

EFFECT OF FOLIAR APPLICATION OF ZINC AND SALICYLIC ACID ON  
VEGETATIVE GROWTH AND YIELD CHARACTERISTICS OF HALAWANI GRAPE  
CULTIVAR (*Vitis vinifera* L.)

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ABSTRACT

THIS investigation aimed to study the effect of foliar application with zinc alone or in combination with salicylic acid on vegetative growth, yield, physical and chemical properties of Halawani grapevine cultivar during two successive seasons (2017 and 2018). Zinc was used at concentration of 2 and 4 g.L<sup>-1</sup> in a chelated form and salicylic acid at concentration of (50, 100 and 150 mg. L<sup>-1</sup>) in addition to control treatment for each of them. The result obtained proved that all parameters such as leaf area, total chlorophyll, number and weight of cluster, yield, berries size and weight, as soon as TSS, total sugar, juice percentage and density, β-carotenes, Zn, N, proline content of leaves were increased significantly as compared with control, while total acidity and total phenols were decreased by all treatments as compared with control. Furthermore, combination between high concentration of zinc and salicylic acid improved all parameters in comparison with the control.

Keyword: Zink, salicylic acid, grape, Halawani, quality.

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تأثير الرش الورقي بالزنك وحامض السالساليك في النمو الخضري وصفات الحاصل لصنف العنب حلواني

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المستخلص

تهدف هذه التجربة الى دراسة تأثير الرش بالزنك لوحده او بالتداخل مع حامض السالساليك على صفات النمو الخضري وصفات الحاصل الفيزيائية والكيميائية لصنف العنب الحلواني خلال موسمي النمو (2017-2018). استعمل الزنك بتركيز (2 و 4 غم. لتر<sup>-1</sup>) بصورته المخليبية وحامض السالساليك بتركيز (50 ، 100 و 150 ملغ. لتر<sup>-1</sup>) بالاضافة الى معاملة المقارنة لكل منهم. اظهرت النتائج ان جميع الصفات مثل مساحة الورقة والكلوروفيل الكلي وعدد ووزن العناقيد والحاصل ووزن وحجم الحبات وكذلك انسبة المئوية للمواد الصلبة الذائبة والسكريات الكلية ونسبة وكثافة العصير زادت معنويا مقارنة بمعاملة المقارنة، بينما النسبة المئوية للحموضة الكلية والفينولات الكلية انخفضت معنويا مقارنة بمعاملة المقارنة. علاوة على ذلك فان التداخل بين التركيز العالي للزنك وحامض السالساليك حسنت جميع الصفات مقارنة بمعاملة المقارنة.

كلمات مفتاحية : صفات الحاصل الفيزيائية والكيميائية ، مساحو الورقة ، الكلوروفيل ، وزن الغنقود

## INTRODUCTION

For more than six thousand years, Humans have been concerned with growing grapes, producing and processing fruit and juice (7). Commercial grapes belonging to the genus *Vitis* which is one of the 14 genres belonging to the Vitaceae family (3,16). Grape cultivation has started first in Central Asia in the area between the south of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, this region was agreed upon by most botanists as the origin of European grapes (*Vitis vinifera* L). Therefore, the best areas for grapevine cultivation was located between two latitudes (34-45) north and (31-38) south (3, 15). According to the World Viticulture Situation (24); 7.5 million ha is the global area under vines in 2016 producing over 75.8 million tons of grapes. For the medicinal value of grapes, it is a nutritional substance used as a stimulant for brain cells, heart muscles, tonic for the liver and kidneys and reduces the incidence of diseases of the stomach, intestine and urinary system (15). Increasing yield and improving quality of grape is dependent on different practices (18). There are many factors effect in the quantity and quality of grape such as pruning, crop load balance, thinning, girdling, topping and tipping, the use of plant growth regulators and correct nutrition (27). Zinc is one of the essential elements for plants (8). Zn is required for the synthesis of auxins, chlorophyll and starch and carbohydrate metabolism (2, 19). Grapevines require approximately 0.5 kg Zn/ha/year (17). Zinc deficiency is characterized by abnormal development of internodes ('zig-zag' growth pattern of shoots), interveinal chlorosis in early summer and small leaves (3, 10), production of clusters with und veloped shot berries and generally poor fruit set (2, 25). Nikkhah (29) found that using Zink fertilization (2g. L<sup>-1</sup>) on seven cultivars of grapes significantly increased berry (number, length and weight), cluster (length and weight) characteristics and TSS. Salicylic acid and its derivatives is one of the plant hormones produced by the plant, naturally belongs to the group of phenolic acids and consists of a ring linked to the group of hydroxyl and carboxyl group and the starting constituent to form is the cinnamic acid (13). It is mainly

