

Evaluation of Flax Plant as a Cadmium Phytoremediator for Polluted Soils under Different Chemical and Biological Treatments

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ABSTRACT

A pot experiments was carried out in the greenhouse of Faculty of Agriculture Cairo University during the two successive winter seasons (2015-2016 and 2016-2017) to evaluate the potential of flax plants (*Linum usitatissimum* L.) as a Cd tolerant and accumulator for polluted soils. The experiment was laid out in a split-plot design with a randomized-complete design in three replicates. Surface sandy loam soil samples (0-20 cm) were collected from Abou-Rawash area, which received sewage sludge and sewage effluent for long time (about 20 years). Three levels of soil Cd (initial 3.13), and two artificial ones 50 and 75mg kg⁻¹ soil, were prepared using CdCl₂ solution by wet and dry process for three months. The chemical (EDTA) and biological (AMF and *Thiobacillus*) treatments were allocated to sub plots. Each sub plot consisted of pots each containing 10kg soil and 100 flax plants. The results showed that by increasing soil cadmium levels, the flax plant dry weight (roots, stem and leaves) significantly decreased. Under different levels of soil Cd, the chemical and biological treatments recorded variable changes in flax plant dry weight. The highest increases in dry weight was recorded with AMF treatment (5.63 and 8.50% in 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively, with an average of 7.06%) compared with the control (initial). However, cadmium contents in the different parts of flax plant increased with increasing soil cadmium levels. The highest Cd concentration in flax roots, stem and leaves recorded in EDTA treatment which lead to increases of 1.73, 2.11 and 1.88 folds in roots, stem and leaves, respectively, compared with untreated soil at 75 µg Cd g⁻¹ soil. The uptake of Cd by flax substantially affected by both levels of Cd in soil and different soil treatments. The highest Cd uptake was found in 75 µg g⁻¹ soil level followed by 50µg g⁻¹ and the lowest in 3.13 µg g⁻¹ soil. Flax was uptake and accumulate cadmium from the soil with distributing evenly throughout plants (roots > stem > leaves). Both EDTA and AMF treatments recorded the highest phytoextraction of Cd from contaminated soil. Finally, the obtained results suggest that, flax plant can be considered as a Cd tolerant which can accumulate Cd, especially, with mycorrhiza fungi and EDTA treatments but could not be considered a hyperaccumulator of Cd from polluted soils.

Keywords: Soil pollution, cadmium, heavy metals, phytoremediation, flax, EDTA, AMF

INTRODUCTION

The possibility of using crops as phytoremediants depends on the accumulation and distribution of metals among their morphological organs. Plants characterized by high biomass production and intensive heavy metals accumulation in shoots can be used as phytoremediants (Ebbs *et al.*, 1997).

Cadmium is a heavy metal naturally present in soils. It may be also added to the soil as a contaminant in fertilizer, manure, sewage sludge and from aerial deposition. The amount of cadmium contributed from each source varies with location due to differences in soil formation, management practices and exposure to pollution sources, but as results the level of Cd in the soil appears to be increasing over time (Luo *et al.*, 2005; Bhatti *et al.*, 2007).

Phytoextraction is recommended as one option for reducing toxic metal content, as the technology is perceived to be ecofriendly, effective, and affordable (Shaheen and Rinklebe, 2015; Antoniadis *et al.*, 2017). Phytoextraction heavy metals had received increasing attention in recent years as an alternative to physical and chemical methods of decontamination in which heavy metals accumulating plants and appropriate soil amendments were used to transport and concentrate heavy metals from the soil into the aboveground shoots (Nowack *et al.*, 2006; Vamerali *et al.*, 2012). Crops differ greatly for Cd that they contain and in the Cd distribution within particular plant parts. According to literature, flax and other fiber crops are considered as Cd-accumulator species because the substantial proportion of their production used for non-food purposes/products (Broadley *et al.*, 2001; Angelova *et al.*, 2004; Bjelkova, 2006). Shi and Cai (2009) reported that flax plant cultivated in the presence of 50-200 mg Cd kg⁻¹ soil exhibited a limited reduction of growth

also, innate resistance to Cd stress and is moderately tolerant.

