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Effect of Naphthalene Acetic Acid and Colour Poly Wrappers on Rooting, Survival and Economics of Air Layering of Guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) cv. Gwalior 27

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ABSTRACT

The experiment was carried out to “Effect of NAA (foliar spray) and colour poly wrappers on rooting, survival and economics of air-layering of guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) cv. Gwalior 27” during the season of *Kharif* 2016-17 at the Horticulture nursery, Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior, (M.P.). Results revealed that significantly maximum rooting such as number of primary roots per layer (7.46) and secondary roots per layer (9.55), length of primary roots (8.07 cm) and secondary roots (9.04 cm), dry weight of roots per layer (0.209 g), rooting percentage (61.12%) and survival percentage (47.31%) in air layers of guava was recorded with the application of 125 ppm NAA (N₄). Black poly wrapper (W₂) exhibited significantly maximum number of primary roots per layer (6.57) and secondary roots per layer (9.21), length of primary roots (9.74 cm) and secondary roots (10.02 cm), dry weight of roots per layer (0.168 g), rooting percentage (54.79%) and survival percentage (43.75%) at 60 days after layering. Interaction was also significantly maximum under the treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) over the N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper). number of primary roots per layer (8.55) and secondary roots per layer (10.85), length of primary roots (10.49 cm) and secondary roots (10.77 cm), dry weight of roots per layer (0.247 g), rooting percentage (65.63%) and survival percentage (50.93%). The maximum net return of Rs 14559.00 and highest cost benefit ratio 1: 3.51 was recorded in treatment N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper).

Keywords

Guava, NAA, Poly wrapper, Rooting, Survival, Economics and Air layering.

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Introduction

Guava (*Psidium guajava* L.), is one of the most popular fruits grown in tropical, sub-tropical and some parts of arid regions of India. It is also a cheap and very rich source of

vitamin-C, carbohydrate, iron, fat and contains a fair amount of calcium and phosphorus as well. These qualities make guava an important and one of the most popular fruits of India. Guava fruits are rich in pectin content, hence it is extensively used in preparation of jelly.

Besides, its diabetic value, the fruit also is used in preparing cheese, butter, paste, juice, juice concentrate, powder, canned slice/shell, nectar, puree and ice cream. India is the leading producer of guava in the world. Total area and production of guava in India is about 262 thousand hectares and 3648 thousand MT, respectively and productivity of guava is 13.92 MT/ha. Madhya Pradesh ranks second in productivity with 17.27 MT/ha and it is grown 30.31 thousand hectares and produce 523.75 thousand MT. (Anonymous, 2017).

Air- layering is an easy method of propagation of this crop. Auxins particularly IBA and NAA have been reported to induce rooting in many of the plant species with varied success. The response of different growth substances to percent success varied from species to species with changing physiological and environmental conditions. Most of the workers have reported IBA and NAA as better growth regulators than others for inducing rooting in cuttings and air- layering due to their stable nature. Air layering was reported to have given good results (Hartmann and Kester, 1972). Air layering with the help of growth substances is more efficacious and is the best method of vegetative propagation of guava as reported by Mujumdar and Mukherjee (1968). Plastic materials are also widely used in the horticultural industry viz. in glass house propagation of cuttings, for mass propagation in bud grafting and air layering. Polythene was discovered by scientist in the United Kingdom in 1933 and polythene sheet are now available in different gauges and color. Polythene wrapper has properties which in some aspects make in similar to the outer skin of plants. It is water proof, transmits light and allows gaseous exchange of oxygen and carbon-dioxide and low transmission of water vapour.

Keeping in view an experiment was conducted to identify the best concentration of the growth regulators and colour of poly wrapper

which can induce better rooting in air-layers and can improve the survival of guava after detachment.

