

**The effect of sucrose and citric acid on postharvest longevity of Chrysanthemum
Cut flower (c.v YELLOW)**

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Abstract:

Chrysanthemum is one of the most important cut flowers of Iranian flower production (is 7249866 stems in year). But Longevity of Chrysanthemum cut flower is little. This research was of 2008 at Zanjan University for purpose the study of effect sucrose and citric acid on postharvest longevity for increase vase life of Chrysanthemum cut flower.

This experiment was arranged a factorial design based on a completely randomized design and 3 replications. Citric acid at 4 external (0, 200, 400, 800 ppm) and sucrose at 3 external (0, 0.1, 0.2%). The vase life of cut flowers, water uptake and RWC were evaluated.

Result showed that sucrose with 0.1% and citric acid 400 ppm increased vase life. Sucrose with 0% and citric acid 800 ppm increased water uptake.

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