



# The effect of Soil Drenches Application of Paclobutrazol on the Vegetative Growth, Fruit Quality and Storage Behaviors of Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) CVS. Dashahari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri

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## Abstract:

Twenty year old mango cvs. Dashahari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri growing in Horticulture Research Station Patharchatta of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pant Nagar treated with 0-5 g, 1.0 g/meter canopy diameter of Paclobutrazol (applied to the soil drench on 15 September 1997 and 15 October 1998 with control). The biennial bearing is very serious problem in north, east and central Indian commercial cultivars, while most of the south Indian varieties bear regularly. Therefore, application of cultar is most widely studied in view of its high potential for controlling plant growth and development of fruit crops in general and mango production in particular. The persistence of cultar in orchard soil for a long time and its half-life varies with soil type and climatic conditions, which may severely affect the development of subsequent crops and moved rapidly between the shoot tips and basal nodes both in the acropetal and basipetal directions and persisted for several months. It inhibits gibberellins biosynthesis at kaurene stage and has proved to be reduction of vegetative growth, promising for flower initiation in shoot bud, giving early and profuse flowering, increases fruit yield and improving quality regularly in alternate bearing cultivars. Data's are collected with three months of interval of deffrent perameters of vegetaion. All rates of paclobutrazol reduced growths and number of leaves including tree perameters. Chemical used Paclobutrazol [(2RS, 3RS)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4, 4-dimethyle-2-(1, 2, 4 Triazol-1-yl)] pentan-3-ethanol.

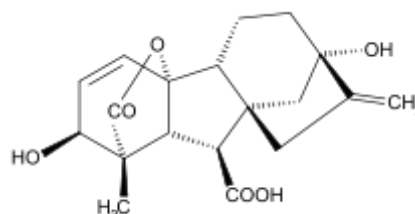
**Additional Indexes:** Paclobutrazol (PBZ), precocious, Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.), Auxins (IAA), Gibberellins, Cytokinins and Plant Growth Regulator.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Paclobutrazol [(2RS, 3RS)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4, 4-dimethyle-2-(1, 2, 4 Triazol-1-yl)] pentan-3-ethanol, usually applied to the soil due to its low solubility and long residual activity. This group of growth retardants is most efficacious as it reduced shoot elongation and promote flowering as a result paclobutrazol is being promoted to control flowering and vegetative growth in commercial mango of Indo china. Australia and South Africa (Tongumpai *et al.* 1989; Rowley, 1990; Hillier and Rudge, 1991 and Voon *et al.*; 1991). Paclobutrazol is very important Plant Growth Regulotors effecting various growth and development process of all plant spp. through inhibitors of Gibberellins biosynthesis, it is taken by xylem and translocated acropetatlay to sub-apical meristem, when persistent effect can provided. Paclobutrazol metabolized in plant within 10-15 days but persists in soil generally for more than one year (1-5 years),Gibberellins most likely GA<sup>1</sup> are necessary for normal shoot elongation. Inhibition of bud breaks and shoots elongation in response to application of growth retardants chloremquate chloride (Maiti *et al.* 1972 a) and triazoles (Kulkarani, 1998 a; Burondkar and Gunjat, 1991, 1991. 1993: Tongumpai *et al.* 1991 a; Kulkarani *et al.*, 1992: Winston, 1992:, Kurian and Iyer 1993 a b; Nuneg Eligea *et al.*, 1993). The Paclobutrazol is a triazole derivative and has been shown to inhibit shoot growth on apple trees (Coolbaugh *et al.*), Showed that ancymidol blocks with high specificity the oxidative steps leading from ent-kaurene to ent-

kaurenoic acid in the pathway of GA' biosynthesis. The same oxidative steps are thought to be inhibited by the active triazol derivatives. Paclobutrazol has been reported to inhibit GA biosynthesis in plants by inhibiting kaurene oxidase, a Cyt P-450 oxidase, thus, blocking the oxidation of kaurene to kaurenoic acid. The inhibitory activity of paclobutrazol can be reversed by GA (QUINLAN JD, PJ RICHARDSON 1984). Paclobutrazol was also shown to shift assimilate partitioning from leaves to roots, increase carbohydrates in all parts of apple seedlings, increase Chlorophyll content, soluble protein, and mineral element concentration in leaf tissue, increase root respiration and reduce water use (Wang, S.Y., GL Stefence 1985).