Phytoextraction capacity of plants does not only depend on specific plant character like metal tolerance, accumulation and translocation, but also in soil factors which affect metal phytoavailability (Hernandez-allica *et al.*, 2008; Douchiche *et al.*, 2012). Using soil amendments like chemical amendment such as synthetic organic chelates can enhance phytoextraction by increasing heavy metals bioavailability in soil thus enhancing plant uptake, and translocation from the roots to the green parts of plants (Marschner, 1995; Epstein *et al.*, 1999; Shen *et al.*, 2002). EDTA is the most effective chelating agent used for phytoremediation because it has a strong chelating ability for different metals and it increases the bioavailability and plant uptake of the metals in the soil (Liphadzi *et al.*, 2003). Salt *et al.* (1998) and Sun *et al.* (2001) recommended application of EDTA on soil at the flowering or maturity stages, because solubilized metals and EDTA salt can be toxic to plants and thus hinder plant growth and phytoextraction of heavy metals. The addition of 0.5 or 2 g kg⁻¹ EDTA increased Cd content in shoots of *Populus* sp. Plants, unfortunately, addition of EDTA with rate of 2 g kg⁻¹ soil caused a significant plant growth reduction, as well as leaf abscission (Robinson *et al.*, 2000).

Rhizosphere-microorganisms can promote phytoextraction of Cd via enhancing plant growth or by improving Cd-accumulation by plants. The most widely investigated species are fungi, especially AMF. This could be attributed to the fact that mycorrhizal-fungi have been known as the only type providing a direct connection between soil and plant-roots (Usman and Mohamed, 2009). Moreover, it is found that among various tested microorganisms AMF species exhibited the highest efficiency in increasing Cd-removal by the studied plant species. Thus, plant roots infected with mycorrhizal fungi

get benefits due to increased growth (Birch and Bachofen, 1990). Mycorrhizae were have been reported to play a central role in improving plant tolerance to Cd-contaminated soils. This achieved by enhancing both growth of host plants and nutritive elements in plants (Huang *et al.*, 2017).

The objectives of this study are to evaluate flax plant as cadmium phytoextracting capacity of polluted soils with different chemical (EDTA) and biological (mycorrhizal fungi, *Thiobacillus thiooxidans*) treatments.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A Pot experiment was conducted in the greenhouse at the Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Giza, during two consecutive winter seasons (2015-2016 and 2016-2017) to evaluate flax plants as a cadmium remediator from polluted soils. A polluted soil samples were collected from Abou-Rawash area, Giza, Egypt. These soils had received sewage sludge and sewage effluent for 20 years, with a background value of 3.13 mg total Cd kg⁻¹ soil. The soils were air-dried, ground using wooden mortar, passed through a 2 mm sieve before use and prepared for analyses. The Particle size distribution (sand, silt and clay), soil texture, water-holding capacity (WHC), pH, EC, total CaCO₃, organic matter (OM), total and available nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) according to standard methods outlined by Keeney and Nelson (1982), and DTPA-extractable Cd according to method of Lindsay and Norvell (1978). Total Cd was measured using Aqua regia extraction methods (Cottenie *et al.*, 1982). Cadmium concentration was measured by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS), perkin-Elmer AAnalst 400. The main soil properties are given in Table 1.

Table1. The main physical and chemical characteristics of soil used in the experiment.

Soil parameters	Seasons	
	1 st season	2 nd season
Particle size distribution		
Clay (%)	10.60	10.21
Silt (%)	13.20	13.94
Fine sand (%)	32.10	32.6
Coarse sand (%)	44.10	43.25
Texture class	Sandy loam	Sandy loam
Water holding capacity (v:v)%	15.42	15.33
Bulk density (gm/cm ³)	1.61	1.58
Organic matter (%)	3.53	2.89
Calcium carbonate (%)	1.66	1.58
EC (dS m ⁻¹)*	2.75	2.05
pH**	6.68	6.97
Total nitrogen (%)	0.195	0.191
Available nitrogen (mg kg ⁻¹)	133.2	114.6
Total phosphorus (mg kg ⁻¹)	1560	1458
Available phosphorus (mg kg ⁻¹)	55.10	35.21
Total potassium (mg kg ⁻¹)	2723	2704
Available potassium (mg kg ⁻¹)	593	487
Total cadmium (mg kg ⁻¹)	3.13	2.85
DTPA extractable-Cd (mg kg ⁻¹)	0.22	0.19

*measured in 1:2.5 soil: water extract

**measured in 1:2.5 soil: water suspension

Plastic pots (35 cm diameter) were filled with 10 kg air-dried soil, and soaked with solution of CdCl₂ at three levels: control (background level); 50 and 75 mg Cd

kg⁻¹ soil. Each soil Cd level had treated by seven treatments (T1= untreated; T2= Disodium Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetic acid (Na₂EDTA); T3= Thiobacillus (Thio); T4= Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF); T5= AMF+Thio; T6= AMF+EDTA and T7= AMF+EDTA+Thio) with three replicates per treatment.

