

Harmful Effectuate of Cadmium Chloride (CdCl_2) on black gram (*Vigna mungo* L.)

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Abstract

The toxicity of Heavy metals (HMs) is one of the most inevitable environmental impacts, and is dangerous because of the accumulation of life in the food chain and plant products for human exploitation. As a result, heavy metal contamination of soil and plants has become an increasing problem. So the present research work addresses the toxic effect of cadmium chloride (CdCl_2) on the growth of black gram seedlings. The test plants were grown in pots, potting soil with different amounts of (CdCl_2) in the test system like *viz.*, control, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5 g kg^{-1} soil. Five replicates were maintained for each close attention. The morphological parameters like root and shoot length, number of leaves, nodule number, total leaf area and fresh and dry weight of black gram seedlings were recorded at 7th day seedlings. The CdCl_2 behavior at all concentration dropped among these parameters.

Keywords: CdCl_2 , black gram, root nodules, total leaf area and fresh & dry weights.

Introduction

The major environmental pollutants of heavy metals and their harmful are the complexity of the effects of increasing biological, evolutionary, nutritional and environmental reason. HMs is widely distributed in most plant tissues in soil and animals in the environment. Environmental pollution by HMs by linked to human activity. HMs is included in the main category of environmental pollutants because they can be in the environment for long time and their accumulation is dangerous to humans, animals, soil and plants (Jayakumaret al., 2008; Abdul Jaleel et al., 2009). Soil contaminants include HMs, acid rainfall and organic matter. Due to the emission properties of HMs soils, they have been intensively studied in the recent years. The content of HMs in agricultural topsoil may be influenced by native soil matter and human resources. In other words, those heavy metals may naturally live in the soil, but due to the action of man, a considerable amount will be added to the soil. In fact, human behavior can lead to accumulation of heavy metals in the soil. Reaction rate plants in two ways under conditions of absorption of HMs; the first technique is the avoidance mechanism, whereby plants avoid adding the transporting HMs into their organs. These plants are non-aggregates. The second technique is the metal accretion mechanism, in which plants have a great potential to assemble metals by roots and transport and store them in the plant body. Those plants are called the thriving collector (Baker and Whiting 2002). Common effects of various HMs on plants, Cadmium: decline seed germination, lipid content and plant enlargement, but induce the creation of phytochelatins. Phytochelatin is a metal binding peptide and has an important role in cadmium detoxification in plants. Chromium: Causes reduce in enzyme activity and plant development, and create membrane injure, chlorosis and root damage. Copper: break off photosynthesis, plant augmentation and reproductive processes, and shrink thylakoid surface area. Mercury: assist to accumulate phenol, but diminish the photosynthetic-activity, water uptake and antioxidant

enzymes. Nickel: drop offseed germination, protein production, chlorophyll and enzyme creation, and accretion of dry mass, but enhance the amount of free amino acids. Lead: condense thechlorophyll making and plant growth, but expand superoxide dismutase (metal including antioxidant enzyme). Zinc: reduce nickel noxious and seed germination, but enlarge plant growth and ATP/chlorophyll ratio at reasonableapplication (Gardea-Torresdey *et al.*, 2004;Shanker *et al.*, 2005; Mukeshet *et al.*, 2008; Hoseini and Zargari 2013).

There is anincredibleaddition level of toxic elements in aquatic and terrestrial ecological unit in the last century due to hurriedindustrializeddevelopment. This has resulted in buildup of HMs in soil where these may impede with bio-chemical process in soil and get entrance into food chains (Hall *et al.*, 2002). Cadmium (Cd)is the large number of universal pollutants in farming soils. The potential resources of these metals in our soils are mostly automobile exhausts, plastic industries, and some industrial effluents irrigation with sewage water and fertilization practices (Lone *et al.*, 2003; Ahmad *et al.*, 2011). While these metals are still not present at toxicity rank in our agricultural soils but the very extensive resident life of these metals can raise their concentrations up to hazardous intensity (Khan and Frankland, 1983; Khan *et al.*, 2009).And Cadmium (Cd) istopmost damage to plant growth, moreover, its uptake and accumulation in plants educe many stress indication in plants, such as decrement of growth, especially root enlargement, disturbances in mineral nutrition and carbohydrate metabolism, andmay thus sturdilydiminishseed germination and biomass production (Iqbal and Mehmod 1991;Munzuroglu and Geckil, 2002).These can come in human body by uptake of food and fodder crops via herbivores (Ahmad *et al.*, 2011).