## II. GIBBERELLINS SKELTON



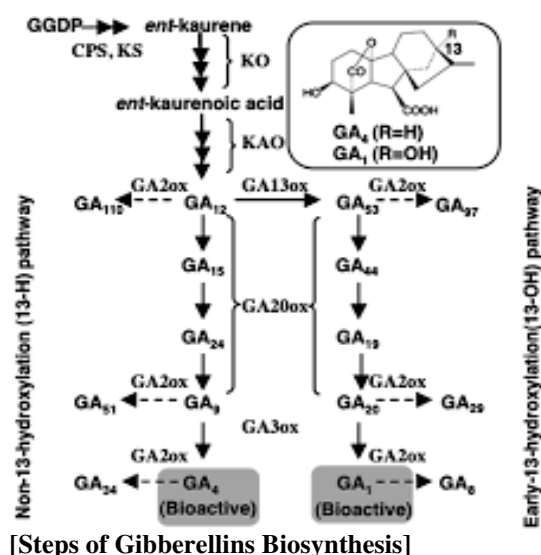
**[Chemical formula of GA<sub>3</sub> Molecular Mass (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>) 346.37 g/mol with melting point is 233 to 235 °C (451 to 455 °F; 506 to 508 K) (decomposition)]**

The term "gibberellins" was first used in 1935 to describe a substance produced by the fungus *Gibberella fujikuroi* that

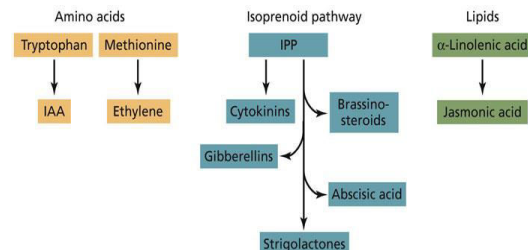
caused overgrowth symptoms in rice, which was termed the bakanae disease (Yabuta, 1935). This substance proved to be a mixture of GAs, with GA<sub>1</sub> and GA<sub>3</sub> being the active factors (Takahashi et al., 1955). The early work on GAs remained undiscovered outside of Japan until after World War II, when there was an explosion of interest among plant physiologists and horticulturists. P.W. Brian, working at the Imperial Chemical Industries' Akers Laboratories in the United Kingdom, induced dwarf pea plants to elongate as normal, tall plants by applying GA<sub>3</sub>, which he obtained from cultures of *G. fujikuroi* (Brian and Hemming, 1955). On the basis of these experiments, he proposed that GA was the natural growth factor that was deficient in the dwarf plants. This hypothesis was confirmed by Margaret Radley from the same laboratory, who reported that purified extracts from tall pea seedlings induced stem elongation in dwarf peas, thereby providing evidence that GAs were indeed naturally occurring in higher plants (Radley, 1956). Similar experiments were carried out in B.O. Phinney's laboratory at the University of California, Los Angeles, where dwarf maize was used as a bioassay to show that many plant extracts contained substances with GA-like activity (Phinney et al., 1957).

