

Supplementary Information

Nutritional assessment of red kidney bean seeds harvested from plants exposed to coated/uncoated zinc oxide nanomaterials, bulk zinc oxide, and zinc chloride in two soil types

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Table S1. Experimental design for red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹; with 4 replicates per treatment.

Compound	Soil								
	NS					ES			
	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)								
0	62.5	125	250	500	0	62.5	125	250	500
Bulk ZnO	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Z-COTE	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Z-COTE HP1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
ZnCl ₂	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

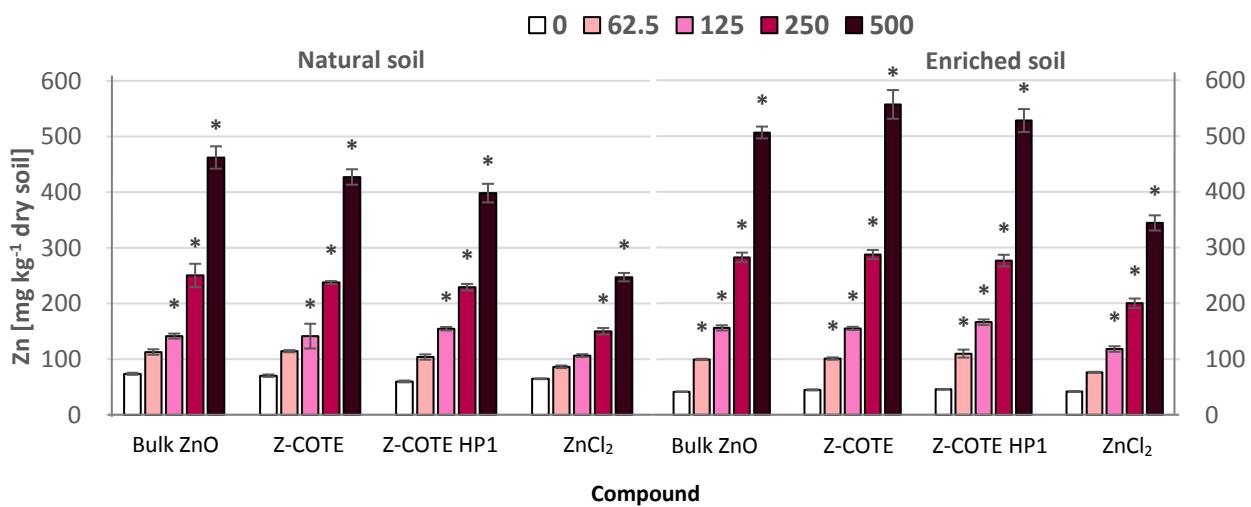


Fig. S1. Zinc content in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹ after 45 days of growth of red kidney bean plants. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. *Represents treatments different from their respective control.

Table S2. Number of days to harvest maturity for red kidney bean plants seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control

Parameter	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil		
			\bar{x}	±	SD	\bar{x}	±	SD
Days to harvest maturity (#)	Bulk ZnO	Control	109.8	±	2.9	92.0	±	3.5
		62.5	108.8	±	4.5	99.0	±	4.6
		125	109.5	±	6.1	86.5	±	14.8
		250	109.0	±	4.5	95.0	±	0.0
		500	102.8	±	10.3	91.5	±	14.2
	Z-COTE	Control	106.8	±	3.9	94.8	±	10.9
		62.5	105.5	±	4.1	88.3	±	13.7
		125	105.0	±	8.0	82.8	±	15.9
		250	104.5	±	1.7	92.3	±	5.1
		500	101.8	±	10.1	81.3	±	11.3
	Z-COTE HP1	Control	122.3	±	13.6	83.0	±	8.0
		62.5	110.5	±	16.6	83.3	±	15.9
		125	116.8	±	9.5	82.0	±	17.1
		250	121.8	±	4.5	81.8	±	11.0
		500	115.5	±	17.0	84.0	±	18.6
	ZnCl ₂	Control	123.5	±	5.7	87.5	±	11.6
		62.5	124.5	±	9.1	85.3	±	11.3
		125	117.0	±	12.8	86.8	±	10.2
		250	123.8	±	9.0	87.5	±	7.1
		500	111.0	±	0.0	81.3	±	9.0