The experiment laid out in a split-plot design in a randomized complete design (RCBD) arrangement with three replications. The main plots consisted of three levels of artificial polluted soil with Cd, where 250 mg L⁻¹ CdCl₂ solution were slowly added to soil to increase the soil Cd concentration, while avoiding leachate release from the pots, then the soil was subjected to wetting and drying cycles for three months to allow Cd to reach chemical equilibrium. The seven treatments were allocated to sub plots. Each sub plot (experimental unit). Flax seeds were sown in each pot and kept at 100 flax plants. All agricultural practices were maintained normal and even for all of the treatments. EDTA used applied at a rate of 2g kg⁻¹, which added to soil at 60 days after plantation of flax plants. Inoculation with AMF was carried out by adding the peat based AMF inoculum containing 10⁷ spores g⁻¹ to each pot at a rate of 10g/kg soil⁻¹. Five day old culture suspension of *Thiobacillus thiooxidans* containing 10⁷ cells.ml⁻¹ was used as liquid inoculant at a rate of 10 ml per pot.

Seeds of flax (*Linum usitatissimum* L.) were sown in each pot by pressing them into soil to a depth of 0.5 cm. The pots were watered to 70% of soil water holding capacity, then thinned out to 100 seedling per pot after 21 days and allowed to grow up to flowering stage. Flax plants were carefully harvested, washed with tap water, to remove any adhered particles, rinsed twice with distilled water, separated to roots, stem and leaves and oven dried at 70 °C to a constant weight. The weight of oven dried plant was measured. The oven-dried plant materials were ground using stainless steel mill and kept for chemical analysis.

The ground oven dried plant was subjected to digestion using mixture of acid (HNO₃-H₂SO₄-HClO₄) as described by Jackson (1973). Concentrations of Cd were measured in the digest solution by AAS. All analysis were done in duplicates. At the end of both the first and second seasons, soil samples were collected from all treatments from the middle of the pots to minimize the error of sampling. The soil were air dried, crushed, sieved through a 2 mm sieve and thoroughly mixed to determine the DTPA-extractable Cd and total content of Cd.

Statistical analysis: Statistical analyses of variance were carried out on the obtained results for each season and for all the studied parameters according to the procedure described by Snedecor and Cochran (1981). The Least Significant Differences test (LSD) at 5% level of probability was used to test the significance of differences among the means. The "MSTAT-C" software package was used to carry out these statistical analyses (Freed *et al.*, 1989).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Flax plant dry weight:

Soil cadmium levels affected markedly the dry weight of flax roots, stem, leaves and total biomass (Fig.1 and Table 2).

The highest DW was found in lowest soil Cd concentration (initial, 3.13 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ soil) and the lowest DW was found in plant grown in 75 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ soil level. This indicated that the higher Cd concentration in soil caused a significant growth reduction. Total DW of flax plant decreased by 27.96 and 31.37% as the Cd concentration in the soil increased (50 and 75 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) when compared with the control. Cadmium can constrain metabolic pathways, such as transpiration, respiration and photosynthesis (Chugh and Sawhney, 1996, 1999; Di Cagno *et al.*, 2001). Data of Fig.1 and Table 2 show that under different levels of soil Cd, the chemical and biological soil treatments recorded variable changes in flax plant DW. Plants were greatly influenced by AMF inoculation, achieving a higher biomass compared to untreated ones. The highest increases in DW was recorded in flax plants with mycorrhizal fungi

treatment (5.63 and 8.50% in 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively, with an average 7.06%) comparing inoculated (initial) treatment. This may be due to flax plants grow symbiotically with mycorrhizal fungi which affected positively root biomass. This might be attributed to the beneficial effect of the AMF symbiosis with flax plants which results in plant growth promoting effects. It also increased that the capability of the root-system to absorb proper nutrients from the soil. However, total DW of flax decreased in other soil treatments compared with initial soil without treatment. Birch and Bachofen (1990) regarding the beneficial effects of AMF symbioses on plant protection against several biotic and abiotic stresses as well as the plant growth promotion due to enhanced nutrient and water uptake by the mycorrhizal plants.

