

Toxicity of copper in plants

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Background

1, Copper(**Cu**) is used as an antibacterial materials.
It means Cu has negative effect for plants.

→ we want to **reduce toxicity of Cu in plants.**

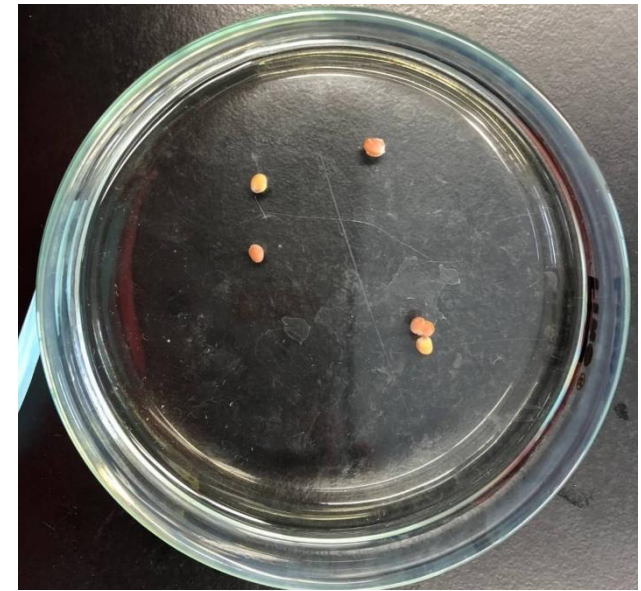
2, ▪ Some people think silver(**Ag**) can be inactivated
by **Sodium Chloride(NaCl)**.
▪ Ag ion and Cu ion have similar antibacterial structure.

→ we think **Cu will have the same result.**

Experiment

Material

- H₂O
- NaCl solution
- Radish (Seed)
- CuSO₄ Solution



The conditions of an experiment.

Method

- 1 We took 10ml of each H₂O and CuSO₄ solution in separate petri dishes.
- 2 We added 30,40,50,60,80,100mmol NaCl solution in CuSO₄ solution.
- 3 We covered them with aluminum foil to protect from the sun.
- 4 We observed them for 1 week.

Result & Conclusion

The weight of Radish for 5 species
when using $5.0 \times 10^{-4}\%$ CuSO_4

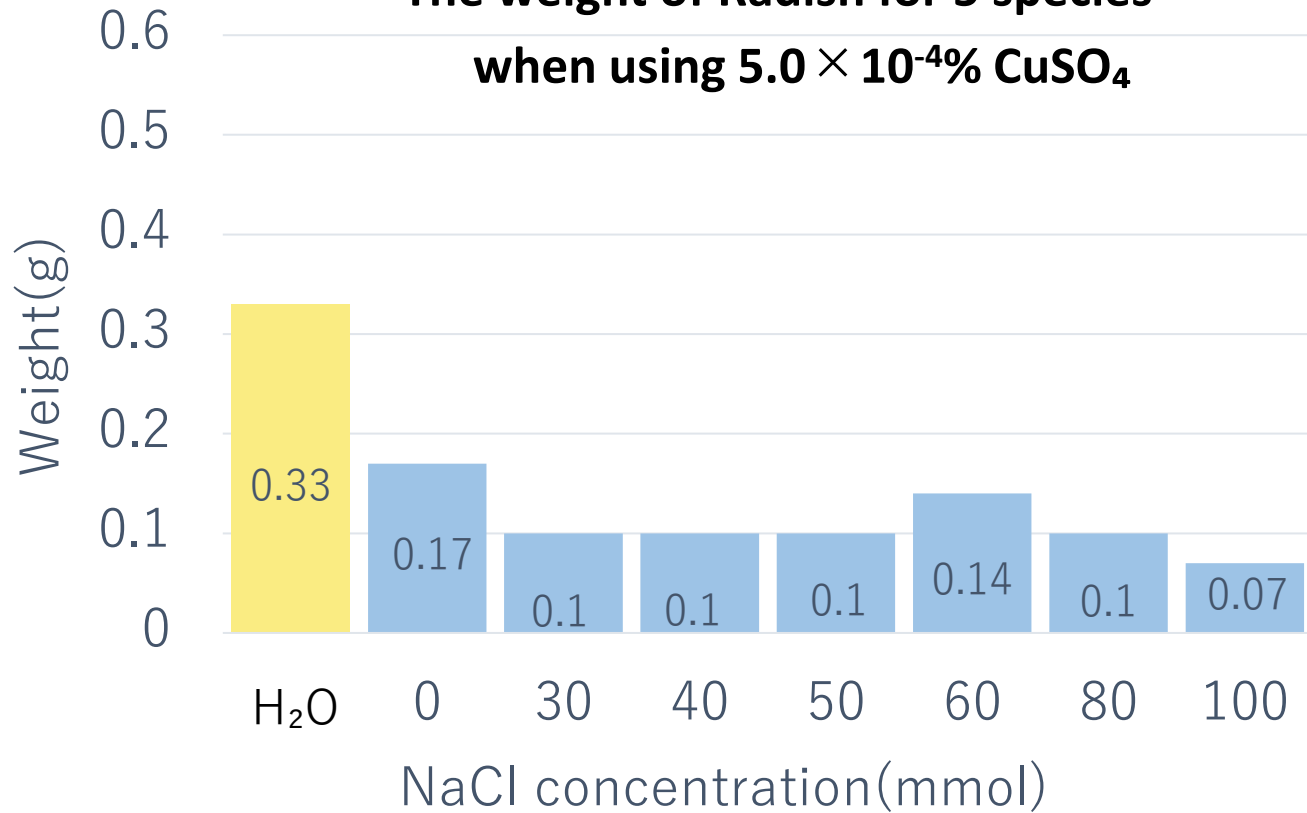
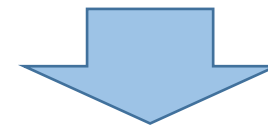


