

## Influence of Growth Regulators on Vegetative Parameters of *Gladiolus* cv. Summer Sunshine

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### ABSTRACT

An investigation on “Influence of growth regulators on vegetative parameters of *Gladiolus* cv. Summer Sunshine” was carried out at Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, College of Horticulture, Mudigere (Under University of Agricultural and Horticultural sciences, Shivamogga), during 2016-17. Experiment was conducted by planting the corms which are soaked into different plant growth regulators at different concentration for 24 hr. The treatment comprised of, GA<sub>3</sub> (50, 100 and 150 ppm), NAA (50, 100 and 150 ppm), BA (50, 100 and 150 ppm), thiourea (10000, 15000 and 20000 ppm) and control. The results revealed that BA @100 ppm was recorded the maximum number of suckers per plant (4.03) and maximum number of leaves per plant (12.43). Minimum number of suckers (1.00) and leaves (7.09) per plant were recorded by control. Whereas, GA<sub>3</sub>@ 150 ppm was taken minimum number of days to fifty per cent sprouting (9.07) and control was taken maximum number of days to fifty per cent sprouting (14.13). The maximum plants height (73.52cm), leaf length (63.30 cm), leaf width(5.11 cm), leaf area (2324.02 cm<sup>2</sup>) and leaf area index (3.87) was recorded from GA<sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm. Whereas, BA @ 100 ppm was recorded minimum plants height (44.66cm), leaf length (36.16cm) and leaf width (3.66cm). Minimum leaf area (1250.62cm<sup>2</sup>) and leaf area index (2.08) was recorded from control at 60 days after planting. These result emphasizes the significant difference among the different growth regulators with respect to vegetative parameters of *gladiolus* cv. Summer Sunshine, which impact on flower yield and quality.

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### Introduction

*Gladiolus* (*Gladiolus hybridus* L.) a member of family Iridaceae, it is one of the most important bulbous ornamental crops grown in many parts of the world either as cut flower or for garden display. It is popularly known as Queen of the bulbous flowers due to its attractive shades, varying sizes of flowers, brilliant colour tones and long lasting vase life. The magnificent in floescence is also used for making bouquets and floral

decorations. It has a great share in cut flower industry and fetches good premium for the money invested. It is cultivated all over the country due to its ever increasing demand of this elegant cut flower. Now a day the use of growth regulators is a common practice for modifying the developmental processes of flowers and ornamental plants. Growth regulating chemical were reporting to very effective in manipulating growth and

flowering in gladiolus. Growth and development are to be regulated either by single or by interaction of several hormones. They play major role in directing the movement of organic metabolites and in establishing the sink. Vegetative parameters were playing an important role in all crops, which influence on photosynthesis, yield and quality of the particular crop.

### **Materials and Methods**

The experiment was conducted at Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, College of Horticulture, Mudigere (Under University of Agricultural and Horticultural sciences, Shivamogga), during 2016-17.

There were 13 treatments 3 replications, it comprising of different growth regulators *viz.*, BA (50, 100 and 150 ppm), GA<sub>3</sub> (50, 100 and 150 ppm), NAA (50, 100 and 150 ppm) and Thiourea (10000, 15000 and 20000 ppm) with control.

Medium sized corms were soaked for 24 hours in different growth regulators solution and also in water as per the treatment schedule. The soaked corms were dried under shade for 2 hours and then planted. The experiment was laid out in the Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with 13 treatment and three replications.

The corms were planted at 20 cm × 30 cm spacing in unit plot of 2.5 m × 1.5 m. The crop was fertilized with 100 kg/ha of urea, 60 kg/ha of MPO and 60 kg/ha of SSP (UHS, Bagalkot), intercultural operations like weeding, earthing up and watering were done as and when necessary. The observations were recorded with respect to growth parameters at 30, 45 and 60 DAP to know the response of gladiolus to different growth regulators at different concentration.

### **Results and Discussion**

A perusal of data revealed that days for sprouting and suckers production were varied significantly among the growth regulators treatment. Among the different growth regulators, GA<sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm was taken minimum number of days to sprouting (9.07), on other hand control was taken maximum number of days to fifty per cent sprouting (14.13). BA @ 100 ppm was recorded maximum number of suckers per plant (4.03). Whereas, minimum number of suckers (1.00) per plant was recorded by control (Fig. 1).

