

**Metal oxide nanoparticles alter peanut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.) physiological  
response and reduce nutritional quality: A life cycle study**

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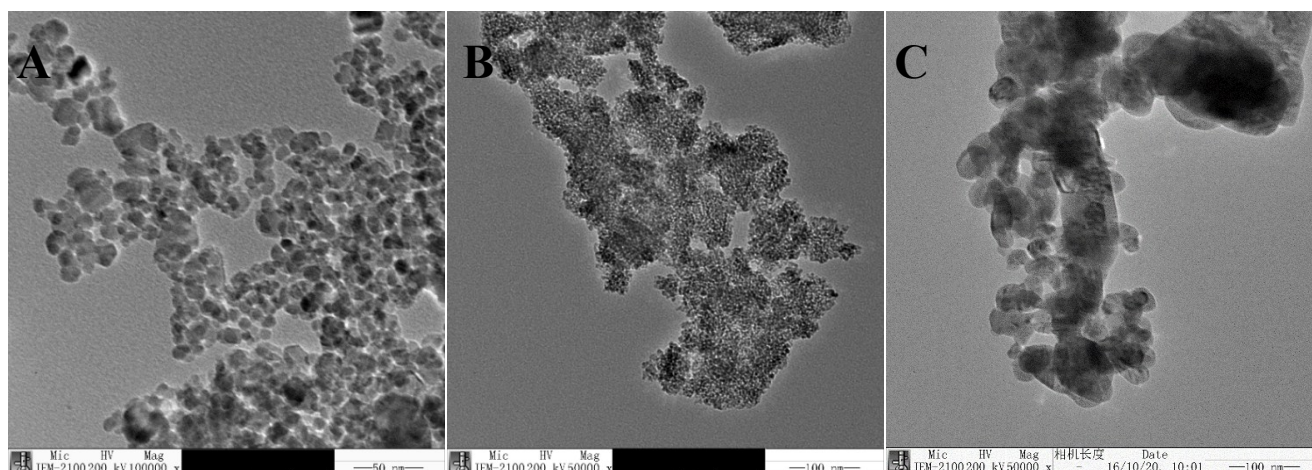
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**Figure S1** TEM images of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs (A), TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs (B), and CuO NPs (C).

**Table S1.** Characterization details of three NPs

NPs	Size nm	Zeta potential mV	Conductivity mS/cm	Dissolution μg L <sup>-1</sup>	
				pH=7.0	pH=8.1
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	20	-10.49	0.0516	<0.2	<0.2
TiO <sub>2</sub>	5	-17.23	0.0492	<0.2	<0.2
CuO	40	-12.70	0.0513	627	133

Note: The dissolutions of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs were below the limit of detection.

**Table S2.** The physical and chemical properties of soil

Test indicators	Organic matter g kg <sup>-1</sup>	Mineral nitrogen mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	Ammonium nitrogen mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	Nitrate nitrogen mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	Available phosphorus mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	Available potassium mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	pH
Results	10.1	18.3	15.1	3.2	6.7	74.1	8.1

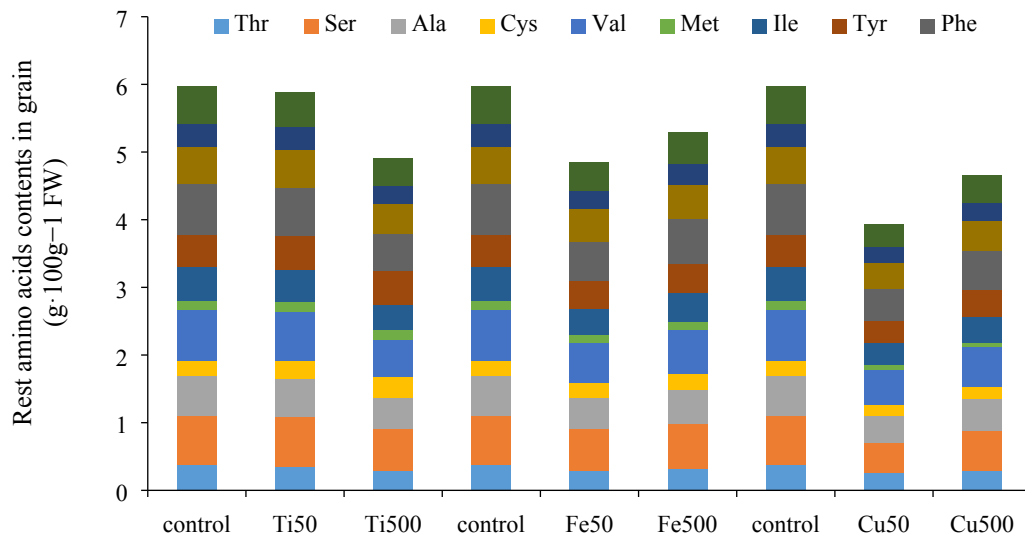
**Table S3.** The total content of 17 amino acids in fresh peanut grains