manufactured within the plant in cytoplasmic cell, this acid was first discovered in *Salix* spp., which contains the salicin compound by 9.5–11% and is present in the plant in the form of free phenolic acids or associated with amino compounds (13). Abdle-Salam (1) showed foliar application of salicylic acid at 100 and 150 mg. L<sup>-1</sup> on Bez El Naka grape cultivar significantly improved cluster weight, juice volume, total chlorophyll N.P.K. content of leaves, TSS, acidity, total phenols and b-carotene compared with control. So, this study aimed to investigate the physical and chemical properties of this cultivar in response to foliar sprays of Zink alone or combined with Salicylic acid to improve its quality, transportation and marketing tolerance.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was carried out in a private vineyard located in bare-bhar village, Zawita town, Duhok province, Kurdistan region, Iraq, during two growing seasons of 2017-2018 to study the effect the spraying Zink with three concentrations (0, 2 and 4 g.L<sup>-1</sup>) in a chelated form and salicylic acid (SA) with four concentrations (0, 50, 100 and 150 mg. L<sup>-1</sup>), on vegetative growth yield, physical and chemical properties of Halawani grape variety. All treatments were sprayed twice per season, the first one was two weeks before full bloom and the second was carried out 5 weeks later of the first spraying. Healthy vines which were 12-years old and nearly uniform in growth vigor were selected and marked. Vines planted at 2 x 2.5 meters apart and trained as 'T' trails system. All vines were pruned at mid of March by leaving 7 fruit canes, of 10 buds with 7 renewals spur each with 2 buds. Vines were irrigated with drip irrigation system. The experiment was arranged in a randomized complete block design with one individual vine for each experimental unit and replicated three times. All vines received the standard agricultural practices used in the vineyard including fertilizer application, irrigation and diseases and pests control except for the tested different treatments through the two studied seasons. Tween-20, as a wetting agent at 0.1% was added to all spraying solutions of Zink and SA, spraying carried out till runoff. All the results were analyzed statistically by using

SAS programs (31). Duncan's multiple range test (DMRT) at 5% level of portability was used to compare the treatments means according to the Al-Rawi, and Khalafalla (5.) Potential effects of the spraying Zink and Salicylic acid were evaluated in terms of the change in leaf area, chlorophyll, number of clusters, cluster 's weight and yield.Vine<sup>-1</sup>, as well as physical (weight and size of 100 berries) and chemical parameters (TSS, total sugar, total acidity, anthocyanin, proline and β-carotene) and N, Z content in petiole. Chlorophyll content was determined using a SPAD-502-meter (Minolta Camera Co., Osaka, Japan). Then it was converted to μg.m<sup>-2</sup> according to Pestana *et al.* (25).  $Y=0.15X^2+1.49+85$  (Y total chlorophyll μmol.m<sup>-1</sup>, X = SPAD reading).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Table 1. Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on some vegetative characteristics of grapevine cv. Halawni**

			Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )		Total chlorophyll (μg.m <sup>-2</sup> )	
			2017	2018	2017	2018
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )		0	154.09 c	146.38 c	159.93 b	160.06 b
		2	168.14 b	158.74 b	165.52 b	173.97 b
		4	177.01 a	166.16 a	186.98 a	187.65 a
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )		0	155.97 c	148.17 c	159.49 c	160.98 b
		50	164.01 b	155.81 b	166.38 bc	166.18 b
		100	170.49 a	160.86 ab	172.71 b	179.93 a
		150	175.19 a	164.43 a	184.66 a	188.48 a
Zink (0)	SA	0	140.17 g	133.17 g	146.27 f	147.50 f
		50	153.17 f	145.52 f	155.76 ef	157.17 de
		100	158.52 ef	150.59 def	167.57 cde	163.76 cde
		150	164.48 def	156.26 c-f	170.13 b-e	171.83 bcd
Zink (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA	0	156.83 ef	148.98 ef	156.37 def	157.80 de
		50	165.66 cde	157.38 b-e	157.41 def	158.86 de
		100	173.51a-d	161.50 a-d	161.37 def	184.77 abc
		150	176.58 abc	167.75 abc	186.94 ab	194.45 a
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA	0	170.92 bcd	162.37 abc	175.84 bcd	177.65 a-d
		50	173.20 a-d	164.54 abc	185.96 abc	182.51 abc
		100	179.44ab	170.46 a	189.19 ab	191.27 ab
		150	184.51 a	168.62 ab	196.92 a	199.16 a

Mean in each column followed by the same letters are not significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$  according to Duncan's multiple range test.

whereas the best values of total chlorophyll were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zn + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA in the both season.

**2-Yield and its components:** It's clear from Table (2) that numbers of clusters per vine were increased significantly as foliar application of Zink was increased. It is tangible that treatment of 4 g. L<sup>-1</sup> gave the

**1-Vegetative growth characteristics:** Data in table (1) shows that leaf area and total chlorophyll were increased significantly with increasing Zink and Salicylic acid for both season, highest values of leaf area and total chlorophyll (177.01; 166.16 cm<sup>2</sup> and 186.98; 187.65 μg.m<sup>-2</sup>) respectively were obtained with foliar application of high concentration of Zink, also spraying of high concentration of SA gave the highest values of leaf area and total chlorophyll (175.19; 164.43cm<sup>2</sup> and 184.66; 188.48 μg.m<sup>-2</sup>) respectively for both season. Same table also shows the interaction between foliar application of Zink and Salicylic acid, best values of leaf area were resulted from the interaction between the foliar application of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zn + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA in the first season and 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zn + 100 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA on the second season.

highest number of clusters per vine; it recorded 47.11 and 43.16 clusters for the both seasons, respectively compare to the control which gave a lower significantly number of cluster (33.85 and 28.55) in both seasons, respectively. Also the table 2 shows that cluster's weight were increased significantly by increasing concentration of Zink, since the highest weight of cluster (811.89 and 956.54 g) for the both seasons, respectively was obtained by application of 4g. L<sup>-1</sup> compared to

the lowest weight of cluster (792.11 and 831.72 g) for the two seasons, respectively was obtained by the control. From the same table, the yield per vine was significantly increased by increasing Zink concentration. Similarly, the highest yield per vine was obtained by application of 4g. L<sup>-1</sup> of Zink which recorded 39.355 & 41.322 kg.vine<sup>-1</sup> for the both seasons, respectively. This increment in vine yield may be attributed to the increase in both numbers of clusters per vine and cluster's weight. Data of Table 2 also clearly indicate that numbers of clusters per vine, cluster weight and yield per vine were increased significantly as SA concentration was increased. It is obvious that treatment of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA gave the highest number of clusters per vine, cluster weight and yield per vine (44.06 & 46.55; 910.99 & 956.54; 39.72

& 41.71) for the both seasons, respectively, except number of cluster which recorded the highest value by the foliar application of 50 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> compared to the lowest values obtained with control. For the interaction, table 2 shows that the interaction between foliar application of Zink and SA increased number of clusters per vine, cluster weight and yield, the highest value (56.88 & 55.18; 927.30 & 977.60; 50.17 & 52.68 ) respectively for both season were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, except number of cluster which recorded the highest value by the foliar application of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink +100 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, while the lowest value (23.01 & 18.01; 751.49 & 760.76; 11.87 & 12.46) of number of clusters, cluster's weight and yield per vine for both season respectively, were obtained from the control.

