

## **INTEGRATED IMPACTS OF HUMIC ACID, HALOTOLERANT N<sub>2</sub> FIXERS AND NITROGEN APPLICATION ON WHEAT YIELD (*Triticum aestivum* L.), YIELD COMPONENT AND NUTRIENT UPTAKE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

To study the integrated impacts of halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and humic acid application on N – availability and nutrient contents of wheat crop (*Triticum Aestivum* L). CV Sakha 93 in salt affected soil, two successive field experiments were conducted in El-Matarya District near Al Manzala Lake, Dakahlia Governorate during the winter of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 seasons. Eighteen treatments were arranged in a split-split block design, which were the simple possible combination between two treatments of humic acid (with (50 L fed<sup>-1</sup>. & without) as the main plots, three treatments of bio inoculation (Non-inoculation, Azotobacter+ Azospirillum and Nostoc + Anabaena) as the sub plots and three levels of nitrogen fertilization (control, 40 and 80 Kg N fed<sup>-1</sup>) as sub- sub plots. Each treatment was replicated three times. Thus, the total number of plots used for each season were 54 plots.

#### **The results of this investigation revealed that:**

- With adding humic acid, the mean values No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, spike length (cm), weight of 1000 seeds (g), grain yield (ardab fed<sup>-1</sup>), straw yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>), N, P and K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) of grain, straw and whole plant at harvesting stage were significantly increased due to addition of humic acid.
- This investigation also indicated that an application of Azotobacter+ Azospirillum was more effective for increasing the No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, spike length (cm), weight of 1000 seeds (g), grain yield (ardab fed<sup>-1</sup>), straw yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>), N, P and K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) of grain, straw and whole plant at harvesting stage than the other halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and this effect was significant during both seasons of the experimentation.
- Concerning the effect of N-fertilization the average values of No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, spike length (cm), weight of 1000 grains (g), grain yield (ardab fed<sup>-1</sup>), straw yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>), N, P and K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) of grain, straw and whole plant at harvesting stage for wheat plant treated with 80 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> doses of N-fertilization was more increased significantly than that treated with the untreated plant.
- With respect to the interactive effect between adding humic acid, halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and nitrogen application found that with adding 4080 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> of nitrogen fertilization mixed with Azt+Azs in presence of humic acid gave the highest value of No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, spike length (cm), weight of 1000 seeds (g), grain yield (ardab fed<sup>-1</sup>), straw yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>), N, P and K-uptakes (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) of grain, straw and whole plant at harvesting stage for wheat plant.

**Keywords:** Humic acid, halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers, N fertilization, wheat plants, salt affected soil, N,P and K uptake by wheat plant.

## INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, great efforts are exerted in order to increase the amount of food in Egypt by applying recommended cultural practices push as using bio and chemical fertilizers for wheat crop production to decrease the gap between consumption and production (El-Zeky, 2005).

Humic substances are well known as complexing agents for transition metal cations, thereby facilitating enhanced uptake. Several researchers reported that high wheat yields require increases in N application and the excessive addition of this nutrient can contribute to watercourse pollution (Semenov *et al.*, 2007). Therefore, the use of high N rates that allow expressing yield potential of existing varieties in the actual market require careful and efficient management of nutrient partialization with the purpose of minimizing losses due to lixiviation during crop development, avoiding pollution of the underground water tables and its harmful effect on human health and environmental sustainability.

The halotolerant microorganisms are effective in the treatment of waste from tannery industry or pickle industry (Kubo *et al.*, 2001, Sivaprakasam *et al.*, 2008). These organisms are isolated from sources such as marine environment, soils, rhizosphere or industrial waste. They are also known to be the potential sources of extracellular enzymes with novel properties, useful for diverse industrial applications. Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*, L.) is one of the main cereal crops all over the world and one of the most important winter crops in Egypt. The main objective of this investigation is to study the integrated impacts of humic acid and N fertilization as well as halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers application on N- availability and nutrient contents of wheat crop (*Triticum Aestivum* L). CV Sakha 93 in salt affected soils.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant culture & experimental conditions

Three-factor experiment were conducted at El-Matarya District near Al Manzala Lake, Dakahlia Governorate, using the wheat crop (*Triticum aestivum* L) cultivar Sakha 93 during the two 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 seasons. The factors studied were humic acid, halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and soil nitrogen application on wheat yield and nutrient contents.