Amino acid	Cu			Fe			Ti (mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
	Control	50	500	Control	50	500	Control	50	500
		1.07 ± 0.02c				1.51 ± 0.10b		1.65 ± 0.30a	
		0.25 ± 0.01c			1.34 ± 0.03c	0.32 ± 0.02b		0.35 ± 0.07a	
	1.76 ± 0.06a	0.46 ± 0.02c	1.36 ± 0.03b	1.76 ± 0.06a	0.30 ± 0.004	0.66 ± 0.04a	1.76 ± 0.06a	0.74 ± 0.14a	1.36 ± 0.16a
<b>Asp</b>	0.37 ± 0.02a	1.80 ± 0.05c	0.29 ± 0.01b	0.37 ± 0.02a	b	b	0.37 ± 0.02a	2.84 ± 0.51a	0.29 ± 0.02a
<b>Thr</b>	0.73 ± 0.03a	0.62 ± 0.03c	0.59 ± 0.03b	0.73 ± 0.03a	0.61 ± 0.03b	2.54 ± 0.14b	0.73 ± 0.03a	0.90 ± 0.15a	0.62 ± 0.08a
<b>Ser</b>	2.92 ± 0.09a	0.39 ± 0.02c	2.30 ± 0.07b	2.92 ± 0.09a	2.26 ± 0.09c	0.83 ± 0.08a	2.92 ± 0.09a	0.57 ± 0.11a	2.27 ± 0.26a
<b>Glu</b>	0.89 ± 0.03a	0.18 ± 0.006	0.69 ± 0.04b	0.89 ± 0.03a	0.73 ± 0.04b	b	0.89 ± 0.03a	b	0.74 ± 0.06a
<b>Gly</b>	0.59 ± 0.01a	b	0.47 ± 0.02b	0.59 ± 0.01a	0.47 ± 0.01c	0.51 ± 0.03b	0.59 ± 0.01a	0.27 ± 0.03a	0.45 ± 0.04b
<b>Ala</b>	0.21 ± 0.02a	0.51 ± 0.02c	0.17 ± 0.01b	0.21 ± 0.02a	0.22 ± 0.01a	0.22 ± 0.04a	0.21 ± 0.02b	0.71 ± 0.14a	0.31 ± 0.02a
<b>Cys</b>	0.76 ± 0.03a	0.08 ± 0.004	0.59 ± 0.03b	0.76 ± 0.03a	0.58 ± 0.02b	0.65 ± 0.04b	0.76 ± 0.03a	b	0.55 ± 0.04b
<b>Val</b>	0.13 ± 0.007	b	0.06 ± 0.01b	0.13 ± 0.007	0.12 ± 0.004	0.13 ± 0.006	0.13 ± 0.007	0.15 ± 0.03a	0.14 ± 0.01a
<b>Met</b>	a	0.33 ± 0.01c	0.38 ± 0.02b	a	a	a	a	0.48 ± 0.09a	0.38 ± 0.03a
<b>Ile</b>	0.49 ± 0.02a	0.70 ± 0.02c	0.82 ± 0.04b	0.49 ± 0.02a	0.39 ± 0.01b	0.43 ± 0.03b	0.49 ± 0.02a	1.04 ± 0.19a	0.83 ± 0.08a
<b>Leu</b>	1.08 ± 0.03a	0.33 ± 0.02c	0.40 ± 0.03b	1.08 ± 0.03a	0.85 ± 0.03b	0.94 ± 0.07b	1.08 ± 0.03a	0.49 ± 0.07a	0.49 ± 0.02a
<b>Try</b>	0.49 ± 0.02a	0.47 ± 0.003	0.58 ± 0.03b	0.49 ± 0.02a	0.40 ± 0.02b	0.43 ± 0.03b	0.49 ± 0.02a	0.72 ± 0.14a	0.56 ± 0.07b
<b>Phe</b>	0.75 ± 0.01a	c	0.44 ± 0.02b	0.75 ± 0.01a	0.58 ± 0.03c	0.66 ± 0.05b	0.75 ± 0.01a	b	0.44 ± 0.02a
<b>Lys</b>	0.54 ± 0.04a	0.38 ± 0.003	0.27 ± 0.01b	0.54 ± 0.04a	0.48 ± 0.01b	0.51 ± 0.03a	0.54 ± 0.04a	0.56 ± 0.10a	0.27 ± 0.02a
<b>His</b>	0.35 ± 0.01a	c	1.52 ± 0.05b	0.35 ± 0.01a	0.27 ± 0.01c	b	0.35 ± 0.01a	0.34 ± 0.06a	1.34 ± 0.14b
<b>Arg</b>	1.78 ± 0.10a	0.23 ± 0.001	0.40 ± 0.02b	1.78 ± 0.10a	1.43 ± 0.05b	0.31 ± 0.02b	1.78 ± 0.10a	1.75 ± 0.31a	0.40 ± 0.05b
<b>Pro</b>	0.55 ± 0.04a	c		0.55 ± 0.04a	0.42 ± 0.02b	1.57 ± 0.09b	0.55 ± 0.04a	b	
<b>Sum</b>			11.36 ± 0.43						11.46 ± 1.06

