

Utilization of Compost and Compost Tea for Improving Egyptian Hybrid Rice One Cultivar

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PRESENTLY, Compost and compost tea with additional chemical fertilizers increase the organic carbon and soluble salts of soil, finally enhance the productivity of Egyptian hybrid rice one (H₁). A field experiment was conducted in two successive seasons 2015 and 2016 at the experimental farm of Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC), Sakha, Kafrelsheikh, Egypt; to evaluate the influence of different chemical fertilizers (NPK) levels with combined compost and compost tea on yield, yield attributes, chemical compositions and quality of grains of Egyptian hybrid rice one. A randomized Complete Block Design with four replications was used. The results indicated that there were significant positive effects of chemical NPK fertilizers with compost and compost tea on number of panicles m⁻² at harvest, filled grain percentage, 1000-grain weight, N uptake in grain and straw, phosphorus and potassium content as well as grain quality. Combination of chemical fertilizers with compost and compost tea were gave the maximum crop yield as well as all the previous characters higher than for the single application of organic or chemical fertilizer alone. Thus, it concluded that the applying N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ + compost as organic fertilizer + compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer could be used successfully to enhance the productivity of Egyptian hybrid rice one, without any significantly differences with N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ as recommended NPK doses. Integrated use of chemical NPK fertilizer with compost or compost tea positively affected the yield attributes and yield of hybrid rice and contributed in reducing chemical NPK fertilizers by 1/3, as well as minimizing the cost of inputs and environmental pollution.

Keywords: *Oryza sativa* L., Hybrid rice, Bio-organic agriculture, Compost, Compost tea, Chemical NPK, Chemical compositions.

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.), is one of the major field crops in the world as a staple food source and is widely cultivated in Egypt. Hybrid rice is producing from a cross between two genetically distinct rice parents, so when the right parents are selected, the hybrid will have both greater vigor and yield than either of the parents (Xie et al., 2007). Hybrid rice proved more remunerative than high yielding commercial varieties. The Egyptian farmers used the large amounts of chemical fertilizers to supply the requirements of rice crop. This is very costly and causes environmental pollution. Crop scientists all over the world are facing this alarming situation and they are trying to overcome this problem by exploring alternative sources, which is cost effective and save the environment. Bio or organic fertilizers an alternative source of chemical fertilizers. Bio and organic fertilizers affect plant growth by producing and releasing secondary metabolites

(plant growth regulators, phytohormones and biologically active substances), facilitating the availability and uptake of certain nutrients from the root environment and inhibiting plant pathogenic organisms in the rhizosphere (Elekhtyar, 2011).

Compost had a significant effect on all mentioned growth characters of Egyptian 101 rice cultivar, significantly increased number of panicles per m², total grain number panicle⁻¹, percentage of filled grains, panicle weight, straw yield, grain yield and harvest index, also produced great nitrogen content in flag leaf, nitrogen uptake in flag leaf, nitrogen uptake in grain, nitrogen uptake in straw, total nitrogen uptake, protein content in grain, protein content in straw, protein yield of grain, protein yield of straw and total protein yield. Moreover, the application of compost saved about one third from the recommended doses of nitrogen. (Elekhtyar, 2007). Compost tea is a solution fermented by fungus namely *Trichoderma spp.* This technology

can increase the growth and development of rice plant. Compost tea as foliar spray + biofertilizer + 75% chemical NPK are recommended, whereas it attained high net value (859.1 \$ ha⁻¹) and contributes in reducing chemical fertilizers (N, P and K) by 25%, the matter which produce more clean environment and soil conservation (Elekhtyar *et al.*, 2016). The co-application of chemical and organic fertilizers is the suitable opportunity to improve soil nutrients and crops productivity (Nigussie *et al.*, 2015). This study was done to investigate the influence of compost as basal application and compost tea as foliar spray with doses of chemical NPK fertilizers to Egyptian hybrid rice one.

