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APPRAISING ELICITATION POTENCY BY ELECTRIC CURRENT CORPORATED WITH CHITOSAN AND NONO- SELENIUM TO BROOST QUALE- QUANTITATIVE ESSENTIAL OIL YIELD PRODUCTION IN THYME

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ABSTRACT

Thymus vulgaris seeds, were subjected to DC electric current (E₁₋₄; 0, 100, 200, 500mA) before planting at filed; the resultant 4 months old plants were vegetatively sprayed every two week, up till harvesting, with chitosan (C₁₋₄; 3,5,10g/L), Nano selenium oxide (N₁₋₄; 50, 100, 150ppb) and incorporated (EC), (EN) application treatments. ANOVA statistical analysis for the recorded data revealed that; E₂₋₄. C₂₋₄. N₂₋₄ achieved significant positive impact C > N > E whereas, integrated (EC), (EN) performed synergistic significant positive impacts EC > EN quant – qualitative essential oil production. Therefore, E,C ,N,EC,EN increased essential oil yield, Kg/ha up to 25,69,58,80,71% over control (228.599Kg/ha); respectively Also, owing to increment dry herb yield, t/ha up to 15,27,22,31,28% over control (9.630t/ha) respectively, raise up the essential oil content. g/kg up to (1st /2nd harvest) (9/11), (31/37), (28/34), (35/42), (32/38)% over that of control (24.85/20.81g/kg), respectively; exceedingly, scale up essential oil main components% that including thymole carvacrol, p-cymene, - terpinine up to (1st /2nd harvest) (6.8/12.5), (11.1/18.5), (7.8/16.0), (12.2/20.6), (10.1/18.5)% over that of control (8489/77.90%), respectively wherefore the précis results, strongly manifested EC exceed EN can be considered realistic biotechnological oriental strategy for quale – quantitative improvement thyme essential oil production , Ander field agriculture conditions..

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INTRODUCTION

Medicinal and aromatic plants produce essential oil, (EOs) in the form secondary metabolites (SMs) which have a beneficial impact on human health (1,2). Essential oils (EOs) are mixture of volatile compounds, mostly terpenes and their oxygenated derivatives produced in small quantities as secondary metabolites by many plants known as aromatic or medicinal plants. Since early times EOs have been used for flavor and fragrance in perfumery, pharmaceutical, cosmetic and food industries and antiseptic, healing and therapeutic active ingredients in folk medicine and aromatherapy. These EOs are useful as flavors or aroma enhancer in cosmetics, food additives, soaps, plastics, and perfumes. Moreover, curiosity about EOs applications that act as antimicrobial agents because of the broad range of activities, natural, origins, and generally recognized as safe status of EOs.

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Currently, EOs are frequently studied for their antimicrobial (3,4), antifungal, herbicidal and anti- preoperative effect in orgaine farming and medicinal practice(5), antiulcer (6); antihuman thick (7); antioxidant (4), anti- inflammatory (8); repellent insecticidal antifeedant (9), antiviral (10); ovicidal (11); anesthetic (12); mollusidal (13); immunodulatory (14), larvicidal (15) as well as for their use as food preservations (9). are biodegradable general recognized as safe (16), represent a powerful tool to reduce the environmental impact of fruit production (17). In an attempt to prevent human health and avoid food losses in the face of global growing food industries, synthetic preservatives were introduced in food industries (18). For example lipid peroxidase in stored food may lead to rancidity and reduction of food quality(19). The consumption of spoiled food can cause a wide spectrum of human diseases(Furthermore, the development of resistant microorganisms to synthetic preservatives is another threat facing the continuous used of these chemicals. The different EOs compositions and different mutal ratios of compounds contained in the EOs may exert significant effect on their biological efficacy and their components demonstrate

antimicrobial, antifungal and food preservative (20,21). Consequently, renewed interest has been placed on the discovery and use of natural bioactive resources in medicinal and aromatic plants to control diseases, food spoilage microorganisms and antioxidation (22 -24). Thyme (*Thyme Vulgaris* L.), Family Lamiaceae is herbaceous and perennial aromatic, plant commonly consumed as herbal infusion and as condiment and spice (25). It is one of the most cultivated herb of thymus genus, being used in food, pharmaceutical cosmetic industries (26), inhibiting crimation, antispasmodic, antitussive, expectorants, bactericidal, and astringent. Traditionally, the herb has been used for treatment of dyspepsia, chronic gastric and diseases of the upper reparatory tract (24) .T. Vulgaris exist EO of different chemical components, thymol and its isomers carvacrol are the typical major substances found in thyme essential oil (TEO), (27)). TEO often inhibited a hedger biological efficacy compared to EOs from other aromatic plants (28). This why TEO have found application in medicine, they are traditionally used in treating bruises, various types of dermatitis and rheumatic types of pain, reducing seborrhea, regenerating capillary glands, and improving the condition of the hair. On account of its exptorant, spasmodic and antiseptic properties, it is notably used to treat a variety of illnesses of respiratory tract, such as flu, cold, sinusitis, chronic and acute bronchitis, tuberculosis, calming convulsive cough and irritable and spasmodic caught; due to its stimulant properties. It also acts as a nervous tonic and is used in asthenic state (29,30). TEO, it effect was related to their components which phenolic structure like carvacral, eugenol and thymol which are highly active against pathogen and their efficacy is often due to the synergy of different chemical component (31) TEO also used; in food industry as food flevour.

