

Impact of nitrogen fertilizer levels of and types of irrigation water on barley yield and its attributes

Ali, M.A.*¹, E.A. Abd El-Lattief¹, R. Khalaphallah² and S.S. Mohamed¹

¹Agronomy Department, Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University - 83523- Qena- Egypt

²Microbiology Department -Faculty of Agriculture -South Valley University - 83523- Qena- Egypt

Abstract

A pot experiment was carried out at the Experimental Farm, Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University, Qena, Egypt during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 seasons to study the effect of nitrogen fertilizer levels and types of irrigation water (W₁; Tap water only, W₂; manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, W₃; manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and W₄; a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water) on growth, yield and its attributes of barley cv. Giza 2000. A randomized complete block design (RCBD) using a split-plot arrangement with four replications was used. The main plot was four different levels of nitrogen fertilizer and the sub-plot were four different types of irrigation water. The seeds of above mentioned variety were used in the pot experiments. The highest mean values of plant height, number of tillers plant⁻¹, spike length, number of grains spike⁻¹, spike weight, biological yield plant⁻¹ and grain yield plant⁻¹ were obtained from high level of nitrogen (60 kg N fed⁻¹). Also, the highest values of above traits were obtained from irrigation with treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water (W₄). It could be concluded that under the conditions of the experiment, application of high levels of nitrogen (N₆₀) under irrigation with treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter+ tap water (W₄) is recommended.

Keywords: Treated wastewater; Nano-titanium dioxide; Nitrogen fertilizer; Yield

Introduction

Barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) is an important cereal crop not only in Egypt but also all over the world. Among cereals, it ranks fourth concerning area and production after wheat, rice and maize. Barley is a winter cereal crop in Egypt and usually used as food for humans and feed for animals and poultry birds.

Nitrogen is a constituent's plant proteins, chlorophyll, nucleic acids and other substances are considered the most important nutrients. Increasing N-fertilizer levels significantly increased yield and yield components as well as the grain protein content of barley (Orphanos,1992; El-Badry, 1995; Megahed, 2003; Yadav *et al*, 2003; Patel *et al*, 2004; Youssef *et al*, 2004; Alazmani, 2015; Puniya *et al*, 2015. El-Moselhy and Zahran (2003) indicated that plant height, spike length, number of spikes, number of grains/spike, and grain

*Corresponding author: M.A. Ali

Email: Mohamed_agr@yahoo.com

Received: January 27, 2021;

Accepted: February 16, 2021;

Published: February 25, 2021.

yield were significantly increased by increasing nitrogen rate. Mousavi *et al* (2012) studied the effect of nitrogen levels on the growth and morphological traits of barley. They found that the nitrogen levels were significant on plant height, ear length, and seed yield. The data showed that 150 kg N ha⁻¹ fertilizer treatment produced the maximum of all studied traits, but has no significant differences with 100 kg N ha⁻¹.

The high demand for barley for animal feed and shortage of tap water increases the need for the reuse of treated wastewater as an alternative source for irrigation. Using alternative water resources such as tertiary treated sewage wastewater are considered very important to produce crops as barley due to irrigation water shortage, especially in arid and semiarid regions such as Upper Egypt. The traditional methods of treatment are not efficient enough to completely remove the emerging contaminants (Qu *et al*, 2012). The biological wastewater treatment is widely applied but these are usually slow, limited due to the presence of non-biodegradable contaminant, and sometime causes toxicity to microorganisms due to some toxic contaminants (Zelmanov and Semiat, 2008), besides, to the accumulation of potentially toxic elements in soils and plants (Ahmadifard, 2014). Recently, it is critical to develop and implement advanced wastewater treatment technologies with high efficiency and low capital requirement. Among various advanced treatments, the use of nanotechnology which has been attracting the attention of scientists. Nano-materials are the smallest structures that humans have developed, a having size of a few nanometers (Chaturvedi *et al*, 2012). More precisely, the nano-particles are those that have structure components with one dimension at least less than 100 nm (Amin *et al*,

2014). Several investigations have been published in nano-adsorption materials which aimed to study the removal of pollutants from wastewater (Shamsizadeh *et al*, 2014; Tang *et al*, 2014; Zhang *et al*, 2014a&b; Kyzas and Matis, 2015). Haddad *et al* (2017) studied the effect of irrigation with fresh and wastewater on growth and yield of seven non-local cultivars (S42IL107, BW284, BW281, G400, Scarlett, Bowman and BW290) of Barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.). They showed that barley cultivars irrigated with both fresh and wastewater had, in general, the same growth vigor and growth nature. The cultivars irrigated with wastewater gave nearly twice the yield of that irrigated with freshwater. This undertaken aimed to investigate the effect of different nitrogen fertilizer levels and types of irrigation water (Tap water and treated wastewater) on yield and its attributes of barley.