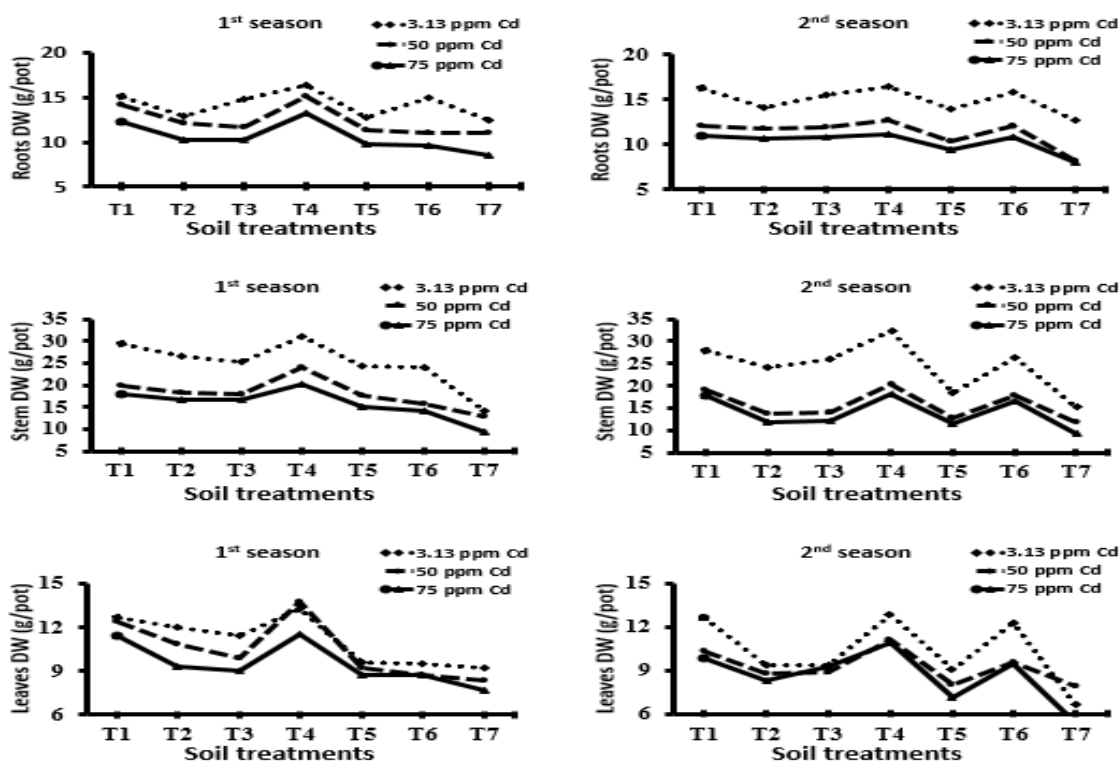


Fig. 1. Dry weights of roots, stem and leaves of flax plants as affected by different soil Cd-contents, biological and chemical amendments in both seasons.

Table 2. Total dry weight of flax plants as affected by different soil Cd-contents, biological and chemical amendments.

Treatments	Flax total dry weight (g/pot)					
	1 st season			2 nd season		
	Soil Cd concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)					
	3.13	50	75	3.13	50	75
T1	57.35	46.38	41.64	56.94	41.45	38.48
T2	51.50	41.47	36.34	47.74	34.25	31.01
T3	51.59	39.61	35.80	50.88	34.85	32.33
T4	60.77	52.74	45.17	61.78	44.20	40.04
T5	46.75	38.30	33.76	41.56	31.28	28.13
T6	48.54	35.55	32.54	54.32	39.41	36.86
T7	35.79	32.23	25.64	34.70	27.83	22.91
LSD at 0.05	30.7			2.08		

T1 = control; T2 = EDTA; T3 = Thio; T4 = AMF; T5 = AMF+Thio; T6 = AMF+EDTA; T7 = AMF+EDTA+Thio.

Cadmium concentration in Flax plant:

As shown in Fig. 2, the existence of Cd in the soil significantly-increased the concentration of Cd in the leaves, stems and roots of flax plants. Plant grown in high Cd soil recorded more Cd than did plant grown in low Cd soils. He *et al.* (2007) stated that soils that have higher concentrations of Cd up to 50-100 $\mu\text{mol CdL}^{-1}$ would not be appropriate for use over long periods. This is because the growing plants would probably not survive these higher concentrations. Our data showed that, the concentration of Cd remarkably varied among the different parts of flax plant, where the roots have the highest concentration. The highest Cd concentration in roots (36.28 and 28.82 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ DW in 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively) was found in soil containing 75 $\mu\text{g Cd g}^{-1}$ soil, which represented 1.26 and 8.21 folds at the same treatment in in soil containing 50 and 3.13 $\mu\text{g Cd/g}$ soil, respectively.

