data in **Table (8)**, reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars were significantly affected by all treatments in both seasons. However, T<sub>4</sub> gave the best reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars in both season. On the other hand, T<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars in both seasons

Reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars were affected significantly by inoculation biovite to soil. In addition, B<sub>3</sub> produced the highest reducing sugar (19.35 % in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 19.57 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), non-reducing sugars (1.85% in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 1.86 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) and total sugars (21.20% in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21.43% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season). On the other side, B<sub>1</sub> gave the lowest in reducing sugar (18.53 % in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18.77 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season), non-reducing sugars (1.71 % in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 1.72 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) and total sugars (20.24 % in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 20.49 % in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season) in both seasons.

**Table (8). Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A) and biovite application (B) on reducing sugar, non- reducing sugars and total sugars of Conadria fig trees during 2016 and 2017 seasons**

| <div>parameters</div> <div>Treatments</div> |                | Reducing sugar (%) |             | Non- reducing sugars (%) |             | Total sugars (%) |             |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
|   |                | Season 2016        | Season 2017 | Season 2016              | Season 2017 | Season 2016      | Season 2017 |
| Effect of spraying biomagic and yeast (A)   |                |                    |             |                          |             |                  |             |
| T <sub>1</sub>                              |                | 18.19 d            | 18.30 d     | 1.64 d                   | 1.65d       | 19.83 d          | 19.95d      |
| T <sub>2</sub>                              |                | 19.30 b            | 19.61b      | 1.84 b                   | 1.85b       | 21.14 b          | 21.46b      |
| T <sub>3</sub>                              |                | 18.90 c            | 19.27c      | 1.79 c                   | 1.80c       | 20.69 c          | 21.07c      |
| T <sub>4</sub>                              |                | 19.66 a            | 19.82a      | 1.90 a                   | 1.92 a      | 21.56 a          | 21.74 a     |
| Effect of application biovite (B)           |                |                    |             |                          |             |                  |             |
| B <sub>1</sub>                              |                | 18.53 c            | 18.77 c     | 1.71 c                   | 1.72c       | 20.24 c          | 20.49c      |
| B <sub>2</sub>                              |                | 19.16 b            | 19.41 b     | 1.82 b                   | 1.83 b      | 20.98 b          | 21.24b      |
| B <sub>3</sub>                              |                | 19.35 a            | 19.57 a     | 1.85 a                   | 1.86 a      | 21.20a           | 21.43a      |
| The interaction between A&B                 |                |                    |             |                          |             |                  |             |
| (A)   | (B)            | Reducing sugar (%) |             | Non- reducing sugars (%) |             | Total sugars (%) |             |
|   |                | Season 2016        | Season 2017 | Season 2016              | Season 2017 | Season 2016      | Season 2017 |
| T <sub>1</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 18.00 l            | 18.12 l     | 1.62 l                   | 1.62 l      | 19.62 l          | 19.74l      |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 18.22 k            | 18.32k      | 1.64 k                   | 1.65 k      | 19.86 k          | 19.97 k     |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 18.35 j            | 18.47 j     | 1.68 j                   | 1.69 j      | 20.03 j          | 20.16 j     |
| T <sub>2</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 18.68 h            | 18.98h      | 1.75 h                   | 1.75 h      | 20.43 h          | 20.73 h     |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 19.44 d            | 19.87 d     | 1.88 d                   | 1.89d       | 21.32 d          | 21.76d      |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 19.77c             | 19.98 c     | 1.90c                    | 1.91 c      | 21.67 c          | 21.89c      |
| T <sub>3</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 18.55i             | 18.76 i     | 1.71i                    | 1.71 i      | 20.26 i          | 20.47 i     |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 18.98f             | 19.43 f     | 1.82 f                   | 1.83 f      | 20.80f           | 21.26f      |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 19.17e             | 19.63e      | 1.85 e                   | 1.86e       | 21.02 e          | 21.49 e     |
| T <sub>4</sub>                              | B <sub>1</sub> | 18.88g             | 19.22g      | 1.79 g                   | 1.79 g      | 20.67g           | 21.01g      |
|   | B <sub>2</sub> | 19.98 b            | 20.01 b     | 1.94 b                   | 1.97b       | 21.92 b          | 21.98 b     |
|   | B <sub>3</sub> | 20.12 a            | 20.23 a     | 1.99 a                   | 1.99 a      | 22.11 a          | 22.22a      |

Means having the same letter(s) in each column, each factor or interaction are not significantly different at 5% level. Spraying with (T<sub>1</sub>: tap water, (T<sub>2</sub>): biomagic 7.5%, (T<sub>3</sub>): yeast extracts 5g/l and (T<sub>4</sub>): biomagic 7.5% + yeast 5g/l). While, biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>: (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml.

