



## Efficacy Study of Copper Nano particle on plant System

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### ABSTRACT

*We all know that nanoparticles have the unique property of w/v more surface area and this property can be used in the field of agriculture research. In our research we have used custom made coppernanoparticle with respect to conventional copper salt. We have performed some pot experiment with our plant material, Rapeseed (Brassicanapus) and treated plant with coppernanoparticle solution as well as conventional copper salt at recommended dose of 0.05ppm for increased crop yield and productivity. Above the 0.05ppm of conventional  $CuSO_4$  it was know to have toxic effect on plant morphology as well as physiology, rather than of it CuNP treated plant does not show any toxicity symptoms. CuNP treated plant increased root and shoot length of B.napus with respect to control. CuNP treated plant does not show any toxicity symptoms both in leaf and root at higher conc. (above 0.05ppm) and all plants are healthy. So the result indicates that CuNP work better than the conventional copper salt.*

**Key words;** - NP (Nanoparticle),  $CuSO_4$  (copperSulphate), OD (Optical Density), XRD (X-ray Diffraction)SD (Standard Deviation)

### 1. INTRODUCTION:-

Nanotechnology can be defined as the manipulation of atom by atom from the material world by the combination of engineering, chemical and biological approaches. Application of nano scale material and structures are usually ranging from 1-100 nm and is emerging area of nanoscience and nanotechnology (Catauro *et al.*, 2004; Crabtree *et al.*, 2003). Nanotechnology is a revolutionary field just at its onset, the trend in the next decades being its integration with the green chemistry approach. Although nanoparticles can be synthesized through array of conventional methods green synthesis routes are good competent over the physical and chemical techniques. Copper nanoparticle can be applied in catalysts, molecular sieves, ion-sieves, batteries, magnetic materials as well as other applications such as water treatment, imaging contrast agents due to their excellent physicochemical properties (Reddy and Reddy, 2004; Chen *et al.*, 2005). Although there are several reports of green synthesis of coppernanoparticles in different manner, using plant extract reduction and stabilization of copper metal into nanoparticle is the environment friendly, cheapest and simplest method in the view of green chemistry as discussed above (Satish *et al.*, 2013; Begum *et al.*, 2011; Philip *et al.*, 2011).

## **2. MATERIAL, METHOD OR EXPERIMENT:-**

**2.1 Copper Nanoparticle:-** custom-made copper nanoparticle was purchased from M.K. Implex, Canada. The surface morphology was determined by field emission scanning electron microscope and particle size was observed through transmission electron microscope (TEM) (JEOL 2010F).XRD measurement was performed. The surface functional group was determined by Fourier infra-red spectroscopy.

**2.2 Plant material and growth conditions:-** seed of Brassica napus was purchased from Berhampur Opulse and oil research centre, West Bengal. seeds were soaked in 5% sodium hypochloride solution for surface sterilization and imbibed with the treatment solutions (control: control without copper solution, copper nanoparticle: 0.05ppm, 0.1ppm, 0.5ppm and 1ppm;  $CuSO_4$  : 0.05ppm, 0.1ppm, 0.5ppm and 1ppm) after 24 hours of germination seeds were planted in pots filled with perlite supplemented with Hoagland's solution with or without copper solution for 15 days in growth cabinet with 14-hour day, 25°C:night temp. of 20°C and RH 40 to 60%.

**2.3 Estimation of amino acid, total carbohydrate, lipid and protein content:-** AA content in plant material was estimated according to the ninhydrin method of Lee and Takahashi (1996) with some modification. Protein contents of leaves and roots of treated plant were estimated according to Lowry method. Lipid content was estimated according to Bligh and Dyer's protocol. Total carbohydrate content was estimated by Anthrone method.

**2.4 Estimation of carotenoid content:-** carotenoid was estimated according to the method of Davies (1965) with little modification.

## **3. PLANT BIOSAFETY:-**

**3.1 Estimation of proline content:-** estimation of proline was done according to the method of Bates et al (1973) the quantity of proline present in tissue was calculated from the standard curve prepared by OD values of known concentration of proline solution.

**3.2 Estimation of phenol contents:-** phenol contents were estimated according to the method of Malik and Singh (1980)

**3.3 Estimation of poly phenol oxidase content:-** polyphenol oxidase enzyme activity was assayed according to the method of Mayer and Harel (1979) with some modification. Specific activity of enzyme was expressed in terms of change in OD at 480nm/hr/mg protein.

