

Bid-organic farming efficiency on yield and quality of some medicinal plants

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Efficiency of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with biocontrol agent on marjoram growth performance and controlling of root diseases under greenhouse condition. A pot experiment was carried out to investigate the efficiency of marjoram inoculation with *Paenibacillus polymyxa*, *Bacillus megaterium* var. *phosphaticum* and *Bacillus circulans* combined with *Trichoderma harzianum* on infection percentage, enzymatic activity, growth characteristics, peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity in presence or absence of *Fusarium oxysporum* in autoclaved or non-autoclaved soil. Antagonistic activity of biofertilizers and biocontrol strains. Antagonistic effect test *megaterium* var. *phosphaticum*, *harzianum* against *F. oxysporum* under laboratory conditions. Obtained results indicated that tested strains showed high suppression of *Fusarium oxysporum*. Also, results emphasized that clear zones around tested strains were observed. Such clear zones are likely to be due to the production of antibiotic substances by biofertilizer strains and *Trichoderma harzianum*. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *T. harzianum* on infection percentage and disease suppression of marjoram. Data indicated that there is no observed infection in whether non-sterilized or sterilized soil treatments. While in infested soil, the infection rate ranged between 6.7-71.4 and 7.1-100 % in the non-sterilized and sterilized soil treatments, respectively. of *p. polymyxa*, *B. B. circulans* and *T. harzianum* was achieved in vitro. 2.3.6) Soil inoculation with the mixture of biofertilizers combined with compost in presence of *T. harzianum* showed the lowest record of infection percentage. While the highest record of infection percentage was observed in infested soil with *F. oxysporum* individually. Chemical fertilization gave higher percentage of infection compared to biofertilization and organic manuring treatments. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *T. harzianum* on enzymes activity in soil cultivated with marjoram. The highest DI-TA recorded in non-sterilized soil treatments was observed with biofertilizers inoculation and compost amendment combined with soil infestation with *F. oxysporum* in presence of *T. harzianum*. While, the lowest DHA records were observed with the infested and sterilized soil. Higher values of DHA which vs, as observed with dual application interpret the beneficial effect of inoculation and compost in proliferation and enhancement the microbial biomass in rhizosphere. Generally, soil infestation with *F. oxysporum* decreased phosphatase activity in all treatment compared to un-infested ones. This likely be due to antagonistic effect between indigenous (native) soil fungi besides the introduced inocula and pathogenic fungus. Also, high values of N₂-ase and phosphatase activity were observed in non-sterilized soil compared with sterilized ones. This result is likely be due to the activity of native microorganisms in non-sterilized soil treatments beside the introduced inocula. The highest records of N₂-ase and phosphatase activity were observed in non-sterilized and infested soil treated with either biofertilizers and compost in presence of *T. harzianum*. While, the lowest records were observed in infested soil with *F. oxysporum*. Generally, soil infestation with *Fusarium oxysporum* showed lower values of N₂-ase and phosphatase activity whether non-sterilized or sterilized soil than un-infested ones. These lower values of N₂-ase activity may be due to the antagonistic effect of such fungus against soil microflora. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *T. harzianum* on growth characteristics of marjoram. Growth characteristics of marjoram were significantly increased in the inoculated treatments with biofertilizers compared with un-inoculated

ones. This result may be attributed to the beneficial effects of PGRs produced by these microorganisms. Inoculation of marjoram with biofertilizers combined with compost gave higher growth characteristics values rather than those treated with either biofertilizers or compost individually. This result was observed with both sterilized and non-sterilized soil treatments. The highest records of marjoram growth characteristics were observed in non-sterilized soil which inoculated with biofertilizers and amended with compost in presence of *T. harzianum*. While, the infestation with pathogenic fungus in sterilized soil resulted in death of plants. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *T. harzianum* on peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity. Data clearly indicated that soil infestation with *Fusarium oxysporum* significantly increased the peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity in marjoram compared with the un-infested ones. Inoculation with biofertilizers resulted significant increase in peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities of marjoram compared to un-inoculated ones. Furthermore, marjoram inoculation with biofertilizer strains in combination with compost gave higher peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity in comparison with marjoram treated with either biofertilizers or compost individually. In addition, marjoram inoculation with biofertilizer strains combined with soil infestation with pathogenic fungi significantly increased the peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity compared to soil infestation with pathogenic fungus alone. Efficiency of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with biocontrol agent on damssisa growth performance and controlling root diseases under greenhouse condition. A pot experiment was carried out to investigate the efficiency of damssisa plants inoculation with *Azotobacter chroococcum*, *Glomus macrocarpum* and *Bacillus circulans* combined with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* on infection percentage, enzymatic activities and growth characteristics in presence or absence of *Fusarium solani* in sterilized or non-sterilized soil. Antagonistic activity of biofertilizer and biocontrol strains. Antagonistic effect of *A. chroococcum*, *B. circulans* and *Ps. fluorescens* against *F. solani* was achieved in vitro under laboratory conditions. Obtained results indicated that the four tested strains showed high suppression effect against *Fusarium solani*. Results emphasized that clear zones were observed around the tested strains. Such clear zones are likely to be due to the production of antibiotic substances by biofertilizer strains and *Pseudomonas*

