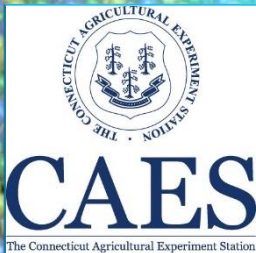


ROLE OF SURFACE COATING ON ACCUMULATION OF CADMIUM SULFIDE QUANTUM DOTS IN SOYBEAN PLANTS AND STRESS MECHANISMS



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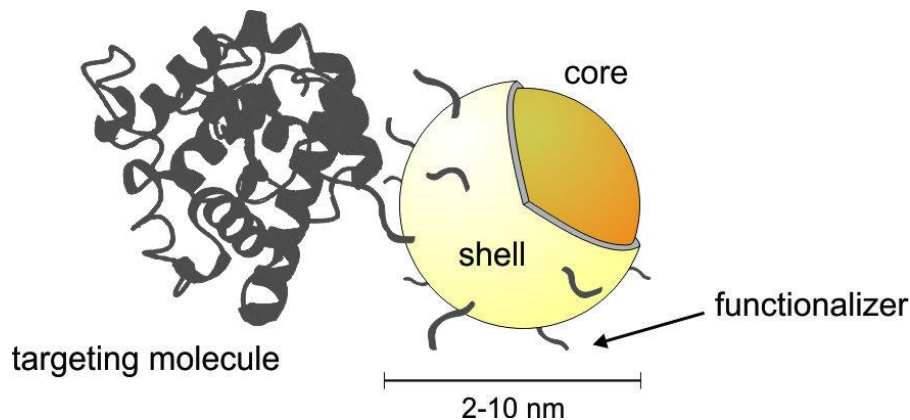
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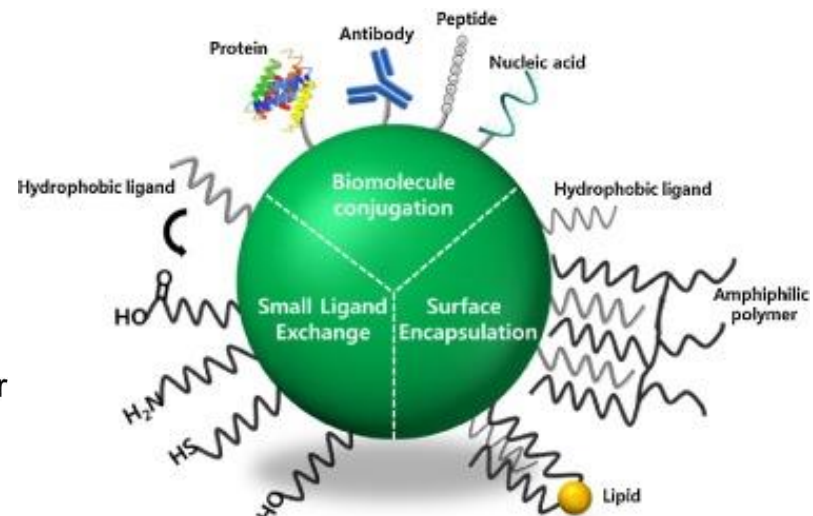
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QUANTUM DOTS: BRIGHT AND VERSATILE

- Zero dimensional, few nanometers wide
- High photoluminescence quantum yield
- Broad absorption coupled with narrow emission, and strong photostability
- Semiconductor core (CdSe, CdS, CdTe) encapsulated at times in a shell eg. ZnS), and further functionalized with ligands depending on application

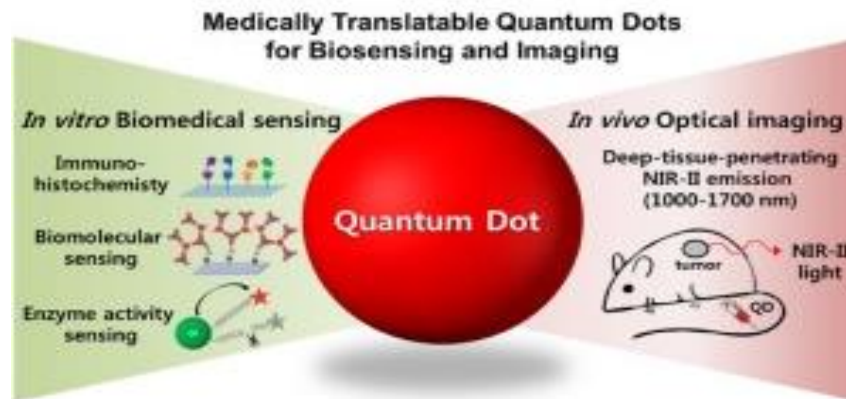
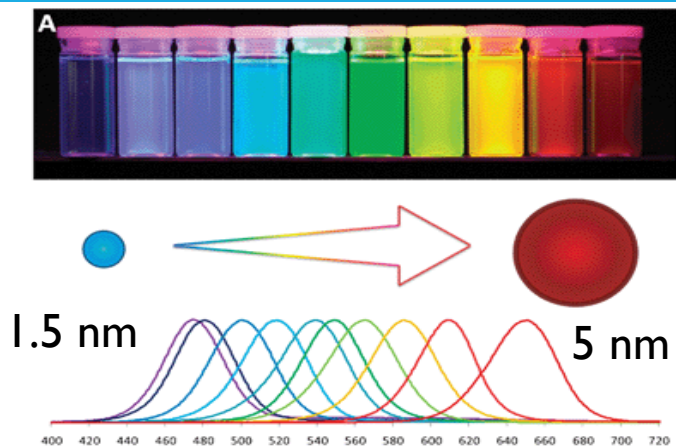


Fontes et al. 2012



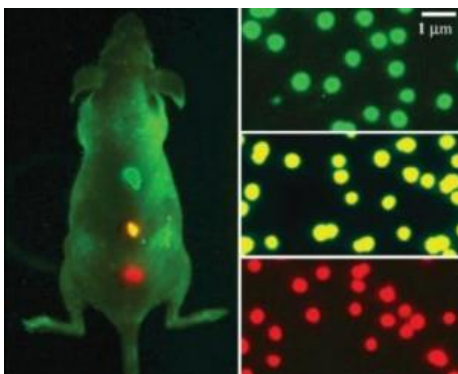
Park et al. 2017

QUANTUM DOT APPLICATIONS



Park et al. 2017

Colloidal quantum dots irradiated with a UV light. Different sized quantum dots emit different color light due to quantum confinement.



Gao X, Nie S. Anal. Chem. 2004



Pathogen and contaminant detection in plants



QD MARKET IS GROWING FAST!!



