

Effect of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus, plant growth promoting rhizobacterium, and soil drying on different forms of potassium and clay mineral changes in a calcareous soil under maize planting

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ABSTRACT- Greenhouse experiment was conducted in factorial experiment arranged as a completely randomized design (CRD) to evaluate the effect of *Glomus intraradices*, *Pseudomonas fluorescense* and soil drying on different forms of potassium (K) and the changes of clay minerals in a calcareous soil after maize planting. Treatments consisted of arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungus at two levels: G₀ (not inoculated with fungus) and G₁ (inoculated with *Glomus intraradices*), bacteria at two levels B₀ (not inoculated with bacterium) and B₁ (inoculated with *Pseudomonas fluorescense*) and soil drying levels or four irrigation intervals of 2 (S₀), 4(S₁), 6(S₂) and 8(S₃) days. As soil drying increased, all forms of K increased and root colonization decreased. Inoculation of plants with microbial inoculants increased root colonization percentage and all forms of K in soil as compared to non microbial treatments. However, the effect of single inoculation with bacterium was less pronounced. Co-inoculation treatments of plants with fungus and bacterium resulted in the maximum amounts of root colonization and K forms as compared to single inoculation of plants with each inoculum. The amount of illite-chlorite minerals increased as soil drying levels increased. In non mycorrhizal treatments, there were no smectite minerals, while in mycorrhizal treatments, the quantity of smectite minerals increased as the levels of soil drying increased. It might be concluded that biofertilizers and soil drying are effective in minerals weathering and dissolution and K releasing.

INTRODUCTION

Most agricultural soils of Iran have poor physical conditions due to their low organic matter (OM), usually less than 1% and thus, enhancing OM of these soils is of prime concern. Recently, public concerns have been raised about the potential environmental pollution caused by indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers as well as the increase in their costs. These accompanied by the concerns over the sustainable agriculture have created an interest in using organic amendments (Maftoun et al., 2004). In Iran, municipal waste (namely, kitchen and yard wastes) and animal manure production are increasing due to urbanization and intensive industrial animal husbandry.

Clearly, their accumulations and burials are labor-intensive and costly (Kazemeini et al., 2008). It has been reported that collecting municipal waste of major cities of Iran and converting them to the compost provide 2.5 million t of organic fertilizer per year which could partly meet the soil nutritional demands (Kazemeini, 2007). Therefore, they might be used as potential alternative resources of nutrients for crop production (Kazemeini et al., 2008). When applying manures, it is necessary to take account of its potential limitations such as accumulations of toxic metals. It can also be a possible source of weed seeds (Eghbal and

Power, 1994). Additionally, they might increase weed growth (Eghball et al., 2002). It has been reported that organic farming can enhance weed diversity and change weeds composition either via enhancing the seed density of weed species that are already present on a site or through introducing new weed species (Hole et al., 2005; Mt. Pleasant and Schlather, 1994). Therefore, these larger and more diverse weed communities created by organic amendments can cause greater crop yield losses (Davis et al., 2005a; Davis et al., 2001b). Since various weed species have shown to have different patterns in emergence and growth due to the application of composted manure (Liebman et al., 2004; Menalled et al., 2005), manure might have an impact on the spread of weed communities (Cook et al., 2007).

Although in recent years, many farmers have shown interest to use municipal waste compost and manure, some of them are concerned that the application of manure to their fields may enhance weed infestation or introduce new weeds, thus compelling them to change or intensify their weed management programs. However, decayed animal manure has several advantages over fresh manure, such as diminishing the numbers of viable weed seeds, and decreasing the volume and the particle size which can facilitate more uniform application of

this organic amendment (Blackshaw et al., 2005). Therefore, the present study was conducted to evaluate the effects of municipal waste compost (C), composted cattle manure (M), and nitrogen (N) on the growth and composition of weeds and to find out whether manure would introduce new weed species.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of mycorrhizal and bacterial inocula