Table S3. Three-way ANOVA summary for number of days to harvest maturity.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Dependent Variable: Number of days to harvest maturity					
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	25426.806	1	25426.806	233.216	0.000 *
compound	872.219	3	290.74	2.667	0.051
concentration	895.525	4	223.881	2.053	0.091
soil × compound	3409.569	3	1136.523	10.424	0.000 *
soil × concentration	111.975	4	27.994	0.257	0.905
compound × concentration	463.125	12	38.594	0.354	0.976
soil × compound × concentration	656.275	12	54.69	0.502	0.910
Error	13083.25	120	109.027		
Total	1641121	160			
Corrected Total	44918.744	159			

Table S4. Three-way ANOVA summary for production of seeds and pods with seeds.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Number of pods with seeds

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	223.256	1	223.256	128.339	0.000 *
compound	27.819	3	9.273	5.331	0.002 *
concentration	8.65	4	2.162	1.243	0.296
soil × compound	13.019	3	4.34	2.495	0.063
soil × concentration	1.4	4	0.35	0.201	0.937
compound × concentration	14.15	12	1.179	0.678	0.770
soil × compound × concentration	36.2	12	3.017	1.734	0.068
Error	208.75	120	1.74		
Total	7569	160			
Corrected Total	533.244	159			

Dependent Variable: Weight of pods with seeds

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	1000.125	1	1000.125	939.428	0.000 *
compound	15.98	3	5.327	5.003	0.003 *
concentration	10.113	4	2.528	2.375	0.056
soil × compound	2.438	3	0.813	0.763	0.517
soil × concentration	5.996	4	1.499	1.408	0.235
compound × concentration	13.565	12	1.13	1.062	0.398
soil × compound × concentration	13.169	12	1.097	1.031	0.425
Error	127.753	120	1.065		
Total	7254.929	160			
Corrected Total	1189.139	159			

Table S4. Three-way ANOVA summary for production of seeds and pods with seeds (continued).

Dependent Variable: Number of seeds

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	1829.256	1	1829.256	421.933	0 *
compound	35.469	3	11.823	2.727	0.047 *
concentration	12.775	4	3.194	0.737	0.569
soil × compound	8.769	3	2.923	0.674	0.569
soil × concentration	26.275	4	6.569	1.515	0.202
compound × concentration	21.125	12	1.76	0.406	0.959
soil × compound × concentration	82.825	12	6.902	1.592	0.103
Error	520.25	120	4.335		
Total	18919	160			
Corrected Total	2536.744	159			

Dependent Variable: Weight of seeds

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	468.117	1	468.117	789.06	0.000 *
compound	9.213	3	3.071	5.177	0.002 *
concentration	3.736	4	0.934	1.574	0.185
soil × compound	1.76	3	0.587	0.989	0.401
soil × concentration	2.417	4	0.604	1.019	0.401
compound × concentration	7.168	12	0.597	1.007	0.447
soil × compound × concentration	5.909	12	0.492	0.83	0.619
Error	71.191	120	0.593		
Total	3020.554	160			
Corrected Total	569.511	159			

Table S5. Protein content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Nutrient	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil				
			\bar{x}	±	SD	\bar{x}	±	SD		
Protein (g/100g)	Bulk ZnO	Control	23.689	±	1.752	a		23.419	±	1.921
		62.5	22.621	±	0.779	a	^	24.518	±	1.287
		125	25.869	±	2.168		^	23.530	±	2.315
		250	25.146	±	1.983	ab		25.611	±	2.035 a
		500	24.926	±	1.966		^	22.623	±	1.495
	Z-COTE	Control	26.235	±	0.906	b	^	23.919	±	2.745
		62.5	25.678	±	1.642	b		24.494	±	0.226
		125	25.868	±	2.281		^	22.944	±	0.959
		250	25.564	±	1.603	ab		23.848	±	0.856 ab
		500	23.981	±	2.442			22.431	±	0.698
	Z-COTE HP1	Control	24.834	±	2.578	ab		23.641	±	1.865
		62.5	24.670	±	0.832	ab		24.736	±	1.358
		125	24.359	±	0.574			24.100	±	1.783
		250	27.208	±	1.772	a	^	23.143	±	0.855 b
		500	25.778	±	1.181			24.306	±	2.521
	ZnCl₂	Control	26.349	±	1.181	b		25.526	±	0.918
		62.5	25.704	±	2.747	b		24.586	±	2.111
		125	25.140	±	1.614		^	*22.859	±	2.518
		250	24.449	±	1.516	b		24.533	±	2.547 ab
		500	24.090	±	1.931			23.360	±	1.776