fluorescens. 11.1111M1.1•11.1.1111011MINIMMOW.311/1S.M.11.91.8104014.111W11.00 ? MWRAIIEffect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *Ps. fluorescens* on infection percentage and disease suppression of damssisa. Damssisa inoculation with biofertilizer strains (*Paenibacillus polymyxa*, *Bacillus megaterium* var. *phosphaticum* and *Bacillus circulans*) significantly decreased the percentage of *Fusarium* infection compared to un-inoculated ones. Also, disease suppression significantly increased with damssisa inoculation with biofertilizer strains. These results were observed in presence or absence of *Pseudomonas fluorescens*. Soil inoculation with biofertilizer strains combined with compost in presence of *Ps. fluorescens* showed the lowest record of infection percentage. While the highest record of infection percentage was observed in infested soil with *F. solani* individually. Concerning the chemical fertilization treatments data showed that they gave higher percentage of infection compared to either *Ps. fluorescens* or biofertilization and organic manuring treatments. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *Ps. fluorescens* on enzymes activity. The highest DHA record was observed in non-sterilized soil treated with biofertilizers inoculation and compost amendment combined with soil infestation with *F. solani* in presence of *Ps. fluorescens*. While, the lowest DHA record was observed with the sterilized and infested soil. This result interpret beneficial effect of inoculation and organic manure in proliferation and enhancement the microbial biomass in rhizosphere. Also, data revealed that non-sterilized soil treatments gave higher values of N₂-ase activity than sterilized ones. The N₂-ase activity which was observed with sterilized treatments due to introduced biofertilizers WineWfsrIDR.,., inocula activity. Higher values of N₂-ase activity was observed in non-sterilized soil compared to sterilized ones. The highest record of N₂-ase activity was observed in non-sterilized and infested soil treated with both biofertilizers and compost in presence of *Ps. fluorescens*. While, the lowest record was observed in infested soil with *F. solani* individually. Generally, it is important to mention that inoculation with *Ps. fluorescens* showed significantly increase in N₂-ase activity in all treatment whether non-sterilized or sterilized soil as compared to uninoculated ones. Data revealed that damssisa inoculated with the