Furthermore, the interaction between spraying biomagic and yeast and soil inoculating by biovite clear that, T<sub>4</sub> under B<sub>3</sub> recorded the highest reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars in both seasons. While, T<sub>1</sub> under B<sub>1</sub> recorded the lowest reducing sugar, non-reducing sugars and total sugars in both seasons.

Results revealed that fruits grown under bio fertilizer had better fruit quality. The increase in physicochemical parameters in fruits due to bio-fertilizer might be because of their role in nitrogen fixation, production of

phytohormones-like substances and increased uptake of nitrogen as reported by **Dutta and Kundu (2012)**. Furthermore, micro-organisms are an important component of soil environment (**Arshad and Frankemberger, 1992**). Thus, utilization of biofertilizers could be a better preposition for improving biological attributes of soil, which in turn may increase quality and productivity potential of various crops as reported by **Allen *et al.* (2002)**. In addition, this may be due to synthesis of phytohormones, or reduction of membrane potentials of the roots (**Bashan and Levanony, 1991**), synthesis of some enzymes that modulate the level of plant hormones (**Glick *et al.*, 1998**) and solubilizing of inorganic phosphate (**Krasilnikove, 1961**).

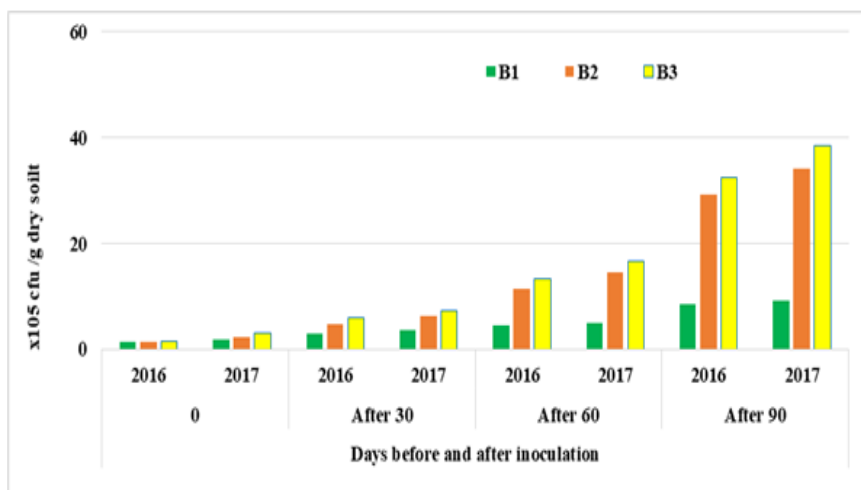
The obtained results regarding the positive effect of bio fertilizer application in enhancement of total sugars content are in general agreement with that found by **Joo *et al.*, (1999)** on treated orange trees with the bio fertilizer. Moreover, findings of **Rabeh *et al.*, (1993)** on Balady mandarin, **Ibrahim and Mohamed, (2000)** on Balady mandarin and **Fathy *et al.*, (2010)** on Canino apricot cv. gave partial support to our results regarding the beneficial effect of some organic fertilizers on increasing fruit juice TSS and total sugars % of Washington navel orange cv., in addition to **Xie *et al.*, (1996)** who reported that microbial Bio-Fertilization seemed to be more effectively on the quality and quantity of Navel oranges.

### **Total microbial count**

The effect of soil inoculated with different level of biovite on total microbial count during fig growth under biofertilizers treatments is shown in **fig (1)**. It is clear from the data that biovite has a profound effect on total microbial count under sandy soil conditions. The highest figures were generally in B<sub>3</sub>. Addition of biofertilizers resulted in significant increase in total microbial in nearly all treatments. It is also clear that total microbial count increased with plant growth reaching their highest figures after 90 days. The highest figure was in B<sub>3</sub> reaching  $33 \times 10^5$  cfu /g dry soil. Figures of the second season showed the same trend of those observed in the first season.

These figures are in accordance with those observed by **Migahed *et al.*, (2004)**, who reported that total microbial counts in the rhizosphere of celery were significantly higher in the inoculated plants than in the uninoculated ones, with the highest counts being recorded at the flowering stage. Another study carried out by **Mahmoud *et al.*, (2006)** showed that total microbial count increased in the rhizosphere of wheat when plants were inoculated with biofertilizers. **Zahir *et al.* (2003)**

opined that micro-organisms are important component of soil environment and their large number is indicative for better soil health which improves more nutrient availability from source.