and aroma, antioxidants or substances that extend shelf of foods, reducing post harvest loss and preserving the quality of fruits, replace synthetic preservatives, protective agent for wheat grain intended for sowing and food production, as preservative agent for agriculture products and repellent against insects as biobesticid, control post- harvest diseases, bioherbicidal (32, 21). TEOs composition of the thyme species were used as antibacterial, anti- fungal, anti- oxidant, phytotoxic (33-35). Elicitation with physical (36) abiotic (37) biotic (38,39) elicitors is one of few strategies that commercial application in the improvement of secondary metabolites (SMs) production from plants as well as cell and organ cultures(40,41). Elicitation can be, also considered potential strategy in plant protection and biological control against microbial diseases and insect infestation, through induced systemic resistance (ISR) by induction the formation and enhance accumulation of secondary metabolite phytoalexins (PAs) (42- 44).

Electricity is not sharply defined in the natural sciences, through pacific properties belong to the core area of electricity electric field for example, are coursed by electric changes and can occur, e.g. under height voltage line (45). Electricity also include the electric current, which is a flow of electric charge carried by moving electrons in conductors or semi conductor or by ions in an electrolyte and is measured in ampere, Am. (46). Direct current (DC) means that there is non directional flow of electric charge, is directed in only one direction. In contrast, the movement of electric charge periodically reversed in direction in alternating electric current (AC) systems.

Extensive field trials have been carried indicated stimulated growth and improved yield (47). Also, electromagnetic field resulted in significant increase bioactive secondary metabolites (48,49). Pre- sowing electric current of seeds affected plant growth, yield due to its influence varios physiological and biochemical activities in plants (50 ,51). Also (50) referred that electricity might be considered as reliable toole to improve yield in various crops. This conclusion has been confirmed by (52) whom exceedingly clarified that electric current would appear to be a general elicitor of plant secondary metabolites and have potential application both basic and commercial research. The electric current enhanced the membrane permeability for Ca^{2+} , whereby a rapid influx of Ca^{2+} increased the level of (Ca^{2+}). This can generate stress and trigggen signal transduction and the activation of metabolic processes within the plants (53). (54) declared that electric currents caused the formation of reactive oxygen species (ROS), whereby phenolic compounds where accumulated in garden cress, singlet oxygen superoxide, hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) and hydroxyl radical belong to the family of reactive oxygen species (ROS). Whereby abiotic and biotic stressors elicit an excess of ROS. Oxidative stress can damage cellular structure and function in plant or cause cell death (55). To control ROS toxicity antioxidant enzymes such as ascorbic peroxidase, catalase, super oxide dismutase are produced to scavenge ROS under stress, condition (56, 57). However, non enzymatic reduction of ROS can be achieved by antioxidant metabolism, including B - carotene (58), and phenolic compounds (59), Tacopherol (60). Only one study was found dealing with gene expression analysis to reveal molecular mechanism of how electric current can enhance the carotenoids in tomato (61).

Chitosan, of the most preferred biopolymer (Polysaccharide) due to its biodegradability, antimicrobial and non - toxic properties as well as being an economical material produced from west resources such as seafood shells (62, 63). It has significant devise uses in several fields of life i.e. plant sciences(64, 65) and medical science (66). Besides agriculture, chitosan has a large set of applications such as food, cosmetics and biomedical industries (67,68). Chitosan, is largely used to biotic and abiotic stresses it has been a bio fungicide, bio bactericide and bio- viscid which spurs plant defense system of plants and vegetables (69, 65). Furthermore, the growing demands for food also stimulated the increased use of industrial. Fertilizers, having catastrophic effects on human health. Therefore, the use of chitosan as bio fertilizer is considered (70). Chitsan effects on plant growth, yield attributes and physiological activities (71,72). Chitosan effect on fungi (73), antibacterial (71, 74), nematocidal effects (75), as virucideal (76, 77). Chitosan, Shows strong resistance to microbial diseases and insecticidal against various plant pests (78; 79). Therefore it would be utilize as a bio- insecticide for horticulture crops. Moreover, chitosan play a key role in the regulation of stomatal apparture and reduced the rate of transpiration when the plant is going through drought stress phase (80) to reduce post- harvest losses (43). The use nanotechnology has environmental benefits as an interdisciplinary science, can use as a potful tool to improve the agriculture sector and in important cases as crop production, uses less pesticides, fertilizers antimicrobial to aintan crops for long period (81). The interaction of plant cell with nanoparticles resulted in modification of plant gene expression and effect plant growth and development (82,83).