Three-factor experiment with 18 treatments were arranged in asplit-split block design, which were the simple possible combination between two treatments of humic acid (with (50 L fed<sup>-1</sup>. & without) as the main plots, three treatments of bio inoculation (Non-inoculation, Azotobacter+ Azospirillum and Nostoc + Anabaena) as sub plots and three levels of nitrogen fertilization (control, 40 and 80 Kg N fed-1 ) as sub- sub plots. Each treatment was replicated three times. Thus, the total number of plots used for each season was 54 plots. Every plot area of 4m<sup>2</sup> (2 x 2 m) was build-up and the total area was 216 m<sup>2</sup>.

**Cultivation**

Wheat seeds cv. Sakha 93 were planted on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and 2010 in hills 20 cm apart on the middle of row. Then, irrigation was carried out at field capacity. Wheat was irrigated after planting four times during the growing season. Some physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil are shown in table 1.

**Table 1: Some physical and chemical properties of the experimental soil during season 2011.**

Depth(cm)	pH 1:2.5	ECdSm <sup>-1</sup>	Ions meq 100 g <sup>-1</sup> soil							Cl <sup>-</sup>	So <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>
			Ca <sup>++</sup>	Mg <sup>++</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	K <sup>+</sup>	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>=</sup>	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>			
0-30	8.18	1.66	1.95	1.05	4.92	0.58	-	1.47	4.16	2.87	
30-60	8.12	1.83	2.12	1.19	5.59	0.36	-	1.33	4.39	3.65	
60-90	8.05	1.98	2.21	1.32	6.36	0.25	-	1.19	4.63	4.32	
Mechanical analysis %						Sp %	O.M %	Available nutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> soil)			
	C.sand	F.sand	Silt	Clay	Texture			N	P	K	
0-30	1.8	19.6	29.2	49.4	Clay	79.4	1.50	48.2	7.2	420	
30-60	1.4	15.7	31.4	51.4	Clay	80.8	1.04	43.1	6.1	375	
60-90	0.7	10.2	35.7	53.4	H. Clay	82.3	0.72	30.6	4.9	322	

Before sowing, FYM was added at the rate of (20 m<sup>3</sup>. fed<sup>-1</sup>) and irrigated with water at the saturation percentage. Then, left for two weeks to elucidate the damage on seeds and their roots resulted from the heat of decomposition.

Humic acid was applied to the soil on the mean of spray at rate of 50 L fed<sup>-1</sup> (each plot received 500 ml was diluted in 60 liters of irrigation water and given as spray to the soil at sowing). The chemical analysis of humic acid is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Some chemical properties of humic acid.**

EC (d Sm <sup>-1</sup> )	pH	OM%	Macronutrients (%)			Micronutrients (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
			N	P	K	Zn	Fe	Mn
0.90	7.8	65	5.60	0.18	4.90	248	409	244

The efficient strains of bacteria (Non-inoculation, Azotobacter+ Azospirillum and Nostoc + Anabaena) in peat growth media were obtained from General Organization for Agriculture Equalization Fund (GDAEF), Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt. Cultures of previous bio inoculants at 500 ml (10<sup>12</sup> cells ml<sup>-1</sup>) was diluted in 500 liters of water fed<sup>-1</sup> and given as spray to the soil at sowing.

Concerning mineral fertilizers, urea (46 % N), super phosphate (15.5 % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) and potassium sulphate (48 % K<sub>2</sub>O) were the respective of N, P and K sources. Nitrogen fertilizer was added to plots in three doses the first was 20% from recommended doses after sowing and before irrigation directly, the second was 40 % from recommended doses at the first irrigation, and the third was 40% from recommended doses at booting stage.

Potassium was applied at the rate of 150 Kg K fed<sup>-1</sup> as a one dose before the third irrigation. As for phosphorus fertilizer was added at sowing in single dose.

Three plants were taken after 124 days (filling stage) from wheat seeds sowing, from each plot and carried immediately to the laboratory, Plant samples were separated; weight and oven dried at 70°C till constant weight was reached. The dried plant were thoroughly ground and stored for chemical analysis.

**Soil analysis:**

Particle size distribution was described by Piper (1950), pH value, EC, soluble carbonate and bicarbonate, soluble calcium, magnesium, soluble sodium, soluble chloride and potassium and sulfate was measured in the 1:2.5 soil water suspension as described by Jackson (1967). Water saturation capacity was determined by the method described by the U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff (1954). Organic matter was determined according to Walkley and Black method, (Black (1965). Available N was described by Bremner and Mulvaney (1982). Available phosphorus was determined following the method of Olsen, S. R. and L. E. Sommers (1982). Available potassium was determined according to Black (1965).

