

## Implications of Applying Nano-Hydroxyapatite and Nano-Iron Oxide on Faba Bean (*Vicia faba L.*) Productivity

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### ABSTRACT

Nano P fertilization and nano Fe foliar spray were assessed for their effect on productivity of faba bean (*Vicia faba L.*) grown on a light clay soil in Meet-Halfa, Qalubiya governorate, Egypt in a factorial randomized complete block field experiment involving two factors: 1-P application with 5 treatments: P<sub>0</sub>, P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> and P<sub>4</sub> i.e. none, 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as triple super phosphate TSP), 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as TSP), 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as nano-hydroxyapatite HANP) and 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as HANP) respectively; 2-Fe foliar spray with 4 treatments: Fe<sub>0</sub>, Fe<sub>1</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub> i.e. none, 150 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as nano iron oxide Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as Fe-EDTA) respectively. Rate of spray was 1200 L ha<sup>-1</sup>. At either low or high rate, nano P, was more effective than non-nano P in increasing plant height and number of pods. For seed yield and N, P and Fe uptake by seeds at the same rate of P, the high rate of nano-P gave higher values than the high rate of TSP-P. Though the low rate of nano-P ranked third next to the high rate of TSP-P, the difference between the low rate of nano-P and the high rate of TSP-P was slight. Nano iron in both rates (the high and the low) was the most effective iron treatment. It increased the values of different parameters at low and high doses as follows: 11.8 and 20.1% for seed yield respectively. Respective increases for other traits are 25.6 and 35.5% for plant height; 21.8 and 36.9% for number of pods, 16.2 and 32.4% for N uptake; 15.7 and 31.0% for P uptake and 45.4 and 70.13% for Fe uptake.

**Keywords:** Nano-Hydroxyapatite - Nano-Iron - Faba Bean - N, P and Fe uptake.

### INTRODUCTION

Faba bean (*Vicia faba, L.*) is one of the most common leguminous crops in Egypt, used mainly for human nutrition (Kasem, 2012) due to being a source of vitamins, minerals and starch further more it is an alternative source of protein (Chaieb *et al.*, 2011; Smith *et al.*, 2013; Heuzé *et al.*, 2018). Many regions such as China, Middle East, Mediterranean region, Ethiopia, Central and East Asia, Oceania and the Americas produce faba bean (Bond *et al.*, 1985). It is considered a multipurpose crop not only used as food but also used as a fodder (hay, silage and straw) or green manure due to its high content of nitrogen (Singh *et al.*, 2012; Heuzé *et al.*, 2018). Faba bean (*Vicia faba L.*) is adaptable plant which can grow under different climatic conditions (Singh *et al.*, 2013) moreover, it is a tolerant plant to biotic and abiotic stress (Singh and Kumar, 2009). It grows in soils with different pH values ranging from 6.5 to 9.0 (Jensen *et al.*, 2010) while the maximum N fixation by nodule bacteria requires a neutral to alkaline medium (Singh *et al.*, 2013). This plant has unique potentials in biological N-fixation (symbiotically with Rhizobium), it could reach up to 300 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> (Singh *et al.*, 2013) therefore it contributes to soil fertility effectively (Gasim and Link, 2007) and considered an effective choice for cropping system (Jensen *et al.*, 2010). Farmers growing beans do not need to use large amounts of nitrogen fertilizers compared with other crops (Chaieb *et al.*, 2011). Egyptian soils suffer from deficiency of phosphorus (El-Agrodi *et al.*, 2011) and applied phosphorus is tightly retained in soil due to many factors such as clay minerals (Devau *et al.*, 2010) and high pH. Most of P retention in alkaline soils occur in calcareous soils, calcium ions retain P by precipitating P on the surface of calcium carbonate also it produce low soluble salt of calcium phosphate (Osemwotai *et al.*, 2005; Shen *et al.*, 2011); therefore the available fraction or plants is very low. Increasing soil pH and calcium carbonate content reduce the availability of iron (Horneck and Abak, 2004; Ye *et al.*, 2015). Phosphorus and iron are essential and critical nutrients which limit plant growth and production particularly for legumes (Latati *et al.* 2016; Fouda, 2017), they affect nodules formation hence N-fixation (Broughton *et al.*, 2003; Latati *et al.*, 2014; Brear *et al.*, 2013). Nano-

fertilization technique depends on minimization of bulk materials to get at least one dimension smaller than 100 nm that produce high surface-to-volume ratio (Montalvo *et al.*, 2015). Nano-fertilizers are more reactive and soluble compared with their ordinary counter parts (Naderi and Danesh-Shahraki, 2013; Rameshaiah and Jpallavi, 2015; Janmohammadi *et al.*, 2016), easily to disperse with high resistance to soil fixation (Naderi and Danesh-Shahraki 2013), and easily to be absorbed by plants and slowly released to supply nutrients for prolonged period (Rameshaiah and Jpallavi, 2015).