Materials and Methods

The experiments were carried out at Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC), Sakha, Kafrelsheikh, Egypt; during 2015 and 2016 seasons to study the effect of compost and compost tea on yield attributes, yield, grain quality characters and chemical compositions of Egyptian hybrid rice one (H₁). Representative soil samples were taken from each site at the depth of 0-30 cm from the soil surface. Samples were air-dried then ground to pass through a two mm sieve and properly mixed. The procedure of soil analysis followed the methods described by Black *et al.* (1965). Some chemical properties of the soil in the experimental site are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Soil chemical properties of the experimental sites in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Season	Soluble anions (meq L ⁻¹)			Soluble cations (meq L ⁻¹)				Available micro-nutrients (mg kg ⁻¹)			Available NH ₄ ⁺ (mg kg ⁻¹)
	HCO ₃ ⁻	Cl ⁻	SO ₄ ⁻	Ca ⁺⁺	Mg ⁺⁺	K ⁺	Na ⁺⁺	Fe ⁺⁺	Mn ⁺⁺	Zn ⁺⁺	
2015	5.60	14	2.70	7.20	2.60	0.50	12	5.80	3.20	0.95	13.5
2016	5.00	14	2.00	6.00	1.50	0.50	13	5.20	3.00	1.05	12.6

Soil texture: Clayey, Soil pH was measured in 1:2.5 water suspension.

TABLE 1. Cont.

Season	Available P (mg kg ⁻¹)	Available K (mg kg ⁻¹)	Ec (dS m ⁻¹)	pH	Organic Matter (%)
2015	14.0	366	2.0	8.05	1.65
2016	12.0	350	2.05	8.2	1.50

Seeds at the rate of 24 kg ha⁻¹ were soaked in water for 24hr then incubated for 48hr to hasten early germination. Pre-germinated seeds were uniformly broadcasted in the nursery on 15th May of the two seasons. The permanent field was prepared, through plowed twice followed by good wet leveling. Seedlings were carefully pulled from the nursery after 30 days from sowing date and distributed among the plots. Seedlings were manually transplanted into 12 m² sub plots in 20×20 cm spacing at the rate of 2-3 seedlings hill⁻¹. Plots were kept flooded till 2-3 weeks before harvesting. All other agronomic practices were followed as recommended during the growing season. The preceding crop was barely in the two seasons.

The NPK chemical fertilizer treatments included: N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ and N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ as recommended doses of chemical NPK and two third of recommended respectively of Egyptian hybrid rice one fertilizer needs. Nitrogen fertilizer

was applied in the form of urea (46.5%N) were applied in two equal splits, the first half as basal application and incorporated into the soil then immediately the soil was flooded. The second dose was top-dressed at 30 days after transplanting (DAT). Phosphorus fertilizer was applied in the form of single super phosphate (15.5% P₂O₅) and Potassium fertilizer was applied in the form of potassium sulfate (50% K₂O) in the permanent field and incorporated into soil during land preparation. The usual agricultural practices of growing rice were performed as the recommendation of Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC).

Compost was prepared from rice straw. Rice straw was chopped to small parts and gathered in a well-drained. The straw was mixed with 20 kg urea and 15 kg super phosphate and farm yard manure besides fungus (*Trichoderma sp.*). These materials were put in layers and water was sprayed between layers. By the last layer the heap

was covered with plastic sheet. The heap was turned from top to bottom every 2 weeks. The compost was harvested after 12 weeks. Compost at the rate of 12 t ha⁻¹ were transported to plots and incorporated basely into the dry soil surface, during plots preparation before rice transplanting, (Elekhtyar, 2007). The bio-organic fertilizer namely compost tea was used at the rate of 50

liter ha⁻¹ mixed with water for foliar spray in the permanent field at 40 DAT. The bio-organic was produced by Bacteriology Lab., Sakha Agricultural Research Station, Sakha, Kafrelsheikh, Egypt. The chemical analysis of compost and compost tea were carried out using standard analytical methods. Chemical composition of compost and compost tea are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2. Chemical composition of Compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Season	Compost					Compost tea				
	N %	P %	K %	C %	C/N ratio	N %	P %	K %	C %	C/N ratio
2015	1.63	0.72	0.94	7.11	5.21:1	1.84	0.79	1.13	9.02	6.45:1
2016	1.58	0.68	0.89	7.60	4.94:1	1.77	0.70	1.05	8.63	5.90:1

Treatments

T₁: N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ = 165 Urea: 36 P₂O₅: 60 K₂O (kg ha⁻¹NPK). (Recommended & Control)

T₂: N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ = 110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O (kg ha⁻¹NPK).

