

Table 1 Effect of NaHCO₃ on the growth of seedlings of Chieh-qua

Treatment	Shoot fresh weight (g)	Root fresh weight (g)	Shoot dry weight (mg)	Root dry weight (mg)	Plant height (cm)	Stem thickness (mm)
CK	10.93±0.74 ^a	2.59±0.25 ^a	1070±69.76 ^a	132.67±9.50 ^a	14±0.78 ^a	5.64±0.70 ^a
T1	9.19±1.18 ^b	1.99±0.10 ^b	873.33±41.63 ^b	121.33±3.21 ^{ab}	12.13±1.33 ^{abc}	5.18±0.50 ^a
T2	5.98±0.83 ^c	1.92±0.07 ^b	747.5±28.72 ^{bc}	107.33±10.41 ^b	12.85±0.66 ^{ab}	5.05±0.28 ^a
T3	5.07±0.58 ^{cd}	1.2±0.09 ^c	713.33±90.18 ^c	101.67±13.87 ^{bc}	11.25±0.65 ^{bc}	3.87±0.36 ^b
T4	4.13±0.36 ^{de}	0.96±0.07 ^{cd}	695±62.45 ^c	79.75±6.80 ^c	10.05±1.14 ^{cd}	2.93±0.22 ^{bc}
T5	3.12±0.35 ^e	0.69±0.07 ^d	667.5±56.20 ^c	50.5±5.32 ^d	8.7±0.88 ^d	2.80±0.49 ^c