

## The Study of Stem Recutting and Aluminum-sulphate Application on the Some Morphophysiologic Traits in Rosa (*Rosa hybrida* cv.illona)

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### ABSTRACT

This research was conducted in agricultural faculty of Tehran University in 2005 for evaluation the effect of application aluminum-sulphate levels in preservation solution with stem recutting on longevity of *rosa hybrida* cv. Illona cut flower. Cut stems of rosa that produced in greenhouse from biennial mother stocks was placed under treatment of aluminum-sulphate solution with concentrations (100- 150- 200 ppm) and stem recutting in 2 levels (by cutting / without cutting).

Then in this treated flowers, measured this trait include (longevity / a, b chlorophyll / water absorption content / relative water content / total protein / activity of peroxidase and catalase enzymes in petals. The results showed that the different levels of aluminum-sulphate had significant effect on senescence percent, chlorophyll content, relative water content and activity of anti-oxidant enzymes. Also, stem recutting levels had significant effect on senescence percent, chlorophyll content, water absorption, relative water content, total protein, activity of anti-oxidant enzymes.

Obtained results from interaction effect of between application of aluminum-sulphate and stem recutting showed that application of aluminum-sulphate with 150 ppm together with stem recutting caused significant increasing in b chlorophyll, total chlorophyll, water relative content and activity of peroxidase and catalase enzymes, from this way caused decreasing in flower senescence percent.

**Key Words:** Rosa, Illona, aluminum sulphate, stem recutting, protein, peroxidase, katalase enzymes.

### INTRODUCTION:

Rosa by scientific name *Rosa hybrida* L. is a plant by a wide range from growth habitats in Asia, north – Africa, north – America, and Europe. Roses usually cultures for different utilization for example pot plant, outdoor plant and perspiring. But cut flower production and its export had productive and economical value. Main areas of rose production in Iran are Tehran, khoozestan, markazi, mazandaran and esfahan that main aim of their cultivation is cut flower production.

Rose cultivars are very much and there are commercial cultivars include: sonia, illona, noblesse (white and yellow) and ... in Iran. Rose cut flower longevity is depend on pre and post harvest different

factors such: environmental factors (light, temperature, humidity) and physiological (nutrition and hormonal) factors. [1.2]. Senescence process in cut flower is an energetic phenomenon that includes activity of some prescripting genes. This genes, encodes involved proteins in stimulation of nutrient materials and also, synthesis and absorption ethylene and stress reactions. Proteolytic analyze had an essential role in development, homeostatic and plant tissues senescence [3]. Water stress in rose with increasing of ethylene biosynthesis and decreasing of some enzymes activity, causes that longevity and relative water content decreases in leaves [4].

In evaluation of flower and spathe color change, water potential, transpiration and solution solid material in Anthurium plant to improve the cut flower quality resulted that max effect is obtained by preservation solution on flower quality and longevity [5]. In study of effective factors in rose different cultivars longevity, resulted that longevity in most of rose cultivars increased with application of disinfected water and pot. But if these cultivars are contaminated by bacteria, flower wilting occur earlier than assigned time [6]. With application of aluminum-sulphate (150 mg/l) in preservation solution in *Eustoma grandiflorum* cut flower by absorption increasing rather than control plants could increase flower longevity and quality [7]. By application of ethionin (aluminum-sulphate) and sucrose in preservation solution for rose cut flower cultivars, showed that longevity and without neck-bending had significant increasing in first red, noblesse and safir cultivars rather than control [8]. Confirmed that by application of 300 ppm aluminum-sulphate and 5% sucrose in preservation solution, longevity in rose cut flower cv. marin had significant 2 days increasing rather than control [9]. By utilization of aluminum-sulphate (200 to 400 ppm) together sucrose (1 to 2%) in preservation solution, could increase polianthes cut flower longevity to 12 days [10]. Presence of bacteria in stem cutting place known as the reason of water absorption factor and longevity decreasing and with application of aluminum-sulphate in preservation solution, increased the longevity in rose cut flower cv. sonia [11]. By the application of 1 to 4% glucose together 200 mg aluminum-sulphate in Preservation solution, showed that in rose cut flower cv. sonia, by means of the increasing the transpiration and absorption content (opening the stoma), longevity increases and flowers remain alive [12]. By the treats the rose stems with aluminum-sulphate, showed that by means of increasing the water transmission and absorption, longevity increased more than 7 days rather than control [13]. In study about chemical treatments on rose cut flower cv. illona longevity and quality resulted that aluminum-sulphate and thio-sulphate treatments, increases flower longevity and Co-chloride treatments and aluminum-sulphate increases crop quality [14]. With application of aluminum-sulphate (1 to 300 mg/l) together calcium chloride (1 to 300 mg/l) in preservation solution could promote cut flower longevity and color quality in *gladiolus* [15].