Nano particles as a novel abiotic elicitor in plant biotechnology in order for production of desired secondary metabolites (81,84,85). Different studies have been performed to define the optimum agriculture conditions and exogenous chemical treatment which may boost the production of these volatile EOS. In the interest of medicinal, industrial supplies (86, 87). The ultimate aim of the recent researches in this area has been development of alternative control strategies to reduce depending on synthetic fungicides, bactericides, virusides, pesticides as well as elicitation to upraise biomass production and quality. Aside as far to allowed literature, studies on mult repeating elicitation potency with integrated elicitors were scarce to be considered specially under field conditions, therefore, the present research has been conducted.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Elicitors treatment preparation

- Thyme seeds, just before planting were filled in filter paper which submerged into electrically conductive solution (2% NaCl), then exposed to DC electric current at 0.100, 200, 500 mA for 30 seconds. (E₁₋₄, respectively).
- Chitosan; 3,5,10 g/L dissolved C₁₋₄ respectively in 1% acetic acid under gentle heating. PH elicitor solutions were adjusted to 5.7 pH with 1% NaCl solution. Tween -20 0.01% V/V was added as surfactant.
- Nano- Selenium oxide (30nm) solution at 0.50,100,150ppb concentrations N₁₋₄ respectively with 0.01% (V/V) solution of Tween-20.

Planting

At 1st (2018) march EC. treated seeds were sowed in trays contained soil, sand, peat mixed (1:1:1 ratio V/V) subsequently established in greenhouse. After 10 days seedlings were fertilized 1.5g.Zn, 0.49g.cu, 1.2g. Fe, 1.29g.B, 0.29g. Mo/20L water. Seedling 3 weeks- age were transplanted to the field (Sandy soil) in plots 4x7m consisted 10 rows 40 cm apart 7m long and 20 cm inter spacing (12.5 plant/m²) to give target plant population 52500 plant per Fadden (125000 plant /ha).

Field experiment: The layout of the experiment was in complete block design for three replicates and 28 application treatment (0 control; E₂₋₄ 100,200,500 mA C₂₋₄ 3,5,10g/L; N₂₋₄ 50,100,150ppb; E₂₋₄ x C₂₋₄; E₂₋₄ x N₂₋₄) Irrigation and fertigation (30kgN, 30kgP₂O₅, 120kgK₂O/h) were carried out through drip irrigation system plants were kept weed free hand weeding. No pesticide, antifungal, antimicrobial was applied plant . 2 months old were foliarly sprayed 28 application treatment every 2 weeks pre-1st harvest at 1st June and pre 2nd harvest at 1st August. Herb/ cut was dried in shade for 2 weeks and weighed to get harp yield, t/ha, that converted to get dry herb yield, t/ha (DHY, t/ha).

Essential oil extraction: Fifty gram dry herb plants for such 28 application treatment for 1st and 2st cut, was subjected to hydro- distillation for 3h. to obtain the essential oil content, then TEO were dried using anhydrous sodium sulfate and kept in amber glasses sealed with Teflon septa at 4°C until analysis. Essential oil yield content (EOY,g/Kg) and essential oil yield

Kg/ha (EOY,Kg/ha) were calculated by the following equations:

$$\text{EOY,g/Kg} = (\text{Extracted EO,g} / 50 \text{ ground sample}) \times 1000$$

$$\text{Y,Kg/m}^2 = \text{DHY, /m}^2 \times \text{EOY,Kg/m}^2$$

Which converted to EOY,Kg/ha.

Essential oil components identification: GC- MS analysis of EO was carried out using Agilone 7890A gas chromatography (Agilent Technologies Palo Alto, CH, USA) equipped with a RTX- SNS capillary column (30mX 0.32mm, film thickness 0.25m) oven temperature was initially kept at 40°C for 2min, and then raised at the rate of 5°C/ min up to 210°C. Injection and detector temperatures were set at 290 and 300°C respectively. Helium was used as a carrier gas at a flow rate of 2ml/ min, and 0.1ml samples were injected manually in the split mode. Peak area percentage were calculated as quantitative data. The gas chromatograph was coupled to an Agilent 5975C(Agilent Technologies', Palo Alto, CA, USA) mass selective detector. Mass spectra were recorded in Elmode, in the range of m/Z 35-500. The EI- MS operating parameter were ionization voltage 70 eV; ion source temperature, 250°C. retention indices were calculated for all components using a homologous series of n- alkanes (C₅₋₂₄) injected under the same conditions as described above. The identification of individual constituents was accomplished by comparison of their spectra. With those from a viable MS and by comparison of the their experimentally determined retention indices.