Mycorrhizal inoculum was prepared through the trap culture of forage sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L.) with spore of *Glomus intraradices*. The fungus was isolated from a non-contaminated area of Anguran mine, Zanjan, Iran (Zarei, 2008). *Glomus intraradices* are abundantly reported in the soils of Iran (Aliasgharzadeh et al., 2001; Zarei et al., 2008; Mehraban et al., 2009). Trap culture medium was composed of autoclaved soil/quartz-sand (<1 mm) (4:1, v/v). At the beginning of the reproductive stage (i. e., 4.5 months after emergence), shoots were harvested and the contents of pot (i. e., colonized roots plus soil possessing fungal spores and mycelia) were transferred to polyethylene bags and kept at 4°C. Simultaneously, some pots were kept without any spore inoculation for preserving of microbial association and used as control treatments. The potential of inoculum (spore numbers of 12 g⁻¹ substrates and root colonization of 80%) was measured for spore extraction and counting, and evaluation of root colonization (Zarei et al., 2008). The bacterium used in the present experiment was *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and provided by soil biology and biotechnology laboratory of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Tehran University, Karaj, Iran. The seeds were inoculated with 1mL fresh and

active suspension of bacterium (population of 1×10⁸ colony-forming units (CFU) per milliliter). The plant growth promoting activities of this strain were studied by Malekzade (2010) and Malekzade et al. (2010). Their results showed that bacterium had a high ability to dissolve poorly soluble organic and inorganic phosphate compounds, to produce siderophores, indole acetic acid (IAA), and 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate (ACC)-deaminase enzyme (Malekzade, 2010; Malekzade et al., 2010).

Soil preparation and analysis

A non-sterile composite soil sample was collected from depth of 0-30 cm soil surface of Agriculture Research Station of Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran (*fine, mixed, mesic, Calcixerollic Xerochrept*). The samples were air-dried and passed through a 2 mm sieve. Some physical and chemical properties of studied soil are presented in Table 1. Particle size analysis was determined by the hydrometer method (Gee and Bauder, 1986). Soluble and exchangeable K was extracted by 1 N NH₄OAc, non-exchangeable K was determined by the 1 M boiling HNO₃ method and total K by HF digestion (Helmke and Sparks, 1996). Soil pH was determined in a saturated paste using a glass electrode (Thomas, 1996). Cation exchange capacity (CEC) was measured by the saturation method (Summer and Miller, 1996), soil organic matter by oxidation with chromic acid and then titration with ferrous ammonium sulfate (Nelson and Sommers, 1996). Field capacity (FC) and permanent wilting point (PWP) were measured by the pressure plate.

Table 1. Chemical and physical properties of the soil sample

pH	Sand	Silt	Clay	CEC*	OM	TN	OP	Fe-DTPA	Zn-DTPA	Mn-DTPA	Cu-DTPA	NH ₄ OAc-K	HNO ₃ -K	HF-K
%			cmol+ kg ⁻¹	%	%	mg kg ⁻¹			mg kg ⁻¹		
7	20	60	20	18.5								350	650	890
4					2.1	0.1	18.1	3.8	0.5	8.7	1.4			

* CEC, Cationexchange capacity; TN: Total nitrogen; OP:Olsen-Phosphorus; OM, Organic matter

Determination of soil drying levels

For determination of drought stress levels, moisture content of pots containing 3 kg of the soil was brought to field capacity (FC) (FC and permanent wilting point were measured by the pressure plate before) and the total weight was recorded. Pots were weighed daily at the specified time for 15 days. In addition, the daily moisture reduction was recorded by using the following formula and the mentioned soil drying (2 days equivalent to 100% moisture, 4 days equivalent to 75% moisture, 6 days equivalent to 50% moisture and 8 days equivalent to 25% moisture content) was obtained (Sepaskhah and Yarami, 2009). Daily Moisture reduction is Eq 1:

$$\Theta_{FC} - \Theta_{\text{specific day}} = \Theta_{PWP} - \Theta_{FC} \quad (1)$$

where is FC: Field Capacity, PWP: Permanent Wilting Point, Θ : Moisture content.