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This experiment was conducted with goal of effect evaluation of aluminum-sulphate utilization in different concentrations in preservation solutions together rose stem recutting on traits include: cut flower longevity, chlorophyll content, water absorbance, water relative content, total protein and anti-oxidant enzymes activity.

In this experiment, samples of rose cv. Illona that is provided in environmental standard and the same conditions, and was done by application of aluminum-sulphate in 4 levels (0- 100- 150- 200 ppm) in preservation solution together stem recutting factor in 2 levels (recutting and none-recutting) with 3 replicates in duration of 10 days.

Statistical design in this experiment was randomized complete design with 2 mentioned factors and finally data, Statistical analyzed with M STAT-C software and comparison of means was done by Duncan method.

### 1-measure method of Flower longevity:

Longevity trait was measured by utilization of submitted method, and by attention to traits such: flower wilting, flower color change, petals number opening, bending of flower neck and flowers freshness that are due to flowers without senescence and measured on base of percent (%) [16].

### 2-measure method of chlorophyll content (A, B, total):

For measurement of chlorophyll content used from Meidner method and with spectrophotometer set (model: shimadzu UV – 160A) in 662 and 644 nm wavelengths [17].

### 3-measure method of water relative content:

Water relative content on base of percent (%) and with submitted method by Lisi [18,19].

Water relative content percent =  $\frac{\text{fresh weight} - \text{dry weight}}{\text{saturant weight} / \text{dry weight}} \times 100$

### 4-measure method of total protein content:

For this measurement used from Mac Adam method [20] and with application of spectrophotometer set in 595 wavelength and expressed in base of mg/g petals fresh weight.

### 5-measure method of peroxidase enzyme activity:

For measurement of this trait, Mac Adam method [20] used and with application of spectrophotometer set in 475 wavelength in 60 second time. Also, was applied 20 mmol sodium phosphate buffer with PH=6 and 200 mmol Goicol as an electron giver and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as an electron acceptor. Was expressed in base of unit/mg of protein.

### 6- Measure method of katalase enzyme activity:

Also, for measurement of katalase enzyme activity Chanes and Mahely method [21] used and by spectrophotometer set in 340 wavelengths in 30 second time. Was applied 20 mmol sodium phosphate buffer with PH=7 and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as an electron acceptor. katalase enzyme activity content expressed in base of unit/mg of protein.

