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EFFECT OF DIFFERENT INDUCERS ON CONTROLLING DAMPING-OFF AND WILT DISEASES OF LUPINE

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was carried out to study the effect of seed treatments of lupine plants (cv.Giza 2) with chemical inducers Bion (5mM), salicylic acid (5mM) and saccharin (3mM) as well as *Paenibacillus polymyxa* and *Trichoderma harzianum* as biotic inducers on the infection with *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini* under greenhouse and field conditions.

Under greenhouse condition (Agricultural Research Centre, Giza) all treatments significantly reduced the percentages of pre- and postemergence damping-off compared with the untreated control, the highest percentage of survived plants was achieved 92% by Bion and *T. harzianum* as well as fungicide Rizolex-T followed by salicylic acid and *P. polymyxa* as 88%. On the other hand, all treatments decrease significantly the incidence and severity of wilt, also increased the percentage of survived plants compared with untreated control.

Under field conditions at Giza and Ismailia Agricultural Research Stations (Giza and Ismailia governorates) during winter season 2016-2017, all the treatments decreased the percentage of preand post-emergence damping-off as well as the percentage of wilted plants and increased the percentage of survived plants compared with untreated control in two locations. At Giza research station, the highest percentages of survived plants were recorded with Rizolex-T followed by Bion, P. polymyxa, and salicylic acid. While at Ismailia, the highest percentage of survived plants were recorded with Rizolex-T followed by Bion, P. polymyxa, T. harzianum, and salicylic acid. Meantime, these treatments improved growth parameters i.e. plant height, number of pods/plant, the weight of

seeds /plant and the weight of one hundred seed. The higher increase in seed yield (ton /feddan) was obtained with Rizolex-T and Bion treatments followed by Salicylic acid, *P. polymyxa*, and *T. harzianum* at two locations.

Activities of peroxidase (PO), polyphenol oxidase (PPO) enzymes and phenol content were determined. Bion treatment showed the highest increase in PO and PPO activity, and total phenols followed by salicylic acid and *P. polymyxa* treatments in the presence of *R. solani* or *F. oxysporum.* f. sp. *lupini.*

Keywords: Lupine, damping-off, wilt, induce resistance

INTRODUCTION

Lupine (*Lupinus albus* L.) is an economically valuable plant. Its seeds are utilized as a protein source for nutrition in various parts of the world; it has the highest protein percent of any grain legume (38-42%), also for their adaptability to marginal soils and climates (**Milford and Shield**, **1996**). In Egypt, in the last 10 years, the cultivated lupine area is decreased from 1574 ha producing 2885 tons during 2007 to 224 ha producing 420 tons during 2017 (**FAOSTAT**, **2019**).

Soil-borne diseases caused heavy losses to lupine plants; they include damping-off, root rot and wilt diseases. They have common characteristics based on their close connection with the soil, which has a strong impact on their survival and capability to cause disease (Katan, 2017). In this respect, lupine plants are attacked by several pathogens which cause damping-off and wilt diseases leading to serious economic losses. Several soil-borne fungi were frequently reported as the causal organisms of such diseases namely; *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *lupini* Snyder & Hansen, *Rhizoctonia solani* Kühn, *F. solani* (Mat.) Sacc. and *Macrophomina phaseolina* (Tassi) Goid. (Zian, 2011; Abdel-Monaim et al 2016).

Chemical seed treatments still appear a major practice in agriculture and widely used to control fungal soil-borne diseases. However, fungicides have two major consequences, first: fungicide overuse threatens human health and causes ecological concerns; second: this practice leads to the emergence of fungicide-resistant microorganisms in the environment (Lamichhane et al 2017).

Induced resistance which utilizes natural defense of plants could be suggested as an alternative, non-classical and ecologically-friendly approach for plant protection (**Edreva, 2004**). There are two forms of systemic resistance, Systemic acquired resistance (SAR) and induced systemic resistance (ISR). Systemic acquired resistance (SAR) against pathogens can be induced by several synthetic chemical agents, such as salicylic acid, methyl salicylate, benzothiadiazole (Bion), βaminobutyric acid, isonicotinic acid, benzoic acid, chitosan, saccharin and so forth which affect production of phenolic compounds and activation of various defense-related enzymes in plants (**Thakur & Sohal, 2013 and Walters et al 2013**).

Induced systemic resistance (ISR) triggered by root-colonizing mutualistic microbes that are beneficial for plants, like rhizobacteria (PGPB or PGPR: Plant Growth Promoting Bacteria or Rhizobacteria) such as *Pseudomonas fluorescens* & *Paenibacillus polymyxa* and fungi (PGPF: Plant Growth Promoting Fungi) such as *Trichoderma* spp. which can improve plant growth and benefit the adaptation of plants to adverse conditions (**Pieterse et al 2014**; **Pii et al 2015**). Most inducers reduce disease in the infected plants by 20%–85% (**Walters et al 2013**).

The objectives of the present study aimed to evaluate the efficacy of some chemical and biotic inducers for inducing resistance of lupine plants against damping-off and wilt diseases under greenhouse and field conditions. The reaction of host metabolic processes to induce an increase in phenolic compounds as a result of such treatments was studied.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material

Lupine seeds (*Lupinus albus* L.), cultivar Giza 2 were obtained from the Legume Res. Dept., Field Crops Res. Inst., ARC, Giza, Egypt.

Pathogens

The fungi *R. solani* Kühn and *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *lupini* Snyder & Hansen were kindly provided by Legume and Forage Dis. Res. Dept., Plant Pathol. Res. Inst., Agric. Res. Centre, Giza, Egypt. The fungi were isolated from naturally infected lupine plants, showing damping-off and wilt symptoms. Their pathogenicity were updately confirmed and identified on the basis of cultural properties and microscopic morphological characters according to **Sneh et al (1991)** and **Booth (1971).**

Preparation of pathogens inocula

Inocula of R. solani and F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini were prepared by growing the fungi in glass bottles 500 cc containing 100 gram sterilized sorghum grains medium. The bottles were inoculated with actively growing of equal five disks (0.5 cm) for each bottle of four days old R. solani or seven days old F. oxysporum f.sp. lupini cultures. The bottles were incubated at $25 \pm 1^{\circ}C$ for 18 days; during this period the bottles were vigorously shaken daily for the first 4 days to encourage more rapid and uniform colonization of the sorghum grains then shaken every three days to ensure uniform distribution of the fungal growth. After the incubation period, the glass bottles were then evacuated and its content was air-dried at room temperature and crushed in a mill to pass through a 3-mm sieve. The dried crushed inocula stored in paper bags at $4 \pm 1^{\circ}$ C until added to the soil within one week (Gaskill, 1968; Leslie & Summerell, 2006).