**Table2. Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on Yield and its components characteristics of grape cv. Halawni**

Treatments		Characteristics					
		No. of clusters		Cluster weight. (g)		yield (Kg.vine <sup>-1</sup> )	
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	33.85 c	28.55 c	792.11 b	831.72 b	22.372 c	23.491 c
	2	38.96 b	34.46b	846.85 b	889.20 b	28.885 b	30.329 b
	4	47.11 a	43.16a	917.94 a	963.84 a	39.355 a	41.322 a
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	30.76 d	24.76 c	826.85 b	868.20 b	20.353 d	21.371 d
	50	36.51 c	28.51 c	910.99 a	852.49 b	25.523 c	26.799 c
	100	44.06 b	40.06 b	859.47 ab	902.45 ab	35.207 b	36.967 b
	150	48.55 a	46.55 a	811.89 b	956.54 a	39.732 a	41.719 a
Zink (0)	SA 0	23.01 f	18.01 g	751.49 bc	760.76 c	11.875 g	12.469 g
	50	30.80 ef	22.80 fg	881.44 ab	789.07 bc	18.949 f	19.897 de
	100	39.82 cd	35.82 cd	810.99 abc	851.54 abc	28.274 de	29.688 de
	150	41.77 cd	40.77 bc	724.54 c	925.51 ab	30.391 de	31.910 de
Zink (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA 0	30.93 ef	25.93 ef	798.02 abc	837.92 abc	19.452 f	20.425 f
	50	36.53 de	28.53cd	924.25 a	866.51 abc	24.008 ef	25.208 ef
	100	41.36 cd	39.36 bcd	839.90 abc	881.89 abc	33.447 cd	35.120 cd
	150	47.01 bc	46.21 b	825.25 abc	970.46 a	38.631 bc	40.563 bc
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA 0	38.33 de	32.33 de	931.05 a	930.19 a	29.732 de	31.219 de
	50	42.21cd	36.21cd	927.30 a	973.66 a	33.611 cd	35.292 cd
	100	51.01 ab	47.01 b	927.54 a	973.91 a	43.900 ab	46.095 ab
	150	56.88 a	55.18 a	885.90 ab	977.60 a	50.175 a	52.684 a

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**3-Physical parameters:** Table 3 clearly shows that weight and size of 100 berries and total soluble solid were increased significantly as Zink concentration was increased. It is obvious that treatment of 4g. l<sup>-1</sup> gave the highest values recorded (381.82 & 420.01 g; 437.81 & 457.81 cm<sup>3</sup>; 26.81&28.69 %) in the two seasons, respectively of weight and size of 100

berries and total soluble solid respectively, whereas, a lower significantly weight and size of 100 berries and total soluble solid (320.04 & 352.14 g; 352.04 and 363.73cm<sup>3</sup>; 21.34 and 2225 %) in both seasons, respectively. Same table also clearly indicate that weight and size of 100 berries and total soluble solid were increased significantly as SA concentration was increased. It is obvious that treatment of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA gave the highest weight and

size of 100 berries and total soluble solid (389.37 & 450.53; 428.31& 489.08; 26.21 & 28.05) for the both seasons, respectively,

compared to the lowest values obtained with control.