Table S6. Three-way ANOVA summary for protein content.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Protein content

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	115.488	1	115.488	36.413	0.000 *
compound	11.974	3	3.991	1.258	0.289
concentration	37.914	4	9.478	2.988	0.019 *
soil × compound	22.113	3	7.371	2.324	0.075
soil × concentration	30.719	4	7.68	2.421	0.049 *
compound × concentration	106.37	12	8.864	2.795	0.001 *
soil × compound × concentration	84.384	12	7.032	2.217	0.011 *
Error	888.06	280	3.172		
Total	193486.8	320			
Corrected Total	1297.022	319			

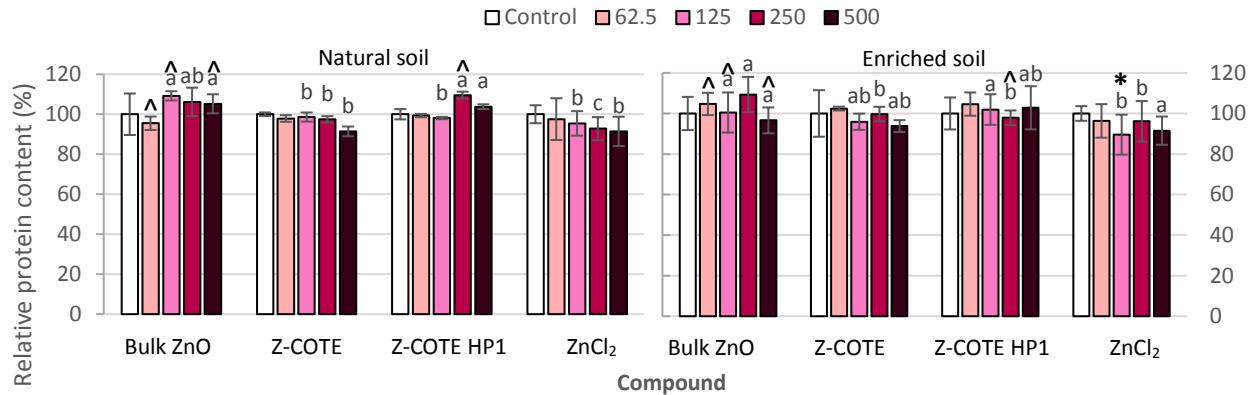


Figure S2. Relative protein content (%) of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average \pm standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Table S7. Three-way ANOVA summary for relative protein content.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Dependent Variable: Relative protein content (%)					
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	6.626	1	6.626	0.128	0.721
compound	3067.23	3	1022.41	19.687	0.000 *
concentration	604.667	4	151.167	2.911	0.022 *
soil \times compound	67.793	3	22.598	0.435	0.728
soil \times concentration	549.791	4	137.448	2.647	0.034 *
compound \times concentration	1730.541	12	144.212	2.777	0.001 *
soil \times compound \times concentration	1421.223	12	118.435	2.281	0.009 *
Error	14541.026	280	51.932		
Total	3179045.9	320			
Corrected Total	21988.897	319			

Table S8. Sugar content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control

Nutrient	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil					
			\bar{x}	±	SD	\bar{x}	±	SD			
Sugar (g/100g)	Bulk ZnO	Control	3.199	±	0.382	a	^	5.152	±	1.236	a
		62.5	3.025	±	0.551	a	^	6.338	±	3.333	a
		125	3.276	±	0.700			4.250	±	2.661	
		250	3.468	±	0.359	a		3.778	±	0.685	
		500	3.990	±	1.303			3.061	±	1.318	
	Z-COTE	Control	6.900	±	0.926	b	^	3.276	±	0.515	ab
		62.5	5.876	±	1.681	b	^	2.910	±	1.114	b
		125	4.548	±	1.739		^	1.884	±	0.571	
		250	6.683	±	0.761	b	^	2.574	±	0.498	
		500	5.624	±	0.962		^	1.777	±	0.476	
	Z-COTE HP1	Control	3.698	±	1.302	a		2.152	±	0.489	b
		62.5	5.212	±	2.444	ab	^	2.457	±	0.466	b
		125	4.594	±	1.504		^	2.256	±	1.296	
		250	5.774	±	0.937	ab	^	2.073	±	1.093	
		500	4.927	±	0.701		^	2.053	±	0.982	
	ZnCl₂	Control	5.376	±	1.281	ab	^	1.213	±	0.778	b
		62.5	3.758	±	1.526	ab		2.581	±	0.976	b
		125	4.705	±	2.049			3.004	±	1.508	
		250	4.580	±	1.875	ab	^	2.635	±	1.238	
		500	5.045	±	1.856		^	2.106	±	1.045	