Chemical inducers

Bion wettable granule (WG) 50%, benzothiadiazole, (Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc); and salicylic acid (Sigma Aldrich, USA) and saccharin (MP Biomedicals, LLC) were used in this study.

Growing of biotic inducers

A- Paenibacillus polymyxa: The culture of the bacteria *P. polymyxa* (isolate 9D14), previously isolated by **Shehata et al (2006)** and belongs to the collection of Plant Pathol. Dept., Fac. of Agric., Ain Shams Univ. was kindly provided. The culture of the bacteria was activated on fresh slants and after 24 hrs. was transferred to flasks with 50 ml of nutrient yeast dextrose broth (NYDB) medium (per liter: nutrient broth 8 g, yeast extract 5 g and dextrose 10 g). The flasks were placed on a rotary shaker to grow at 120 rpm for 66 hrs. at 24±1°C.

B- Trichoderma harzianum: The fungus T. harzianum which isolated from the rhizosphere of faba bean by Elsaid et al (2005) and belongs to the collection of Plant Pathol. Dept., Fac. of Agric., Ain Shams Univ. was kindly provided. Its identification was previously confirmed on the basis of cultural properties and microscopic morphological characters according to Rifai (1969). The fungus was kept under a phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) at 4± 0.5°C for longtime storage (Boeswinkel, 1976). Formulation of T. harzianum was prepared by growing the fungus in glass bottles 500 cc containing 100 g sterilized sorghum grains medium (Rini & Sulochana, 2007). The bottles were inoculated with actively growing 0.5 cm diameter mycelial disc of 7 days old T. harzianum culture. Five discs were used for inoculation for each bottle. The bottles were incubated at 27 ± 1°C for 18 days and were vigorously shaken daily for the first 4 days to encourage more rapid and uniform colonization of the sorghum grains. At the end of the incubation period, the colonized sorghum grains by mycelium and conidia of T. harzianum were removed from the bottles and air dried in shade at room temperature, and was fine ground in a mill then sieved through 60 mesh (0.25 mm) sieve (Tewari & Bhanu, 2004). The grinded sorghum grains were kept in a polythene bag and treated as formulated Trichoderma within one week.

Seed and soil treatments

Apparently, healthy uniformity seeds of lupine were surface disinfected by immersing in sodium hypochlorite (1%) for 2 min, and washed several times with sterilized water, then left to dry on screen cloth with paper towel underneath to absorb the excess water at room temperature for approximately two hours. **A)** Chemical inducers treatments: The disinfected lupine seeds were soaked in aqueous solutions of the inducers (Bion, salicylic acid, and saccharin) for 6 hours on previous day of sowing at the rate of 5 mM, 5 mM, and 3mM respectively, then the treated seeds were air-dried for 15 hrs. until sowing time.

B) The bacterial inducer treatment: After the growth of P. polymyxa, the liquid cultures media were then centrifuged undercooling (4°C) at 7500 rpm for 10 min. Then, the disinfected lupine seeds were soaked in the supernatant for 6 hours on the previous day of sowing. Cells of P. polymyxa in the precipitate were collected in a 20 cm Petri dish and the bacterial slurry was obtained by adding 1ml of 1% methylcellulose (Sigma-Aldrich, Milwaukee, WI, USA) in sterile distilled water to bacterial cells harvested from each Erlenmeyer flask. Healthy seeds of lupine that previously were soaked in the supernatant, were coated with the bacterial slurry, then spread on screen cloth with paper towel underneath to absorb the excess liquid, then the coated seeds were air-dried for 15 hrs. until sowing time. Enumeration of bacteria coated on seeds was performed by plate dilution method on the basis of colony-forming unit (CFU/seed) on nutrient yeast dextrose agar (NYDA) medium.

C) The *T. harzianum* treatment: Air-dried fine grinded sorghum grains which contained 3.7×10^9 (CFU) of *T. harzianum* (formulated *Trichoderma*) was used on previous day of sowing to coat the disinfected lupine seeds moistened with 1% methylcellulose in sterile distilled water as sticker, then the coated seeds were air-dried for 15 hrs. until sowing time.

D) Fungicide treatment: seed dressing was carried out to the disinfected lupine seeds by applying the Rizolex-T® 50% WP (Tolclofos methyl + thiram), Sumitomo Chemical Company Ltd. at the recommended dose (3 g/kg seeds) to the 1% methylcellulose (as sticker) moistened seeds in polyethylene bags and shaking well to ensure even distribution of the fungicide. The treatment was done on the previous day of sowing then the seeds air-dried for 15 hrs. until sowing time.

E) Control: The disinfected lupine seeds were soaked in sterilized water for 6 hours on the previous day of sowing then air-dried for 15 hrs. until sowing time.

Enumeration of bacterial and fungal populations coated on seeds

Enumeration of bacterium or fungus coated on seeds was performed by plate dilution method on the basis of colony-forming unit (CFU/seed) on nutrient yeast dextrose agar (NYDA) medium for P. polymyxa, or potato dextrose agar (PDA) supplemented with Rose bengal (25 mg/litre) for T. harzianum. Colony-forming units (CFU) were counted after 24 and 48 hrs of incubation for P. polymyxa and T. harzianum respectively (Rini and Sulochana, 2007). Population density of P. polymyxa were 4.1 x 10⁵; 3.6 x 10⁵ and 3.7 x 10⁵ CFU per seed of lupine and propagule density of T. harzianum were 4.3 x 10⁴; 3.8 x 10⁴ and 3.9 x 10⁴ CFU per seed of lupine in greenhouse experiment, field experiments and the experiment of oxidative enzymes activity determination, respectively.