Then, soil moisture retention curve was plotted through moisture contents obtained during the 15 days. (Moisture content on the vertical axis and time on the horizontal axis were shown). Afterwards, by using this curve, four irrigation intervals or soil drying intervals of 2, 4, 6 and 8 days were determined.

Greenhouse experiment

A factorial experiment with a completely randomized design was conducted under greenhouse conditions, using the pot culture of maize (*Zea mays* L. var. Single cross 704) in a non-sterile soil, described previously. The factors consisted of arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungus at two levels: G_0 (not inoculated with fungus) and G_1 (inoculated with *Glomus intraradices*), bacteria at two levels B_0 (not inoculated with bacterium) and B_1 (inoculated with *Pseudomonas fluorescense*) and soil drying levels or four irrigation intervals of 2 (S_0), 4 (S_1), 6 (S_2) and 8 (S_3) days. Each treatment was replicated three times. Each pot was filled with 3 kg soil. All pots received a uniform application of 150 mg N kg⁻¹ of soil as urea, and Fe, Zn, Cu, and Mn at a rate of 5, 10, 2.5 and 10 mg kg⁻¹ of soil as Fe-EDDHA, ZnSO₄.7H₂O, CuSO₄. 5H₂O, MnSO₄. H₂O, respectively. All fertilizers were added in liquid form to facilitate distribution. In mycorrhizal treatments, 50g inoculum of AM fungus, *Glomus intraradices*, was spread as a thin layer below

the soil surface. Six seeds of maize were planted in each pot. In bacterial treatments, each seed was inoculated with 1mL of bacterial inoculum (1×10^8 cfu mL⁻¹). After germination, seedlings were thinned to two uniform plants in each pot. Drought stress was applied after 3 weeks of planting. The temperature during experiment ranged from 15 to 28 °C, with a 16/8 h light/dark period.

Plant harvesting and analyses

After a growth period of 4 months, plant aerial parts were cut; soil sample in each pot was harvested and samples of fresh roots were taken to assess root colonization rate. The percentage of root colonization by AM fungus using the grid-line intersect method was determined after clearing washed roots in 8% KOH and staining with blue ink (Pelican, Hanover, Germany) lactoglycerol solution (Kormanik and McGraw, 1982). In order to determine different forms of K, different extractants were used: soluble and exchangeable K was extracted by 1 N NH₄OAc, non-exchangeable K by 1 M boiling HNO₃ and total K by HF digestion (Helmke and Sparks, 1996). Finally, extractable K concentrations were measured by using a flame photometer. Thereafter, a mineralogical analysis of the clay fraction of soil samples (from cultivated pots) was performed by using the procedure given by Kittrick and Hope (1963) and Jackson (1975). The clay-sized particles were separated using a centrifuge and examined by X-ray diffraction (XRD). Oriented slides were prepared for both K and Mg saturated samples. The Mg saturated samples were solvated with ethylene glycol (EG), while the K-saturated samples were heated at 550 °C. Mineralogical changes were investigated with a XRD instrument (Jones et al., 1980) and peak height intensity was used as an indicator showing the relative abundance of minerals. The abundance of minerals is classified by Jones et al. (1980).

Statistical analysis

Data were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) and means were compared by least significant difference (LSD) at 5% level of significance using SAS software (Statistical Analysis Software, v. 9.1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Root colonization

The root colonization results are shown in Table 2. Root colonization decreased as soil drying levels increased. Plants inoculated with *G. intraradices* (G_1) had higher root colonization value than non mycorrhizal (G_0) treatments. In non mycorrhizal treatments, root colonization varied between 9.0-24.5 percent and in mycorrhizal treatments, root colonization varied between 62-92 percent. In mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal treatments, inoculation of plant with bacterium increased root colonization percentage. The maximum root colonization percentage (92%) was in G_1B_1 treatments (Table 2).