Statistical analysis: The obtained data were subjected to analysis of variance, besides the differences between mean application treatments were statistically tested by the calculated LSD at 1% level.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Statistical analysis of ANOVA revealed that individual E,C,N applications as well as integrated EC, EN application actuated significantly on DHY, t/ ha, TEO, g/Kg, TEOY, Kg/ ha and total % of main components of EO where as, the differences between means applications were tested according to the calculated LSD at 1% level (Table 1, 2).

Dry herb yield, t/ha (DHY, t/ha): DHY, t/ ha at, 1st, 2nd and their summation, at control (6.980, 2.650, 9.680 t/ha, respectively) were significantly augmented due to E₂₋₄ application up to (15, 12.7%), (13,11.5%), (15,14.6%) over that of control; C₂₋₄ up to (20,25,28%), (17,21,23%), (19,24,27%), over control; N₂₋₄ up to (18,21,23%), (15,19,21%), (17,20,22%) over control, respectively. (Table 1, Figure 1), the highest DHY, t/ha was C₄ (27%) >N₄ (22%) >E₂ (15%) Whereas, E₂₋₄ C₂₋₄, 9 incorporated application treatments performed significant synergistic increment ranged up to (18-33%), (14-27%), (19-28%), over control, respectively, (Table 1, Figure 2). Also, E₂₋₄ N₂₋₄, 9 incorporated application treatments actuated synergistic significant increment ranged up to (20-29%), (17-25%), (19-28%) over control respectively (Table 1, Figure 3). The highest DHY, t/ha was E₂C₄ (31%) exceed E₂N₄ (28%). DHY, t/ha, in response for (E) application was in line with that reported previously (54, 52). whom declared that (E) Influence various physiological and biochemical activities in plant. Also in line C application (88,71).

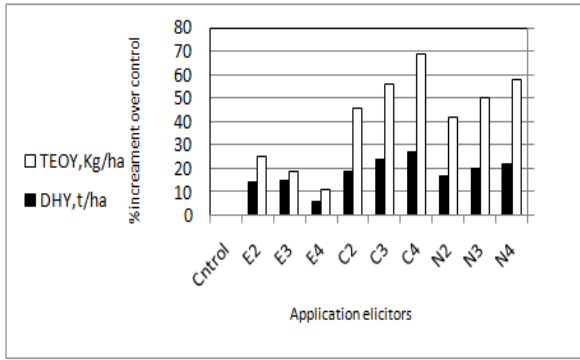


Figure 1. DHY, t/ha, TEOY, Kg/ha in response to E,C,N applications

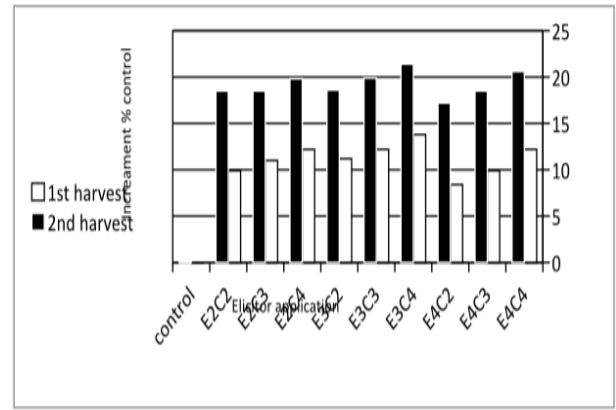


Figure 5. Total % TEO main components in response to EC applications

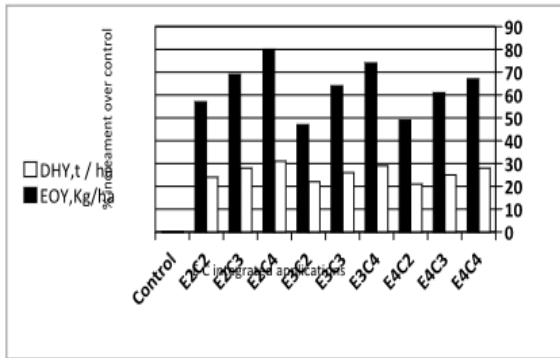
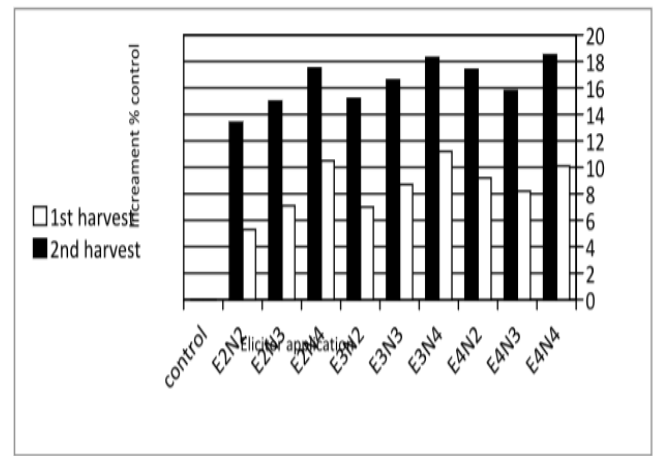