The current study focuses on the efficiency of nano P and nano Fe on faba bean (*Vicia faba L.*) productivity.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

A Field experiment was carried out to investigate the effect of using fertilizers with nano P and nano Fe on productivity of faba bean grown on a light clay soil in Meet-Halfa, Qalubiya governorate, Egypt using a factorial randomized complete block design with two factors in 3 replicates. Factor 1-P application with 5 treatments: P<sub>0</sub>, P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> and P<sub>4</sub> are none, 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as triple super phosphate TSP), 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as TSP), 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as nano-hydroxyapatite HANP) and 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup> (as HANP) respectively; factor 2-Fe foliar spray with 4 treatments: Fe<sub>0</sub>, Fe<sub>1</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub> are none, 150 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as nano iron oxide Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> (as Fe-EDTA) respectively. Rate of spray was 1200 L ha<sup>-1</sup>. Therefore there were 20 treatment combinations. The plot area was 10.5m<sup>2</sup>. Sources of fertilizers and contents of their nutrients were as follows: TSP (210 g P kg<sup>-1</sup>), HANP (180 g P kg<sup>-1</sup>), nano iron oxide Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (720 g Fe kg<sup>-1</sup>) and Fe-EDTA (120g Fe kg<sup>-1</sup>). Images 1 and 2 show micrographs of the nanoparticles of iron oxide and hydroxyapatite. P was applied in 2 equal splits, the first at sowing and the second before the first irrigation (El-Ghamry *et al.*, 2009). Spraying was done twice, 30 and 45 days after sowing at a spray rate of 1200 L ha<sup>-1</sup> each time. All plots received 15 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup> (as urea 460 g N kg<sup>-1</sup>) + 53 kg K ha<sup>-1</sup> (as K sulphate 410 g K kg<sup>-1</sup>). Soil was sampled before conducting the experiment and analyzed for its main properties according to Gupta (2009) and results are shown in Table 1.

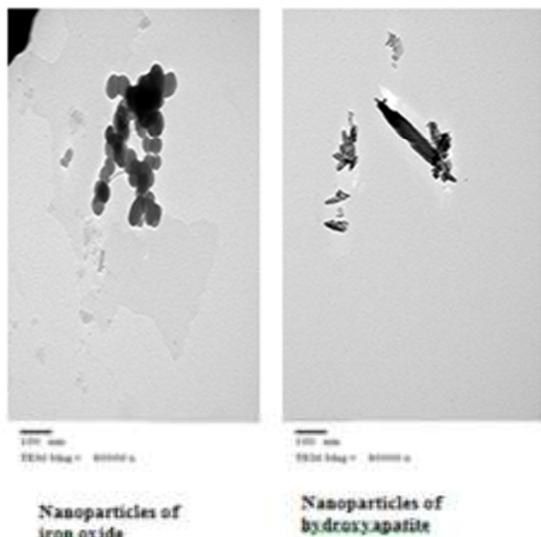
**Table 1. Main properties for soil of the experiment.**

Soil property	Texture class <sup>1</sup>	CEC (cmol <sub>c</sub> kg <sup>-1</sup> )	EC (dS m <sup>-1</sup> ) (paste extract)	pH (1.:2.5 w:v)	OM (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (g kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Total <sup>2</sup> (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )			Available <sup>3</sup> (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
							N	P	Fe	N	P	Fe
Value	LC <sup>1</sup>	32.8	1.13	7.7	8.52	14.5	213	81	119	41.6	1.39	18.7

1: LCI : Light Clay

2: Digestion with conc.H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> +H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Idera et al, 2014).

3: Extractants KCl (N); NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (P); DTPA (Fe) (Lindsay and Norvell, 1978).