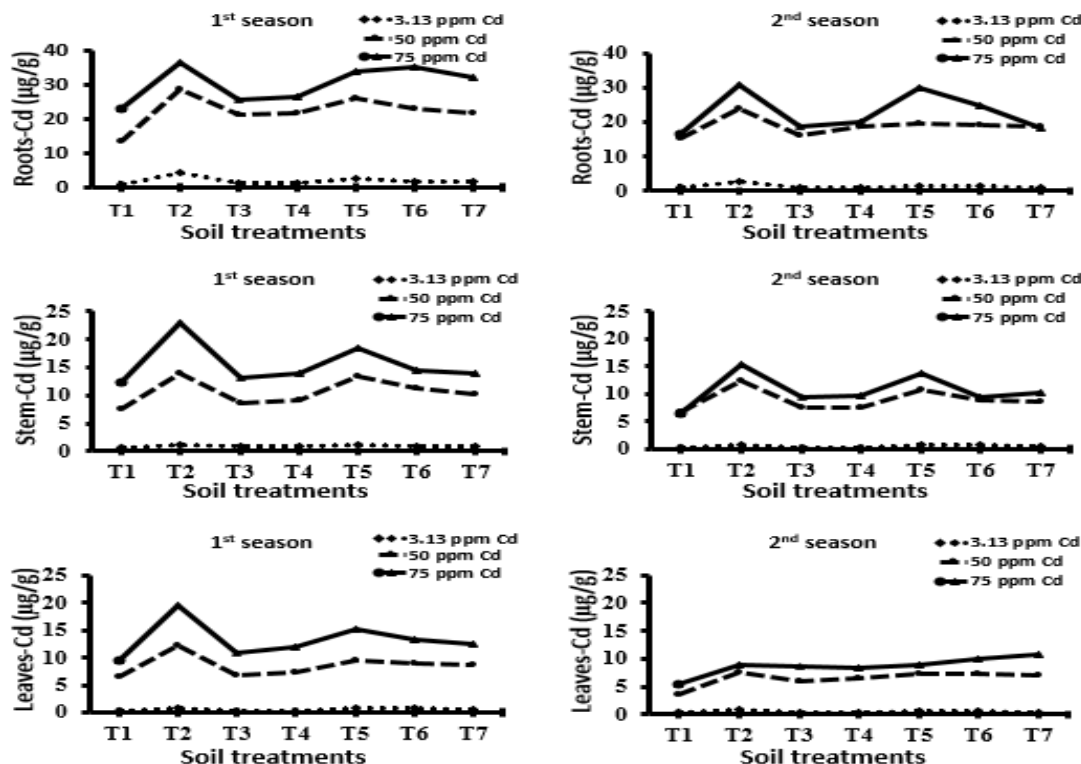


Fig. 2. The relationship between soil treatments and soil cadmium levels and leaves Cd concentrations in roots, stem and leaves of flax plant grown in the two seasons.

The Cd concentrations in both of stem and leaves were less than roots and significantly correlated ($R^2=0.95$ and 0.91) with Cd concentration in roots (Fig. 3).

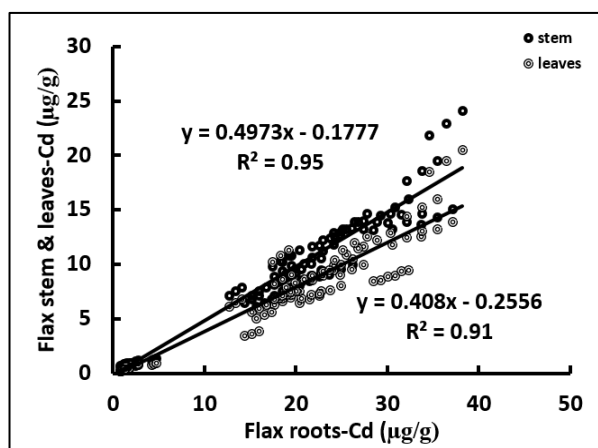


Fig. 3. The relation between concentrations of Cd in flax stem and leaves and roots of flax plant.

The concentration level decreased in the following order: roots > stem > leaves. The obtained results agree with the found by Straczynski(2000); Stritsis and Claassen (2013), who reported that different distribution of Cd in plant parts due to the mobilization of such protective mechanisms of plants, which inhibits the transport to further tissues and organs.

