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## Polyamines may influence phytochelatin synthesis during Cd stress in rice



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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Putrescine pre-treatment increased cadmium toxicity in rice.
- In contrast, putrescine synthesis inhibition alleviated cadmium stress.
- The synthesis of higher polyamines and phytochelatins is antagonistically related.
- Putrescine may decrease phytochelatin synthesis at enzymatic and gene expression levels.