The forms of K in the soil

The K forms in the soil after plant harvest are shown in Table 2. Soil drying increased all forms of K in the studied soil. The minimum amounts of K forms were in soil drying of 2 days and the maximum was at soil drying of 2 days. Inoculation of plants with *G. intraradices* increased all forms of K in soil as compared to non mycorrhizal ones. In non mycorrhizal and mycorrhizal treatments, inoculation of plants with *Pseudomonas fluorescense* increased all forms of K in soil. Co-inoculation treatments of plants with AM fungus and bacterium had the maximum amounts of K forms as compared to inoculation of plants with AM fungus or bacterium treatments (Table 2).

Mineral in the soil samples

The minerals observed in the soil after the plants were harvested are shown in Table 3. They were illite, chlorite, smectite, illite-smectite and, illite-chlorite minerals.

In non mycorrhizal treatments, illite, chlorite, illite-chlorite, and illite-smectite minerals and in mycorrhizal treatments, illite, chlorite, smectite, and illite-chlorite minerals were observed. In non mycorrhizal treatments, there were no smectite minerals. Inoculation of plants with bacterium had no effect on the presence of smectite minerals in soils. However, by increasing soil drying levels, the amount of illite-chlorite minerals increased (Table 3).

In mycorrhizal treatments, the quantity of smectite minerals increased as the soil drying levels increased. The maximum amount of smectite minerals was detected in co-inoculation treatments of plants with AM fungus and bacterium. In most mycorrhizal treatments, by increasing smectite minerals, the amount of illite and illite-chlorite minerals decreased (Table 3). For example, the X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of $G_0B_0S_0$ (control treatment) and $G_1B_1S_3$ (Please see M&M) were presented in Figs. 1 and 2.

Table 2. The Effects of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus, bacterium and drought stress on root colonization percentage, soil K concentrations extracted by NH₄OAc, boiling HNO₃ and HF (mg kg⁻¹) after plant harvest

Treatments	Root Colonization (%)	K extractable with NH ₄ OAc (mg kg ⁻¹)	K extractable with boiling HNO ₃ (mg kg ⁻¹)	K extractable with HF (mg kg ⁻¹)
G ₀ B ₀ S ₀	14.3 d◆	293.3 b	260.0 b	6133.3 c
G ₀ B ₀ S ₁	11.6 d	296.7 b	293.3 a,b	6866.7 b,c
G ₀ B ₀ S ₂	11.1 d	300 b	313.3 a,b	7400 a-c
G ₀ B ₀ S ₃	9.1 d	313.3 b	360 a,b	7400 a-c
G ₀ B ₁ S ₀	24.6 d	313.3 b	373.3 a,b	7466.7 a-c
G ₀ B ₁ S ₁	23.3 d	326.7 b	373.3 a,b	7666.7 a-c
G ₀ B ₁ S ₂	19.7 d	326.7 b	380 a,b	7833.3 a-c
G ₀ B ₁ S ₃	17.6 d	330 b	393.3 a,b	7866.7 a-c
G ₁ B ₀ S ₀	83.1 a-c	333.3 b	393.3 a,b	7900 a-c
G ₁ B ₀ S ₁	48.7 a-c	333.3 b	413.3 a,b	7966.7 a-c
G ₁ B ₀ S ₂	68.4 b,c	340 b	420 a,b	8433.3 a,b
G ₁ B ₀ S ₃	62 c	343.3 b	426.7 a,b	8466.7 a,b
G ₁ B ₁ S ₀	92 a	350 b	473.3 a,b	8466.7 a,b
G ₁ B ₁ S ₁	88.3 a,b	363.3 a,b	493.3 a,b	8600 a,b
G ₁ B ₁ S ₂	86.4 a,b	373.3 a,b	553.3 a	8900 a
G ₁ B ₁ S ₃	67.6 b,c	470 a	553.3 a	9266.7 a
Analysis of variance				
G	***	*	*	**
B	*	NS	NS	*
S	NS	NS	NS	NS
G×B	NS	NS	NS	NS
B×S	NS	NS	NS	NS
G×S	NS	NS	NS	NS
G×B×S	NS	NS	NS	NS

The numbers in each column with a same small letter are not statistically significant at 5% level with LSD test. G₀ (not inoculated with fungus) and G₁ (inoculated with *Glomus intraradices*), B₀ (not inoculated with bacterium) and B₁ (inoculated with *Pseudomonas fluorescence*) and soil drying levels or four irrigation intervals of 2 (S₀), 4 (S₁), 6 (S₂) and 8 (S₃) days. ***, ** and *, significant at 0.1, 1 and 5 percent, respectively. NS: Non Significant.

