

Effect of inoculation with *Azotobacter* and organic fertilizer on growth and root nodule of Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.).

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Abstract

The study was conducted during the growing season 2018-2019, fall growing season in the college of Agricultural Engineering Science, University of Dohuk, Kurdistan region, Iraq, to evaluate the effects of inoculation of soil with *Azotobacter*, and using seaweeds extract (Alga 600) on two pea cultivars (*Pisum sativum* L.) which were Ambrosia and Ezolda (B.) were grown in plastic pots in the field. Results of vegetative growth and quality parameters showed cultivar shows significantly difference as compared with cultivar (A) The results of number of nodules.plant⁻¹, length of nodules and width of nodules (mm), showed cultivar (B) gave high value which were (19.00, 4.444 and 4.132mm) respectively which significantly differ from cultivar triple interaction between Ezolda cultivar, 6m.L⁻¹ seaweeds extract and inoculation the soil with *Azotobacter* record high value of (20.333 noduls.plant⁻¹) compared with untreated plants that gave lower value (16.333 noduls.plant⁻¹).

Keywords: *Azotobacter*, Seaweeds extracts, pea cultivar.

Introduction

Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) is considered one of the most important crop of Fabaceae family grown in Iraq and many countries all over the world. The origin of pea is Afghanistan and India. Pea has many nutritional values such as high content of protein, carbohydrates, phosphorus, iron, calcium and rich with A and B vitamins (10). The planted area of with this crop approximately 12-15% of the total area of earth and world (25). The planted areas in Iraq was 900 Acre that produce 15584.4 kg. and the total yield was 1500 ton (6). There is a great need for further studies under Iraq condition for the purpose of improving the quality and quantity of the crop as well as the reduction of environmental pollution which caused by chemical fertilizers.

Biofertilizers are some non-symbiotic and symbiotic microbes like *Azospirillum*, *Bacillus polymyxa*, *Pseudomonas striata* and *Azotobacter*, in the soil (20) that stimulate plant growth and contribute to the improvement of ecosystem. They also play an active action in biologic control of plant pathogens (24). *Azotobacter* and *Azospirillum* also release growth regulators like gibberellin, biotin and Auxin. These substances are effective in promotion of plant growth as biofertilizers (26). *Azotobacter*, for example, produces antifungal compounds and increases speed of seed germination, and seeding establishment (24). It also enhances root growth, water and nutrients uptake and facilitate atmospheric nitrogen fixation (20 and 21).

Seaweed extracts mostly used as natural promoters to increase vegetative growth and increase yield of most crop, these

natural products and organic fertilizers are very cheap and safe for ecology and humans as compared with chemical products and plant growth regulators, such products are recommended as they are economical and safe for environment plant growth regulators (15). Seaweed do as a source of nutrients and as a growth promoting substance has also been recognized by Datta, *et.al.* (8) and Saravanan *et.al.* (19). Seaweeds provide an excellent source of bioactive compounds such as essential fatty acids, vitamins, amino acids as well as minerals, and growth promoting substances, antioxidants (5 and 17). The chemical analysis of seaweeds and their extracts has revealed the presence of a wide variety of plant growth-promoting substances such as auxins, cytokinins,

The purpose of this search is to show the effect of inoculation with *Azotobacter*, and organic fertilizer on growth and root nodule of pea (*Pisum sativum* L.).

Material and Methods

The research was conducted in 10 October to March 2019 at research farm, college of Agricultural Engineering Science, University of Duhok. Seeds were grown in plastic bags (21.5 cm diameter). Soil and animal manure were used (1:2). used as mixture added after that As temperature degrees raised, the soil was put around the plastic bags to lowering the effect of high temperature on roots. The treatments were arranged in a factorial experiment in a Randomized Complete Block Design (R.C.B.D) with three factors. First one was the cultivars (Ambrosia (A) and Ezolda (B)). Second factor was inoculation with

two concentration of Azotobacter (0 and 10ml.L⁻¹). Third factor was three concentrations of seaweeds (Al-gamix) (0, 4 and 6ml.L⁻¹) and Corbac G were used as fix for all treatment and added to mixture of soil for all treatment and so the experiment consist (2*2*3), it means we will have 12 treatments. SAS program were used to analysing all data(2). Experimental characters were as shown as follow:

A. Vegetative growth parameters, that include:

Leaf area, Chlorophyll content (SPAD) and Dry matter percentage.

