




IMPROVING GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY OF INDUSTRIAL POTATOES THROUGH BIOFERTILIZATION, PHOSPHATE FERTILIZATION, AND SPRAYING WITH BRASSINOLIDE

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ABSTRACT

The experiment was carried out in southwest Baghdad during fall season 2021 and spring season 2022 that aimed to study the effect of biological inoculation, phosphate fertilization and spraying with Brasinolide on the growth and production of industrial potato of the Arsenal cultivar , the experiment carried out as a three-factors experiment (4 × 3 × 3) in (RCBD), bio-fertilizers distributed into main plot and interaction between phosphorus levels and Brasinolide growth regulator within sub plot using three replicates Bio-fertilizers included *Aspergillus niger* fungus alone and *Bacillus Megaterium* bacteria alone and the combination between them. Phosphorus treatments included three levels (0.100, 200) kg p₂₀₅ ha⁻¹ and Brasinolide spraying of three levels of (0, 0.1, 0.2) mg L⁻¹. The results showed the triple combination bio-fertilizer together with the addition of phosphorus at 100 kg p₂₀₅ ha⁻¹ and spraying with Brasinolide, 0.1 mg L⁻¹ produced significant highest plant's height (78.78 and 102.830) cm plant⁻¹ and in the number of main stems (3.333 and 2.250) stem plant⁻¹ for both seasons respectively. The highest number of leaves was when the two fertilized were added together with phosphorus fertilization at the level of 200 kg p₂₀₅ ha⁻¹ with spraying at a concentration of 0.1 mg L⁻¹ of Brasinolide (105.333 and 194.111) leaf plant⁻¹ for the two seasons respectively The same combination was characterized by an average tuber weight of 105.185 g tuber⁻¹ in the fall season and this was reflected in the superiority of productivity (35.254 and 36.923) ton ha⁻¹ for the two seasons respectively, The same combination with a concentration 0.2 mg L⁻¹ from Brasinolide also gave the lowest value of SOD enzyme in the leaves for both seasons (121.667 and 126.000) units of g⁻¹ wet weight.

Key words; *Aspergillus niger*, *Bacillus megaterium*, SOD enzyme, *Solanum tuberosum* L, sustainable agriculture.

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INTRODUCTION

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) is one of the important vegetable crops in the world and consumed in large quantities in industrial way, as it's rich in carbohydrates, proteins and vitamins (Hassan,2021). Therefore the researchers in a large number of countries have been interested in improving potato cultivation techniques respectively to obtain high production and improve the quality of tubers (Morais et al., 2018) Including the use

of biofertilizers that improve soil properties and structure and increase the availability of nutrients by increasing the solubility of major insoluble elements respectively to get the plant's need from nutrients and reach to the optimal use of chemical fertilizers (Sharma et al., 2023). Therefore, the use of bio-fertilizers is the best way to sustainability. by what encouraging biological organisms provide for plant growth in terms of hormones, dissolving unprepared minerals, facilitating the

absorption of nutrients, reducing stresses, preserving soil properties and fertility and stimulating resistance against pathogens (Joshi et al., 2021). It works on the production of siderophores and (IAA) with high ability to dissolve insoluble mineral phosphate (Li et al., 2021), and improve plant properties by increasing nutrient absorption, increasing yield and plant tolerance to stresses (Dey et al., 2019). The most important biological organisms that dissolved unavailable phosphate is *Bacillus Megaterium* bacteria that characterized by the ability to increase the availability of phosphorus for the plant as it releases organic acids to dissolve mineral phosphates, decompose organic compounds and produce growth regulators (Wyeiszkievich et al., 2017), among the organic acids that released by *Bacillus* bacteria are citric, gluconic and propanoic acid (Zhong et al., 2017), Where (Al Rubaye et al., 2019) found the mentioned bacteria with mineral fertilizers work to increase plant height, dry weight, number of tubers, and total yield of potatoes plants, and it has the ability to break down organic pesticides and use them as a carbon source for their growth (Mousa et al., 2019). Phosphorus is considered as one of the main plant nutrients that directly or indirectly effects biological operations due to its involvement in energy metabolism, biosynthesis of nucleic acids and cell membranes. Also its deficiency can reduce crop production, and the activity of biological organisms plays an important role in the availability of phosphorus retained in the soil for plant absorption. The development of roots depends on the availability of phosphorus and the spread of roots depends on the levels of phosphorus in the soil (Hailu et al., 2017). It has been proven that phosphorus fertilization increases tuber size and total yield by (Kelling et al., 2020), it found that the use of external growth regulators is one of the methods to increase plant growth and reduce the time required for growth, in addition to natural internal hormones some of them have been applied to potato plants (Mendel et al., 2020). Brassinolide is one of the important hormones in plant growth and development. It controls cell division, elongation, and differentiation of

