

**Genotoxicity and cytotoxicity induced in *Zygophyllum fabago* depends on the population's redox plasticity**

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**Table S1:** Effect of Pb exposure on seed germination (%), shoot and root biomass and size, foliar RWC and photosynthetic pigments, and Pb accumulation seedling from non-mining (NM) and mining ('Agustin' and 'Mercader') *Z. fabago* populations exposed to 0, 5 and 20 µM Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> for 4 weeks. \*.

	NM			'Agustin'			'Mercader'		
	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM
<b>Germination (%)</b>									
Day 6	71.67 ± 8.23	23.33 ± 5.21	25.00 ± 6.15 bB	76.67 ± 8.81	86.67 ± 6.87	75.00 ± 5.89	26.67 ± 5.32	36.67 ± 6.58 aB	28.33 ± 4.11 aB
Day 12	76.67 ± 6.86	55.00 ± 3.29	50.00 ± 4.88 bB	93.33 ± 8.11	95.00 ± 7.65	76.67 ± 6.28	68.33 ± 6.59 aB	80.00 ± 7.99 aA	71.67 ± 7.18 aA
Day 18	76.67 ± 4.79	55.00 ± 5.77	54.00 ± 6.53 bB	93.33 ± 6.98	95.00 ± 6.56	78.33 ± 7.54	78.33 ± 7.85	81.67 ± 6.59 aA	76.67 ± 7.12 aA
<b>Shoots</b>									
Biomass (mg)	51.7 ± 4.07 aB	37.5 ± 3.28 bC	35.4 ± 2.96 bB	79.2 ± 10.2 aA	62.3 ± 8.96 aB	77.1 ± 6.84 aA	96.4 ± 7.69 aA	119.9 ± 6.28 aA	100.3 ± 9.87 aA
Size (cm)	2.2 ± 0.08 aC	1.3 ± 0.15 bC	1.0 ± 0.06 bC	2.9 ± 0.13 aB	2.5 ± 0.17 aB	2.5 ± 0.21 aB	4.1 ± 0.38 aA	3.6 ± 0.31 aA	4.0 ± 0.42 aA
RWC (%)	71.9 ± 1.21 aB	78.0 ± 1.75 aB	65.6 ± 3.31 aB	76.0 ± 1.25 bB	87.9 ± 2.10 aA	87.2 ± 1.78 aA	72.8 ± 1.56 bB	85.4 ± 2.15 aA	82.2 ± 1.00 aA
<b>Leaves</b>									
Chl <i>a</i> (µg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	123.8 ± 2.51	105.1 ± 0.47	96.3 ± 3.07 bC	161.8 ± 1.07	93.6 ± 4.11 bB	111.2 ± 1.04	205.4 ± 1.72	184.7 ± 6.34 bA	192.2 ± 2.57 bA
Chl <i>b</i> (µg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	79.0 ± 1.57 aC	75.4 ± 0.67	72.0 ± 2.63 bC	103.3 ± 0.55	77.3 ± 2.75 bB	82.4 ± 1.02 bB	116.3 ± 0.75	109.8 ± 3.43 bA	110.7 ± 1.63 bA
Car (µg g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	27.8 ± 0.83 aC	24.1 ± 0.19 bB	24.9 ± 0.52 bC	41.7 ± 0.30 aA	39.6 ± 0.84 aA	42.2 ± 0.35 aA	38.3 ± 0.88 aB	40.9 ± 0.96 aA	40.0 ± 0.46 aB
<b>Roots</b>									
Biomass (mg)	40.2 ± 2.87 aB	23.9 ± 3.90 bC	27.0 ± 4.12 bB	98.1 ± 11.75	88.1 ± 5.92 aB	90.7 ± 6.71 aA	105.6 ± 9.65	115.9 ± 10.89	100.9 ± 7.92 aA
Size (cm)	4.6 ± 0.13 aB	3.8 ± 0.22 abC	3.3 ± 0.12 bC	8.9 ± 1.71 aA	7.8 ± 0.32 aB	6.1 ± 0.66 aB	10.4 ± 2.56 aA	12.5 ± 1.66 aA	11.5 ± 1.93 aA
<b>Pb content</b>									
Pb shoots (ng g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.30 ± 0.08 cB	1.02 ± 0.21 bB	2.70 ± 0.52 aB	0.48 ± 0.11	2.24 ± 0.62 bA	21.86 ± 7.89	0.52 ± 0.13 cA	2.42 ± 0.59 bA	15.01 ± 4.68 aA
Pb roots (ng g <sup>-1</sup> DW)	0.28 ± 0.10 cB	14.41 ± 3.78	33.15 ± 10.11	0.86 ± 0.38 cA	8.89 ± 2.56 bA	92.24 ± 21.56	3.48 ± 1.60 bA	11.76 ± 4.58 bA	125.73 ± 38.96
Transfer coefficient	0.07	0.09			0.27	0.25		0.23	0.13

