

Table S1. Effects of heavy metals on hormetic and toxic doses on physiological and biochemical factors in plants

Metal	Plant species	Plant organ	Hormetic/toxic effect	Concentration	Increase of parameter	Decrease of parameter	Authors
Al	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	shoot, root	hormetic effect	200 μ M AlCl ₃	Chlorophyll a and b, total chlorophyll, free amino acids – Cotaxtla, Huimanguilo, Temporalero cultivars; soluble sugars, P, K – in roots; N - Cotaxtla cultivar in roots; Ca – Huimanguilo cultivar in roots; Mg - Cotaxtla, Tres Rios, Huimanguilo cultivars in roots; N, Mg - in shoots; K - in Cotaxtla, Tres Rios, Huimanguilo cultivar in shoots; Ca - in Tres Rios, Temporalero cultivars in shoots	Chlorophyll a and b, total chlorophyll, free amino acids - Tres Rios cultivar, proline; N - in Cotaxtla, Tres Rios, Huimanguilo cultivars in roots; Ca - in Cotaxtla, Tres Rios, Temporalero cultivar in roots; Mg - in Temporalero cultivar in roots; P - in shoots; K - in Temporalero cultivar in shoots; Ca - in Cotaxtla, Huimanguilo cultivar in shoots	[44]
Al	<i>Camellia sinensis</i> L.	root	hormetic effect	400 μ M AlCl ₃	superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), ascorbate peroxidase (APX)	Lipid peroxidation, wall-bound phenols, lignin, phenylalanine ammonia lyase (PAL), soluble fraction of proline oxidase (POX), ionically wall bound peroxidases, covalently wall bound peroxidases	[53]
Al	<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> L.	root, stem, leaf	hormetic effect	0.5 mM AlCl ₃	N, P - in young, mature and old leaves; K - in mature and old leaves	K - in young leaves; N, K – in roots	[54]
Al	<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr.	root	hormesis effect	25 μ M AlCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	SOD, peroxidase (POD), malondialdehyde (MDA) content	-	[55]
			toxic effect	50 μ M AlCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	SOD, POD, MDA content	-	

Al	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	leaf	hormesis effect	48 μ M AlCl ₃ ·7H ₂ O	MDA content, superoxide radicals (SOR) production, protein, chlorophylls	SOD, POD, CAT, K, Ca, Mg, photosynthetic rate	[56]
As	<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i> L.	seedling	hormesis effect	1, 5, 10 μ M Na ₂ HAsO ₄	Total protein content - 1 and 4 days after exposure; chlorophyll a, b and t, carotenoids - 1 and 4 days after exposure; non protein thiols, cystein content, ascorbic acid content - 1 and 4 days after exposure	Total protein content - 7 days after exposure; chlorophyll a, b and t, carotenoids - 7 days after exposure; non protein thiols, cystein content, ascorbic acid content - 7 days after exposure	[65]
			toxic effect	20 μ M Na ₂ HAsO ₄	Total protein content - 1day after exposure; chlorophylls a, b and t - 1 day after exposure; carotenoids - 1 and 4 days after exposure; non protein thiols, cystein content, ascorbic acid content - 1 and 4 days after exposure	Total protein content - 4 and 7 days after exposure; chlorophylls a, b and t - 4 and 7 days after exposure; carotenoids - 7 days after exposure; non protein thiols, cystein content, ascorbic acid content - 7 days after exposure	
As	<i>Pteris vittata</i> L.	fern	hormesis effect	100 ppm chromated copper arsenate (CCA)	-	-	[254]
Cd	<i>Gypsophila fastigiata</i> L.	shoot	hormesis effect	0.5, 2.5, 5 μ M CdCl ₂	total phenols phenylpropanoids, flavonols anthocyanins	Chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids	[60]

					K, Ca, Mg, P, Zn- in leaves Cu – in leaves for 25 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	S, Fe, Mn – in leaves Cu and B – in leaves for 50 and 100 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	
			hormesis effect	25, 50, 100 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	P, Cu, B – in stems K, Mg, S – in stems for 50 and 100 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Fe – in stems for 25 and 100 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Zn – in stems for 25 and 50 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	K, Ca, Mg, S – in stems for 25 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Fe – in stems for 50 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Zn – in stems for 100 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Mn – in stems	
Cd	<i>Sedum alfredii</i> Hance	shoot			K, Ca, Mg, P, Fe- in leaves for 200 and 400 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ S – in leaves only for 200 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	K, Mg, P, Fe – in leaves only for 800 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ Mn, Cu, B – leaves S – in leaves only for 400 and 800 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	[57]
			toxic effect	200, 400, 800 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	Zn, Fe – in stems K, P, S, Cu – in stems only for 200 and 400 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ ; B – in stems only for 400 and 800 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ ; Mn - in stems only for 400 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	Ca, Mg – in stems; Mn - stems only for 200 and 400 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ P, S – in stems only for 800 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂ B – in stems only for 200 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ CdCl ₂	
Cd	<i>Viola</i> <i>baoshanensis</i> W.S.Shu, W.Liu & C.Y.Lan	plant (no distinction)	hormesis effect	5, 10, 20, 30 mg·L ⁻¹ CdCl ₂			[58]
			toxic effect	40, 50, 60 mg·L ⁻¹ CdCl ₂			