**RESULTS**

By attention to results that obtained from variance analysis table (table 1) was showed that stem recutting had significant effect on all traits except chlorophyll content and total protein and causes significant difference. In about senescence trait, 200 ppm aluminum-sulphate solution showed significant difference with other treatments. Also, 150 ppm solution with control treatment showed significant difference. But between 100 ppm this solution and control doesn't show significant difference. In relation to A chlorophyll, 150 ppm solution had significant effect rather than other treatments and increased this trait but rather than 200 ppm aluminum-sulphate solution doesn't show significant difference. Application of 100 ppm aluminum-sulphate solution rather than control treatment had significant difference in about chlorophyll. But by increasing of utilization of more than 100 ppm doesn't show significant difference. Also in about total chlorophyll, application of 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate had significant effect rather than other treatments but by increasing the utilized level to 200 ppm doesn't show significant difference. In relative water content trait, was applied 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate showed significant difference with other treatments but by increase the utilized level more than 150 ppm didn't show significant difference with previous treatments whereas showed significant difference with control and 100 ppm treatments. In about solution absorption content, was used 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate had significant difference with control treatment but by increase to 200 ppm didn't show significant difference with other treatments. Also in total protein content trait, was applied 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate had significant difference with control treatment whereas didn't show significant difference with other treatments. By increase the application to 200 ppm, didn't show significant difference with other treatments. In about peroxidase enzyme activity in petals, 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate rather than other treatments showed significant difference. Also, between control and 100 ppm aluminum-sulphate treatment there was significant difference. Catalase enzyme activity trait in petals, 100 ppm aluminum-sulphate rather than control treatment showed significant difference but between this treatment and 150 ppm treatment there wasn't significant difference. In base of obtained results from variance analysis table (table 2,3) was shown that interaction effect between 2 experimental factors (stem recutting and aluminum-sulphate) in about relative water contents, B and total chlorophyll, total protein, catalase and peroxidase enzymes activity traits was significant. In about relative water content trait, max of significant difference was obtained from a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>4</sub> and a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>1</sub> treatments and min of that related to control and a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>2</sub> treatment. In otherwise, in 100 ppm aluminum-sulphate treatment there was same effect to stem recutting and in a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>2</sub> and a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>3</sub> treatments, there was same effect to control in about this trait. In about B chlorophyll trait was obtained the max of significant difference from a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>2</sub> treatment and min of that was obtained from control and a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>4</sub> treatments.

Also in total chlorophyll, significant difference related to a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>2</sub> and a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>1</sub> treatments and min significant difference was obtained from control and a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>3</sub> treatments. In total protein trait max of significant difference was obtained from a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>3</sub> treatment and a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>2</sub> and a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>3</sub> treatments there is after its. Also min of that was obtained from a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>4</sub> treatment and so, control treatment was placed after its. Max and min of significant difference in peroxidase enzyme activity related to a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>3</sub> and control treatments, respectively. Max and min of significant difference in catalase enzyme activity trait, related to a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>3</sub> and control treatments. Although there wasn't significant difference between a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>3</sub> treatment with a<sub>2</sub>b<sub>4</sub> and a<sub>1</sub>b<sub>4</sub> treatments. In about traits such: longevity and chlorophyll, there wasn't significant interaction effect between various treatments of aluminum-sulphate and stem recutting.

**Table 1.** was evaluated traits variance analysis results in petals

	S.O.V of Senescence		Achlorophyll		Bchlorophyll		Total chlorophyll		Absorption RWC		Total protein		Peroxidase		Catalase	
	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.	M.S.
Cutting(A)	1158*	11/7**	0/78*	10/7*	9/4 ns	60/2*	0/17 ns	0/001**	0/001**							
Sulphate(B)	3264**	3/6*	3/6**	2/2**	248*	184**	2/5**	0/003**	0/001**							
levelAB	3733*	0/22 ns	0/94**	0/20*	587 ns	32/1*	0/33 ns	0/001**	0/001**							
Error	16294	0/34	0/15	0/07	660	9/8	0/15	0/001	0/001							
Cv(%)	33/8	2/77	6/75	0/85	9/89	4/8	9/0	4/8	17/4							

\*\* : significant difference in 1% level \* : significant difference in 5% level ns: insignificant difference

**Table 2.** was studied traits means comparison by duncan test in aluminum-sulphate different levels

	Senescence		Achlorophyll		Bchloro		Total chloro		RWC		Absorption		Total protein		Peroxidase		Catalase	
(µm <sup>2</sup> )	(%)	(mg/gFw)	(mg/gFw)	(mg/gFw)	(%)	(cc)	(mg/gFw)	(mg/protein)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)	(Umg/pro)
0 (b1)	78a	20/2b	5/2b	30/2b	9/2b	236b	4/1b	0/031d	0/024b									
100 (b2)	54ab	20/4b	6/3a	29/7	62/0b	255b	4/6b	0/067b	0/035a									
150 (b3)	40b	21/9a	6/6a	31/2	68/3a	286a	5/1a	0/081a	0/037a									
200 (b4)	30c	20/9a	5/6ab	30/7	71/2ab	262ab	4/4ab	0/068b	0/031ab									

Means with the same letter in each letter are not significantly different.