**Table 3 Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on some physical characteristics of grape cv. Halawni**

Treatments		Characteristics						
		We. of 100 berries(g)		Size of 100 berries. (g)		TSS %		
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	320.04 b	352.04 b	363.73 b	383.73 b	21.34 c	22.257 c	
	2	374.46 a	428.58 a	445.65 a	465.65 a	23.83 b	26.167 b	
	4	381.82 a	420.01 a	437.81 a	457.81 a	26.81 a	28.690 a	
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	321.14 b	353.25 c	365.04 c	385.04 c	21.48 c	22.213 c	
	50	356.31 ab	391.94 bc	407.22 bc	427.22 bc	23.44 bc	25.971 b	
	100	368.28 a	405.11 ab	421.57 ab	441.57 ab	24.84 ab	26.581 ab	
	150	389.37 a	450.53 a	469.08 a	489.08 a	26.21 a	28.052 a	
Zink (0)	SA	0	278.29 c	306.12 d	313.67 d	333.67 d	17.63 f	16.537e
		50	318.00 ab	349.80 cd	361.28 cd	381.28 cd	20.60 ef	22.044 d
		100	332.52 ab	365.77 cd	378.69 cd	398.69 cd	22.55 cde	24.137 cd
		150	351.35 ab	386.49 cd	401.27 bcd	421.27bcd	24.58 a-d	26.309 bc
Zink (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA	0	332.68 ab	365.95 cd	378.88 cd	398.88 cd	21.00 def	22.472 d
		50	395.01 ab	434.51 abc	453.62 abc	473.62 abc	23.28 b-e	27.576 ab
		100	396.89 ab	436.58 cd	455.87 abc	475.87 abc	24.11a-e	25.807 bc
		150	373.28 ab	477.27 ab	494.22 ab	514.22 ab	26.9 abc	28.811 ab
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	SA	0	352.43 ab	387.67 cd	402.57bcd	422.57 bcd	25.82 abc	27.629ab
		50	355.93 ab	391.52bcd	406.76 bcd	426.76 bcd	26.44 ab	28.293 ab
		100	375.44 ab	412.98 abc	430.15 abc	450.15 abc	27.84 a	29.037ab
		150	443.49 a	487.84 a	521.75 a	531.75 a	27.13 ab	29.799a

-Mean in each column followed by the same letters are not significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$  according to Duncan's multiple range test.

For the interaction, table 3 shows that the interaction between foliar application of Zink and SA increased weight and size of 100 berries and total soluble solid, the highest values (443.49 & 487.84; 487.84 & 521.75; 27.13 & 29.79 ) respectively for both season were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, while the lowest value (278.29 & 306.12; 306.12 & 313.67; 17.63 & 16.53) of number of clusters, cluster's weight and yield per vine for both season respectively, were obtained from the control. Increasing in berry size and weight may be due to the role of zinc in improvement fruit growth which has been effected by tryptophan and auxin synthetize (33).

**4-Chemical characteristics:** It's clear from Table 4 that Total sugar and juice percentage were increased significantly as foliar application of zink was increased. It is visible that treatment of 4g. L<sup>-1</sup> gave the highest total

sugar and juice percentage; it recorded 24.13 and 25.58; 68.07 and 73.51 % in the two seasons, respectively compare to the control which gave a lower significantly total sugar and juice percentage (19.21 and 19.36; 54.73&56.61) in both seasons, respectively. Also the same table shows that total acidity percentage was significantly decreased by increasing concentration of Zink, since the lower total acidity percentage (0.438 and 0.431) in the two seasons, respectively was obtained by application of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> compared to the highest total acidity percentage (0.663 and 0.651) for the two seasons, respectively was obtained by the control. Same table also clearly point to that total sugar and juice percentage were increased significantly as SA concentration was increased. It is obvious that treatment of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA gave the highest total sugar and juice percentage (23.60 and 25.01; 65.76& 71.02) for the both seasons, respectively, compared to the lowest values obtained with control (19.34&19.16; 57.05&71.02).

**Table 4 Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on some chemical characteristics of grape cv. Halawni**

Treatments		characteristics						
		Total sugar (%)		Total acidity		Juice percentage		
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	19.21 c	19.36 c	0.663 a	0.651 a	54.73 c	56.61 c	
	2	21.45 b	22.74 b	0.451 b	0.43 b	62.00 b	67.80 b	
	4	24.13 a	25.58 a	0.4382 b	0.431 b	68.07 a	73.51 a	
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	19.34 c	19.16 c	0.582 a	0.575 a	57.05 c	58.28 b	
	50	21.10 bc	22.36 b	0.512 a	0.51 a	60.54 bc	66.50 a	
	100	22.36 ab	23.70 ab	0.483 a	0.48 a	63.05 ab	68.09 a	
Zink (0)	150	23.60 a	25.01 a	0.473 a	0.452 a	65.76 a	71.02 a	
	0	15.87 f	12.82 g	0.722 a	0.691 a	44.78 e	38.36 d	
	SA	50	18.54 def	19.65 f	0.684 ab	0.684 ab	56.34 d	60.85 c
100		20.30 cde	21.52 def	0.642a-c	0.641a-c	57.54 d	62.14 c	
150		22.13 a-d	23.46 b-e	0.601a-c	0.606a-c	60.26 bcd	65.08 bc	
Zink t (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	18.90 def	20.04 ef	0.541a-c	0.542a-c	59.04 cd	63.76 c	
	SA	50	20.95 b-e	22.21 c-f	0.442a-c	0.442a-c	61.31 bcd	69.55 bc
		100	21.71 a-e	23.01 a-d	0.385 c	0.38 c	63.67 bcd	68.77 bc
150		24.23 ab	25.69 ab	0.423 bc	0.35 c	63.98 bcd	69.10 bc	
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	23.24 abc	24.63 a-d	0.482a-c	0.484a-c	67.33 abc	72.72 ab	
	SA	50	23.80 abc	25.23 abc	0.425 bc	0.421a-c	63.97 bcd	69.09 bc
		100	25.06 a	25.89 ab	0.422 bc	0.423a-c	67.92 ab	73.36 ab
150		24.42 ab	26.57 a	0.402 bc	0.405a-c	73.03 a	78.87 a	

