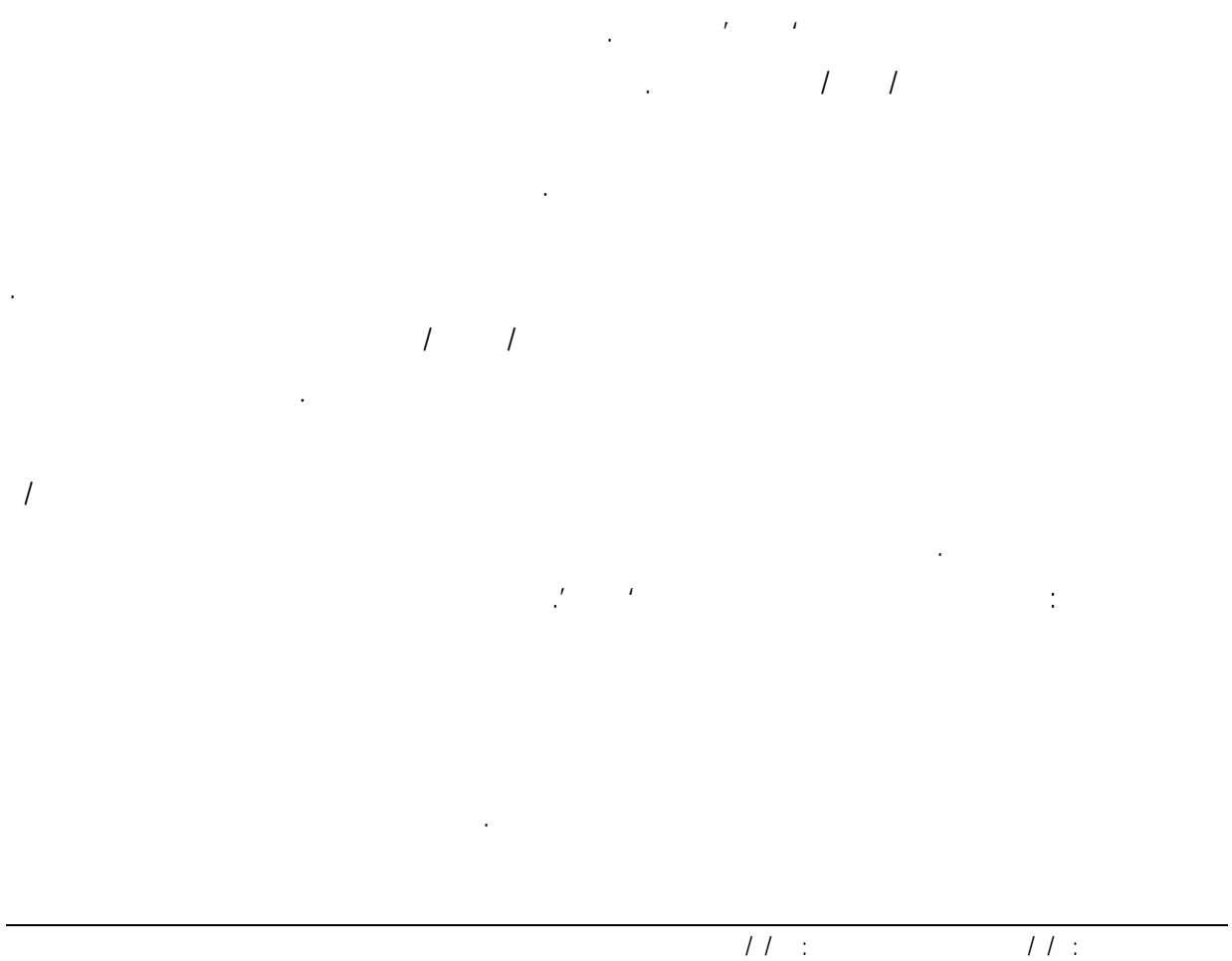


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**EFFECT OF DIFERENT LEVELS OF POTASSIUM AND CALCIUM ON  
QUALITY OF 'VENDETTA' CUT ROSE FLOWR**

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Table 1. Effects of different potassium and calcium levels in nutrient solution on the postharvest quality indices of rose flowers.