Figure 2. DHY, t/ha, TEOY, Kg/ha in response to EC applications



Aside C is considered as biofungicide, bioviricide, biobactericide, biopesticide which spurs plant defense system of plant (65, 75-77,79,65), and biofertilizer. C. Biofertilizers (70). N: application was in agreement with that has been reported by (83, 82)), Whom, declared that N modified of plant gene expression and affect plant growth and development. Also elicitation, can be considered potential strategy in plant protection and biological control against microbial diseases and insect infestation through induced systemic resistance (ISR) and initiation formation and accumulation (43, 89,90). These biosynthesized as a defense strategy by plants in response to perturbations under environmental condition (91). Also, elicitation enhancing formation and accumulation of bioactive secondary metabolites which play as a major role in adaptation of plant to the changes environment and over coming stress (34, 91).

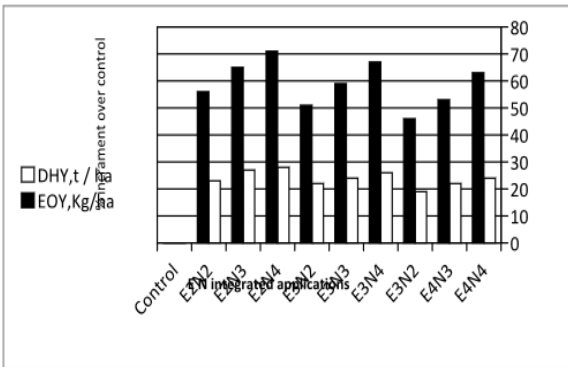


Figure 3. DHY,t/ha,TEOY,Kg/ha in response to EN applications

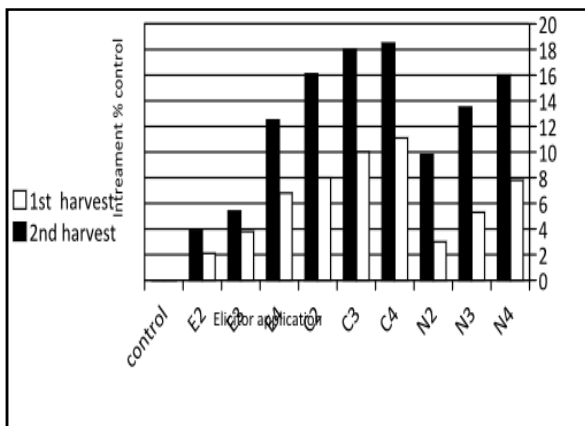


Figure 4. Total % TEO main components in response to E,C,N applications

Thyme essential oil herb content, g/kg (TEOC, g/kg): TEOC, g/Kg herb for control application treatment; 24.85, 20.81 at 1st and 2nd harvest, respectively; were significantly broost over control, E₂₋₄ application up to (9,6,4%), (11,7,5%) respectively; C₂₋₄ applications up to (21,25,31%), (15,30,37%), respectively; N₂₋₄ applications up to (20,23,28%), (23,28,34%) over control respectively. Whereas, E₂₋₄ C₂₋₄, 9 corporated application treatments achieved synergistic significant increment ranged (22-35%), (26-42%).Also, E₂₋₄N₂₋₄ (9wlegrated application treatment) activated significant synergistic increase ranged (21-38%) over control, respectively. The highest TEOC for E₂C₄ (25,38%), exceed E₂N₄ (32,38%) over control, respectively (Table 1).

Table 1. Electricity (E), chitosan(C) and nano-selenium particles (N) as elicitors field application to attest their significant impact on thymus herp and EO production