Minimum number of days to sprouting might be due to free GA<sub>3</sub>, which breaking down the reserve food material by hydrolytic enzymes in presence of sufficient moisture, resulted in early sprouting of corms (Fig. 1).

Similar results were observed by Kumar and Singh (2005) and Baskaran *et al.*, (2014) in gladiolus. Maximum number of sucker from BA treated plants might be due to BA which promotes to cell division and shoot differentiation resulting into increased number of suckers per corm (Fig. 1). These results are in conformity with Ram *et al.*, (2001), Baskaran *et al.*, (2014) and Khan *et al.*, (2011) in gladiolus.

The per cent sprouting of corms were non-significantly varied among the treatments. However, the maximum per cent sprouting was recorded from (T<sub>3</sub>) BA @ 150 ppm (77.84) and average sprouting percentage was recorded in cultivar Summer Sunshine is 75.69 per cent (Table 1). Variation in per cent sprouting of corms was expected to occur as it was controlled by the soil characters (edaphic function). These results are in conformity with earlier reporters like Ginzburg (1973), Ram *et al.*, (2001) in gladiolus and Sudhakar and Kumar (2012) in gladiolus.

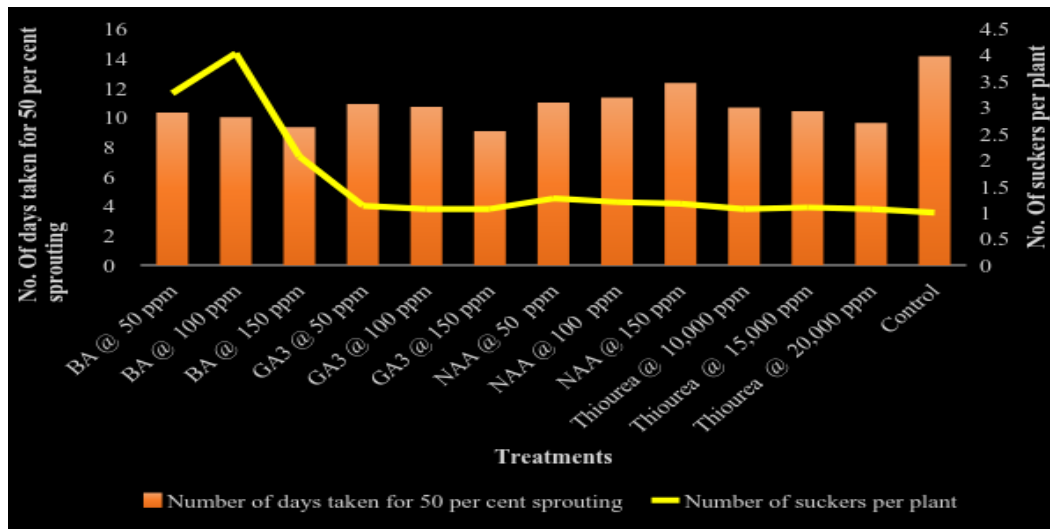
**Table.1** Plant height and number of leaves of gladiolus cv. summer sunshine as influenced by growth regulators

Treatment		Sprouting per cent	Plant height (cm)	Number of leaves/plant
No.	Details			
T <sub>1</sub>	BA @ 50 ppm	74.01	49.64	11.52
T <sub>2</sub>	BA @ 100 ppm	75.77	44.66	12.43
T <sub>3</sub>	BA @ 150 ppm	77.84	50.96	10.59
T <sub>4</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 50 ppm	76.60	68.85	7.96
T <sub>5</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 100 ppm	77.08	69.22	7.33
T <sub>6</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm	75.25	73.52	8.82
T <sub>7</sub>	NAA @ 50 ppm	74.57	65.98	7.60
T <sub>8</sub>	NAA @ 100 ppm	74.61	64.07	8.51
T <sub>9</sub>	NAA @ 150 ppm	76.55	68.34	8.36
T <sub>10</sub>	Thiourea @ 10,000 ppm	75.51	70.90	7.17
T <sub>11</sub>	Thiourea @ 15,000 ppm	76.09	69.15	7.64
T <sub>12</sub>	Thiourea @ 20,000 ppm	77.08	72.47	8.40
T <sub>13</sub>	Control	73.07	59.07	7.09
<b>S. Em ±</b>		<b>2.17</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>0.52</b>
<b>CD @ 5%</b>		<b>NS</b>	<b>5.73</b>	<b>1.52</b>