Biovite i.e. (B<sub>1</sub>): (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml /tree and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml/tree .

**Fig1:** Effect of soil inoculated with different level of biovite on total microbial count (x10<sup>5</sup>cfu/g dry soil) during two seasons 2016 and 2017 seasons.

### Effect of soil inoculated with different level of biovite on soil chemical properties

**Fig.2** (a, b, c and d) Indicates that biovite has a profound effect on soil chemical properties under salinity stress. The highest figures were generally in B<sub>3</sub>. It is also clear that EC and pH decreased in soil in the end of first and second seasons. In respect of the essential elements for plants, i.e. Ca, Mg, K and Na the results revealed that the high level of biovite B<sub>3</sub> affected the solubility of these elements in the soil. It appears that B<sub>3</sub> leads to the intensive reduction of soluble Na salts.

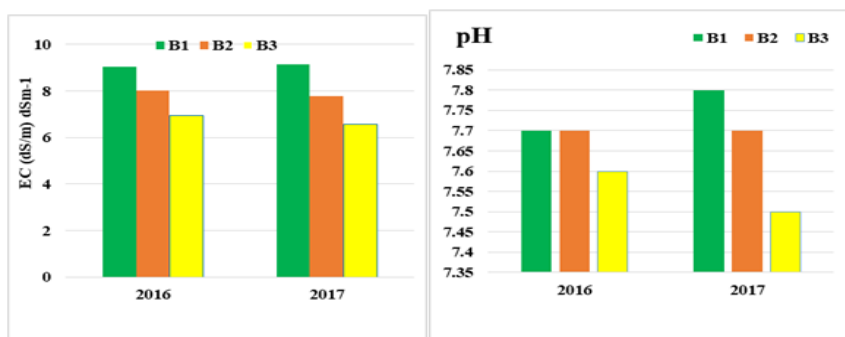
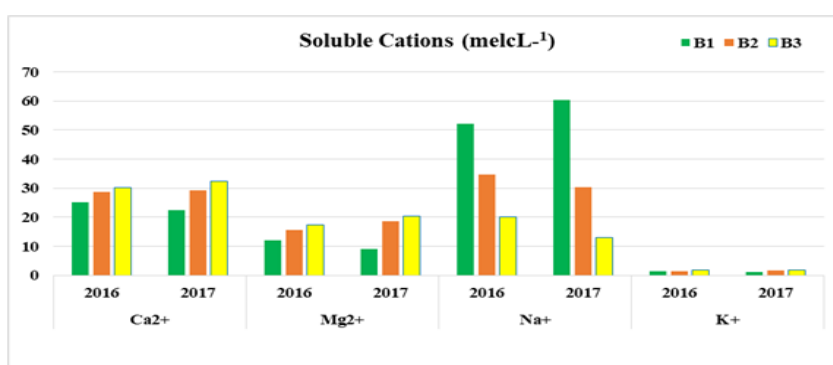


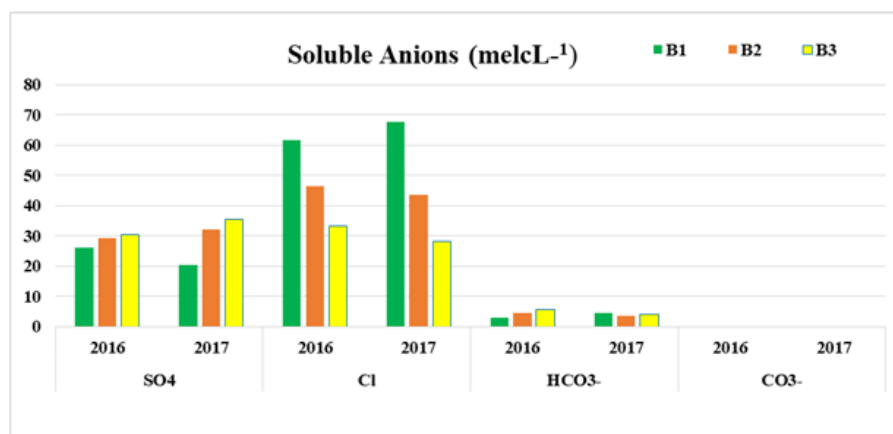
Fig 2 (a) Effect of soil inoculation with different level of biovite on soil EC (dS/m) dSm<sup>-1</sup>

Fig 2 (b) Effect of soil inoculation with different level of biovite on soil pH



Biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>): (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml/tree and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml/tree .