Samsung - 75" Class (74.5" Diag.) - LED - Curved - 2160p - Smart - 4K Ultra HD TV with High Dynamic Range

Model: QN75Q8CAMFXZA | SKU: 5758300

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★★★★☆ 4.2 (21)

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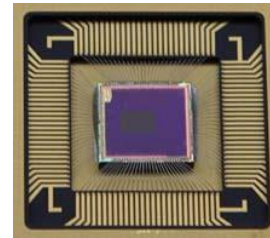
Getting more soon

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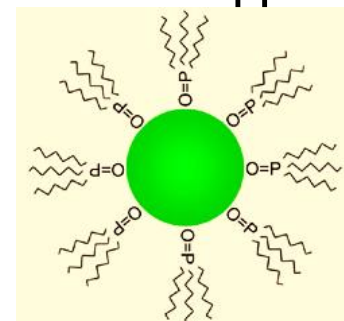
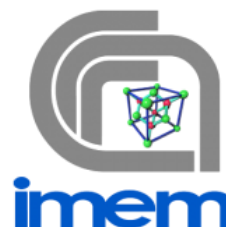
Quantum bits: This camera sensor chip contains a layer of quantum dots that absorbs light before it reaches the silicon.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: NANOMATERIAL

Drs. Marco Villani, Andrea Zappettini

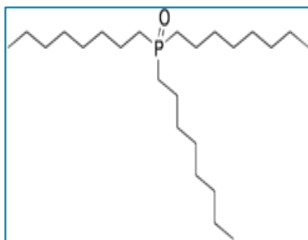
Cadmium sulfide QDs (QD)

- QD-Bare (Uncapped)
- QD-TOPO (trioctylphosphine oxide)
- QD-PVP (polyvinylpyrrolidone)
- QD-MAA (mercaptoacetic acid)
- QD-GLY (glycine)



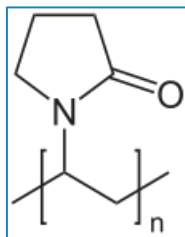
Non-specific binding

Trioctylphosphine oxide



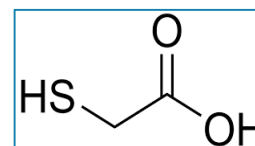
neutral

Polyvinylpyrrolidone



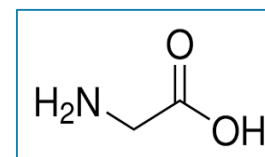
steric hindrance

Mercaptoacetic acid



negative

Glycine



amino group

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: PLANT EXPOSURE

Soybean plants grown in vermiculite for 14 days



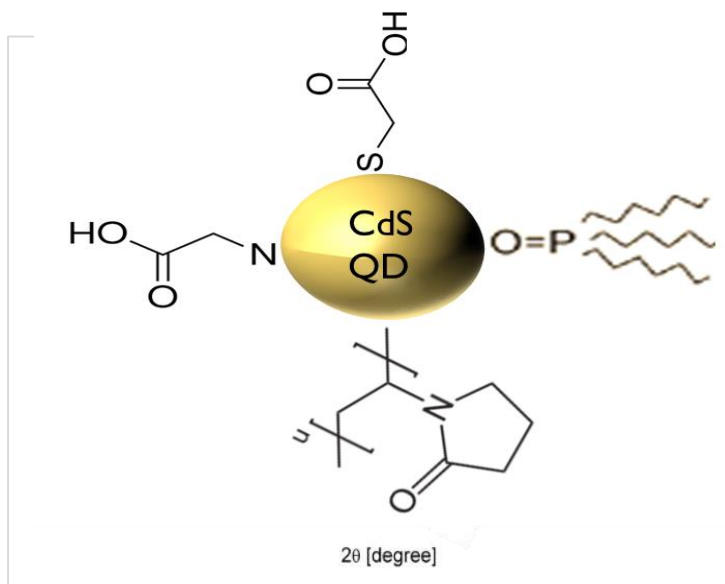
Treatments

- Control
 - 50, 100, 200 mg Cd/L vermiculite for each QD
 - 100 mg Cd/L vermiculite: CdS bulk
 - 10 mg Cd/L vermiculite: CdCl₂
- 2 min sonication

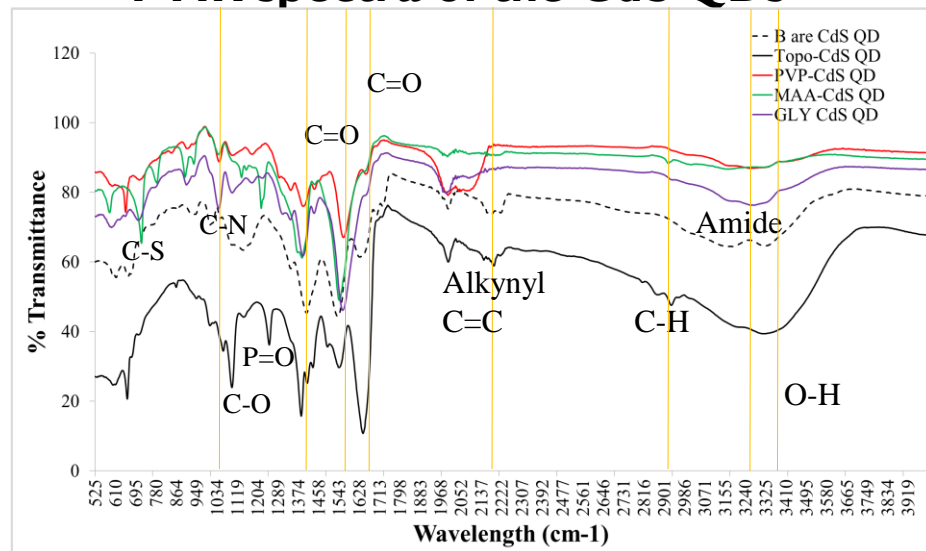


- Physiological parameters
- Cd content in tissues
- Cd content in subcellular compartments
- Macro and micro nutrients
- Photosynthetic pigment
- Antioxidant enzymes: SOD, CAT, APX, GPX
- FTIR of soybean roots
- Lignin content
- Total Phenol and flavonoid contents
- Gene expression by qRT-PCR

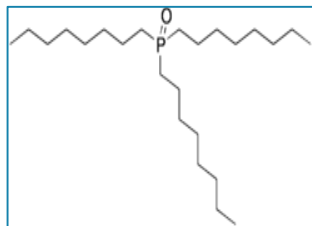
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CdS QDs