Cd	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	root, stem, leaf	hormetic effect	5, 10 mg kg ⁻¹ CdCl ₂ ·2.5 H ₂ O	Net photosynthesis rate, stomatal conductance; transpiration rate - only for 5 mg kg ⁻¹ CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O, photochemical efficiency of Photosystem II (PSII), effective quantum yield of PSII, phytochemical quenching coefficient, potential efficiency of PSII phytochemistry, chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b, carotenoids, total chlorophylls	Intercellular CO ₂ concentration; transpiration rate - only for 10 mg kg ⁻¹ CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O	[59]
			toxic effect	25, 50, 100 CdCl ₂ ·2.5 H ₂ O	Phytochemical quenching coefficient - only for 25 CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O; carotenoid - only for 50, 100 CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O	Net photosynthesis rate, stomatal conductance, intercellular CO ₂ concentration, photochemical, transpiration rate, efficiency of PSII, effective quantum yield of PSII, phytochemical quenching coefficient, potential efficiency of PSII phytochemistry; chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids - only for 100 CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O; total chlorophylls	
Cd	<i>Dianthus carhusianorum</i> L.	shoot, root	hormetic effect	1, 3, 5.5 μM CdCl ₂	K, Fe; Zn, chlorophyll a and b, carotenoids - only for 3 and 5.5 μM CdCl ₂	Na, Mg, Ca, Mn, Cu, total phenols, phenylpropanoids; Zn, chlorophyll a and b, carotenoids, flavonols, anthocyanins - only for 3 and 5.5 μM CdCl ₂	[60]
Cd	<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	shoot, root	hormetic effect	10 ⁻⁸ M CdCl ₂	-	protochlorophylls, chlorophylls a and b, total chlorophylls	[61]

			toxic effect	10 ⁻² , 10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻⁵ M CdCl ₂	-	protochlorophylls, chlorophylls a and b, total chlorophylls (strong decrease)	
Cd	<i>Arabis paniculata</i> F.	seedling	hormetic effect	22, 44, 89 μM CdCl ₂	Chlorophylls a/b; MDA – in leaves for 44 μM CdCl ₂ superoxide anion, SOD, CAT, glutathione peroxidase (GPX), ascorbate peroxidase (APX) – in leaves glutathione reductase (GR)– in leaves only for 89 μM CdCl ₂	chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids, total chlorophylls- in leaves MDA – in leaves only for 22 and 89 μM CdCl ₂ hydrogen peroxide; GR – in leaves only for 89 μM CdCl ₂	[62]
					CAT – in root only for 22, 44 μM CdCl ₂	MDA, hydrogen peroxide, superoxide anion, SOD, GPX, APX, GR - in root; CAT - in root only for 89 μM CdCl ₂	
			toxic effect	178 μM CdCl ₂	MDA, hydrogen peroxide, SOD, CAT, GPX, APX, GR – in leaves GR – in roots	superoxide anion – in leaves MDA, hydrogen peroxide, superoxide anion, SOD, CAT, GPX, APX – in roots	
Cd	<i>Brassica juncea</i> L.	root, shoot	hormetic effect	10, 20, 40, 80, 160 mM CdCl ₂ · H ₂ O - 14 days after exposure	Chlorophylls a, b and t, carotenoids non protein thiols, gluthation, total protein content phytochelatin content, GR activity (strong increase)	-	[63]
			toxic effect	10, 20, 40, 80, 160 mM CdCl ₂ · H ₂ O - 28 days after exposure	Chlorophylls a, b and t, carotenoids, non -protein thiols, gluthation, total protein content phytochelatin content, GR activity	-	