**Plant Analysis:**

The oven dry plant samples were ground and wet digested by sulphuric perchloric acid mixture as described by Peterburgski (1986). With respect to N, P, and K uptake values were calculated by multiplying the percentage of such elements by dry weight of the plants per plot in plot experiment and per 1 fed in field experiment and expressed as g plant<sup>-1</sup> at harvesting stage.

**Statistical analysis:-**

All data were statistically analyzed according to the technique of analysis of variance (ANOVA) and the least significant difference (L.S.D) method was used to compare the deference between the means of treatment values to the methods described by Gomez and Gomez, (1984). All statistical analyses were performed using analysis of variance technique by means of COSTATE Computer Software.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Data presented in Table 3 show that; the highest mean values 56.59, 57.17 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, 20.15, 20.35 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> spike length (cm), and 84.89, 85.76 cm in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for weight of 1000 seeds (g) obtained from 40 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt + Azs in presence of humic. Meanwhile, the lowest mean values were 38.50, 39.31 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, 13.71, 13.99 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> spike length (cm), and 57.75, 58.96 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for weight of 1000 seeds (g) obtained from untreated wheat. This trend was significantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> season, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> season had no significantly effect.

**Table 3: Interaction effect of humic acid, halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and nitrogen application on No. of grains spike<sup>-1</sup>, spike length (cm) and weight of 1000 seeds (g) at the harvesting stage during both seasons of the experiment.**

Char. Treat.			No. of grains spike <sup>-1</sup>		Spike length (cm)		weight of 1000 seeds (g)	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Without humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	38.50	39.31	13.71	13.99	57.75	58.96
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	41.63	42.08	14.82	14.98	62.44	63.11
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	43.28	44.31	15.41	15.77	64.92	66.46
	Mean		<b>41.14</b>	<b>41.90</b>	<b>14.64</b>	<b>14.91</b>	<b>61.71</b>	<b>62.85</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	42.08	42.52	14.98	15.14	63.11	63.78
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	48.64	49.58	17.32	17.65	72.96	74.37
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	47.39	48.28	16.87	17.19	71.09	72.43
	Mean		<b>46.04</b>	<b>46.80</b>	<b>16.39</b>	<b>16.66</b>	<b>69.05</b>	<b>70.19</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	39.13	39.98	13.93	14.23	58.69	59.97
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	45.96	46.63	16.36	16.60	68.94	69.95
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	44.98	45.38	16.01	16.15	67.47	68.07
	Mean		<b>43.36</b>	<b>44.00</b>	<b>15.43</b>	<b>15.66</b>	<b>65.03</b>	<b>66.00</b>
Average			<b>43.49</b>	<b>44.21</b>	<b>15.48</b>	<b>15.74</b>	<b>65.24</b>	<b>66.31</b>
With humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	45.43	46.01	16.17	16.38	68.14	69.01
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	47.03	48.02	16.74	17.09	70.55	72.03
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	51.50	52.04	18.33	18.52	77.25	78.06
	Mean		<b>47.99</b>	<b>48.69</b>	<b>17.08</b>	<b>17.33</b>	<b>71.98</b>	<b>73.03</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	50.83	50.79	18.09	18.08	76.25	76.18
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	56.59	57.17	20.15	20.35	84.89	85.76
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	54.54	55.97	19.41	19.92	81.81	83.95
	Mean		<b>53.99</b>	<b>54.64</b>	<b>19.22</b>	<b>19.45</b>	<b>80.98</b>	<b>81.96</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	48.28	48.69	17.19	17.33	72.43	73.03
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	54.94	55.70	19.56	19.83	82.41	83.55
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	54.67	54.81	19.46	19.51	82.01	82.21
	Mean		<b>52.63</b>	<b>53.06</b>	<b>18.74</b>	<b>18.89</b>	<b>78.95</b>	<b>79.60</b>
Average			<b>51.54</b>	<b>52.13</b>	<b>18.35</b>	<b>18.56</b>	<b>77.30</b>	<b>78.20</b>
Inter. Sig.			**	N.S	**	N.S	**	N.S
LSD at 0.05			<b>0.67</b>	<b>N.S</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>N.S</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>N.S</b>

\*Azt :Azotobacter

\*Azs : Azospirillum

It was observed that plants grown well due to the application of microorganisms and humic substances which stimulate the plant yields. This may be due to the higher frequency of bio fertilization with the availability of soil moisture which leads to the effective absorption of nutrients and better proliferation of roots which might increase crop yield (Omer, *et al.*, 2004). There are also many reports of humic substances role in promoting plant biomass, stimulation of seed, straw and even direct effect on crop productivity and increases in crop yields.