Materials and Methods

A pot experiment was carried out at the Experimental Farm, Faculty of Agriculture, South Valley University, Qena, Egypt during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 seasons to study the effect of nitrogen fertilizer levels and types of irrigation water on barley cv. Giza 2000 yield and its attributes traits. The seeds of the above mentioned variety were used in the pot experiments. The seeds were sowing on the 17th of November in the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 seasons. Thirty seeds were initially planted in plastic pots (25 cm diameter and 75 cm height) filled with 13 kg dried soil (1:1 ratio clay and sand). After 21 days from sowing, the plants both seasons were thinned to sixteen plants per pot. The mechanical analysis of the used soil and heavy metals in types of water are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Some physical, macro, and heavy elements properties in the soil before planting at the two seasons.

Properties	2015/2016	2016/2017
Clay%	13.88	14.85
Silt%	17.00	18.00
Sand%	69.12	67.15
Soil texture	Sandy loam	Sandy loam
N (PPm)	33.6	35.3
P (PPm)	0.22	4.6
K (PPm)	219.4	361.3
Pb (PPm)	1.40	1.26
Ni(PPm)	0.34	0.36
Cd (PPm)	0.018	0.016
Cr (PPm)	2.88	3.02

Table 2. Heavy metals present in different types of water.

Types of water	Heavy metals			
	Pb (PPm)	Ni (PPm)	Cd (PPm)	Cr (PPm)
W ₁	0.0	0.029	0.0	0.457
W ₂	0.0	0.103	0.0	0.552
W ₃	0.0	0.139	0.0	0.623
W ₄	0.0	0.132	0.0	0.525

A randomized complete block design (RCBD) using a split-plot arrangement with four replications was used. The main plot was four different levels of nitrogen fertilizer (0.00, 30.00, 45.00, and 60.00 kg fed.⁻¹) from urea source and sub-plot were four different types of irrigation water (W₁; Tap water only, W₂; manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, W₃; manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and W₄; a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water 1:1). Other agricultural practices were applied according to the recommendation at the two seasons.

At harvest time, ten plants were taken from each pot to measure the following traits: plant height

(cm), number of tillers plant⁻¹, spike length (cm), and grain yield/plant (g).

The obtained data were subjected to analysis of variance according to Gomez and Gomez (1984) by MSTAT-C Computer program. Comparison between treatment means was done by least significant difference (LSD) procedures at 5% level of probability.

Results and Discussion

Plant height:

Data in Table 3 show that plant height varied significantly by used nitrogen levels in the two seasons. Application of 60 kg N/feddan surpassed the 0.00 kg N/feddan in this respect and gave the highest mean values of plant

height in both seasons. These results can be ascribed by the role of nitrogen in cell deviation

and elongation as well as the photosynthesis process, which is reflected in

Table 3. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on plant height (cm) in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 seasons.

Seasons	2015/2016					2016/2017				
Nitrogen levels (kg/fad.) (N)	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	65.00	66.46	78.05	76.13	71.41	51.10	58.28	57.10	57.75	56.06
W ₂	74.06	70.31	79.87	83.33	76.89	53.40	57.93	61.33	65.73	59.60
W ₃	70.30	74.77	73.45	73.35	72.97	57.13	56.33	57.50	56.30	56.82
W ₄	72.05	72.35	82.37	87.80	78.64	53.98	59.33	62.20	64.38	59.97
Mean	70.35	70.97	78.44	80.15	74.98	53.90	57.97	59.53	61.04	58.11
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	6.24	3.49	7.01		3.20	2.55	5.11			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