Greenhouse experiments

The trials were carried out in the greenhouse of the Plant Pathology Research Institute, Agricultural Research Centre, Giza. Pots (30 cm in diameter) with a bottom drainage hole were sterilized by dipping in a 5% formalin solution for 15 minutes and left for one week till complete formalin evaporation. Pots were filled with steam disinfested sandy clay soil 1:2 (V/V). Soil infestation was achieved by mixing the inoculum of R. solani or F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini with the soil at the rate of 2% of soil weight (Papavizas & Davey, 1962). Sterilized uninoculated grounded sorghum grains were added to the disinfested soil at the same rate for used as healthy control. The infested soil was mixed thoroughly and watered every 2 days for a week before planting to stimulate the fungal growth and ensure its distribution in the soil. Five g of Bradyrhizobium sp formulation (obtained from Biofertilizers Production Unit, Soils Water and Environment Res. Inst., (SWERI), Agric. Res. Centre (ARC), Giza, Egypt) were mixed in each pot during sowing. Five seeds of treated lupine seeds, as mentioned before, were sown in each pot and pots were irrigated directly. Ten replicated pots were used for each particular treatment. All pots were irrigated when necessary, and watered once a week to near field capacity with a 0.1% 15:15:15 (N:P:K) fertilizer solution in the first month and kept in a greenhouse under natural conditions. Other agricultural procedures were performed according to normal practice. The treatments were as follows: (1) Bion at 5 mM; (2) Salicylic acid at 5 mM; (3)

Saccharin at 3 mM; (4) *P. polymyxa*; (5) *T. harzi-anum*; (6) Rizolex-T.; (7) and (8) seeds soaking in water served as untreated control for both infested and non-infested soil. The damping-off disease incidence (DI) %, percentage of wilt and disease severity index were determined as described below in Disease assessment. The experiment was repeated for determining the activity of oxidative enzymes and phenol content.

Disease assessment

A) Damping-off disease

The disease incidence (DI) % was determined by recording pre-emergence damping-off and postemergence damping-off 15 and 30 days after sowing respectively according to the following formulas (Mona et al 2009):

Pre-	emergence % Total No. of un-germinated seeds x 100
= -	Total No. of planted seeds
Post	emergence %
	Total No. of rotted seedlings x 100
=	
	Total No. of planted seeds

Survived seedlings % = 100- (pre +post emergence)

Reduction or increasing % over the infected control was also calculated according to the following formula:

Reduction or Increasing % DI of Control - DI of treatment x100

DI of Control

B) Wilt disease

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Percentages of early and late wilt were recorded at 30 and 90 days after sowing, respectively.

Disease incidence % Number of wilted plants x 100

Total Number of plants

However, disease severity based on the foliar symptom was assessed 90 days after sowing using a scale of 0 to 4, where: 0 = healthy plant, all leaves green; 1 = lower leaves yellow; 2 = lower leaves wilted and some upper leaves yellow, exist-

ence discoloration of vascular tissue; 3 = whole leaves wilted, existence discoloration of vascular tissue; 4 = plant dead (**Muslim et al 2003**). The disease rating data was used to calculate disease severity index as DSI =

(0*n1+1*n2+2*n3+3*n4+4*n5)/ (4*N)*100

where n1-n5 are the number of plants in each disease category and N was the total number of plants.

Field experiments

The field experiments was carried out during the winter growing season 2016-2017 at two locations namely, Giza Agricultural Research Station, Giza Governorate and Ismailia Agricultural Research Station, Egypt, in field known to have root rot and wilt history, in order to investigate the effect of chemical and biotic inducers for controlling damping-off and wilt diseases. The disinfected lupine seeds were treated in the same manner in a greenhouse experiment. In the control treatment, seeds were soaked in distilled water as mentioned before. The treated lupine seeds were sown in the field on October 27, 2016, at Giza and Ismailia Governorate. The field trial (28 plots) was designed in complete randomized blocks with four replicates. The area of each plot was 10.5 m² consisted of five rows; each row was 3.5 m length and 0.6 m width. All treatments were sown in hills 20 cm apart on both sides of the row ridge, with one seed per hill. Eight hundred grams of Bradyrhizobium formulation was mixed with approximately 50 kg of moistened fine sandy soil and added to field soil into the seed furrow during sowing, at the rate of 800 g Bradyrhizobium formulation/ feddan. All other recommended agricultural practices were followed according to the recommendations of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation. The treatments were as follows: (1) Bion at 5mM (2) Salicylic acid at 5 mM (3) Saccharin at 3 mM (4) P. polymyxa (5) T. harzianum (6) Rizolex-T, and (7) Water (control). The damping-off disease incidence (DI) % and the percentage of wilt were determined as mentioned before. Random samples of ten lupine plants were collected (from the inner rows) at harvest stage from each plot. Plant growth parameters of plant height (cm), number of branches, number of pods per plant, the weight of one hundred seed and weight of seeds per plant were recorded as well as seed yield as ton/ feddan were calculated.

Effect of lupine seed treatments with different inducers on the activity of oxidative enzymes and phenol content

An experiment was carried out to determine the activity of oxidative enzymes and phenol content. Lupine plants were grown as mentioned before in the greenhouse experiment. Fifteen days after sowing, activity of peroxidase (PO), polyphenol oxidase (PPO) and phenol contents were determined in tissue extracts of soybean plants surviving from the following treatments: (1) Bion at 5 mM (2) Salicylic acid at 5 mM (3) Saccharin at 3 mM (4) *P. polymyxa* (5) *T. harzianum* (6) Water in infested soil (Control, infected) and (7) Water in non-infested soil (Control, healthy).

Assay of enzymes activities

A) Assay of peroxidase (PO)

The extraction and assay of peroxidase (PO) activity were carried out according to **Chakraborty & Chatterjee (2007).**

B) Assay of polyphenol oxidase (PPO)

Extraction and assay of polyphenoloxidase enzyme (PPO) were carried out according to **Sadasivam & Manickam (1996).**

Determination of phenolic compounds

Extraction of phenolic compounds was carried out according to **Sutha et al (1998).** However, phenolic compounds were determined using methods of analysis described by **Snell & Snell (1953).** The total, free and conjugated phenolic contents were calculated on the basis of the calibration curve of catechol and expressed as catechol equivalents in milligrams per gram fresh weight.