Black gram *Vigna mungo* L. is family fabaceae, is an annual and main short time pulse crop resident to middle Asia. It is staple crop in central and south east asia. But, it is expansively used only in India. The most favorable temperature for better growth of black gram range between 25 to 35°C, but it can tolerate upto 42°C, which permit to cultivate during summer and winter seasons. It respected for its high digestibility and freedom from flatulence effect (Fery, 2002). It is summer pulse crop with short duration (90 -120) days and high nutritive value (Karamany, 2006). Black gram is used for human food, green manure, a cover crop, forage, silage, hay and chicken pasture. It is sown on most of the soils but it can grow better on heavier soils (pH 5.5 - 7.5) and an annual rainfall of 600 - 1000mm. For legume, nitrogen is more useful since it is the major component of amino acid as well as protein. As awonderful source of plant protein, black gram is enormouslyaccessible to nitrogen (Imrie, 2005; Kulsum *et al.*, 2007).So the present research work,therefore investigates howtoxic effects of cadmium chloride on black gram seedlings.

Materials and Methods

Seed

Blackgram (*Vigna mungo* L.) seeds were collected from Tamilnadu Agriculture University (TNAU) Seeds Section, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.The seeds with uniform size, colour and weight werechoosing for experimental analysis.

Pot culture experiment

The experimental seedswere grown in pots in normal soil (control) and other handlingin soil with different deliberation of CdCl₂had been practical at (5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0and 2.5g kg⁻¹ soil). The inside exterior of pots were creased with a polythene sheet. Each one pot contained 2.5 kg of air dried soil. The CdCl₂ was used to the exterior soil and scientifically mixed with the soil. Every pots ten seeds were sown. All pots were watered to filledcapacityday by day. Each handling includethe control was replicated five times.

Sample collection

The plant samples were collected at 7thDAS for the quantityof different morph metricalfactors such as germination percentage, root and shoot length, fresh and dry weight, number of leaves, total leaf area and root nodules. Five plants from each replicate of a pot wereanalyzed for its different parameters and the average value was calculated.

Morphological parameters

The different morphological factors such as Root Length (RL), Shoot Length (SL), Number of Nodules (NN), Total Leaf Area (TLA), Fresh and Dry Weight (g.fr.wt and g.dr.wt)of shoot per plant were determined for sample. The leaf areas were calculated by measuring the length and breadth and multiplied by a correlation factor (0.69), derived from the method of (Kalra and Dhiman 1977).

Result and Discussion

The results obtainfrom the experiment the effect of different application of CdCl₂treated seedlings were summarized and discussed as follows. The results showed that the germination percentage of black gram seedlings (Table. 1).The highest seed germination profit (95 ± 4.75 , 95 ± 4.75 , 93 ± 4.65 and 96 ± 4.8) % for the all varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) wasdocumentation at control plants. The lowest seed germination profit (34 ± 1.7 , 35 ± 1.75 , 34 ± 1.7 and 50 ± 2.5) % were confirmation for the all the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID -T9 and IPU-941) at 2.5 g/kg CdCl₂focusing.

The abatement of seed germination profit among the all varieties of black gram seedlings under the CdCl₂ handling compared with control seedlings.The main reason maybe cadmium chloride causes decline in the seed germination root and shoot maturation. The quick restrict of root function was evident in terms of demotion in both ion and water uptake this might be in total surprising since roots are the first to come in contact with the injurious cadmium. These results are in accordance with reports indicating impede of water conductance in roots by toxic metals (Kastori *et al.*, 1992; Sandalio *et al.*, 2001), the other reasons various types of stress, including CdCl₂, induce the assimilation of lignin into the cell walls of maize roots with the result that cell-wall strictness,augmentation and cell wall expansion is reduced (Hall 2002; Boominathan *et al.*, 2003; Guo *et al.*, 2007; Khan *et al.*, 2009).

Table.1 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on seed germination (%) of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Seed Germination (%) (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	95 ± 4.75	95 ± 4.75	93 ± 4.65	96 ± 4.8
0.5 g/kg	84 ± 4.2	83 ± 4.15	84 ± 4.2	90 ± 4.5
1.0 g/kg	80 ± 4	78 ± 3.9	76 ± 3.8	82 ± 4.1
1.5 g/kg	74 ± 3.7	71 ± 3.55	70 ± 3.5	75 ± 3.75
2.0 g/kg	61 ± 3.05	62 ± 3.1	60 ± 3	67 ± 3.35
2.5 g/kg	34 ± 1.7	35 ± 1.75	34 ± 1.7	50 ± 2.5