different cell types throughout the plant's life cycle. It also plays a role in reducing various environmental stresses and stimulating plant resistance to stress and toxic pesticides. also It is non-toxic and environmentally friendly that making it useful for maintaining environmental sustainability (Hussain et al., 2020), It participates in many important physiological and biochemical processes in plants, such as vascular differentiation, elongation, fertility, seed germination and root growth (Rehman et al., 2022). Therefore, the study was aimed to increasing industrial potatoes productivity and improving their vegetative growth through biological and phosphate fertilization and spraying with Brassinolide.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was carried out south-west of Baghdadon the Eastern Radwaniyah region for the fall season 2021 and spring 2022 season using industrial potato crop cultivar Arsenal. Was carried out as a three-factors the experiment in the arrangement of split plot within a randomized complete block design RCBD The biological factor was within the main plots and the interaction between the composting levels of phosphorus and the Brassinolide within the sub plots, 36 transactions ($4 \times 3 \times 3$) with three replicates and 108 experimental units The A order was cultivated in the fall season and in the spring season the imported Elite order was cultivated. The agricultural operations were carried out on the designated field for the study, including plowing, leveling, and smoothing. The land was divided into experimental units with a length of 1.75m and a width of 2m, which equals an area of 3.5m². Each unit includes two rows for cultivation, spaced 1m apart, with a distance of 0.25m between each plant. This results in an average of 7 plants per row, or 14 plants per experimental unit and an average of 40,000 plants per hectare The biological factor included two types of fertilizers: *Aspergillus niger* and *Bacillus megaterium*, symbolizing the treatment without Bio-fertilizer (A₀), *Aspergillus niger* (A₁), *Bacillus megaterium* (A₂), and a combination of them (A₃) Microbiological isolates and mixed with peatmoss with a

biodiversity of 810, which were added at a rate of 20 g of biomaterial for each plant with soil, adding 800 g of organic matter for each experimental unit and a fixed quantity of poultry residues for all treatment. The second factor is fertilization with phosphorus and includes three levels (0, 100, 200) kg P₂O₅ ha⁻¹ and symbolized by P₀, P₁, and P₂ respectively, the amount of phosphate fertilizer added on a single batch after five days from planting, The third factor included three levels of growth regulator Brassinoslide (0, 0.1, 0.2) mg L⁻¹ and symbolized by BL₀, BL₁, and BL₂ respectively, sprayed with three, first sprinkles after the germination of 15 days the second and third sprinkle at a rate of 15 days. Nitrogen and potassium fertilizer were added in the two batches the first batch was 50% nitrogen after the germination on 10 days with the addition of 25% of recommended potassium fertilizer and after 20 days from the first batch the remaining nitrogen fertilizer was added with 50% of potassium fertilizer, The remaining potassium fertilizer was added after 15 days from the second batch of nitrogen fertilizer and all experimental units were added equally (250 nitrogen and 300 potassium) kg ha⁻¹ as recommended. The Genstat program was used for statistical analysis and the averages for all the study indicators were compared by significant differences (L.S.D) at 5%

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of study factors on vegetative traits

The results of Table 1 shows significant effects of bio-fertilization, phosphate and spraying with Brassinolide on plant height, number of main stems and number of leaves. The bio-fertilization treatment A₃ shows the highest plant height, number of main stems and number of leaves for both seasons and its about 75.807 and 95.060 cm plant⁻¹, 2.907 and 1.991 stem plant⁻¹, 93.679 and 160.086 leaf plant⁻¹ for the fall and spring season respectively, compared to treatment A₀ which had the lowest plant height reaching to 66.924 and 83.260 cm plant⁻¹ and 2.352 and 1.667 stem plant⁻¹, 71.185 and 108.749 leaf plant⁻¹

for both fall and spring seasons respectively, and the phosphate fertilizer treatment P₂ was characterized by producing the highest plant height and number of leaves, reaching to 73.539 and 93.930 cm plant⁻¹, 92.435 and 165.108 leaf plant⁻¹. compared to the P₀ treatment which produced the lowest 70.461 and 85.130 cm plant⁻¹, 79.412 and 113.177 leaf plant⁻¹ for the spring season and the P₂ treatment was characterized by producing the highest number of stems for the spring season that reached to 1.931 stem plant⁻¹ compared to the P₀ treatment which had the lowest value of 1.667 stem plant⁻¹ also BL₁ was characterized by producing the highest plant height and the number of leaves for both seasons (73.025 and 92.100 cm plant⁻¹), 89.236 and 145.264 leaf plant⁻¹ compared to the BL₀ treatment which produce the lowest of 70.901 and 87.480 cm plant⁻¹ and there was no significant effects of Brassinolide on the number of stems. Table 2 shows the significant effects of the bilateral interaction between the treatments in vegetative growth indicators, where the A₃P₂ treatment excelled and had the highest value in plant height and number of leaves for both seasons that reached to 76.750 and 101.310 cm plant⁻¹, 99.907 and 184.851 leaf plant⁻¹ compared to the A₀P₀ treatment which produce the lowest value of 64.917 and 76.220 cm plant⁻¹, 64.926 and 92.259 leaf plant⁻¹ for both seasons respectively, and the A₃P₁ treatment was characterized by producing the highest number of stems about 3.028 and 2.089 stem plant⁻¹ compared to the A₀P₀ treatment that had the lowest of 2.222 and 1.500 stem plant⁻¹ for both seasons. Table 2 shows the significant effect of the interaction treatment A₃BL₁ where it produced the highest plant height, number of stems and number of leaves, reaching to 77.344 and 89.450 cm plant⁻¹ and 3.167 and 2.000 stem plant⁻¹, 100.000 and 171.000 leaf plant⁻¹ respectively compared to the A₀BL₀ treatment which produced the lowest of 66.111 and 80.290 cm plant⁻¹, 2.194 and 1.556 stem plant⁻¹ and 69.574 and 104.111 leaf plant⁻¹ for the fall and spring seasons respectively,

Table 1. Effect of bio-fertilization and phosphate and spray with Brassinolide in In the content of the leaves of the enzyme superoxide Dismutase for industrial potatoes