T₃: N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ + Compost

T₄: N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ + Compost tea

T₅: N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ + Compost + Compost tea

T₆: Compost + Compost tea

T₇: N₀P₀K₀ = 0 Urea: 0 P₂O₅: 0 K₂O (kg ha⁻¹ NPK).

Chemical compositions: Nitrogen uptake in grain and straw was determined at harvest using orange-G dye method (Hafez and Mikkelson, 1981) and measured by spectrophotometer, Phosphorus concentration in grain was extracted as described by (Peterpurgski, 1968) and measured by spectrophotometer using ascorbic acid method (Page et al., 1982) and potassium concentration in grain was determined using the Flame photometer method (Peterpurgski, 1968).

Studied characteristics

Number of panicles m⁻², filled grain (%), 1000-grain weight (g), phosphorus and potassium content in grain, hulling percentage, milling percentage, head rice percentage, nitrogen uptake in grain and straw (kg ha⁻¹) was calculated as follows: N uptake = N% × grain or straw dry weight, grain yield (t ha⁻¹) and straw yield (t ha⁻¹).

$$\text{Percentage of filled grains} = \frac{\text{No. of filled grains panicle}^{-1}}{\text{Total No. of grains panicle}^{-1}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Hulling \%} = \frac{\text{Brown rice weight (g)}}{\text{Rough rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Milling \%} = \frac{\text{Milled rice weight (g)}}{\text{Rough rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Head rice \%} = \frac{\text{head rice weight (g)}}{\text{Milled rice weight (g)}} \times 100$$

Hulling%, milling% and head rice% were estimated according to the methods reported by Adair (1952). All collected data were statistically analyzed according to the technique of analysis of variance as a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) analysis for the two seasons and the Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT), 1955 was used to test the difference among the treatment means as published by Gomez and Gomez (1984). All statistical analysis was performed using analysis of variance technique using "MSTAT-C" computer software package.

Results and Discussion

The data presented in Table 3 revealed that number of panicle m⁻² at harvest, filled grain percentage and 1000-grain weight of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons. Number of panicle m⁻² at harvest and filled grain percentage significantly increased by application of N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT) without any significantly differences with N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ (165 Urea: 36 P₂O₅: 60 K₂O kg ha⁻¹) as recommended NPK doses. The increase in number of panicle m⁻² at harvest and filled grain percentage may be due to the more availability of nitrogen which release from compost by mineralization process in paddy soil that is due to conversion of organic

forms of N to inorganic N as ammonium (NH_4^+) as available form of N to uptake by rice plant to play a vital role in cell division (Elekhtyar, 2007). The implementation of compost to soil can affect soil fertility by modifying the physical, chemical and biological properties of the soil, the chemical changes include enhancement nutrients content of the paddy soil. These results are in accordance with the findings of (Gajalakshmi *et al.*, 2008). One thousand grains weight significantly increased with zero chemical NPK fertilizers then compost and compost tea without any chemical fertilizers. The maximum 1000 grains weight was produced with unfertilized treatment and this increase with the lowest level of fertilizer is mainly due to a decrease in the number of spikelet's panicle⁻¹ which consequently increases the filling spikelet's panicle⁻¹. These results are in harmony with those indicated by Elekhtyar (2015 a and b). Except 1000-grain weight, unfertilized treatment or fertilized with compost and compost tea without any chemical fertilizers recorded the lowest yield attributes of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar that may be due to the single application of compost to provide the nutrients for crops may not sufficient; hence, the adding of chemical fertilizers to compost is helpful (Hargreaves *et al.*, 2008).