### III. BIOSYNTHESIS OF GA<sub>3</sub>:

GA<sub>3</sub> is products of the diterpenoid pathway and their formation is initiated by cyclization of the common C<sub>20</sub>precursor GGPP. This intermediate is synthesized in plastids from isopentenyl diphosphate, shown recently to be formed in these organelles from glyceraldehydes 3phosphate and pyruvate rather than mevalonic acid, as was previously assumed (Lichtenthaler et al., 1997). However, it has not yet been demonstrated that GAs are products of the glyceraldehydes 3-phosphate/pyruvate pathway. In growing vegetative tissues, the cyclization of GGPP occurs in proplastids and results in the formation of a hydrocarbon, *ent*-kaurene, in a two-step process requiring the activity of two enzymes: CPS, which produces the intermediate copalyl diphosphate, and *ent*-kaurene synthase. GGPP is also the precursor of carotenoids and is incorporated into chlorophyll. These compounds are present at several orders of magnitude greater concentration than *ent*-kaurene and the GAs, so the first step on the GA pathway, catalyzed by CPS, needs to be tightly regulated. *ent*-Kaurene is converted to the bioactive GAs by a series of oxidative reactions catalyzed by two types of enzyme. The early reactions, resulting in contraction of ring B from six to five C atoms to give the GA structure, occur on extraplastidic membranes.



[Steps of Gibberellins Biosynthesis]



[Cytokinins, brassinosteroids, gibberellins, abscisic acid, and strigolactones. And finally, jasmonic acid is synthesized from a lipid precursor.]

This requires the movement of *ent*-kaurene out of the plastid by an as-yet-unknown mechanism. The reactions are catalyzed by Cyt P450-dependent monooxygenases and, in the shoot tissues of most plants, give rise to GA<sub>12</sub> and its 13-hydroxylated analog GA<sub>53</sub>. These intermediates are metabolized further by soluble dioxygenases, which use 2-oxoglutaric acid as a cosubstrate. Two dioxygenases are required to convert GA<sub>12</sub> and GA<sub>53</sub> by parallel pathways to the bioactive products GA<sub>4</sub> and GA<sub>1</sub>, respectively. First, GA 20-oxidase converts C-20 from a methyl group to an aldehyde and then removes the C atom to form the characteristic γ-lactone of the C<sub>19</sub>GAs. Second, a hydroxyl group is introduced at the 3β position by a GA 3β-hydroxylase. A third 2-oxoglutarate-dependent dioxygenase that hydroxylates at the 2β position inactivates the GA molecule and thus ensures turnover of the active forms. The pathways (MacMillan, 1997) and biochemistry/molecular biology (Hedden and Kamiya, 1997; Lange, 1998) of GA biosynthesis have been reviewed recently elsewhere. **Regulation of GA<sub>3</sub> Biosynthesis:** GAs mediate many developmental and environmental responses in plants. Consequently, regulation of GA biosynthesis is necessarily complex. The isolation of GA-biosynthetic genes has enabled direct analysis of their expression in terms of transcript abundance, allowing new insights into regulatory mechanisms. One such mechanism that plants use to maintain GA homeostasis (i.e. keeping the concentrations of bioactive GAs within certain limits) involves feedback regulation of GA biosynthesis, as illustrated in Figure 3. This effect was first observed in GA-response mutants, such as *Rht3* in wheat, *Dwarf8* in maize, and *gai* in Arabidopsis. Although they are dwarf mutants, they contain large amounts of bioactive GAs (for review, see Scott, 1990; Hedden and Kamiya, 1997). In contrast, slender mutants such as the *la cry*<sup>s</sup> mutant of pea grow as if they were treated with large quantities of GA; however, they actually contain reduced amounts of active GAs (Martin et al., 1996). Paclobutrazol also prevented accumulation of water stress-induced -aminocyclopropane- -carboxylic acid, -(malonylamino)cyclopropane- -carboxylic acid, ethylene production and polyamines in apple leaves (Stichcombe, G.R.; E, Copas; R.R Williams', G Arnold 1984). Paclobutrazol has been applied to leaves (Williams, M.W; U. Edgerton, 1983), to roots or directly to the vascular system of the stems (Barrette, J.E; C.A, Bartuska, 1982). Sterrett (Sterrett, J.P, 1985) found that 27 d after the pressure injection of [<sup>14</sup>C] paclobutrazol into the trunk of young apple trees, 23% of the <sup>14</sup>C activity was in the shoots, 1% was in the xylem and phloem tissue between the graft and apex; 58% remained in the xylem and phloem tissue near the injection site and 8% was in the roots. The translocation of paclobutrazol from root uptake has been assumed to occur primarily through xylem (DALZIOL J, DK LAWRENCE 1984). However, few direct experimental data have been provided to support this assumption. The objectives of this study were to determine