T	Plant height cm		No. of main stem steam.plant ⁻¹		No. of leaves leaf.plant ⁻¹		No. of tubers tuber.plant ⁻¹		Weight of the tuber g.tuber ⁻¹		Total yield ton.ha ⁻¹	
	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring
	A ₀	66.92483	2602.352	1.667	71.185108	7497.664	8.461	91.93876	31928.045	25.721		
A ₁	73.66991	1402.907	1.898	87.938144	4838.310	9.571	96.51087	37231.869	33.285			
A ₂	72.23790	7902.796	1.778	87.561140	6298.279	9.505	94.75784	25431.134	31.680			
A ₃	75.80795	0602.907	1.991	93.679160	0868.380	9.896	98.96685	55333.001	33.797			
L.S.D _{0.05}	4.139	6.924	0.386	0.224	3.645	10.335	0.677	0.664	3.652	6.196	1.792	1.622
P ₀	70.46185	1302.632	1.667	79.412113	1778.187	9.061	89.74781	69129.286	29.478			
P ₁	72.47791	1302.847	1.903	83.426137	1768.094	9.477	97.82883	10131.520	31.419			
P ₃	73.53993	9302.743	1.931	92.435165	1088.193	9.537	99.05585	33132.230	32.465			
L.S.D _{0.05}	1.695	2.721	N.S	0.164	3.451	5.209	N.S	N.S	4.132	3.346	1.066	0.946
BL ₀	70.90187	4802.597	1.806	82.116128	1488.194	9.290	92.77182	45330.195	30.540			
BL ₁	73.02592	1002.854	1.812	89.236145	2648.200	9.368	97.33585	09931.737	31.816			
BL ₂	72.55190	6302.771	1.882	83.921142	0498.080	9.417	96.52382	57131.105	31.005			
L.S.D _{0.05}	1.695	2.721	N.S	N.S	3.451	5.209	N.S	N.S	4.132	N.S	1.066	0.946

and the P₂BL₁ interaction treatment was characterized by producing the highest values in plant height and number of leaves that reached to 74.360 and 95.000 cm plant⁻¹, 95.375 and 170.666 leaf plant⁻¹ for both seasons, while the P₂BL₁ and P₂BL₂ treatment had the highest number of stems that reached to 3.021 and 1.979 stem plant⁻¹ for two seasons compared to the A₀BL₀ treatment, which had a little value in plant height and number of stems, reached to 68.221 and 83.330 cm plant⁻¹, and 2.542 and 1.601 4 stem plant⁻¹ for both fall and spring seasons ,and P₀BL₂ and P₀BL₀ treatment in the number of leaves about 75.430 and 101.916 leaf plant⁻¹ respectively. Table 3 shows the significant effect of the triple interaction between the study treatments, where the A₃P₁BL₁ treatment was characterized by producing the highest value in plant height and for both seasons reached to 78.789 and 102.830 cm plant⁻¹, while the A₃P₂BL₁ treatment produce the highest number of leaves for both seasons reached to 105.339 and 194.111 leaf plant⁻¹ while

A₃P₁BL₁ treatment give the highest value in number of stems about 3.333 stem plant⁻¹ for the fall season and the A₃P₁BL₁, A₁P₁BL₁ and A₁P₂BL₀ treatments produce the highest value for the spring season reached to 2.250 stem plant⁻¹ respectively, compared to the little value of A₀P₀BL₀ treatment in plant height and number of stems and leaves for both seasons was 63.333 and 72.330 cm plant⁻¹, 2.000 and 1.333 stem plant⁻¹, 61.555 and 83.222 leaf plant⁻¹.

Effect of study factors on yield traits:

Table 1 shows a significant effects of treatments on the traits of yield, where the treatment A₃ was characterized by producing the highest value in the average number of tubers and the total yield for both seasons reached to 8.380 and 9.896 tuber plant⁻¹ and 33.001 and 33.797 ton ha⁻¹ and also the same treatment characterized by producing the highest average weight tuber its about 98.966 g tuber⁻¹ for the fall season and for the spring season, the treatment A₁ had the highest value of 87.372.

Table 2. Effect of Bilateral interaction for Bio- fertilization and phosphate and Spray with Brassinolide in growth traits and productivity traits For industrial potatoes