\*Values are given as mean ± SE (*n*=4-6). For each phase and organ, different lowercase mean significant differences between treatments among the same population, and different uppercase letters mean significant differences between populations among the same Pb dose (*p* < 0.05).

**Table S2.** Percentage (%) of nuclei in each of the three identified peaks in leaves and roots of control and exposed plants: Peak I – G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase of the subpopulation A; Peak II - G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase of subpopulation B together with the G<sub>2</sub> phase of subpopulation A; Peak III - G<sub>2</sub> phase of the subpopulation B\*.

		Pb ( $\mu$ M)			Nuclei (%)		
		G <sub>1</sub> <sup>A</sup>		G <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup> +G <sub>2</sub> <sup>A</sup>		G <sub>2</sub> <sup>B</sup>	
<b>NM</b>	<b>Leaves</b>	0	44.0 $\pm$ 7.6 bB	43.8 $\pm$ 4.3 aA	12.2 $\pm$ 5.8 aA		
		5	54.2 $\pm$ 2.2 aB	38.0 $\pm$ 3.4 abA	7.8 $\pm$ 2.4 aA		
		20	59.2 $\pm$ 3.8 aA	34.7 $\pm$ 3.6 bA	6.0 $\pm$ 1.8 aA		
	<b>Roots</b>	0	44.6 $\pm$ 6.9 aA	42.3 $\pm$ 3.7 aA	13.1 $\pm$ 3.9 aA		
		5	50.5 $\pm$ 6.3 aA	38.1 $\pm$ 3.2 aA	11.4 $\pm$ 3.8 aA		
		20	53.2 $\pm$ 9.6 aA	39.7 $\pm$ 6.2 aA	7.1 $\pm$ 3.7 aB		
<b>'Agustin'</b>	<b>Leaves</b>	0	63.5 $\pm$ 5.8 aA	26.8 $\pm$ 3.4 aB	9.7 $\pm$ 3.8 aA		
		5	64.1 $\pm$ 3.6 aA	27.2 $\pm$ 2.4 aB	8.8 $\pm$ 1.7 aA		
		20	62.4 $\pm$ 5.5 aA	30.2 $\pm$ 4.6 aA	7.4 $\pm$ 3.5 aA		
	<b>Roots</b>	0	51.4 $\pm$ 3.0 bA	39.71 $\pm$ 3.5 aA	8.9 $\pm$ 3.2 aA		
		5	59.4 $\pm$ 9.0 abA	34.2 $\pm$ 5.0 abA	6.5 $\pm$ 4.7 aA		
		20	69.4 $\pm$ 10.4 aA	24.8 $\pm$ 8.8 bB	5.8 $\pm$ 2.9 aC		
<b>'Mercader'</b>	<b>Leaves</b>	0	59.4 $\pm$ 7.2 bA	32.3 $\pm$ 7.5 aB	8.3 $\pm$ 3.4 aA		
		5	70.8 $\pm$ 6.3 aA	21.8 $\pm$ 3.6 bB	7.4 $\pm$ 2.7 aA		
		20	61.3 $\pm$ 5.6 abA	30.9 $\pm$ 5.5 aA	7.8 $\pm$ 1.9 aA		
	<b>Roots</b>	0	47.6 $\pm$ 7.1 aA	35.3 $\pm$ 5.2 aA	17.1 $\pm$ 3.4 aA		
		5	55.0 $\pm$ 13.6 aA	32.7 $\pm$ 6.6 aA	12.3 $\pm$ 4.7 aA		
		20	56.7 $\pm$ 7.4 aA	29.6 $\pm$ 6.5 aAB	13.7 $\pm$ 1.9 aA		

