

# Physiological studies on hybrid tea roses

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The study was carried out in two consecutive seasons of 1991/1992 < 1992/1993 on one Rose variety namely Mercedes at the Experimental Station of the Faculty of Agricultural at Moshtohor, Zagazig University. This investigation included two parts, the first part studied the effects of GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin, Paclobutrazol and ethep. The second part aimed to study the effect of plant density under open land. The most important outcome of the present investigation were:

The first part:

- 1- The number of leaves per flower stem was increased significantly by spraying Mercedes rose with kinetin 200 ppm followed by GA<sub>3</sub> 300 ppm or kinetin 100 ppm and at last by paclobutrazol 100 ppm and ethep 100 ppm.
- 2- Different GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin, paclobutrazol and ethep treatments resulted in a significant increase of fresh weight of flower stem with leaves. The heaviest weight was obtained when treating plants with 200 or 100 ppm kinetin followed by 300 ppm GA<sub>3</sub> and at last by GA<sub>3</sub>, paclobutrazol at 200 ppm and ethep 100 ppm.
- 3- There was a positive linear correlation between the GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin and paclobutrazol concentration and the dry weight of flower stem with leaves while a negative correlation was occurred with ethep with winter and spring flush.
- 4- Highest number of flower per plant was increased significantly by application of Mercedes' rose with paclobutrazol at 200, 100 ppm followed by 200 ppm of kinetin and GA<sub>3</sub> at 300 ppm with winter flush. While kinetin at 200 ppm, Paclobutrazol 200 ppm, GA<sub>3</sub> 200 ppm and ethep 100 ppm, respectively with spring flush.
- 5- The addition of GA<sub>3</sub> and kinetin at different concentrations generally resulted in an increase in flower stem especially: with the highest concentration. But the addition of ethep gave least length as the control plants especially with the high concentration. While the treatments with paclobutrazol especially at low concentration produced the taller than any other treatments and the control plants in the two flushes. (flower stem thickness exceeded as paclobutrazol concentration increased also this increase was pronounced with the highest level of kinetin application, on the other hand the lowest level of ethep treatment had obvious effect.
- 7- Spraying Mercedes rose with GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin, paclobutrazol and ethep resulted in an increase in the diameter of the flowers in most cases and
- 8- Heaviest flower weights of flowers in the winter flush were obtained from treating Mercedes rose with 200 ppm paclobutrazol, 200 ppm kinetin and 300 ppm GA<sub>3</sub> respectively. While the application of 200 ppm ethep gave the least results in this respect. As for spring flush kinetin 200 ppm produced the maximum fresh weight followed by paclobutrazol 200 ppm, kinetin 100 ppm, GA<sub>3</sub> 300 ppm and last by ethep. The highest concentration of ethep (200 ppm) reduced the fresh weight of flower in the winter and spring flush.
- 9- The mean dry weight of flowers was increased by GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin, paclobutrazol and ethep treatments. Heaviest dry weight were produced from spraying plants with 200 ppm/paclobutrazol, 200 ppm kinetin followed by paclobutrazol at 100 ppm. GA<sub>3</sub> 300 ppm kinetin 100 ppm and ethep 100 ppm, respectively at winter flush. While the treatments by kinetin 200 ppm, paclobutrazol 200 ppm and GA<sub>3</sub> at 300 ppm, respectively, gave the best results with spring flush.
- 10- The nitrogen content was increased in the two seasons especially: with the high concentration of both kinetin and paclobutrazol. While the low concentration of ethep lead to an increase in the total nitrogen content in opposite of the high concentration.
- 11- Spraying Mercedes rose with GA<sub>3</sub>, kinetin, paclobutrazol and ethep increased the carbohydrate content. Higher value was produced with 200 ppm paclobutrazol followed by ethep 100 ppm, kinetin 100 and 200 ppm in the first and second seasons.
- 12- The addition of kinetin at 100 or 200 ppm gave the maximum value of chlorophyll "A" followed by paclobutrazol 200 ppm and at the last by
- 13- paclobutrazol and kinetin treatments

increased chlorophyll B but ethep treatment decreased it in this respect. The results of the present research show that in order to get good quality of both flowering and vegetative characters with Mercedes mose. it is advisable to practice the following .A- Using Foliar application with GA3 at 300 ppm was more effective on flowering and growth characters than 200 ppm. B- Treating with foliar application of kinetin at 200 ppm that resulted in good quality concerning flowering and vegetative growth. C- Using paclobutrazol with the high concentration of 200 ppm gave the best results in improving the flowering qualities such as number and diameter of flowers, fresh and dry weights of flower stem. D- Using foliar application with ethep at low concentration (100 ppm) was more effective on growth and flowering than high concentration (200 ppm).

The second part: I\_ There was a negative linear correlation between increased plant density per m<sup>2</sup> and the number of leaves per flower stem. Plant density at 10 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the maximum number of leaves per flower stem compared to 20 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. 2\_ The population of 10 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> caused a significant increase in the fresh and dry weight of flower stem with leaves in both flushes. 3- Plant density at 20 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the maximum number of flowers per plant compared with 10 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. 4- The highest number of flowers per m<sup>2</sup> was obtained with 20 plants/m<sup>2</sup> followed by 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively, While 10 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the least one in this concern. 5- 20 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the longest flower stem while 16 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the next value in this concern, On the other hand 10 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the shortest flower stem. In winter flush, While 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the longest flower stem followed by 20, 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. 6- At these different plant densities, plant density produced the same result on flower stem diameter. 7- The mean diameter of a flower, population 10 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the maximum diameter of a flower while 20 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the next value in this concern. 8- Heaviest fresh and dry weight of flowers were obtained from 10 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup>, While 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the least fresh and dry weight of flowers in winter flush, While 20 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the maximum dry weight of flowers in the spring flush. 9- The highest nitrogen content was produced with 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup>, while 10 or 20 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the next value in this concern, The minimum nitrogen content gave with 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. 10- 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> gave the highest value of total carbohydrate in both seasons, while 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup> produced the least value in this concern. 11- Both the mean values of chlorophyll A and B produced by 10 or 16 plants/m<sup>2</sup> were significantly higher than those produced by 20 or 24 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. In conclusion, the following recommendation could be presented sixteen plants/m<sup>2</sup> is a suitable planting distance for better production of cut flowers from Mercedes Rose plants.