Potassium concentration (mM)	Initial fresh weight (g)	Final fresh weight (g)	Flower diameter (mm)	Vase life (day)
1.0	17.73a <sup>†</sup>	18.22a	84.5b	11.0a
5.0	17.91a	18.13a	88.3a	11.1a
10.0	17.36a	16.94b	89.9a	9.2b
Calcium concentration (mM)				
1.6	17.06a	17.10b	86.4a	9.4b
4.8	17.74a	18.13a	88.7a	11.3a

<sup>†</sup> Means in each column with the same letters are not statistically different at  $\alpha = 0.05$  (LSD test).

(LSD) % <sup>†</sup>

Table 2. Potassium and calcium concentrations in the different parts of rose flowers as affected by different potassium and calcium levels in nutrient solution.

Potassium concentration (mM)	Potassium			Calcium		
	stem	leaf	petal	stem	leaf	petal
1.0	9.1c <sup>†</sup>	15.1c	13.4c	6.5a	13.0a	1.1a
5.0	12.0b	19.5b	16.9b	6.6a	9.9b	1.2a
10.0	15.5a	22.2a	18.3a	6.7a	8.9b	0.9b
Calcium concentration (mM)						
1.6	13.1a	19.8a	17.2a	6.2b	9.8a	1.0b
4.8	11.3b	18.1b	15.2b	7.0a	11.3a	1.3a

<sup>†</sup> Means in each column with the same letters are not statistically different at  $\alpha = 0.05$  (LSD test).

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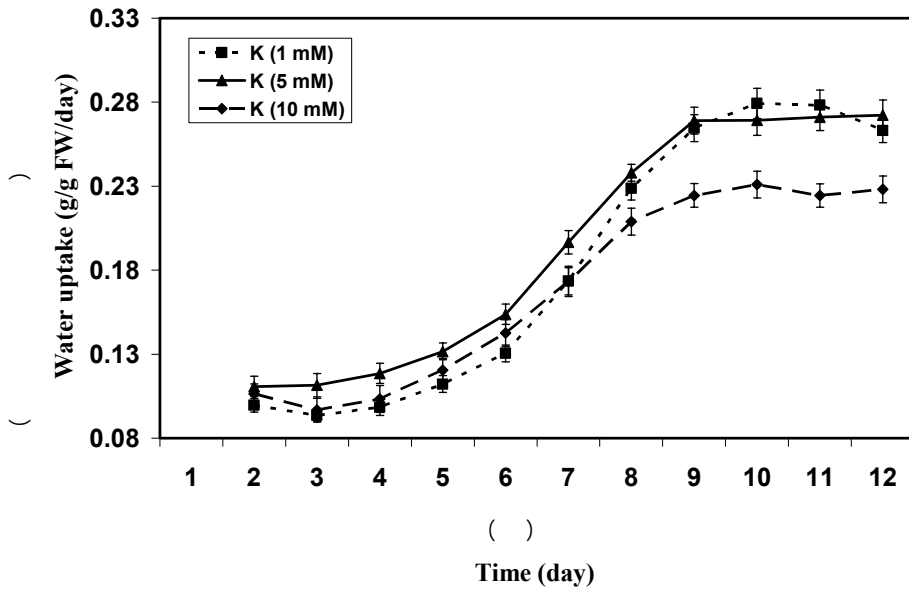


Fig. 1. Water uptake ( $\pm$  standard error) by cut rose flowers as influenced by different potassium levels in nutrient solution.