Mean in each column followed by the same letters are not significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$  according to Duncan's multiple range test.

Whereas, total acidity percentage was significantly decreased by increasing concentration of SA, since the lower total acidity percentage (0.473 and 0.452) in the two seasons, respectively was achieved by application of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> compared to the highest total acidity percentage (0.582 and 0.575) in the two seasons, respectively was obtained by the control. For the interaction, table 4 shows that the interaction between foliar application of Zink and SA increased Total sugar and juice percentage, the highest values (24.42 & 26.57; 73.03 & 78.87) respectively for both season were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, while the lowest values (0.402 and 0.405) of total acidity percentage for both season respectively, were obtained from the same interaction compared to the highest total acidity resulted from control (0.722 and 0.691). Data of table (5) clearly designate that juice density and  $\beta$ -carotenes was increased significantly as Zink concentration was increased. It is obvious that treatment of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> gave the highest values recorded (1.23 & 1.24; 27.87 and 25.50) in the two seasons, respectively, whereas, a lower significantly juice density and  $\beta$ -carotenes (1.10 and 1.11; 20.34 and 18.31) in both seasons, respectively

were obtained from control. While, total phenols was decreased as Zink concentration was increased, the lowest total phenols (1.23 and 1.09) for both season respectively was resulted from application of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink. Moreover, same table also clearly point to that juice density and  $\beta$ -carotenes were increased significantly as SA concentration was increased. It is apparent that treatment of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA gave the highest juice density and  $\beta$ -carotenes (1.18 and 1.19; 26.42 and 24.78) for the both seasons, respectively, compared to the lowest values obtained with control (1.12&1.13; 22.87 and 20.58). Whereas, total phenols percentage was significantly decreased by increasing concentration of SA, since the lower total phenols percentage (1.24 & 1.09) in the two seasons, respectively was achieved by application of 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> compared to the highest total phenols percentage (1.34 & 1.31) in the two seasons, respectively was obtained by the control. For the interaction, table 5 shows that the interaction between foliar application of Zink and SA increased juice density and  $\beta$ -carotenes, the highest values (1.37 & 1.39; 30.92 and 27.83) respectively for both season were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, while the lowest values (1.27 and 1.07) of total phenols percentage for both season respectively, were obtained from

the same interaction compared to the highest total phenols (1.47) resulted from control in the first season and (1.42) resulted from the

interaction between 2g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink and 0 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA.