Table 3. The relative abundance (based on area under the curve of X-ray diffraction) of clay minerals in the soil samples after harvesting the plant.

Treatments	Illite	Chlorite	Smectite	Illite- Smectite	Illite-Chlorite Smectite
G ₀ B ₀ S ₀	++	+++	-	+	-
G ₀ B ₀ S ₁	+++	++	-	-	-
G ₀ B ₀ S ₂	+++	++	-	-	+
G ₀ B ₀ S ₃	+++	+++	-	-	+
G ₀ B ₁ S ₀	+++	++	-	-	+
G ₀ B ₁ S ₁	++	+++	-	-	+
G ₀ B ₁ S ₂	++	++	-	-	++
G ₀ B ₁ S ₃	++	++	-	-	++
G ₁ B ₀ S ₀	+++	+	+	-	+
G ₁ B ₀ S ₁	+	++	+	-	++
G ₁ B ₀ S ₂	++	++	++	-	+
G ₁ B ₀ S ₃	++	++	++	-	-
G ₁ B ₁ S ₀	++	++	++	-	-
G ₁ B ₁ S ₁	++	++	++	-	-
G ₁ B ₁ S ₂	++	-	++	-	++
G ₁ B ₁ S ₃	++	-	+++	-	+

-Negligible (0-3%), + few (3-20%), ++ medium (20-40%) and +++ % High (40-70%). G₀ (not inoculated with fungus), G₁ (*Glomus intraradices*), B₀ (not inoculated with bacterium), B₁ (*Pseudomonas fluorescence*), S₀ (%100 FC), S₁ (75 FC), S₂ (%50 FC) and S₃ (%25 FC).

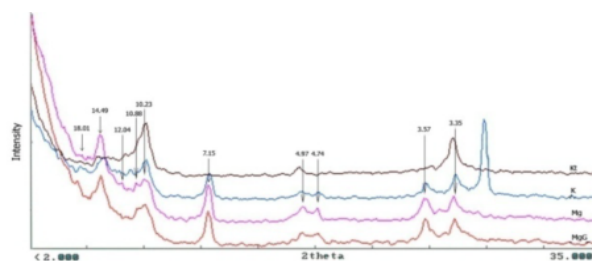


Fig. 1. X-ray diffraction pattern of soil sample G₀B₀S₀ (control treatment) after harvesting the plant (Mg: Magnesium saturated sample, Mg-Eg: Mg saturated and ethylene glycol solvated sample, K: Potassium saturated sample, K-550: K saturated sample heated at 550°C).

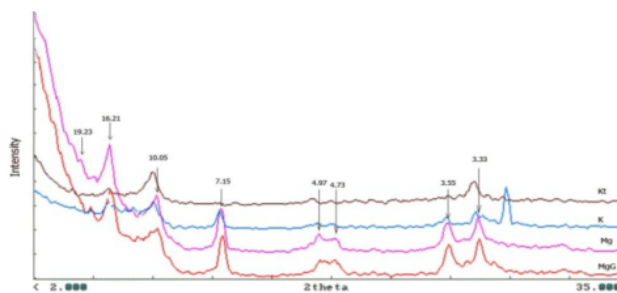


Fig. 2. X-ray diffraction pattern of soil sample G₁B₁S₃ (Please see M&M) after harvesting the plant (Mg: Magnesium saturated sample, Mg-Eg: Mg saturated and ethylene glycol solvated sample, K: Potassium saturated sample, K-550: K saturated sample heated at 550°C).