trimethylsilyl ether; amu, atomic mass unit. the translocation and distribution pattern of paclobutrazol from root system of apple seedlings at various time intervals by GC and to confirm the presence of paclobutrazol in apple seedling tissues by GC-MS. MATERIALS AND METHODS Plant Material and Treatments. The growing conditions and treatments of the apple seedlings ('York Imperial' Malus domestica Borkh.) were as described previously (15, 19). Apple seeds were germinated in the greenhouse and grown in sand until approximately 10 cm in height. After washing sand from the roots, the seedlings were grown for 1 week in continuously aerated nutrient solution. The treatments were initiated by adding 34 gM paclobutrazol (95% active; ICI Americans, Inc.) in nutrient solution. For study of the possibility of basipetal paclobutrazol translocation to the root, leaves were dipped in 340 IM.

#### IV. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The experiments was conducted in sub-tropical climate of G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology- Pantnagar (India) using for 21-22 year old Mango Cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri, planted at Horticulture Research Station, Patharchatta. The soil was black forest although pH was near 7.0 and base saturation laveld exceeded 70% and me in all the horizons 0-18 cm and 18-70 cm respectively (Mc Intosh, 1992), the trees were irrigated with ring system. The trees were treated with paclobutrazol (Cultur ICI, UK) once during the year at 15 September 1997 and 15 Oct. 1998. Treatments were (1) treated trees- control (2) Soil drench application 1.0 g / meter canopy diameter and 0.5 g/meter canopy diameter. Paclobutrazol was desolved in water and drench in basal of mango trees of Dashari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri. Data were recorded for each tree and with periodical meanusenets of shoot extension of terminal branches were performed on 20 selected scaffold branches per tree during two years. Factorial randomized block design with 4 trees each treatment with 4 replication was used. All data's were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) after analysis of two factorial RBD.

#### V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The discussed results suggest that soil drench of paclobutrazol meet the criteria set for this study. Paclobutrazol treatment on Mango cvs. Dashari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri differed in thier growth in terms of tree height, tree growth diameter, tree circumference and tree canopy volume *etc.* early application were more effective in all the cultivars than the late application. There was latter difference between paclobutrazol treatments in cultivars which could be due is minor difference in tree height, crown diameter and circumference. In general varietal response to Paclobutrazol treatment was similar in all the cultivars. Data (1A, 1B & 2A, 2B) suggested that Paclobutrazol reduced short length and number of leaves /shoots as reported by other workers in Mango (Wood, 1984; Kulkarani, 1998; Gougey, 1990; Khader, 1991; Kurian and Iyer, 1993). Data again suggested that Paclobutrazol treatment inhibited shoot elongation and reduced schoots length in mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri. The inhibition of shoot elongation was charectorized mainly by reduced intermodal length and although of number was reduced as well. As we reported for mango cultivars, leaf number were reduced is a lesser degree than short length of shoots to Paclobutrazol treated tree assumed a rosette - like appearance and area /leaf on the paclobutrazol shortened (datas not shown). On a per tree basis, leaf area and therefore probably photosynthetic capacity was reduced since chlorophyll in shoots and newly developed leaves was not increased by Paclobutrazol treatments. The experiment indicate that certain growth reduced physiological procees of large, mature mango cultivars are sensitive to Paclobutrazol and can retard shoot elongation by about 20% without mutch, if any loss in fruit production. Paclobutrazol doses producing greater inhibition of vegetative growth probably would reduce leaf area. A 20% reduced is shoot growth may not be enough is quality in the use as Paclobutrazol on large tree in commercial orchard system.