Different combinations of compost and compost tea with chemical fertilizers had significant effects on nitrogen uptake in grain and straw of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar in 2015 and 2016 seasons (Table 4). The maximum values of nitrogen uptake in grain and straw were obtained with the treatment of $\text{N}_{110}\text{P}_{24}\text{K}_{40}$ (110 Urea: 24 P_2O_5 : 40 K_2O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar

spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT). Compost and compost tea with chemical fertilizers significantly increased nitrogen uptake in grain and straw in both seasons and higher than recommended doses of NPK ($\text{N}_{165}\text{P}_{36}\text{K}_{60}$). Increasing N uptake in grain and straw of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar may be due to the more availability of nitrogen which release from compost and compost tea by mineralization process in paddy soil that is due to conversion of organic forms of N to inorganic N as ammonium (NH_4^+) as available form of N to uptake by rice plant (Elekhtyar, 2007). On the other hand, compost mixed with chemical fertilizer can act as a source of N slow and immediate release and provide needed nitrogen for different growth periods of the plant. The solubilize amount of soluble salts in soils, the amendments of compost and compost complemented with additional chemical fertilizer promoted an increase in soil organic carbon (Wang and Yang, 2003). Also Compost and compost tea application leads to enhanced enrichment of organic nitrogen in the soil (Gajalakshmi *et al.*, 2008) and significantly increased NH_4^+ concentration in rice soil (Surekha *et al.*, 2006). Soils amended with organic fertilizers have lower bulk density and higher aggregate stability than mineral-fertilized soils (Lal, 2009). Unfertilized treatment or fertilized with compost and compost tea without any chemical fertilizers recorded the lowest values. Hargreaves *et al.* (2008) reported that the single application of compost to provide the nutrients for crops may not sufficient; hence, the adding of chemical fertilizers to compost is helpful. Moreover, the single application of compost may suppress the microbial activities of the soil since it has a high

TABLE 3. Number of panicle m⁻², Filled grain percentage and 1000-grain weight of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Treatments	No. of panicles m ⁻² at harvest		filled grain %		1000-grain wt. (g)	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
$\text{N}_{165}\text{P}_{36}\text{K}_{60}$	652.9 bc	628.7 c	91.54 ab	91.88 ab	22.67 d	22.37 de
$\text{N}_{110}\text{P}_{24}\text{K}_{40}$	622.3 d	600.1 d	86.86 c	85.21 d	24.64 c	24.23 c
$\text{N}_{110}\text{P}_{24}\text{K}_{40}$ + Compost	647.2 c	642.0 bc	89.78 b	90.28 c	23.11 d	23.75 c
$\text{N}_{110}\text{P}_{24}\text{K}_{40}$ + Compost tea	667.6 ab	669.4 ab	91.33 ab	91.35 bc	23.15 d	22.58 d
$\text{N}_{110}\text{P}_{24}\text{K}_{40}$ + Compost + Compost tea	680.1 a	682.6 a	93.13 a	92.93 a	21.74 e	21.62 e
Compost + Compost tea	591.3 e	579.3 de	82.26 d	83.18 e	25.62 b	25.92 b
$\text{N}_0\text{P}_0\text{K}_0$	574.3 f	553.0 e	80.19 e	80.22 f	26.92 a	26.78 a
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**

** indicate $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$ and not significant, respectively. Means of each factor designated by the same latter in a column are not significantly different at 0.05 level using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).

TABLE 4. Nitrogen uptake in grain and nitrogen uptake in straw of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Treatments	N uptake in grain (t ha ⁻¹)		N uptake in straw (t ha ⁻¹)	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
N ₁₆₅ P ₃₆ K ₆₀	0.0987 b	0.0970 ab	0.0684 b	0.0685 bc
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀	0.0861 d	0.0846 c	0.0589 d	0.0525 d
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost	0.0938 c	0.0914 b	0.0609 c	0.0606 c
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost tea	0.0977 b	0.0971 ab	0.0701 b	0.0701 b
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost + Compost tea	0.1013 a	0.1021 a	0.0812 a	0.0789 a
Compost + Compost tea	0.0717 e	0.0573 e	0.0528 e	0.0503 d
N ₀ P ₀ K ₀	0.0636 f	0.0633 d	0.0525 e	0.0501 d
F. test	**	**	**	**

** indicate $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$ and not significant, respectively. Means of each factor designated by the same letter in a column are not significantly different at 0.05 level using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).