Table S9. Three-way ANOVA summary for sugar content.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Sugar content

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	134.919	1	134.919	74.563	0.000 *
compound	14.244	3	4.748	2.624	0.054
concentration	5.8	4	1.45	0.801	0.527
soil × compound	122.95	3	40.983	22.649	0.000 *
soil × concentration	15.844	4	3.961	2.189	0.074
compound × concentration	26.635	12	2.22	1.227	0.273
soil × compound × concentration	23.995	12	2	1.105	0.362
Error	217.135	120	1.809		
Total	2865.564	160			
Corrected Total	561.523	159			

Table S10. Relative sugar content (%) of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates normalized to the control. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Nutrient	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil		
			\bar{x}	±	SD	\bar{x}	±	SD
Relative sugar content (%)	Bulk ZnO	Control	100.00	±	11.95	100.00	±	24.00
		62.5	94.55	±	17.20	123.01	±	64.69
		125	102.40	±	21.86	82.50	±	51.64
		250	108.38	±	11.23	73.34	±	13.29
		500	124.70	±	40.71	^ 59.41	±	25.59
Z-COTE	Z-COTE	Control	100.00	±	13.42	100.00	±	15.74
		62.5	85.16	±	24.37	88.86	±	34.00
		125	65.91	±	25.20	57.52	±	17.44
		250	96.86	±	11.03	78.58	±	15.21
		500	81.51	±	13.94	54.25	±	14.53
Z-COTE HP1	Z-COTE HP1	Control	100.00	±	35.19	100.00	±	22.74
		62.5	140.93	±	66.09	114.20	±	21.69
		125	124.25	±	40.67	104.84	±	60.23
		250	156.15	±	25.34	96.32	±	50.78
		500	133.24	±	18.94	95.42	±	45.63
ZnCl₂	ZnCl₂	Control	100.00	±	23.82	^ 100.00	±	64.16
		62.5	69.90	±	28.38	^ *212.78	±	80.45
		125	87.51	±	38.12	^ *247.65	±	124.30
		250	85.19	±	34.88	^ *217.27	±	102.03
		500	93.85	±	34.52	^ 173.62	±	86.19

Table S11. Three-way ANOVA summary for relative sugar content (%).

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Relative sugar content (%)

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	5247.961	1	5247.961	2.576	0.111
compound	75237.33	3	25079.11	12.311	0.000 *
concentration	6520.795	4	1630.199	0.8	0.527
soil × compound	113434.99	3	37811.663	18.562	0.000 *
soil × concentration	13530.09	4	3382.522	1.66	0.164
compound × concentration	27360.147	12	2280.012	1.119	0.351
soil × compound × concentration	35437.76	12	2953.147	1.45	0.153
Error	244449.49	120	2037.079		
Total	2396168.8	160			
Corrected Total	521218.56	159			

