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***QUANTIFYING THE EFFICACY OF DIQUAT DIBROMIDE IN  
CONTROLLING MICROCYSTIS AERUGINOSA AND  
APHANIZOMENON FLOS-AQUAE IN COMPARISON TO  
COPPER SULFATE AND POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE***

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Table S1. Physio-chemical analysis conducted at the end of the *Microcystis aeruginosa* experiment  
 Reading are reported as the average of three readings

Parameter	Initial	End of experiment (96 hrs)									
		Control	CuSO <sub>4</sub>				KMnO <sub>4</sub>			Diquat	
			0.2mg/L	0.5mg/L	0.8mg/L	1 mg/L	1mg/L	2mg/L	3mg/L	0.5mg/L	1mg/L
Turbidity (NTU)	130.4	124.3	57.7	30.1	23.9	51.4	230.0	166.3	114	29.5	39.2
Calcium Hardness (mg/L)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total Hardness (mg/L)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (mg/L)	2.5	1.3	2.2	>2.5	>2.5	>2.5	1.0	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	18.8	4.7	17.8	17.7	17.0	15.3	8	13.0	13.5	11.7	17.4

Table S2. Physio-chemical analysis conducted at the end of the *Aphanizomenon flos-aquae* experiment  
 Reading are reported as the average of three readings

Parameter	Initial	End of experiment (96 hrs)									
		Control	CuSO <sub>4</sub>				KMnO <sub>4</sub>			Diquat	
			0.2mg/L	0.5mg/L	0.8mg/L	1 mg/L	1mg/L	2mg/L	3mg/L	0.5mg/L	1mg/L
Turbidity (NTU)	160	16.1	9.0	22.9	27.6	43.8	7.6	20.2	22.7	12.4	10.0
Calcium Hardness (mg/L)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total Hardness (mg/L)	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	-	0.7	0.7	0.7
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (mg/L)	11.7	3.2	14.1	5.4	4.4	3.7	3.4	3.0	15.60	2.4	2.8
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	0.3	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.7	4.4	1.3	8.8	3.4
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	0.8	4.5	1.1	1.3	1.0	2.3	4.1	4.4	2.9	6.8	4.0

Table S3 Statistical analysis (two-way ANOVA) of *Microcystis* and *Aphanizomenon* reductions following CuSO<sub>4</sub> treatment as a function of dose and exposure time

	ANOVA F-static (p-value)			Pairwise comparison (Tukey)										
	Dosage	Time	Interaction	Dosage (mg/L)					Time (hrs)					
				0	0.2	0.5	0.8	1	0	24	48	72	96	
<i>Microcystis</i>	118.47 (<0.05)	112.63 (<0.05)	11.38 (<0.05)	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	
				0.2		✓	✓	✓	24		✓	✓	✗	
				0.5			✓	✓	48			✗	✓	
				0.8				✗	72				✓	
				1.0					96					
<i>Aphanizomenon</i>	26.415 (<0.05)	263.779 (<0.05)	2.589 (<0.05)	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	
				0.2		✗	✓	✓	24		✓	✓	✓	
				0.5			✗	✗	48			✓	✓	
				0.8				✗	72				✗	
				1.0					96					

✓ significance at the 95% confidence interval (p-value <0.05)

✗ No significance at the 95% confidence interval (p-value >0.05)

Table S4 Statistical analysis (two-way ANOVA) of *Microcystis* and *Aphanizomenon* reductions following KMnO<sub>4</sub> treatment as a function of dose and exposure time

	ANOVA F-static (p-value)			Pairwise comparison (Tukey)											
	Dosage	Time	Interaction	Dosage (mg/L)					Time (hrs)						
				0	1	2	3		0	24	48	72	96		
<i>Microcystis</i>	17.565 (<0.05)	8.061 (<0.05)	4.226 (<0.05)												
				0	/	✘	✘	✓		0	/	✘	✓	✓	✘
				1		/	✘	✓		24		/	✓	✘	✘
				2			/	✓		48			/	✘	✘
				3				/		72				/	✘
											96				
<i>Aphanizomenon</i>	33.740 (<0.05)	179.013 (<0.05)	3.569 (<0.05)												
				0	/	✘	✓	✓		0	/	✓	✓	✓	✓
				1		/	✓	✓		24		/	✓	✓	✓
				2			/	✘		48			/	✘	✓
				3				/		72				/	✘
											96				

✓ significane p-value <0.05

✘ not Significant P-value >0.05

Table S5 Statistical analysis (two-way ANOVA) of *Microcystis* and *Aphanizomenon* reductions following Diquat treatment as a function of dose and exposure time

	ANOVA F-static (p-value)			Pairwise comparison (Tukey)												
	Dosage	Time	Interaction	Dosage (mg/L)					Time (hrs)							
				0	1	2				0	24	48	72	96		
<b>Diquat</b> <i>Microcystis</i>	55.17 (<0.05)	205.02 (<0.05)	25.10 (<0.05)	0	✓	✓			0	✓	✓	✓	✓			
				1		✗			24		✓	✓	✓			
				2					48			✗	✗			
										72					✗	
										96						
<b>Diquat</b> <i>Aphanizomenon</i>	32.47 (<0.05)	198.90 (<0.05)	3.82 (<0.05)	0	✓	✓	✓		0	✓	✓	✓	✓			
				0.5			✗		24		✓	✓	✓			
				1					48			✗	✗			
										72					✗	
										96						

✓ significane p-value <0.05

✗ not Significant P-value >0.05

Table S6 Residual levels of algaecides in samples of *Microcystis* and *Aphanizomenon* after 96 hrs of exposure

		<i>Microcystis</i>	<i>Aphanizomenon</i>
<b>Copper</b> Cu <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	CuSO <sub>4</sub> 0.2mg/L	0.197	0.125
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> 0.5mg/L	0.449	0.179
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> 0.8mg/L	0.662	0.226
	CuSO <sub>4</sub> 1 mg/L	0.733	0.245
<b>Permanganate</b> Mn <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	KMnO <sub>4</sub> 1mg/L	0.162	0.154
	KMnO <sub>4</sub> 2mg/L	0.309	0.232
	KMnO <sub>4</sub> 3mg/L	0.149	0.312
<b>Diquat</b> (mg/L)	Diquat 0.5mg/L	0.239	0.284
	Diquat 1mg/L	0.593	0.603

\*Values recorded are averages of the triplicates measured on 96 hrs