**Table.1. A:-Effect of Paclobutrazol treatments on vegetatative growth on mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chusa and Fazli (1997-98)**

Treatm ent	Length of shoots(cm)			Diameter of shoots(cm)			No of leaves /shoots			Width of leaves(cm)			Length of shoots(cm)			Intermodal length(cm)		
	15 Sep 1998	15 Ju ne 99	% incr ease	15 Sept. 1998	15 Ju ne 99	% incr ease	15 Se pt. 98	15 Ju ne 99	% incr ease	15 Se pt. 98	15 Ju ne 99	% incr ease	15 Se pt. 98	15 Ju ne 99	% incr ease	15 Se pt. 98	1 Ju n e 99	% incr ease
<b>Dashehari</b>	11.6	11.	2.13	0.68	0.7	2.94	9.4	9.5	1.81	4.5	4.7	2.83	17.	17.	1.1	2.9	2.	6.83
Control	9	92	1.04	0.64	0	7.81	2	4	1.03	9	2	1.87	73	98	4	7	9	3.77
1.0g PBZ m tree canopy diam.	12.3	12.52			0.6		11.56	11.68		4.8	4.9		16.76	16.84	0.4	2.6	7.8	
<b>Langra</b>	10.4	10.	2.59	0.63	0.6	1.58	8.0	8.2	2.48	4.4	4.5	2.59	16.	16.	1.3	2.8	2.	4.64
Control	0	67	1.30	0.63	4	6.34	6	6	1.85	0	3	1.08	59	81	2	0	9	4.07
1.0g PBZ m tree	11.4	11.64			0.6		9.1	9.3		4.6	4.6		16.76	16.82	0.3	2.7	3.2.	

canopy diam.																			81
<b>Chausa</b>																			
Control	9.33	9.6	3.75	0.65	0.6	1.53	9.1	9.3	1.74	4.3	4.5	3.67	16.	16.	1.3	2.6	2.	7.47	
1.0g PBZ m tree canopy diam.	9.56	8	2.00	0.56	6	3.57	6	2	1.55	5	1	1.36	73	95	1	5	8	3.38	
		9.6			0.5		8.3	8.4		4.3	4.4		16.	16.	0.7	2.3	5		
		5			8		4	7		9	5		77	82	1	6	2		
																		2.4	
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<b>Fazri</b>																			
Control	9.95	10.	2.01	0.65	0.6	1.53	7.7	7.8	2.20	4.9	5.1	2.20	16.	16.	2.5	2.4	2.	3.25	
1.0g PBZ m tree canopy diam.	9.59	15	1.77	0.65	6	3.07	1	8	1.98	9	0	1.77	33	85	5	6	5	3.11	
		9.7			0.6		8.5	8.7		4.5	4.3		16.	16.	0.7	2.5	4		
		6			7		8	5		1	5		67	80	7	7	2.		
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<b>CD at 5%</b>	0.64	0.6	0.96	0.20	0.1	0.41	0.6	0.6	0.41	NS	0.4	0.41	NS	3.5	0.8	NS	N	0.38	
Cultivar	NS	2	NS	0.29	9	NS	7	4	NS	NS	2	0.29	NS	4	2	0.2	S	NS	
Treatment	NS	NS	0.13	NS	0.2	0.59	0.9	0.9	0.59	NS	NS	0.59	NS	NS	NS	0	0.	0.54	
Intercio		NS			7		5	1			0.6			NS	0.1	0.1	1		
n					NS		1.3	1.2			4				1	4	7		
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Fig 1 A:-Effect of Paclobutrazol treatments on vegetative growth on mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chusa and Fazli (1997-98)

