

Impact of Herbicides on Various Weed Flora in Wheat under Rainfed Production System

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Abstract: Bread wheat is the most important cereal food grain crops in the world which can be grown under diverse agro ecology. However, its productivity has been limited due to various abiotic and biotic factors including weeds. The aim of the study was to evaluate the effects of post emergence broad leaf herbicides application on weed management and productivity of wheat. Four types of herbicides 2,4-D1t ha⁻¹, Pyroxulam 0.5lt ha⁻¹, Florasulam 100ml ha⁻¹ and Florasulam + Amipyrolid 33gm ha⁻¹ along with weedy check that were laid out in Randomized Completely Block Design with three replications. A total of identified 12 weed species were recorded 86 % broad and 14 % grass weeds. Relative weed density also indicated that the field was highly infested by *Galinsoga pulviflora* Cav. but the lowest infestation of *Guizotia scabra* (Vis) Chiov was recorded in the field. Results also revealed that significant effects of post emergence herbicides application on some traits studied but there is no significant difference among tested herbicides on plant height, stand count, spike length, number of seeds per spike and thousand grain weights except for weedy checks. The minimum dry biomass weeds (111.00 kg ha⁻¹) and the highest weed control efficiency (79.63%) were recorded from the Pyroxulam. The highest number of productive tillers (131.66m⁻²), stand count (413.00m⁻²), seeds per spike (71.58), thousand grain weight (42.00g), grain yield (3928.25 kgha⁻¹) and biological yield (8693.3kg ha⁻¹) were recorded from Florasulam + Aminopyrolid while the lowest values were observed from the weedy check. Therefore, it can be concluded that Florasulam + Aminopyrolid effectively managed weeds and gave maximum yield which could be recommended for the test environment.

Keywords: application, effect, herbicides, maximum, weedy check

1. INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is the most important cereal crop cultivated worldwide and there by sustaining the livelihood of the world hungrier (Yared *et al.*, 2018). It is produced in a wide range of climatic environments and geographic regions (Dixon *et al.*, 2009). Despite its importance in Ethiopia, the mean national yield is 1.3 tons ha⁻¹ which is 24% below the mean yield of Africa and 48% below the global mean yield of wheat (Gebre-Mariam, 2003). Weeds are one of the major constraints in wheat production as they reduce productivity due to competition, allelopathy and by providing habitats for pathogens as well as serving as alternate host for various insects, fungi and increase harvest cost (Abbas *et al.*, 2009). Studies indicated that crop losses due to weed competition throughout the world as a whole are greater than those resulting from combined effect of insect pests and diseases. The losses caused by weed infestations vary depending up on the weed species, their density and environmental factors.

Physical methods are laborious, tiresome and expensive due to increasing cost of labor, draft animals and implements. However, the choice of most appropriate herbicide, proper time of application and proper dose is an important consideration for lucrative returns (Khalil, *et al.*, 2008). The use of herbicide is considered to be the most viable option for controlling weeds in wheat production. Weeds are one of the major factors reducing crop yield, deteriorate quality of crops and reduce farmers' income (Yared *et al.*, 2018).

The worldwide expansion in wheat cultivation and food production facilitated the use of agro-chemicals particularly chemical fertilizers and herbicides. Hand weeding and other traditional control methods are time consuming and involve high labor cost. Chemical weed control method offers an

advantage to save time, labor and money. This method become popular in different parts of the developed world mainly due to scarcity or expensive labor during peak of growing season and relatively the lower weeding cost. Continuous use of a single herbicide or herbicides of the same family or mechanism of action eventually resulted in weed resistance, herbicide persistence as well as the buildup of toxic residues in food chain, toxic effects to humans and animals. Hence, evaluation of new herbicides having the ability of controlling various weed species is essential. Therefore, the aim of the study was to evaluate the effects of post emergence broad leaf herbicides application on weed management and productivity of wheat.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Description of the study area

Field experiment was conducted at Holeta Agricultural Research Center which is located 33km west of Addis Ababa at 9°00N latitude and longitude 38°30E and elevation of 2400m.a.s.l. during main cropping season (July, 2019 to January, 2020). The area is receiving mean annual rain fall is 1144 mm with mean temperature maximum 22°C and minimum 6°C. The soil of the type is clay loam in texture with pH 6.65, organic carbon 2.26%, available P 14.17 mg kg⁻¹ soil, total nitrogen 0.12% and cation exchange capacity, 17 Cmol kg⁻¹ soils (HAR, 2017).