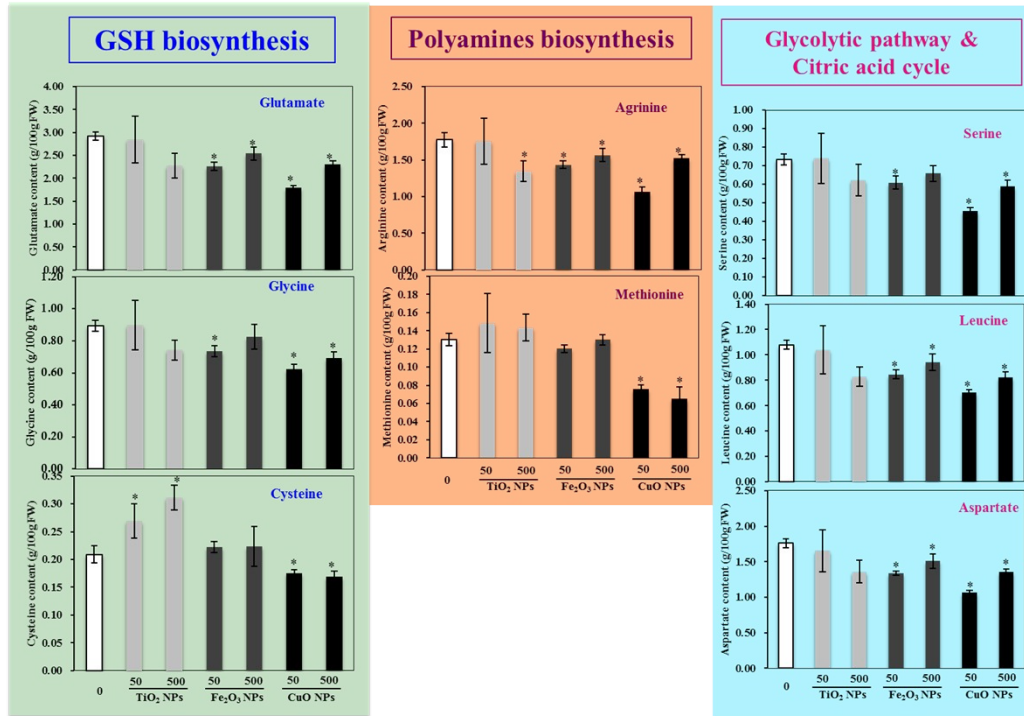
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1.07 ± 0.06c	c	0.46 ± 0.03b	0.50 ± 0.09a
0.33 ± 0.001		12.67 ± 0.76	b
c		b	14.07 ± 2.50
9.19 ± 0.07c			a