**Table.2** Leaf attributes of gladiolus cv. summer sunshine as influenced by growth regulators

Treatment		Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Leaf area index (LAI)
No.	Details				
T <sub>1</sub>	BA @ 50 ppm	39.89	3.72	1578.12	2.63
T <sub>2</sub>	BA @ 100 ppm	36.16	3.66	1479.85	2.47
T <sub>3</sub>	BA @ 150 ppm	41.24	3.81	1425.95	2.38
T <sub>4</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 50 ppm	56.80	4.91	2003.24	3.34
T <sub>5</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 100 ppm	60.27	5.10	2004.11	3.34
T <sub>6</sub>	GA <sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm	63.30	5.11	2544.12	4.24
T <sub>7</sub>	NAA @ 50 ppm	52.24	3.94	1389.99	2.32
T <sub>8</sub>	NAA @ 100 ppm	54.83	4.35	1811.78	3.02
T <sub>9</sub>	NAA @ 150 ppm	57.69	5.07	2191.27	3.65
T <sub>10</sub>	Thiourea @ 10,000 ppm	61.15	4.24	1661.30	2.77
T <sub>11</sub>	Thiourea @ 15,000 ppm	56.20	4.29	1659.28	2.77
T <sub>12</sub>	Thiourea @ 20,000 ppm	62.02	4.88	2271.51	3.79
T <sub>13</sub>	Control	48.70	4.07	1250.62	2.08
<b>S. Em ±</b>		<b>2.27</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>214.70</b>	<b>0.36</b>
<b>CD @ 5%</b>		<b>6.64</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>626.66</b>	<b>1.04</b>

**Fig.1** Sprouting and suckering behavior of gladiolus cv. summer sunshine as influenced by growth regulators



The maximum plant height (73.52 cm) was recorded from treatment GA<sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm. Whereas minimum plant height (44.66 cm) was recorded from BA @ 100 ppm (Table 1). Maximum number of leaves (12.43) per plant was recorded from BA @ 100 ppm, whereas minimum number of leaves per plant (7.09) was recorded from control. The maximum plant height from GA<sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm, might be due to rapid cell division and cell elongation at internodal region, which resulted in more number of cells and increase in cell length as reported by Greulach and Haesloop (1958). The minimum plant height with application of BA might be due to counteracting the apical dominance by encouraging the lateral branching (Table 1) and same treatment records maximum number of leaves per plant might be due to number of suckers per plant. Similar results have been reported by Gaur *et al.*, (2003), Kumar *et al.*, (2008), Rana *et al.*, (2005) and Sharma *et al.*, (2004) in gladiolus.

Maximum leaf length (63.30 cm), leaf width (5.11 cm), leaf area (2544.12 cm<sup>2</sup>), leaf area index (4.24) was recorded from treatment GA<sub>3</sub> @ 150 ppm. Whereas, minimum leaf length (36.16 cm) and leaf width (3.66 cm)

were recorded from BA @ 100 ppm (Table 2). Minimum leaf area (1250.62 cm<sup>2</sup>) and leaf area index (2.08) was recorded from control.

Maximum leaf length, leaf width, leaf area and leaf area index was recorded from GA<sub>3</sub>@ 150 ppm, this might be due to rapid cell division and cell elongation at internodal region, which resulted in more number of cells and increase in cell length. The minimum leaf length and leaf width with application of BA might be due to counteracting the apical dominance and cell elongation by encouraging the lateral branching/cell differentiation (Table 2). Minimum leaf area and leaf area index from control might be due to less number of leaves. Similar results have been reported by Patel *et al.*, (2013), Rana *et al.*, (2005) and Sharma *et al.*, (2004) in gladiolus.

Application of plant growth regulators as per plant corm soaking play an important role in expression of vegetative attributes in a significant way, from the experiment it can be concluded that GA<sub>3</sub> may encourage to increase the plant height, leaf length and width, which provides more surface area for photosynthesis

and resulted to more rate of photosynthesis assimilation, whereas BA resulted to cell differentiation, which may encourage to more number of corms production in further developmental stage of the corp.

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