Statistical analysis

Completely randomized design (CRD) and randomized blocks design (RBD) were conducted in greenhouse experiment and field experiment, respectively. The obtained data were subjected to computer statistical software (ASSISTAT) originated by **Silva & Azevedo (2009).** Data analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA), and mean values were compared using Duncan's multiple range test at a significance level of $P \le 0.05$.

RESULTS

1- Greenhouse experiment

I- Effect of some inducers on the incidence of damping-off and wilt diseases of lupine

Results in **Table (1)** A & B indicate that all treatments induced a significant reduction in the percentages of pre- and post-emergence dampingoff caused by *R. solani* or percentage of wilt caused by *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini* compared to untreated infested control. Also, all treatments have significantly increased survived plants compared with untreated infested control. Bion, *T.* *harzianum* and Rizolex-T treatments gave the highest effect followed by each of *P. Polymyxa* and/or Salicylic acid treatments in the presence of *R. solani* and followed by Salicylic acid, *P. polymyxa* and *T. harzianum* in the presence *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini*. While the lowest reduction effect and lowest survived plants were attributed to Saccharin treatment.

However, all treatment reduced disease index of *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini*, as Rizolex-T and Bion recorded the lowest values (8.0 and 9.0 respectively) as compared with untreated infested control (47). The rest treatments also reduced the wilt disease index with lower values (12-21).

 Table 1. Effect of some chemical and biotic inducers as well as Rizolex-T as seed treatments on the percentage of damping-off and wilt diseases of lupine plants grown in artificially infested soil by *Rhizoctonia solani* (A) or *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini* (B) under greenhouse conditions

(A) R. solani

	Damping- off					
Treatments	Pre-emergence		Post- emergence		Survived plants	Increasing %
Treatments	Incidence	Reduction	Incidence	Reduction	%	increasing %
	%	%	%	%		
Bion 5mM	4.0 b	87.5	4.0 ab	66.7	92.0 a	64.30
Salicylic acid 5mM	12.0 b	62.5	0.0 b	100.0	88.0 a	57.14
Saccharin 3mM	12.0 b	62.5	12.0 a	0.0	76.0 b	35.71
P. polymyxa	8.0 b	75.0	4.0 ab	66.7	88.0 a	57.14
T. harzianum	8.0 b	75.0	0.0 b	100.0	92.0 a	64.30
Rizolex –T	4.0 b	87.5	4.0 ab	66.7	92.0 a	64.30
Control (infested soil)	32.0 a	0.0	12.0 a	0.0	56.0 c	0.0
Control healthy (non-infested soil)	4.0 b		0.0 b		96.0	а

(B) F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini

		Wilted p	olants %	Cum du ca d			
Treatments	After 30 days (Early)		After 90 days (Late)		Survived	Increasing	Disease
Treatments	Incidence	Reduction	Incidence	Reduction	plants %	%	index
	%	%	%	%	/0		
Bion 5mM	4.0 b	88.9	4.0 c	80.0	92.0 a	109.0	9.0
Salicylic acid 5mM	8.0 b	77.8	4.0 c	80.0	88.0 ab	100.0	12.0
Saccharin 3mM	8.0 b	77.8	12.0 b	40.0	80.0 b	81.8	21.0
P. polymyxa	8.0 b	77.8	4.0 c	80.0	88.0 ab	100.0	14.0
T. harzianum	8.0 b	77.8	4.0 c	80.0	88.0 ab	100.0	13.0
Rizolex –T	4.0 b	88.9	4.0 c	80.0	92.0 a	109.0	8.0
Control (infested soil)	36.0 a	0.0	20.0 a	0.0	44.0 c	0.0	47.0
Control healthy							
(non-infested soil)	2.0 b		4.0 c		94	l.0 a	2.0

Means in each column followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Duncan's multiple range test, (p = 0.05).

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2- Field experiments

I- Effect of some inducers on the incidence of damping-off and wilt diseases of lupine

Results in **Table 2 (A&B)** exhibited that all the inducers have significantly reduced the percentages of pre-emergence damping-off and percentage of wilted lupine plants as compared with untreated control in two locations i.e., Giza and

Ismailia, such results were concomitant with significant increases survived lupine plants treated with inducers over the untreated control. As for treatments, Rizolex-T and Bion gave the highest values in reducing diseases as well as increasing the survived lupine plants compared with other treatments. On the other hand, Saccharin resulted in the lowest values even in decreasing diseases or increasing survival.

Table 2. Effect of some chemical and biotic inducers as well as Rizolex-T as seed treatments on the percentage of damping-off and wilt diseases of lupine plants grown under field conditions at Giza Agricultural Research Station (A) and Ismailia Agricultural Research Station (B) during winter growing season 2016 -2017 (natural infection)

(A):	Giza Ag	ricultura	l Research	Station

	Damping- off						
Treatments	Pre-emergence		Post- emergence		Wilted	Survived	Increasing
Treatments	Incidence	Reduction	Incidence	Reduction	plants	plants	%
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Bion 5mM	18.7 c	54.8	4.0 ab	45.2	2.5 cd	74.8 ab	114.9
Salicylic acid 5mM	24.2 bc	41.5	4.7 a	35.6	3.3 bcd	67.8 bcd	94.8
Saccharin 3mM	27.0 b	34.8	7.0 a	4.1	4.1 b	61.5 d	77.8
P. polymyxa	21.3 bc	48.6	6.0 a	17.8	2.3 cd	70.4 abc	108.1
T. harzianum	25.5 bc	38.6	6.2 a	15.1	3.8 bc	64.5 cd	85.3
Rizolex –T	18.8 c	54.6	1.8 b	75.3	2.0 d	77.4 a	122.1
Control	41.4 a	-	7.3 a	-	16.5 a	34.8 e	-

(B): Ismailia Agricultural Research Station

	Damping- off						
Treatments	Pre-emergence		Post- emergence		Wilted	Survived	Increasing
Treatments	Incidence	Reduction	Incidence	Reduction	plants	plants	%
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Bion 5mM	17.9 c	55.1	3.8 ab	47.2	2.7 cd	75.6 ab	112.3
Salicylic acid 5mM	22.3 bc	44.1	4.1 ab	43.1	4.1 b	69.5 bc	95.2
Saccharin 3mM	25.1 b	37.1	6.4 a	11.1	4.5 b	64.0 c	79.8
P. polymyxa	19.8 bc	50.4	5.8 a	19.4	2.1 d	72.3 ab	103.1
T. harzianum	20.3 bc	49.1	6.2 a	86.1	3.3 bc	70.2 bc	97.2
Rizolex –T	16.1 c	59.6	1.5 b	79.2	2.4 cd	80.0 a	124.7
Control	39.9 a	-	7.2 a	-	17.3 a	35.6 d	-

Means in each column followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Duncan's multiple range test, (p = 0.05).

