

Table 1 Detailed descriptions of treatments and chemical solutions applied in the experiment

SN	Treatment	Treatment details
1	T1	0.1% gibberellic acid (Dipped in 0.1% GA ₃ for 20 mins)
2	T2	0.2% gibberellic acid (Dipped in 0.2% GA ₃ for 20 mins)
3	T3	0.3% gibberellic acid (Dipped in 0.3% GA ₃ for 20 mins)
4	T4	0.5% calcium chloride (Dipped in 0.5% CaCl ₂ for 20 mins)
5	T5	1% calcium chloride (Dipped in 1% CaCl ₂ for 20 mins)
6	T6	1.5% calcium chloride (Dipped in 1.5% CaCl ₂ for 20 mins)
7	T7	0.1 mM salicylic acid (Dipped in 0.1 mM SA for 20 mins)
8	T8	0.2 mM salicylic acid (Dipped in 0.2 mM SA for 20 mins)
9	T9	0.3 mM salicylic acid (Dipped in 0.3 mM SA for 20 mins)
10	T10	Control (Dipped in distilled water for 20 mins)