T		Plant height cm		No. of main stem steam.plant ⁻¹		No. of leaves leaf.plant ⁻¹		No. of tubers tuber.plant ⁻¹		Weight of the tuber g.tuber ⁻¹		Total yield ton.ha ⁻¹	
		2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring
		A ₀	P ₀	64.917	76.220	2.222	1.500	64.926	92.259	7.712	8.120	85.160	73.763
	P ₁	66.461	84.820	2.417	1.694	66.555	102.925	7.538	8.627	93.854	75.617	28.162	25.947
	P ₂	69.394	88.740	2.417	1.806	82.074	131.062	7.743	8.635	96.801	79.577	29.743	27.292
A ₁	P ₀	72.472	86.790	2.972	1.611	85.352	115.339	8.390	9.335	91.041	85.497	30.276	31.717
	P ₁	73.961	92.780	3.000	2.028	82.648	143.741	8.188	9.632	99.916	87.727	32.539	33.586
	P ₂	74.572	93.870	2.750	2.056	95.815	174.370	8.350	9.746	98.574	88.892	32.792	34.551
A ₂	P ₀	70.343	89.130	2.444	1.667	78.352	113.777	8.325	9.200	89.631	84.247	29.758	30.406
	P ₁	72.926	91.430	2.944	1.806	92.388	137.963	8.314	9.705	96.148	83.239	31.646	32.096
	P ₂	73.441	91.830	3.000	1.861	91.944	170.148	8.197	9.611	98.492	85.275	31.999	32.537
A ₃	P ₀	74.111	88.390	2.889	1.889	89.018	131.333	8.321	9.587	93.155	83.257	30.880	31.867
	P ₁	76.561	95.490	3.028	2.083	92.111	164.074	8.335	9.946	101.392	85.822	33.734	34.046
	P ₂	76.750	101.310	2.806	2.000	99.907	184.851	8.482	10.155	102.351	87.580	34.387	35.478
L.S.		3.391	5.443	0.517	0.329	6.901	10.418	0.859	0.977	8.264	6.692	2.133	1.892
D _{0.05}													
A ₀	BL ₀	66.111	80.290	2.194	1.556	69.574	104.111	7.521	8.325	91.049	76.325	27.263	25.257
	BL ₁	66.778	85.000	2.361	1.583	72.444	112.888	7.824	8.398	92.216	77.691	28.745	26.095
	BL ₂	67.883	84.490	2.500	1.861	71.537	109.247	7.648	8.659	92.551	74.941	28.126	25.811
A ₁	BL ₀	72.156	89.050	2.861	1.889	83.518	133.481	8.571	9.587	92.182	85.437	31.276	32.686
	BL ₁	75.378	93.250	3.028	1.972	93.092	149.981	8.222	9.381	98.637	90.732	32.349	33.867
	BL ₂	73.472	91.130	2.833	1.833	87.204	149.987	8.135	9.745	98.711	85.947	31.981	33.301
A ₂	BL ₀	71.033	90.010	2.500	1.778	86.111	127.926	8.070	9.524	93.823	83.005	30.144	31.147
	BL ₁	72.598	91.680	2.861	1.694	91.407	147.185	8.476	9.649	96.219	85.014	32.088	32.540
	BL ₂	73.078	90.700	3.028	1.861	85.166	146.777	8.289	9.342	94.229	84.742	31.171	31.352
A ₃	BL ₀	74.306	90.560	2.833	2.000	89.259	147.074	8.613	9.722	94.032	85.045	32.094	33.070
	BL ₁	77.344	98.450	3.167	2.000	100.000	171.000	8.277	10.044	102.266	86.958	33.767	34.764
	BL ₂	75.772	96.190	2.722	1.972	91.778	162.185	8.249	9.922	100.6	84.655	33.14	33.557
L.S.		3.391	5.443	0.517	0.329	6.901	10.418	0.859	0.977	8.264	6.692	2.133	1.892
D _{0.05}													
P ₀	BL ₀	68.271	83.330	2.542	1.646	77.347	101.916	8.111	8.988	86.267	80.623	27.786	28.852
	BL ₁	71.212	86.530	2.646	1.604	85.458	120.236	8.138	9.043	92.621	83.171	30.031	30.027
	BL ₂	71.900	85.540	2.708	1.750	75.430	117.379	8.313	9.151	90.352	81.278	30.041	29.556
P ₁	BL ₀	71.388	86.410	2.646	1.833	79.402	125.611	8.113	9.548	95.594	81.689	31.007	31.145
	BL ₁	73.502	94.760	2.896	1.958	86.874	144.888	8.247	9.409	99.024	85.663	32.325	32.165
	BL ₂	72.542	92.220	3.000	1.917	84.000	141.027	7.921	9.475	98.866	81.951	31.229	30.947
P ₃	BL ₀	73.046	92.690	2.604	1.938	89.597	156.916	8.357	9.333	96.453	85.048	31.791	31.624
	BL ₁	74.360	95.000	3.021	1.875	95.375	170.666	8.214	9.652	100.360	86.461	32.856	33.257
	BL ₂	73.213	94.120	2.604	1.979	92.333	167.740	8.008	9.625	100.351	84.484	32.044	32.512
L.S.		2.937	4.714	0.448	0.285	5.977	9.022	N.S	N.S	7.157	5.795	1.8471	1.638
D _{0.05}													

g.tuber⁻¹ compared to the treatment A₀ which produced the lowest value for all yield indicators For both seasons and reaching to 7.664, 8.461 tuber plant⁻¹, 28.045, 25.721 ton ha⁻¹, 91.938 and 76.319 g tuber⁻¹, The Table 1 also shows the superiority of the treatment P₂

in weight tuber average and total yield for both seasons that reached to 99.055, 85.331 g tuber⁻¹, 32.230 and 32.465 ton ha⁻¹ compared to the P₀ treatment which produce the lowest value of 89.747, 81.691g tuber⁻¹, 29.986 and 29.478 ton ha⁻¹ for the fall and spring seasons

respectively and there was no significant difference for phosphorus fertilization in number of tubers, The spraying in Brassinolide treatment affected the average tuber weight and total yield. The BL₁ treatment produced the highest 97.335 g tuber⁻¹ in the fall season. The A₃P₂ bilateral interaction treatment excelled the average number of tubers for both seasons respectively, in the tuber weight for the fall season and the total yield for both seasons that reached to 8.482 and 10.155 tuber plant⁻¹, 102.351 g tuber⁻¹ and 34.387 and 35.478 ton ha⁻¹ respectively. The A₁P₂ treatment excelled in the average tuber weight for the spring season to 88.892 g tuber⁻¹ while the A₀P₀ treatment had a lowest average tuber weight and total yield for both seasons (85.160 and 83.763 g Tuber⁻¹, 26.230 and 23.924 ton ha⁻¹) A₀P₀ treatment produced lowest number of tubers for the spring season and the A₀P₁ treatment for the fall season that reaching to 8.120 tuber plant⁻¹ and 7.538 tuber plant⁻¹, as shown in Table 2 The A₃BL₁ binary interaction treatment excelled in total yield value for both seasons of 33.767 and 34.764 ton ha⁻¹ and the highest number of tubers in the spring season and the average weight of the tuber in the fall season reached to 10.044 tuber plant⁻¹ and 102.266 g tuber⁻¹ respectively. While the A₃BL₀ treatment produced the highest average number of tubers for the fall season and the A₁BL₁ treatment had the highest average weight of tuber in the spring season that reaching to 8.613 tuber plant⁻¹ and 90.732 g tuber⁻¹, and the A₀BL₀ treatment recorded the lowest average number of tubers and the total yield for both seasons and in the average weight of the tuber for the fall season that reached to 27.263 and 25.257 ton ha⁻¹, 7.521 and 8.325 tuber plant⁻¹ for both seasons respectively and 91.049 g tuber⁻¹ for the fall season, while the A₀BL₂ treatment recorded the little value in the average tuber weight for the spring season of 74.941 g tuber⁻¹ and bilateral interaction treatment P₂BL₁ recorded the highest average tuber weight and total yield for both seasons at