II- Effect of some inducers on growth parameters and yield of lupine plants

Plant height

Under field conditions, inducers treatments significantly improved growth parameters and yield compared with untreated control in the two locations (**Table 3**, **A & B**). In two locations, all treatments significantly increased plant height as compared with untreated control. The maximum plant height was recorded with Bion, Salicylic acid and Rizolex-T treatments at Giza followed by *P. polymyxa* and salicylic acid treatments. At Ismailia, the maximum plant height was recorded with Rizolex-T and Bion treatment. However, in two locations there were no significant differences between the treatments with Saccharin and *T. harzianum*.

Number of branches per plant

In two locations, the highest significant increase in the number of branches per lupine plants was recorded with Bion, Rizolex-T and *P. Polymyxa* treatments followed by salicylic acid and *T. harzianum* treatments at Giza and followed by *T. harzianum* and salicylic acid treatments at Ismailia Agricultural Research Station.

Number of pods per plant

The number of pods per plant significantly increased with all treatments as compared with untreated control. At Giza Agricultural Research Station the maximum number of pods per plant was recorded with Bion and Rizolex-T treatments, while the minimum number of pods per plant was recorded with *T. harzianum* treatment. In Ismailia, the maximum effect was observed with Rizolex-T and Bion treatments.

Seed weight per plant

In the two locations, all treatments significantly increased seed weight per plant as compared with untreated control. At Giza Agricultural Research Station, the maximum seed weight per plant was recorded with Bion treatment followed by Rizolex-T and salicylic acid. Meantime, there was no significant difference among other treatments.

At Ismailia Agricultural Research Station, the maximum seed weight per plant was recorded with Rizolex-T, Bion followed by salicylic acid treatments. Meantime, there were no significant differences between the treatments of *P. polymyxa and T. harzianum* in the two locations.

The weight of one hundred seed

In the two locations, all treatments significantly increased the weight of one hundred seed as compared with untreated control. Rizolex-T and Bion significantly increased the weight of one hundred seed with a varied trend from the rest of treatments followed by salicylic acid, *T. harzianum* and *P. polymyxa* treatments at Giza and salicylic acid and *P. polymyxa* treatments at Ismailia.

Table 3. Effect of some chemical and biotic inducers as well as Rizolex-T as seed treatments on some growth parameters of lupine plants grown under field conditions at Giza Agricultural Research Station (A) and Ismailia Agricultural Research Station (B) during winter growing season 2016 - 2017 (natural infection)

Treatments	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches/ plant	Number of pods/ plant	Seed weight / Plant (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Seed yield (ton/fed)
Bion 5mM	132.25 a	6.50 a	36.25 a	42.30 a	41 a	2.115 a
Salicylic acid 5mM	129.75 ab	5.72 b	32.95 a	38.3 ab	37.2 b	1.998 ab
Saccharin 3mM	119.25 c	5.10 c	30.55 a	30.2 b	33.2 c	1.587 d
P. polymyxa	125.25 b	5.93 b	33.25 a	31.2 b	34.3 bc	1.873 bc
T. harzianum	116.25 c	5.50 bc	27.9 a	33.75 b	35.5 bc	1.705 cd
Rizolex –T	129.25 ab	5.93 b	34.5 a	43.1 a	41.5 a	2.019 ab
Control	107.98 d	4.20 d	15 b	23.25 c	29.4 d	1.183 e

(A): Giza Agricultural Research Station

Treatments	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches/ plant	Number of pods/ plant	Seed weight / Plant (g)	100 seed weight (g)	Seed yield (ton/fed)
Bion 5mM	128 a	6.43 a	34.85 ab	38.1 a	37.3 b	1.752 ab
Salicylic acid 5mM	122.5 ab	5.65 b	33.1 abc	34.43 b	34.65 bc	1.599 bc
Saccharin 3mM	118 b	5.07 c	28.85 c	29.8 c	32.75 c	1.419 c
P. polymyxa	123.9 ab	6.1 ab	32.93 bc	33.1 b	34.1 bc	1.561 bc
T. harzianum	117.9 b	5.65 b	30.8 bc	32.15 b	32.3 c	1.458 c
Rizolex –T	128.6 a	6.1 ab	36.55 a	39 a	40.1 a	1.880 a
Control	109.3 c	4.35 d	17.8 d	21 d	27.6 d	0.844 d

(B): Ismailia Agricultural Research Station

Means in each column followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Duncan's multiple range test, (p = 0.05).

Seed yield

The two locations showed nearly similar results which indicated that all treatments significantly increased the seed yield as compared with untreated control. At Giza and Ismailia, the maximum seed yield was recorded from the Bion, Rizolex-T with no significant differences, followed by salicylic acid and *P. polymyxa* treatments. Whereas, the lowest seed yield values compared with untreated control were recorded in Saccharin treatment at Giza and Ismailia Agricultural Research Stations.

