Supplementary material for

**Combined effects of straw-derived biochar** **and bio-based polymer-coated urea on nitrogen use efficiency and cotton yield**

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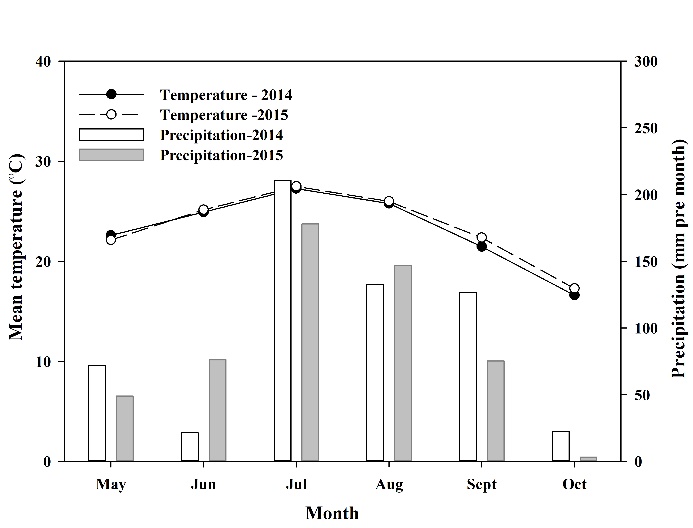
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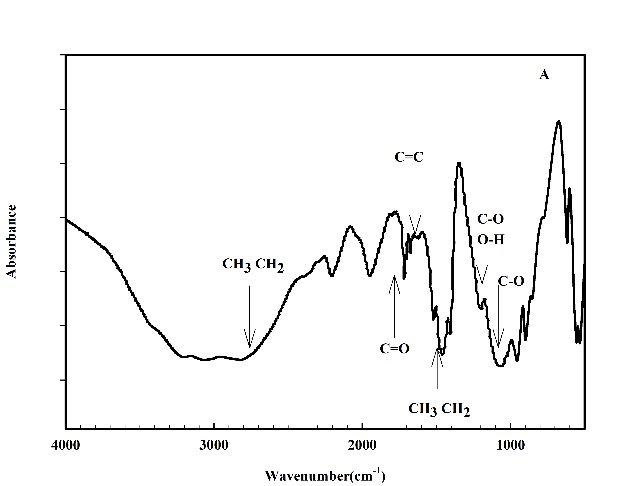
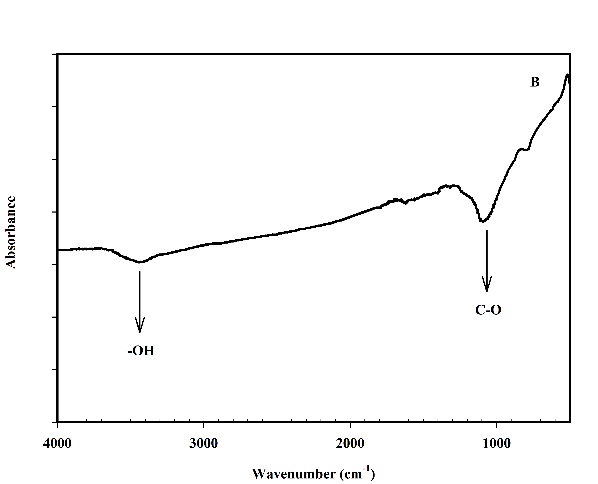
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| Stage | Seeding stage | First bloom stage | Full bolling stage | Initial boll opening stage | Maturity stage |
| NO3--N contents | | | | | |
| C | <0.0001 | 0.0052 | 0.0005 | 0.0014 | 0.0121 |
| N | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| Interaction | 0.0414 | 0.8536 | 0.3184 | 0.2049 | 0.0184 |
| NH4+-N contents | | | | | |
| C | 0.0031 | <0.0001 | 0.4901 | 0.3110 | 0.0515 |
| N | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.0008 |
| Interaction | 0.4972 | 0.1636 | 0.5058 | 0.9745 | 0.7555 |

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