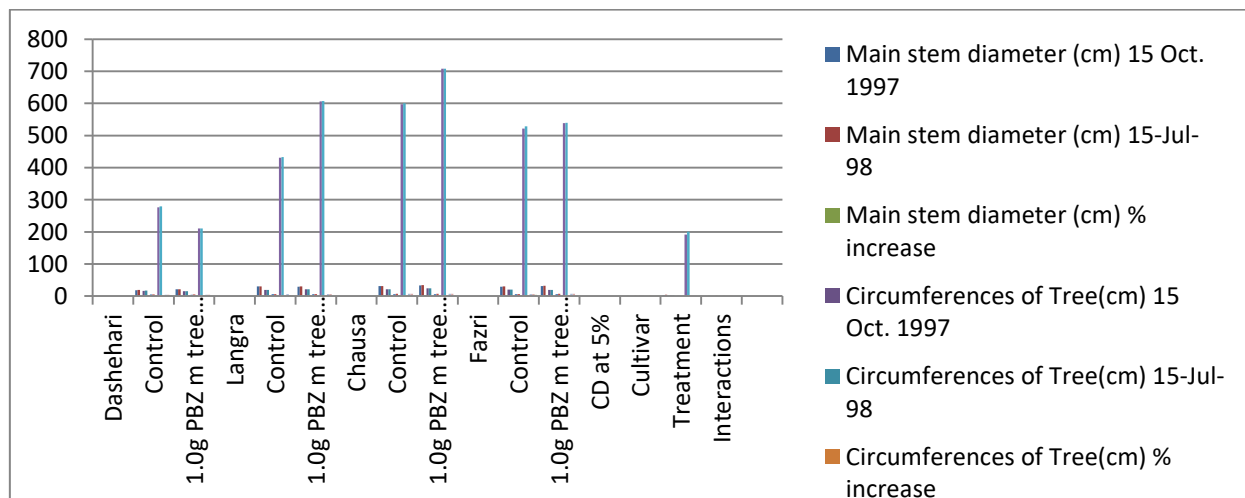


Figure 1A: Effect of Paclobutrazol treatments on vegetative growth on mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chusa and Fazli (1997-98)

Table 1B:-Effect of Paclobutrazol treatments on vegetative growth on mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chusa and Fazli (1997-98)

Treatment	Main stem diameter (cm)			Circumferences of Tree(cm)			Tree diameter(m)			Tree Volume			Tree Height(m)		
	15 Oct. 1997	15 July 1998	% increase	15 Oct. 1997	15 July 1998	% increase	15 Oct. 1997	15 July 1998	% increase	15 Oct. 1997	15 July 1998	% increase	15 Oct. 1997	15 July 1998	% increase
<b>Dashehari</b>															
Control	18.5	19.2	1.74	16.3	16.7	2.6	5.27	5.35	1.51	276.4	279.4	1.12	4.47	4.65	3.50
1.0g PBZ m tree canopy diam.	7	0	1.78	4	7	3	4.78	4.82	0.83	5	5	0.27	4.60	4.67	1.52
	20.7	21.1		15.0	15.1	0.9				210.2	210.8				
	5	2		3	6	3				4	1				



