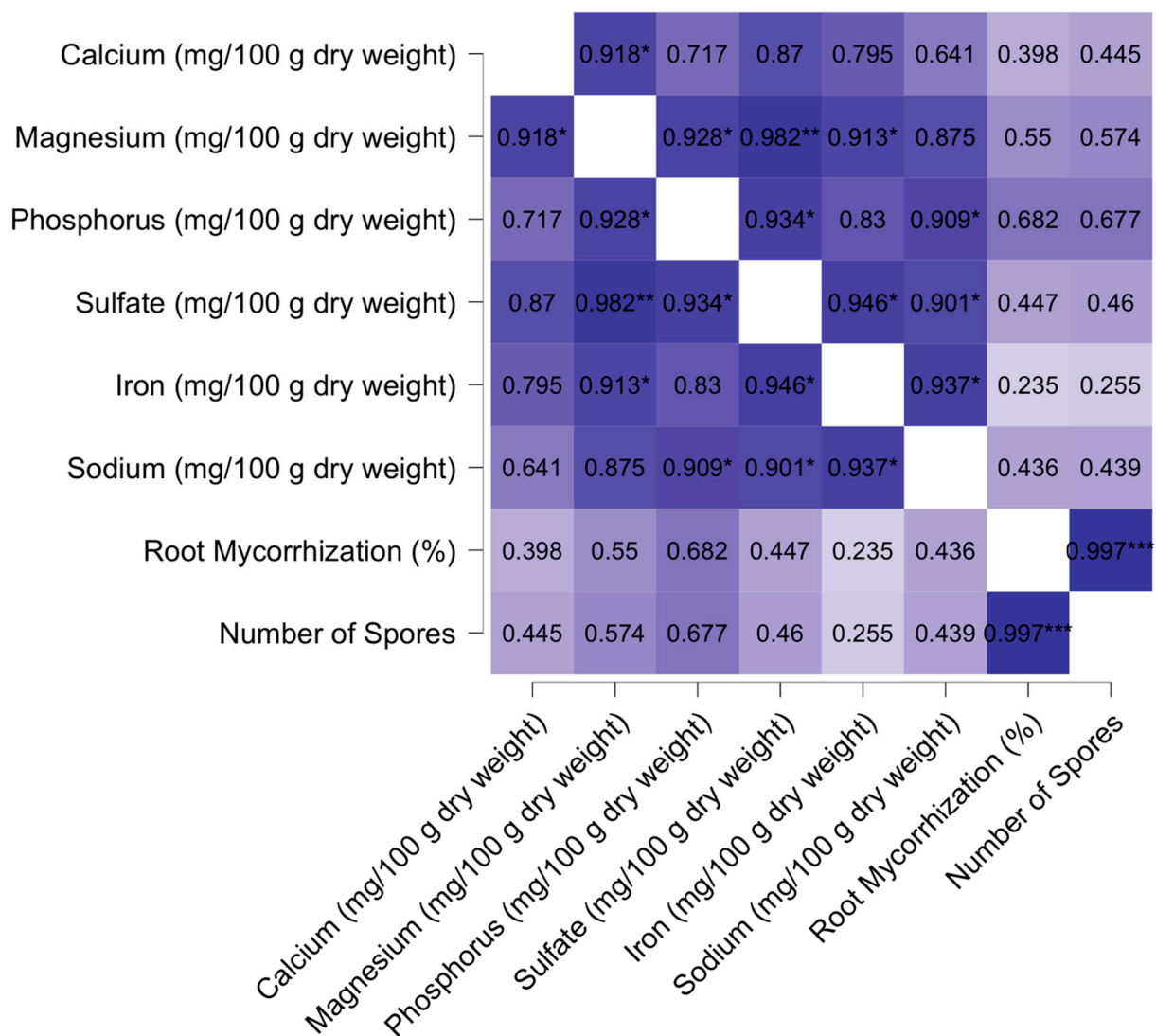


**Figure S1.** Pearson's correlation coefficients for growth and biochemical attributes studied among the different treatments for the bell pepper in the present study with significant values  $p < 0.05$  flagged (\*),  $p < 0.01$  (\*\*) and  $p < 0.1$  (\*\*\*), respectively.



**Figure S2.** Pearson's correlation coefficients mineral content (mg/100 g dry weight), root mycorrhization (%) and number of spores among the different treatments studied for the bell pepper in the present study with significant values  $p < 0.05$  flagged (\*),  $p < 0.01$  (\*\*) and  $p < 0.1$  (\*\*\*), respectively.