DISCUSSION

Biological factors

Data showed that the fungus and bacterium affected the root colonization and weathering of minerals and consequently releasing non-exchangeable K. Smectite minerals were also observed in fungus treatments which is probably due to its secretions and release of K. It is believed that weathering of minerals is performed by organic acids released by organisms (Wang et al., 2000; Sugumaran and Janartanan, 2007). Organic acids dissolve minerals by two mechanisms: the production of protons and the ligand forming with the elements in minerals. On the other hand, organic acids increase the dissolution rate of minerals by forming complexes with soluble products (Ulman and Welch, 2002). Moreover, oxidation of glucose to organic acids is the main mechanism by which microorganisms can increase the dissolution of feldspars under the soil's natural pH conditions (Vandevivere et al., 1994). Other mechanisms such as the formation of soluble complexes of organic ligands, bio-stable polymers such as the secretion of non-soluble components, and the mechanical forces associated with the direct physical contact between cells and mineral particles have been proposed to enhance K release ((Lian et al., 2008; Basak and Biswas, 2009). In several studies, the role of plants inoculated with mycorrhizal fungi has been discussed. Yuan et al. (2004) examined the release of K from clay minerals by ectomycorrhiza fungi and young eucalyptus seedling root. Their results showed that in the presence of mycorrhiza, K uptake was significantly different from the control. Inoculation of soybean roots with AMF accelerated the weathering of biotites and phlogopite (Mojallali and Weed, 1978).

Mixed minerals were higher in the soils treated with bacterium and increased soil drying levels. It seems that bacteria enhance the transformation of mica and chlorite into mixed minerals. Basak and Biswas (2009) showed the significant release of K from micaceous minerals that had been inoculated with *Bacillus mucilaginosus* bacterial species. X-ray analysis also showed more mica dissolution which was due to inoculation of *Bacillus mucilaginosus*.

The highest amounts of root colonization, NH₄OAc, 1 M boiling HNO₃ and HF extractable K were observed in the co-inoculation treatments of plants with AM fungus and bacterium. A synergistic effect of fungus and bacterium treatments is, therefore, thought to be the main reason. Release of K leads to a simple modification of illite to smectite minerals. Synergistic effects of AMF and bacteria have been shown in other studies (Zarei et al., 2006). Plant roots, also, play an important role in mineral weathering. They deplete the K rhizosphere and thus shift the exchange equilibrium so that the interlayer K is released and the interlayer spaces of the micas are expanded. Hinsinger et al. (1992) indicated that roots were forced to use interlayer K of minerals to compensate the lack of K in cases where plants received no K from nutrient solution. This action occurs due to the fact that roots are an organ of

nutrient absorption. Fageria and Stone (2005) showed that in the rhizosphere of maize, sugars, organic acids (citric and oxalic) and amino acids are secreted and release of non-exchangeable K occurs if K is deficient in solution. Badraoui et al. (1992) studied the growth of Italian ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum* L.) in pots containing soils with high mica (illite) and smectite. They concluded that chemical and mineralogical properties of soils greatly affect the mobility of non-exchangeable K in the vicinity of the plant and soils which contain illite. Non-exchangeable K was released. Tributh et al. (1987) studied the effect of K fertilizers on deformation of clay minerals in soils under *cultivation* on ryegrass plants. X-ray diffraction analysis of soil samples showed that cultivation without the use of K can lead to a significant reduction in illite clay minerals and can increase the amount of smectite and mixed layer illite-smectite.

Studies have shown that both soluble and exchangeable K are discharged due to the biological effects and absorption by plant roots in the vicinity of the rhizosphere. Reducing the concentration of K in the rhizosphere can explain the release of non-exchangeable K in the root vicinity (Maclean and Watson, 1985). So, mica and illite interlayer K are the main source of K release during the growth period (Mengel, 1985; Goulding, 1987).

Environmental factor

Root colonization decreased by increasing soil drying (Table 2). This is in agreement with Al-Karaki and Al-Raddad (1997). With reduced soil moisture, the quantity and quality of root exudates are changed and this, in turn, influences the germination of spores. Reduced humidity also directly affects the germination of spores (Smith and Read, 2008).