B. The quality parameters of pea, that include:

Root length (cm,) Length and width of nodules, Stomata number in lower and upper part of leaf and length and width of stomata.

Table (1and2) show the effect of 1 cultivars, seaweeds ,Azotobacter and their interaction on leaf area and chlorophyll content (SPAD). It showed that there are significant differences in the leaves area in cultivar (B)that gave(7.744 cm²) compared with cultivar (A),treating plant with Azotobacter gave highest leaf area (7.917 cm²) as compared with untreated plant compared. The interaction between the Azotobacter and cultivar (B) had a significant effect on the average of leaf area(7.607 cm) the highest value for the mean leaf area was observed in the cultivate (B) in the plant treated with 2m.L of plant received seaweeds which gave highest value of leaves area (8.431cm²) compared with compared with other treatment. Triple interaction between seaweeds, Azotobacte and cultivar (B) gave

high leaves area (8.696cm) compared with .other treatment

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Table-1: Effect of Cultivars ,Azotobacter, seaweeds extract , and their interactions on leaf area (cm²) of Pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
A	0	5.919 f	4.400 g	7.125 a-c	5.814c	6.556b
	10	7.190 c-e	6.400 e-f	8.301 ab	7.297b	
B	0	6.943 de	8.167 ab	7.605 b-d	7.572ab	7.744a
	10	7.221 c-e	7.833 a-d	8.696 a	7.917a	
Mean of seaweeds		6.818 b	6.916 b	7.716 a		
Mean t of Cultivar*seaweed	A	6.554 c	5.400 d	7.713 b	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	7.082 bc	8.431 a	7.719 b		
Mean of Azotobacter *seaweed	0	6.431 c	6.283 b	7.365 b	6.693b	
	10	7.205 b	7.548 ab	8.067 a	7.607a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level.

Note: A , mean Ambrosia cultivar. B , mean Ezolda cultivars

Table (2): Effect of of Cultivar Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract, and their interactions on chlorophyll content (SPAD) of pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	41.967 b	43.12 7b	46.60 7ab	42.567b	44.506a
	10	47.000 a	44.40 0b	44.96 7ab	45.456ab	
	0	42.00c	43.65 0b	44.09 3ab	43.557ab	44.354a
B	10	45.867 ab	46.02 7a	46.53 3a	46.142a	
	Mean of seaweeds	40.440 b	44.30 1a	44.55 0a		
Mean of cultivar*seaweed	A	44.963 ab	44.02 5a	44.53 0a	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	43.917 b	44.57 7a	44.57 0a		
	0	42.447 b	46.38 8a	43.35 0a	43.062b	
Mean of Azotobacter *seaweed	10	42.4.4 33b	45.21 3a	45.75 0a	45.799a	

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Table (3 and 4,) showed that there are significant influence on (plant length cm and dry matter of vegetative growth, the effect of, Azotobacter seaweed extract recorded significant increase in plant length compared with untreated plant that gave lower value, cultivar (B) recorded higher length compared cultivar (A) (75.123cm 71.494cm). Plant treated with Azotobacter gave higher length (74.654cm) as compared with no injection with Azotobacter that gave (71.963cm), plant treated with (6m.L of seaweeds recorded significant increase compared with untreated plant that gave lower length of plant (75.43cm, 70.085cm) respectively. Regarding interaction between seaweed extract at (4m.L⁻¹) and soil inoculation with Azotobacter gave a significant difference as compared with untreated plant that

gave lower value (68.740cm). Concerning the triple interaction between seaweeds extract, cultivars and Azotobacter showed significant difference among them higher length of plant were recorded in plant treated with (6m.L) seaweeds extracts *soil inoculation with Azotobacter and cultivar (B) (88.200cm) compared interaction between cultivar (A)*untreated plant with seaweeds and Azotobacter that gave lower value (67.600cm).