\*Values are given as mean  $\pm$  SE (n=4-6). For each phase and organ, different lowercase mean significant differences between treatments among the same population, and different uppercase letters mean significant differences between populations among the same Pb dose (p < 0.05).

**Table S3.** Total antioxidant activity, AsA (ascorbate), DHA (dehydroascorbate), reduced glutathione (GSH) and soluble total non-protein thiols (NPT), total soluble phenolics (TPC), hidroxcinnamic acids (HCA), flavonoids, flavanols, lignin, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MDA, and carbonyl (C=O) contents in shoots from non-mining (NM) and mining ('Agustin' and 'Mercader') *Z. fabago* populations exposed to 0, 5 and 20 µM Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> for 4 weeks. \*.

Shoots	NM			'Agustin'			'Mercader'		
	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM
ABTS (µmol GA eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	3.45 ± 0.09 cA	4.63 ± 0.08 bA	5.16 ± 0.14 aA	3.50 ± 0.06 bA	3.65 ± 0.11 bB	4.53 ± 0.09 aB	3.39 ± 0.03 aA	3.30 ± 0.18 aB	3.29 ± 0.04 aB
DPPH (µmol GA eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	1.97 ± 0.12 aA	2.18 ± 0.20 aA	2.38 ± 0.23 aA	2.18 ± 0.09 aA	2.01 ± 0.07 aA	2.34 ± 0.10 aA	1.91 ± 0.10 aA	1.73 ± 0.16 aA	1.72 ± 0.09 aB
FRAP (µmol Fe(II) g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	10.80 ± 0.35 bC	10.29 ± 0.30 bB	12.98 ± 0.24 aB	14.43 ± 0.21 bA	13.67 ± 0.39 bA	15.53 ± 0.21 aA	13.60 ± 0.31 aB	10.49 ± 0.71 bB	9.28 ± 0.16 bC
AsA (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.64 ± 0.01 aB	0.58 ± 0.01 aC	0.67 ± 0.01 aB	0.94 ± 0.02 aA	0.99 ± 0.02 aA	1.00 ± 0.05 aA	0.88 ± 0.01 aA	0.77 ± 0.01 bB	0.66 ± 0.02 cB
DHA (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.32 ± 0.03 aA	0.25 ± 0.04 aA	0.14 ± 0.01 bC	0.27 ± 0.02 bA	0.34 ± 0.02 aA	0.39 ± 0.02 aA	0.18 ± 0.03 bB	0.18 ± 0.01 bB	0.26 ± 0.01 aB
AsA/DHA	1.98 ± 0.20 b C	2.33 ± 0.40 b B	4.85 ± 0.61 a A	3.53 ± 0.36 a B	2.93 ± 0.27 a B	2.58 ± 0.23 a B	4.96 ± 0.82 a A	4.32 ± 0.29 a A	2.51 ± 0.21 b B