The extremity of shoot length (13.4 ± 0.67 , 13.4 ± 0.67 , 12.8 ± 0.64 and 14.2 ± 0.71 cm/plant) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at control seedlings. The bottom level of shoot length (3.2 ± 0.16 , 3 ± 0.15 , 3.1 ± 0.155 and 5.2 ± 0.26 cm/plant) for black gram for all varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kgCdCl₂ applications (Table 2). The shoot length is decline with increment in (Cd) concentration. This is due to decline in mitotic incidence and metal accumulation in cell wall components especially pectic substances and hemicelluloses (Chosdenet *et al.*, 2004). HMs was also description to hold up cell division and differentiation and also reduce their elongation thus affect the plant sprouting and development (Kastori *et al.*, 1992; Garmash and Golovko 2009; Wani *et al.*, 2012). The another main reason of reduced shoot and seedling length of black gram seedlings due to cadmium chloride handling could be the decline in meristematic cells present in this region and some enzyme restricted in cotyledon and endosperm. Cells become active and begin to digest and store food which is converted into the soluble form and transported to the radicle and plumule tips *e.g.*, enzyme amylases renovate starch into sugar and protease act on protein. So when the actions of different enzymes were precious, food did not reach to the radicle and plumule and in this way shoot and seedling length were affected (Wani *et al.*, 2007 and Ahmad *et al.*, 2011).

Table.2 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on shoot length (cm) of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂	Shoot length (cm) (7 th DAS)			
Treatments	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	13.4 ± 0.67	13.4 ± 0.67	12.8 ± 0.64	14.2 ± 0.71
0.5 g/kg	11.6 ± 0.58	11.2 ± 0.56	12 ± 0.6	13.8 ± 0.69
1.0 g/kg	9.5 ± 0.475	9.2 ± 0.46	8.3 ± 0.415	10.2 ± 0.51
1.5 g/kg	7.2 ± 0.36	7.2 ± 0.36	6.2 ± 0.31	9 ± 0.45
2.0 g/kg	6.0 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 0.27	5 ± 0.25	7.5 ± 0.375
2.5 g/kg	3.2 ± 0.16	3 ± 0.15	3.1 ± 0.155	5.2 ± 0.26

Table.3 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on root length of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper on 7th DAS

Cd Cl ₂	Root length (cm) (7 th DAS)			
Treatments	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	5.8 ± 0.29	5.7 ± 0.285	5.5 ± 0.275	6.2 ± 0.31
0.5 g/kg	5 ± 0.25	5.1 ± 0.255	5 ± 0.25	5.5 ± 0.275
1.0 g/kg	4.1 ± 0.205	4 ± 0.2	3.9 ± 0.195	4.8 ± 0.24
1.5 g/kg	3.2 ± 0.16	3 ± 0.15	3.9 ± 0.195	4.2 ± 0.21
2.0 g/kg	2.4 ± 0.12	2.5 ± 0.125	2.6 ± 0.13	3.8 ± 0.19
2.5 g/kg	1.6 ± 0.08	1.8 ± 0.09	1.7 ± 0.085	3 ± 0.15

Table.4 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on number of leaves of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Number of leaves (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	3 ± 0.15
0.5 g/kg	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1
1.0 g/kg	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1
1.5 g/kg	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1
2.0 g/kg	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1
2.5 g/kg	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1	2 ± 0.1

Table.5 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on total leaf area of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Total Leaf Area (cm ²) (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	6.8 ± 0.34	6.8 ± 0.34	6.5 ± 0.325	7.2 ± 0.36
0.5 g/kg	5.7 ± 0.285	5.9 ± 0.295	4.8 ± 0.24	6.8 ± 0.34
1.0 g/kg	4.1 ± 0.205	4 ± 0.2	4 ± 0.2	5.5 ± 0.275
1.5 g/kg	3.4 ± 0.17	3.6 ± 0.18	3.4 ± 0.17	4.6 ± 0.23
2.0 g/kg	3 ± 0.15	3.2 ± 0.16	3.2 ± 0.16	3.8 ± 0.19
2.5 g/kg	3 ± 0.15	3 ± 0.15	3.2 ± 0.16	3.6 ± 0.18

Table.6 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on root nodules of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Root nodules (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	10.4 ± 0.52	10 ± 0.5	10.8 ± 0.54	12.5 ± 0.625
0.5 g/kg	8.9 ± 0.445	8.4 ± 0.42	8.6 ± 0.43	9.8 ± 0.49
1.0 g/kg	8 ± 0.4	7.5 ± 0.375	8 ± 0.4	8.5 ± 0.425
1.5 g/kg	5.6 ± 0.28	5 ± 0.25	5.6 ± 0.28	7.4 ± 0.37
2.0 g/kg	4.8 ± 0.24	4 ± 0.2	4.4 ± 0.22	5.5 ± 0.275
2.5 g/kg	0	0	0	3 ± 0.15