Concerning dry matter percentage results in table (4) shown that their an effect of cultivars, seaweed extracts and Azotobacter on dry matter percentage, it recorded significantly a different between the cultivars. Dry matter percentage of plant treated with seaweed extract significantly surpassed compared the untreated plant, The double interaction

42 between plant treated with seaweed extract 46 Azotobacter and cultivar (A) recorded
 43 and cultivar showed significant difference 47 significant difference compared with
 44 compared with untreated plant. The 48 untreated plant.
 45 interaction between seaweed extract

Table (3): Effect of Cultivar Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract, and their interactions on plant length (cm) of Pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	67.60 0d	72.44 0b	78.860 ab	72.96b7	71.494
	10	71.20 0bc	75.20 0b	63.667 e	70.022c	
B	0	69.88 0c	72.00 0b	71.000 b-c	70.960c	75.123ab
	10	71.66 0bc	78.00 ab	88.200 a	79.28a	
Mean of seaweeds		70.08 5c	74.41 0b	75.432 a		
Mean of cultivar*seaweed	A	69.40 0c	74.40 0ab	78.600 ab	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	70.77 0b	75.00 0ab	79.600 a		
Mean of Azotobacter *seaweed	0	68.74 0	72.22 0	74.930 b	71.963b	
	10	71.43 0c	76.60 0a	75.93b b	74.654a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level

Table (4): Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract, and their interactions on dry matter percentage of vegetative growth of Pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	7.000b	4.397c	7.574b	6.324b	7.476b
	1	9.240a	8.413a	8.232a	8.628a	
B	0	7.655b	7.481b	8.736a	7.957a	8.339a
	1	8.167a	9.194a	8.800a	8.720a	
Mean of seaweeds		5.790c	7.371b	8.335a		
Mean of cultivar * seaweed	A	8.120a	6.405b	7.903ab	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	7.911ab	8.337a	8.768a		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed	0	7.328b	5.939b	8.155a	7.140b	
	1	8.703a	8.803a	8.516a	8.674a	

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Table (5) revealed that the effect of seaweeds extracts ,Azotobacter, cultivar and their interaction among with the root length (cm) the data showed that there were significant differences in length of root according to the cultivar, in cultivar B significantly increased which reaches(36.57cm.plant⁻¹) as compared with (34.089cm.plant⁻¹) in the cultivar B, it was showed significant increase in cultivars B, plant treated with bacteria that gave higher length of roots per plant (39.452cm) as compared with plant treated with seaweeds extracts about interaction between the treatment it was indicted that there was significant difference in the interaction between plant treated with(6ml.L⁻¹) cultivar (B) which gave high length of roots which was (38.495cm.plant⁻¹) as compared with untreated plants. Concerning plant treated with Azotobacter it was showed significant increase in plant treated with bacteria that gave the highest length with recorded (37.404cm)compared with untreated plant that gave (33.163cm).

Regarding the table (6,7 and 8) there was significant difference regard to the number, length and width of nodules, It also

indicates that interaction among treatments showed significant increase in the number of nodules. plant⁻¹ as compared with control. Concerning the length of nodules, there significant increscent among cultivar., cultivar B gave the best length of nodules (4.44 mm) as compared with (4.40 mm) of cultivar A, in the other hand treated plant with Azotobacter showed significant difference as recorded (4.656mm) nodules with plants compared with untreated plant treated with 6ml.L⁻¹ seaweeds gave higher length of nodules(4.517 mm)compared with control that gave lower value (4.367 mm).

It was showed there are significant increases in width of nodules among cultivar, cultivar B, gave high width which was (4.132mm) as compared with cultivar A, Concerning the data were shown in the interaction between plant treating with Azotobacter and with cultivars B that gave highest width of nodules compared with other treatment treating plant with 4ml.L⁻¹ of seaweeds extract and cultivar B, as compared with other interaction. The triple interaction among treatments showed significant difference.

Table (5): Effect of cultivar Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on root length (cm) of Pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	30.467b	34.067ab	33.333b	32.622b	34.089B
	10	34.667ab	36.667a	35.333a	35.556ab	
B	0	32.667ab	34.000c	34.443ab	33.703b	36.578a
	10	36.997a	38.813bc	42.547ab	39.452a	

Mean of seaweed extracts		36.997a	35.887a	36.414a	
	A	32.567b	35.367ab	34.333ab	Mean of Azotobacter
Mean of cultivar*seaweeds extract	B	34.832ab	36.407ab	38.495a	
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed		31.567b	34.033ab	33.888b	33.163b
	10	35.832a	37.740ab	38.940a	37.504a

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level

Table (6): Effect of cultivar Azotobacter ,seaweeds extract , and their interactions on Number of nodule of Pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	16.333b	19.000a	18.887ab	18.073b	18.515b
	10	18.703	19.165a	19.000a	18.956ab	
B	0	19.000a	19.000a	19.333a	19.111a	19.000a
	10	18.333ab	18.000ab	20.333a	18.889ab	
Mean of seaweeds extract		18.093b	18.791ab	19.388a		
Mean of cultivar*seaweeds extract	A	17.518c	19.083a	18.943ab	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	18.667ab	18.500b	19.833a		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed	0	17.667c	19.000a	19.110a	18.592b	
	10	18.518zb	18.583zb	19.667a	18.923a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level