A reference to Table 4, findings point out that the highest mean values of grain yield were 14.78, 14.93 ardab fed<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8.02, 8.11 ton fed<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for straw yield obtained from 40 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt+Azs in presence of humic. Meanwhile, the lowest mean values of grain yield were 10.06, 10.27 ardab fed<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5.46, 5.57 ton fed<sup>-1</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for straw yield obtained from untreated wheat. This trend was significantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> season, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> season had no significantly effect.

**Table 4: Interaction effect of humic acid, halotolerant N<sub>2</sub> fixers and nitrogen application on grains yield (ardab fed<sup>-1</sup>) and straw yield (ton fed<sup>-1</sup>) at the third stage during both seasons of the experiment.**

Char. Treat.			Grain yield ardab fed <sup>-1</sup>		straw yield ton fed <sup>-1</sup>	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Without humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	10.06	10.27	5.46	5.57
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	10.87	10.99	5.90	5.97
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	11.31	11.57	6.14	6.28
	Mean		<b>10.75</b>	<b>10.94</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>5.94</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	10.99	11.11	5.97	6.03
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	12.71	12.95	6.90	7.03
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	12.38	12.61	6.72	6.85
	Mean		<b>12.02</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>6.53</b>	<b>6.64</b>
	Nostoc Anabaena +	Cont.	10.22	10.44	5.55	5.67
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	12.01	12.18	6.52	6.61
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	11.75	11.85	6.38	6.43
	Mean		<b>11.32</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>6.24</b>
Average			<b>11.36</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>6.27</b>
With humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	11.87	12.02	6.44	6.52
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	12.29	12.54	6.67	6.81
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	13.45	13.59	7.30	7.38
	Mean		<b>12.53</b>	<b>12.72</b>	<b>6.80</b>	<b>6.90</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	13.28	13.27	7.21	7.20
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	14.78	14.93	8.02	8.11
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	14.25	14.62	7.73	7.94
	Mean		<b>14.10</b>	<b>14.27</b>	<b>7.65</b>	<b>7.75</b>
	Nostoc Anabaena +	Cont.	12.61	12.72	6.85	6.90
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	14.35	14.55	7.79	7.90
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	14.28	14.32	7.75	7.77
	Mean		<b>13.75</b>	<b>13.86</b>	<b>7.46</b>	<b>7.39</b>
Average			<b>13.46</b>	<b>13.62</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>7.39</b>
Inter. Sig.			**	N.S	**	N.S
LSD at 0.05			<b>0.17</b>	<b>N.S</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>N.S</b>

The interaction effect between the previously mentioned parameters data in Table 5 also detected that, the highest mean values 513.45 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> obtained from 80 Kg fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt+Azs in without

humic, 58.8 for K -uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from 80 Kg fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with non-inoculation in presence humic, 462, 34.86 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>), P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with Azt+Azs in presence humic and 43.785, 82.95 for P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>), K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> obtained from 40 Kg fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt+Azs in presence humic. ,Meanwhile, the lowest mean values of 360.15 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with Nostoc + Anabaena in presence humic , 20.685, 38.85 for P, K in 1<sup>st</sup> obtained from untreated wheat and 117.6, 7.77 ,13.65 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>), P -uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) and K -uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with non-inoculation in presence humic.This trend was significantly in the 2nd season only.