C/N ratio. In this case, the soil microbe competes with crops to uptake the N (Amlinger et al., 2003)

Chemical compositions such as phosphorus and potassium content in grain of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar in 2015 and 2016 seasons as affected by the application of compost and compost tea with chemical fertilizers, Table (5). The highest percentage value of P and K was recorded at the treatment of N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT), without any significant differences with foliar spray of compost tea + N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK). Increasing the content of P and K in grain of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar may be due to the P movement in the soil that depends largely on biotic and abiotic conditions of the soil and enzymes responsible for P mineralization may be obtained from microorganisms in the soil, plants' root and sources of organic fertilizers, the use of bio-organic fertilizers stabilizes P and increases microbial activity in the soil that finally resulted in increased availability of P for the plants. One of the reasons of increased solubility of P as a result of adding compost is the presence of high P in compost and compost tea and the formation of humic phosphate complexes which slow the process of phosphorus fixation in the soil (Laboski and Lamb, 2003). On the other hand, soil K concentration was increased when a small amount of compost is used which

was due to the absorption of available K in the compost (Hargreaves et al., 2008). Application of chemical fertilizer together with compost accelerated the decrease in the organic P fraction and mobilizes K in paddy soils (Ranjbar et al., 2016). Showed that up-taken P and K by crop grown in soil amended with compost were higher than crop grown in soil which received chemical fertilizer. The compost nutrients gradually and continuously become available in soil and to the plant, so it can be used is more than one growing season, and the loss of nutrients' is less as well as reduced leaching of nutrients. Compost provides available elements, stimulates microbial activity and run preserves nutrients and organic matter (Bhattacharyya et al., 2005). Also compost enriched with chemical fertilizers in the farm increase availability of highly used elements by products and rise soil fertility and productivity (Ramadass and Palaniyandi, 2007). Use of organic matter in the soil increased available P to plants and indirectly prevented phosphate deposits as iron phosphate, aluminum phosphate and calcium phosphate as non-absorbable for plants. In order to investigate the effect of compost on K uptake by rice plant it has been shown that due to the use of compost the amount of K uptake by grains and shoots of the plant was increased (Bhattacharyya et al., 2007). Unfertilized treatment or fertilized with compost and compost tea without any chemical fertilizers recorded the lowest P% and K% in two seasons, this may due to the single application of compost to provide the nutrients for crops may not sufficient; hence, the adding of chemical fertilizers to compost is helpful.

TABLE 5. Phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) content in grain of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Treatments	P%		K%	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
N ₁₆₅ P ₃₆ K ₆₀	0.2203 b	0.2187 ab	0.2857 b	0.2887 b
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀	0.1923 c	0.1877 c	0.2353 d	0.2250 d
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost	0.2120 b	0.2083 b	0.2523 c	0.2515 c
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost tea	0.2227 ab	0.2233 ab	0.2964 b	0.2910 ab
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost + Compost tea	0.2373 a	0.2320 a	0.3107 a	0.2966 a
Compost + Compost tea	0.1727 d	0.1640 d	0.1980 e	0.2027 e
N ₀ P ₀ K ₀	0.1450 e	0.1477 e	0.1713 f	0.1683 f
F. test	**	**	**	**

**indicate $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$ and not significant, respectively. Means of each factor designated by the same latter in a column are not significantly different at 0.05 level using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).

Moreover, the single application of compost may suppress the microbial activities in the soil (Hargreaves *et al.*, 2008).

Grain quality properties of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar as percentages of hulling, milling and head rice as affected by the application of compost and compost tea with chemical fertilizers (Table 6). Data clarified that the treatment N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT) significantly enhanced grain quality characters. Then the treatment including foliar spray of compost tea with N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK). Increasing all grain quality characters of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar may be due to the compost and compost tea contain significant amounts of valuable plant nutrients including N, P, K, Ca, Mg and S and a variety of essential trace elements (Smith and Collins, 2007; Quilty and Cattle, 2011; Fischer and Glaser 2012). Moreover, Compost can effectively be used to improve soil quality, soil hydraulic, and soil pore characteristics (Eusufzai and Fujii, 2012) in this case; compost and compost tea with chemical fertilizer can improve yield of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar and its grain quality characters. Untreated plots produced the lowest values similar trend was obtained by Wissa *et al.* (2016).