**Images 1and 2. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of nanoparticles of iron oxide and hydroxyapatite respectively.**

Bean seeds (var. Misr-1) were placed in a sucrose solution then mixed thoroughly with a carrier of rhizobium bacteria (*Rhizobium leguminosarum, viciae*), then planted on 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The distance between ridges was 60cm and between hills was 25cm; two seeds were sown per hill. At end of season (180 days after sowing) 10 plants

were sampled per each plot, to determine crop traits and yield. Seed samples were taken to determine contents of N, P and Fe (Chapman and Pratt, 1961).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Plant height:

The lowest plant height (83.25 cm) did not receive either phosphorus or iron (Table 2). Application of P or Fe, singly or combined, gave an increase ranging from 1.7% by Fe<sub>1</sub>P<sub>0</sub> to 86.3% by Fe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>. The main effect of P showed highest plant height by the high HANP, with the following descending order: P<sub>4</sub>>P<sub>3</sub>>P<sub>2</sub>>P<sub>1</sub>>P<sub>0</sub>. The HANP treatments averaged 44.4% for low HANP and 60.2% for high HANP. The TSP-P treatments gave lower values than given by HANP; averaging 21.4% for low TSP-P and 35.5% for high TSP-P. The main effect of Fe showed highest plant height by the high nano-Fe followed by the low nano-Fe following a descending order of: Fe<sub>2</sub>>Fe<sub>1</sub>>Fe<sub>3</sub>>Fe<sub>0</sub>. Thus the nano forms of iron were more effective and gave increases of 25.6% by low rate and 35.5% by the high one. Spraying with Fe-EDTA caused an average increase of 16.9%. There was an interaction caused by the application of P and foliar iron; there was no significant difference between Fe<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub> under P<sub>0</sub> indicating that under no addition of P the high rate of Fe either as nano-Fe or as non-nano EDTA-Fe had the same effect on plant height.

**Table 2. Effect of P and Fe application on plant height and number of bean pods plant<sup>-1</sup>.**

Parameter Applied P (P)	Plant height (cm)				Mean	Number of pods (Pods Pt <sup>-1</sup> )				Mean
	Foliar Fe (Fe)					Foliar Fe(Fe)				
	Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>		Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>	
P <sub>0</sub>	83.25	84.68	91.01	91.99	88.23	11.01	14.58	16.06	15.05	14.18
P <sub>1</sub>	85.69	115.61	132.37	94.79	107.11	16.18	17.68	19.49	17.88	17.81
P <sub>2</sub>	96.75	128.45	138.50	114.38	119.52	17.79	21.94	25.52	20.58	21.46
P <sub>3</sub>	98.33	136.75	142.68	131.97	127.43	19.94	23.31	25.33	19.70	22.07
P <sub>4</sub>	124.30	147.89	155.06	137.97	141.31	21.62	27.93	32.05	25.23	26.71
Mean	97.66	122.68	132.32	114.22		17.31	21.09	23.69	19.69	
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>	P = 0.51		Fe = 0.45		P Fe = 1.01	P = 0.42		Fe = 0.38		P Fe = 0.84

Notes: P<sub>0</sub>, P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> and P<sub>4</sub> are: none, 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>(as triple super phosphate TSP), 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>(as TSP), 20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>(as nano-hydroxyapatite HANP) and 40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>(as HANP) respectively. Fe<sub>0</sub>, Fe<sub>1</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub> are: none, 150 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup>(as nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup>(as nano Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and 300 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup>(as Fe-EDTA).

### Number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup>:

Number of pods had the same trend as plant height. Lowest number (11.01) received neither P nor Fe (Table 2). Application of P or Fe singly or combined gave an increase ranging from 32.4% by Fe<sub>1</sub>P<sub>0</sub> to 191.1% by Fe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>. Applied P gave average increases of number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup> in the following descending order: P<sub>4</sub>>P<sub>3</sub>>P<sub>2</sub>>P<sub>1</sub>>P<sub>0</sub>; a pattern similar to that of plant height. The highest increase in number of pods was obtained by the nano-P from. The low rate of nano-P caused increase of 55.6% while the high rate gave increase of 88.4%. The main effect of iron foliar application showed increase in number of pods in the

following descending order: Fe<sub>2</sub>>Fe<sub>1</sub>>Fe<sub>3</sub>>Fe<sub>0</sub>. The trend was similar to that of plant height where the nano form of iron in both rates gave the highest increase. The high rate of nano-iron gave an increase of 36.9% and the low rate gave 21.8% while Fe-EDTA gave the lowest increase (13.7%).