**Table 5: Interaction effect of humic acid, halotolerant N2 fixers and nitrogen application on N, P and K uptake at the harvesting stage of grains during both seasons of the experiment.**

Char. Treat.			N-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		P-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		K-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Without humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	404.25	216.3	20.685	11.34	38.85	22.05
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	417.9	154.35	26.565	9.66	50.4	19.95
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	487.2	245.7	32.76	15.96	67.2	34.65
	Mean		<b>436.45</b>	<b>205.45</b>	<b>26.67</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>52.15</b>	<b>25.55</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	391.65	180.6	24.045	10.71	44.1	19.95
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	465.15	255.15	35.49	18.69	78.75	45.15
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	513.45	254.1	39.165	19.11	77.7	42
	Mean		<b>456.75</b>	<b>229.95</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>66.85</b>	<b>35.7</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	385.35	240.45	22.05	13.545	38.85	26.25
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	490.35	302.4	36.225	25.515	79.8	46.2
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	407.4	284.55	28.77	19.74	63	42
	Mean		<b>427.7</b>	<b>275.8</b>	<b>29.015</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>60.55</b>	<b>38.15</b>
Average			<b>440.3</b>	<b>237.0667</b>	<b>29.52833</b>	<b>16.03</b>	<b>59.85</b>	<b>33.13333</b>
With humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	474.6	117.6	32.235	7.77	52.5	13.65
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	394.8	220.5	28.14	15.54	47.25	26.25
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	436.8	407.4	34.755	32.235	64.05	58.8
	Mean		<b>435.4</b>	<b>248.5</b>	<b>31.71</b>	<b>18.515</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	428.4	462	33.075	34.86	56.7	54.6
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	508.2	349.65	43.785	29.82	82.95	57.75
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	508.2	323.4	42.105	26.775	73.5	47.25
	Mean		<b>481.6</b>	<b>378.35</b>	<b>39.655</b>	<b>30.485</b>	<b>71.05</b>	<b>53.2</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	360.15	330.75	26.565	24.255	45.15	37.8
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	432.6	241.5	36.75	20.16	67.2	36.75
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	371.7	353.85	30.24	28.245	53.55	49.35
	Mean		<b>388.15</b>	<b>308.7</b>	<b>31.185</b>	<b>24.22</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>41.3</b>
Average			<b>435.05</b>	<b>311.85</b>	<b>34.1833</b>	<b>24.41</b>	<b>60.31667</b>	<b>42.47</b>
Inter. Sig.			N.S	**	N.S	**	N.S	**
LSD at 0.05			N.S	0.87	N.S	0.064	N.S	0.11

A glance of the interaction effect between the previously mentioned parameters data in Table 6 also detected that; the highest mean values

70.35, 76.65 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>), 7.665, 7.65 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) and 59.85, 65.1 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) obtained from 40 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt+Azs in presence of humic..

**Table 6: Interaction effect of humic acid, halotolerant N2 fixers and nitrogen application on N, P and K uptake at the harvesting stage of straw during both seasons of the experiment.**

Char. Treat.			N-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		P-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		K-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Without humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	26.25	29.4	1.99	1.89	21	23.1
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	32.55	35.7	2.73	2.625	27.3	30.45
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	36.75	40.95	3.045	2.94	32.55	35.7
	Mean		<b>31.85</b>	<b>35.35</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>2.485</b>	<b>26.95</b>	<b>29.75</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	32.55	34.65	2.52	2.415	26.25	28.35
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	48.3	53.55	4.515	4.41	40.95	46.2
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	46.2	50.4	3.99	3.885	38.85	42
	Mean		<b>42.35</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>3.675</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>35.35</b>	<b>38.85</b>
	Nostoc Anabaena +	Cont.	28.35	30.45	2.205	2.1	22.05	25.2
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	42	47.25	3.57	3.675	36.75	39.9
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	39.9	43.05	3.255	3.15	32.55	37.8
	Mean		<b>36.75</b>	<b>40.25</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>2.975</b>	<b>30.45</b>	<b>34.3</b>
Average			<b>36.98</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>3.092</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>30.91667</b>	<b>34.3</b>
With humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	39.9	43.05	3.255	3.255	32.55	36.75
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	43.05	48.3	3.885	3.675	34.65	38.85
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	54.6	58.8	5.565	5.355	43.05	48.3
	Mean		<b>45.85</b>	<b>50.05</b>	<b>4.235</b>	<b>4.095</b>	<b>36.75</b>	<b>41.3</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	50.4	54.6	5.145	4.935	40.95	46.2
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	70.35	76.65	7.665	7.56	59.85	65.1
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	63	70.35	6.93	6.825	52.5	59.85
	Mean		<b>61.25</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>6.58</b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>57.05</b>
	Nostoc Anabaena +	Cont.	45.15	49.35	4.41	4.41	37.8	42
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	66.15	71.4	7.245	7.14	55.65	60.9
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	59.85	64.05	6.3	6.195	48.3	54.6
	Mean		<b>57.05</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>5.985</b>	<b>5.915</b>	<b>47.25</b>	<b>52.5</b>
Average			<b>54.72</b>	<b>59.62</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.48</b>	<b>45.03333</b>	<b>50.28</b>
Inter. Sig.			**	**	**	**	**	**
LSD <sub>at 0.05</sub>			<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>