growth. The results are in accordance with those of El-Moselhy and Zahran (2003), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Ali (2011), Mousavi *et al* (2012), Fazal *et al* (2013), Singh *et al* (2013a), Alazmani (2015), Aleminew and Legas (2015), Shendy *et al* (2016) & Reddy and Singh (2018). Also, the data in the same Table illustrate a significant effect of irrigation water types on plant height in the two growing seasons. The highest average values for this trait were obtained by treated wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water in both seasons. It might be due to the high nitrogen content in the treated wastewater. Similar findings were also reported by Al Ajmi *et al* (2009), Haddad *et al* (2017), Rawashdeh (2017), Alawsy *et al* (2018) and Samarah *et al* (2020). Result indicates that there was significant effect of the interaction between nitrogen levels and irrigation types of water (N × W) on plant height in both seasons. Application of 60 kg N fed.⁻¹ markedly improved plant height when wastewater +

nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water were added height in both seasons. However, the lowest mean values of this character were obtained from N₀ × W₁ at two seasons. Similar results were obtained by Mousavi *et al* (2012).

Number of tillers/plant:

Nitrogen fertilizer had significant influence on number of tillers/plant (Table 4). The highest number of tillers/plant was achieved from N₆₀ treatment. The lowest of them related to control (N₀). Similar findings were also reported by Aghdam and Samadiyan (2014), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018). While, Tigre *et al* (2014) stated that the effect of N on several of total tillers was not significant. Irrigation water types had a significant influence on the number of tillers plant⁻¹ (Table 4). The highest number of tillers plant⁻¹ was obtained by irrigation wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap

Table 4. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on the number of tillers plant⁻¹ in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	1.725	1.800	2.050	1.900	1.869	1.404	2.083	1.719	2.301	1.877
W ₂	1.625	1.800	2.175	2.175	1.944	1.679	2.313	2.208	2.969	2.292
W ₃	1.900	1.863	2.025	1.975	1.941	2.010	2.074	1.888	3.063	2.259
W ₄	2.067	2.075	1.625	2.150	1.979	2.130	1.919	2.297	3.141	2.372
Mean	1.829	1.885	1.969	2.050	1.933	1.806	2.097	2.028	2.869	2.200
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W	N	W	N × W				
	0.094	0.053	0.103	0.406	0.307	0.610				

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

water. Nevertheless, the lowest mean values of tillers number plant⁻¹ was obtained from irrigated with tap water in both seasons.

Also, the interaction had a significant influence on number of tillers plant⁻¹ (Table 4). Treatment N₆₀ × W₄ (60 kg N/feddan and wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter) gave the highest mean values of tillers number plant⁻¹ in both seasons.

Spike length:

Spike length varied significantly by studied nitrogen levels in the two growing seasons (Table 5). Application of 60 kg N/feddan surpassed the three other levels in this respect and gained the longest mean values of spike length. These results can be ascribed by the role of nitrogen in cell deviation and elongation as well as the photosynthesis process which is reflected in growth. The previous finding is in agreement with those emphasized by Gauer *et al* (1992), Patke *et al* (2003), Turk *et al* (2003), AbdAlla (2004), Khedr and Nemeat-Alla (2006), El-sheref *et al* (2007), Blackshaw and

Brandt (2008), Nassar (2008), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Shalaby *et al* (2006), Ali (2010), Ali (2011), Mousavi *et al* (2012), Aghdam and Samadiyan (2014), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018).

N/feddan markedly improved plant height when wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water were added height in both seasons.

Data in Table 5 illustrated the significant effect of water types on spike length in both growing seasons. The highest mean values of the mentioned trait were recorded by irrigation with wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water. On the contrary, tap water recorded the lowest values for this trait. Similar results were obtained by Hadad *et al* (2017).