3- Effect of Lupine seed treatments with different inducers on the activity of oxidative enzymes and phenol content

I- Activity of oxidative enzymes

Activities of peroxidase (PO) and polyphenol oxidase (PPO) enzymes of lupine plants were evaluated with the different inducer treatments in the presence of R. solani (Table 4 A) or F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini (Table 4 B). Results showed that all treatments were effective in increasing enzyme activities. The highest increase of PO and PPO activities as compared to the untreated control was achieved with Bion treatment either in the presence of R. solani or F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini. Meantime, the salicylic acid treatment showed a considerable increase in the two enzymes followed by P. polymyxa and T. harzianum treatments. However, the lowest activity of the enzymes was obtained when Saccharin was applied. However, Results showed that clear higher values of PO activity than PPO activity in all treatments in the presence of two pathogens. In addition, the percentage of increase in enzyme activity as induced by inducers treatments presented clear higher values of PPO than PO in all treatments; such a trend was true with the two pathogens. Meanwhile, it has to notice that infestation with the two fungal pathogens in the absence of inducers, clearly increased the activity of both PPO and PO than that recorded in healthy untreated plants as blank of all treatments.

II- Phenol content

The content of total phenols coincided with the trend of data of both PO and PPO enzymes, where it was highly enhanced in lupine plants treated with different inducers compared with untreated plants in the presence of R. solani (Table 5A) or F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini (Table 5B). The maximum increase in the content of total phenolic compounds was recorded with Bion treatment followed by salicylic acid and P. polymyxa compared with untreated control. Whereas the less increases in total phenols content were recognized when Saccharin was applied. As for conjugated phenols, salicylic acid and Bion treatments gave the highest increase over untreated control followed by P. polymyxa. Whereas the less increases were recognized in the conjugated phenols when T. harzianum and Saccharin were applied. Moreover, the least values in total, free and conjugated phenols were recorded in the healthy control treatment, indicating the role of pathogens in raising the phenol content of the host plant. On the other hand, free phenols represented the highest figures of phenolic compounds than the conjugated phenols in all treatments as well as control untreated plants.

Table 4. Effect of some chemical and biotic inducers as seed treatments on the peroxidase and polyphenol oxidase activity in lupine plants grown in artificially infested soil by *Rhizoctonia solani* (A) or *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini* (B) under greenhouse conditions

(A)) R.	solani
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Treatments	(absorban	ase activity ce at 430 nm) /mg protein/min)	Polyphenol oxidase activity (absorbance at 495 nm) (Enzyme unit/mg protein/min)		
	Activity	Increasing over control %	Activity	Increasing over control %	
Bion 5 mM	0.322	131.4	0.075	294.7	
Salicylic acid 5 mM	0.291	109.4	0.071	273.7	
Saccharin 3 mM	0.213	53.2	0.061	221.1	
P. polymyxa	0.280	101.4	0.070	268.4	
T. harzianum	0.232	66.9	0.059	210.5	
Control (infested soil)	0.139	-	0.019	-	
Control healthy (non-infested soil)	0.121		C	0.010	

(B) F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini

Treatments	(absorband	ase activity ce at 430 nm) mg protein/min)	Polyphenol oxidase activity (absorbance at 495 nm) (Enzyme unit/mg protein/min)		
	Activity	Increasing over control %	Activity	Increasing over control %	
Bion 5 mM	0.401	184.4	0.069	200.0	
Salicylic acid 5 mM	0.298	111.3	0.067	191.3	
Saccharin 3 mM	0.223	58.2	0.059	156.5	
P. polymyxa	0.291	105.4	0.065	182.6	
T. harzianum	0.256	81.6	0.052	126.1	
Control (infested soil)	0.141	-	0.023	-	
Control healthy (non-infested soil)	0.121		0.0	010	

Table 5. Effect of some chemical and biotic inducers as seed treatments on levels of phenolic compounds in lupine plants grown in artificially infested soil by *Rhizoctonia solani* (A) or *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lupini* (B) under greenhouse conditions

(A) R. solani:

	Phenolic contents (catechol equivalents mg/g fresh weight)						
Treatments	Total phenols	Increase over control %	Free phenols	Increase over control %	Conjugated phenols	Increase over control %	
Bion 5 mM	8.66	84.65	6.91	100.87	1.75	38.9	
Salicylic acid 5 mM	7.71	64.40	5.91	71.80	1.80	42.9	
Saccharin 3 mM	5.77	23.00	4.43	28.70	1.34	6.3	
P. polymyxa	6.66	42.00	4.97	44.50	1.69	34.2	
T. harzianum	5.87	25.20	4.55	61.33	1.32	4.8	
Control (infested soil)	4.69	0.00	3.44	0.00	1.26	0.0	
Control healthy (non infested soil)	:	2.85		2.10	0.1	75	

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	Phenolic contents (catechol equivalents mg/g fresh weight)					
Treatments	Total phenols	Increase over control %	Free phenols	Increase over control %	Conjugated phenols	Increase over control %
Bion 5 mM	7.21	39.7	5.36	39.6	1.85	40.2
Salicylic acid 5 mM	6.91	33.9	4.23	10.1	2.68	103.0
Saccharin 3 mM	5.81	12.59	4.11	7.03	1.70	28.7
P. polymyxa	6.29	21.9	4.58	19.3	1.71	29.5
T. harzianum	6.12	18.6	4.57	19.0	1.55	17.4
Control (infested soil)	5.16	0.0	3.84	0.0	1.32	0.0
Control healthy (non infested soil)	2.85		2.10		0.75	

(B) F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini:

DISCUSSION

In Egypt, lupine is one of the preferable hosts to *Rhizoctonia solani* and *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *lupini* causing damping-off and wilt diseases respectively (Zian, 2011; Abdel-Monaim et al 2016; El-Sayed and Abdel- Monaim, 2017).

As recorded till now, the management of such two diseases has conventionally depended on chemical application. So, recent research priorities embraced disease control programs that are compatible with sustainable agriculture.

Acquired and induced resistance against future pathogen attacks, seem to be one of the safe alternatives to decrease the use of fungicides. Resistance induced by these inducers has a broad spectrum against many pathogens and longlasting, but rarely provides complete control of infection, as many resistance elicitors provide between 20 and 85% disease control. (Walters et al 2013; Burketova et al 2015; Hartman et al 2016; and Kannojia et al 2019).