Meanwhile, the lowest mean values were 26.25, 29.4 cm in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>), 1.99, 1.89 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) and 21, 23.1 in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) obtained from untreated wheat. This trend was significantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> season

About the interaction effect between the previously mentioned parameters data in Table 7 also detected that; the highest mean values 578.55, 51.45, 142.8, 122.85 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup>, P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> and K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from 40 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> jointly with Azt+Azs in presence of humic, 516.6 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 39.80 for P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with Azt+Azs in presence of humic, Meanwhile, the lowest mean values were 405.3 for N-

uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with Nostoc + Anabaena in presence of humic, 160.65 , 11.03 for N-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from obtained from nitrogen cont. jointly with non-inoculation in presence humic, 22.68, 59.85, 45.15 for P-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> and K-uptake (kg fed<sup>-1</sup>) in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> obtained from untreated wheat. This trend was significantly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season only. It is well known that humic substances increases soil's cation exchange capacity (ability to hold and release cations such as K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>++</sup>, or NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), and also can form aqueous complexes with micronutrients, though not to the same extent as many synthetic chelating agents (Mikkelsen, 2005). Since humic acid holds cations so they could be absorbed by a plant's root, improving micronutrient exchange and transference to the plant's circulation system (Adani *et al.*, 1998).

**Table 7: Interaction effect of humic acid, halotolerant N2 fixers and nitrogen application on N, P and K uptake at the harvesting stage of whole plant during both seasons of the experiment.**

Char. Treat.			N-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		P-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )		K-uptake (kg fed <sup>-1</sup> )	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Without humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	430.5	245.7	22.68	13.23	59.85	45.15
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	450.45	190.05	29.295	12.285	77.7	50.4
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	523.95	286.65	35.805	18.9	99.75	70.35
		Mean	<b>468.3</b>	<b>240.8</b>	<b>29.26</b>	<b>14.805</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>55.3</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	424.2	215.25	26.565	13.125	70.35	48.3
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	513.45	308.7	40.005	23.1	119.7	91.35
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	559.65	304.5	43.155	22.995	116.55	84
		Mean	<b>499.1</b>	<b>276.15</b>	<b>36.575</b>	<b>19.74</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>74.55</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	413.7	270.9	24.255	15.645	60.9	51.45
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	532.35	349.65	39.795	29.19	116.55	86.1
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	447.3	327.6	32.025	22.89	95.55	79.8
		Mean	<b>464.45</b>	<b>316.05</b>	<b>32.025</b>	<b>22.575</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>72.45</b>
Average			<b>477.2833</b>	<b>277.6667</b>	<b>32.62</b>	<b>19.04</b>	<b>90.766</b>	<b>67.433</b>
With humic	Non-inoculation	Cont.	514.5	160.65	35.49	11.03	85.05	50.4
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	437.85	268.8	32.025	19.215	81.9	65.1
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	491.4	466.2	40.32	37.59	107.1	107.1
		Mean	<b>481.25</b>	<b>298.55</b>	<b>35.945</b>	<b>22.61</b>	<b>91.35</b>	<b>74.2</b>
	Azt+Azs	Cont.	478.8	516.6	38.22	39.80	97.65	100.8
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	578.55	426.3	51.45	37.38	142.8	122.85
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	571.2	393.75	49.035	33.6	126	107.1
		Mean	<b>542.85</b>	<b>445.55</b>	<b>46.235</b>	<b>36.925</b>	<b>122.15</b>	<b>110.25</b>
	Nostoc + Anabaena	Cont.	405.3	380.1	30.975	28.665	82.95	79.8
		40 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	498.75	312.9	43.995	27.3	122.85	97.65
		80 N fed <sup>-1</sup>	431.55	417.9	36.54	34.44	101.85	103.95
		Mean	<b>445.2</b>	<b>370.3</b>	<b>37.17</b>	<b>30.135</b>	<b>102.55</b>	<b>93.8</b>
Average			<b>489.7667</b>	<b>371.46</b>	<b>39.78</b>	<b>29.89</b>	<b>105.35</b>	<b>92.75</b>
Inter. Sig.			**	**	**	**	**	**
LSD at 0.05			<b>2.70</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.10</b>

## CONCLUSION

It could be recommended that inoculation of wheat plant with the mixture of multi strains inoculants (*Azotobacter* + *Azospirillum*) combined with humic acid (50 L fed<sup>-1</sup>.) under N-fertilization at rate of 40 kg N fed<sup>-1</sup> are considered as the most suitable treatment for realizing the highest economic yield and the best quality parameters for wheat plants.