GSH (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	20.61 ± 0.26 bA	34.26 ± 1.29 aA	39.23 ± 0.60 aA	22.59 ± 0.23 cA	26.84 ± 0.32 bB	39.02 ± 1.41 aA	17.95 ± 0.28 cB	25.46 ± 0.46 bB	29.64 ± 1.13 aB
NPT (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	393.44 ± 14.02 cA	571.43 ± 15.86 bA	660.17 ± 11.22 aA	333.82 ± 11.09 bB	336.44 ± 6.54 bB	436.08 ± 24.32 aB	377.59 ± 6.73 aA	326.50 ± 7.25 aB	339.45 ± 26.51 aC
TPC (µmol gallic acid eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	14.24 ± 0.10 c A	16.54 ± 0.24 bA	19.94 ± 0.18 aA	14.28 ± 0.24 bA	16.05 ± 0.43 bA	19.13 ± 0.12 aB	14.33 ± 0.18 aA	13.11 ± 0.65 abB	12.84 ± 0.20 bC
HCAs (µmol caffeic acid eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	3.10 ± 0.11 a B	2.38 ± 0.07 bC	2.44 ± 0.09 bB	4.43 ± 0.05 aA	2.86 ± 0.08 bB	2.46 ± 0.14 bB	4.29 ± 0.12 aA	4.28 ± 0.22 aA	4.18 ± 0.18 aA
Flavonoids (µmol rutin eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.96 ± 0.08 a A	1.33 ± 0.22 aA	0.49 ± 0.08 bA	1.12 ± 0.04 aA	0.63 ± 0.11 bB	0.66 ± 0.04 bA	1.01 ± 0.04 aA	0.48 ± 0.04 bB	0.57 ± 0.09 bA
Flavanols (nmol catechin eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	30.71 ± 1.09 a B	8.30 ± 2.97 bC	5.24 ± 1.81 bC	43.12 ± 1.05 aA	19.82 ± 1.49 bB	23.77 ± 0.80 bB	44.81 ± 1.41 aA	38.86 ± 3.18 aA	49.21 ± 3.03 aA
Lignin (mg LTGA g <sup>-1</sup> DW)	8.03 ± 0.17 aA	7.29 ± 0.06 aA	8.01 ± 0.05 aA	5.02 ± 0.15 aB	5.63 ± 0.05 aB	6.88 ± 0.06 aB	3.49 ± 0.03 aC	3.66 ± 0.18 aC	2.89 ± 0.17 aC
MDA (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	7.23 ± 0.62 aAB	7.08 ± 1.46 aA	8.78 ± 1.51 aB	6.58 ± 0.34 bB	8.81 ± 0.53 aA	9.66 ± 1.91 aA	8.80 ± 0.48 aA	8.68 ± 0.81 aA	9.87 ± 0.63 aA
C=O (nmol mg protein <sup>-1</sup> )	21.05 ± 0.43 bA	43.77 ± 0.50 aA	38.52 ± 1.47 aA	14.24 ± 0.34 bC	13.85 ± 0.88 bC	17.50 ± 1.50 aB	17.97 ± 0.11 bB	20.65 ± 0.37 aB	20.40 ± 1.37 aB
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.60 ± 0.01 cA	0.82 ± 0.01 bA	0.93 ± 0.02 aA	0.45 ± 0.02 cB	0.49 ± 0.01 bB	0.62 ± 0.04 aB	0.46 ± 0.01 bB	0.51 ± 0.01 abB	0.56 ± 0.04 aB

