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THE EFFECTS OF FOLIAR APPLICATION OF CHELATED FE ON ECOPHYSIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FOUR ECONOMICAL CULTIVARS OF IRANIAN PISTACHIO

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Table 1. Characteristics of irrigation water in the experiment.

Soluble ions (meg l⁻¹) рН (Dsm⁻¹) (SAR) EC CO₃ Na^+ HCO₃ 5 5.6 20 2.5 12.4

Table 2. Soil characteristics of experimental location.

Soil	Sand	Silt	Clay		(ppm)		Fe (ppm)	K	J		EC	(pH)	Depth (cm)
texture	(%)	(%)	(%)	Ca ⁺⁺	Mg ⁺⁺	Na ⁺	V	(mg kg ⁻¹)	P (mg kg ⁻¹)	(SAR)	(Dsm ⁻¹)	(pri)	
	82.2	7.4	4.4	9	4.4	16.7	4.6	223	19	6.4	3.8	8.1	0-40
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Table 3. Effect of cultivar on ecophysiological characteristics in pistachio trees.

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	'Ohadi'	'Kalehghoochi'	'Akbari'	'Ahmadaghaii'
Photosynthesis (μmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	$6.00a^{\dagger}$	5.50ab	4.34c	5.05bc
Stomatal conductance (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.16 ab	0.25a	0.10b	0.12b
Transpiration (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	5.57 b	6.38a	3.90c	4.22c
Stomatal resistance (m ² s mol ⁻¹)	6.53 c	5.46c	10.40a	8.66b
WUE (μmol mol ⁻¹)	1.06 a	0.83b	1.10a	1.16a

[†] Means in each row with the same letters are not significantly different at 5% level of probability.

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Table 4. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on ecophysiological characteristics in

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	Control	Fe (0.5 g l ⁻¹)	Fe (1 g l ⁻¹)
Photosynthesis (µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	$3.26c^{\dagger}$	5.33b	7.07a
Stomatal conductance (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.17a	0.13a	0.18a
Transpiration (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	4.43b	4.73b	5.90a
Stomatal resistance (m ² s mol ⁻¹)	8.66a	8.35a	6.28b
WUE (μmol mol ⁻¹)	0.75b	1.15a	1.21a

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Table 5. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on photosynthesis (µmol m⁻² S⁻¹) in pistachio trees.

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Cultivar	Control	Fe (0.5 g l ⁻¹)	Fe (1 g l ⁻¹)
'Ohadi'	4.19e [†]	6.17c	7.65ab
'Kalehghoochi'	2.79g	5.60cd	8.11a
'Akbari'	3.47f	4.32e	5.23d
'Ahmadaghaii'	2.61g	5.24d	7.32b

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Table 6. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on stomatal conductance (mol m⁻² s⁻¹)

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Cultivar	Control	Fe (0.5 g l ⁻¹)	Fe (1 g l ⁻¹)
'Ohadi'	$0.14ab^{\dagger}$	0.15ab	0.18ab
'Kalehghoochi'	0.35a	0.16ab	0.24ab
'Akbari'	0.10b	0.09b	0.12b
'Ahmadaghaii'	0.09b	0.12b	0.16ab

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Table 7. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on transpiration (mol m⁻² s⁻¹) in pistachio cultivars.

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Cultivar	Control	Fe (0.5 g l^{-1})	Fe (1 g l ⁻¹)
'Ohadi'	4.93c [†]	5.20c	6.58b
'Kalehghoochi'	5.41c	6.12b	7.63a
'Akbari'	3.77de	3.74de	4.21d
'Ahmadaghaii'	3.61e	3.87de	5.18c

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Table 8. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on stomatal resistance (m² s mol⁻¹) in pistachio cultivars.

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Cultivar	Control	Fe (0.5 g l ⁻¹)	Fe (1 g l ⁻¹)
'Ohadi'	$7.24bc^{\dagger}$	6.68bc	5.66bc
'Kalehghoochi'	5.82bc	6.35bc	4.22c
'Akbari'	10.70a	11.80a	8.70ab
' 'Ahmadaghaii'	10.87a	8.58ab	6.52bc

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Table 9. Effect of the foliar application of chelated Fe on water use efficiency (μmol mol⁻¹) in pistachio cultivars.

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Cultivar	Control	Fe (0.5 g.L ⁻¹)	Fe (1 g.L ⁻¹)
'Ohadi'	$0.85d^{\dagger}$	1.18b	1.15bc
'Kalehghoochi'	0.52f	0.92d	1.05c
'Akbari'	0.92d	1.15bc	1.23b
'Ahmadaghaii'	0.72e	1.34a	1.41a

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Table 10. Correlation between measured ecophysiological factors in pistachio trees.

	Photosynthesis	Stomatal conductance	Stomatal resistance	Transpiration	WUE
Photosynthesis (μmol m ⁻² S ⁻¹)	1				
Stomatal conductance (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.06 ^{ns}	1			
Transpiration (mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.56**	0.714**	1		
Stomatal resistance (m ² s mol ⁻¹)	0.719**	0.344*	0.762 **	1	
WUE (μmol mol ⁻¹)	0.694**	0.242 ^{ns}	0.037 ns	0.013 ^{ns}	1

^{*, **} significant at 5 and 1% levels, respectively.

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