

Table 1 Vase life of cut *Zinnia elegans* flowers under four postharvest treatments during the first harvest

Dependent variable	No cut + tap water	Cut + tap water	No cut + flower food	Cut + flower food	df	F value	<i>P</i> value
Minimum days	8 ^a	8 ^a	12 ^b	11 ^b	3	9.790	0.001*
Maximum days	21 ^b	15 ^a	20 ^b	22 ^c	3	12.333	0.001*
Average days	13.56 ^b	11 ^a	15.24 ^b	16.76 ^c	3	25.395	0.001*

Note: *Significant at $P \leq 0.05$, Means within a row followed by different lowercase letters are significantly different according to Duncan's multiple range test at $P \leq 0.05$