Moreover, data-focused that the interaction between nitrogen levels and irrigation water had a significant influence on spike length in the two growing seasons. Irrigation with wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide and

Table 5. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on the spike length (cm) in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	16.35	16.64	16.85	18.08	16.98	14.56	15.34	15.09	15.28	15.07
W ₂	17.1	16.99	18.55	18.31	17.74	14.50	15.05	16.50	15.13	15.30
W ₃	16.71	16.39	18.52	17.38	17.25	14.50	15.30	15.01	16.03	15.21
W ₄	18.09	18.5	18.81	18.94	18.59	16.39	15.93	15.86	16.75	16.23
Mean	17.06	17.13	18.18	18.18	17.64	14.99	15.41	15.62	15.80	15.45
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	0.76	0.58	1.16		0.52	0.40	0.81			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

sandy filter + tap water and 60 kg N/feddan gained the significant maximum values of spike length. The lowest spike length was obtained from N₀ × W₁ and N₀ × W₂ in the first and second seasons, respectively. Similar results were obtained by Mousavi *et al* (2012).

Spike weight:

Data in Table 6 shows the nitrogen fertilization treatments had a significant effect on spike weight in both seasons. Application of high level of nitrogen (60 kg fed⁻¹) gave the highest mean values of spike weight in both seasons. These results are in accordance with those of Turk *et al* (2003), AbdAlla (2004), Khedr and Nemeat-Alla (2006), El-sheref *et al* (2007), Blackshaw and Brandt (2008), Nassar (2008), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Ali (2011), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018).

As for irrigation water types, these treatments affected significantly the spike weight in both seasons. Results in Table 6 indicate that the W₄ (treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water) surpassed all other

irrigation water types in both seasons. Similar findings were also reported by Hadad *et al* (2017) and Samarah *et al* (2020)

Regarding the effect of the interaction between nitrogen fertilization treatments and irrigation water type (N × W), this interaction was significant on spike weight in both seasons. Application of 0.0 kg N/feddan markedly decreased spike weight when irrigated with tap water in both seasons. But, the highest spike weight was recorded with 60 kg N fed.⁻¹ and irrigated by treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water in both seasons.

Number of grains spike⁻¹:

Nitrogen levels appreciably influenced the average number of grains spike⁻¹ in both growing seasons as illustrated in Table 7. In this respect, with each increase in nitrogen level, there was a progressive increase in the number of grains spike⁻¹. Application of nitrogen at 60 kg N fed.⁻¹ recorded the highest values of the number of grains. On the other

Table 6. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on spike weight (g) in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 seasons.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	0.643	0.684	1.443	1.445	1.054	0.706	0.906	0.814	0.738	0.791
W ₂	1.230	0.768	1.475	1.575	1.262	0.835	0.973	1.031	1.058	0.974
W ₃	0.903	1.609	1.212	1.218	1.236	0.929	0.891	0.859	1.097	0.944
W ₄	1.502	1.432	1.584	1.649	1.542	0.963	0.94	1.053	1.183	1.035
Mean	1.070	1.123	1.429	1.472	1.273	0.858	0.928	0.939	1.019	0.936
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	0.362	0.156	0.319		0.063	0.091	0.170			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

Table 7. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on number of grains/spike in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 seasons.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	9.17	10.75	23.13	24.63	16.92	8.50	15.00	10.65	11.75	11.48
W ₂	16.57	27.20	19.05	17.75	20.14	12.25	15.13	11.88	16.83	14.02
W ₃	20.75	12.25	23.63	21.88	19.63	11.05	12.63	14.75	14.17	13.15
W ₄	22.40	24.63	20.13	24.83	23.00	15.63	11.68	15.48	17.63	15.11
Mean	17.22	18.71	21.49	22.27	19.92	11.86	13.61	13.19	15.10	13.44
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	1.39	1.03	2.06		1.10	1.03	2.04			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

side, the lowest number of grains spike⁻¹ was recorded with N₀. Nitrogen fertilizer encourages the absorption of nitrogen in the plant and this might be the cause of the obtained increase in number of grains/spike. The same conclusion was mentioned by Turk *et al* (2003), AbdAlla (2004), Khedr and NemeatAlla (2006), El-Sheref *et al* (2007), Blackshaw and

Brandt (2008), Nassar (2008), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Ali (2011), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018). As shown in Table 7, all treated wastewater significantly improved the number of grains spike⁻¹ in the first and second seasons. The highest number of grains/spike were obtained from treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter+ tap

water, followed by manipulated wastewater with sandy filter and manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide in the first and second seasons, respectively. In contrast, the lowest statistical values of this trait received by tap water treatment. Similar results were obtained by several workers Hadad *et al* (2017) and Samarah *et al* (2020). Results show that there was a significant effect of the interaction between nitrogen levels and irrigation types of water on the number of grains spike⁻¹ in both seasons. Application of 0.0 kg N fed.⁻¹ markedly decreased number of grains spike⁻¹ irrigated when with tap water in both seasons. But, the highest number of grains spike⁻¹ was recorded when addition of 60 kg N fed⁻¹ and irrigated with treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter+ tap water in both seasons.