Materials and Methods

The experiment was carried out to “Effect of different concentrations of NAA (foliar spray) and different colour poly wrappers on air-layering of guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) cv. Gwalior 27” during the season of *Kharif* 2016-17 at the Horticulture nursery, Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior, (M.P.). The experimental material for the present investigation was comprised of 12 treatment combinations viz., foliar sprays of four levels of NAA i.e. 50, 75, 100 and 125 ppm and three levels of poly wrappers i.e. white, black and blue were used at the time of layering and were replicated three times in Asymmetrical Factorial Randomized Complete Block Design. On the selected branches a ring bark of about 2.0 cm size is removed by budding knife just below the bud without injuring the under lying woody xylem portion. The as par treatment NAA solution was applied uniformly on all sides of the upper cut of the ring with camel hair brush. After application of growth regulators cut portions were covered with rooting media containing a mixture of farm yard manure and field soil in 1:1 ratio and wrapped with three coloured polythene film (400 gauze) and tied with sutli. The air layers were detached by making a sharp cut with secateurs just below the cut after 65 days of operation. Then polythene cover was removed after dipping them in water for avoiding injury to the roots, and immediately air layers were planted in polythene bags. The observation on number of primary roots per layer, length of primary root (cm), number of secondary roots per layer, length of secondary

root (cm), dry weight of roots per layer (g), rooting percentage, survival percentage were observed and to estimate the economics of the treatments. Observations were recorded on the basis of five random competitive layers and plants selected in each treatment separately for root and shoot characteristics at 30 and 60 days after layering and planting in polybag respectively and were evaluated as per standard procedure. The data were statistically analysed to find out overall total variability present in the material by following procedure as suggested by Panse and Sukhatme (1985).

Results and Discussion

The results revealed that NAA concentrations, colour poly wrappers and their interaction exhibited a significant effect on root parameters. The significantly maximum 4.81 and 7.46 primary roots per layer were recorded in treatment N₄ (NAA @ 125 ppm) followed by N₃ (NAA @ 100 ppm) 4.26 and 5.89, while, it was recorded minimum 2.85 and 4.33 primary roots per layer at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively (Table 1). These findings are in agreement with the findings of Tomar *et al.*, (1999a), Tomar (2011), Patel *et al.*, (2012) and Singh and Pathak (2012).

Black poly wrapper (W₂) was significantly superior and was recorded maximum 4.90 and 6.57 primary roots per layer as compared to white poly wrapper (W₁) (3.03 and 4.82 primary roots per layer) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively.

Interaction effects of different levels of NAA and colour poly wrappers, the treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly maximum 6.0 and 8.55 primary roots per layer followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @

100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (5.64 and 7.54) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (4.48 and 7.23) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. While, the minimum 2.17 and 3.88 primary roots per layer were recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. These findings are in agreement with the findings of Singh (2001) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

The significantly maximum 4.80 and 8.07 cm length of primary root were recorded in treatment N₄ (NAA @ 125 ppm) followed by N₃ (NAA @ 100 ppm) 4.55 and 7.62 cm at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively and which were at par with each other at 30 days after layering. While, it was recorded minimum 3.52 and 6.39 cm at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively (Table 1). These findings are in agreement with the findings of Tomar *et al.*, (1999a), Tomar (2011) and Patel *et al.*, (2012).

Black poly wrapper (W₂) was significantly superior and was recorded maximum 5.57 and 9.74 cm length of primary root as compared to white poly wrapper (W₁) (3.15 and 4.98 cm) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively.

The treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly maximum 6.13 and 10.49 cm length of primary root followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (5.83 and 10.15 cm) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (4.63 and 7.96 cm), while, the minimum 2.62 and 4.27 cm length of primary root were recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. These

findings are in agreement with the findings of Singh (2001) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

The treatment N₄ (NAA @ 125 ppm) was recorded significantly maximum 6.47 and 9.55 secondary roots per layer followed by N₃ (NAA @ 100 ppm) 5.94 and 8.56 at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively and which were at par with each other at 30 days after layering. While, it was recorded minimum 5.08 and 6.38 secondary roots per layer at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively (Table 1). These findings are in agreement with the findings of Tomar *et al.*, (1999a), Tomar (2011), Patel *et al.*, (2012) and Singh and Pathak (2012).

Black poly wrapper (W₂) was significantly superior and was recorded maximum 6.59 and 9.21 secondary roots per layer as compared to white poly wrapper (W₁) (5.20 and 7.01 secondary roots per layer) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively.

The treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded maximum 7.81 and 10.85 secondary roots per layer followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (6.90 and 9.84) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (5.84 and 9.38), while, the minimum 4.71 and 5.51 secondary roots per layer were recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. These findings are in agreement with the findings of Singh (2001) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

Significantly maximum 5.40 and 9.04 cm length of secondary root were recorded in treatment N₄ (NAA @ 125 ppm) followed by N₃ (NAA @ 100 ppm) (4.73 and 8.07 cm), while, it was recorded

minimum 3.69 and 6.57 cm at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. Similar findings were also reported by Tomar *et al.*, (1999a) and Patel *et al.*, (2012).

