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TOXICITY EVALUATION OF LEAD IN AQUATIC MACROPHYTES

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The present study was focused on Lead (Pb) toxicity on macrophytes and biochemical parameters and profile of metal accumulation in aquatic macrophytes. The laboratory experiments were conducted for the assessment of Morphological Index Parameters (MIP), biochemical parameters and accumulation status of lead (Pb) in test plants at various concentrations, viz. 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 ppm at regular interval for 12 days exposure duration. The test plants viz. *Salvinia* & *Spirodela* were used for toxicity evaluation and profile of metal accumulation (Lead-Pb) from synthetic medium. The test plants were cultured in a modified Hoagland solution supplemented with Pb(NO₃)₂. The test plants shows visible symptoms like withering of roots, chlorosis, necrosis etc. particularly at higher concentrations i.e 1.5 ppm and 2.0 ppm, lower leaves gets decayed. However, at lower concentration i.e 0.1 ppm shows normal growth. The estimation of total chlorophyll, protein and carbohydrate of test plants showed significant increased at lower concentration i.e 0.1 ppm and decreased with increase in exposure concentrations i.e 0.5 to 2.0 ppm. It reveals that the toxic effect was directly proportional to its concentrations and exposure duration. The accumulation status was maximum in following orders (*Salvinia* > *Spirodela*) at low and higher concentrations of lead at 4 & 12 days exposure duration. However, accumulation profile in the test plants was maximum at 4 days exposure irrespective of metal concentrations and gradually decreases at subsequent exposure concentrations and duration.

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INTRODUCTION

Heavy metal contamination in the water bodies is increasing at an alarming rate due to industrial and anthropogenic activities (1). Heavy metal pollution is a major environmental problem facing the modern world (1, 17). The danger of heavy metals is aggregated by their indefinite persistence in the environment because they cannot be destroyed biologically but are only transformed from oxidative state or organic complex to another. In addition, they are highly toxic for both aquatic flora and fauna (2). Heavy metals persisting in sediments may be slowly released into the water. Heavy metals viz. Zinc (Zn), Copper (Cu), Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn) etc are represented as micronutrients (3) and are only toxic when taken in excess quantities, but nonessential ions like lead (Pb), Cadmium (Cd) and Nickel (Ni) inhibit various metabolic activities even in small quantities; (4, 5). The heavy metal lead (Pb) is selected as toxicant for the present study because it is used in several industries in India and are highly toxic to animals, humans and plants. Biological treatment of waste water through aquatic

microphytes and macrophytes has great potential for its purification, which were effectively accumulates heavy metals (6). Aquatic macrophytes accumulate considerable amount of toxic metals and make the environment free from the xenobiotics. Thus, they play a significant role in cleaning up of environment and make it free from toxic pollutants. The metal tolerance of plants may be attributed to different enzymes, stress proteins and phytochelatins (7). Accumulation of metal at higher concentration causes retardation of biochemical activities and also generation of -SH group containing enzymes (8).

In the present investigation *Salvinia* and *Spirodela* common aquatic floating macrophytes, are used to study the effect of different concentrations of lead on morphology, biochemical constituents and efficiency in the accumulation of lead from the experimental pond under laboratory conditions.

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Metal Accumulation Profile in Roadside Soils, Grass and *Caesalpinia* Plant Leaves: Bioindicators

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Abstract

Heavy metals are important environmental pollutants and their toxicity in human, plants and animals have been received much more attention. A study was conducted to investigate the heavy metal pollution of roadside soil, grass and *Caesalpinia* species of Bagalkot city (India). The highest levels of metal concentration of Pb, Cu, Cd, Mn, Zn, Cr and Ni were found in the samples from very traffic congestion. The soil samples at a depth (0-20 cm) grass leaves and *Caesalpinia* leaves were taken from different sampling sites viz: S₁, S₂, S₃, S₄ and S₅ on state high way with high traffic roads passing through Bagalkot (India) were determined by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer. Results showed that soil and both grass and *Caesalpinia* contained elevated levels of the metal. It was found that the primary source of the contamination occurs mainly by the vehicular exhausts. The increased circulation of the toxic metals in soils, grass and *Caesalpinia* may result in the inevitable build up of such xenobiotics in the food chain. The variation in heavy metal concentration is due to the changes in traffic density and anthropogenic activities. Thus, it is concluded that grass, *Caesalpinia* and soil samples were used as bioindicators of metal pollution in roadside.