Biological yield plant⁻¹:

The presented data in Table 8 revealed that the studied nitrogen levels had a significant effect on biological yield plant⁻¹ of barely plants in both seasons. Thus, the highest mean values of biological yield plant⁻¹ (3.691 and 3.181 g in the two respective seasons) were obtained from barely plants, which were fertilized by 60 kg N fed.⁻¹ in both seasons. The high level of nitrogen (60 kg N fed.⁻¹) outyielded the control treatments (N₀; 0.0 Kg N fed.⁻¹) by 17.9 and 9.9% in the first and second seasons, respectively. The significant response of biological yield/ plant could attribute to their essential roles in plant growth. Nitrogen is a part of a large number of necessary organic compounds, including amino acid, proteins, coenzymes, nucleic acid and Chlorophyll. The results are in accordance with those of Turk *et al* (2003), AbdAlla (2004), Khedr and

NemeatAlla (2006), El-sheref *et al* (2007), Blackshaw and Brandt (2008), Nassar (2008), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Mousavi *et al* (2012), Helmy *et al* (2013), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018).

Results point out a significant effect of irrigation water types on biological yield plant⁻¹ in both seasons. The application of W₄ (Irrigation with wastewater + nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water) gave the highest values of biological yield plant⁻¹ (3.683 and 3.261 in the first and second seasons, respectively). The results are in accordance with those of Haddad *et al* (2017).

Moreover, the interaction between nitrogen fertilization treatment and irrigation water types (N × W) had a significant effect on biological yield plant⁻¹ in the two growing seasons. The highest mean values of biological yield plant⁻¹ (4.037 and 3.750 in the first and second seasons, respectively) were obtained from N₆₀ × W₄. The significant response can be attributing to a different trend of response, which was observed in plants application water type under nitrogen treatments.

Grain yield plant⁻¹:

Data in Table 9 indicate significant increases of grain yield plant⁻¹ with increasing nitrogen levels from 0.0 to 60 kg N fed⁻¹ at both seasons. Application of 60 kg N fed⁻¹ led to the significantly increased maximum values of grain yield plant⁻¹ (0.934 and 0.618 g in the first and second seasons, respectively). On the other hand, the lowest (0.745 and 0.490 g) of aforementioned trait was obtained by addition of 0.0 kg N fed⁻¹ in both seasons.

Table 8. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on biological yield plant⁻¹ (g) in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	2.492	2.571	3.472	3.742	3.069	2.178	2.828	2.391	2.660	2.514
W ₂	2.486	3.209	3.705	3.735	3.284	3.429	2.982	3.233	3.139	3.196
W ₃	3.676	2.719	3.263	3.250	3.227	3.010	2.579	2.850	3.175	2.904
W ₄	3.471	3.644	3.578	4.037	3.683	2.850	3.123	3.322	3.750	3.261
Mean	3.031	3.036	3.505	3.691	3.316	2.867	2.878	2.949	3.181	2.969
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	0.477	0.299	0.600		0.202	0.263	0.527			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

Table 9. Effect of nitrogen levels and irrigation water types on grain yield/plant in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Seasons Nitrogen levels (kg N/fad.)	2015/2016					2016/2017				
	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean	N ₀	N ₃₀	N ₄₅	N ₆₀	Mean
Water types (w)										
W ₁	0.300	0.409	0.997	0.912	0.655	0.357	0.623	0.532	0.454	0.492
W ₂	0.780	0.664	0.917	1.100	0.865	0.549	0.526	0.669	0.685	0.607
W ₃	0.767	1.115	0.739	0.729	0.838	0.51	0.53	0.568	0.609	0.554
W ₄	0.994	1.025	1.060	1.146	1.056	0.544	0.631	0.683	0.722	0.645
Mean	0.710	0.803	0.928	0.972	0.853	0.490	0.578	0.613	0.618	0.575
LSD _{0.05}	N	W	N × W		N	W	N × W			
	0.118	0.111	0.230		0.073	0.065	0.143			

W₁, W₂, W₃ and W₄; Tap water, manipulated wastewater with sandy filter, manipulated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide + sandy filter and a mixture of treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water, respectively.