**Table 5. Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on some chemical characteristics of grape cv. Halawni**

Treatments		Characteristics					
		Juice density (OD)		Total phenols (%)		β-carotenes (mg.kg <sup>-1</sup> )	
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	1.10 b	1.11 b	1.33 a	1.21 a	20.34 c	18.31 c
	2	1.19 ab	1.17 ab	1.27 ab	1.20 ab	23.95 b	22.31 b
	4	1.23 a	1.24 a	1.23 b	1.09 b	27.87 a	25.50 a
	0	1.12 a	1.13 a	1.34 a	1.31 a	22.87 b	20.58 b
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )	50	1.18 a	1.19 a	1.27 a	1.14 b	23.02 b	20.72 b
	100	1.20 a	1.18 a	1.26 a	1.13 b	23.91 ab	22.08 b
	150	1.18 a	1.19 a	1.24 a	1.09 b	26.42 a	24.78 a
	0	0.99 b	1.00 b	1.47 a	1.39 ab	19.36 de	16.30 g
Zink (0) SA	50	1.20 ab	1.21 ab	1.32 ab	1.19 abc	18.11 e	17.42 fg
	100	1.21 ab	1.22 ab	1.31 ab	1.18 abc	21.53 cde	19.37 d-g
	150	0.99 b	1.00 b	1.22 b	1.10 c	22.39 b-e	20.15 d-g
	0	1.16 ab	1.17 ab	1.32 ab	1.42 a	24.06 bcd	21.65 c-f
Zink t (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	50	1.17 ab	1.18 ab	1.27 b	1.14 bc	23.73 b-e	21.35 def
	100	1.24 ab	1.15 ab	1.26 b	1.13 c	22.07 cde	19.86 d-g
	150	1.19 ab	1.20 ab	1.23 b	1.11 c	25.97 abc	26.37 abc
	0	1.21 ab	1.22 ab	1.24 b	1.12 c	25.19 bc	22.67 b-e
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	50	1.18 ab	1.19 ab	1.21 b	1.09 c	27.23 abc	24.50 a-d
	100	1.16 ab	1.17 ab	1.21 b	1.09 c	28.15 ab	27.00 ab
	150	1.37 a	1.39 a	1.27 b	1.07 c	30.92 a	27.83 a

Mean in each column followed by the same letters are not significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$  according to Duncan's multiple range test

**5- Mineral content:** Data of table (6) clearly demonstrations that, Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine were increased significantly as Zink concentration was increased. It is observable that treatment of 4g. l<sup>-1</sup> gave the highest values recorded (26.37 & 25.90; 1.68 & 1.76; 1.87 & 1.83) for the two seasons, respectively, whereas, a lower significantly Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine (19.77 and 19.25; 1.23 & 1.29; 1.37 & 1.40 in both seasons, respectively. Same table also clearly indicate that Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine were increased significantly as SA concentration was increased. It is palpable that treatment of 150

mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA gave the highest Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine (20.73 and 21.14; 1.40 & 1.54; 1.56 and 1.51) for the both seasons, respectively, compared to the lowest values obtained with control. For the interaction, table 6 shows that the interaction between foliar application of Zink and SA significantly increased Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine, the highest values (29.98 and 30.57; 1.84 and 1.69.75; 2.05 and 2.10 ) respectively for both season were resulted from the interaction of 4g.L<sup>-1</sup> Zink + 150 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> SA, while the lowest value (21.21 and 19.41; 1.23 and 1.22; 1.36 & 1.37) of Zn and N percentage in leaf petiole and proline content in leaf of grapevine for both season respectively, were obtained from the control.-

