Supplementary

Table S1. Variance components and Tukey's HSD values ($p \leq 0.05$) for phenological attributes of cotton under influence of different mepiquat chloride timing and different sowing techniques.

Variance components	DF	Floral bud initiation		Days to flowering		Boll maturation period	
		2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
V_S	1	2.82^{NS}	1.83^{NS}	89.6^{**}	82.3^{**}	4.33^{NS}	4.78^{*}
V_{MC}	2	2.48^{NS}	3.15^{NS}	71.7^{*}	69.4^{*}	6.78^{NS}	3.44^{NS}
$V_{S \times MC}$	1	9.04^{NS}	7.86^{NS}	5.08^{NS}	6.18^{NS}	4.11^{NS}	4.56^{NS}

DF= Degree of freedom; S= Sowing technique; MC= mepiquat chloride application timing; *= Significant at the 0.05 probability level; **= Significant at the 0.01 probability level, NS= Non-significant at 0.05 probability level; Each value indicate the mean sum of square of respective variance component.