Table (7) Effect of cultivar Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on length of nodule (mm)

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	10	4.067a	4.150a	4.233a	4.150a	4.404a
	0	4.567a	4.740a	4.667a	4.658a	
B	10	4.000a	4.103a	4.600a	4.234a	4.444ab
		4.833a	4.560a	4.567a	4.653a	
Mean of seaweed extracts		4.367b	4.388ab	4.517a		
Mean of cultivar*seaweeds extract	A	4.317a	4.445a	4.450a	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	4.417a	4.332a	4.583a		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed		4.033a	4.127a	4.417a	4.192ab	
	10	4.700a	4.650a	4.617a	4.656a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level.

Table (8) Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on width of nodules (mm)

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
	0	0	4	6		
A	0	3.467bc	4.067ab	3.467bc	3.667b	3.845b
	10	3.960bc	4.167ab	3.943bc	4.023ab	
B	0	4.067ab	4.160ab	3.367c	3.864b	4.132a
	10	4.500a	4.400a	4.300ab	4.400a	
Mean of seaweed extracts		3.998a	4.198a	3.769b		
Mean of cultivar*seaweeds extract	A	3.713b	4.117a	3.705ab	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	4.283a	4.280a	3.833ab		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed	0	3.767ab	4.113a	3.417ab	3.766b	
	10	4.230a	4.283a	4.122a	4.212a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05 level.

Regarding the table (9,10 and 11) there was significant difference regard with the number of stomata , cultivar A recorded high number of stomata than B cultivar, the plant treated with Azotobacter significantly differ compared with untreated plant that gave lowered number of stomata (67.932 and 63.851mm) respectively plant treated with 4ml.L⁻¹ seaweeds extract had high number of upper stomata (70.33), It also indicates that interaction among treatments showed significant increase in the number of lowered stomata ¹as compared with control. the interaction between cultivars A and treated plant with Azotobacter gave

huge number of stomata (71.33) compared with other treatments, the triple interaction among treatments was shown in cultivar A*(4ml.L) seaweeds and treating plant with Azotobacter that gave higher number of stomata as compared with other treatments.

At the same time, it was showed there are no significant increases in width of stomata among cultivars, cultivar there are no significant deference among treatment when using seaweeds and Azotobacter.(4ml.L seaweeds*plant treating with Azotobacter and cultivar B that gave higher width of lowered stomata

(0.366mm).compared with untreated plant that gave lowered width (0.183mm).

Table (11and 12) shows that there was significant differed from with the number of upper stomata between cultivars, the plant treated with Azotobacter significant differ compared with untreated plant that gave upper number of stomata (51.71)and 42.89 stomata) respectively plant treated with 4m.L⁻¹ seaweeds extract had high number of upper stomata(53.67), It also indicates that interaction treatments showed significant increase in the number of upper stomata ¹as compared with control. Treating plant Azotobacter and cultivars A gave higher number of stomata as compared with untreated plant with Azotobacter in cultivars A(41.506). Concerning the interaction between treatment the interaction between 4m.L⁻¹

seaweeds extracts and treating plant with Azotobacter gave high number of upper stomata(61.423)compared with other treatments. The triple interaction among treatments was shown in cultivar A*(4m.L) seaweeds and treating plant with Azotobacter that gave higher number of stomata as compared with other treatment (71.847).

It was showed there are no significant increases in width of stomata with regard cultivar, there are no significant difference between treatments when using seaweeds and Azotobacter. Treating plant with Azotobacter and seaweeds do not show any effect on width of upper stomata as untreated plant with seaweeds that gave high width of stomata (0.297mm) compared with other treating plant .

Table (9) Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract, and their interactions on number of stomata\2mm² in the upper leaf epidermis of pea.

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultiva r	Mean of cultivars
	0	0	4	6		
A	0	58.66 7c	74.66 7ab	59.48 0c	64.271a	67.80a
	10	77.66 7ab	82.33 3a	54.00 0c	71.333a	
B	0	64.62 7b	64.00 0	61.66 7bc	63.431b	63.981a
	10	68.59 0b	60.33 3b	64.66 7	64.530a	
Mean of seaweed extracts		67388 b	70.33 3a	59.95 3b		
Mean of cultivar*seaweeds extract	A	68.16 7ab	78.50 0a	56.74 0b	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	66.60 8b	62.16 7ab	63.16 7a		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweed	0	61.64 7	69.33 3	60.57 3	63.851a	
	10	73.12 8	71.33 3	59.33 3	67.932a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05level.