Elicitor application	1 st harvest1			2 nd harvest2			Total 1 st ,2 nd	
	DHY,t/ha	EOY,g./Kg	EOY,Kg/ha	DHY,t/ha	EOY,g./Kg	EOY,Kg/ha	DHY,t/ha	EOY,g./Kg
E ₁ C ₁ N ₁	(0)6.980	(0)24.85	(0)173.453	(0)2.650	(0)20.81	(0)55.146	(0)9.630	(0)228.599
E ₂	(15)8.027	(9)27.09	(25)217.452	(13)2.995	(11)23.05	(25)69.035	(15)11.022	(25)286.487
3	(12)7.818	(6)26.34	(19)205.926	(11)2.942	(7)22.30	(19)65.607	(14)10.760	(19)271.533
4	(07)7.469	(4)25.84	(11)192.998	(05)2.783	(5)21.80	(10)60.669	(06)10.252	(11)253.667
C ₂	(20)8.376	(21)30.07	(45)251.866	(17)3.101	(15)26.03	(64)80.719	(19)11.477	(46)332.585
3	(25)8.725	(25)31.06	(56)270.998	(21)3.207	(30)27.02	(57)86.653	(24)11.932	(56)357.651
4	(28)8.934	(31)32.55	(68)290.802	(23)3.260	(37)28.51	(69)92.943	(27)12.194	(69)383.745
N ₂	(18)8.236	(20)29.82	(42)245.597	(15)3.048	(23)25.78	(42)78.578	(17)11.284	(42)324.175
3	(21)8.446	(23)30.57	(49)258.194	(19)3.154	(28)26.53	(52)83.676	(20)11.600	(50)341.870
4	(23)8.586	(28)31.81	(58)273.121	(21)3.207	(34)27.77	(61)89.058	(22)11.793	(58)362.179
E ₂ C ₂	(25)8.725	(25)31.06	(56)270.998	(23)3.260	(30)27.02	(60)88.085	(24)11.985	(57)359.083
2 3	(30)9.074	(30)32.31	(69)293.181	(24)3.286	(36)28.27	(68)92.895	(28)12.360	(69)386.076
4 ₂	(33)9.284	(35)33.55	(80)311.478	(27)3.366	(42)29.51	(80)99.331	(31)12.650	(80)410.809
E ₃ C ₂	(18)8.236	(23)30.57	(45)251.775	(20)3.180	(28)26.53	(53)84.365	(22)11.416	(47)336.140
3 ₃	(28)8.934	((28)31.81	(64)284.191	(22)3.233	(34)27.77	(63)89.780	(26)12.167	(64)373.971
4 ₃	(31)9.144	(33)33.05	(74)302.209	(24)3.286	(40)29.01	(73)95.327	(29)12.430	(74)397.536
E ₄ C ₂	(22)8.516	(22)30.32	(49)258.205	(19)3.154	(26)26.28	(50)82.887	(21)11.670	(49)341.092
3 ₄	(27)8.865	(27)31.56	(61)279.779	(14)3.207	(32)27.52	(60)88.256	(25)12.072	(61)368.035
4 ₄	(30)9.074	(30)32.31	(69)293.181	(24)3.286	(36)28.27	(68)92.895	(28)12.360	(67)386.076
E ₂ N ₂	(25)8.725	(25)31.06	(56)270.998	(19)3.154	(30)27.02	(55)85.222	(23)11.879	(56)356.220
3 ₂	(28)8.934	(29)32.06	(65)286.424	(23)3.260	(35)28.02	(66)91.345	(27)12.194	(65)377.769
4 ₂	(29)9.002	(32)32.80	(70)295.331	(25)3.313	(38)28.76	(73)95.282	(28)12.317	(71)390.613
E ₃ N ₂	(23)8.586	(23)30.57	(51)262.474	(18)3.127	(28)26.53	(50)82.959	(22)11.713	(51)345.433
3 ₃	(25)8.725	(27)31.56	(59)275.361	(21)3.207	(32)27.52	(60)88.257	(24)11.932	(59)363.618
4 ₃	(27)8.865	(31)32.55	(66)288.556	(23)3.260	(37)28.51	(69)92.943	(26)12.125	(67)381.499
E ₄ N ₂	(20)8.376	(21)30.07	(45)251.866	(17)3.101	(25)26.03	(46)80.719	(19)11.477	(46)332.585
3 ₄	(22)8.516	(25)31.06	(25)264.507	(20)3.180	(30)27.02	(56)85.924	(22)11.696	(53)350.431
4 ₄	(25)8.725	(30)32.31	(63)281.905	(22)3.233	(36)28.27	(66)91.397	(24)11.958	(63)373.302
%LSD 1	0.003	0.02	0.005	0.002	0.03	0.003	0.004	0.005

E₂-4 were electricity,100,200,500 Am ,respectively . C₂-4 were chitosan,3.5,10 g/L , respectively. N₂-4 were Nano- selenium oxide particles \,50,100,200 ppb, respectively. Values between parenthesis were% potential increase over control.

Thyme essential oil yield, Kg/ha (TEOY, Kg/ha): TEOY for 1st, 2nd and their summation, Kg/ha , at control were; 173. 453, 55.146, 228.599, respectively; potentially were increased significantly over control, due to E₂-4 application treatment up to (25,19,11%), (25,19,10%) , (25,19,11%) respectively: Also, due to C₂₋₄ applications (45,56, 68%), (64,57,69%),(46,56,69%) respectively; Exceedingly due to N₂₋₄ application treatment up to(42,49,58%), (42,52,61%), (42,50,58%), respectively (Table 1, Figure 1) . Therefore, TEOY in response of C > N >E and the highest increment for E₂ (25%), C₄ (68%), N₄ (58%).potential.