biofertilizer strains gave significant increase in phosphatase activity compared with either organic manuring or chemical fertilization. Also, data announced that inoculation with biofertilizer strains in combination with compost gave the highest increase of the phosphatase activity. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *Ps. fluorescens* on mycorrhizal infection percentage Data showed that mycorrhizal root infection percentage was higher in case of mycorrhizal inoculated treatments compared to un-inoculated ones which depended on the indigenous VAM in the soil. Low percentage of mycorrhizal infection in the un-inoculated plants indicate that the native VAM fungi are presented in the soil but in a low density. Also data revealed that sterilized soil treatments gave lower values of mycorrhizal infection compared to un-sterilized ones. Moreover, no infection with VAM showed in the un-inoculated and sterilized soil treatments. The highest record of mycorrhizal root infection was observed in case of dual application with compost and biofertilization in presence of *P. fluorescens*. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *Ps. fluorescens* on growth characteristics of damssisa. Growth characteristics of damssisa were significantly increased with the inoculation with biofertilizer strains compared to un-inoculated ones. The highest records of damssisa growth characteristics were observed in non-sterilized soil that inoculated with biofertilizers and amended with compost in presence of *Ps. fluorescens*. While, the lowest records were observed in sterilized soil infested with pathogenic fungus individually. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring combined with *Ps. fluorescens* on peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity. Inoculation with biofertilizer strains resulted significant increase in peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity of damssisa compared to un-inoculated ones. Similar trend of result was observed in non-sterilized and sterilized soil. Furthermore, damssisa inoculation with biofertilizer strains in combination with compost gave higher records of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity in comparison with that treated with either biofertilizers or compost individually. In addition, damssisa inoculation with biofertilizer strains combined with soil infestation with pathogenic fungus significantly increased the activity of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase as compared to soil infestation with pathogenic fungus alone. from data it is worthily to mention that damssisa inoculation with *Ps. fluorescens* gave higher records of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase rather than un-inoculated ones. Effectiveness of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on growth performance and yield of marjoram. This experiment was designed to study efficiency of biofertilization (*Paenibacillus polymyxa* H1, *Bacillus megaterium* var *phosphaticum* and *Bacillus circulans*) and levels of organic manuring in open field on soil enzymes activity, macro-nutrient content, peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities, plant growth characteristics, yield and active substances of marjoram oil. Periodical changes of dehydrogenase activity (DHA) under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Higher records of DHA were observed in soil inoculated with mixture of biofertilizer strains (*Paenibacillus polymyxa* H1, *Bacillus megaterium* var *phosphaticum* and *Bacillus circulans*) than amended soil with organic manuring. Moreover, data showed that inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains in combination of compost gave higher DHA than the soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. This was true through all experimental periods and two growing seasons. Data revealed that inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains combined with full dose of compost gave the highest values of DHA. Periodical changes of nitrogenase activity under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. higher records of N₂-ase activity were observed in inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains than soil treated with compost only. The highest values of N₂-ase activity were obtained with full dose of compost + biofertilizers mixture. from the obtained data, it's worthily to mention 2nellMMIlassesoMma.1.11.191.10.7%V.1.1. Summary that the N₂-ase activity values were higher at flowering stage (90 days from transplanting) rather than vegetative one. Periodical changes of Phosphatase activity under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Obtained data emphasized that inoculation of soil with effective biofertilizer strains led to significant increase in phosphatase activity compared to compost amendment. Also, phosphatase activity was enhanced in soil inoculated and treated with compost compared to soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. The highest records of phosphatase activity were observed in soil treated with full dose of compost in combination with biofertilization. Periodical changes of ammoniacal nitrogen under biofertilization

and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains in combination with compost showed higher $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ records than soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. Obtained data also revealed that the values of $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ in inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains were higher than uninoculated one. This result was obtained at all growth periods. From the obtained data it is important to notice that the decrease of $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ levels at flowering stage can be attributed to the high multiplication of nitrifying bacteria (which convert ammoniacal nitrogen to nitrite nitrogen) during flowering stage as a result of qualitative and quantitative changes in nature of the root exudates of cultivated plants during different growth stages. Periodical changes of nitrate nitrogen under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Obtained data showed that inoculated soil with biofertilizer strains gave higher value,; of $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ levels than soil amended with full dose of com,)ost. $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ records were increased with increasing the compost amount. This result was confirmed by the increasing of $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ levels in amended soil with 3/4 dose compost than that amended with 1/2 dose. Data showed that the higher records of $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ were observed at flowering stage. The I-, igher records at flowering stage as a result of the positive qualitative and quantitative changes in nature of the p, ant root exudates during different growth stages. Periodical changes of available phosphorus under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Data showed that soil amended with the chemical fertilizer gave lower records of available phosphorus compared with soil inoculated with biofertilizer strains and amended with full dose of compost. Also, obtained data showed that available phosphorus concentration significantly decreased in the treatment of soil inoculated with biofertilizer strains compared with soil amended with full dose of compost. Combination between biofertilizat, on and organic manuring, resulted to higher records of available phosphorus than the application of biofertilizers singularly. The available phosphorus was increased with the increasing of compost amendment. Periodical changes of soluble potassium under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with marjoram. Obtained data showed that soluble-K concentration significantly decreased in inoculated soil with biofertilizers compared with amended soil with full dose of compost. The soluble-K was increased with increasing the compost amount. In this respect, results showed that highly significant increases in soluble-K values occurred during the two successive growing seasons in amended soil with full dose of compost than that amended with 1/2 or 3/4 dose. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on N, P and K uptake of marjoram. Macronutrients uptake by marjoram were higher in case of dual application with biofertilization and compost than those recorded in either biofertilization or compost each one solely. The highest records in case of dual application can be attributed to the higher DHA, N_2 -ase and phosphatase activity. It is worthy to mention that NPK uptake was affected with the levels of compost dose. In this respect, obtained results showed that uptaken macro-nutrients increased with the increasing of compost dose. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on polyphenol oxidase and peroxidase enzymes in marjoram. Marjoram inoculation with biofertilizer strains significantly increased the peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity compared to un-inoculated ones. Also, marjoram inoculation with biofertilizer strains combined with compost gave higher records of peroxidase activities and polyphenol oxidase in comparison with marjoram inoculated with either biofertilizer strains or compost individually. Marjoram inoculation with biofertilizers combined with full dose of compost significantly increased the activity of peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase compared to soil amended with either 1/2 or 1/4 dose of compost. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on growth characteristics and herb yield of marjoram. Significant increases were observed in most plant growth characteristics and herb yield when compost amendment compared to biofertilizers inoculation. Whereas, marjoram plants with dual application of biofertilizers and compost gave higher records of growth characteristics and herb yield than the application of each one singularly. The highly significant increase in marjoram growth characteristics and herb yield were observed in inoculated marjoram with biofertilizers plus full dose of compost. These results could be attributed to the high levels of N_2 -ase activity as well as the high levels of $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$, $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ and available phosphorus which were observed in this treatment. It is worthy to mention that improvement in the growth characteristics and herb yield occurred by increasing the compost dose. This could explain that increasing the dose of compost led to increase nutrients availability and activity of

