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INTERACTION OF GA<sub>3</sub> AND ZINC SULFATE ON VEGETATIVE  
CHARACTERISTICS AND YIELD OF POTATO (*SOLANUM TUBEROSUM* CV.  
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Table 1. Effects of GA<sub>3</sub> and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> on plant height, fresh and dry weights of shoot and chlorophyll content.

Means		Treatments (mg l <sup>-1</sup> )			
Chlorophyll (mg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	Shoot dry matter (%)	Shoot FW (Kg Pl <sup>-1</sup> )	Plant height (cm)	ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	Gibberellic acid
0.65bcde	16.33h	0.98c	58.25d <sup>†</sup>	0	
0.68bcd	16.43gh	0.94c	61.8d	500	0
0.73ab	16.55gh	1.06c	61.25d	1000	
0.77a	17.06fg	1.09bc	61.07d	2000	
0.60cde	17.51f	1.27abc	79.19c	0	
0.65bcde	17.33ef	1.44abc	84.65bc	500	100
0.66bcde	17.56ef	1.44abc	85.84b	1000	
0.68abc	17.75def	1.45abc	82.87bc	2000	
0.56e	18.18cde	1.41abc	97.07a	0	
0.61cde	18.33cd	1.44abc	95.84a	500	200
0.63bcde	18.47c	1.59ab	96.24a	1000	
0.67bcd	18.62bc	1.58ab	99.94a	2000	
0.57e	19.20ab	1.54ab	99.47a	0	
0.56e	19.32ab	1.56ab	97.85a	500	400
0.60cde	19.39a	1.64a	99.92a	1000	
0.62cde	19.47a	1.59ab	100.03a	2000	

<sup>†</sup> Means followed by the same letter(s) in each column, are not significantly different using Tukey's test at P<0.05.

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Table 2. Effects of GA<sub>3</sub> and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> on seed tuber number, big tuber number, total tuber number, tuber fresh and dry weights.

Means		Treatments (mg l <sup>-1</sup> )				
Tuber DW (%)	Tuber FW (ton ha <sup>-1</sup> )	Total tuber number	Big tuber (over 70 g) (number plant <sup>-1</sup> )	Seed tuber (40 – 70 g) (number plant <sup>-1</sup> )	ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	Gibberellic acid
21.59de	40.21e	11.26f	7.00ab	4.26fg	0	
22.57bcd	40.72de	11.13f	7.33ab	3.80g	500	
23.06b	45.48bcd	13.70cd	7.26ab	6.10ef	1000	0
23.36ab	46.27bc	13.93c	7.83a	6.23de	2000	
19.42h	43.31bcde	12.50de	6.26abcd	6.23de	0	
20.41g	47.66b	14.20bc	6.06abcd	8.13abc	500	100
21.14efg	47.89b	14.26cde	6.20abcd	8.06abcd	1000	
23.46ab	47.66b	14.16cde	6.33abcd	7.83abcd	2000	
18.31i	42.76cde	12.16ef	6.40abcd	7.76abcd	0	
19.33h	55.42a	15.30ab	6.13abcd	9.20a	500	200
20.54fg	57.08a	15.80a	6.80abc	9.00a	1000	
23.36ab	55.74a	15.36ab	6.40abcd	8.96a	2000	
18.08efg	42.57cde	12.23ef	3.13e	9.26a	0	
21.77cde	46.27bc	13.90c	4.40de	9.50a	500	400
22.36bc	44.19bcde	13.26cde	4.86cde	8.56ab	1000	
24.33a	44.33bcde	13.48cde	4.65de	8.90a	2000	

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