E₂₋₄C₂₋₄, 9 incorporated application treatments achieved synergistic significant appraise for TEOY for 1st, 2nd and their summation ranged up to (45-80%), (50-80%), (49-80%), respectively. Also(Table 1, Figure 2),Wherease, E₂₋₄ N₂₋₄ applications ranged (45-70%), (46-73%), (46-71%), respectively (Table 1, Figure 3). The highest TEOY were found due to E₂C₄ up to (80, 80, 80%) that excel E₂N₄ up to (70, 73, 71%) over control (Table 1, Figure 3) for 1st, 2nd and their summation, respectively. The potential significant increase TEOC, g/Kg and TEOY, Kg/ ha were attributed to elicitors have a quantitative and qualitative impact SMs Essential oil phytoalexin, Phenolic group) which provide an important biological efficacy (29) through enhance the transcription of biosynthetic genes involved in SMs biosynthesis pathway. that led to enhanced formation and accumulation SMs (83, 38, 40, 92).

Qualitative characteristic for TEO: The analysis of 1st and 2nd harvest TEOY declared TEO contains 9 main components included 4 major components, thymol predominated follows P. cynene, carvactrol, - trepinine E₂-4, C₂-4, N₂-4 at 1st and 2nd harvest, performed significant positive impacts, over % of control, for the total % of 9 TEO up to E (2.1, 3.8, 6.8%),(3.9,5.4,12.5), C (8.0,10.0,11.1%),(16.1,18.0,18.5%), N (3.0,5.3,7.8%), (9.8,13.5,16.0%), respectively (Table 2, Figure 4), while, E₂-4 C₂-4 and E₂-4 N₂-4 incorporated application treatment actuated synergistic significant increase, as % over control, ranged ((9.9-13.8%), (18.5-20.6%), (15.3-11.3%)(13.4-18.5%), respectively (Table 2, Figure5,6),

Aside EC corroborated application treatments at both 1st and 2nd harves, exceed EN. TEO often inhibited a high biological efficacy compared to EO from other aromatic plants (93). Also, its effects was related to their components, thymol, carvacole which high are highly active against pathogens and their efficacy is often due to the synergy of different chemical compounds (31). Since, any potential alterations of biological efficacy of EO should be verified given the well known fact that different EO compositions and different ratios of compounds contained in EO may exert on their biological efficacy (94). highlights, the effect of EC that exceed EN on overall metabolic processes in thyme plants and on their biological efficacy.

Table 2. Main components of thyme essential oil(TEO)extracted from thyme plants elicited with E,C,N, L and intractions EC,EN for 1st and2nd Thme havest

