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The effect of five foliar applications [ $\alpha$ -tocopherol (25 and 50) ppm) and selenium, Se, (Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> at 2.5 and 5 µM), in addition to the control treatment)] on maize plants cv. Giza 310 irrigated with three concentrations of saline water (0, 50 and 100 mM NaCl) were investigated. Our findings revealed that the treatment of 2.5 µM Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> achieved the highest significant increases in leaf area, leaves fresh weight, stem fresh weight, total shoot fresh weight, leaves dry weight, stem dry weight and total shoot dry weight, as well as, leaf relative water content under different tested levels of salinity. Application of 25 ppm α tocopherol led to the highest significant increases in Chl a, Chl b and carotenoids under different investigated levels of salinity. Application of 25 ppm α tocopherol and 2.5 µM Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> gave the lowest significant values of Na<sup>+</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ratio compared to the other treatments under different levels of salinity. The treatment of 2.5 µM Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> under 100 mM NaCl resulted in the highest significant values in the activity of POD and PPO compared to the other treatments.. Application of 25 ppm α tocopherol achieved the highest significant increases in the ear weight/plant, weight of grains/ear and weight of 100 grains compared to the other treatments. The treatment of 2.5 µM Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> or 25 ppm α tocopherol under non saline conditions achieved the highest significant grain viability.

**Key words**: Maize, growth, salinity,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, selenium, leaf relative water content, Antioxidant enzymes.

#### List of Abbreviations

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

ROS Reactive oxygen species

Se Selenium

Toc  $\alpha$ -tocopherol

dS/m<sup>-1</sup> deciSiemens per metre

mS/cm milliSiemeus per centimeter

MPa Mega Pascal

mM milliMolar

μM microMolar

Ppm parts per million

ECi Electrical conductivity of water

ECs Electrical conductivity of soil solution

ECe Electrical conductivity of saturated soil paste extract

LRWC Leaf relative water content

Chl a Chlorophyll a
Chl b Chlorophyll b

CRBD Completely randomized block design

POD Peroxidase

PPO Polyphenol oxidase

FW Fresh weight

DW Dry weight

TW Turgid weight

DAS Days after sowing

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