Table.7 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on Fresh weight of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Fresh weight (g.fr.wt) (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	10.8 ± 0.54	10.2 ± 0.51	10.4 ± 0.52	12.7 ± 0.64
0.5 g/kg	9.5 ± 0.47	9.1 ± 0.45	9.1 ± 0.45	10.5 ± 0.53
1.0 g/kg	7.3 ± 0.36	7 ± 0.35	6.8 ± 0.34	8.2 ± 0.41
1.5 g/kg	6 ± 0.3	5.2 ± 0.26	5 ± 0.25	6 ± 0.3
2.0 g/kg	5.2 ± 0.26	4.8 ± 0.24	4.4 ± 0.22	5.2 ± 0.26
2.5 g/kg	4.4 ± 0.22	4 ± 0.2	3.8 ± 0.19	4.8 ± 0.24

Table.8 Effectuate of Cd Cl₂ on Dry weight of *Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper

Cd Cl ₂ Treatments	Dry weight (g.dr.wt) (7 th DAS)			
	CO – 6	TMV	UDID-T9	IPU-941
Control	4.75 ± 0.24	4.48 ± 0.22	4.6 ± 0.23	5.32 ± 0.26
0.5 g/kg	3.58 ± 0.17	3.41 ± 0.17	3.45 ± 0.17	4.3 ± 0.22
1.0 g/kg	2.35 ± 0.12	2.2 ± 0.11	2.3 ± 0.12	3.12 ± 0.15
1.5 g/kg	0.98 ± 0.05	0.87 ± 0.04	1.08 ± 0.05	2.05 ± 0.11
2.0 g/kg	0.76 ± 0.04	0.69 ± 0.03	0.87 ± 0.04	1.2 ± 0.06
2.5 g/kg	0.43 ± 0.02	0.4 ± 0.02	0.42 ± 0.02	0.98 ± 0.04

The next table 3 showed that the root length of black gram seedlings. The utmost of root length (5.8 ± 0.29 , 5.7 ± 0.285 , 5.5 ± 0.275 and 6.2 ± 0.31 cm/plant) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at control seedlings. The lowest root length (1.6 ± 0.08 , 1.8 ± 0.09 , 1.7 ± 0.085 and 3 ± 0.15 cm/plant) of black gram varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kgCdCl₂ of attentiveness.

The decrement of root length in allthe CdCl₂ dealingsfor few varieties of black gram seedlings. The main reasons for the reduction of root length suppress of root growing can be attributed in part to theinhibition of mitosis, the reduced synthesis of cell-wall components,damage to the Golgi apparatus, and changes inthepolysaccharide

metabolism, while browning is caused by suberin deposits (Punzand Ieghardt, 1993; Fabrizo *et al.*, 2003; Maria *et al.*, 2013). In many plant species, it has been observed that although cell division did not cease as the result of CdCl₂ dealings with the development of the cells was obstructed. This slow down of cell growth after CdCl₂ management appeared to be caused by the formation of stronger cross-binding between the pectin molecules in the cell wall and by a lowering in the size of the intercellular space (Prasad, 1995; Gill *et al.*, 2012). Various types of stress, including CdCl₂, induce the incorporation of lignin into the cell walls of maize roots, with the result that cell-wall rigidity intensification and cell wall expansion is reduced (Degenhardt and Gimmler, 2000; Chaudhary 2014).

The highest number of leaves (3 ± 0.15) for the variety (IPU-941) was recorded at control seedlings on 7th DAS. The slightest number of leaves (2 ± 0.1) for black gram varieties (IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kg tunnel vision of CdCl₂. (Table 4). Restrict of leaf maturation also supply to a decline in water sufferers. Thus a fall off in leaf surface is a well-known non-specific response to water stress, which is induced by much unfavourable reason. Concentrated cytokinin content in CdCl₂ care for plants might also be liable for their germination reaction. The capacity of this has lately been shown to pressure the movement of development (proteins involved in the control of cell expansion) (Downes and Crowell, 1998; Kumari *et al.*, 2011; Gomes and Soares 2013). As a result stifled of leaf development of seedlings treated with Cadmium chloride might be due to an HM-induced decline in cytokinin content. This assumption is supported by the fact that in this study the hinder effect of CdCl₂ on leaf development was lower in plants which were pre-treated with Zeatin. The minimized in the growth inhibitory effect of CdCl₂ in plants treated with exogenous cytokinin is in accordance with the literature (Gadallah and El-Enany, 1999; Mijovilovich *et al.*, 2009; Peyvandi *et al.*, 2016). Thus, the abate in cytokinin content in plants treated with CdCl₂, which might be a result of acceleration of cytokinin metabolism caused by Cadmium induced activation of cytokinin oxidase, is likely to be responsible for curtail transpiration and leaf maturation. These effects might lead to limited CdCl₂ flow drawn by transpiration flow, which might protect plants from its injurious effects until induced syntheses of CdCl₂ binding substances, makes them resistant to the action of this HMs. (Veselov *et al.*, 2003; Gill 2014).