**Table 6 Effect of foliar sprays of Zink and Salicylic acid on some mineral content of grape cv. Halawni**

Treatments		characteristics					
		Zn (mg.Kg-1)		N (%)		proline (mg.kg-1)	
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Zink (g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	19.77 c	19.25 c	1.23 b	1.29 b	1.37 b	1.40 b
	2	22.82 b	23.53 b	1.33 b	1.37 b	1.47 b	1.55 b
	4	26.37 a	25.90 a	1.68 a	1.76 a	1.87 a	1.83 a
	100	23.70 a	24.17 a	1.44 b	1.54 a	1.60 b	1.74 a
Salicylic acid (SA) (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	21.21 b	19.41 b	1.23 c	1.22 b	1.36 c	1.37 b
	50	22.79 ab	22.91 a	1.34 bc	1.44 ab	1.49 bc	1.44 b
	100	23.70 a	24.17 a	1.44 b	1.54 a	1.60 b	1.74 a
	150	24.26 a	25.08 a	1.64 a	1.69 a	1.82 a	1.84 a
Zink (0) SA	0	15.82 c	12.47 c	1.01 f	0.85 e	1.12 g	1.15 f
	50	21.21 b	21.64 b	1.16 ef	1.28 b-e	1.29 fg	1.36 def
	100	21.33 b	21.76 b	1.36 cde	1.50 a-d	1.51 def	1.59 cde
	150	20.73 b	21.14 b	1.40 b-e	1.54 a-d	1.56 c-f	1.51 de
Zink (2g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	23.84 b	24.32 b	1.18 ef	1.16 de	1.31 fg	1.38 def
	50	23.51 b	23.98 b	1.19 def	1.21 cde	1.32 efg	1.29 ef
	100	21.87 b	22.30 b	1.26 def	1.25 b-e	1.40 efg	1.64 cde
	150	22.08 b	23.53 b	1.68 ab	1.85 a	1.86 abc	1.90 abc
Zink (4g.L <sup>-1</sup> )	0	23.96 b	21.44 b	1.50 bcd	1.65 abc	1.66 b-e	1.56 cde
	50	23.64 b	23.12 b	1.66 abc	1.83 a	1.85 abc	1.67 bcd
	100	27.89 b	28.45 a	1.72 ab	1.89 a	1.91 ab	2.00 ab
	150	29.98 a	30.57 a	1.84 a	1.69 ab	2.05 a	2.10 a

Mean in each column followed by the same letters are not significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$  according to Duncan's multiple range test

Data of Table (1 , 6) illustrations that leaf area and total chlorophyll of grapevine were increased by increasing Zink concentration; these may be to the role of Zn, since the Zink forms are essential for both enzymes and chlorophyll synthesis, accordingly, since it increase net photosynthetic rate and vegetative growth (21 , 26). The effect of SA on increasing leaf are and total chlorophyll may be attributed to the fact that salicylic acid works to accelerate the formation of chlorophyll and carotene pigments, accelerate the process of photosynthesis and increase the activity of some important enzymes, which is positively reflected on the leaf area and chlorophyll content (14). Recent evidence also suggests that SA is an important regulator of photosynthesis because it affects leaf and chloroplast structure (13 , 21), stomatal closure (12 , 21). Increasing yield and its components of grapevine which sprayed with Zn could be attributed to increase berry set, a number of berry in cluster and cell size or cell number resulting hence competition of photosynthetic substance between berries on a cluster (12). Also may be due to the role of zinc in improvement fruit growth which has been

effected by tryptophan and auxin synthetize (23 , 35). Chemical components accumulate very rapidly with use suitable nutrition such as Zn. Zn found as a component of molecular structure of enzymes carbonic anhydridease which it is involvement in photosynthesis processes cause increase in the level of solids solution (12 , 23). SA is as an elicitor of phenolics and hydrolytic enzymes involved in grapevine defense (30). Moharekar *et al.*, (22) described that, salicylic acid stimulate the synthesis of carotenoids and xanthophylls. Veraison is a major stage and a nature signal that initiates of grape berry developing and ripening. ABA (abscisic acid) hormone has the main role of berry ripening and its concentration increased during berry ripening. It is known that, there is an antagonistic direction between function of SA and ABA. SA application for grapevine berries delayed or inhibited ripening when applied at veraison stage. Researchers proven that, the increase in ABA level, which started at veraison, may causes the ripening of grape berry. Therefore, SA could inhibit the effect of ABA (11, 28, 29.) Some researches proved that salicylic acid enhanced membrane permeability would that, facilitate absorption and utilization of mineral nutrients and transport of assimilates. This

would also participate towards increasing the capacity of the treated plants for biomass production as it reflected in increasing fresh and dry weight of plants. Therefore, the application of salicylic acid had increased total soluble sugar and other chemical contents (Chandra *et al.*, 2007). The increased mineral contents in the leaves may be attributed to the role of salicylic acid in increasing the efficiency of the photosynthesis process and increasing the absorption of ions of the nutrient medium (14). Some researches proved that salicylic acid enhanced membrane permeability would that, facilitate absorption and utilization of mineral nutrients and transport of assimilates. This would also participate towards increasing the capacity of the treated plants for biomass production as it reflected in increasing fresh and dry weight of plants. Therefore, the application of salicylic acid had increased total soluble sugar (9).

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