**Table 3** was studied traits means comparison by duncan test in cutting different levels with aluminum-sulphate

Cutting (A)	Relative content (%)	Chlorophyll (mg/gFw)	Total chlorophyll (mg/gFw)	Total protein (mg/gFw)	Peroxidase enzyme activity (mg pro)	Catalase enzyme activity (mg pro)
b <sub>1</sub> b <sub>1</sub>	56d	4/9c	29/6de	3/9cd	0/026e	0/014d
A <sub>1</sub> b <sub>2</sub>	59d	5/7bc	29/8cd	3/8cd	0/055c	0/032b
A <sub>1</sub> b <sub>3</sub>	57d	6/5ab	29/2e	5/2a	0/073b	0/038ab
A <sub>1</sub> b <sub>4</sub>	71a	5/5c	30/7b	4/8ab	0/062c	0/036ab
A <sub>2</sub> b <sub>1</sub>	73a	5/4c	31/7a	4/4bc	0/036d	0/025c
A <sub>2</sub> b <sub>2</sub>	65bc	6/8a	31/6a	4/5ab	0/078b	0/034ab
A <sub>2</sub> b <sub>3</sub>	61c	6/9a	30/5bc	4/8ab	0/089a	0/039a
A <sub>2</sub> b <sub>4</sub>	69ab	4/8c	30/8b	3/3d	0/043d	0/035ab

Means with the same letter in each letter are not significantly different.

## DISCUSSION

By attention to obtained results from aluminum-sulphate solution treatments can results that by increasing of utilization of aluminum-sulphate, flower senescence percent decreased and their longevity increased. At any rate whatever us age contents increases (to 200 ppm), the longevity traits increases, also. Reason of this phenomenon is more water absorbance that result of two characteristics of anti-bacterial and to settle of solution colloids aluminum-sulphate [22].

Also, Van doorn [11] and Edrisi [14] were reached in their research to similar results. In other side, its reason is the effect on relative water content that it is due to flower turgor and viability. So, utilization of aluminum-sulphate to 150 ppm from way of xylems disinfection and to settle of solution colloids causes to water absorption increasing and so cellular activation and ethylene biosynthesis decreasing and viability increasing. Such results were obtained by Anderson [4] and Stater [12] and He-shenggen [23] in their researches. Also, agree to Van doorn [11] opinion, turgor includes cells viability and activity that due to absorption and repelling and activity of one organism or cell. So, aluminum-sulphate application to 200 ppm causes chlorophyll content increasing from the way of cell activation. Chlorophyll increasing is due to cells activity and to increase the carbohydrate production that carbohydrate increasing causes flower senescence decreases. Similar result was obtained by Gowda [10]; Terril A [24]; Ahn-ky [9] in their experiments. Aluminum-sulphate utilization to 150 ppm causes to increase catalase and peroxidase enzymes activity content (anti-oxidant enzymes). This increasing is due to cells activation from way of suitable nutrient solution absorption and cell turgor. Cellular activation is one reason for activation of anti-oxidant enzymes and so cells membrane hardness so, inhibits from ethylene biosynthesis and outer factors damages and causes decreasing in  $H_2O_2$  active species that was obtained from  $H_2O_2$  analysis, from way of anti-oxidant enzymes activation. Such results were obtained by Williamson [25]; respectively in bean and maize, which can result in increasing of anti-oxidant enzymes activity, causes flower senescence decreases. Application of aluminum-sulphate is effective in anti-oxidant enzymes activity and this topic is related to flowers lasting and freshness in contrast  $H_2O_2$  destruction. Because when flower shoots was separated from plants and preserved in solution, to be involved in stress specially water stress and in such conditions to establish anti-oxidant enzyme activity. This subject was experienced by Xiao zhong and Huang [26] in grass plants from way water stress. Whereas free oxygens that obtained from  $H_2O_2$  analysis are one of the important factor in petals earlier senescence and in other side peroxidase and catalase enzymes are from anti-oxidants that causes poisonous effect naturalization of  $H_2O_2$  free oxygens. So, activity of these enzymes inhibits from petals senescence [26, 15]. Aluminum-sulphate utilization together stem recutting in more contents showed significant difference on relative water content, B chlorophyll, total chlorophyll, total protein, peroxidase and catalase enzymes activity rather than non-stem cutting case that this interaction effect can be effective