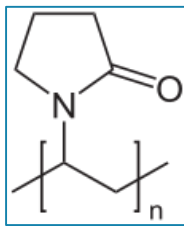
FTIR spectra of the CdS QDs



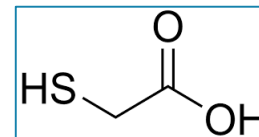
Triethylphosphine oxide



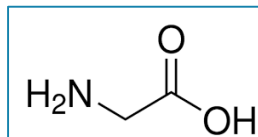
Polyvinylpyrrolidone



Mercaptoacetic acid

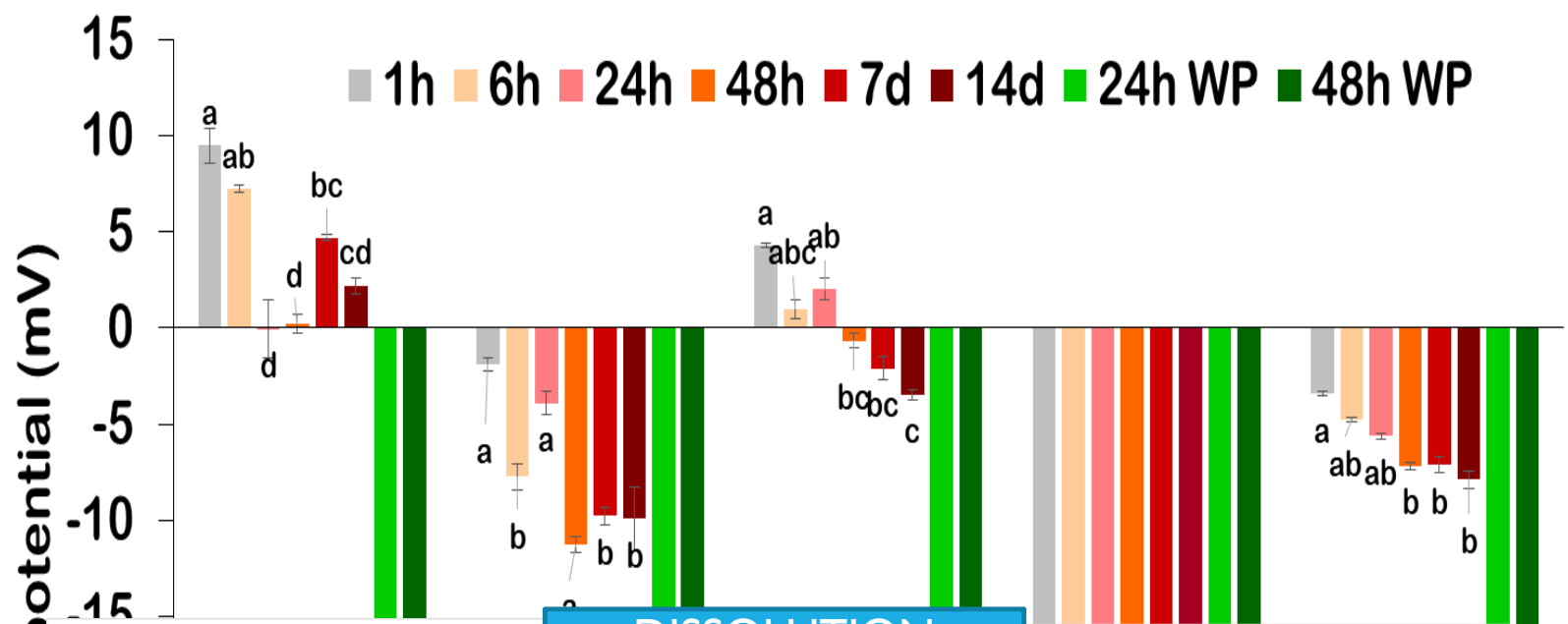


Glycine

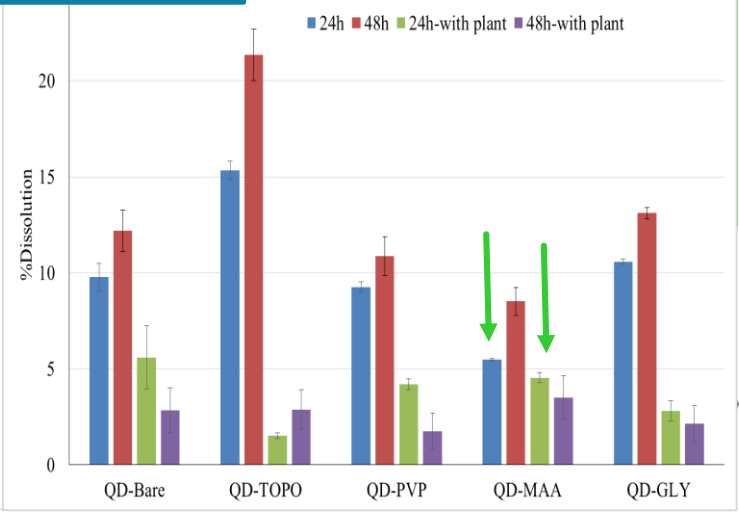
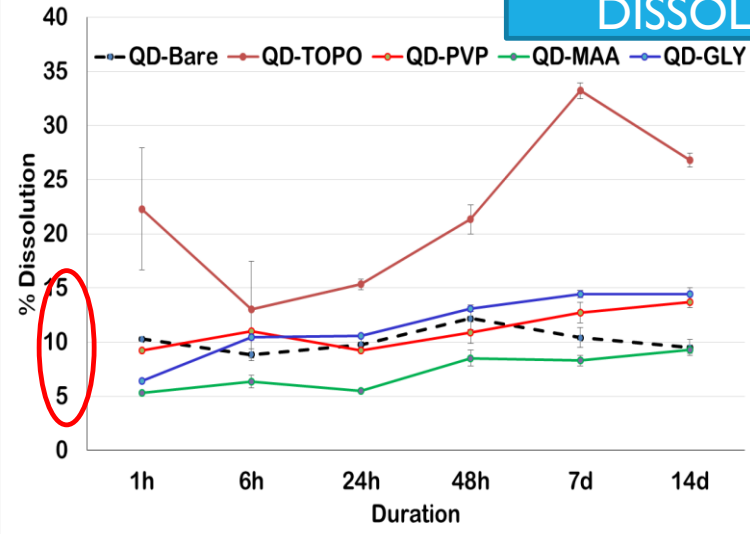




NANOMATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION IN WATER

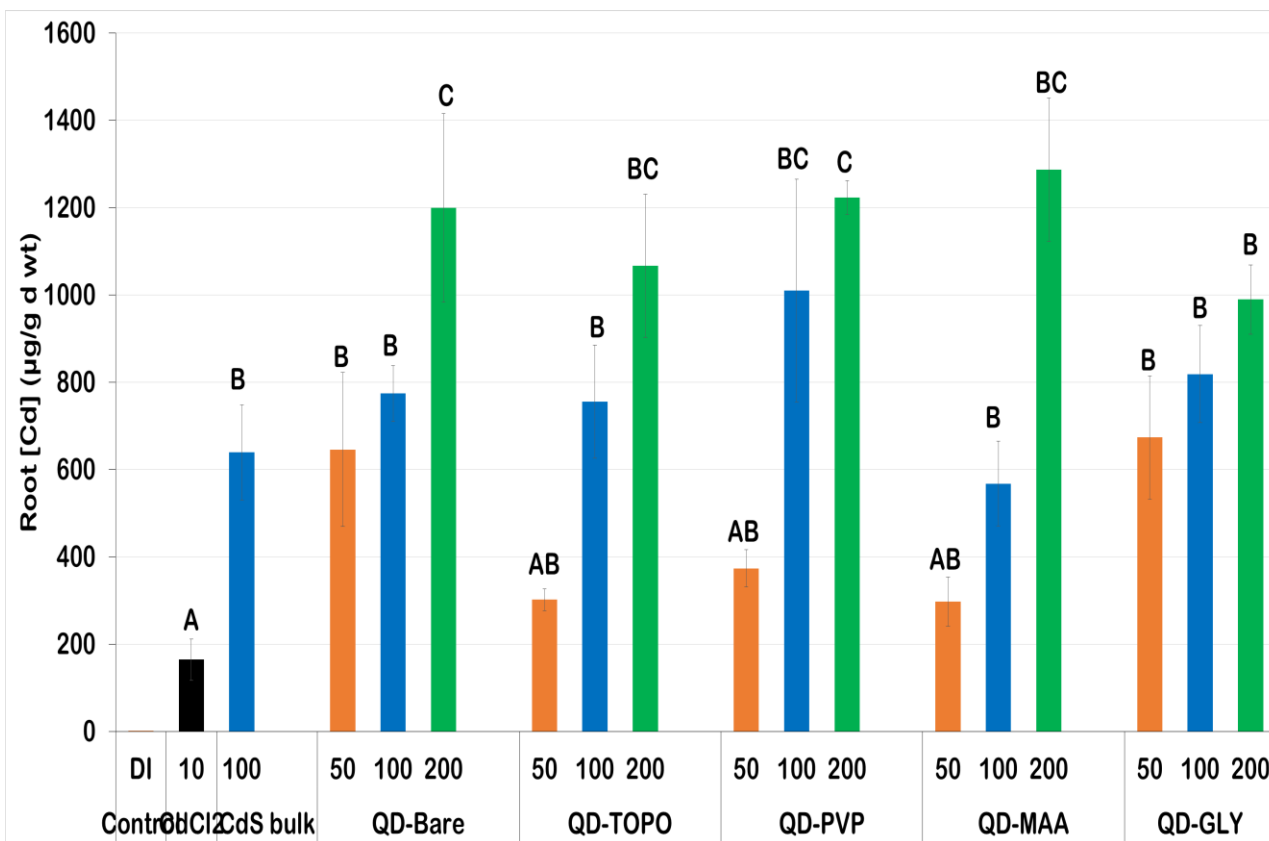


DISSOLUTION

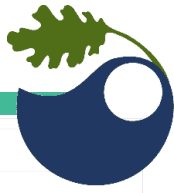




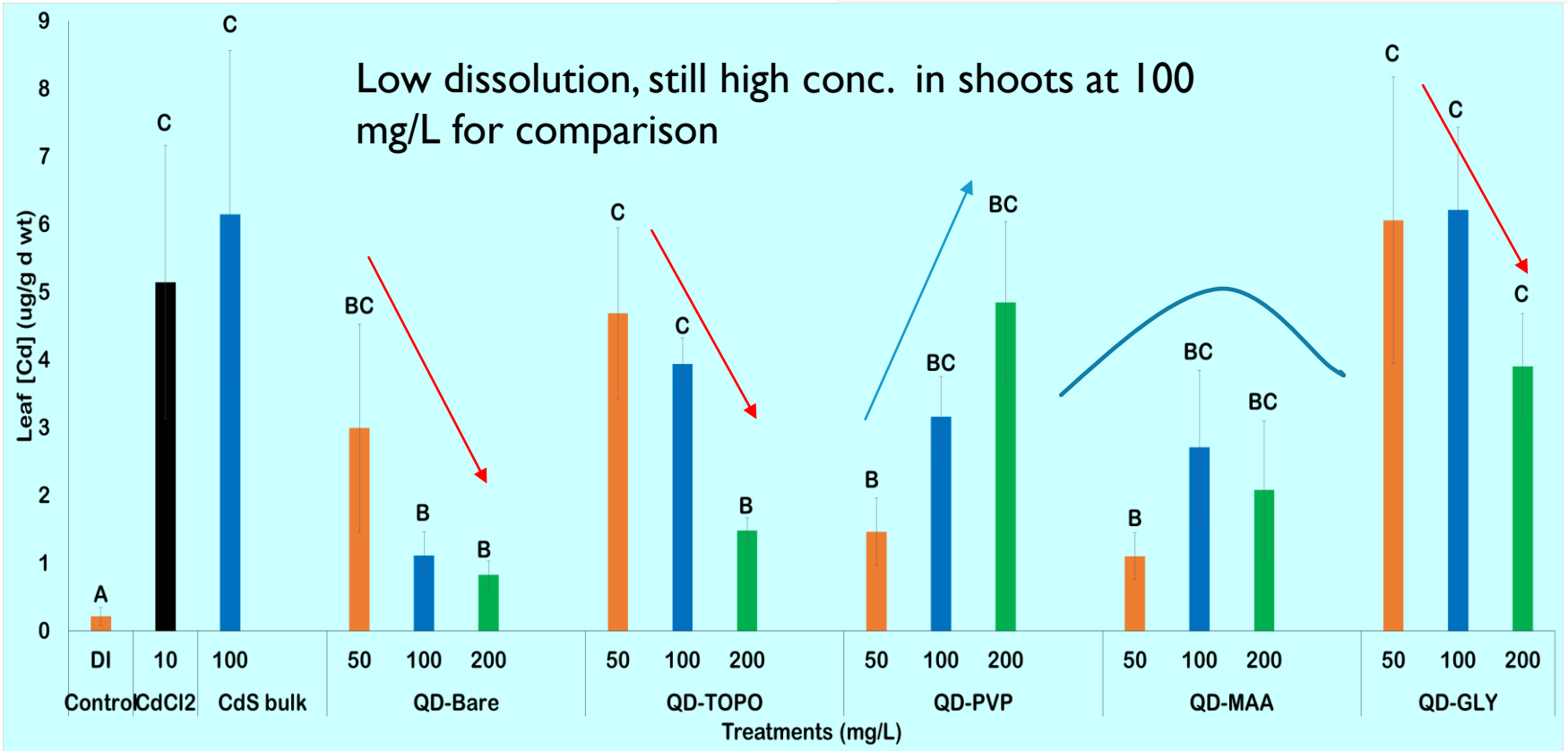
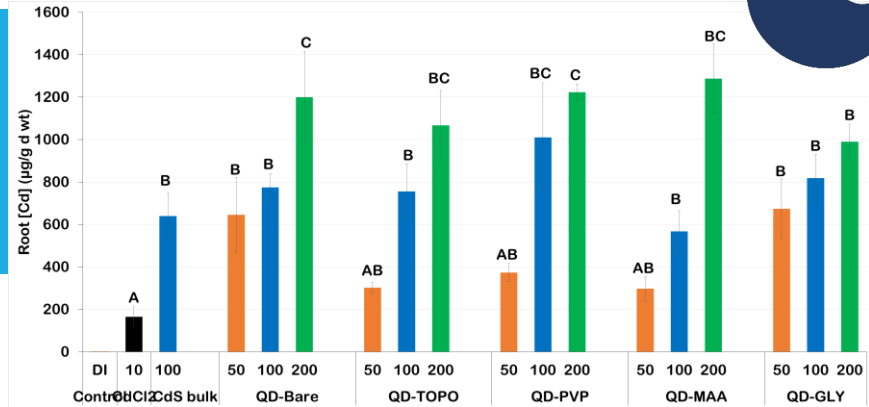
CADMIUM UPTAKE AND ACCUMULATION