In the present work, lupine seed treatments with Bion [benzothiadiazole, (BTH)], salicylic acid (SA) and saccharin as chemical inducers resulted in a significant reduction of damping-off and wilt diseases, and highly increased growth parameters as well as the net seeds yield. These results were obtained from the greenhouse experiment and confirmed by field experiments data. Such results were consistent with those reported on lupine plants by (Ali et al 2009; Abdel-Monaim et al 2012; Marwa et al 2014). A comparative evaluation showed that the tested chemical inducers differed in their effectiveness against lupine dampingoff and wilt diseases. Bion and salicylic acid were the most effective treatments; they increased survived lupine plants under field conditions by 114.8% and 94.7%, respectively, in Giza Governorate and by 112.4% and 95.2%, respectively, in Ismailia Governorate.

In this respect, Benzothiadiazole (BTH) was widely reported to induce plant resistance against a broad spectrum of pathogens in many plant species (Walters et al 2013), for example in pea against Uromyces pisi (Barilli et al 2010); in faba bean against Uromyces viciae-fabae (Sillero et al 2012); and in sunflower against Sclerotinia sclerotiorum (Bán et al 2017). Early, BTH was shown to induce expression of systemic acquired resistance "SAR" genes (Gorlach et al 1996 and Friedrich et al 1996). The mechanisms of BTH as inducer have been shown to involve in the activation of SAR mechanisms based on the SA pathway (Friedrich et al 1996), with consequent upregulation of defense genes (Bovie et al 2004) and accumulation of phenolic compounds (Iriti et al 2004); also, activating resistance by increasing the activity of peroxidase enzyme (Sarma et al 2007) and the accumulation of pathogenesis-related (PR) proteins, some of which have antimicrobial properties (Sauerborn et al 2002).

Salicylic acid as a key of plant hormone plays an important role in the induction of plant defense against a variety of biotic and abiotic stresses through morphological, physiological and biochemical mechanisms (**Kumar**, 2014). It was declared to induce resistance against many pathogens in many plant species for example in guar against *Rhizoctonia solani* (Abdel-Monaim, 2016); in snap bean against *Rhizoctonia solani* (Ahmed, 2016); and in lupine against *Fusarium solani*, *Rhizoctonia* solani and Macrophomina phaseolina (EI-Sayed and Abdel-Monaim, 2017). Treatment with SA and its derivatives induced the expression of pathogenesis-related (PR) proteins (Gaffney et al 1993). It regulates the activities of various enzymes such as, peroxidase (PO), polyphenol oxidase (PPO), phenylalanine ammonia-lyase (PAL), etc., which are the major components of induced plant defense against biotic and abiotic stresses (Idrees et al 2011).

However, saccharin as seed soaking treatment gave the least reduction of the disease incidence among the chemical inducers. Meanwhile, saccharin has been found to induce systemic resistance against several diseases as a foliar application or root drench: tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) in tobacco, Colletotrichum lagenariumin in cucumber, and Uromyces appendiculatus in runner bean (Siegrist et al 1998); R. solani in soybean (Marwa et al 2014). Additionally, probenazole (ORYZEMATE), of which saccharin is a metabolite, is used mainly on rice and was effective in controlling bacterial blight caused by Xanthomonas oryzae and rice blast caused by Magnaporthe grisea (Oostendorp et al 2001). Srivastava et al (2011) found that saccharin applied as a root drench to soybean plants was usually more effective than the leaf treatment at inducing protection. A similar response has been observed by other researchers in other plant species (Boyle & Walters, 2005& 2006).

As for biotic inducers tested i.e., *P. polymyxa* and *T. harzianum*, tended in the same as chemical inducers, in limiting the development of both diseases (damping-off and wilt) of lupine, but their effect still lower than that of bion. To some extent, there were no significant differences between the two bio-inducers used. Previous reports have shown that *P. polymyxa* and *T. harzianum* control the development of many soil-borne pathogens i.e. *R. solani* and *Fusarium* spp. on many crops under greenhouse and field conditions (Marwa et al 2014; Sarhan and Shehata 2014; Raza et al 2015 and Redda et al 2018).

The bacterium *P. polymyxa* is known for its ability to produce antimicrobial compounds (produced by some strains) act against fungi, bacteria, and actinomycetes including gavaserin and saltavidin (**Pichard et al 1995**); fusaricidins (**Beatty & Jensen, 2002**); polymyxins and lantibiotics (**He et al 2007**). Plant growth promotion may be an indirect effect of this antibiotic production through the suppression of plant diseases in disease-carrying soil. One of the possible explanations for growth promotion by *P. polymyxa* which has also been reported that it produces many plant growth stimulators, including auxin as indole-3-acetic acid (**da Mota et al 2008**) and cytokinin (**Timmusk et al 1999**). So, the application of *P. polymyxa* in seed pelleting can be used to manage pre- and postemergence damping-off in plants (**Choong-Min et al 2006**).

However, the genus Trichoderma has been known since at least the 1920s for its ability to act as biocontrol agents against plant pathogens (Samuels, 1996). T. harzianum was established to be an effective producer of many extracellular enzymes and some of these are involved in the biological control of plant diseases (Almeida et al 2007). Some Trichoderma biological control agents (BCAs) produce highly efficient siderophores that chelate iron and stop the growth of other fungi (Chet and Inbar, 1994). Substantial information provides the support that the extraordinary capacity of T. harzianum to attack the structures of phytopathogenic fungi and sclerotial degradation by mycoparasitism which has been observed for R. solani (Almeida et al 2007). Meanwhile, T. harzianum is well-known producer of antibiotic (produced by some strains) that are toxic for phytopathogenic fungi, including Koninginins A, B, D, E and G (Almassi et al 1991; Ghisalberti & Rowland, 1993); Harzianopyridone, Harzianic acid, Azaphilones and Harzianolide (Vinale et al 2006; 2009); and Trichorzianines A (ElHajji et al 1987).

