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and GR showed no statistically significant activities compared to control plants, while SOSA, CAT and LUPO activities were lower than in control plants. Subsequent analysis of total non-protein thiol content of LMWA revealed that this class of compounds possessed the strongest impact on overall antioxidant activity, at least in the case of 0.5 mM nickel treatment.

Keywords: Alyssum markgrafii, hyperaccumulator, antioxidant response

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# Effects of different nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations on antioxidative response of *Lemna gibba* plants to silver toxicity

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Silver is non-essential heavy metal for plants known to cause oxidative stress. Several factors, such as the presence of nutrients, can affect the ability of plants to adequately respond to abiotic stress. The objective of This study was to investigate the effect of different nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) concentrations on antioxidative response of plants to ionic colloidal silver (Ag). To provide insight, Lemna gibba plants were exposed to three N and P levels (100%, 50% and 25%) for seven days and then to nominal 100  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> and 1000  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> Ag for 48h. Plants grown at lower N and P concentrations had significantly higher initial enzyme activities such as ascorbate peroxidase (APX), guaiacol peroxidase (GPOX) and superoxide dismutase (SOD) as well as elevated concentrations of ascorbic acid and total phenols. Increased antioxidative enzymes activities indicate oxidative stress-tolerance. Silver caused oxidative injury to *L. gibba* cells, evident from decreased protein and chlorophyll concentrations and increased concentrations of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and products of lipid peroxidation (TBARS). However, the production of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and TBARS as well as the degradation of proteins and pigments caused by Ag treatment was less pronounced in plants grown at lower N and P concentrations when compared to full strength medium. This could be explained by higher degree of protection from oxidative stress caused by Ag in plants grown at lower N and P supply. These results indicate that N and P supply, by modifying antioxidant activity in plants, can affect their tolerance to various kinds of stresses.

Keywords: Lemna gibba, silver, nutrients, oxidative stress, antioxidative response

## Influence of UV radiation on the content of secondary metabolites in tomato grown in different environmental conditions

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In this study we investigated the effects of ambient ultraviolet (UV, 280- 400 nm) radiation on the composition of secondary metabolites of high nutritional value (pigments and flavonoids) in *Lycopersicon esculen*- tum (tomato) fruits. Tomato plants were grown during summer in the open field and two types of polytunnels, PT1 (UV-A 1.45 mV cm<sup>-2</sup>, UV-B 3.84  $\mu$ V cm<sup>-2</sup>, PAR 750  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and PT2 (UV-A 0.37 mV cm<sup>-2</sup>, UV-B 0.03  $\mu$ V cm<sup>-2</sup>, PAR 760  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and fruits were taken in august. The contents of lycopene,  $\beta$ -carotene and flavonoids (quercetin and kaempferol) were determined by HPLC in the tomato exocarp and pulp. Regardless of UV radiation exposure, higher amounts of lycopene, flavonoids and  $\beta$ -carotene were measured in exocarp compared to the pulp. Accumulation of phenolics, in both exocarp and pulp was the highest in fruits collected in the field. Similarly, the concentration of epidermal flavonoids was the highest in the leaves of plants from the open field. These results support the protective functions of flavonoids as UV-screeners and antioxidants from high PAR. Moreover, the content of lycopene was the highest in exocarp and  $\beta$ -carotene in the pulp of fruits exposed to full ambiental UV radiation doses, compared to fruits collected in the polytunells. The results implicate that the controlled exposure to solar UV radiation during crop growth may be used as a stimulator of biosynthesis of compounds with high antioxidative capacity thus improving the fruit quality and nutritional value.

Keywords: UV radiation, Lycopersicon esculentum, pigments, flavonoids

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# Volatile compounds of golden fern (*Asplenium ceterach* L.) detected during the process of rehydration

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Volatile organic compounds (VOC) emitted by fronds of desiccation tolerant fern *Asplenium ceterach* L. during the rehydration process were investigated. Head-space GC-MS analysis was used in order to determine the volatile compounds in dry and rehydrated sample of golden fern. It was found that the VOC profile of golden fern is based mainly on isomeric heptadienals (over 25%) and decadienals (over 20%), other linear aldehydes, alcohols and related compounds. Aerial parts of fresh and dry fronds do not contain monoterpene-, sesquiterpene- and diterpene-type hydrocarbons or corresponding terpenoids. In order to determine the composition of the VOC during the process of rehydration, we have applied proton-transfer reaction mass spectrometry (PTR-MS). PTR-MS is a sensitive technique that allows real-time detection of VOCs emitted from plants. We have used dry plants to establish a base line and then distilled water was added to induce hydration process of the golden fern plant. Masses in the range from m/z 21 to m/z 300 were measured with dwell time of 200 ms and for the time period of 24 hours. The experiment was repeated for five plants. PTR-MS measurements revealed that the amounts of compounds, determined by head-space GC-MS, generally exhibit a significant increase after addition of water. After about 20 hours the values measured by PTR-MS for these masses are reduced to a new base line that corresponds to the rehydrated plant.

Keywords: golden fern, rehydration, PTR-MS, headspace GC-MS

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