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## EFFECT OF BENZYLADENINE AND PACLOBUTRAZOL ON GROWTH AND FLOWERING OF TULIP (TULIPA SPP.)

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**Abstract :** A study was conducted in the Lath House, Department of Horticulture and Landscape, College of Agriculture, Kirkuk University, Shourao , Iraq from October / 2015 to May / 2016 to study the effect of Foliar application Benzyladenine (BA) two concentrations (0, 50 mg.L. $^{-1}$ ) and Paclobutrazol (PBZ) two concentrations (0, 30 mg.L. $^{-1}$ ), on growth and flowering of tulip plants. The results showed Benzyladenine treatment caused increasing plant height (19.20cm), Leaf area (301cm $^{2}$ ), nitrogen content (3.87%), flower and flower stalk diameter (7.67, 0.71 cm) respectively and length of flower stalk (11.15 cm). Paclobutrazol treatment caused increasing leaves area (310 cm $^{2}$ ), flower and flower stalk diameter (7.84, 0.77 cm), respectively. Interaction between foliar application Benzyladenine concentration 50 mg.L $^{-1}$  and paclobutrazol concentration 30 mg.L $^{-1}$  gave highest, leaf area 326 cm $^{2}$  and flower stalk diameter 0.83cm.

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