Under Fe<sub>2</sub> there was no significant difference between P<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>3</sub>. This shows that under foliar spraying with the high rate of nano-Fe the high rate of TSP-P and the low rate of nano-P had the same effect on the number of pods. Under Fe<sub>3</sub> there was a significant difference between P<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>3</sub> where P<sub>2</sub> surpassed P<sub>3</sub>. This reflects that

the high rate of TSP-P gave higher number of pods than the low rate of nano-P when spraying with Fe-EDTA.

**Seed yield:**

As in plant height and number of pods the lowest seed yield (1.862 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup>) neither received P nor Fe (Table3). Iron and phosphorus application singly or combined increased seed yield from 14.9% by Fe<sub>1</sub>P<sub>0</sub> to 154.6% by Fe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>. On average applied P increased seed yield as follows: P<sub>4</sub>>P<sub>2</sub>>P<sub>3</sub>>P<sub>1</sub>>P<sub>0</sub>. Therefore the highest increase in seed yield occurred with high rate of nano-P

(104.1%) and the low rate of nano-P gave the third increase (71.3%) which was slightly lower than the second increase given by the high rate of TSP-P (80.8%). Foliar application with iron in average increased seed yield in the following descending order: Fe<sub>2</sub>>Fe<sub>1</sub>>Fe<sub>3</sub>>Fe<sub>0</sub>, a pattern similar to those of plant height and number of pods. Such results show that both rates of nano-Fe the high (20.1%) and the low (11.8%) were the most efficient in increasing seed yield. The low rate of nano-Fe gave higher seed yield than the high rate of Fe-EDTA.

**Table 3. Effect of P and Fe application on seed yield and Fe uptake of faba bean (*Vicia faba L.*).**

Parameter Applied P (P)	Fe-Uptake by seeds (g ha <sup>-1</sup> )					Yield of seeds (Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	Foliar Fe(Fe)				Mean	Foliar Fe(Fe)				Mean
	Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>		Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>	
P <sub>0</sub>	53.29	70.76	83.61	72.99	70.16	1.862	2.140	2.372	2.315	2.172
P <sub>1</sub>	63.00	89.13	101.33	87.15	85.15	2.163	2.563	2.802	2.505	2.508
P <sub>2</sub>	108.40	162.37	196.89	153.04	155.17	3.553	4.029	4.298	3.834	3.928
P <sub>3</sub>	109.44	166.60	190.49	139.31	151.46	3.425	3.794	4.095	3.568	3.721
P <sub>4</sub>	140.97	201.84	235.45	183.80	190.52	4.244	4.425	4.741	4.322	4.433
Mean	95.02	138.14	161.56	127.26		3.049	3.390	3.662	3.309	
LSD (0.05)	P = 0.31		Fe = 0.28		P Fe = 0.62	P = 0.01		Fe = 0.01		P Fe = 0.015

\*see notes of table 2.

**Assessment on response of seed yield and yield components to treatments:**

These increases in yield and its components could be the crucial role of P in enhancing plant growth, increasing plant metabolism and cell division (Ndakidemi and Dakora, 2007; Abdalsalam and Al-Shebani, 2010). Phosphorus is required by plants particularly at initiation phase of flowering, seed and fruit formation (Ndakidemi and Dakora, 2007). Fertilization with P is responsible for increasing number of pods plant<sup>-1</sup> and seed pod<sup>-1</sup> (Singh *et al.*, 2011; Zafar *et al.*, 2011) and thus increasing seed yield of legumes (Rahman *et al.*, 2008; Hussain *et al.*, 2012; Ndor *et al.*, 2012). Phosphorus increases nodulation and photosynthesis resulting in increased N-fixation and eventually increasing yield and its components (Nyoki and Ndakidemi, 2013). The results show significant increases in yield and yield components due to nano-hydroxyapatite-P compared with TSP as sources of P. Mikhak *et al.* (2017) suggested using nano-hydroxyapatite as a promising alternative source of P and stated that such source mitigates the negative effects of using traditional sources of P. Liu and Lal (2014) found that application of nano-hydroxyapatite increased biomass of soybean compared with water-soluble P. Taskin *et al.* (2018) stated that HANP increased P uptake and growth of lettuce grown on a calcareous soil compared with the soluble source of P (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>). Faba bean showed a positive response to foliar application of micro nutrients (Jasim and Obaid, 2014; Salem *et al.*, 2014) Increasing yield and its components are associated with foliar application of iron and the increases were attributed to Fe roles in many physiological processes in plant such as reparation, metabolism, phyto-hormones formation, redox reactions and particularly chlorophyll biosynthesis (Zargar *et al.*, 2015; Mohammadi *et al.*, 2018). Compared with Fe-EDTA, nano iron oxide caused greater plant weight due to increasing chlorophyll (Rui *et al.*, 2016). Nadi *et al.* (2013) found that spraying nano iron chelates at 600 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> increased seed yield of faba bean. Afshar *et al.* (2013)