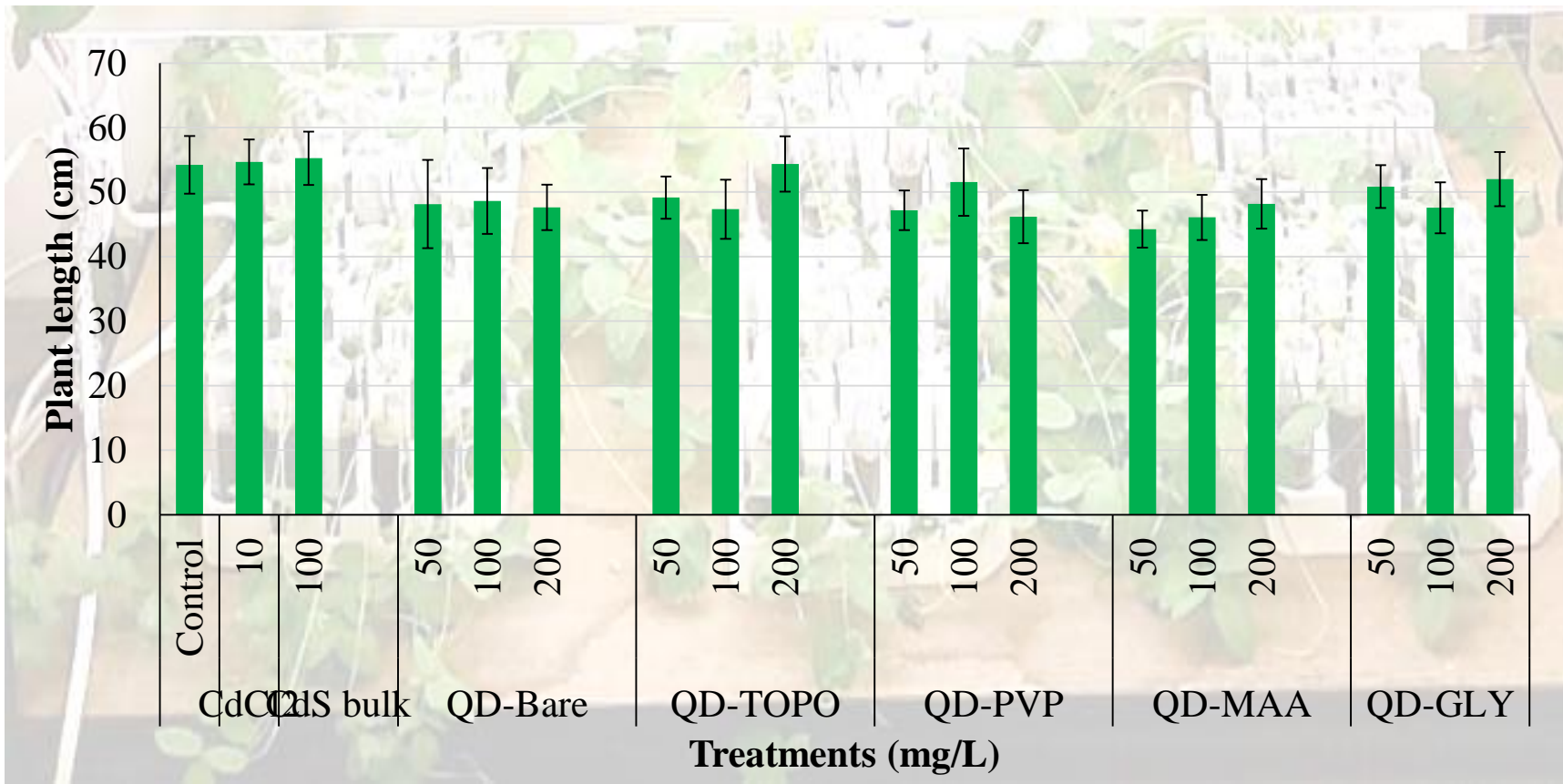
- No nano-specific effect
- CdS associated more with the roots than the Cd²⁺ ions