Treatments and experimental design

The field was ploughed with tractor followed by harrowing to make fine seedbed. Wheat variety “Dendea” 100 kg ha⁻¹ seed rate was used as test crop. Treatments comprised of four herbicides 2,4-D amine 720g/L, Pyroxulam, Florasulam, Florasulam +Aminopyrolid including weedy check and herbicides were applied as single post emergence. Experiment was laid out Randomized Complete Block Design with three replications. The size of each subplot was 4 m x 3m consisted of 15 rows each 4 m long and 20 cm apart from the adjacent row. All herbicides were applied with the help of knapsack sprayer with nozzle size of 350 µm while volume of water 200 L ha⁻¹ pressurized at 40 psi. Herbicides were applied as post emergence at crop tillering stage i.e. about 30-35 days after crop emergence.

Table 1. Trade names, common names and rate per hectare of different herbicides

Trade name	Common name	Rate ha ⁻¹
Agro 2,4 -D 720 g/l	2,4-D	1L
Pallas 45 OD	Pyroxulam	0.5L
Derby 175 SC	Florasulam	100ml
Lancolet 450 WG	Florasulam +Aminopyrolid	33gm

Data collection

The category wise broadleaved and grass weeds fresh biomass was done before harvest using 25 cm x 25 cm quadrat thrown randomly at four places in each plot and converted into m². The aboveground dry biomass of weeds harvested from each quadrat placed into paper bags separately and sun dried before drying in an oven at a 65 °C until constant weight and subsequently the dry weight measured.

Weed control efficiency (WCE) was determined by the formula, $WCE \% = \frac{WDC - WDP}{WDC} \times 100$ where, WCE=Weed Control Efficiency, WDC=Weed Dry weight in Control Plot and Weed Dry weight in Particular treatment (Davasenapathy *et al.*, 2008).

Crop stand count per m² was taken by throwing quadrat 25cm x 25cm randomly at four places in each plot. Plant height was measured from 4 plants randomly selected in each plots and their average calculated. The numbers of productive tillers counted from five rows with the length of 1m randomly taken in each net plot area and was converted into m² at harvest. The number of grains per spike was determined from randomly taken 4 spikes per plot. The spike length was measured from randomly selected 4 plants in each plot. Thousand grains weight was counted from the bulk of threshed produce from the net plot area and their weight recorded. Grain yield (kg ha⁻¹) was measured after threshing the sun dried plants harvested from each net plot and the yield was adjusted at 12.5% grain moisture content (Amare *et al.*, 2014). Biological yield was determined by taking the total weight of the harvest from each net plot area after sun drying the whole aboveground biomass.

The harvest index and yield loss were also calculated. The harvest index calculated by the formula, $HI\% = \frac{\text{Grain yield}}{\text{Total aboveground dry biomass}} \times 100$ and yield loss was calculated by the formula, $YL\% = \frac{MGYT - GYPT}{MGYT} \times 100$, YL=Yield Loss, MGYT=Maximum Grain Yield from Treatments and GYPT=Grain Yield of Particular Treatment.

Data analysis

Statistical analysis: Data recorded was subjected to ANOVA using statistical analysis system (SAS) as per design and the means was separated by LSD test at 5% or 1% (Gomez K.A. and A.A. Gomez, 1984).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Weed Species composition in the experimental field

The weed community comprised of both broadleaf and grass weeds that were classified in to eight major families. Out of total weeds species present in the experimental field 86 % were annual broadleaf weeds while 14% were annual grasses weeds. The maximum relative weed density in the field was *G.pulviflora* (31.39%) followed by *P.nepalense* (25.50%) while minimum relative weed density (2.00%) was recorded from *G.scabra* and *P.paradoxa* L. (Table -2).