Table S12. Zinc (Zn) content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates normalized to the control. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Nutrient	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil		
			\bar{x}	±	SD	\bar{x}	±	SD
Zn (mg kg⁻¹)	Bulk ZnO	Control	48.930	±	6.879	57.531	±	5.223
		62.5	68.328	±	5.410	^ *89.382	±	18.721
		125	63.483	±	6.338	^ *102.007	±	15.073
		250	*77.846	±	9.763	^ *115.29	±	5.598
		500	*71.728	±	8.184	^ *130.195	±	6.174
	Z-COTE	Control	48.744	±	1.293	51.632	±	10.119
		62.5	62.235	±	8.220	^ *80.348	±	6.004
		125	*75.831	±	20.037	^ *93.316	±	20.659
		250	*72.085	±	4.112	^ *111.807	±	16.902
		500	*77.773	±	13.880	^ *125.273	±	7.931
	Z-COTE HP1	Control	54.584	±	3.627	43.226	±	4.579
		62.5	57.707	±	5.123	^ *71.764	±	8.954
		125	64.491	±	8.837	^ *73.746	±	8.479
		250	76.136	±	12.281	^ *93.7	±	14.851
		500	*83.876	±	9.941	^ *106.812	±	19.200
	ZnCl ₂	Control	45.636	±	7.260	55.630	±	7.317
		62.5	65.672	±	7.761	^ *87.739	±	11.261
		125	64.845	±	0.557	^ *106.12	±	13.770
		250	62.607	±	5.261	^ *107.814	±	5.892
		500	*87.384	±	21.696	^ *128.232	±	5.734

Table S13. Three-way ANOVA summary for Zn content.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Zn

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	25164.863	1	25164.863	212.984	0.000 *
compound	2338.916	3	779.639	6.599	0.000 *
concentration	46525.561	4	11631.39	98.443	0.000 *
soil × compound	3189.618	3	1063.206	8.998	0.000 *
soil × concentration	7595.155	4	1898.789	16.07	0.000 *
compound × concentration	1487.121	12	123.927	1.049	0.410
soil × compound × concentration	1145.957	12	95.496	0.808	0.641
Error	14178.446	120	118.154		
Total	1101126.72	160			
Corrected Total	101625.637	159			

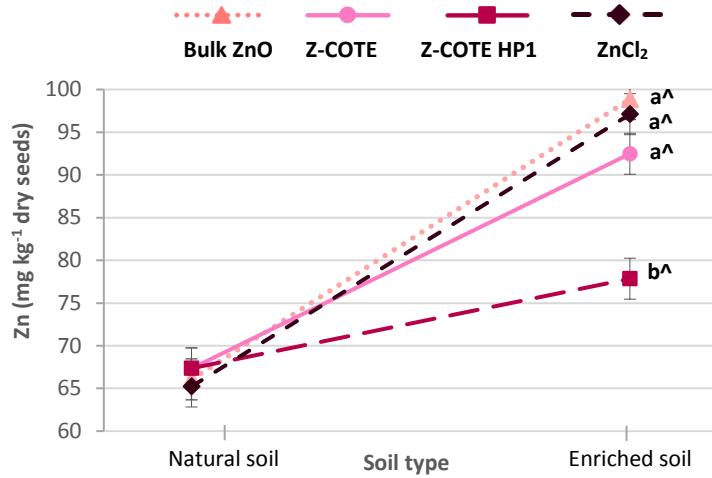


Fig. S3. Soil \times compound interaction plot of Zn content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1 or ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Data are average of 20 replicates (concentration effect is not considered); and SE= 2.431. Letters represent differences between-compounds within the same soil type and the symbol \wedge represents differences between-soil types within the same compound.

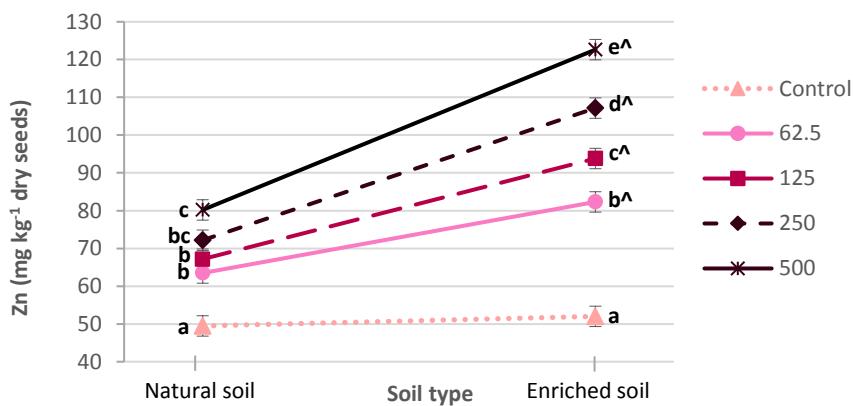


Fig. S4. Soil \times concentration interaction plot of Zn content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1 or ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Data are average of 16 replicates (compound effect is not considered); and SE= 2.717. Letters represent differences between-concentrations within the same soil type and the symbol \wedge represents differences between-soil type within the same concentration.