Black poly wrapper (W₂) was significantly superior and was recorded maximum 6.05 and 10.02 cm length of secondary root as compared to white poly wrapper (W₁) (3.25 and 5.16 cm) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively.

Treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly maximum 6.80 and 10.77 cm length of secondary root at par with N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (6.57 and 10.57 cm) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (5.40 and 10.38 cm), while, the minimum 2.73 and 4.40 cm length of secondary root were recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively (Table 1). These findings are in agreement with the findings of Singh (2001) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

This may be due to decomposed organic material improve soil fertility by increasing soil aeration, water holding capacity and water infiltration and lower surface crusting resulted in maximum root growth and root length of primary and secondary root.

Application of NAA 125 ppm (N₄) was significantly superior and recorded maximum 0.098 and 0.209 g dry weight of roots followed by N₃ (NAA 100 ppm) (0.060 and 0.160 g) as compared to other treatment, while, it was observed lowest 0.028 and 0.077 g dry weight of roots in the treatment NAA 50 ppm (N₁) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively (Table 2).

Table.1 Effect of different concentrations of NAA and colour poly wrappers on number of primary and secondary roots per layer and length of primary and secondary root (cm) in air layers of guava

Treat. Symb.	Treatment	No. of primary roots per layer		Length of primary root (cm)		No. of secondary roots per layer		Length of secondary root (cm)	
		30 Days	60 Days	30 Days	60 Days	30 Days	60 Days	30 Days	60 Days
N ₁	NAA @ 50 ppm	2.85	4.33	3.52	6.39	5.08	6.38	3.69	6.57
N ₂	NAA @ 75 ppm	3.32	4.78	4.08	6.97	5.39	7.29	4.45	7.42
N ₃	NAA @ 100 ppm	4.26	5.89	4.55	7.62	5.94	8.56	4.73	8.07
N ₄	NAA @ 125 ppm	4.81	7.46	4.80	8.07	6.47	9.55	5.40	9.04
	SEm±	0.12	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.19	0.01	0.11	0.10
	CD at 5% level	0.36	0.06	0.34	0.06	0.58	0.04	0.33	0.30
W ₁	White poly wrapper	3.03	4.82	3.15	4.98	5.20	7.01	3.25	5.16
W ₂	Black poly wrapper	4.90	6.57	5.57	9.74	6.59	9.21	6.05	10.02
W ₃	Blue poly wrapper	3.51	5.45	3.99	7.07	5.37	7.62	4.41	8.15
	SEm±	0.11	0.02	0.10	0.03	0.17	0.01	0.09	0.09
	CD at 5% level	0.32	0.05	0.30	0.09	0.51	0.03	0.28	0.26
N ₁ W ₁	NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper	2.17	3.88	2.62	4.27	4.71	5.51	2.73	4.40
N ₁ W ₂	NAA @ 50 ppm + Black poly wrapper	3.81	5.03	4.75	8.73	5.64	7.55	4.95	8.92
N ₁ W ₃	NAA @ 50 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	2.58	4.06	3.18	6.17	4.89	6.08	3.40	6.38
N ₂ W ₁	NAA @ 75 ppm + White poly wrapper	2.67	4.30	2.98	4.62	4.98	6.30	2.80	4.78
N ₂ W ₂	NAA @ 75 ppm + Black poly wrapper	4.14	5.48	5.57	9.59	6.01	8.58	5.87	9.83
N ₂ W ₃	NAA @ 75 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	3.13	4.58	3.70	6.69	5.19	7.00	4.68	7.65
N ₃ W ₁	NAA @ 100 ppm + White poly wrapper	3.30	4.81	3.38	5.27	5.35	7.81	3.48	5.47
N ₃ W ₂	NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper	5.64	7.54	5.83	10.15	6.90	9.84	6.57	10.57
N ₃ W ₃	NAA @ 100 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	3.83	5.63	4.43	7.44	5.56	8.01	4.15	8.18
N ₄ W ₁	NAA @ 125 ppm + White poly wrapper	3.97	6.30	3.63	5.76	5.75	8.41	4.00	5.97
N ₄ W ₂	NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper	6.00	8.55	6.13	10.49	7.81	10.85	6.80	10.77
N ₄ W ₃	NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	4.48	7.23	4.63	7.96	5.84	9.38	5.40	10.38
	SEm±	0.21	0.03	0.20	0.03	0.34	0.02	0.19	0.18
	CD at 5% level	N.S.	0.10	0.59	0.09	N.S.	0.07	0.57	0.53