Fig.4 showed that under different levels of soil Cd, the different soil treatments recorded variable changes in Cd concentration in flax plant organs. Generally, the highest Cd concentration in flax roots, stem and leaves was in the order: EDTA>AMF+EDTA>AMF+Thio> Thio>

AMF > AMF+EDTA+Thio treatments. This increases were; 1.73, 1.64, 1.52, 1.11, 1.20, 1.26 folds in roots; 2.11, 1.82, 1.32, 1.26, 1.30, 1.36 folds in stem; 1.88, 1.63, 1.62, 1.38, 1.40, 1.67 in leaves, as compared with untreated soil contains $75 \mu\text{g Cd g}^{-1}$ soil. These data cleared that the flax is trouble but not hyperaccumulator plant for Cd according to Reeves and Baker (2000), who reported that concentration of Cd 100 mg kg^{-1} dry weight has been used as a criteria for hyperaccumulation plant. In addition to biomass production, heavy metals concentration is the most important factor, determining the feasibility of metallophytes for successful phytoremediation (Bennett *et al.*, 1998; Rajkumar *et al.*, 2012).

Cadmium uptake by plant:

Soil cadmium levels affected Cd uptake and accumulation by plant roots, stem, leaves and total uptake, which were different for plants grown in soil enriched with Cd (Fig. 5 and Table 3). The results cleared that the highest Cd uptake was found in $75 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ soil followed by $50 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ then the lowest in $3.13 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ soil. Fax plants take up and accumulate cadmium from the soil which are not distributed evenly throughout plants. Roots contained the high amount of cadmium (ranged from 33.6 to 59.0 within an average 50.2% from total Cd uptake) followed by stem (ranged from 26.2 to 50.4 within an average 34.9% from total Cd uptake) then leaves (ranged from 8.4 to 20.2 within an average 14.7% from total Cd uptake). The relatively high accumulation of cadmium in root tissue and the minimal transfer of cadmium from roots to shoots have been documented by Huang *et al.* (2017).

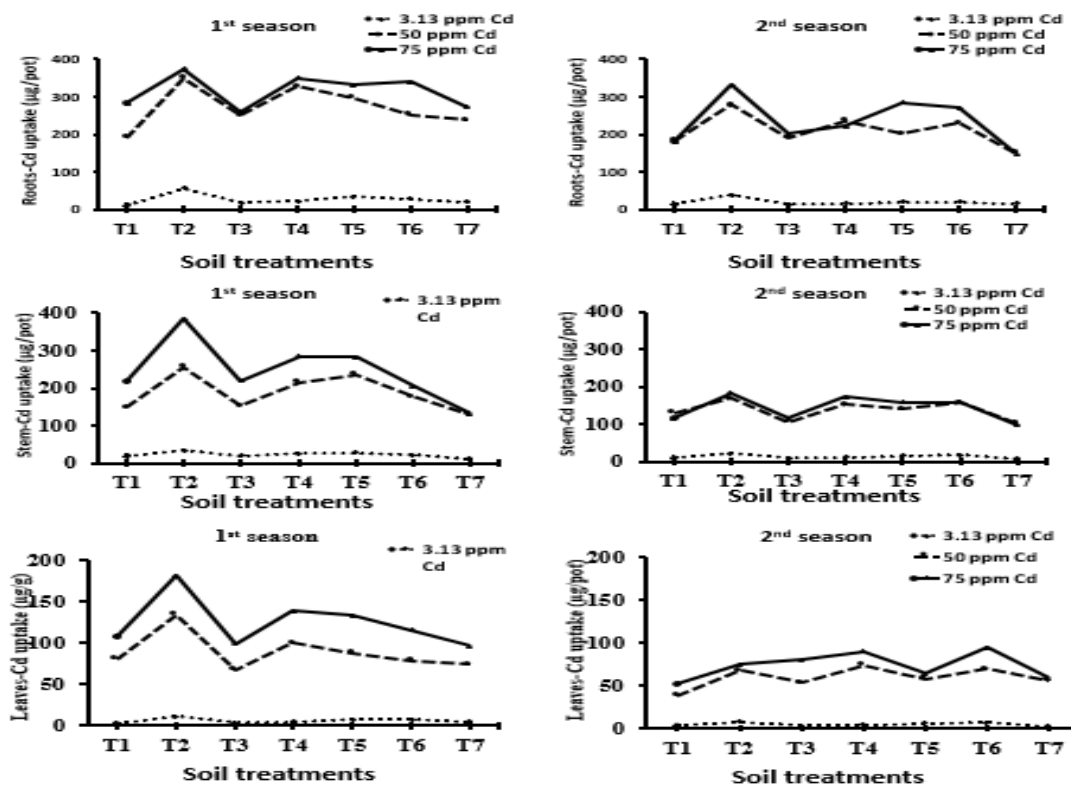


Fig. 4. Effects of soil treatments and soil cadmium levels on Cd uptake by flax roots, stem and leaves in two seasons.