Table S14. Three-way ANOVA summary for potassium (K), phosphorous (P), magnesium (Mg) and calcium (Ca) accumulation.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: K

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	5781708997	1	5.782E+09	1971.622	0.000 *
compound	83586147.84	3	27862049	9.501	0.000 *
concentration	42650360.35	4	10662590	3.636	0.008 *
soil × compound	4267126.73	3	1422375.6	0.485	0.693
soil × concentration	3457320.844	4	864330.21	0.295	0.881
compound × concentration	89998392.35	12	7499866	2.558	0.005 *
soil × compound × concentration	28680575.43	12	2390048	0.815	0.635
Error	351895624.7	120	2932463.5		
Total	1.04172E+11	160			
Corrected Total	6386244545	159			

Dependent Variable: P

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	1300421623	1	1.3E+09	523.327	0.000 *
compound	120703746.4	3	40234582	16.192	0.000 *
concentration	23185496.34	4	5796374.1	2.333	0.060
soil × compound	46439701.53	3	15479901	6.23	0.001 *
soil × concentration	3417510.675	4	854377.67	0.344	0.848
compound × concentration	33310404.36	12	2775867	1.117	0.353
soil × compound × concentration	46731231.92	12	3894269.3	1.567	0.110
Error	298189258.4	120	2484910.5		
Total	16999066235	160			
Corrected Total	1872398973	159			

Dependent Variable: Mg

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	119437913.4	1	119437913	3396.386	0.000 *
compound	284202.381	3	94734.127	2.694	0.049 *
concentration	187734.77	4	46933.693	1.335	0.261
soil × compound	217522.549	3	72507.516	2.062	0.109
soil × concentration	13384.65	4	3346.162	0.095	0.984
compound × concentration	771654.358	12	64304.53	1.829	0.051
soil × compound × concentration	316534.797	12	26377.9	0.75	0.700
Error	4219941.922	120	35166.183		
Total	1446360275	160			
Corrected Total	125448888.8	159			

Table S14. Three-way ANOVA summary for potassium (K), phosphorous (P), magnesium (Mg) and calcium (Ca) accumulation (continued).

Dependent Variable: Ca

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	26300549.49	1	26300549	183.672	0.000 *
compound	3315830.935	3	1105277	7.719	0.000 *
concentration	234185.133	4	58546.283	0.409	0.802
soil × compound	420305.052	3	140101.68	0.978	0.405
soil × concentration	730833.203	4	182708.3	1.276	0.283
compound × concentration	1571382.479	12	130948.54	0.914	0.535
soil × compound × concentration	1656538.106	12	138044.84	0.964	0.487
Error	17183131.51	120	143192.76		
Total	409293023.6	160			
Corrected Total	51412755.91	159			

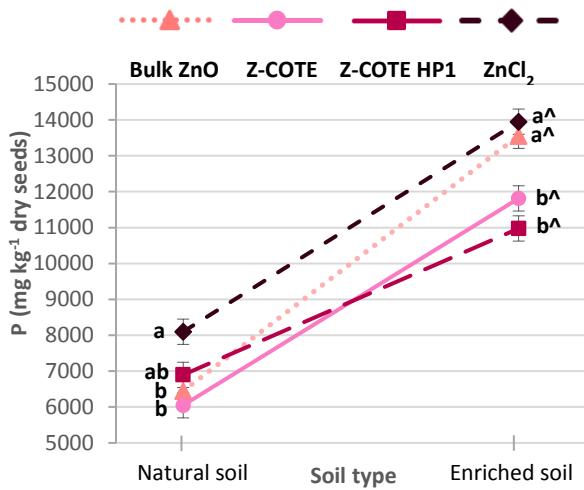


Fig. S5. Soil \times compound interaction plot of P content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1 or ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Data are average of 20 replicates (concentration effect is not considered); and SE= 352.485. Letters represent differences between-compounds within the same soil type, and the symbol \wedge represents differences between-soil type within the same compound.