100.360 and 86.461 g tuber⁻¹, 32.856 and 33.257 ton ha⁻¹ respectively compared to the P₀BL₀ treatment which produce lowest value for both seasons of 86.267, 80.623 g tuber⁻¹, 27.786 and 28.852 ton ha⁻¹ and there was no significant difference for spraying with Brassinolide and bio-fertilization and phosphate in the average number of tubers. Table 3 indicates the effect of triple interaction between the treatments, where the A₃P₂BL₁ treatment produced the highest total yield for both seasons and the average weight of the tuber for the fall season that reached to 35.254 and 36.923 ton ha⁻¹ and 105.185 g tuber⁻¹, while the A₁P₁BL₁ treatment recorded the highest tubers weight in the spring season and reached to 93.313 g tuber⁻¹ compared to the A₀P₀BL₀ treatment that produced lowest total yield and the A₀P₀BL₂ treatment to the average weight tuber that about 24.738 and 23.196 ton ha⁻¹, 84.434 and 73.377 g Tuber⁻¹ for both seasons respectively, the A₃P₂BL₀ and A₃P₂BL₂ treatment also recorded the highest number of tubers of 8.833 and 10.381 tuber plant⁻¹ compared to the A₀P₁BL₂ and A₀P₀BL₀ treatment which had a lowest value (7.278 and 7.905 tuber plant⁻¹) for both seasons respectively.

Leaves content of superoxide dismutase (unit.g⁻¹ wet weight): The results of Table 4 shows a significant decreases in the content of the leaves from superoxide dismutase enzyme (SOD) as a result of bio-fertilization with both fertilizers, phosphate fertilization, and spraying with Brassinolide for both fall and spring seasons, where the treatment A₃, P₂, and BL₂ producing the lowest significant value of the leaves content from SOD enzyme for both seasons and amounted to 141.333, 146.074 and 182.583, 188.389 and 195.889, 201.694 unit.g⁻¹ wet weight for both seasons respectively, compared to the A₀, P₀, and BL₀ treatments that produced the highest value was 259.667, 267.407 and 224.333, 229.889 and 208.472, 214.972 unit.g⁻¹ wet weight for both seasons respectively.

Table 3. Effect of triple interaction for Bio- fertilization and phosphate and Spray with Brassinolide in growth traits and productivity traits For industrial potatoes