This is to be logic since the same fertilizer level increased number of tillers plant⁻¹ and number of grains spike⁻¹ traits as mentioned before as well as

increased spike weight and consequently increased grain yield plant⁻¹. This could be attributed to its stimulative effect of the vegetative growth, which increased the photosynthetic rate, number of spikes plant⁻¹, number of spikletes spike⁻¹, spike length and

grains number spike⁻¹ may account for the superiority of grain yield. Similar results were reported by Turk *et al* (2003), AbdAlla (2004), Khedr and Nemeat-Alla (2006), El-sheref *et al* (2007), Blackshaw and Brandt (2008), Nassar (2008), El-Metwally *et al* (2010), Ali (2011), Mousavi *et al* (2012), Reddy and Singh (2018) and Wali *et al* (2018). Results show that the highest values of grain yield plant⁻¹ were obtained from treated wastewater with nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter+ tap water (W₄) in both seasons. Whereas, the lowest values of this trait was observed from irrigated with tap water (W₁) in both seasons. Application of W₄ outyielded the W₁ treatment by 38.0 and 23.7% in the first and second seasons, respectively. This is to be logic since the water type increased number of tillers/plant and number of grains/spike traits as mentioned before as well as increased spike weight and consequently increased grain yield/plant. Similar findings were also reported by Eid and Shereif (1996), Hadad *et al* (2017) and Samarah *et al* (2020)

There was a significant effect of the interaction between nitrogen levels and irrigation types of water treatments on grain yield plant⁻¹ in both seasons. The highest grain yield plant⁻¹ (1.146 and 0.772 g) was recorded under 60 kg N/fed and nano-titanium dioxide and sandy filter + tap water in both seasons. However, the lowest grain yield plant⁻¹ (0.300 and 0.357 g) was registered from N₀ × W₁ in the first and second seasons.

References

- Abd Alla M. M. (2004) 'Influence of nitrogen level and its application time on yield and quality of some new hull-less barley' *J. Agric. Sci. Mansoura Univ.*, 29(5): pp. 2201 - 2216.
- Ahmadifard S. (2014) 'Impact of wastewater irrigation on concentration and absorption of nutrients and heavy metals in barley in calcareous soils' *Journal of Biodiversity and Environmental Sciences*, 5(4): pp. 453 - 460.
- Alawsy W. S. A., Alabadi L. A. S. and Khaeim H. M. (2018) 'Effect of sewage water irrigation on growth performance, biomass and nutrient accumulation in maize and barley' *Int. J. Agric. Stat. Sci.*, 14(2): pp. 519 - 524.
- Alazmani A. (2015) 'Evaluation of yield and yield components of barley varieties to nitrogen' *International Journal of Agriculture and Crop Sciences*, 8(1): pp. 52 - 54.
- Aleminew A. and Legas A. (2015) 'Grain quality and yield response of malt barley varieties to nitrogen fertilizer on brown soils of Amhara Region' Ethiopia. *World Journal of Agricultural Sciences*, pp. 11(3): 135 - 143.
- Ali E. A. (2011) 'Impact of nitrogen application time on grain and protein yields as well as nitrogen use efficiency of some two-row barley cultivars in sandy soil' *American-Eurasian J. Agric. & Environ. Sci.*, 10 (3): pp. 425 - 433.
- Amin M. T., A. A. Alazba and Manzoor U. (2014) 'A review of removal of pollutants from water/wastewater using different types of nanomaterials'. *Adv. Mater. Sci. Eng.*, 825910
- Blackshaw R. E. and Brandt R. N. (2008) 'Nitrogen fertilizer rate effects on weed competitiveness is species dependent' *Weed Sci.*, 56(5): pp. 743 - 747.
- Chaturvedi S., Dave P. N. and Shah N. K. (2012) 'Applications of nanocatalyst in new era' *J. Saudi Chem. Soc.*, 16: pp. 307 - 325.