Table S15. Copper (Cu) content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are relative average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound, at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Nutrient	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)	Natural soil			Enriched Soil		
			\bar{X}	±	SD	\bar{X}	±	SD
Cu (mg kg⁻¹)	Bulk ZnO	Control	8.63	±	1.20	9.11	±	0.97
		62.5	11.12	±	1.51	8.22	±	1.23
		125	9.59	±	2.26	9.57	±	3.38
		250	10.36	±	2.41	8.09	±	1.19
		500	9.58	±	1.22	a	±	1.46
	Z-COTE	Control	10.28	±	0.44	7.80	±	0.77
		62.5	9.53	±	1.31	7.37	±	0.38
		125	11.26	±	2.16	8.19	±	2.36
		250	9.16	±	0.96	7.94	±	2.06
		500	9.43	±	1.69	a	±	0.90
	Z-COTE HP1	Control	11.19	±	1.18	7.07	±	0.83
		62.5	9.83	±	1.39	8.97	±	2.72
		125	9.53	±	2.19	8.16	±	0.46
		250	9.99	±	0.92	9.56	±	1.95
		500	12.78	±	2.07	b	±	1.76
	ZnCl ₂	Control	10.37	±	1.80	8.47	±	0.84
		62.5	9.69	±	1.67	9.63	±	1.25
		125	10.54	±	1.59	10.65	±	2.34
		250	11.71	±	1.70	9.54	±	2.43
		500	11.84	±	1.02	ab	±	0.74

Table S16. Three-way ANOVA summary for copper (Cu) accumulation.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Dependent Variable: Cu					
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	115.827	1	115.827	41.959	0.000 *
compound	35.254	3	11.751	4.257	0.007 *
concentration	8.554	4	2.138	0.775	0.544
soil × compound	9.609	3	3.203	1.16	0.328
soil × concentration	8.195	4	2.049	0.742	0.565
compound × concentration	26.99	12	2.249	0.815	0.635
soil × compound × concentration	56.052	12	4.671	1.692	0.077
Error	331.259	120	2.76		
Total	14937.57	160			
Corrected Total	591.74	159			

Table S17. Manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), and nickel (Ni) content of red kidney bean seeds grown in natural soil (NS) or organic-matter enriched soil (ES) amended with bulk ZnO, Z-COTE, Z-COTE HP1, and ZnCl₂ at 0 (control), 62.5, 125, 250, and 500 mg kg⁻¹. Values are average ± standard deviation of 4 replicates. Letters represent differences between-compounds at the same concentration and within the same soil type, the symbol ^ represents differences between-soil within the same compound (also in red font), at the same concentration; *stands for differences against the respective control.