Keywords: Bioindicators; Xenobiotics; *Caesalpinia*; Grass; Food chain

Introduction

Environmental pollution has increasing in tremendous rate after global industrialization that has negative impacts on human health and ecosystem services [1]. The contribution of cars and road transports to the global emission of atmospheric pollutants is regularly increasing [2]. The road transports also induce the contamination of nearer soils by a pollutant transfer via the atmospheric fallouts [3] or road runoff [3,4]. Bagalkot is one of the busiest city in Karnataka, emission from transport vehicles results in significant heavy metal accumulation in roadside soils of Bagalkot city.

Nowadays, the toxic effects of heavy metals are burning issues and been studied by many researchers [5,6]. Entrance of heavy metals may occur in human and animal food chain as a result of their uptake by edible plants grown in contaminated soil [7]. The toxic and hazardous effects of some heavy metals on human health are very significant and may cause many fatal diseases. Lead (Pb) is one of the heavy metal that is responsible for anemia, neurological disorder, hyperactivity and changes in blood enzymes in human body [8]. Cadmium (Cd) and Zn are important toxic metals and longtime exposure of which may causes renal, pulmonary, hepatic, skeletal, reproductive and many other carcinogenic effects [9,10].

It is widely recognized that the principal reasons of heavy metals (Pb, Cu and Cd) derived from traffic congestion, long-range transport and household heating [2]. The spreading of contaminants is influenced by meteorological parameters such as rainfall, wind and traffic intensity [7]. The same meteorological conditions affect the concentration of same contaminants in the roadside soil [2]. The traffic density determines the lead level in soil and vegetation [11-13].

Soil samples and vegetation is the most economic and reasonable ways for assessing heavy metal status in the atmosphere [1]. Acacia [14], grass [15], other plants [16], and other organisms such as fish [17] have also been used for monitoring. In order to assess contamination by metals in the vicinity of a highway, several studies have been carried out dealing with the different 3.1 compartments: study of global deposits,

roadside soil and vegetation [2]. Information on accumulation of heavy metal on roadside soil of this city due to highway traffic and vehicles is very limited [18]. But this could be the new threat for agriculture. Determination of heavy metal accumulation in roadside soil may be an index of the environmental pollution of Bagalkot city. Keeping this view in mind, the research was conducted to know the heavy metal accumulation of roadside soil, grass and *Caesalpinia* of Bagalkot city.

Materials and Methods

Bagalkot is the city of Northern region of Karnataka at latitude 16°04' N to 16°21' N and longitude 75°26' E to 76°02' E. The city is suffered from high traffic density caused by vehicles. The grass, *Caesalpinia* and soil were collected during 2013, which were three meters away from the State Highway (Figure 1 and Table 1) passing through Navanagar. Grass and *Caesalpinia* samples were collected from each site at three random spots that were spaced approximately at one meter interval. The leaves were clipped with stainless steel scissors. All the samples of each site were then combined to give composite samples of about 300 to 500 gm.

The leaves of Grass (*Cynodon dactylon*) and *Caesalpinia* (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*) samples were dried at 80°C for 48 hr fine by powdered and sieved through 0.2 mm sieve. One gram sample was digested using Gerhardt digestion unit using mixed acid digestion method [19]. The digested material was diluted with double distilled water and filtered through Whatman paper 41 and made upto 100 ml.

Similarly, soil samples were dried, powdered and sieved through

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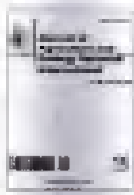
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Bioindicators: Study on Uptake and Accumulation of Heavy Metals in Plant Leaves of State Highway Road, Bagalkot, India

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