

Table S1. F values from ANOVA for plant height, stem diameter, leaf area related to NaCl, GA₃ and their interactions of castor bean seedlings.

Parameters	Source of variation	10 d	20 d	30 d
Plant height	NaCl	98.51**	125.88**	49.06**
	GA ₃	11.49**	23.52**	8.98**
	NaCl * GA ₃	5.21**	3.09*	3.65*
Stem diameter	NaCl	15.36**	57.31**	30.19**
	GA ₃	2.37ns	6.41**	4.90**
	NaCl * GA ₃	0.59ns	5.33**	3.40*
Leaf area	NaCl	10.35**	22.56**	269.84**
	GA ₃	1.10ns	9.13**	87.56**
	NaCl * GA ₃	1.47ns	2.649*	25.32**

ns., not significant; * and **, significant at $P = 0.05$ and $P = 0.01$, respectively. 10 d, 20 d, and 30 d represent 10, 20, and 30 days after seeding.

Table S2. F values from ANOVA for dry matter related to NaCl, GA₃ and their interactions of castor bean seedlings.

Plant stage	Source of variation	Leaf	Stem	Root	Plant
10 d	NaCl	1.57ns	0.64ns	1.95ns	0.48ns
	GA ₃	2.93ns	0.35ns	5.74**	2.83ns
	NaCl * GA ₃	1.15ns	1.71ns	1.65ns	1.21ns
20 d	NaCl	5.16*	2.67ns	1.82ns	4.00*
	GA ₃	2.29ns	0.25ns	4.67*	1.08ns
	NaCl * GA ₃	1.61ns	0.94ns	0.36ns	0.62ns
30 d	NaCl	21.52**	5.21*	33.41**	20.77**
	GA ₃	21.26**	0.84ns	1.78ns	10.95**
	NaCl * GA ₃	2.15ns	0.65ns	3.03*	1.52ns

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Table S3. F values from ANOVA for SOD, POD and CAT activity, soluble protein and proline content related to NaCl, GA₃ and their interactions of castor bean seedlings.

Parameters	Source of variation	10 d	20 d	30 d
SOD	NaCl	104.46**	34.25**	41.03**
	GA ₃	44.95**	4.78*	11.60**
	NaCl * GA ₃	11.07**	4.40**	3.97*
POD	NaCl	304.68**	238.67**	75.60**
	GA ₃	122.18**	60.87**	34.97**
	NaCl * GA ₃	17.41**	22.01**	6.89**
CAT	NaCl	36.65**	199.93**	492.45**
	GA ₃	30.23**	72.98**	192.40**
	NaCl * GA ₃	8.42**	25.22**	61.56**
Soluble protein	NaCl	146.48**	8.32**	13.77**
	GA ₃	53.58**	8.65**	11.78**
	NaCl * GA ₃	10.34**	3.88**	7.12**
Proline content	NaCl	302.55**	166.69**	86.74**
	GA ₃	35.27**	7.78**	3.22*
	NaCl * GA ₃	39.81**	12.29**	5.50**

ns., not significant; * and **, significant at $P = 0.05$ and $P = 0.01$, respectively. 10 d, 20 d, and 30 d represent 10, 20, and 30 days after seeding.