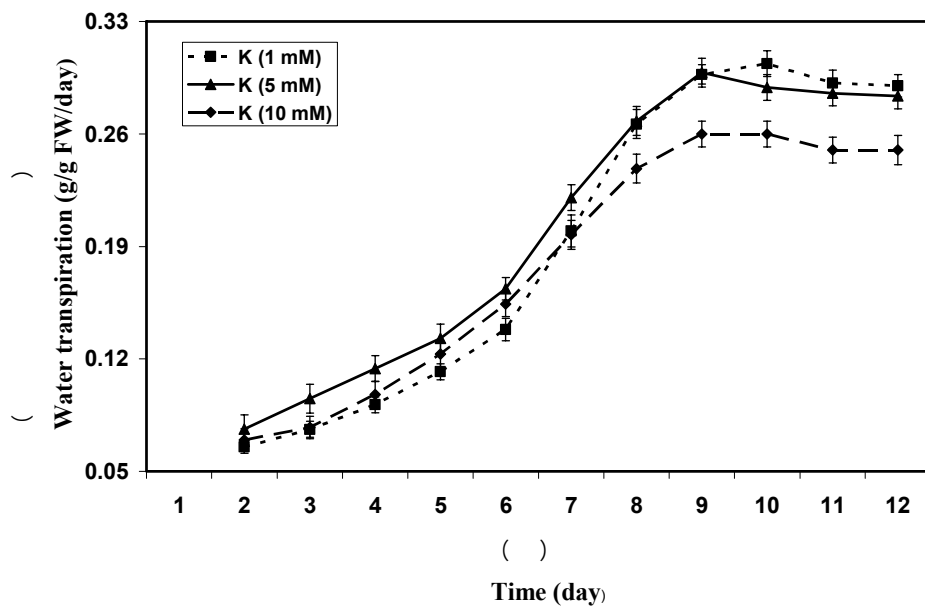


Fig. 2. Water transpiration ( $\pm$  standard error) by cut rose flowers as influenced by different potassium levels in nutrient solution.

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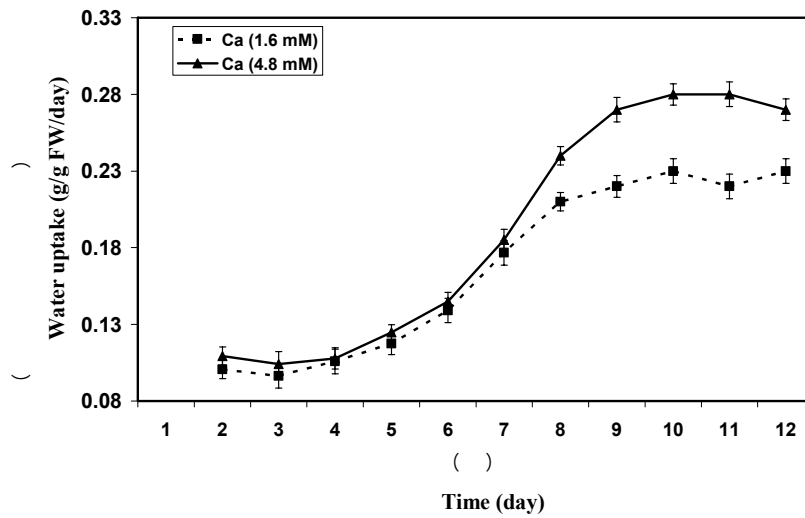


Fig. 3. Water uptake ( $\pm$  standard error) by cut rose flowers as influenced by different calcium levels in nutrient solution.

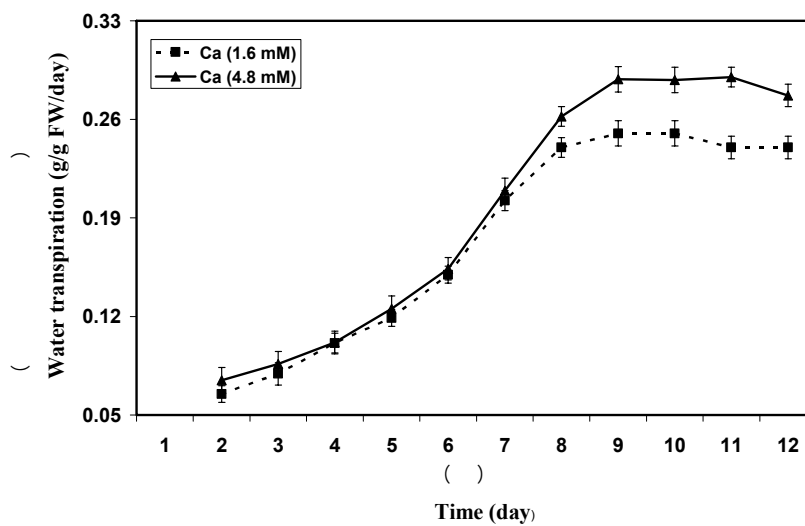


Fig. 4. Water transpiration ( $\pm$  standard error) by cut rose flowers as influenced by different calcium levels in nutrient solution.

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