Table2. Weed flora, density and their life form

Scientific names	Families	Weed density m ⁻² before spray	Relative Weed Density (%)	Life form/category
<i>Arthraxon prinodes</i> L.	Poaceae	7.02	5.11	Annual (grass)
<i>Setaria pumila</i> L.	Poaceae	10.44	7.60	Annual (grass)
<i>Phalaris paradoxa</i> L.	Poaceae	2.00	1.45	Annual (grass)
<i>Galinsoga pulviflora</i> Cav.	Compositae	31.39	22.88	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Corrigiola capensis</i> Wild	Caryophyllaceae	16.24	11.83	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Guizotia scabra</i> (Vis)Chiov	Compositae	2.00	1.45	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> HBK	Oxalidaceae	9.00	6.56	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	Plantaginaceae	6.30	4.60	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Polygonum nepalense</i> L.	Polygonaceae	25.50	18.58	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> L.	Brassicaceae	5.30	3.86	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Spergula arvensis</i> L.	Caryophyllaceae	6.50	4.74	Annual (broad leaf)
<i>Cyanotis barbata</i> D.Don	Commelinaceae	15.50	11.30	Annual (broad leaf)

Dry biomass of weed

The applications of herbicides were significant on dry biomass of weeds. The highest dry biomass of weeds (556.66 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded in weedy check whereas the minimum (111.00 kg ha⁻¹) was recorded due to Pyroxulam application (Table-3).

The application of herbicides 2, 4-D, Florasulam and Florasulam + Amirpyrolid revealed that statistically no significant difference. The minimum dry biomass of broad leaf weeds at Pyroxulam might be related to the activity of broad spectrum herbicides and also due to the ability of the herbicide in reducing weed density by killing both broadleaf and narrow leaf weeds by affecting the physiological process of those weeds resulted in mortality of weeds that remained in field.

This finding was similarly with Nadeem *et al.* (2006) and Munsif *et al.* (2009) who concluded that maximum weed density in weedy check can be attributed to unchecked growth, while application of herbicide caused mortality of weed resulting in lower weed density at harvest.

Weed control efficiency

Weed control efficiency was influenced by herbicides application. The maximum weed control efficiency was recorded at Pyroxulam (79.63%) while no weed control efficiency at weedy check (Table -3).The application 2, 4-D, Florasulam and Florasulam + Amirpyrolid revealed that statistically no significant difference. The higher weed control efficiency at Pyroxulam might be related to lowest

dry biomass of weeds which exhibited that the ability of the herbicides killing various weeds species in wheat.

Furthermore, the result also revealed that broad spectrum herbicides increased weed control efficiency due to limited weed growth but at low weed control efficiency as a result of severe inter and intra specific competition and higher weed biomass. This might be related to the activity of broad spectrum of the herbicide against both broad and grassy weeds as compared to other herbicides application. These findings are similar with who reported that herbicides with broad spectrum provided better weed control efficiency than control treatment (Ashiq *et al.*,2007).Tana *et al.* (2018) reported that the high control efficiency indicated that the weed were controlled when they are young or before they accumulated more dry matter by competing with the crop plants.

Table3. *Effects of herbicides on dry biomass of weeds and weed control efficiency*

Treatments	Dry biomass of weeds(kg ha ⁻¹)	Weed control efficiency (%)
2,4-D	158.33b	71.58b
Pyroxulam	111.00c	79.63a
Florasulam	153.33b	72.64b
Florasulam + Aminopyrolid	153.33b	72.45b
Weedy check	556.66a	0.00c
LSD	22.21	4.64
CV (%)	5.21	4.16

Plant height

The application of different herbicides had significant effect on plant height. The maximum plant height was recorded from weedy check plots (111.08 cm) followed by 2,4-D (105.00cm) while the minimum plant height (102.33cm) was obtained from application of Florasulam + Amirpyrolid (Table- 4).

