Abstract



# The effect of different concentrations of Mn on yield and growth rate of Arabidopsis plants

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## Abstract:

TManganese (Mn) is an essential element for growth and development of plants. This micronutrient plays a key role in activation of more than 35 enzymes in plants (Millaleo et al. 2010). The action of these enzymes induces the important biological and physiological functions in plants. Some of these functions have been recognized in Arabidopsis as model plant (Delhaize et al. 2007; Lanquar et al. 2010). The current experiment was conducted to investigate the effect of Mn at different concentrations on growth and yield of Arabidopsis plants. For this purpose, Arabidopsis seeds (cv. Colo) were germinated on medium culture containing 0, 70, 200 and 600 µM Mn as MnSO4 in light and dark rooms. After one week, the fresh weights and root length (for light-grown seedlings) as well as hypocotyl length (for dark-grown seedlings) were recorded. The yield index of plants was calculated by dividing the fresh weight of seedlings by percentage of seed germination. Results showed that the yield index of Arabidopsis plants grown in light room remained unchanged up to 200 µM Mn, while, by application of 600 µM Mn a decrease was observed in plant yield. For the seedlings cultured in dark room, the same trend was also observed.

Although application of 70 and 200  $\mu$ M Mn had no significant effect on root and hypocotyl lengths of Arabidopsis seedlings, the use of 600  $\mu$ M Mn decreased the amount of these parameters. These results revealed that this concentration of Mn (600  $\mu$ M) may be toxic for Arabidopsis seedlings (Peiter et al. 2007). However, more studies is needed for characterizing the toxic threshold level of Mn in Arabidopsis plants.

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