**3.4 Estimation of super oxide dismutase (SOD) Content:-** the initiation and termination of the reaction and other schedules were as described by Glannopolities and Rie. (1977) protein content of enzyme was estimated according to Lowry *et al* (1951).

**3.5 Estimation of catalase (CAT) content:-** the activity of CAT was assayed according to Beers and Sizars. Enzyme specific activity was expressed as mmol of  $H_2O_2$  oxidized/min/mg protein.

**3.6 Estimation of Glutathione reductase (GR) Content:-** Glutathione reductase was assayed according to Schaedle and Barsham. The specific activities of enzyme were expressed as  $\mu$ mol NADPH oxidized/min.

**4.RESULT:-**

Copper, an essential plant micronutrient, had positive impact on plant growth and development, specifically in plant morphology when applied in low concentration. As suggested by various literatures, copper sulphate ( $CuSO_4$ ) was used as conventional copper salt at recommended dose of 0.05 ppm for increased crop yield and productivity. At and above the concentration of 0.5 ppm, it was known to have toxic effect on plant morphology as well as physiology. As shown in table no.01, 0.05 ppm concentration of manganese nanoparticle was the most effective dose among the nanoparticle as well as  $CuSO_4$  treatment. CuNP at 0.05 ppm dose increased root and shoot length of Rapeseed plant 38.83% and 21.72% respectively with respect to control. Fresh and dry weight of CuNP treated plant at 0.05 ppm concentration increased 29.72% and 53.6% respectively with respect to control. This increment in root and shoot length as well as fresh and dry weight were probably due to enhanced photosynthesis and/or increase synthesis of antioxidant in plant. CuNP treated plant does not show any toxicity symptoms both in leaf and root at higher concentration and all plants were healthy.  $CuSO_4$  plant at higher doses treatment (0.5 ppm or above) as well as Copper deficient plants showed severe toxicity symptoms like become necrotic, roots were brown and gradual disappearance of rootlets were evident after 15 days treatment.

**Table No. 1 -Different parameters of plant morphology**

Treatment	Root length(CM)	S	D	shoot length (cm)	S	D	fresh weight(gm)	S	D	dry weight(gm)	S	D
Control	4.3667	0.206		6.3625	0.51		0.3156	0.0194		0.02506	0.004	
CuNP 0.05PPM	6.0625	0.447		7.7444	0.702		0.4094	0.0086		0.038493	0.008	
CuNP 0.1PPM	5.9571	0.496		7.6375	0.6		0.3702	0.0015		0.02822	0.003	
CuNP 0.5PPM	5.65	0.288		6.98	0.447		0.3457	0.0073		0.0261	0.003	
CuNP 1PPM	5.48	0.349		6.5143	0.204		0.3306	0.0121		0.025173	0.002	
CuSO4 0.05PPM	5.9643	0.014		7.0333	0.418		0.3783	0.0066		0.024265	0.002	
CuSO4 0.1PPM	4.2111	0.267		6.7	0.141		0.3533	0.0111		0.01986	0.001	
CuSO4 0.5PPM	4.58	0.356		6.28	0.192		0.323	0.006		0.0188	0.001	
CuSO4 1PPM	3.44	0.288		5.82	0.192		0.303	0.005		0.0165	0.001	

## 5.CONCLUSION: -

In a nutshell, copper nanoparticle have very positive impact on plant system as per our research work. The effect of copper nanoparticle on Rapeseed (*Brassica napus*) is very promising and it has been observed that copper nanoparticle work better than the conventional copper salt. The plants are healthy and tall compare to control as well as elemental treated plants. The basic parameters of plant system i.e. amino acid, sugar, protein and lipid content are more or less same. In some case it increase which is good for the biological system. Interestingly nanoparticles at higher doses are not at all toxic to the plant whereas in  $\text{CuSO}_4$  treated plant, higher doses are detrimental to the plant system. The high value of chlorophyll in nanoparticle treated plant suggests the higher activity of photosynthesis. In future copper nanoparticle can be used as enhancer of photosynthesis in the plant system. This particle can be used as nano-fertilizer in future. Though much more experiment need to be done before making conclusion.

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