T	Plant height cm		No. of main stem steam.plant ⁻¹		No. of leaves leaf.plant ⁻¹		No. of tubers tuber.plant ⁻¹		Weight of the tuber g.tuber ⁻¹		Total yield ton.ha ⁻¹		
	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	2021 fall	2022 spring	
P ₀	BL ₀	63.333	72.330	2.000	1.333	61.555	83.222	7.286	7.905	84.918	73.504	24.738	23.196
	BL ₁	63.667	78.500	2.250	1.417	67.167	98.777	7.881	8.170	86.128	74.408	27.062	24.415
	BL ₂	67.750	77.830	2.417	1.750	66.055	94.777	7.968	8.286	84.434	73.377	26.889	24.160
A ₀ P ₁	BL ₀	66.333	80.750	2.250	1.417	66.667	98.666	7.562	8.643	92.350	73.598	27.909	25.137
	BL ₁	66.583	87.080	2.250	1.750	67.332	106.222	7.775	8.452	94.030	78.339	28.992	26.493
	BL ₂	66.467	86.630	2.750	1.917	65.666	103.889	7.278	8.786	95.183	74.913	27.583	26.211
P ₃	BL ₀	68.667	87.800	2.333	1.917	80.500	130.444	7.714	8.429	95.878	81.872	29.143	27.438
	BL ₁	70.083	89.420	2.583	1.583	82.833	133.666	7.817	8.571	96.490	80.327	30.181	27.377
	BL ₂	69.433	89.000	2.333	1.917	82.889	129.074	7.698	8.905	98.035	76.533	29.905	27.061
A ₁ P ₁	BL ₀	68.500	85.250	2.917	1.583	80.833	105.555	8.706	9.405	84.891	83.121	28.952	31.185
	BL ₁	75.167	89.120	2.917	1.667	93.167	122.277	7.913	9.095	95.827	89.620	30.353	32.269
	BL ₂	73.750	86.000	3.083	1.583	82.055	118.183	8.552	9.505	92.405	83.750	31.524	31.697
P ₀	BL ₀	72.633	89.450	3.000	1.833	78.443	127.000	8.310	9.881	98.118	84.821	32.556	33.429
	BL ₁	75.417	95.630	2.917	2.250	87.444	149.444	8.373	9.167	100.421	93.313	33.269	34.210
	BL ₂	73.833	93.250	3.083	2.000	82.055	154.778	7.881	9.848	101.209	85.047	31.794	33.120
A ₁ P ₃	BL ₀	75.333	92.450	2.667	2.250	91.278	167.888	8.698	9.476	93.537	88.370	32.321	33.446
	BL ₁	75.550	95.020	3.250	2.000	98.667	178.222	8.381	9.881	99.664	89.263	33.427	35.122
	BL ₂	72.833	94.130	2.333	1.917	97.500	177.000	7.971	9.881	102.521	89.044	32.627	35.086
P ₀	BL ₀	67.917	90.250	2.167	1.667	77.889	98.889	7.968	9.190	88.956	82.650	28.383	29.581
	BL ₁	70.930	88.130	2.333	1.583	84.333	121.444	8.635	9.167	90.322	85.184	30.883	31.088
	BL ₂	72.183	89.000	2.833	1.750	72.833	120.999	8.373	9.242	89.616	84.906	30.009	30.549
A ₂ P ₁	BL ₀	72.083	89.680	2.583	2.000	90.500	128.666	8.060	9.714	94.287	83.161	30.297	32.116
	BL ₁	73.227	93.500	3.083	1.583	95.221	143.444	8.548	9.947	98.237	83.589	32.817	32.924
	BL ₂	73.467	91.100	3.167	1.833	91.444	141.777	8.333	9.452	95.921	82.967	31.824	31.248
P ₃	BL ₀	73.100	90.080	2.750	1.667	89.944	156.222	8.183	9.667	98.227	83.205	31.754	31.745
	BL ₁	73.639	93.400	3.167	1.917	94.667	176.666	8.246	9.833	100.099	86.268	32.563	33.608
	BL ₂	73.583	92.000	3.083	2.000	91.220	177.555	8.162	9.333	97.151	86.352	31.680	32.259
P ₀	BL ₀	73.333	85.500	3.083	2.000	89.111	119.999	8.482	9.452	86.304	83.215	29.072	31.446
	BL ₁	75.083	90.350	3.083	1.750	97.167	138.444	8.125	9.738	98.208	83.475	31.825	32.337
	BL ₂	73.917	89.330	2.500	1.917	80.778	135.555	8.357	9.571	94.954	83.081	31.743	31.819
A ₃ P ₁	BL ₀	74.500	85.750	2.750	2.083	82.000	148.111	8.522	9.952	97.622	85.176	33.267	33.899
	BL ₁	78.783	102.830	3.333	2.250	97.500	180.444	8.294	10.071	103.406	87.413	34.222	35.032
	BL ₂	76.400	97.900	3.000	1.917	96.833	163.666	8.190	9.813	103.149	84.877	33.714	33.208
P ₃	BL ₀	75.083	100.420	2.667	1.917	96.666	173.111	8.833	9.762	98.171	86.744	33.944	33.867
	BL ₁	78.167	102.170	3.083	2.000	105.333	194.111	8.413	10.322	105.185	89.988	35.254	36.923
	BL ₂	77.000	101.330	2.667	2.083	97.722	187.333	8.200	10.381	103.697	86.007	33.963	35.644
L.S.D _{0.05}	5.873	9.427	0.895	0.569	11.953	18.044	1.488	1.692	14.313	11.59	3.694	3.276	

The interaction between bio-fertilization, phosphate fertilization, and spraying with Brassinolide growth regulator Table 4 achieved significant effects in reducing the leaves content from SOD enzyme where the A₃P₂, A₃BL₂, and P₂BL₂ treatments produce lowest value of 126.222, 130.556 and 135.444, 139.889 and 75.7501, 181.833 unit.g⁻¹ wet

weight for both seasons respectively, compared to the treatments A₀P₀, A₀BL₀, and P₀BL₀ which produce the highest value of SOD enzyme in leaves and amounted to 265.667, 284.339 and 265.667, 275.667 and 227.750, 233.833 unit.g⁻¹ wet weight for both fall and spring seasons respectively. The triple interaction between study factors achieved

significant effects and the lowest value was for the $A_3P_2BL_2$ treatment which produced 121.667 and 126.000 unit.g⁻¹ wet weight and the $A_0P_0BL_0$ treatment produced the highest value of 287.333 and 293.667 unit.g⁻¹ wet weight for both seasons respectively. Tables 1, 2 and 3 show the positive effect of bio-fertilizers in combination with A_3 in vegetative growth indicators for potato plants. This effect on plant height, number of main stems, number of leaves, and yield indicators may be returned to the positive effect of *Aspergillus niger*. This is due to the ability of this fungus to produce many organic acids such as oxalic, gluconic, gallic and fumaric (Bahadur et al., 2015) and these acids play an important role in dissolving important nutrients for plant growth (Nascimento et al., 2020). In addition to the phosphatase enzyme, which is one of the dissolving factors, that converts triple calcium phosphate into single and binary (Mahamuni et al., 2012), the elements become available for absorption by the plant especially the phosphorus, which is reflected on plant's growth and yield positively. The fungus also has the ability to support plant growth and reduce biotic and abiotic stresses, which makes the environment of plants safe and healthy by supporting growth and preserving it from pathogens and stimulating plant growth by providing nutrients and increasing plant resistance at drought, disease infections and salty environments and it is considered as one way of sustainable agriculture (Pandey et al., 2019; Vassileva et al., 2020) and the most important elements that these fungi facilitate are phosphorus, zinc and potassium (Sutarman, 2022). The positive effect could be attributed to the release of hormones and semi-hormones such as auxins (IAA) and gibberellins (GAs) and compounds with low molecular weights such as siderophores, which are characterized by their ability to attract iron and make it available and accessible for absorption by plants (Lubna et al., 2018). Iron is important in the development of vegetative growth indicators, as it is important for the formation of chlorophyll, even more it enters in respiratory enzymes such as oxidase, peroxidase and cytochrome (Sakr, 2010). The hormones also have an effective and important