Grain and straw yield of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar as affected by the combinations of compost and compost tea with chemical

fertilizers in 2015 and 2016 rice growing seasons, is presented in Table 7. The results indicated that grain and straw yield significantly increased with the application of N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT) without any significantly differences with N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ (165 Urea: 36 P₂O₅: 60 K₂O kg ha⁻¹) as recommended NPK doses, similar trend was obtained by Elekhtyar (2016). Combinations of two third of recommended chemical NPK + compost as soil application + compost tea as foliar spray can save one third of recommended chemical NPK. Also able to improve Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar and reducing inorganic fertilizers as well as minimizing the cost of inputs and environmental pollution (Elekhtyar *et al.*, 2016).

Increasing yield of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar by combined the application of chemical and organic fertilizers may be due to an excessive supply of available nutrients that produced excessive vegetative growth, higher number of grains per panicle and higher percentage of filled grains. Moreover, combination of compost with chemical fertilizer containing N, P and K has increased P uptake percentage by plants. They stated that increased activity of microorganisms of solution of inorganic P in the soil and high concentration of this element in compost and compost tea were the main reasons of increased absorption of P due to using compost (Soumare *et al.*, 2003). Use of organic matter in the soil

increased available P to plants and indirectly prevented phosphate deposits as iron phosphate, aluminum phosphate and calcium phosphate as non-absorbable for plants. In order to investigate the effect of compost on K uptake by rice plant it has been shown that due to the use of compost the amount of K uptake by grains and shoots of the plant was increased (Bhattacharyya et al., 2007).

Increased grain yield in relation to the use of compost can be due to improved soil organic matter, increased usability of N, P, K and reduced

pH in the soil (Aggelides and Londra, 2000). By increasing rates of compost and its tea, the concentration of macronutrients was increased in the soil and rice plant. Also the use of compost had a significant effect on the concentration of macronutrients in the rice plant grain and yield. (Ranjbar et al., 2016). Unfertilized treatment or fertilized with compost and compost tea without any chemical fertilizers recorded the lowest grain and straw yield in two seasons. Decreasing the yield with the single application of compost may

TABLE 6. Percentages of hulling, milling and head rice of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons

Treatments	Hulling%		Milling%		Head rice%	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
N ₁₆₅ P ₃₆ K ₆₀	78.02 bc	78.19 b	67.88 c	67.48 c	62.74 b	62.75 b
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀	77.05 c	76.79 cd	65.62 e	66.04 d	60.97 c	60.94 c
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost	77.03 c	77.04 c	66.97 d	66.57 cd	61.55 c	61.52 c
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost tea	78.60 b	79.11 b	69.04 b	69.31 b	63.00 b	63.28 ab
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost + Compost tea	81.02 a	81.31 a	70.58 a	70.36 a	64.11 a	63.90 a
Compost + Compost tea	75.86 d	75.81 de	64.69 f	64.74 e	59.78 d	59.83 d
N ₀ P ₀ K ₀	75.21 d	75.38 e	64.22 f	64.09 e	58.86 e	58.88 e
F. test	**	**	**	**	**	**

** indicate P < 0.05, P < 0.01 and not significant, respectively. Means of each factor designated by the same letter in a column are not significantly different at 0.05 level using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).

TABLE 7. Grain yield and straw yield of Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar (H₁) as affected by compost and compost tea in 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Treatments	Grain yield (t ha ⁻¹)		Straw yield (t ha ⁻¹)	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
N ₁₆₅ P ₃₆ K ₆₀	10.35 ab	10.31 bc	14.42 ab	13.85 b
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀	9.18 cd	9.60 c	13.03 cd	11.74 cd
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost	9.97 bc	10.01 c	14.20 bc	12.59 c
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost tea	10.83 a	10.87 ab	14.97 ab	14.42 ab
N ₁₁₀ P ₂₄ K ₄₀ + Compost + Compost tea	11.10 a	11.05 a	15.31 a	15.29 a
Compost + Compost tea	9.03 d	8.92 d	12.84 cd	11.45 cd
N ₀ P ₀ K ₀	8.89 d	8.78 d	11.63 d	11.18 d
F. test	**	**	**	**

* indicate P < 0.05, P < 0.01 and not significant, respectively. Means of each factor designated by the same letter in a column are not significantly different at 0.05 level using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT).

suppress the microbial activities of the soil since it has a high C/N ratio. In this case, the soil microbe competes with crops to uptake the N (Amlinger et al., 2003), thus decrease yield of hybrid rice.

