Toxicitatea ionilor de mercur si legatura sa cu selenitii si glutationul

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Studies to test the noxious effect of mercury and selenite ions on the wheat germination showed that the germination rate, shoot and radicle length as well as fresh weights varied as a function of concentration of each investigated ion. Lots of 50 seed samples of wheat were treated with 5 mL of 3··10–5 – 5·10–2 molar solutions of mercury, glutathione and/or sodium biselenite for 1 hour. After a 7 day period of germination in the presence of the investigated compounds, the wheat plantlets were cut from the seeds, and their height and weight measured. Higher concentrated solutions of mercury and selenite ions exhibited highly inhibitory activity on the wheat germination, while the lower concentrations than 10–3M resulted in a moderate one. Glutathione reduces significantly mercury and selenite toxicity.