Table (10) Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on number of stomata\2mm² in the lower leaf epidermis of pea

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	40.167c	41.517bc	42.833bc	41.506b	47.325a
	10	44.273bc	71.847a	43.313bc	53.144a	
B	0	41.540bc	50.333ab	40.960ab	44.278ab	47.282b
	10	57.533ab	51.000ab	42.323ab	50.286a	
Mean of seaweeds		45.878ab	53.674a	42.358b		
Mean of seaweed*cultivars	A	42.220b	56.682a	43.073b	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	49.537ab	50.667a	41.642b		
Mean of azotobacter*seaweed	0	40.853b	45.925ab	41.897b	42.892b	
	10	50.903a	61.423a	42.818b	51.715a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05level.

Table (11) Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on width of stomata lowered epidermis of leaf

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds extract (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean of Azotobacter*cultivar	Mean of cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	0.183e	0.201d	0.216	0.200cb	0.250a
	10	0.254ab	0.304a	0.345a	0.301a	
B	0	0.240bc	0.259bc	0.221b	0.240bc	0.255a
	10	0.366a	0.221bc	0.220ab	0.269	
Mean of seaweeds		0.261a	0.246a	0.250a		
Mean of seaweeds Mean of seaweed*cultivars	A	0.218c	0.252a-c	0.280ab	Mean of Azotobacter	
	B	0.303a	0.240a-c	0.221b-c		
Mean of Azotobacter*seaweeds	0	0.211bc	0.230bc	0.219c	0.220a	
	10	0.310a	0.262bc	0.282b	0.285a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05;evel.

Table (12) Effect of Cultivar, Azotobacter, Seaweeds extract , and their interactions on width of stomata upper epidermis of leaf

Cultivars	Azotobacter (ml.L ⁻¹)	Seaweeds (ml.L ⁻¹)			Mean Azotobacter*cultivar	of Mean cultivars
		0	4	6		
A	0	0.222 d	0.274 ab	0.216b c	0.237b	0.246b
	10	0.348 a	0.216 bc	0.199b -e	0.254ab	
B	0	0.279 ab	0.215	0.289	0.261ab	0.280a
	10	0.341 a	0.284 bc	0.273b c	0.299b	
Mean effect of seaweeds		0.297 a	0.247 a	0.244a		
Cv	0	0.285 c	0.245 b	0.207b c	Mean of Azotobacter	
	1	0.310 a	0.249 b	0.281a b		
Mean of Azotobacter*sea weeds	0	0.250 c	0.244 bc	0.252b	0.249b	
	10	0.344 a	0.250 b	0.236b	0.277a	

Means within a column, row and their interactions followed with the same letters are not significantly different from each other according to Duncan's multiple range test at 0.05.

Discussion

Tables (1, 2 and 3) revealed that there are significant difference in vegetative growth parameters, increasing vegetative growth components by the effect of cultivar and Azotobacter and seaweeds extracts may be gose to the action of seaweeds on improving soil fertility and enhanced biological processes and consequently growth characteristics would be improved(12). Production of growth regulators by the Azotobacter in the root zone which gets absorbed by the plant roots has been reported by Rana and Chandel(18). Antipchuk *et al.* (3) who reported that inoculation of different *Azotobacter strains* to soil resulted in higher vitamin C in tomato.

That enhance the plant to grow well, faster and early maturity leading to high plant productivity. Early maturity in pea plant is very important because it might avoid the crop from diseases, (12) which consider the main problem facing crop cultivation in the world(7 and 23).

The beneficial effect of seaweed extract application can be attributed to its many components working synergistically at different concentrations(9). This is enhanced growth effect is thought to be due to various organic compounds present in the seaweed extracts. It is noted from the above results that a significant increase occurred in length of nodules, width of nodules and number of nodules.plant⁻¹ the improvement of stomata and root quality may be attributed to better growth of plant as results of different rate of seaweeds

extracts and soil inoculation with *Azotobacter*.

The enhanced growth may be as a results of seaweed extracts may be due to its role in increasing the leaves numbers, leaf area

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