Conclusion

The results from this study support that the application of N₁₁₀P₂₄K₄₀ (110 Urea: 24 P₂O₅: 40 K₂O kg ha⁻¹ NPK) as two third of recommended

doses of chemical NPK + basal application of compost as organic fertilizer + foliar spray of compost tea as bio-organic fertilizer in the permanent field at 40 days after transplanting (DAT) without any significantly differences with N₁₆₅P₃₆K₆₀ as recommended NPK doses were able to improve Egyptian hybrid rice one cultivar and reducing chemical NPK fertilizers by one third.

In total, consumption of compost and compost tea increased nutrients concentration and yield of rice and minimized the use of chemical fertilizers and environmental pollution.

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الاستفادة من الكمبوست وشاي الكمبوست في تحسين أرز هجين مصري 1

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يحتوي الكمبوست وشاي الكمبوست على مغذيات نباتية ذات قيمة غذائية عالية مثل النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم والكالسيوم والماغنسيوم والكبريت وأثار من عناصر أخرى ضرورية تعمل على تحسين التربة وترفع من ميزاتها المختلفة. دمج الكمبوست وشاي الكمبوست مع الأسمدة الكيميائية يزيد من الكربون العضوي والأملاح الذائبة الميسرة في التربة وبالتالي يزيد من إنتاجية أرز هجين مصري 1. ولهذا أجريت تجربة حقلية بالمزرعة البحثية لمركز البحوث والتدريب في الأرز بمحافظة كفر الشيخ - جمهورية مصر العربية خلال موسمي زراعة الأرز المتتاليين 2015 و 2016 وذلك لتقييم مدى الاستفادة من إضافة الكمبوست إضافة أرضية مع رش شاي الكمبوست بعد 40 يوم من الشتل ودمجها مع الأسمدة الكيميائية الكبرى النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم NPK وتأثيره على المحصول ومكوناته والتراكيب الكيميائية في الحبة وكذلك صفات الجودة لصلف الأرز المنزرع هجين مصري 1 خلال الموسمين سالف الذكر. وكان التصميم الاحصائي المستخدم هو تصميم قطاعات كاملة العشوائية بأربعة مكررات، حيث كانت أفضل النتائج عند المعاملة N110P24K40 أي ثلثي المعدل الموصى به من السماد الكيميائي بالإضافة إلى الكمبوست وشاي الكمبوست كتواليف عضويه وعضوييه مع السماد الكيماوي وبدون فرق معنوي عن المعدل الموصى به في المعاملة N165P36K60 أي المعدل الموصى به من السماد الكيميائي، وذلك على عدد السنابل في المتر المربع والنسبة المئوية للحبوب المثلثة والنيتروجين الممتص في الحبوب والقش والنسبة المئوية للفوسفور والبوتاسيوم في الحبة والنسبة المئوية للتقشير والتبيض وكسر الأرز ومحصول القش والحبوب وكلها ازدادت معنويًا عند استخدام تواليف من دمج N110P24K40 مع الكمبوست وشاي الكمبوست بينما قل وزن الألف حبه مع زيادة معدلات التسميد بالتواليف الكيميائية والعضويه والعضوييه أو المعدل الكيميائي الموصى به. وينصح في هذه الدراسة استخدام ثلثي معدل الأسمدة الكيميائية الكبرى النيتروجين والفوسفور والبوتاسيوم NPK دمجاً مع الكمبوست المضاف إضافة أرضية كسماد عضوي مع رش شاي الكمبوست بعد 40 يوم من الشتل كسماد عضوي توفيراً للأسمدة الكيميائية وحفاظاً على البيئة.