CADMIUM TRANSLOCATION

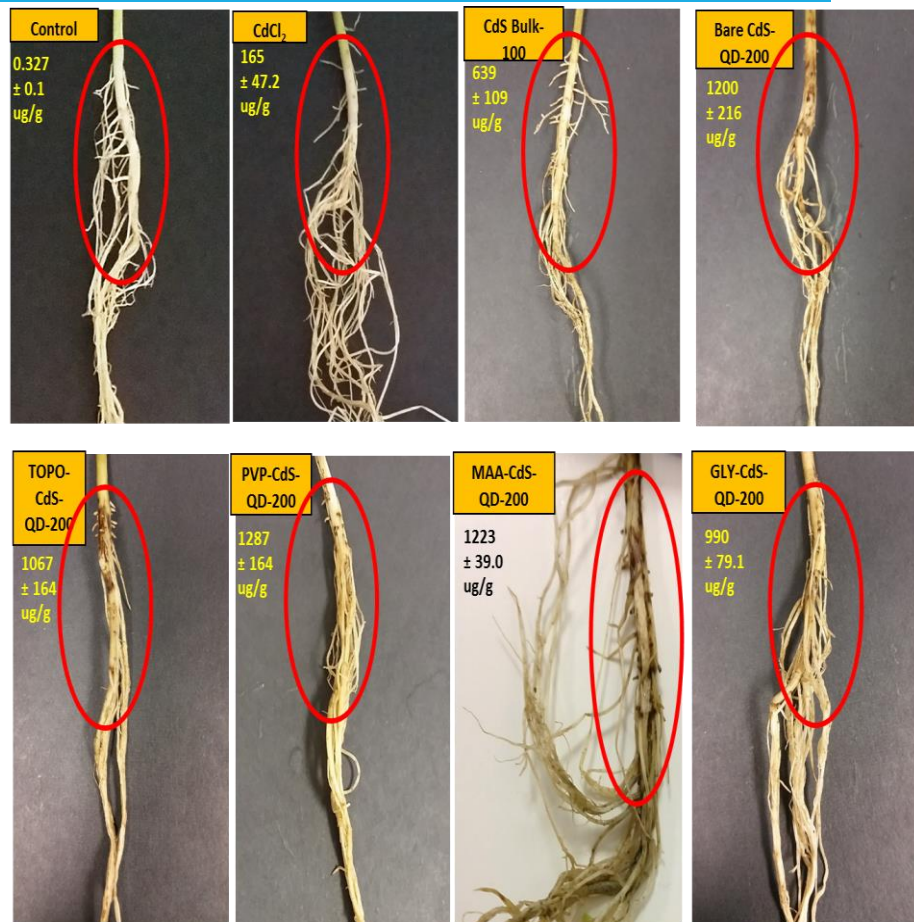


PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSE



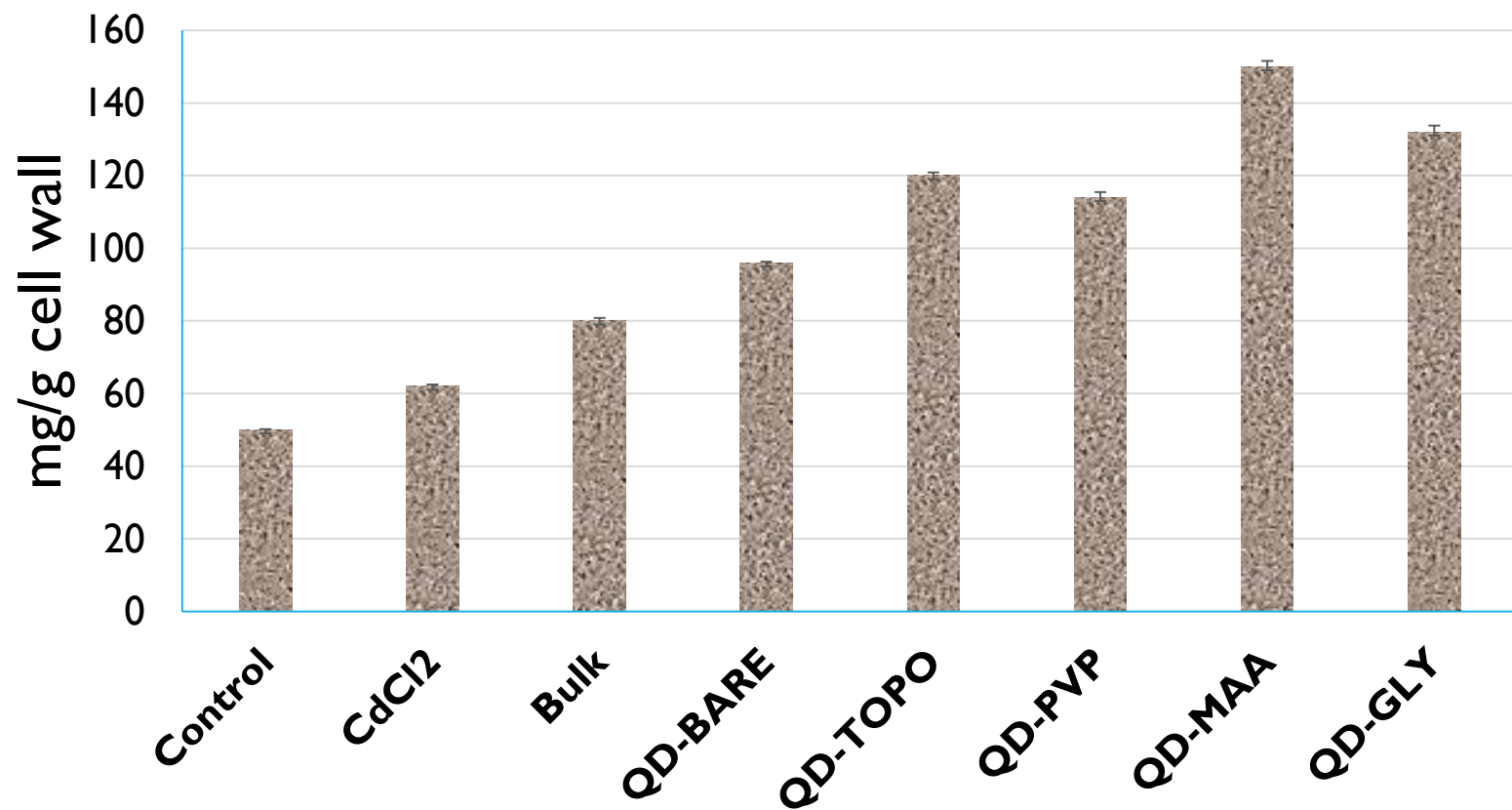
ROOT MORPHOLOGY

Control CdCl₂ CdS Bulk QD-Bare QD-TOPO QD-PVP QD-MAA QD-GLY



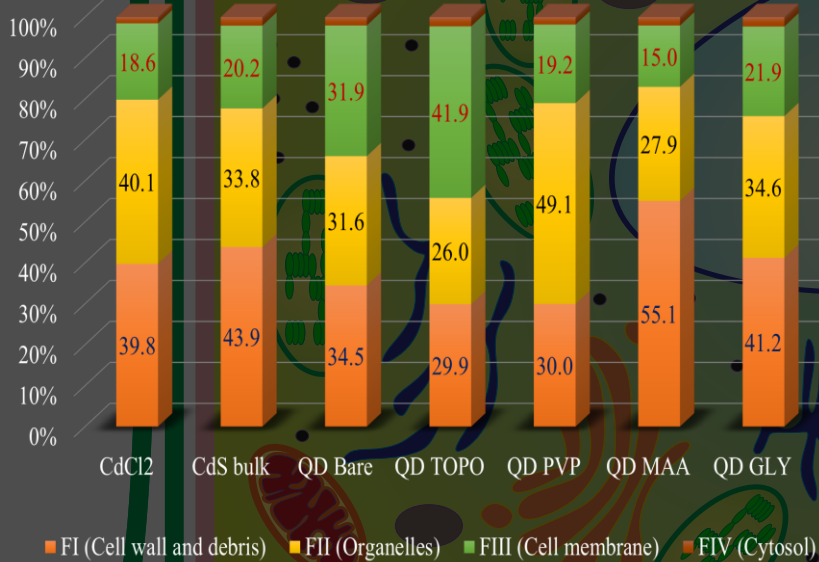


LIGNIN CONTENT IN SOYBEAN ROOTS