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**Figure S2.** The content of the remaining amino acids in NP treated peanut grains



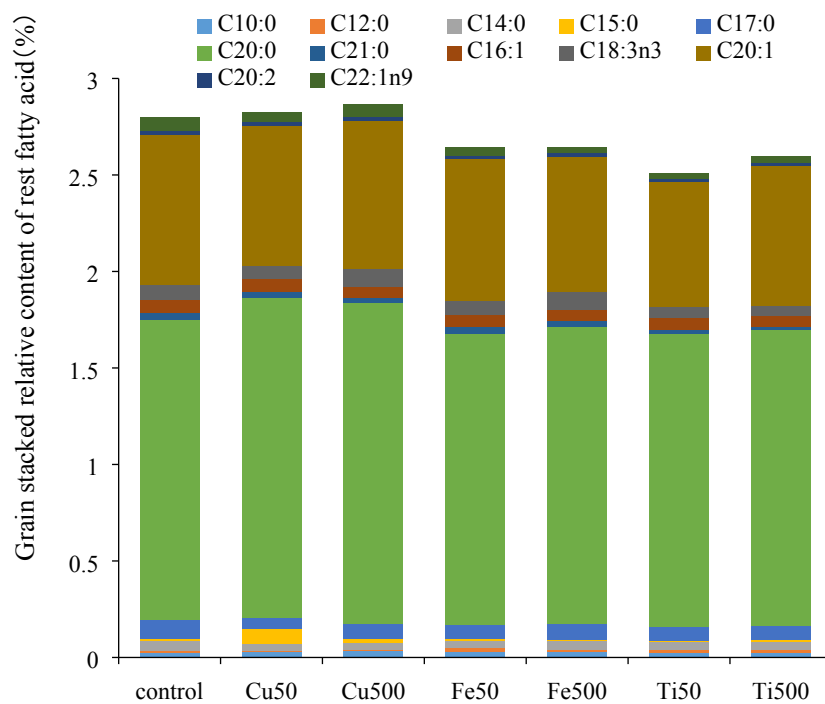
**Figure S3.** Summary of the amino acid content in NP treated peanut grains involved GSH biosynthesis, polyamine biosynthesis, as well as the glycolytic pathway and the citric acid cycle.