obtained an increase in the number of cowpea seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> due to application of iron oxide nano particles. Abou El-Nasr *et al.* (2015) reported that foliar application of nano iron oxide for pear at rate of 250 mg Fe L<sup>-1</sup> resulted in increased plant height and dry weight compared with Fe-chelate at the same rate.

**Nutrient uptake by seeds:**

Uptake of Fe by seeds was lowest (53.29 g ha<sup>-1</sup>) in the treatment receiving neither P nor Fe (Table 3) ; their application singly or combined increased Fe uptake by seeds from 18.2% by Fe<sub>0</sub>P<sub>1</sub> of no Fe foliar spray and the low rate of TSP-P to 341.8% by Fe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub> of high nano Fe and the high nano P. Application of P, on average, increased Fe uptake by seeds in the following descending order: P<sub>4</sub>>P<sub>2</sub>>P<sub>3</sub>>P<sub>1</sub>>P<sub>0</sub>, a pattern similar to that of the seed yield. Revealing that at the same rate of P, the nano forms gave higher values than TSP-P. The high rate of P (40 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>) as nano-P gave an increase in Fe uptake by seeds of 171.6% while the TSP-P gave 121.2%. The low rate of P (20 kg P ha<sup>-1</sup>) as nano-P gave an increase of 115.9% while the TSP-P gave 21.3%. The main effect of iron foliar application increased Fe uptake by seeds in the following descending order: Fe<sub>2</sub>>Fe<sub>1</sub>>Fe<sub>3</sub>>Fe<sub>0</sub>, indicating that nano iron at both rates (the high and the low) was most effective in increasing Fe uptake by seeds since it gave increases of 70.3 and 45.4% at the high and low rates respectively while Fe-EDTA gave an increase of 33.9%.

Under each of Fe<sub>0</sub> and Fe<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>3</sub> caused higher uptake than P<sub>2</sub>. This shows that under no iron foliar spray as well as under the low rate of nano-iron the low rate of nano-P gave higher Fe uptake by seeds than the high rate of TSP-P, unlike the main effect of phosphorus application. This demonstrates that with low or no application of foliar iron the effect of low rate of nano-P surpassed the effect of the high rate of TSP-P. Under no added P (P<sub>0</sub>) Fe<sub>3</sub> was higher than Fe<sub>1</sub>. This indicates that with no added P the high rate of Fe-EDTA gave an increase at Fe uptake by seeds higher than the low rate of nano iron, unlike the main effect of iron foliar spray.

**Table 4. Effect of P and Fe application on N and P uptake by seeds of faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.).**

Parameter Applied P (P)	N-Uptake by seeds (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				Mean	P-Uptake by seeds (kg ha <sup>-1</sup> )				Mean
	Foliar Fe(Fe)					Foliar Fe(Fe)				
	Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>		Fe <sub>0</sub>	Fe <sub>1</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>3</sub>	
P <sub>0</sub>	62.95	76.99	90.68	84.68	78.89	6.79	8.12	9.29	8.92	8.28
P <sub>1</sub>	81.26	101.30	114.88	98.53	98.99	9.18	11.27	12.87	11.05	11.09
P <sub>2</sub>	153.50	182.30	205.52	172.13	178.36	16.78	19.94	22.44	18.90	19.52
P <sub>3</sub>	147.24	166.60	189.82	156.04	164.93	16.30	18.52	20.93	17.25	18.25
P <sub>4</sub>	191.80	212.40	242.34	205.27	212.95	20.99	23.20	26.22	22.48	23.22
Mean	127.35	147.92	168.65	143.38		14.01	16.21	18.35	15.72	
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>	P = 0.30		Fe = 0.27		P Fe = 0.60	P = 0.09		Fe = 0.08		P Fe = 0.18

\*see notes of table 2.