Figure1

○ When using CuSO_4 ($5.0 \times 10^{-4}\%$)

the plant didn't grow
more than using H_2O



NaCl effect was too great.

Result & Conclusion

The weight of Radish for 5 species
When using $5.0 \times 10^{-5}\%$ CuSO_4

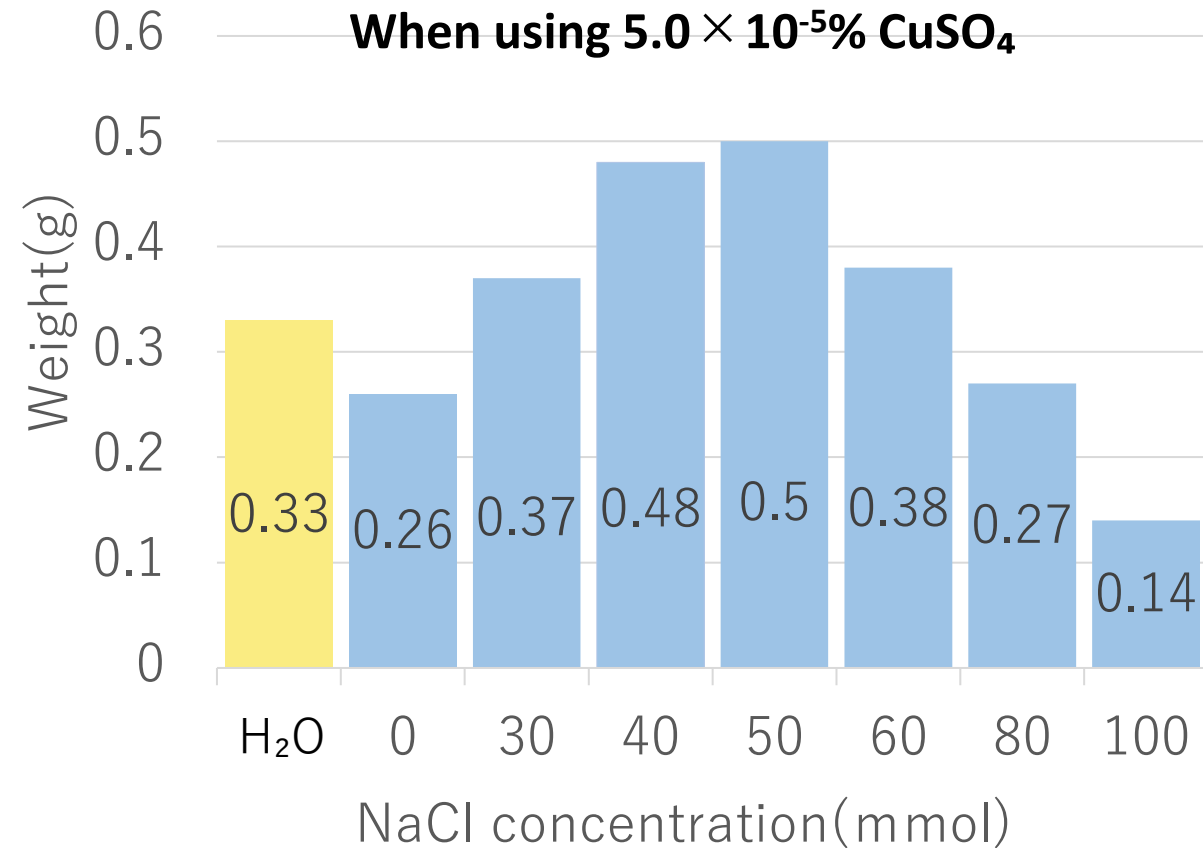


Figure2

○ When using CuSO_4 ($5.0 \times 10^{-5}\%$)

Heavier than others when using
40mmol, 50mmol NaCl.



The concentration of NaCl
and CuSO_4 that plants can grow well.

Future work

We want to check

- the concentration of NaCl and CuSO₄ in which plants can grow more easily.
- the role of NaCl in plant growth.
- the regularity of results.

Thank you for listening !