Also, some Trichoderma strains that produce cytokinin-like molecules, e.g. zeatyn and gibberellin GA3 or GA3-related, have been detected (Benitez et al 2004). Furthermore, during plant- Trichoderma interaction, numerous elicitors released by the Trichoderma hyphae may induce different types of signals transmitted within the plant e.g. by salicylic acid (SA), jasmonic acid (JA) or reactive oxygen species (ROS), triggering expression of defense proteins which refers to the induction of resistance. As a result of gene activation, the plant produces enzymes involved in direct suppression of pathogens and enhancing the biochemical and structural barriers in a plant. Depending on the Trichoderma isolate, plant cultivar and conditions, the defensive reactions activated by the fungi may fluctuate between the two types of systemic resistance i.e. induced systemic resistance and systemic acquired resistance (Harman et al 2004; Nawrocka & Małolepsza, 2013).

However, the treatments with Bion, SA, *P. Pol-ymyxa* and *T. harzianum* as seed treatments were effective in eliciting the enzyme activities (peroxi-

dase, PO and polyphenol oxidase, PPO) in the presence of *R. solani* or *F. oxysporum* f.sp. *lupini* and the maximum activities of the two enzymes were observed with Bion treatment. The increase in activity was related to increased plant resistance against infection by many diseases (**Wang et al 2000**). In this respect, both biotic and chemical inducers are known to have eliciting activities leading to a variety of defense reactions in host plants in response to microbial infection, including the accumulation of pathogenesis-related PR- proteins and defense-related enzymes (**Nafie and Mazen 2008; Mandal et al 2009**).

The oxidation of phenols is mediated by the enzymes PO and PPO and the resulting quinones are effective inhibitors of SH group of enzymes which may inhibit the pathogen (**Goodman et al 1967**). Peroxidase is reported to have an important function in secondary cell wall biosynthesis (**Grisebach, 1981**). Therefore, Peroxidase may be directly associated with the increased ability of protected tissue for lignification which may restrict the penetration (**Gross, 1979**). Meantime, polyphenol oxidase (PPO) is capable of dehydrogenating of o-diphenols to produce o-quinones (antimicrobial compounds) as well as lignification of plant cells during microbial invasion (**Meyer, 1987**).

Furthermore, the treatments led to increasing of the phenolic compounds content compared with the untreated control. Such an increase was highly obvious with free phenols compared with conjugated. In this regard, the role of phenolic compounds in disease resistance was postulated by Nicholson and Hammerschmidt (1992). They indicated that phenols are oxidized to guinones or semi-quinones which are more toxic and play a great role as antimicrobial substances on the fungal pathogens (Farkas and Kiraly 1962). So, it can be concluded that treatments with Bion, salicylic acid, P. Polymyxa, and T. harzianum as seed treatments increased plant resistance against the infection by R. solani, or F. oxysporum f.sp. lupini improved plant growth and yield. Such treatments may be used as a part of integrated disease management for field crops in order to avoid the use of fungicides.

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تأثير المستحثات المختلفة علي مكافحة أمراض موت البادرات والذبول في الترمس [158]

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يهدف هذا البحث إلي دراسة تأثير معاملة بذور الترمس من الصنف جيزة 2 بتركيزات من مواد البيون (5 مللي مولر)، حامض السلسليك (5 مللي مولر) والسكارين (3 مللي مولر) كمستحثات كيماوية السكارين (3 مللي مولر) كمستحثات كيماوية بالإضافة إلي بكتيريا Paenibacillus polymyxa وفطر Trichoderma harzianum كمستحثات ديوية علي الاصابة بغطري Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. lupini ظروف الصوبة والحقل.

وقد أدت كل المعاملات تحت ظروف الصوبة الي إختزال معنوي في نسبة موت البادرات قبل ويعد الظهور فوق سطح التربة مقارنة بالبذور الغير معاملة المنزرعة في التربة المعداه بالفطر. وقد تحققت أعلى نسبة للنباتات الباقية على قيد الحياه من المعاملة بمركب البيون وفطر T. harzianum والمبيد رايزولكس- تى وكانت 92% يليها المعاملة بحامض السلسليك ويكتيريا P. polymyxa وكانت 88% . ومن ناحية اخري أدت جميع المعاملات الى اختزال معنوي في نسبة وشدة الاصابة بالذبول وكذلك زيادة في نسبة النباتات الباقية على قيد الحياه مقارنة بالنباتات الناتجة من البذور الغير معاملة . تحت ظروف الحقل في محطة بحوث الجيزة- محافظة الجيزة و محطة بحوث الاسماعيلية -محافظة الإسماعيلية خلال موسم النمو الشتوي 2016- 2017، أدت كل المعاملات إلى إختزال معنوي في نسبة الموت قبل وبعد الظهور فوق سطح التربة وكذلك نسبة الإصابة بالذبول كما

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ادت الى زيادة نسبة النباتات الباقية على قيد الحياة مقارنة بالنباتات الناتجة من البذور غير المعاملة في كلا التجربتين. وقد تحققت أعلي نسبة للنباتات الباقية في محطة بحوث الجيزة من معاملة المبيد رايزولكس-تى يليها معاملة البيون بكتيريا P. polymyxa وحامض السلسليك. بينما تحققت أعلى نسبة للنباتات الباقية في محطة بحوث الإسماعيلية من معاملة المبيد رايزولكس- تي يليها معاملة البيون بكتيريا P. polymyxa و فطر T. harzianum و حامض السلسليك. كذلك فإن كل المستحثات قد شجعت معنوبا مقاييس النمو المدروسة مثل طول النباتات، عدد القرون/نبات ووزن البذور /نبات ووزن 100 بذرة مقارنة بالنباتات الناتجة من البذور غير المعاملة في كلا المحطتين. وكانت أعلى زيادة في المحصول (طن /فدان) ناتجة من المعاملة بالمبيد والمعاملة بالبيون يليها معاملة حامض السلسليك ويكتيريا Ρ. .T. harzianum. و فطر polymyxa

كذلك تم تقدير نشاط إنزيمي البيروكسيديز والبولي فينول أوكسيديز ومحتوي الفينولات في نباتات الترمس المعاملة بالمستحثات المختلفة معمليا، أظهرت المعاملة بالبيون أعلى زيادة فى نشاط إنزيمي البيروكسيديز والبولي فينول أوكسيديز وفى محتوى الفينولات الكلية يليها المعاملة حامض السلسليك ومعاملة بكتيريا .*P* يليها المعاملة حامض السلسليك ومعاملة بكتيريا .*F. oxysporum.* f. sp. *lupine*

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