The application of all herbicides except for weedy check showed that statistically no significant differences. The tallest plants 111.08 cm at weedy check indicated that the competition of weeds. The result clearly showed that plant attained its maximum height where the competition was severe for light between crop as well as weed but at lower competition, plant could not invest larger resources to attain its maximum height. Similar findings was reported from Bibi *et al* (2008) who reported that in weedy check the wheat crop invested photosynthate in attaining the vegetative superiority by shading weeds. These findings was contradicted with the work reported by Khalil *et al.* (2009) who concluded that plant height is strongly under genetic control and but not affected by herbicides application. Plant height is a varietal character more affected by the genotype than by the environment. However, interaction of factors to some extent significantly altered plant height (Safdar *et al.*, 2011).

Number of fertile tillers

The numbers fertile tillers m⁻² was significantly affected by different herbicidal application. Maximum number of fertile tillers (131.66m⁻²)were recorded from application of Pyroxulam while the minimum number of fertile tillers(35.66 m⁻²)was recorded at weedy check plots (Table - 4).

The application of 2,4-D and Pyroxulam and Florasulam caused statistically no significant difference. The maximum number of fertile tillers at Pyroxulam could be related with lower dry biomass of weeds , better weed control efficiency that resulted in less inter and intra specific completion of weeds with crop plants for water, nutrients and other growth factors and also due to the optimum space for wheat plants to flourish and produce fertile tillers up to their potential but the probable reason of lower number of fertile tillers in other interaction could be grasses escaped from their phytotoxicity and were competitive with wheat resulting in lower tillers. Lower number of fertile tillers in weedy check treatment can be attributed to higher weed density that resulted in competition for plant growth resources.

Dalga (2016) reported similar results that under low competition between weeds and crop for resources that enhanced productive tillers. Asad *et al.* (2017) also stated that increase in number of fertile productive tillers relatively better weed control which ultimately facilitated by more translocation of photosynthate towards reproductive growth due to lower weed wheat competition.

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Stand count

The stand count m^{-2} was significantly affected by different herbicidal application. Maximum number of stand count (413.00 m^{-2})were recorded from application of Pyroxulam while the minimum number of stand count (130.00 m^{-2})was recorded at weedy check plots (Table - 4).

The application all tested herbicides caused statistically no significant difference on stand count except for weedy checks. The maximum number of stand count at Pyroxulam could be related with lower dry biomass of weeds , better weed control efficiency that resulted in less inter and intra specific completion of weeds with crop plants for water, nutrients and other growth factors and also due to the optimum space for wheat plants to flourish and produce fertile tillers up to their potential that contributed more number of stand count but the probable reason of lower number of fertile tillers in other interaction could be grasses escaped from their phytotoxicity and were competitive with wheat resulting in lower tillers. Lower number of stand count in weedy check treatment can be attributed to higher weed density that resulted in competition for plant growth resources.

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Table4. Effects of herbicides on plant height, number of tillers and stand count

Treatments	Plant height	Number of tillers	Stand count
2,4-D	105b	128.33ab	409.33a
Pyroxulam	103.33b	131.66a	413.00a
Florasulam	103.75b	128.66ab	407.66a
Florasulam+Aminopyrolid	102.33b	126.66b	406a
Weedy check	111.08a	35.66c	130b
LSD	6.01	4.91	7.5
CV (%)	3.03	2.36	1.12

Spike length

The application of different herbicides had significant effect on the spike length of wheat. The highest spike length was recorded from application of Pyroxulam (9.58cm) followed by the application of 2,4-D (9.16cm) but the lowest spike lengths were recorded at weedy check (Table-5). The application of all tested herbicides produced statistically no significant difference except weedy check. The maximum spike length recorded at Pyroxulam could be related to effective weed control that resulted in better growing conditions for the crop to utilize resources effectively to produce longer spikes but at weedy check due to severe competition shorter spikes produced.

Similar result was reported from Tana *et al.* (2018) continuous increase in spike length which might be attributed to relief of wheat plants from weed competition leading to better growing conditions and more resources availability to the wheat plants. Asad *et al.* (2017) also stated that increase in spike length attributed to minimum crop - weed competition in treated plots and more availability of moisture that cause healthy plant growth.

Number of seeds per spike

The application herbicides had no significant effect on number of seeds per spike except for weedy check. The maximum numbers of seeds per spike were counted at application of Florasulam + Aminopyrolid (71.58) whereas minimum number of seeds per spike was counted from weedy check plot (Table - 5).