Table 3. The effect of Cd levels in polluted soil and different soil treatments on flax total Cd uptake in both seasons.

Treatments	Cd uptake (µg/pot)					
	1 st season			2 nd season		
	Soil Cd concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)					
	3.13	50	75	3.13	50	75
T1	34.83	420.16	609.94	26.17	350.97	348.82
T2	101.85	741.66	941.34	66.36	515.99	588.78
T3	42.70	471.25	578.15	25.59	349.75	396.56
T4	54.87	642.23	772.83	31.82	463.09	484.41
T5	68.88	621.33	747.23	41.30	398.96	507.70
T6	58.79	508.90	659.24	45.02	455.23	523.72
T7	36.64	441.71	501.38	25.81	308.33	303.12
LSD at 0.05	14.06		9.99			

T1 = control; T2 = EDTA; T3 = Thio; T4 = AMF; T5 = AMF+Thio; T6 = AMF+EDTA; T7 = AMF+EDTA+Thio.

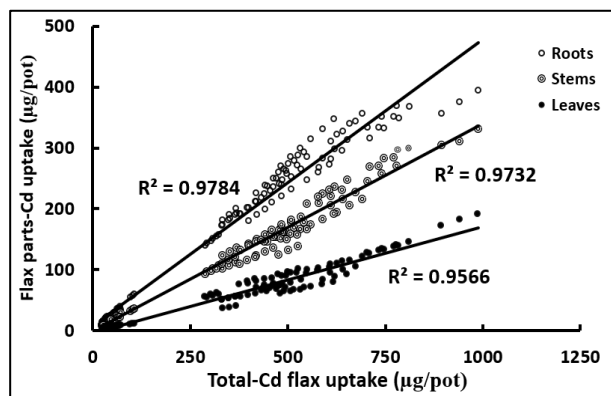


Fig. 5. Cadmium uptake by flax roots, stems and leaves as a function of total Cd uptake.

The effect of different soil treatments on Cd removed from soil and uptake by plant is represented in Fig. 5 and Table 3. The highest Cd uptake by flax grown in 75 µg g⁻¹

soil recorded EDTA treatment (941.34 and 588.78 µg/pot in the first and second season, respectively). Cadmium uptake by flax under different soil treatments compared with untreated soil represented an average of: 1.87 fold EDTA; 1.46 fold AMF+EDTA; 1.35 fold AMF+Thio; 1.30 fold AMF, 1.03 fold Thio and 0.88 fold AMF+EDTA+Thio treatments. These results agree with those found by Angelova, (2004), who reported that Cd phytoextraction is always less certain which are largely due to the fact that Cd in soils is usually readily bioavailable. Flax Cd uptake in both seasons was found to follow the order: roots > stem > leaves, associated with a significant relationships ($R^2 = 0.978, 0.973$ and 0.957) between roots, stem and leaves with total flax Cd uptake, respectively (Fig. 5).

Recovery of soil Cd by flax uptake:

Geochemical forms of heavy metals in soil affect their solubility, which directly influence their bioavailability (Xian and Shokohiford, 1989). Therefore, determining total content of heavy metals in soil is insufficient to assess the environmental impact of contaminated soils. A part of this study was to investigate the effect of total, DTPA extractable-Cd on Cd uptake percentage and recovery by flax plants. Figure 6 and 7 cleared that, generally, the highest Cd uptake percentage from total soil Cd content was found in 3.13mg/kg soil level (0.19-0.54%) followed by 50 mg/kg (0.17-0.29%) then the lowest in 75mg/kg soil (0.12-0.22%). Soil Cd levels and different soil treatments had a significant effect on Cd uptake percentage from total soil Cd content in both seasons which decreased with increasing soil Cd levels. The highest Cd uptake percentage from total soil Cd content (0.33%) was in lowest soil Cd concentration level (initial, 3.13 mg/kg soil) with EDTA treatment and lowest one (0.05%) was found in AMF+EDTA+Thio treatment with 75 mg Cd/g soil level in second season.

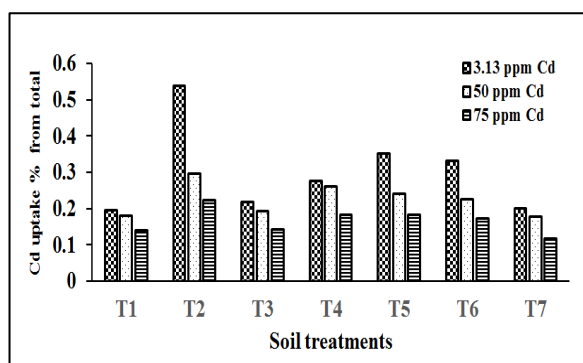


Fig. 6. Cadmium uptake by flax plant as a percentage of soil total Cd under different soil treatments.

