

Table 4 Growth performance of maize under varied exposure periods of UV radiation

Exposure periods of UV radiation (minutes)	Plant height (cm)	Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width	Number of leaves
0 (control)	56.22 <sup>c</sup>	36.72 <sup>c</sup>	2.02 <sup>d</sup>	4.37 <sup>d</sup>
20	72.59 <sup>ab</sup>	46.17 <sup>ab</sup>	2.53 <sup>abc</sup>	5.42 <sup>bc</sup>
40	75.71 <sup>ab</sup>	46.55 <sup>ab</sup>	2.74 <sup>ab</sup>	5.99 <sup>ab</sup>
60	58.12 <sup>c</sup>	36.96 <sup>c</sup>	2.10 <sup>cd</sup>	4.73 <sup>cd</sup>
80	65.24 <sup>bc</sup>	44.29 <sup>bc</sup>	2.29 <sup>bcd</sup>	5.02 <sup>cd</sup>
100	80.86 <sup>a</sup>	52.18 <sup>a</sup>	2.79 <sup>a</sup>	6.42 <sup>a</sup>

Means with the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at  $p > 0.05$  using Duncan's multiple range test