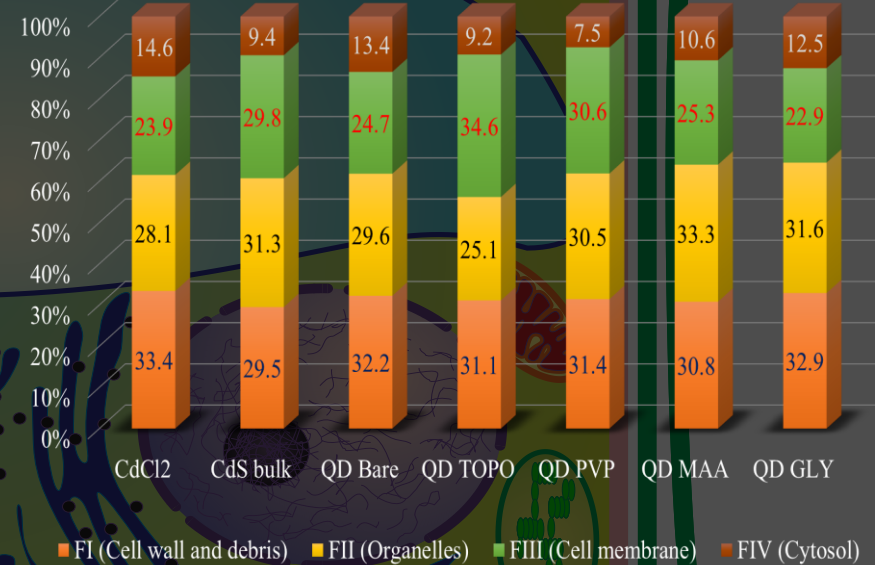


SUBCELLULAR LOCALIZATION OF CADMIUM

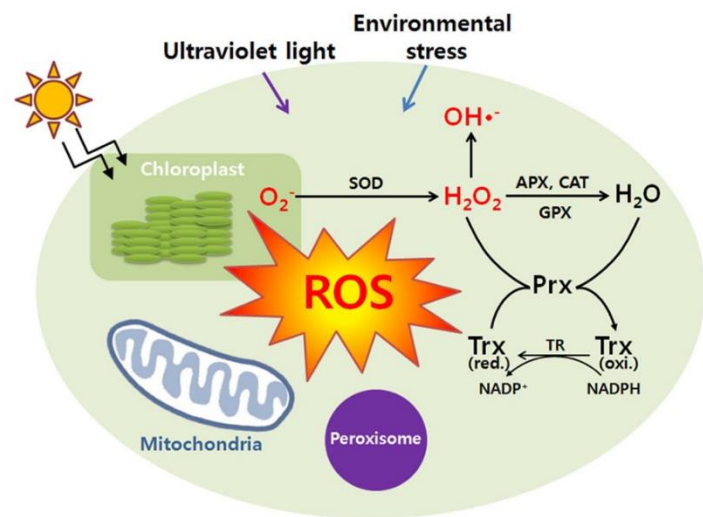
Subcellular localization of Cadmium in soybean roots



Subcellular localization of Cadmium in soybean shoots

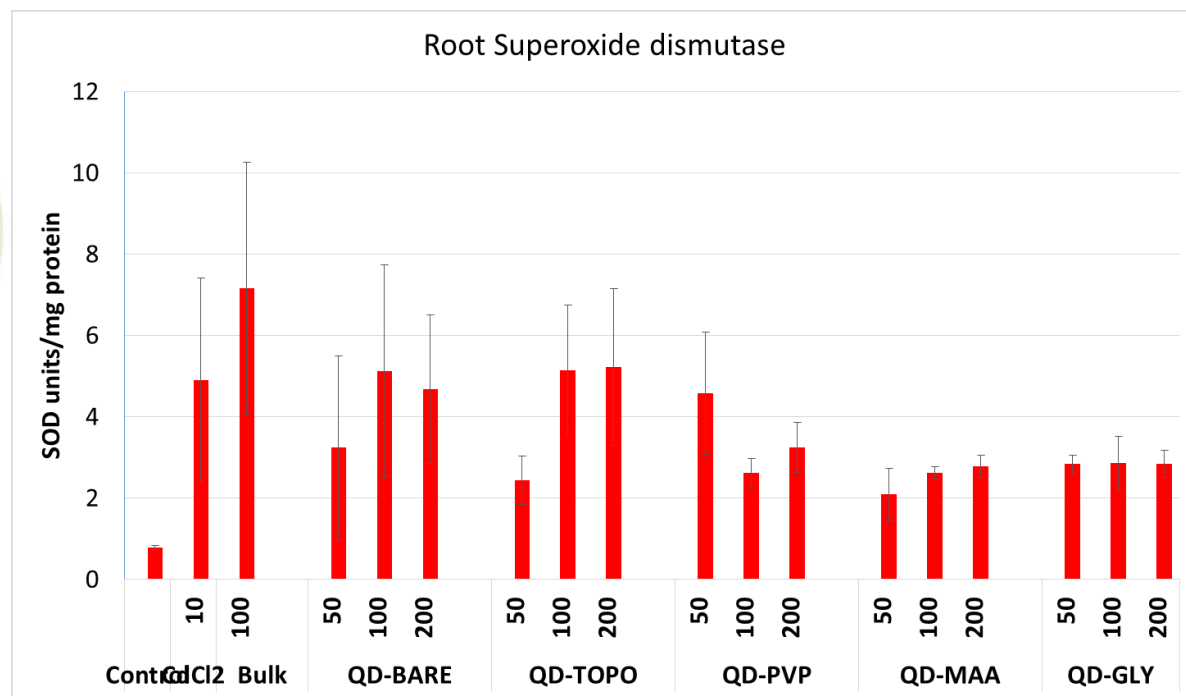


OXIDATIVE STRESS RESPONSE



Enzymatic antioxidants Activity increased:

- Superoxide dismutase
- Ascorbate peroxidase
- Guaiacol peroxidase
- Catalase

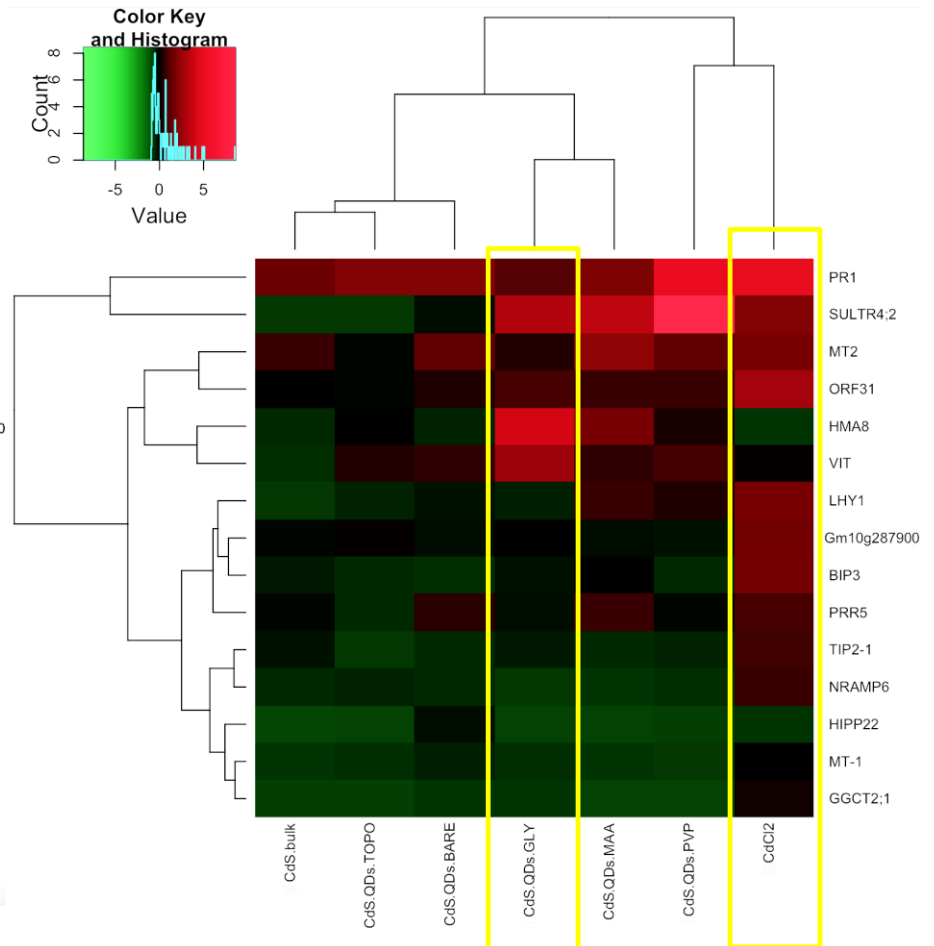
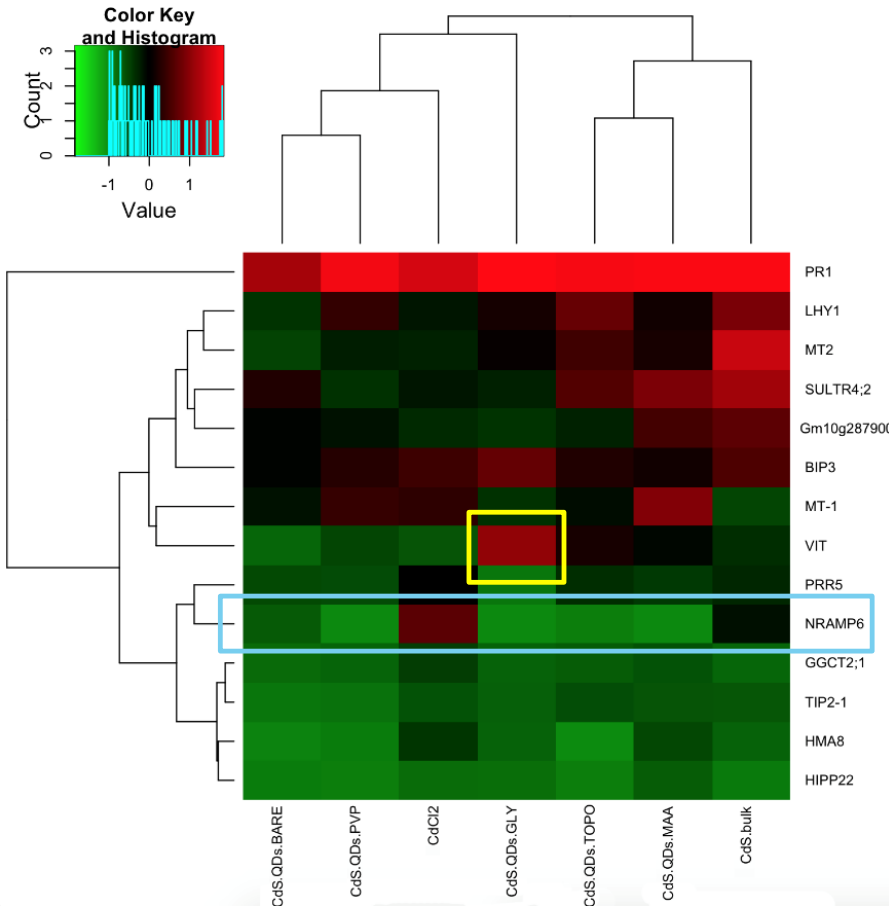




GENE EXPRESSION IN EXPOSED SOYBEANS

ROOTS

SHOOTS





CONCLUSION

- QD-TOPO had highest dissolution compared with to other QDs
- QD-MAA was the most stable in solution
- Except QD-PVP, translocation of all QDs decreased with dose, more adsorption on roots (steric properties did not restrict QD-PVP);
- Cd accumulation in roots subcellular compartments:
 - Cell wall: MAA >Bulk >GLY >CdCl₂ >Bare >PVP >TOPO
 - Cell membrane: TOPO >Bare >GLY >Bulk >PVP >CdCl₂ > MAA
 - Organelles: PVP >CdCl₂ >GLY >Bulk >Bare >MAA >TOPO
- Lignin in roots enhances in all the QD treatment to protect the plants
- Superoxide dismutase in roots effectively combats the oxidative stress in roots
- Heavy metal transporter genes in roots of QD-Gly was downregulated unlike QD-Bare
- Unlike CdCl₂, all QD treatments showed upregulation of another heavy metal transporter, NRAMP6
- All Cd treatments had downregulation of pathogenesis related gene

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