**Table S4.** The relative contents (%) of 18 fatty acids in fresh peanut grains

Fatty acid	Cu			Fe			Ti (mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> )		
	Control	50	500	Control	50	500	Control	50	500
<b>C10:0</b>	0.02 ± 0.01a	0.03 ± 0.01a	0.03 ± 0.01a	0.02 ± 0.01a	0.03 ± 0.01a	0.03 ± 0.01a	0.02 ± 0.01a	0.03 ± 0.01a	0.02 ± 0.01a
<b>C12:0</b>	0.01 ± 0.002a	0.02 ± 0.005a	0.02 ± 0.004a	0.01 ± 0.002a	0.02 ± 0.004a	0.02 ± 0.003a	0.01 ± 0.002a	0.01 ± 0.003a	0.02 ± 0.005a
<b>C14:0</b>	0.05 ± 0.01a	0.04 ± 0.003a	0.04 ± 0.002a	0.05 ± 0.01a	0.04 ± 0.001a	0.04 ± 0.01a	0.05 ± 0.01a	0.04 ± 0.004a	0.04 ± 0.004a
<b>C15:0</b>	0.011 ± 0.001	0.077 ± 0.12a	0.016 ± 0.01a	0.011 ± 0.001	0.009 ± 0.0004	0.009 ± 0.001	0.011 ± 0.001	0.008 ± 0.001	0.009 ± 0.0004
<b>C16:0</b>	a	10.80 ± 0.33a	10.46 ± 0.39a	a	b	b	a	b	b
<b>C16:1</b>	10.98 ± 0.43a	0.07 ± 0.01a	0.06 ± 0.003a	10.98 ± 0.43a	10.77 ± 0.24a	10.46 ± 0.27a	10.98 ± 0.43a	10.22 ± 0.39a	10.41 ± 0.34a
<b>C17:0</b>	0.07 ± 0.02a	0.06 ± 0.01b	0.08 ± 0.01ab	0.07 ± 0.02a	0.06 ± 0.002a	0.06 ± 0.004a	0.07 ± 0.02a	0.06 ± 0.001a	0.05 ± 0.002a
<b>C18:0</b>	0.10 ± 0.02a	5.34 ± 0.26a	5.01 ± 0.68a	0.10 ± 0.02a	0.07 ± 0.005a	0.08 ± 0.01a	0.10 ± 0.02a	0.07 ± 0.005a	0.07 ± 0.01a
<b>C18:1n9c</b>	4.63 ± 0.45a	44.87 ± 2.02a	46.18 ± 0.95a	4.63 ± 0.45a	4.57 ± 0.28a	4.76 ± 0.05a	4.63 ± 0.45a	5.29 ± 0.51a	4.70 ± 0.25a
<b>C18:2n6c</b>	45.60 ± 0.77a	32.95 ± 1.18a	32.03 ± 0.69a	45.60 ± 0.77a	46.62 ± 1.53a	47.45 ± 0.47a	45.60 ± 0.77b	49.09 ± 0.93a	46.44 ± 0.91b
<b>C18:3n3</b>	32.69 ± 0.21a	0.07 ± 0.01a	0.09 ± 0.02a	32.69 ± 0.21a	32.32 ± 1.31a	31.71 ± 0.35a	32.69 ± 0.21a	30.23 ± 0.91b	32.87 ± 0.58a
<b>C20:0</b>	0.08 ± 0.004a	1.66 ± 0.10a	1.66 ± 0.05a	0.08 ± 0.004a	0.07 ± 0.01a	0.09 ± 0.04a	0.08 ± 0.004a	0.06 ± 0.01b	0.06 ± 0.003b
<b>C20:1</b>	1.55 ± 0.04a	0.73 ± 0.04a	0.77 ± 0.09a	1.55 ± 0.04a	1.51 ± 0.03a	1.54 ± 0.03a	1.55 ± 0.04a	1.52 ± 0.08a	1.53 ± 0.02a
<b>C21:0</b>	0.78 ± 0.03a	0.033 ± 0.01a	0.028 ± 0.01a	0.78 ± 0.03a	0.74 ± 0.09a	0.70 ± 0.03a	0.78 ± 0.03a	0.65 ± 0.05b	0.72 ± 0.03ab
<b>C20:2</b>	0.034 ± 0.002	0.018 ± 0.001	0.021 ± 0.002	0.034 ± 0.002	0.035 ± 0.002a	0.027 ± 0.01a	0.034 ± 0.002	0.019 ± 0.001	0.018 ± 0.01b
<b>C22:0</b>	a	a	a	a	0.018 ± 0.001b	0.018 ± 0.001	a	b	0.015 ± 0.001b
<b>C22:1n9</b>	0.021 ± 0.001	2.11 ± 0.19a	2.30 ± 0.29a	0.021 ± 0.001	2.03 ± 0.25a	b	0.021 ± 0.001	0.015 ± 0.001	1.93 ± 0.02ab
<b>C24:0</b>	a	0.05 ± 0.01a	0.07 ± 0.02a	a	0.04 ± 0.02ab	1.95 ± 0.10a	a	b	0.03 ± 0.01b
	2.17 ± 0.15a	1.09 ± 0.07a	1.14 ± 0.15a	2.17 ± 0.15a	1.03 ± 0.12a	0.03 ± 0.001b	2.17 ± 0.15a	1.74 ± 0.14b	1.05 ± 0.07ab
	0.07 ± 0.02a			0.07 ± 0.02a		1.02 ± 0.06a	0.07 ± 0.02a	0.03 ± 0.002b	
	1.13 ± 0.07a			1.13 ± 0.07a			1.13 ± 0.07a	0.92 ± 0.06b	







**Figure S4.** The remaining fatty acid content in NP treated peanut grains

**Table S5.** The resveratrol content in fresh peanut grains

Replicate number	Control	Fe		Ti		Cu (mg/kg)	
		50	500	50	500	50	500
1	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.7
2	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.5	2.5	1.7	2.1
3	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2
Average	< 0.1c	< 0.1	< 0.1	1.63 ± 0.1	2.20 ± 0.2	1.83 ± 0.23b	2.33 ± 0.32a
				5	6		