Moreover, data indicated that the release of K leads to a simple modification of illite to smectite minerals through increasing soil drying. In fact, soil drying may allow redistribution of interlayer cations. Since this study was conducted in calcareous soils, calcium ions can compete with K for wedge sites. This process seems to cause the release of K in the soil (Najafghiri, 2010). Two different processes may occur during the soil drying, namely, stabilization of K in wedge exchange sites and its release due to the ductility of clay layers (Scott and Smith, 1968). The outcome depends on both the dominant process and decisive releasing or stabilization process (Olk et al., 1995).

CONCLUSIONS

Glomus intraradices and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* bacterium have a significant effect on root colonization and extractable K. *Glomus intraradices* affects the K extracted by NH₄OAc, HNO₃, and HF digestion and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* affects K extracted by HF digestion. By increasing soil drying levels, extractable K with NH₄OAc, HNO₃ and HF increased. Thus, by

increasing drought stress, release of non-exchangeable K to exchangeable K increased.

Moreover, the results represent high values of smectite minerals in the co-inoculation treatments of plants with AM fungus and bacterium. This may be an indication that microbial weathering of illite to smectite minerals has taken place. Transformation of illite to smectite minerals was evident from XRD. In addition to the role of fungus, and bacteria to some extent, it was assumed that transformation was the result of the processes occurring in the rhizosphere of maize which include the release of H⁺ and uptake of K by plant roots. The roots deplete K in the rhizosphere and thus shift the exchange equilibrium. This would result in the release of interlayer K and the expansion of interlayer space of illite leading to the transformation of illite and mixed layer illite-chlorite to smectite. Also, when the drought stress increases, release of K leads to a simple

modification of illite to smectite minerals. Based on the results obtained in this study, it may be concluded that the use of biofertilizers is very effective in weathering the minerals under soil drying conditions.

Therefore, it is expected that by the exit of interlayer K of minerals to supply the K needed for the plants, changes will be expected in their mineralogy. Further investigation is needed to fully understand the changes in maize rhizosphere and to determine the contribution of different processes of K release by micaceous minerals.

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چکیده - آزمایش گلخانه ای با استفاده از آزمون فاکتوریل در قالب طرح کاملاً تصادفی به منظور بررسی اثرات قارچ گلوبوس اینترادایسز، باکتری سودوموناس فلورسنس و تنش خشکی بر روی شکل‌های مختلف پتاسیم و تغییرات کانی‌های رسی در یک خاک آهکی خاک زیر کشت ذرت انجام شد. تیمارها شامل قارچ میکوریز آربسکولار در دو سطح G_0 (تلقیح نشده با قارچ) و G_1 (گلوبوس اینترادایسز)، باکتری سودوموناس فلورسنس در دو سطح B_0 (تلقیح نشده با باکتری) و B_1 (سودوموناس فلورسنس)، تنش خشکی در چهار سطح S_0 (بدون تنش)، S_1 (تنش ۷۵٪ FC)، S_2 (تنش ۵۰٪ FC) و S_3 (تنش ۲۵٪ FC) بود. با افزایش تنش خشکی، همه شکل‌های پتاسیم افزایش و درصد کلنیزاسیون ریشه کاهش یافت. مایه زنی میکروبی درصد کلنیزاسیون ریشه و همه شکل‌های پتاسیم خاک را در مقایسه با تیمارهای مایه زنی نشده افزایش داد. با این وجود اثرات مایه زنی انفرادی گیاه با باکتری کمتر بود. بیشترین درصد کلنیزاسیون ریشه و مقدار شکل‌های مختلف پتاسیم در تیمارهای مایه زنی گیاه با هر دو قارچ و باکتری در مقایسه با تیمارهای مایه زنی انفرادی مشاهده شد. با افزایش تنش خشکی مقدار کانی‌های ایلیت-کلریت افزایش یافت. با افزایش سطوح تنش خشکی، در تیمارهای غیر میکوریزی کانی‌های اسمکتیت مشاهده نگردید در حالیکه در تیمارهای میکوریزی مقدار این کانی‌ها افزایش یافت. بطور کلی نتایج نشان داد که کودهای زیستی و تنش خشکی در هوادیدگی و انحلال کانیها و رهاسازی پتاسیم موثر هستند.