The lowest N and P uptake by seeds (62.95 and 6.79 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> respectively) did not receive either phosphorus application or iron foliar spray (Table 4). For each of the uptake of N and P, there was an increase due to applied P or foliar Fe singly or combined with increases ranging from 22.3% for N uptake and 19.6% for P uptake by Fe<sub>1</sub>P<sub>0</sub> to respective increases of 285.0 and 286.2% by Fe<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>. Applied P showed an average N- and P-uptake in the following descending order: P<sub>4</sub>>P<sub>2</sub>>P<sub>3</sub>>P<sub>1</sub>>P<sub>0</sub>, a pattern similar to that of seed yield and Fe uptake. This indicates that at the same rate of P the nano-P gave higher uptake of N and P than TSP-P. The high rate of nano-P gave an increase of 169.9 and 180.4% for uptake of N and P by seeds respectively while the respective increases of high rate of TSP-P gave an increase of 126.1 and 132.5%. The low rate of nano-P gave an increase of 109.1 and 120.4% for N and P uptake respectively while the respective increases for the low rate of TSP-P were 25.5 and 33.9%. Though the low rate of nano P ranked third in increasing N and P uptake by seeds, next to the high rate of TSP-P, the increase of N and P uptake by the low rate of nano-P to the high rate of TSP-P was slight. Iron foliar spray, on average, increased N and P uptake in the following descending order: Fe<sub>2</sub>>Fe<sub>1</sub>>Fe<sub>3</sub>>Fe<sub>0</sub>. This shows that the nano form of iron at both the high and the low rates was more effective in increasing N and P uptake by seeds, the respective increases in the high rate of nano-Fe were 32.4 and 31.0 % while the low rate gave respective increases of 16.2 and 15.7%. Spraying with Fe-EDTA, gave an increase of 11.7 and 12.2 % for N and P uptake of seeds respectively.

#### Assessment on response of N, P and Fe uptake by seeds to treatments:

Studies on the efficiency of nano-hydroxyapatite showed more increases in plant growth compared with water soluble P (Liu and Lal, 2014) and high use efficiency of P fertilizer (Taskin *et al.*, 2018). The effectiveness of nano-hydroxyapatite could be attributed to the tiny size of their particles (Montalvo *et al.*, 2015), the high mobility in reaching plant roots in addition being a non-soluble and slow release P form that supplies P over the time of growth and mitigating chemical reactions in soil which hinder P-precipitation; hence increasing P-availability for plants. Phosphorus has a vital role in improving root growth, length and density (Lopez- Bucio *et al.*, 2003; Desnos, 2008); hence greater acquisition of nutrients by plants (Shen *et al.*, 2011). The increase in N-uptake could be attributed to the P-responsibility for nodulation in legumes, consequently; the higher nodulation the higher nitrogen fixation and the higher nitrogen content (Singh *et al.*, 2011). P-addition improves symbiotic association between

rhizobium and legume roots (Rotaru, 2010; Hussain, 2017), increasing nodules number, size and nitrogenase activity (Al-Niemi *et al.*, 1998). Increasing N-uptake upon iron fertilization could be attributed to the vital role of iron in increasing nodule formation and enhancing symbiotic association hence increasing nitrogen fixation (Brear *et al.*, 2013). Nitrogenase is responsible for the process of conversion the atmospheric nitrogen to ammonia upon two essential iron-components, iron-protein (small component) which is reduced then supply molybdenum-iron protein (large component) with electrons that includes the catalytic site (Dixon and Kahn, 2004). Slatni *et al.* (2008) noted a positive correlation between nodule formation and iron content in common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.). Foliar application of iron resulted in increasing nodulation and nitrogen fixation of peanut plants (O'Hara *et al.*, 1988). Abou El-Nasr *et al.* (2015) reported that the foliar application with nano-particles of iron oxide at concentration of 250 mg L<sup>-1</sup> achieved the maximum content of nitrogen in pear leaves. Stamford *et al.* (2006) stated that increasing P-application increased P-uptake by cowpea plants. Askary *et al.* (2017) stated that Fe, P and K uptake increased significantly in the presence of iron particularly iron nano-particles.