beneficial microorganisms. The highest records of growth characteristics and herb yield were observed in treatment of the soil amended with compost and inoculated with biofertilizers. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on oil percent and oil yield of marjoram. Inoculated plants with biofertilizer strains caused significant increase of volatile oil percentage and oil yield per feddan compared to un-inoculated

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The highest values of essential oil percentage of the two seasons appeared with chemical fertilization, while the highest yield of the essential oil per feddan was observed in both treatment of biofertilization combined with organic manuring or chemical fertilization. From obtained results, it could be concluded that biofertilizers inoculation in combination with compost increased essential oil percentage and oil yield per feddan. Since, there isn't significant difference between this treatment and chemical fertilization one, the increase in oil yield might be due to either increase in vegetative growth or changes in leaf oil gland population and monoterpenes biosynthesis. Effect of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on essential oil composition. Fourteen compounds, accounting for more than 97 % of the total volatiles components in most marjoram samples were detected and identified. There were differences in oil composition as affected by biofertilization and organic manuring. Obtained data revealed that dual application of compost and biofertilization recorded the highest percent of terpinen-4-ol (the major compound in marjoram oil), γ -, α -terpinene, α -pinene, myrcene, sabinene, α -terpineol, (+)-2-carene and linalool accompanied by a decrease in the proportions of phellandrene and limonene compared to either compost or biofertilization treatments individually. Also, obtained data showed that (+)-2-carene compound was not found in detected amounts treatments of biofertilization, biofertilization + 3/4 dose of compost and full dose of compost. On the contrary, compost treatment recorded the highest percent of phellandrene and limonene. Whereas, camphene amount was not detectable. Effectiveness of biofertilization and/or organic manuring on growth performance and yield of damssisa. This experiment was designed to study efficiency of biofertilization (*Azotobacter chroococcum*, *Glomus macrocarpum* and *Bacillus circulans*) and levels of organic manuring in open field on soil enzyme activity, macro-nutrient content, peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activities, plant growth characteristics, yield and active substances of marjoram. Periodical changes of dehydrogenase activity (DHA) under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with damssisa. Obtained data revealed that higher records of DHA were observed in treatment of inoculated soil with biofertilization than the amended soil with organic manuring. Moreover, data showed that inoculation of soil with biofertilizers in combination with compost gave higher DHA than soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. Also, data revealed that soil inoculated with biofertilizer strains and manured with full dose of compost gave the highest values of DHA. Periodical changes of nitrogenase activity under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with damssisa. Data showed that higher records of N_2 -ase activity were observed in soil inoculated with biofertilizers than soil treated with compost only. Also, obtained data showed that soil treated with compost in combination with biofertilization gave higher SAP. 9.417.010.4*. WiXieve,, AMVAelf... MM, values of N_2 -ase activity in rhizosphere compared to the treatment of soil with each one solely. The highest values of N_2 -ase activity were obtained with full dose of compost combined with biofertilizers. Periodical changes of Phosphatase activity under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with damssisa. Obtained data emphasized that inoculation of soil with effective biofertilizer strains led to significant increase in phosphatase activity compared to manured soil without inoculation. Also, phosphatase activity was enhanced in soil inoculated and treated with compost compared to soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. The highest records of phosphatase activity were showed in treated soil with full dose of compost in combination with biofertilization. Records of phosphatase activity were higher at flowering stage. Periodical changes of ammoniacal nitrogen under biofertilization and/or organic manuring in soil cultivated with damssisa. Soil inoculated with biofertilizer strains in combination with compost showed higher NH_4 -N records than soil treated with either biofertilizers or compost each one individually. Data showed that soil inoculated with biofertilizer strains gave lower values of NH_4 -N levels than it amended with full

dose of compost. The highest values of $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ level were shown in the soil treated with biofertilizer strains and full dose of compost.

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