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## **Assessing the effects of different heavy metals on the development of poplar and willow clones: perspectives for dendroremediation**

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The use of trees to preserve, improve or restore the structure and the functioning of soils contaminated by heavy metals represent a promising strategy (dendroremediation). In this context, fast-growing and high biomass-producing species showed interesting potentialities. This study was aimed at investigating the physiopathological effects of different heavy metals on 11 poplar and 8 willow clones. Furthermore, their tolerance, phytoextraction potential and the accumulation pattern were also assessed. Two-months-old sprouting-cuttings were cultivated in hydroponic system and treated with one of following salts: cadmium sulphate, lead nitrate, copper sulfate pentahydrate and zinc sulfate heptahydrate. Treatments were carried out in four replicates and untreated cuttings were included as controls. Biomass production variables were measured and phytotoxicity symptoms were assessed. At the end of the trial, the heavy metal accumulation was quantified in leaves, stems and roots. Clones were ranked and clustered based on biomass-production, phytotoxicity symptoms, pathogens and pests resistance, phytoextraction potential and accumulation pattern. Treated clones did not show substantial phytotoxic effects. However, the phytoextraction efficiency and the accumulation patterns displayed high variability depending on the heavy metal. While zinc was the most accumulated metal, cadmium, copper and lead were absorbed with lower concentrations. Although some heavy metals were more efficiently sequestered by leaves, some clones achieved good performances in the absorption at stem level. A first screening of the best scoring clones resulted in the selection of potential candidates for dendroremediation purposes, with special emphasis on clones with high accumulation of heavy metals in the woody tissues.

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