Table.2 Effect of different concentrations of NAA and colour poly wrappers on dry weight of roots/ layer, rooting and survival per cent in air layers of guava

Treat. Symb.	Treatment	Dry weight of roots/ layer (g)		Rooting percentage	Survival percentage
		30 Days	60 Days		
N ₁	NAA @ 50 ppm	0.028	0.077	35.39	33.52
N ₂	NAA @ 75 ppm	0.047	0.113	46.74	38.36
N ₃	NAA @ 100 ppm	0.060	0.160	51.53	40.74
N ₄	NAA @ 125 ppm	0.098	0.209	61.12	47.31
	SEm±	0.003	0.003	0.40	0.48
	CD at 5% level	0.009	0.007	1.14	1.43
W ₁	White poly wrapper	0.038	0.111	42.64	37.10
W ₂	Black poly wrapper	0.078	0.168	54.79	43.75
W ₃	Blue poly wrapper	0.058	0.140	48.66	39.10
	SEm±	0.003	0.002	0.35	0.42
	CD at 5% level	0.008	0.006	0.99	1.23
N ₁ W ₁	NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper	0.013	0.057	30.57	32.30
N ₁ W ₂	NAA @ 50 ppm + Black poly wrapper	0.037	0.097	42.00	35.13
N ₁ W ₃	NAA @ 50 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	0.033	0.077	33.60	33.13
N ₂ W ₁	NAA @ 75 ppm + White poly wrapper	0.037	0.087	37.93	34.90
N ₂ W ₂	NAA @ 75 ppm + Black poly wrapper	0.057	0.140	53.47	42.77
N ₂ W ₃	NAA @ 75 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	0.047	0.113	48.83	37.40
N ₃ W ₁	NAA @ 100 ppm + White poly wrapper	0.047	0.133	45.30	36.50
N ₃ W ₂	NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper	0.097	0.213	60.97	46.30
N ₃ W ₃	NAA @ 100 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	0.057	0.157	51.23	39.57
N ₄ W ₁	NAA @ 125 ppm + White poly wrapper	0.057	0.167	56.77	44.70
N ₄ W ₂	NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper	0.140	0.247	65.63	50.93
N ₄ W ₃	NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper	0.077	0.190	58.07	46.17
	SEm±	0.005	0.004	0.70	0.73
	CD at 5% level	0.015	0.013	1.97	2.47

Table.3 Economics of different concentrations of NAA and colour poly wrappers in air layers of guava

Treat. Sym.	Survival of air layers	Gross income (Rs)*	Expenditure (Rs)	Net return (Rs)	C:B ratio
N ₁ W ₁	323	12920	5900.40	7019.60	1: 2.19
N ₁ W ₂	351	14040	5800.40	8239.60	1: 2.42
N ₁ W ₃	331	13240	5850.40	7389.60	1: 2.26
N ₂ W ₁	349	13960	5900.60	8059.40	1: 2.37
N ₂ W ₂	428	17120	5800.60	11319.40	1: 2.95
N ₂ W ₃	374	14960	5850.60	9109.40	1: 2.56
N ₃ W ₁	365	14600	5900.80	8699.20	1: 2.47
N ₃ W ₂	462	18480	5800.80	12679.20	1: 3.19
N ₃ W ₃	396	15840	5850.80	9989.20	1: 2.71
N ₄ W ₁	447	17880	5901.00	11979.00	1: 3.03
N ₄ W ₂	509	20360	5801.00	14559.00	1: 3.51
N ₄ W ₃	463	18520	5851.00	12669.00	1: 3.17

Note: Sale rate of plants Rs. 40/plant

Similar findings were also reported by Tomar *et al.*, (1999a), Tomar (2011) and Patel *et al.*, (2012).

Significantly maximum 0.078 and 0.168 g dry weight of roots was observed under the treatment W₂ (Black poly wrapper) and lowest 0.038 and 0.111 g dry weight of roots in the treatment W₁ (white poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively.

The treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly maximum 0.140 and 0.247 g dry weight of roots followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (0.097 and 0.213 g) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (0.077 and 0.190 g), while, the minimum 0.013 and 0.057 g dry weight of roots were recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 30 and 60 days after layering, respectively. This may be due to increased synthesis and accumulation of growth promoting substance as well as availability of more nutrients under this treatment, which enhance the dry weight of roots.

As regards to concentrations of NAA, treatment N₄ (NAA 125 ppm) was significantly superior and recorded highest 61.12% rooting followed by N₃ (NAA 100 ppm) (51.53%) as compared to other treatment, while, it was observed lowest 35.39% rooting in the treatment NAA 50 ppm (N₁) (Table 2). Similar findings were also reported by Shrivastava (2000), Tomar (2011), Singh and Pathak (2012) and Raut *et al.*, (2015).

Significantly highest 54.79% rooting was observed under the treatment W₂ (Black poly wrapper) and lowest 42.64% rooting in the treatment W₁ (white poly wrapper). Black polythene significantly increased the

percentage of rooting in minimum period in comparison to other treatment. It can be use successfully to hold moisture with rooting media around the part to be rooted and the same time covered by layered area to protect against damage as well as keeping the portion from becoming too hard. Similar findings were also reported by Patel *et al.*, (1989), Baghel (1989) and Verma and Patel (2004).

Amongst interaction of both the factor, the treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly highest 65.63% rooting followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (60.97%) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (58.07%), while, the lowest 30.57% rooting was recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper). This may be due to increased level of growth promoting substances, available nutrients with the application 125 ppm NAA. Similar findings were also reported by Sen *et al.*, (1972) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

It is evident from the results (Table 2) that the survival percentage gradually increased in concentrations of NAA N₁ to N₄. Treatment N₄ (NAA 125 ppm) was recorded highest 47.31% survival followed by N₃ (NAA 100 ppm) (40.74%) as compared to other treatment, while, it was observed lowest 33.52% survival in the treatment NAA 50 ppm (N₁) at 60 days after planting of air-layering. These findings are in agreement with the findings of Tomar *et al.*, (1999a), Shrivastava (2000), Tomar (2011), Patel *et al.*, (2012), Singh and Pathak (2012) and Raut *et al.*, (2015).

Significantly highest 43.75% survival was observed under the treatment W₂ (Black poly wrapper) and lowest 37.10% survival in the treatment W₁ (white poly wrapper) at 60 days after planting of air-layering.

Similar findings were also reported by Patel *et al.*, (1989) and Baghel (1989) reported that this beneficial response obtained by black polythene may be due to effect of etiolation.

Amongst interaction of both the factor, the treatment combination of N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper) was recorded significantly highest 50.93% survival followed by N₃W₂ (NAA @ 100 ppm + Black poly wrapper) (46.30%) and N₄W₃ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Blue poly wrapper) (46.17%), while, the lowest 32.30% survival was recorded in the treatment combination of N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) at 60 days after planting of air-layering.

This may be due to increased level of growth promoting substances, available nutrients with the application 15000 ppm IBA. Similar findings were also reported by Sen *et al.*, (1972), Singh (2001) and Yeboah *et al.*, (2014).

The economics of air layers was worked out on the basis of 1000 layers considering the cost of media, growth regulators i.e. NAA, different colour poly wrappers, materials for air layer, as well as labour cost.

It is revealed from the data (Table 3) obtained that the total cost and net CBR for making 1000 air layers were ranged from Rs. 5800.40 to Rs. 5901.00 with net return varied from Rs. 7019.60 to Rs. 14559.00 and C:B ratio between 1: 2.19 to 1: 3.51. The maximum net return of Rs 14559.00 and highest cost benefit ratio 1: 3.51 was recorded in treatment N₄W₂ (NAA @ 125 ppm + Black poly wrapper).

While, least net return of Rs 7019.60 and cost benefit ratio (1:2.19) was observed in treatment N₁W₁ (NAA @ 50 ppm + White poly wrapper) due to low plant survival and expenditure as compared to other treatments. These findings are in agreement with the

findings of Azad and Matin (2015), Mali *et al.*, (2015) and Soni *et al.*, (2015).

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