Cd	<i>Salsola kali</i> L.	root	hormetic effect	20 mg L ⁻¹ of Cd(II)	Ca, Mn, Mo	K, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn	[64]
			toxic effect	5, 10 mg L ⁻¹ of Cd(II)	K, P, Ca, Cu	Mg, Fe, Zn, Mn, Mo	
Cd	<i>Spirodela polyrrhiza</i> L.	seedling	hormesis effect	0.1, 0.5, 1 µM CdCl ₂ ·H ₂ O	Total protein content - 1 day after exposure; chlorophylls a, b and t - 1 day after exposure and for 0.1,0.5 µM Cd ²⁺ 4 day after exposure; carotenoids, non-protein thiols, cysteine content - 1 and 4 days after exposure; ascorbic acid -1 day after exposure	Total protein content - 4 and 7 days after exposure; chlorophylls a, b and t - 7 days after exposure and for 1 µM Cd ²⁺ 4 days after exposure; carotenoids, non-protein thiols, cysteine content - 7 days after exposure; ascorbic acid – 4 and 7 days after exposure	[65]
			toxic effect	2 µM CdCl ₂ ·H ₂ O	Total protein content, chlorophylls a, b and t, ascorbic acid - 1 day after exposure; carotenoids, non protein-thiols , cystein content - 1 and 4 days after exposure	Total protein content, chlorophylls a, b and t, ascorbic acid - 4 and 7 days after exposure; carotenoids, non-proteic thiols, cystein content - 7 days after exposure	
Cd	<i>Arabis paniculata</i> Franch	root, shoot	hormetic effect	9, 44, 89, 178 µM Cd CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O	chlorophylls a and b, chlorophylls a+b	-	[66]
			toxic effect	267 µM Cd CdCl ₂ ·2.5H ₂ O	chlorophyll a, chlorophylls a+b	chlorophyll b	
Cr	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> Mart.	root, aerial parts	hormetic effect	2.0, 4.0 mg·L ⁻¹ CrCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids; CAT, POD, SOD, GR activity, MDA - in roots and aerial parts	CAT activity - in aerial parts 72 h after exposure	[67]
			toxic effect	6.0, 8.0 mg·L ⁻¹ CrCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids, CAT, POD, SOD, GR acivity, MDA - in roots and aerial parts	CAT activity – only in aerial parts 72 h after exposure	

Cr	<i>Salsola kali</i> L.	root, shoot	hormetic effect	5, 10 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ – in roots	Ca and Mg, Cu Zn - for 5 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(VI)	K, P, Fe and Mg, Cu, Zn - for 10 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(VI)	[68]				
				5, 10 Cr(NO ₃) ₃ – in roots	Ca- for 10 Cr(NO ₃) ₃ ; Fe - for 5 Cr(NO ₃) ₃	K, P, Mg, Cu, Zn; Ca, Fe - for 5 Cr(NO ₃) ₃					
				5, 10 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ – in shoots	K, Fe – in stem for 10 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ -	Ca, P, Mg, Cu, Zn and K, Fe – in stem for 5 10 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ Ca, K, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn – in leaves					
				5 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃ – in shoots	K; Fe - in stem only for 10 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃ Zn; K, P – in leaves only for 10 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃	Ca, P, Mg, Cu, Zn; Fe – in stem only for 5 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃ Ca, Mg, Fe, Cu; K, P – in leaves for 5 Cr(NO ₃) ₃					
				20 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ – in roots	Ca	K, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn					
				20 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃ – in roots	Ca	K, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn					
				20 mg·L ⁻¹ K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ – in shoot	K - in stem Zn – in leaves	Ca, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn – in stem Ca, K, P, Mg, Fe, Cu – in leaves					
				10, 20 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr(NO ₃) ₃ – in shoots	Fe – in stem K – in leaves	Ca, K, P, Mg, Cu, Zn – in stem Ca, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn – in leaves					
				Cr	<i>Lemna minuta</i> Kunth	hormesis effect		2.5, 5 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr ₂ O ₄ K ₂	No differences	chlorophylls, carotene and malondialdehyde	[69]

			toxic effect	10, 20 mg·L ⁻¹ Cr ₂ O ₄ K ₂			
Cr	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.	root	hormesis effect	12.5 μM CrO ₃	CAT, GPX, SOD, APX activity deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) damage	superoxide radical, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radical, cell death, lipid peroxidation	[70]
			toxic effect	25, 50, 100, 200 μM CrO ₃	superoxide radical, hydrogen peroxide, hydroxyl radical, cell death, lipid peroxidation, GPX activity, DNA damage	CAT, SOD, APX activity	
La	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	shoot, leaf	hormetic effect	10 μM LaCl ₃	total soluble sugars total soluble proteins chlorophylls a and b, total chlorophylls	total soluble amino acids	[71]
La	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	leaf	hormetic effect	10, 20, 30 mg·L ⁻¹ (La III)	POD activity, chlorophyll content, chlorophylls a/b value	relative electrolyte leakage, MDA, H ₂ O ₂ content	[72]
			toxic effect	60, 100 mg·L ⁻¹ (La III)	relative electrolyte leakage, MDA, H ₂ O ₂ content	POD activity, chlorophyll content, chlorophylls a/b value	
La	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	root	hormetic effect	0.05, 0.1 mmol·L ⁻¹ La(NO ₃) ₃	K, Mg, Ca, Na, Mn, Mo	Fe, Zn, Cu	[73]
			toxic effect	0.5, 1, 1.5 mmol·L ⁻¹ La(NO ₃) ₃	Mg, Na, Fe, Mn	K, Ca, Zn, Cu, Mo	
Pb	<i>Arabis paniculata</i> Franch	roots, shoot	hormesis effect	24, 48 μM Pb(NO ₃) ₂	chlorophyll a; chlorophylls a+b - for 24 μM Pb(NO ₃) ₂	chlorophyll b; chlorophylls a+b - for 48 μM Pb(NO ₃) ₂	[66]