## CONCLUSION

Application of nano forms of P and Fe proved more efficient than their ordinary counterparts (P added as triple super phosphate and Fe as Fe-EDTA) in increasing plant height, number of pods, seed yield and Fe, N and P uptake by seeds of faba bean. The low rate of nano Fe proved more efficient than the high rate of Fe-EDTA. Although the low rate of nano P ranked third next to the high rate of triple super phosphate P, increasing seed yield and Fe, N and P uptake by seed, the difference in regarding the high rate of triple super phosphate was slight.

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## تدابیر اضافة نانو هيدروكسي اباتيت و نانو أكسيد الحديد على إنتاجية الفول البليدى (*Vicia faba L.*)

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تم تقييم تأثير التسميد بالنانو فوسفور و الرش بالنانو حديد على إنتاجية الفول البليدى (*Vicia faba L.*) المزروع في ارض قوامها light clay بميت حلفا محافظة القليوبية، مصر باستخدام تصميم قطاعات تامة العشوائية. التجربة كانت عاملية متعلقة بعاملين الأول هو إضافة الفوسفور و تم على خمس مستويات  $P_0$ ،  $P_1$ ،  $P_2$ ،  $P_3$ ،  $P_4$  و هم على الترتيب كالتالى: عدم إضافة P، إضافة P بمعدل ٢٠ كجم P هكتار<sup>-1</sup> على صورة تريل سوبر فوسفات، إضافة P بمعدل ٤٠ كجم P هكتار<sup>-1</sup> على صورة تريل سوبر فوسفات، إضافة P بمعدل ٢٠ كجم P هكتار<sup>-1</sup> على صورة نانو هيدروكسي اباتيت، إضافة P بمعدل ٤٠ كجم P هكتار<sup>-1</sup> على صورة نانو هيدروكسي اباتيت و الثاني هو الرش الورقى بالحديد و تم على اربع مستويات  $Fe_0$ ،  $Fe_1$ ،  $Fe_2$ ،  $Fe_3$  و هم على الترتيب كالتالى: عدم إضافة Fe، إضافة Fe بمعدل ١٥٠ ملجرام Fe لتر<sup>-1</sup> على صورة نانو أكسيد حديد، إضافة Fe بمعدل ٣٠٠ ملجرام Fe لتر<sup>-1</sup> على صورة نانو أكسيد حديد، إضافة Fe بمعدل ٣٠٠ ملجرام Fe لتر<sup>-1</sup> على صورة حديد مخلى (Fe-EDTA). علما بان معدل الرش كان ١٢٠٠ لتر هكتار<sup>-1</sup>. كلا المعدلان المستخدمان من إضافة نانو فوسفور (المنخفض والمرتفع) كانا اعلى تأثيرا من إضافة الفوسفور على صورة لا يتواجد بها على صورة نانو فزادا من طول النبات و عدد القرون. بالنسبة الى محصول الحبوب و امتصاص N و P و Fe بواسطة الحبوب فوجد انه عند نفس معدل الإضافة أعطى الفوسفور المضاف على صورة نانو قيم اعلى من الفوسفور المضاف على صورة تريل سوبر فوسفات. وبالرغم من ان المعدل المنخفض من P المضاف على صورة نانو كان ترتيبه الثالث تاليا ل P المضاف على صورة تريل سوبر فوسفات الا ان الفرق بينهم كانت طفيفة. الحديد المضاف على صورة نانو في كل من معدلي الإضافة (المنخفضة و المرتفعة) كان افضل معاملات الحديد تأثيرا. زاد من قيم مؤشرات مختلفة عند المعدل المنخفض و المرتفع مئة كالتالى على نفس الترتيب: ١١.٨ و ٢٠.١ % بالنسبة لمحصول الحبوب، ٢٥.٦ و ٣٥.٥ % بالنسبة لطول النبات، ٢١.٨ و ٣٦.٩ % بالنسبة لعدد القرون، ١٦.٢ و ٣٢.٤ % بالنسبة لامتصاص N، ١٥.٧ و ٣١.٠ % بالنسبة لامتصاص P، ٤٥.٤ و ٧٠.١٣ % بالنسبة لامتصاص Fe.