Nutrient	Soil	Compound	Concentration (mg kg ⁻¹)												
			Control		62.5 mg kg ⁻¹		125 mg kg ⁻¹		250 mg kg ⁻¹		500 mg kg ⁻¹				
Mn (mg kg ⁻¹)	NS	Bulk ZnO	^18.02	± 1.47	^17.91	± 1.79	^18.69	± 1.66	^18.36	± 1.15	^18.67	± 2.30	ab		
		Z-COTE	^19.07	± 1.37	^18.00	± 1.78	^20.02	± 5.09	^17.79	± 0.37	^16.29	± 2.11	a		
		Z-COTE HP1	^18.81	± 2.18	^17.28	± 0.78	^17.47	± 1.00	^18.96	± 1.80	^18.07	± 1.89	ab		
		ZnCl ₂	^18.48	± 0.25	^16.08	± 4.66	^20.28	± 2.00	^15.93	± 2.33	^22.18	± 6.24	b		
	ES	Bulk ZnO	34.30	± 1.99	33.51	± 1.98	34.25	± 2.81	34.55	± 2.09	37.69	± 1.75			
		Z-COTE	34.68	± 4.28	33.88	± 0.77	32.25	± 1.21	35.47	± 2.08	35.58	± 2.38			
		Z-COTE HP1	33.22	± 1.51	33.27	± 1.90	33.05	± 0.26	35.71	± 3.43	36.56	± 1.44			
		ZnCl ₂	31.77	± 1.37	31.64	± 1.17	31.03	± 1.84	32.97	± 2.35	33.50	± 2.04			
Mo (mg kg ⁻¹)	NS	Bulk ZnO	4.63	± 2.07	7.61	± 4.37	5.41	± 6.85	8.41	± 7.83	6.49	± 3.24	a		
		Z-COTE	4.07	± 3.47	3.68	± 2.14	8.75	± 3.91	6.05	± 2.47	9.29	± 3.07	ab		
		Z-COTE HP1	7.93	± 4.50	5.88	± 2.73	7.30	± 3.70	8.39	± 4.69	^*15.89	± 5.60	b		
		ZnCl ₂	7.37	± 3.81	5.86	± 5.48	4.48	± 5.51	^11.06	± 3.13	8.21	± 5.67	a		
	ES	Bulk ZnO	6.69	± 1.43	5.90	± 3.80	6.04	± 2.75	5.95	± 1.35	7.29	± 1.14			
		Z-COTE	4.38	± 1.01	1.82	± 1.37	5.65	± 4.38	5.15	± 3.64	5.50	± 1.61			
		Z-COTE HP1	3.53	± 2.28	2.52	± 1.02	2.22	± 1.28	4.32	± 3.61	6.49	± 4.08			
		ZnCl ₂	3.81	± 0.16	5.60	± 3.18	6.37	± 2.84	3.76	± 3.70	5.95	± 0.85			
Ni (mg kg ⁻¹)	NS	Bulk ZnO	3.24	± 0.80	2.70	± 0.26	a	*1.93	± 0.81	a	*1.98	± 0.51	*1.63	± 0.68	ab
		Z-COTE	^3.84	± 0.68	*1.78	± 0.50	ab	*1.72	± 0.46	a	*1.65	± 0.31	*1.32	± 0.38	a
		Z-COTE HP1	3.17	± 1.09	*1.56	± 0.57	b	*1.81	± 0.66	a	*1.19	± 0.35	*1.81	± 0.48	ab
		ZnCl ₂	^3.95	± 0.39	^4.17	± 1.06	c	^4.15	± 1.48	b	*2.27	± 0.52	*2.73	± 0.39	b
	ES	Bulk ZnO	2.91	± 0.45	2.25	± 0.24		1.99	± 1.09		2.10	± 0.45	1.75	± 0.55	
		Z-COTE	2.79	± 0.56	1.70	± 0.41		*1.48	± 0.58		*1.42	± 0.32	1.65	± 0.55	
		Z-COTE HP1	2.66	± 0.60	2.14	± 0.29		*1.45	± 0.34		1.61	± 0.46	*1.03	± 0.31	
		ZnCl ₂	2.82	± 0.43	2.83	± 0.36		2.33	± 0.35		2.21	± 0.46	1.98	± 0.38	

Table S18. Three-way ANOVA summary for manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), and nickel (Ni) accumulation.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Mn

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	9766.619	1	9766.619	1750.29	0.000 *
compound	32.544	3	10.848	1.944	0.126
concentration	75.431	4	18.858	3.38	0.012 *
soil × compound	55.966	3	18.655	3.343	0.022 *
soil × concentration	68.655	4	17.164	3.076	0.019 *
compound × concentration	67.767	12	5.647	1.012	0.442
soil × compound × concentration	80.108	12	6.676	1.196	0.293
Error	669.601	120	5.58		
Total	120077.58	160			
Corrected Total	10816.691	159			

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Mo

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	228.843	1	228.843	17.059	0.000 *
compound	27.827	3	9.276	0.691	0.559
concentration	215.103	4	53.776	4.009	0.004 *
soil × compound	136.111	3	45.37	3.382	0.021 *
soil × concentration	44.621	4	11.155	0.832	0.508
compound × concentration	200.597	12	16.716	1.246	0.260
soil × compound × concentration	148.254	12	12.355	0.921	0.529
Error	1609.805	120	13.415		
Total	8649.012	160			
Corrected Total	2611.161	159			

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Ni

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
soil	5.604	1	5.604	15.679	0.000 *
compound	29.817	3	9.939	27.809	0.000 *
concentration	43.444	4	10.861	30.389	0.000 *
soil × compound	5.689	3	1.896	5.306	0.002 *
soil × concentration	3.163	4	0.791	2.212	0.072
compound × concentration	9.473	12	0.789	2.209	0.015 *
soil × compound × concentration	5.859	12	0.488	1.366	0.192
Error	42.888	120	0.357		
Total	950.577	160			
Corrected Total	145.935	159			