The highest number of seeds per spike at application of Florasulam + Aminopyralid might be related to lower dry weed biomass, better weed control efficiency that contributed to the crop to have longer

spikelets for producing more number of seeds. Lower number of seeds per spike can be attributed to shorter spike length in weedy check plots due to severe crop-weed competition.

Similar results have also been reported by Pandey *et al.* (2007) increase in number of grains per spike can be attributed to availability of nutrients and greater spike length of wheat. According to Ali *et al.* (2014) the number of seeds per spike increased with decreased weed competition. The poor grain filling due to presence of weeds was reported to be due to reduced tillering, ear formation, and stem weight and height reduction in wheat (Fazal *et al.*, 2012).

Thousand grain weight

The application of different herbicides did not impose significant effect on thousand grain weight except for weedy check. Maximum thousand grain weight was recorded at application of Florasulam (42.00 g) while minimum number of thousand grain weight was recorded at weedy check (Table - 5).

The highest thousand grain weight at Pyroxulam could be related to lower dry weed biomass, better weed control efficiency, minimum intra and inter-specific competition that enable the crop to utilize resources efficiently to produce well vigor seeds but at weedy check treatments lowest number of thousand grain weight was due to higher competition of plant growth resources that resulted in less vigor seeds. Similar results from Pandey *et al.* (2007) reported that lower thousand grain weight in weedy check and availability of nutrients and better plant growth might be the reason for heavier grains in high fertilizer levels.

Table 5. Effects of herbicides on spike length, number of seeds per spike and thousand grain weight

Treatments	Spike length(cm)	Seeds per spike	Thousand grain weight (gm.)
2,4-D	9.08a	66.50a	39.86a
Pyroxulam	9.05a	67.75a	41.20a
Florasulam	9.08a	70.33a	42.00a
Florasulam + Aminopyrolid	7.58a	71.58a	41.73a
Weedy check	6.66 b	54.83b	31.86b
LSD	1.10	10.95	3.77
CV (%)	6.83	8.78	5.08

Grain yield

The grain yield was significantly affected by the application of different herbicides. Maximum grain yield (3928.25 kg ha⁻¹) was obtained from Florasulam + Amirpyrolid while minimum grain yield (1025.00kg ha⁻¹) was obtained from weedy check (Table -6).

The application of 2,4-D and Pyroxulam showed that statistically no significant difference. Similarly application of Florasulam and Florasulam and Florasulam + Amirpyrolid showed that statistically no significant difference.

The highest number of grain yield at Florasulam + Amirpyrolid could be related to less weed competition with crop for plant growth factors and optimum space for wheat plants to flourish and produce fertile tillers up to their potential, more number of seeds per spike, thousand grain weight and higher number of total biomass production. The herbicide also had the ability of controlling various weed species and persistent. However, the lower grain yield at weedy check treatments was due to the severe inter and intra specific competition that resulted in lower yield and yield components.

The result of this study was similar with Nadeem *et al.* (2006) which stated that different herbicidal treatments had a significant effect on grain yield of wheat. The greatest reduction of yield was occurred when no herbicide was applied. Increased in yield in herbicides treated plots were due to the efficient weed control and thus the crop utilized all the available resources. These results are in confirmity with the work of Tunio *et al.* (2004) who reported that herbicidal treatments significantly increased grain yield in wheat. Ali *et al.* (2014) also stated that maximum grain yield was at weed free due to less weed population, better nutrient and water use efficiency but minimum at weedy check.

Biological yield

The application different post emergence herbicides highly influenced biological yield. The maximum biological yield was obtained from the combination of Florasulam + Aminopyrolid

(8693.30 kg ha⁻¹) while minimum biological yield (4566.70 kg ha⁻¹) was obtained from weedy check (Table - 6).

The use of all herbicides except Florasulam+ Aminopyrolid revealed that statistically no significant difference. The higher number of biological yield at Florasulam+ Aminopyrolid application could be related to less weed competition with crop plants for water, nutrients and other growth factors and also due to the optimum space for wheat plants to flourish and produce fertile tillers up to their potential, more number of seeds per spike and thousand grain weight that contributed to biological yield. However, the lowest biological yield at weed check signified severe competition of weeds resulted in fewer number of plants in plots.

