SUPPORTING INFORMATION

POLLUTION ABATEMENT OF HEAVY METALS IN DIFFERENT CONDITIONS BY WATER KEFIR GRAINS AS A PROTECTIVE TOOL AGAINST TOXICITY

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Tab S1. Concentration of other metals in absence and presence of sucrose (5%) for colonies 1 and 2. Conditions: 5·10-3 M citrate buffer, initial pH= 3.5, 4.5 and 6.1, and 1:10 water kefir/metal solution ratio. Left: absence of sucrose. Right: presence of sucrose. n=3.

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Colony				1		2	
Element	**Time (h)**	**pH**	**Sucrose %**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**
Ba	0	3.5	0	890	5	890	5
			5	890	5	890	5
		4.5	0	890	5	890	5
			5	890	5	890	5
		6	0	890	5	890	5
			5	890	5	890	5
	24	3.5	0	896	16	1060	4
			5	749	9	857	4
		4.5	0	921	1	1091	22
			5	775	2	867	10
		6	0	937	1	985	4
			5	771	3	855	2
	48	3.5	0	978	26	1091	7
			5	897	6	938	16
		4.5	0	971	2	1039	20
			5	907	3	918	3
		6	0	951	6	973	10
			5	870	4	929	2
	72	3.5	0	958	28	1025	2
			5	849	5	907	5
		4.5	0	996	23	996	11
			5	872	5	925	19
		6	0	940	11	929	14
			5	852	7	929	3
Colony				**1**		**2**	
Element	**Time (h)**	**pH**	**Sucrose %**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**
Cd	0	3.5	0	135	1	125	1
			5	135	1	125	1
		4.5	0	135	1	125	1
			5	135	1	125	1
		6	0	135	1	125	1
			5	135	1	125	1
	24	3.5	0	108	1	118	1
			5	95	1	104	1
		4.5	0	108	0	115	1
			5	97	0	104	1

	48	6	0	102	0	95	1
			5	94	1	106	0
		3.5	0	115	1	122	1
			5	106	1	105	1
		4.5	0	114	0	116	1
			5	106	0	105	1
	72	6	0	107	0	95	2
			5	100	1	109	1
		3.5	0	116	2	120	1
			5	103	0	106	0
		4.5	0	118	3	114	3
			5	104	0	106	0
		6	0	107	0	89	2
			5	103	1	110	0

Colony				**1**		**2**	
Element	**Time (h)**	**pH**	**Sucrose %**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**
Co	0	3.5	0	370	2	325	2
			5	370	2	325	2
		4.5	0	370	2	325	2
			5	370	2	325	2
		6	0	370	2	325	2
			5	370	2	325	2
	24	3.5	0	290	3	312	1
			5	259	1	287	2
		4.5	0	289	1	283	1
			5	270	0	291	1
		6	0	284	9	246	13
			5	275	1	298	2
	48	3.5	0	301	3	325	1
			5	289	1	287	3
		4.5	0	308	2	305	2
			5	294	2	293	2
		6	0	299	7	246	12
			5	287	1	303	2
	72	3.5	0	302	4	322	3
			5	284	1	294	0
		4.5	0	320	6	308	2
			5	289	1	292	1
		6	0	300	6	242	12
			5	287	1	309	4

Colony				1		2	
Element	**Time (h)**	**pH**	**Sucrose %**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**
Mn	0	3.5	0	5350	50	5350	50
			5	5350	50	5350	50
		4.5	0	5350	50	5350	50
			5	5350	50	5350	50
		6	0	5350	50	5350	50
			5	5350	50	5350	50
	24	3.5	0	4737	55	5185	19
			5	4243	20	4672	31
		4.5	0	4790	16	4874	15
			5	4392	8	4734	27
		6	0	4771	116	4388	172
			5	4438	16	4799	36
	48	3.5	0	4979	55	5402	16
			5	4761	22	4745	57
		4.5	0	5116	45	5122	40
			5	4854	31	4820	37
		6	0	4996	81	4467	132
			5	4704	6	4962	22
	72	3.5	0	4991	73	5301	37
			5	4668	13	4842	12
		4.5	0	5318	108	5154	44
			5	4750	13	4802	16
		6	0	4982	74	4412	116
			5	4709	14	5010	49

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Colony	**1**					**2**				
Ratio	**1:10**			**1:1**		**1:10**			**1:1**	
Element	**Time (h)**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Time (h)**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**	**Conc. µg/l**	**Standard Error**
Ba	0	890	5	890	5	0	890	5	890	5
	24	940	15	560	13	24	922	7	582	38
	48	1060	10	606	16	48	1044	4	619	6
	72	815	9	460	22	72	867	20	456	8
Cd	0	135	1	135	1	0	135	1	135	1
	24	131	14	81	1	24	116	1	83	4
	48	117	2	87	1	48	118	1	87	1
	72	105	1	83	7	72	108	2	78	1
Co	0	370	2	370	2	0	370	2	370	2
	24	360	13	199	3	24	352	2	208	15
	48	358	7	226	4	48	370	3	232	3
	72	301	3	199	20	72	312	5	190	2
Mn	0	5350	50	5350	50	0	5350	50	5350	50
	24	2667	71	1770	37	24	2747	114	1787	95
	48	2649	46	1877	19	48	2703	12	1920	17
	72	2289	19	1716	128	72	2344	41	1675	13