effect in improving the indicators of vegetative growth and productivity. auxin stimulates the efficiency of Photosynthesis by activating the effectiveness of enzymes, regulating the growth and prolongation of cells, and increasing the growth of root (Al-Asadi and Al-Khikani, 2019). The growth of roots, their intrusion and the positive impact on the absorption of nutrients and water from the soil, which in turn directly affects plant growth. GAs are effective hormones in breaking the dormancy of sprouts in potato plant tubers and raising the germination of plants. This is important in increasing developing buds and increasing the number of stems that increase as a result of the number of tubers because there is a relationship between the number of stems and the number of tubers (Koch, 2020). GAs also stimulates work for the division and elongation of cell plants (Al-Asadi and Al-Khikani, 2019). GA also increases carbohydrates manufactured in leaves which is reflected in the increase in the weight of tubers and productivity (1,16). The positive effects of the bacterial bio-fertilizer *Bacillus megaterium*, which has a similar role to *Aspergillus niger*, is attributed to its release of organic acids a solvent for phosphate (Misgina, 2016) and possesses many properties in terms of improving the growth and development of roots and increasing the rate of absorption of water and minerals and. It increases plants' resistance to stress (Nascimento et al., 2020). In addition to possessing properties that increase plant growth, buds, and their growth, the release of hormones GA, IAA, siderophores enzyme and Acc deaminase reduce ethylene in the root area (Chinnaswamy et al., 2018), Growth regulators have a positive role to play in increasing plant height, number of leaves, and growth of roots, thus reflecting their absorption of nutrients, photosynthesis, and the production of carbohydrates storage in tubers (Kumar et al., 2015). These microorganisms are characterized by facilitating nutrients for plants and improving their availability and absorption as a result increasing the efficiency of the plant to carry out biological and physiological processes of cell division, cell elongation, respiration,

energy providing, element transfer, and photosynthesis that increases manufacture carbohydrates, which was reflected in vegetative growth indicators and yield (Ram et al., 2017, taiz et al., 2015). The levels of phosphate mineral fertilization have a role in increasing vegetative growth indicators in addition to N and K fertilizers, which were added to all treatments, nitrogen enters the construction of proteins, enzymes and nucleic acids, which increases vegetative growth and rapid growth of the plant in the presence of sufficient amounts of N.P.K , Phosphorus enters the synthesis of nucleic acids and energy enzymes which are important for the process of photosynthesis and respiration in addition to its role in the bonds of energy compounds and has the ability to encourage the growth of roots, especially transverse and fibrous roots (Hassan, 2018). The results agree with (Ibrahim and Abed, 2018; Jain and Singh., 2015; Li et al 2021). also The positive results of *Bacillus megaterium* agree with the results of (AL Rubaye and Abdul Ratha, 2019; Radhi et al., 2018) in the highest phosphorus rate on potato plant. The positive effect of phosphorus is agreed with (AL-juboori and Mohammed, 2021; Martins, 2020; Misgina, 2016). The positive effect of Brassinolide spraying on the industrial potato plant could be attributed to its role and effect on cell divisions, cell differentiation and elongation and its importance in reducing various environmental stresses (Hussain et al., 2020), In addition to its role in the root's growth (Rehman et al., 2022). Plant growth and development through its effect on plant biological operation and improving plant structure and photosynthesis (Song et al., 2022), which is reflected in the synthesis of carbohydrates on which the plant depends for

its growth (Siddiqui et al., 2018) . As well as its importance in the formation of nucleic acids and proteins and the distribution of nutrients produced by photosynthesis (AL-Khafaji, 2014.), this is reflected in the biological and physiological structure of the plant, which gives a positive effect on vegetative growth indicators and yield indicators. Its positive effect on the plant agrees with the results found by (Ali et al., 2006; Nasrawi and Al-Abadi, 2019; Upadhyay et al., 2015). The SOD enzyme is one of the anti-oxidant enzymes secreted by the plant if the conditions are not suitable for plant growth, so we note from Table 4 the low content of the leaves from this enzyme as a result of the use of treatments and this could be returned to the role of bio-fertilizers to reduce biotic and abiotic stress if the plant is exposed to it, as the *Aspergillus niger* fungus works to reduce both stresses and make the plant environment healthy and safe from pathogens (Pandey et al., 2029; Vassileva et al., 2020) as well as *Bacillus megaterium* that play the same role as the fungus *Aspergillus niger* in reducing stresses and increasing plant resistance (Nascimento et al., 2020) or it could be attributed to the role of phosphate fertilizer in supporting the root system and its role in enzymatic reactions, growth, and respiration (Hassan, 2016), which reflects positively on plant growth and health and increase resistance, also it could be attributed to the role of growth regulator Brassinolide in reducing non-suitable environmental conditions and its role in stimulating plant growth through its effects in supporting plant resistance against stresses (Hussain et al., 2020; Rehman et al., 2022) and these results agree with (Allawi, 2013; Kang and Guo, 2010).