Similar results were reported from Ali and Awan (2004) who stated that decreasing the biological yield in wheat might be due to weed competition as a consequence of depletion of nutrient supply and water by weeds, which resulted in reduced growth, seed and straw yields of crop plants. However, it is suggested that high seed rates were found to increase yield in well watered conditions, whereas the reverse was true with low soil moisture (Marwat *et al.*, 2011).weed control methods increased biological yield of wheat reducing the weed infestation (Zahoor *et al.*,2012).

Harvest index

The application of different herbicides showed highly significant effect on harvest index. The highest harvest index (33.34%) was observed at 2, 4-D.The minimum harvest index (20.65%) was obtained from weedy check (Table - 6).

The application of all herbicides except Florasulam +Amirpyrolid showed that statistically no significant differences. The maximum number of harvest index at 2, 4-D might be related to higher in total biomass production. The result also clearly indicated that harvest index was lower at higher total biomass production. Similar findings were reported from Ali *et al.*(2014) and Amare *et al.*(2014) concluded that harvest index increased with decreased in weed competition. Sujoy *et al.* (2006) was also reported that significant variation in harvest index of wheat due to weed control treatments.

Yield loss

The uses of various post emergence herbicides were highly significant on yield loss of bread wheat. The use of Florasulam + Aminopyrolid gave the lowest yield loss (13.01%) as compared to other tested herbicides but maximum yield loss 77.30% was obtained from weedy check plots (Table - 6).

The application of Florasulam and Florasulam + Amirpyrolid revealed statistically no significant differences. The lowest yield loss at Florasulam + Aminopyrolid could be related to higher weed control efficiency, more number of yield components and better crop growing conditions to produce higher yield. In contrast, higher weed biomass resulted in greatest yield reduction due to competition for growth resources and fewer number of wheat in the plots.

The highest yield loss obtained from weedy check plots as a result of higher weed density and competition. The finding was in conformity with the work of Amare *et al.*(2014) reported that highest yield loss was at weedy check and under poor weed control. On the other hand, Karlen *et al.*(2002) reported a yield reduction as high as 80% in wheat due to weed competition throughout the crop growing season.

Table6. Effects of herbicides on grain yield, biological yield, harvest index and yield loss

Treatments	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Biological yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Harvest index (%)	Yield loss (%)
2,4-D	3745.17b	7483.3b	33.34a	17.07b
Pyroxulam	3813.17b	7700b	33.12ab	15.56bc
Florasulam	3838.83ab	7900b	32.70ab	14.99bc
Florasulam+Aminopyrolid	3928.25a	8693.3a	31.17b	13.01c
Weedy check	1025c	4566.7c	20.65c	77.30a
LSD	117.79	714.35	2.16	2.60
CV (%)	1.91	5.21	3.80	5.01

4. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Bread wheat is the most important food grain crops in the world in which its productivity has been limited due to biotic and abiotic constraints. Weed management practices such as promising herbicides are among the important methods for the management of weeds to improve wheat production and productivity. Therefore, the aim of the study was to evaluate the effects of post emergence broad leaf herbicides application on weed management and productivity of wheat.

Some of the traits studied were significantly affected by herbicides application but there is no significant difference among tested herbicides on plant height, stand count, spike length, number of seeds per spike and thousand grain weights except for weedy checks. The minimum number of dry biomass of weeds and highest weed control efficiency were recorded at application of Pyroxulam but no weed control at weedy check while the maximum numbers of dry biomass of weed were obtained from weedy checks. The maximum number of productive tillers and stand count was recorded at Pyroxulam treated plots. The maximum plant height was recorded from of weedy check while the maximum harvest index was observed at 2, 4-D.

Application of Florasulam + Aminopyrolid comparatively gave maximum grain yield and biological yield but low significant yield loss as compared to other tested herbicides. Herbicides having the ability of controlling various weed species gave better yield advantages as well as for good weed management over narrow spectrum herbicides. However, more yield advantages was obtained from application of broad spectrum herbicide Florasulam + Aminopyrolid which could be recommended for the test environment.

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