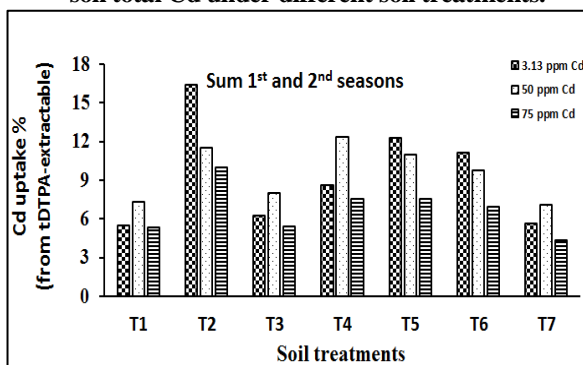


Fig.7. Cadmium uptake by flax plants as a percentage of DTPA extractable-Cd under different soil treatments.

Based on these data, DTPA extractable-Cd is more bioavailable than metals associated with the residual fraction. These cleared that the highest Cd uptake percentages from DTPA extractable- Cd found in 3.13 mg/kg soil level were 4.38 and 5.02% followed by 50 mg/kg soil and were 4.20 and 5.38% then the lowest was in 75 mg/kg soil were 3.74 and 3.50% for 1st and 2nd seasons, respectively. Also, the average of percentage of Cd uptake at all treatments, recorded the value in first season, varied from 2.85 to 5.98 with an average 3.94% less than the second one which recorded from 2.85 to 6.64 with an average 4.63%. The highest percentage was found in EDTA treatment. This may be due to increase of soluble Cd form in soil. Also, the results showed that, in different soil treatments, Cd uptake percentage was significantly influenced. The summations of Cd uptake for two season was from 5.71 to 12.64 with an average by 8.57%. The highest increases were recorded in EDTA treatment comparing with other treatments.

CONCLUSION

Flax is the crop that could extract and accumulate Cd from the soil. Cadmium distribution along the plant axis of flax is selective and decreasing in the following order: roots >stems >leaves. Flax plant can be recommended as a suitable crop for growing in Cd polluted soil, as it is removes considerable amounts of Cd in roots and can be used as potential crop for cleaning soil from Cd.

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إستخدام نبات الكتان لمعالجة الاراضى الملوثة بالكاديوم بإستخدام بعض المعاملات الكيميائية و الحيوية المختلفة السيد حسن بدوى ، محمد إبراهيم دسوقي هلال و أمينة متولى حسين قسم الاراضى - كلية الزراعة - جامعة القاهرة

أقيمت تجربة أصص خلال الموسمين (2015-2016 و 2016-2017) فى الصوبة الخاصة بكلية الزراعة جامعة القاهرة ، و ذلك لتقييم إمكانية استخدام نبات الكتان لمعالجة التربة الملوثة بعنصر الكاديوم و التحقق من أنه متحمل لهذا العنصر. تم تجميع العينات من مزرعة أبو رواش على أعماق (صفر- 20 سم) و التى تستقبل الحمأة الزراعية عن طريق الري لفترات طويلة بمياه الصرف الصحى لمدة 20 عاما ثلاث مستويات من الكاديوم فى التربة (3.13 و هى العينة المبدئية) وأيضا عينتان ملوثتان صناعيا وكان تركيز الكاديوم فيها 50 و 75 مجم/كجم¹ و التى تم تجهيز هذه العينات بإستخدام كلوريد الكاديوم بالنترطيب و التجفيف لمدة ثلاثة أشهر . المعاملات الكيميائية فى حين كانت المعاملات الحيوية . و تم تقسيم العينات فى أصص و أحتوى كل أصيص على 10 كجم من التربة و 100 نبات من الكتان . و أظهرت النتائج أنه بزيادة مستويات الكاديوم فى التربة ، حدث إنخفاض ملحوظ فى الوزن الجاف للجذور ، السيقان، و الأوراق . و تحت تركيزات منخفضة من الكاديوم فى التربة . و أوضحت النتائج أن نبات الكتان يعتبر من النباتات المتحملة للكاديوم و الذى يمكنه تجميع الكاديوم فى أجزاءه ، خاصة ، مع معاملة الميكرو هيزا ولكن لا يمكن إعتباره فائق التحمل للكاديوم من الاراضى الملوثة.