- Eid M. A. and Shereif M. M. (1996) 'Effect of wastewater irrigation on growth and mineral contents of certain crops (greenhouse conditions' *Egyptian Journal of Soil Science*, 36(1/4): pp. 109 - 118.
- El-Badry O. Z. (1995) 'Effect of nitrogen fertilizer levels and weed control treatments on barley yield and associated weeds' *Annals of Agricultural Science, Moshtohor*, 33(3): pp. 1007 - 1015.
- El-Metwally I. M., Abd El-Salam M. S. and Tagour R. M. H. (2010) 'Nitrogen fertilizer levels and some weed control treatments effects on barley and associated weeds' *Agriculture and biology journal of North America*, 1(5): pp. 992 - 1000.
- El-Moselhy, M. A and Zahran F. A. (2003) 'Effect of bio and mineral nitrogen fertilization on barley crop grown on a sandy soil' *Egyptian Journal of Agricultural Research*, 81(3): pp. 921 - 935.
- El-Sheref E. El. M., Omar A. M., El-Hag A. A. and Shahen A. M. (2007) 'Effect of some agricultural treatments on barley yield and some technological characters' *J. Agric. Sci. Mansoura Univ.*, 32(3): pp. 1671 - 1690.
- Fazal H., Arif M. and Hussain F. (2013) 'Response of dual purpose barley to rates and methods of nitrogen application' *ARPJ Journal of Agricultural and Biological Science* 7(3): pp. 533 - 540.
- Gauer, L. E., Grant C. A., Gehl D. T. and Bailey L. D. (1992) 'Effects of nitrogen fertilization on grain protein content, nitrogen uptake, and nitrogen use efficiency of six spring wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) cultivars, in relation to estimated moisture supply' *Can. J. Plant Sci.*, 72: 235 - 241.
- Gomez K. A., and Gomez A. A. (1984) '*Statistical Procedures for Agricultural Research*' John Wiley & Sons Inc. New York, USA.
- Haddad M., Namrotee Z. S. and Shtaya M. (2017) 'Impacts of wastewater irrigation on growth, yield and salts uptake of barley' *Journal of Environmental Science and Engineering Technology*, 5, pp. 68 - 79.
- Khedr A. H. and Nemeat Alla E. A. E. (2006) 'Response of barley to intercropping with sugar beet under different nitrogen fertilization levels' *J. Agric. Sci. Mansoura Univ.*, 31(8): pp. 4957 - 4968.
- Kyzas G.Z. and Matis K.A. (2015) 'Nanoadsorbents for pollutants removal: a review' *J. Mol. Liq.*, 203, pp. 159-168.
- Megahed M. A. (2003) 'Effect of seeding rate and nitrogen fertilizer level on newly hull - less barley under sprinkler irrigation system in poor sandy soil at Ismailia Governorate' *Egypt. J. Appl. Sci.*, 18(2): pp. 108 - 119.
- Mousavi M. A. S and Shams M. (2012) 'Effect of cultivars and nitrogen on growth and morphological traits of barley in Isfahan region' *International Journal of Agriculture and Crop Sciences*, 4(22): pp. 1641 - 1643.
- Nassar A. N. M. (2008) 'Response of two barley varieties to mineral and biological nitrogenous fertilizer and weed control treatments' *J. Agric. Sci. Mansoura Univ.*, 33(1): pp. 29 - 51.
- Orphanos P. I. (1992) 'Barley response to nitrogen fertilization under varying soil nitrate. Fertilizer use efficiency under rain-fed agriculture in west Asia and North Africa' *Proceedings of the fourth regional workshop*, pp. 169 - 175.
- Patel A. M., Patel D. R., Patel G. A. and Thakor D. M. (2004) 'Optimization of sowing