indirectly on flowers freshness in contrast stresses and other senescence aggravator factors. Stem recutting approximately is similar to aluminum-sulphate utilization without cutting and has same effect from way of absorption increasing in relative water content. Stem recutting is effective on most traits directly and has in some of them indirect effect. Such result was obtained by in *Alstroemeria*. What is important is that showed significant difference in most traits includes 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate together stem recutting.

In about relative water content, 200 ppm aluminum-sulphate content is similar to stem recutting which its main reason is related to absorption content. Also, stem recutting together 200 ppm aluminum-sulphate is placed in further grade. Such result was obtained in rose, and in *Alstroemeria* which may be its reason is related to evaporation and transpiration decreasing or due to water absorption excess by rose cut flower. In first case, cause the effect on water absorption with vasculars from the way of inhibiting from microbes growth and stem rotting causes to decrease petals senescence. Agree to vandorm [11] by decreasing the vasculars pollution content, will increase water absorption and will decrease senescence. In about B chlorophyll, stem recutting together 100 ppm, 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate solutions has max effect and shows significant difference. To increase in aluminum-sulphate utilization content hasn't excess effect in this trait which same results was obtained by Terril [24]. Also, in about total chlorophyll, aluminum-increase of sulphate application content has significant effect but when these two factors cause to act together, especially stem recutting together 100 ppm, 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate has max effect and shows significant difference. In total protein trait aluminum-sulphate application without stem recutting is effective and shows significant difference although when stem recutting caused to act specially in 100 ppm; 150 ppm contents has max effect and shows significant difference. This result is agree to Gaspar [15] and Terril [24] results. In about peroxidase enzyme activity, increasing of aluminum-sulphate application content, has significant effect but when these two factors caused to act together, especially stem recutting with 100 ppm, 150 ppm aluminum-sulphate has max effect and shows significant difference. This result agrees to Gaspar [15] idea. 1 and 10  $\mu$ m cytokinin utilization causes significantly to increase protein and peroxidase enzyme activity rather than control and less application content (0/1  $\mu$ m). Whereas was obtained free oxygen from  $H_2O_2$  is one of important factors in earlier petals senescence and peroxidase enzyme is one of the anti-oxidants which neutralizes the poisonous effect of was obtained free oxygen from  $H_2O_2$  and so inhibits from petals senescence. Max of catalase activity content was obtained when 10  $\mu$ mol cytokinin utilized, by attention to same role of this enzyme with peroxidase enzyme in neutralization of free oxygen that obtained from  $H_2O_2$ , appears that increase the cytokinin utilization level is related to catalase activity increasing and role of this enzyme has an effect on peroxidase enzyme activity and protection from cells against poisonous effect of  $H_2O_2$  that at least is effective significantly in petals senescence percent decreasing.

The results of Luhava et al 2003 experiment, is resemble to our experiment. So, the reasons of senescence delay or longevity increases because utilization of calcium is related to increase the relative water content percent that is a reason for cells turgor increasing and petals longevity increasing or application of calcium and decreasing of electrolyte seeping because of cell wall destruction decreasing in petals that causes longevity to increase.

Also increase the calcium utilization causes to increase the anti-oxidants enzymes activity (catalase and peroxidase) that causes free oxygen that obtained from  $H_2O_2$  neutralized and finally senescence is decreased.

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