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**التأثير المتداخل للتسميد الحيوي والنيتروجيني في وجود حمض الهيوميك على  
محصول القمح، مكوناته و امتصاص العناصر الغذائية**  
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نفذت تجربتان حقليةتان في منطقته المطريه بالقرب من بحيرة المنزلة بمحافظة  
الدقهلية خلال الموسمين الشتويين 2009-2010 و 2010-2011 لدراسة التأثير المتداخل  
لمثبات التآزت المقاومة للملوحة وإضافة حامض الهيوميك على تيسير النيتروجين  
وامتصاص العناصر الغذائية لمحصول القمح وذلك لتقليل استخدام الأسمدة المعدنية التي  
تؤدي إلى نقص معنوي في إنتاج محصول القمح.

اشتملت التجربة على ثمانية عشر معاملة في تصميم قطاعات تحت منشقة وهي  
تمثل كل القطاعات الممكنة بين معاملتان من حامض الهيوميك ( إضافة هيوميك (50 لتر  
فدان<sup>-1</sup>) و عدم اضافته) كمعاملات رئيسيه ، وثلاث معاملات من التسميد الحيوي (كنترول،  
أزوتوباكتر مع أزوسبيريلوم و نوستوك مع انابينا) كمعاملات منشقة و ثلاث معاملات من  
التسميد النيتروجيني  
( كنترول، 40 كجم نيتروجين فدان<sup>-1</sup> و 80 كجم نيتروجين فدان<sup>-1</sup>) كمعاملات تحت منشقة.

جميع المعاملات كررت ثلاث مرات ليصبح العدد النهائي للمعاملات 54 معاملة.  
أظهرت نتائج البحث أنه بإضافة حامض الهيوميك وجد أن قيم متوسطات كل من  
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فدان<sup>-1</sup>)، محصول القش (طن فدان<sup>-1</sup>)، النيتروجين ، الفوسفور والبوتاسيوم الممتص في  
الحبوب ، القش ، النبات ككل (كجم فدان<sup>-1</sup>) بمرحلة الحصاد حدث بها زيادة معنوية نتيجة  
لإضافة الهيوميك بمعدل 50 لتر فدان<sup>-1</sup>.

في هذه الدراسة وجد أن إضافة الأزوتوباكتر مع الأزوسبيريلوم كمعدل للتسميد  
الحيوي كان الأكثر فعالية في زيادة كل من قيم متوسطات كل من عدد الحبوب السنبلية<sup>1</sup>،  
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ككل (كجم فدان<sup>-1</sup>) بمرحلة الحصاد أعلى من أي إضافة للتسميد بمثبات التآزت المقاومة  
للملوحة الأخرى وهذا التأثير كان معنوياً خلال موسمي النمو.

اما بالنسبة لتأثير التسميد النيتروجيني فوجد أن متوسطات كل من عدد الحبوب  
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القش ، النبات ككل (كجم فدان<sup>-1</sup>) بمرحلة الحصاد لنبات القمح المعامل بـ 80 كجم نيتروجين فدان<sup>-1</sup> أدى إلى حدوث زيادة معنوية مقارنة بالنباتات الغير المعاملة. وجد أيضاً أن التأثير المتداخل بين المعاملات تحت الدراسة أدت لحدوث زيادة في قيم متوسطات كل من عدد الحبوب السنبلية<sup>1</sup>، طول السنبلية (سم)، وزن 1000 حبة، محصول الحبوب (أردب فدان<sup>-1</sup>)، محصول القش (طن فدان<sup>-1</sup>)، النيتروجين ، الفوسفور والبيوتاسيوم الممتص في الحبوب ، القش ، النبات ككل بمرحلة الحصاد عند إضافه 40 كجم نيتروجين فدان<sup>-1</sup> تحت التسميد بالأزوتوباكتر والازوسبيريلوم في وجود حامض الهيوميك.

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