Monoterpene hidrocabons				Oxygenacted monoterpenes				Sasquetepene		Total %		Increment %Over control	
∞.pinene st ₂ st ₁	Myrcene st ₂ st ₁	-Terpinene st ₂ st ₁	P. cymenc st ₂ st ₁	Linolool st ₂ st ₁	Borneol st ₂ st ₁	Thymol st ₂ st ₁	Carvacro st ₂ st ₁	Tranc-Caryo-phlene 1st ₂ st	nd ₂ st ₁	st ₁	st ₁	2 ND ₁	
0.51-0.49	0.40-0.59	4.65-5.86	28.88-27.60	0.33-0.25	0.27-0.35	35.42-38.65	7.68-9.85	1.25 1.95 -	77.90- 84.89		0 -0		
0.45-0.40	0.35-0.47	4.80-5.94	26.56-27.95	0.30-0.22	0.25-0.32	38.40-40.13	7.92-9.98	1.20 1.92 -	80.95-86.61		3.9-2.1		
0.36-0.41	0.34-0.43	4.92-6.27	27.22-28.60	0.21-0.23	0.30-0.33	37.31-42.67	8.09-10.21	1.17 2.05 -	82.08-88.14		5.4-3.8		
0.38-0.42	0.30-0.41	5.22-6.21	28.88-29.25	0.20-0.21	0.28-0.32	39.58-40.95	9.61-12.34	1.35 2.18 -	87.63-90.64		12.5-6.8		
0.31-0.35	0.31-0.40	5.40-6.35	29.88-29.99	0.17-0.20	0.25-0.30	40.95-41.86	10.91-11.67	1.38 2.25 -	90.43-92.50		16.1-8.0		
0.30-0.33	0.32-0.42	5.46-7.42	30.21-30.23	0.19-0.21	0.26-0.28	41.41-42.32	11.01-10.79	1.39 2.75 -	90.91-93.39		18.0-10.0		
0.35-0.32	0.31-0.40	5.52-6.49	30.54-31.55	0.17-0.19	0.24-0.27	42.86-42.77	10.11-10.90	1.41 2.30 -	92.30-94.30		18.5-11.1		
0.27-0.30	0.30-0.41	5.10-6.00	28.22-28.28	0.18-0.20	0.26-0.28	38.68-40.59	10.42-10.09	1.31 2.12 -	85.55-87.46		9.8-3.0		
0.26-0.28	0.31-0.40	5.28-6.14	29.22-28.93	0.16-0.19	0.25-0.27	40.04-41.50	10.71-10.32	1.34 2.20 -	88.43-89.37		13.5-5.3		
0.24-0.27	0.32-0.41	5.40-6.28	29.88-29.58	0.17-0.18	0.25-0.26	41.95-43.21	9.91-10.56	1.37 2.25 -	90.37-91.32		16.0-7.8		
0.25-0.27	0.30-0.42	5.52-6.42	30.54-30.23	0.18-0.20	0.24-0.25	41.86-42.32	11.11-11.79	1.40 2.30 -	92.30-93.30		18.5-9.9		
0.26-0.28	0.30-0.41	5.52-6.49	30.54-31.55	0.19-0.20	0.24-0.24	42.86-62.77	10.11-10.90	1.41 2.30 -	92.32-94.25		18.5-11.0		
0.23-0.25	0.32-0.40	5.58-6.56	30.88-30.87	0.18-0.21	0.25-0.25	43.32-44.23	10.21-11.02	1.43 2.33 -	93.30-95.22		19.8-12.2		
0.25-0.31	0.33-0.41	5.52-6.49	30.54-30.55	0.73-0.75	0.78-0.35	42.86-42.77	9.11-10.90	1.41 2.30 -	92.42-94.44		18.6-11.2		
0.38-0.36	0.41-0.44	5.58-6.55	30.87-30.88	1.11-1.12	1.20-1.23	42.31-42.22	9.20-11.02	1.43 2.32 -	93.38-95.27		19.9-12.2		
0.45-0.51	0.46-0.48	5.64-6.62	31.21-31.20	1.15-1.17	1.25-1.30	42.77-42.68	9.31-11.14	1.50 2.35 -	94.59-96.60		21.4-13.8		
0.41-0.40	0.42-0.45	5.40-5.31	30.20-29.75	1.17-1.18	1.24-1.31	41.20-42.56	9.01-10.67	1.38 2.27 -	91.32-92.01		17.2-8.4		
0.45-0.48	0.41-0.47	5.52-6.42	30.54-30.22	0.62-0.65	0.51-0.55	42.86-42.32	9.11-10.79	1.40 2.30 -	92.32-93.30		18.5-9.9		
0.41-0.45	0.35-0.45	5.58-6.56	30.88-30.87	0.45-0.48	0.42-0.44	43.32-43.51	10.21-11.02	1.42 2.33 -	93.95-95.22		20.6-12.2		
0.20-0.25	0.31-0.40	6.28-6.14	30.21-28.92	0.18-0.25	0.20-0.29	40.04-41.50	8.71-10.32	1.34 2.20 -	88.33-89.41		13.4-5.3		
0.27-0.30	0.33-0.45	6.34-7.21	30.55-30.25	0.30-0.35	0.25-0.31	40.50-39.25	8.81-11.44	1.35 2.22 -	89.57-90.92		15.0-7.1		
0.25-0.27	0.32-0.35	6.46-7.42	31.21-31.23	0.32-0.38	0.27-0.42	41.41-40.53	9.01-11.79	1.40 2.28 -	91.53-93.79		17.5-10.5		
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0.60-0.74	0.63-0.71	5.40-6.28	29.88-29.58	0.62-0.67	0.52-0.58	41.41-41.40	8.91-10.56	1.36 2.25 -	90.22-91.88		15.8-8.2		
0.52-0.81	0.54-0.65	5.52-6.42	30.54-30.23	0.50-0.60	0.40-0.45	42.86-43.32	9.11-10.79	1.40 2.30 -	92.30-93.47		18.5-10.1		
-	-	0.02-0.03	0.9-0.11	-	-	0.06-0.08	0.2-0.03	-	-		-	-	

E2-4 were electricity,100,200,500 Am ,respectively . C2-4 were chitosan,3.5,10 g/L , respectively.N2-4 were Nano- selenium oxide particles,50,100,200 ppb, respectively.Values between parenthesis were % potential increase over control.

Conclusion

Elicitation, at field application have quanti- qualitative significant positive impact with C>N>E elicitors aside EC performed synergistic significant positive impact exceeded EN application. Nevertheless we are aware that this finding will have to be verified at more localities and in more aromatic plant species, not only to confirm this phenomenon, but also to generalize the same by comparing the results for multiple plant species. We are also aware that the performed elicitation may have qualitative and quantitative impact on other SMs to exert significant effects on their biological efficacy, highlights in will efficacy electric current integrated with biotic or abiotic elicitor might be considered as reliable oriental. Technological strategy for quali – quantitative improvement essential oil in medicinal and aromatic plants under field conditions.

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