Fig 2 (c) Effect of soil inoculation with different level of biovite on soil soluble cations (me/L)



Biovite i.e., (B<sub>1</sub>): (0), (B<sub>2</sub>): biovite at 100 ml/tree and (B<sub>3</sub>): biovite at 200 ml/tree .

Fig 2 (d) Effect of soil inoculation with different level of biovite on soil soluble anions (me/L)

These results could be due to biofertilizers is helps to increase the organic carbon content of soils, which may induce better water infiltration, increased capacity to retain nutrients especially N against leaching, volatilization and denitrification losses. It also enhances soil fertility through increased microbial activity. Application of bio-fertilizers substantially increased the soil microbial population which improve the soil health, thereby the growth and productivity of the crop. The use of bio-fertilizers leads to improved nutrients and water uptake, plant growth and plant tolerance to abiotic and biotic factors. In addition, biovite improved soil properties and increased the status of minerals release in suitable form to be absorbed by plants (**Ibrahim, 2009**).

These results are in conformity with **Dutta and Kundu (2012)** in mango and **Mitra *et al.* (2012)** in guava. **Stephen and Nybe (2003)** who showed that the biofertilizers increased soil content of N, K, P, and Ca. Also, **Ipinmoroti, *et al.*, (2008)** reported that biofertilizers resulted in higher soil fertility enhancement in N, P, K, Ca, Mg and organic carbon buildup than NPK and control treatment. Similar results were obtained by **Hardarson and Atkins, (2003)** who found that biofertilizers increased soil cations exchange capacity.

## CONCLUSION

Considering the previous results, it seems pertinent to indicate that spraying biomgic7.5% + yeast extracts 5g/l and add 200 ml biovite suspension 1% to the soil of fig orchards under salinity stress could be recommended as environmentally friendly treatment. Furthermore, this treatment could be used not only for fruit orchards, but also for other various crops due to its high potentiality as well as the nutritive value.

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## تحسين نمو وانتاجية التين بواحه سيوه

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أجريت هذه الدراسة خلال موسمين متتاليين في عام 2016 و 2017 في المزرعة البحثية بمحطه خميسه -مركز بحوث الصحراء بواحة سيوه - محافظة مطروح - مصر على صنف التين كوندريا النامي في ظروف ملحيه لدراسة تأثير بعض المركبات البيولوجية (البيوماجيك والخميرة و البيوفيت) على تحسين الإنتاجية. وذلك بتطبيق أربعة معاملات للرش الورقي (م1) : الرش بماء الصنبور ، (م2) : البيوفيت بتركيز 7.5 % ، (م3) : مستخلصات الخميرة بتركيز 5 جم/لتر ، (م4) : البيوفيت بتركيز 7.5 % + مستخلص الخميره بتركيز 5 جم/لتر تم الرش مرة واحدة كل شهرين بدءا من يناير حتى وقت الحصاد. بالإضافة إلى ذلك ، تم تلقيح التربة بالبيوفيت في منطقة الريزوسفير مع مياه الري بثلاث معدلات من البيوفيت (ب1) : بدون ، (ب2) : بيوفيت بمعدل 100 مل/ شجرة و (ب3) : بيوفيت بمعدل 200 مل/ شجرة بتركيز 1 % مرتين في (يناير ومارس). وقد اوضحت النتائج أن جميع المعاملات كانت فعالة جداً في النمو الخضري والمحصول (عدد الثمار والأوزان) لكل من "المحصول البوني" و "المحصول الرئيسي" والمحصول الكلي بالإضافة إلى الخصائص الفيزيائية والكيميائية للثمار. بشكل عام ، ادت المعاملة (م4) مع المعاملة (ب3) إلى زيادة طول الفرع ، عدد الأوراق ، مساحة الورقة ، الكلورفيل الكلي ، عدد الثمار لكل من محصول البوني والمحصول الرئيسي و العدد الكلي للثمار، وزن الثمار لكل من محصول البوني و المحصول الرئيسي والمحصول الكلي ، وزن وارتفاع وقطر الثمرة، المادة الصلبة الذائبة الكلية ، السكريات المختزله وغير المختزلة والكلية وانخفاض الحموضة الكلية في كلا الموسمين. هذا ومن الواضح أيضاً أن معاملة (ب3) قد زادت مع نمو الكائنات الدقيقة بالتربة لتصل إلى أعلى رقم لها بعد 90 يوم من الحقن. كذلك ادت المعاملة (ب3) إلى انخفاض في درجة حموضه التربه و EC ، Na ، Cl في التربة في نهاية كل موسم.