Table 5 exhibit that the upper limit range of total leaf area (6.8 ± 0.34 , 6.8 ± 0.34 , 6.5 ± 0.325 and 7.2 ± 0.36 cm²) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) were recorded at control seedlings. The least of total leaf area (3 ± 0.15 , 3 ± 0.15 , 3.2 ± 0.16 and 3.6 ± 0.18 cm²) for black gram varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) were recorded at 2.5 g/kg of CdCl₂ applications. The diminution of leaf area in reaction to HMs conduct toward was also correlated to addition of CdCl₂ in leaves, wherever the sizes of the leaf also shrink. Even though such dangerous regulatory systems are probable to function in seeds at the start of imbibitions, little is known about how stress tolerance is revising at different stage of germination (Madhavi and Rao, 1999; Rahman *et al.*, 2005).

The maximum root nodules (10.4 ± 0.52 , 10 ± 0.5 , 10.8 ± 0.54 and 12.5 ± 0.625) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) were recorded at control seedlings. The lower limit root nodule (3 ± 0.15) of black gram variety (IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kg CdCl₂ attentiveness (Table 6). The escalating CdCl₂ content in shoots during ontogenesis explains that more CdCl₂ bled out of the root into the shoots. This fact as well as the conventional browning of roots means that the role of the root system was troubled to some area. It is complicated to

inspect the environment of this turbulence in the root system when plants are grown in pot experiments. We may assume that in CdCl₂ treated plants the purposeful action of the root system is worried, for the reason that of declining of protein content and various macro and micronutrient attentiveness (Vassilev *et al.*, 1994; Metwally *et al.*, 2003; Lu *et al.*, 2010).

The most fresh weight (10.8 ± 0.54 , 10.2 ± 0.51 , 10.4 ± 0.52 and 12.7 ± 0.64) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at control seedlings. The lowest fresh weight (4.4 ± 0.22 , 4 ± 0.2 , 3.8 ± 0.19 and 4.8 ± 0.24) for black gram varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kg CdCl₂ applications (table 7). The (table 8) showed that the maximum dry weight (4.75 ± 0.24 , 4.48 ± 0.22 , 4.6 ± 0.23 and 5.32 ± 0.26) for the varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at control seedlings. The minimum dry weight (0.43 ± 0.02 , 0.4 ± 0.02 , 0.42 ± 0.02 and 0.98 ± 0.04) for black gram varieties (CO-6, TMV, UDID-T9 and IPU-941) was recorded at 2.5 g/kg CdCl₂ concentration.

A slow down enlargement in CdCl₂ treated plants match up the control was inspected. One of the explanations for the concealed improvement was later emergence of CdCl₂ treated plants. It was probably due to the unconstructive CdCl₂ result on recruitment of food reserves in the seeds as accounted by (Bishnoi *et al.*, 1993; Gabrijel *et al.*, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2010). The results showed depletion in the dry mass accumulation in plants treated with CdCl₂. The effect of CdCl₂ on the dry mass accumulation was a little more obvious in plants. The reasonable CdCl₂ consequence on the dry mass accretion at later stage of foliage could probably be due to an adaptation of plants to this metal (Jin *et al.*, 2008).

Conversely, the explanation for the major variation in the dry mass accretion between the controls and CdCl₂ treated plants during the early phenological phase is their diverse speed of growth. Because of the retarded development by the time of analysis they had accumulated a reduced amount of dry mass compared to the control seedlings. The developments of adaptation in plants carry on on different structural and functional levels of molecular, cellular, whole plant, and subsequent unlike system. At the whole plant level it is possible that the adaptation is connected to the pattern of CdCl₂ sharing in plant organs throughout ontogenesis (Vassilev *et al.*, 1998; Devi *et al.*, 2007; Katoch and Singh 2014).

Conclusion

From this study, some minimum concentrations of CdCl₂ suppresses seed germinations, seedling growth (root and shoot), number of leaves, total leaf area, fresh and dry weights of black gram (*Vigna mungo* L.) seems to be more sensitive to CdCl₂ pressure.

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