- and fertilizer requirement of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) under irrigated condition' *Indian Journal of Agronomy*, 49(3): pp. 171 - 173.
- Puniya M. M., Yadav S. S. and Shivran A. C. (2015) 'Productivity, profitability and nitrogen-use efficiency of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) as influenced by weed management and nitrogen fertilization under hot semi-arid ecologies of Rajasthan' *Indian Journal of Agronomy*, 60(4): pp. 564 - 569.
- Qu X., Brame J., Li Q. and Alvarez P. J. (2012) 'Nanotechnology for a safe and sustainable water supply: enabling integrated water treatment and reuse' *Acc. Chem. Res.*, 46 (3): pp. 834 – 843.
- Rawashdeh, H. M. (2017) 'Sunflower seed yield under trickle irrigation using treated wastewater' *African Journal of Agricultural Research*, 12(21): 1811 – 1816.
- Reddy B. C. and Singh R. (2018) 'Effect of sowing dates and levels of nitrogen on growth and yield of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.)' *Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry*, 7(4): pp. 1500 - 1503.
- Samarah N. H., Bashabsheh K. Y. and Mazahrih N. T. (2020) 'Treated wastewater outperformed fresh water for barley irrigation in arid lands' *Italian Journal of Agronomy*, 15(3): pp. 183 – 193.
- Shamsizadeh A. A., Ghaedi M., Ansari A., Azizian S. and Purkait M. K. (2014) 'Tin oxide nanoparticle loaded on activated carbon as new adsorbent for efficient removal of malachite green-oxalate: nonlinear kinetics and isotherm study' *J. Mol. Liq.*, 195: pp. 212 – 218.
- Shendy M. Z., Goma H. A. and Nashed M. E. (2016) 'Response of barley to nitrogen fertilization, foliar application of micronutrients mixture and citric acid under calcareous soil' *Bulletin of Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University*, 67(1): pp. 31 - 42.
- Singh D., Singh D. R., Nepalia V. and Kumari A. (2013) 'Agro-economic performance of dual purpose barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) varieties under varying seed rate and fertility levels' *Annals of Agriculture Research*, 34(3): pp. 325 - 229.
- Tang X., Zhang Q., Liu Z., Pan K., Dong Y., and Li Y. (2014) 'Removal of Cu (II) by loofah fibers as a natural and low-cost adsorbent from aqueous solutions' *J. Mol. Liq.*, 199: pp. 401 – 407.
- Tigre W., Worku W. and Haile W. (2014) 'Effects of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer levels on growth and development of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) at Bore District, Southern Oromia, Ethiopia' *American Journal of Life Sciences*, 2(5): pp. 260 - 266.
- Turk M.A., Touaha A.M., Taifoui H., Al-Ghazawi A., Musallam I.W., Magharieh G. A. and Al-Omari Y. I. (2003) 'Tow row barley response to plant density, date of seeding, rate and application of phosphorus in absence of moisture stress' *Asian Network for Scientific Information*, 2(2): pp. 180 - 183.
- Wali A. M., Shamseldin A., Radwan F. I., Abd El Lateef E. M. and Zaki N. M. (2018) 'Response of barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) cultivars to humic acid, mineral and biofertilization under calcareous soil conditions' *Middle East J. of Agric. Res.*, 7(1): pp. 71 - 82.
- Yadav R. K., Kumar A. and Lal D. (2003) 'Effect of cutting management and nitrogen levels on biomass production and proximate

- quality of barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) in saline soil' *Indian Journal of Agronomy*, 48(3): pp. 199 - 202.
- Youssef S.A., El-Sheref E.E., Hag A.A. and Rania Khedr A.A. (2004) 'Effect of nitrogen levels and biofertilizer sources on two barley cultivars' *J. Agric. Sci. Mansoura Univ.* 29(12): pp. 6787 - 6808.
- Zelmanov G. and Semiat R. (2008) 'Phenol oxidation kinetics in water solution using iron (3)-oxide-based nano-catalysts' *Water Res.*, 42, pp. 3848 - 3856.
- Zhang Q., Xu R., Xu P., Chen R., He Q., Zhong J. and Gu X. (2014a) 'Performance study of ZrO₂ ceramic micro-filtration membranes used in pretreatment of DMF wastewater' *Desalination*, 346: pp. 1 – 8.
- Zhang Y., Yan L., Xu W., Guo W., Cui L., Gao L., Wei Q. and Du B. (2014b) 'Adsorption of Pb (II) and Hg (II) from aqueous solution using magnetic CoFe₂O₄ reduced graphene oxide' *J. Mol. Liq.*, 191, pp. 177 – 182.