<b>Langra</b>																
Control	30.1	30.4	1.22	19.1	19.3	1.3	6.01	6.16	2.49	431.0	433.1	0.48	6.11	3.32	3.43	
1.0g PBZ m	2	9	1.77	2	8	6	6.71	6.77	0.89	9	6	0.11	6.16	6.26	1.62	
tree canopy	29.2	29.7		21.0	21.1	0.4				606.1	606.8					
diam.	5	7		8	8	7				5	5					
<b>Chausa</b>																
Control	30.7	31.1	1.20	21.2	21.6	1.8	6.77	6.90	1.92	597.1	600.2	0.52	7.47	7.64	2.27	
1.0g PBZ m	4	2	2.42	9	9	7	6.16	7.24	1.12	1	3	0.02	6.90	6.90	0.86	
tree canopy	33.0	33.8		24.5	24.6	0.4				707.9	708.1					
diam.	0	0		0	0	1				1	0					
<b>Fazri</b>																
Control	29.5	29.8	1.11	20.0	20.3	1.4	6.40	6.54	2.18	521.4	528.3	1.31	6.27	6.57	4.78	
1.0g PBZ m	0	3	2.85	1	1	9	6.76	6.84	1.18	7	3	0.15	6.89	6.98	1.30	
tree canopy	31.5	32.4		19.6	19.7	0.4				538.1	539.0					
diam.	0	0		5	3	1				5	0					
<b>CD at 5%</b>																
Cultivar	NS	NS	0.67	NS	NS	0.8	NS	1.07	0.75	NS	NS	0.46	NS	NS	0.14	
Treatment	3.77	3.88	0.47	2.63	2.78	4	0.76	NS	NS	191.5	200.5	0.32	0.55	0.59	NS	
Interactions	NS	NS	0.95	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.10	6	4	0.65	NS	NS	0.20	
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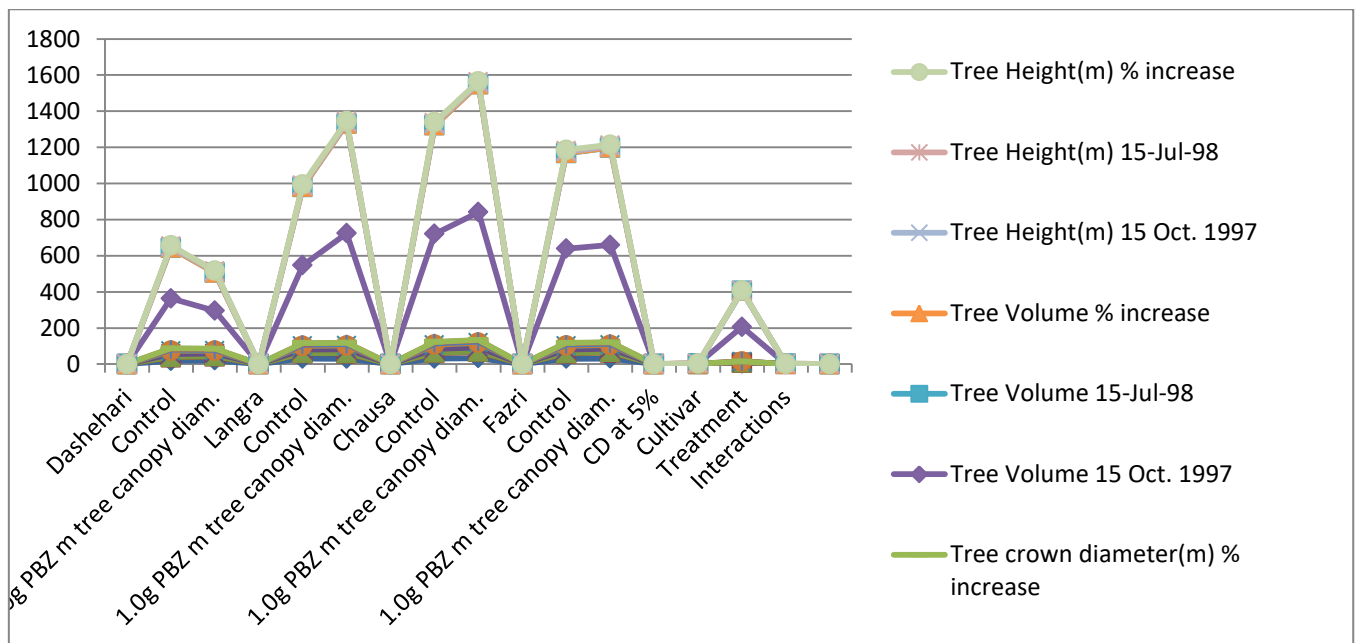