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Roots	NM			'Agustin'			'Mercader'		
	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM	0 µM	5 µM	20 µM
ABTS (µmol GA eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.64 ± 0.10 aB	0.46 ± 0.09 aB	0.52 ± 0.13 aB	0.91 ± 0.05 aA	0.77 ± 0.03 bA	0.94 ± 0.04 aA	1.04 ± 0.05 aA	0.76 ± 0.06 bA	0.56 ± 0.05 cB
DPPH (µmol GA eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	2.93 ± 0.28 aA	2.83 ± 0.21 aA	3.18 ± 0.34 aA	2.03 ± 0.08 aB	1.43 ± 0.13 bB	1.81 ± 0.08 aB	2.02 ± 0.11 aB	1.22 ± 0.18 bB	0.93 ± 0.07 bC
FRAP (µmol Fe(II) g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	6.82 ± 0.17 aB	3.63 ± 0.43 bB	4.92 ± 0.47 bB	7.28 ± 0.26 aB	4.50 ± 0.22 bA	6.96 ± 0.14 aA	10.17 ± 0.53 aA	3.50 ± 0.25 bB	2.96 ± 0.18 bC
AsA (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.23 ± 0.01 aA	0.21 ± 0.01 bA	0.17 ± 0.03 bB	0.15 ± 0.01 bB	0.14 ± 0.01 bB	0.24 ± 0.01 aA	0.23 ± 0.01 aA	0.14 ± 0.01 bB	0.12 ± 0.01 bC
DHA (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.23 ± 0.03 bA	0.20 ± 0.01 bA	0.36 ± 0.03 aA	0.19 ± 0.01 aA	0.13 ± 0.01 bB	0.14 ± 0.02 bB	0.16 ± 0.01 aB	0.14 ± 0.01 aB	0.18 ± 0.01 aB
AsA/DHA	1.00 ± 0.16 aB	1.05 ± 0.10 aA	0.48 ± 0.16 bB	0.79 ± 0.05 bB	1.04 ± 0.17 abA	1.75 ± 0.36 aA	1.41 ± 0.82 aA	1.08 ± 0.29 bA	0.68 ± 0.21 cB
GSH (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	30.03 ± 1.80 aA	32.86 ± 0.47 aA	33.13 ± 1.37 aA	29.16 ± 0.37 bA	34.03 ± 0.66 aA	36.38 ± 2.34 aA	28.76 ± 0.27 cA	32.64 ± 0.65 bA	37.86 ± 1.69 aA
NPT (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	823.52 ± 50.59 aA	653.22 ± 12.95 bA	674.39 ± 42.68 bA	325.97 ± 10.60 aB	267.36 ± 17.59 aC	350.52 ± 16.06 aB	363.99 ± 25.69 aB	373.28 ± 28.04 aB	263.69 ± 8.25 bC
TPC (µmol gallic acid eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	3.00 ± 0.07 bA	2.91 ± 0.03 bA	3.60 ± 0.25 aA	2.50 ± 0.04 bB	2.43 ± 0.03 bB	3.31 ± 0.18 aA	2.94 ± 0.09 aA	2.56 ± 0.05 bB	2.17 ± 0.03 cB
HCA (µmol caffeic acid eq. g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	0.62 ± 0.17 aB	0.20 ± 0.16 abB	0.11 ± 0.05 bB	1.12 ± 0.21 aA	0.91 ± 0.12 aA	0.55 ± 0.05 bA	0.41 ± 0.06 aB	0.19 ± 0.07 bB	0.15 ± 0.03 bB
Lignin (mg LTGA g <sup>-1</sup> DW)	10.28 ± 0.33 aC	11.37 ± 0.38 aA	10.47 ± 0.52 aC	11.44 ± 0.56 aB	8.06 ± 0.57 aC	12.10 ± 0.09 aA	12.84 ± 0.15 aA	10.61 ± 0.05 aB	11.48 ± 0.16 aB
MDA (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	3.55 ± 1.15 bA	3.30 ± 1.39 bA	6.22 ± 1.00 aA	1.49 ± 0.79 aA	2.73 ± 0.91 aA	3.60 ± 0.72 aB	2.36 ± 0.73 aA	1.94 ± 0.47 aA	3.03 ± 0.26 aB
C=O (nmol mg protein <sup>-1</sup> )	65.37 ± 0.78 bA	62.70 ± 2.10 bA	97.70 ± 1.49 aA	49.74 ± 2.97 bB	56.32 ± 0.69 aB	59.76 ± 1.12 aB	40.39 ± 0.19 bC	38.32 ± 0.61 bC	52.35 ± 0.78 aC
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (µmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	1.05 ± 0.05 aA	0.84 ± 0.01 bA	0.83 ± 0.06 bA	0.41 ± 0.01 aC	0.33 ± 0.02 bC	0.40 ± 0.02 aB	0.48 ± 0.04 aB	0.47 ± 0.04 aB	0.32 ± 0.01 bC

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