			toxic effect	97, 193, 386 μM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	chlorophyll a, chlorophylls a+b - for 97 μM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Chlorophyll b; Chlorophyll a and chlorophylls a+b - for 193, 386 μM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	
Pb	<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	shoot	hormesis effect	0.075 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	TSA, SA, SAG, ABA, pisatin, 2'OH genistein, Glc-Glc-Glc rhamnose, PAL	Glc-Glc-Glc kaempferol, β - glucosidase	[35]
			toxic effect	0.5 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	TSA, SA, SAG, ABA, pisatin, 2'OH genistein, Glc-Glc-Glc rhamnose, PAL	Glc-Glc-Glc kaempferol, β - glucosydase	
Pb	<i>Brassica pekinensis</i> Rupr.	root, shoot	hormesis effect	125, 250, 500, 1000 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	-	-	[74]
Pb	<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i> L.	shoot	hormesis effect	0.1, 0.5, 1 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Zn, Fe; Cu - for 0.1, 0.5 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ Mg, K - for 1 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Na, Ca, Mn; Mg, K – only for. 1 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$; Cu – only for 1 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	[60]
Pb	<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> L.	shoot	hormesis effect	0.5, 1 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Phenols, anthocyanins, MDA, POD, CAT, chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids	-	[75]
			toxic effect	1.5 mM $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Phenols, anthocyanins, MDA, POD, chlorophylls a and b, carotenoids	CAT	
Hg	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> L.	stem	hormesis effect	0.15, 1 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2	MDA - for 1 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2 ; Pn, chlorophylls - for 0.15 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2	Pn, chlorophyll, Fv/Fm - for 1 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2	[76]
			toxic effect	5, 10 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2	MDA; Pn - for 10 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2	Pn - for 5 mg kg^{-1} HgCl_2 ; chlorophylls, Fv/Fm	
Pd	<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	root	hormesis effect	0.10, 0.25, 1.0, mg L^{-1}	Photosynthetic efficiency	-	[77]

K ₂ PdCl ₄						
			toxic effect	0.10, 0.25, 10, 25 mg L ⁻¹ K ₂ PdCl ₄	Photosynthetic efficiency	-
Pt	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> L.	root, rosette	hormetic effect	2.5 μM Pt(NH ₃) ₄ (NO ₃) ₂	net photosynthesis stomatal resistance chlorophyll content glutathione, phytochelatins	-
			toxic effect	5, 25, 50, 100 μM. Pt(NH ₃) ₄ (NO ₃) ₂	glutathione, phytochelatins	net photosynthesis stomatal resistance chlorophyll content
Ti	<i>Avena sativa</i> L.		toxic effect	2 ppm TiCl ₄	-	-
U	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Michx.	root, shoot	hormesis effect	50, 500 mg kg ⁻¹ UO ₂ (OH) ₂ -nH ₂ O	-	-
			toxic effect	500, 25000 mg kg ⁻¹ UO ₂ (OH) ₂ - nH ₂ O	-	-
Zn	<i>Thlaspi caerulescens</i> J.Presl & C.Presl	shoot	hormesis effect	1000, 2000 μg·g ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄	Mg	K, Ca, P, Cl
			toxic effect	3000, 4000 μg·g ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄	-	Mg, K, Ca, P, Cl
Zn	<i>Sedum alfredii</i> Hance	root, shoot	hormesis effect	5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160 mg·L ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄ ·7 H ₂ O - in shoots 20, 40, 80, 160 mg·L ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄ ·7 H ₂ O - in roots	-	-
			toxic effect	240, 320 mg·L ⁻¹ ZnSO ₄ ·7 H ₂ O	-	-

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Zn	<i>Arabis paniculata</i> Franch	root, shoot	hormesis effect	306, 612, 1223; 2447 μM $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - in shoots ; 153, 306 μM $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - in roots	Chlorophylls a and b, chlorophylls a+b	-	[66]
			toxic effect	1223, 2447 μM $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - in roots	Chlorophyll b, chlorophylls a+b; Chlorophyll a - for 1223 μM $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Chlorophyll a - for 2447 μM $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	