Table 4. Effect of bio-fertilization and phosphate and spray with Brassinolide in Leaves content of superoxide dismutase (unit.g⁻¹ wet weight) for industrial potatoes

T	Fall season (2021)				Spring season (2022)				
	BL0	BL1	BL2	A*P	BL0	BL1	BL2	A*P	
A0	P ₀	287.333	274.667	271.000	265.667	293.667	284.000	275.333	284.333
	P ₁	271.000	261.000	242.000	263.333	289.667	269.333	251.667	270.222
	P ₂	238.667	254.333	237.000	250.000	243.667	257.000	242.333	247.667
A1	P ₀	198.000	210.667	201.667	203.444	209.000	215.667	212.000	212.222
	P ₁	182.667	188.667	177.333	182.889	192.000	198.000	181.333	190.444
	P ₂	171.333	157.000	155.667	161.333	170.667	165.000	156.667	164.111
A2	P ₀	253.333	266.000	245.333	254.889	257.667	267.333	250.000	258.333
	P ₁	244.667	236.000	225.667	235.444	255.333	242.000	229.000	242.111
	P ₂	215.667	194.000	188.667	199.444	219.667	211.667	202.333	211.222
A3	P ₀	172.333	159.333	152.333	161.333	175.000	163.667	155.333	164.667
	P ₁	137.667	139.333	132.333	136.444	142.000	148.667	138.333	143.000
	P ₂	129.000	128.000	121.667	126.222	131.333	134.333	126.000	130.556
L.S.D _{0.05}		9.711		5.607		6.926		3.999	
A*BL	BL0	BL1	BL2	A	BL0	BL1	BL2	A	
A0	265.667	263.333	250.000	259.667	275.667	270.111	256.444	267.407	
A1	184.000	185.444	178.222	182.556	190.556	192.889	183.333	188.926	
A2	237.889	232.000	219.889	229.926	244.222	240.333	227.111	237.222	
A3	146.333	142.222	135.444	141.333	149.444	148.889	139.889	146.074	
L.S.D _{0.05}		5.607		3.898		3.999		4.102	
P*BL	BL0	BL1	BL2	P	BL0	BL1	BL2	P	
P ₀	227.750	227.667	217.583	224.333	233.833	232.667	223.167	229.889	
P ₁	209.000	206.250	194.333	203.194	219.750	214.500	200.083	211.444	
P ₂	188.667	183.333	175.750	182.583	191.333	192.000	181.833	188.389	
L.S.D _{0.05}		4.856		2.803		3.463		2.000	
BL	208.472	205.750	195.889		214.972	213.056	201.694		
L.S.D _{0.05}		2.803				2.000			

CONCLUSION

Through the study results for both seasons, we conclude that the combination of both types of biofertilizers with phosphorus fertilization at the level of 100 kg p₂O₅ ha⁻¹ and spraying with Brassinolide at the level of 0.1 mg L⁻¹ had an effect in increasing plant height, number of stems, tuber weight, and yield of industrial potato tuber.

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تحسين النمو والانتاجية للبطاطا الصناعية بالتسميد الحيوي والفوسفاتي والرش بالبراسينولايد

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المستخلص

نُفذت التجربة في جنوب غرب بغداد للموسم الخريفي 2021 والموسم الربيعي 2022 بهدف دراسة تأثير المخصبات الحيوية والتسميد الفوسفاتي والرش بالبراسينولايد على نمو وانتاج البطاطا الصناعية صنف ارسنال، ونفذت كتجربة عامليه بثلاث عوامل (3×3×4) بترتيب الألواح المنشقة (split plot) ضمن تصميم القطاعات العشوائية الكاملة (RCBD)، وزع المخصب الأحيائي ضمن الألواح الرئيسية والتداخل بين مستويات الفسفور ومنظم النمو البراسينولايد ضمن الألواح الثانوية وبثلاث مكررات تضمنت المخصبات الاحيائية فطر *Aspergillus niger* لوحده وبكتريا *Bacillus megaterium* لوحدها والتوليفة بينهما إضافة الى معاملة المقارنة والفسفور بثلاث مستويات هي (0،100،200) كغم p₂O₅ ه⁻¹ والرش بالبراسينولايد بثلاث مستويات (0.2،0.1،0) ملغم لتر⁻¹. أظهرت النتائج تفوق التوليفة الثلاثية بين إضافة المخصبين الحيويين مع الفسفور بالمستوى 100 كغم p₂O₅ ه⁻¹ والرش بالبراسينولايد بالتركيز 0.1 ملغم لتر⁻¹ تفوق معنوياً في ارتفاع النبات (78.78 و 102.830) سم نبات⁻¹ وفي عدد السيقان الرئيسية (3.333 و 2.250) ساق نبات⁻¹ لكلا الموسمين على الترتيب. كان اعلى عدد أوراق عند إضافة المخصبين مع التسميد بالفسفور بالمستوى 200 كغم p₂O₅ ه⁻¹ مع الرش بالتركيز 0.1 ملغم لتر⁻¹ من البراسينولايد (105.333 و 194.111) ورقه نبات⁻¹ للموسمين على الترتيب، وتميزت التوليفة ذاتها في معدل وزن الدرنة 105.185 غم درنة⁻¹ في الموسم الخريفي وانعكس ذلك على التفوق في الانتاجية (35.254 و 36.923) طن ه⁻¹ للموسمين على الترتيب. كما أعطت التوليفة ذاتها مع تركيز 0.2 ملغم لتر⁻¹ براسينولايد اقل قيمة من أنزيم SOD في الأوراق لكلا الموسمين (121.667 و 126.000) وحدة غم⁻¹ وزن طري.

الكلمات المفتاحية: *Solanum tuberosum* L، أنزيم SOD، *Bacillus megaterium*، *Aspergillus niger*، الزراعة المستدامة.

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