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## ABSTRACT

A field experiment was carried out in sandy soil of Agriculture Station at Ismailia governorate, ARC, Egypt, during two successive winter seasons 2019/ 2020 and 2020/2021. The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of organic and bio fertilizers as a partial replacement of mineral fertilizer on soil fertility and productivity of quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*).

Four mineral NPK rates (0+0+0, 50+100+25, 75+150+50 and 100+200+75N, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O kg/ fed.) alone or with organic and bio fertilizers i.e. (alga (Cyanobacteria), bio-fertilizer, compost+ bio-fertilizer and compost) .

### **Results revealed the following findings:**

The application of organic and bio fertilizers i.e. (alga (Cyanobacteria), bio-fertilizer, compost+ bio-fertilizer and compost) alone or with levels of mineral treatment gave a significant increase for nutrient concentration and uptake of (nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, iron, manganese and zinc) in soil and quinoa plant at 30, 40 and 70 days after sowing (vegetative stage) as average of two seasons.

Also, a marked increase was observed for plant growth parameters, i.e. plant length, No. of branches and weight of 1000 seeds of quinoa when compared with non-treatment.

Moreover, yield of seed (ton /fed.), seed content of oil ,protein and carbohydrates as well as macro and micronutrient uptake were also increased as affected with the above mentioned treatments as compared to untreated ones. The interaction effect between organic

and bio fertilizers with levels of mineral treatments gave a significant increase in growth parameters , seed quality and seed composition .

On the other hand, application all treatments (alga (Cyanobacteria), bio-fertilizer, compost+ bio-fertilizer and compost) alone or with levels of mineral treatment decreased saponin yield.

The best results were obtained with application of compost at rates (75N+150 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> +50K<sub>2</sub>Okg/fed) as compared with other treatments. Therefore, application of organic or bio fertilizers at rates (75N+150 P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> +50K<sub>2</sub>O kg/fed) for production of quinoa plant in sandy soils was recommended in order to give reasonable production of quinoa in sandy soil i.e. land of new reclamation , and to reduce the use of mineral fertilizers in agriculture , this will help to protect the environment against the adverse effects of mineral fertilizers

**Key words:** quinoa productivity and quality, sandy soil, organic and bio-fertilizers , Protecting the environment from the adverse effects of mineral fertilizers.



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