**Supplementary Table 1.** Analysis of variance for plant height (cm) of chickpea

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| Source of variation | Degree of freedom | Mean sum of square | | | | | |
| Days after crop emergence (crop emerged 9 days after sowing) | | | | | |
| 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 20 |
| Replication | 19 | 43.9 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 31.8 | 38.9 | 63.1 |
| Treatments | 4 | 16.4 | 26.1 | 46.5\* | 85.2\* | 124.3\* | 518.3\* |
| Error | 76 | 15.0 | 11.3 | 11.9 | 20.5 | 33.2 | 34.6 |

\*Indicates significant at a 5% level of significance

**Supplementary Table 2.** Analysis of variance for biomass (% of respective control) of chickpea

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| Source of variation | Degree of freedom | Mean sum of square | | | | | |
| Days after crop emergence (crop emerged 9 days after sowing) | | | | | |
| 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 20 |
| Replication | 19 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Treatments | 4 | 0.6 | 1.5\* | 2.9\* | .1\* | 5.2\* | 1.5\* |
| Error | 76 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

\*Indicates significant at a 5% level of significance