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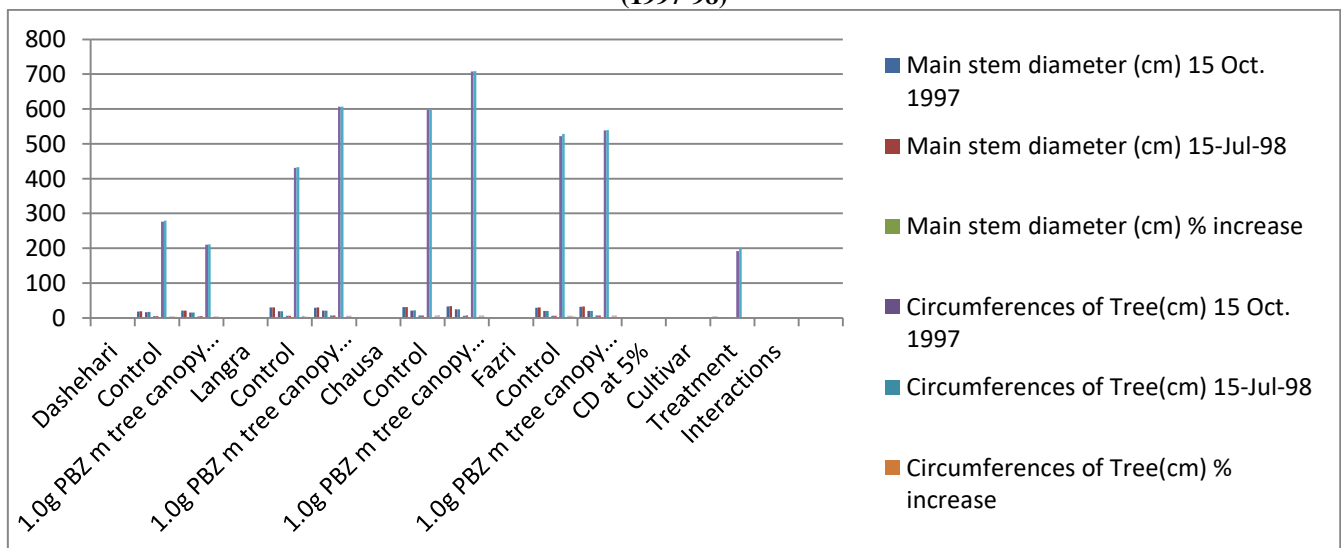


Figure 1B: Effect of Paclobutrazol treatments on vegetative growth on mango cvs. Dashehari, Langra, Chusa and Fazli (1997-98)

It may have application however, if used in commercial with pruning when regrowth after pruning might sufficient increase in shoot growth and area to offset the Paclobutrazol induced loss of shoot growth and area. This approach might help offset any yield to loss from using Paclobutrazol alone but has not yet been demonstrated. Cloning the genes of the GA-biosynthetic pathway is opening a wide range of research opportunities in plant biology. This *Update* highlights the rapid progress in exciting but preliminary studies of how GA mediates developmental and environmental effects on growth. This progress is also providing new information on the sites of GA biosynthesis and on the function and structures of the biosynthetic enzymes, allowing genetic manipulation of specific steps in the pathways of transgenic plants. Furthermore, it has finally been possible to establish the molecular basis for many of the mutations that affect plant stature, some of which have been known for many years and are an important component of several crop varieties. Soil application of Paclobutrazol in excess in of 1.0 g /mt. canopy diameter cover had Residual effect on tree growth for 2-3 year after application. Soil application of less than 1.0 g/mt canopy diameter cover delayed vegetative growth after the following harvest by 1-2 months compared with untreated trees. So therefore we concluded that's paclobutrazol restricted vegetative flushing in mango cvs. Dashahari, Langra, Chuasa and Fazri due to block of O<sub>2</sub> (Oxygen) in between kaurene and entkaurene of gibberellins biosynthesis.

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