

Evidence for phytoremediation and phytoexcretion of NTO from industrial wastewater by vetiver grass

Supplementary Information

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Table S1. Relevant chemical properties of NTO (Kim et al., 1998; Badgujar et al. 2008; Felt et al., 2013)

Property	Value
Molecular weight	130 g/mol
Melting point	273°C (decomposition)
Boiling point	295°C
Solubility in water	9.97 g/L at 11°C
	12.8 g/L in water at 19°C
	16.64 g/L at 25°C
	1,989.67 g/L at 33°C
Log K _{ow} at 25°C	0.37- 1.03
Log K _{oc} at 25°C	2.1- 3.03

Table S2. Change in NTO concentration in NTO-wastewater during the 100-d experiment in vetiver grown in NTO-wastewater (NV), and NTO-wastewater without plants (NC) treatments.

	Introduction- 1 st batch	Introduction- 2 nd batch	Introduction- 3 rd batch	Introduction- 4 th batch	Introduction- 5 th batch	
	Day 0	Day 20	Day 40	Day 60	Day 80	Day 100
	-----NTO Concentration (mg/L)-----					
NTO-With Plant (NV)	23116.74	17862.83	11103.17	7189.80	3879.70	3772.40
Control-No Plant (NC)	23146.63	23064.69	22723.50	22473.90	22493.70	21985.57
NV Treatment- SD	332.50	248.20	129.30	211.30	245.70	99.40
NC Treatment- SD	409.50	195.80	297.90	301.50	345.70	288.60



Figure S1. Plant exudates deposited at the junction of vetiver root and shoot.

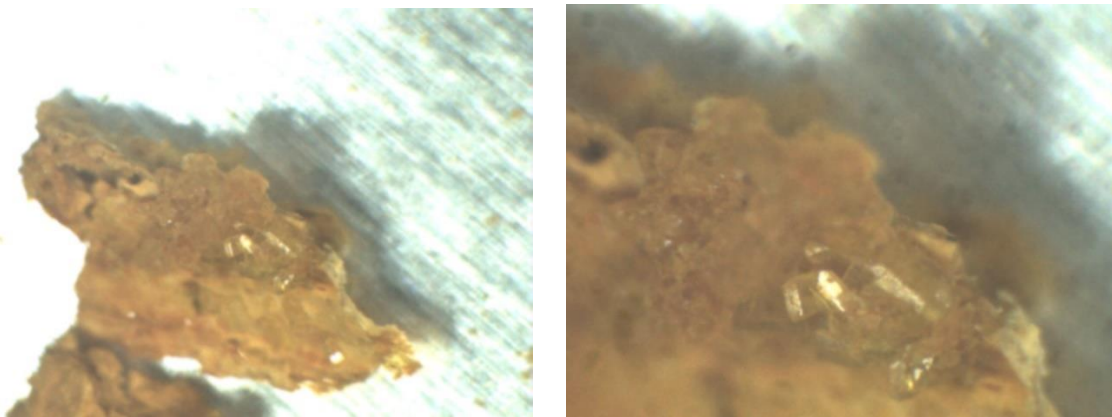


Figure S2. Plant exudates under optical microscope. Photos show the presence of crystalline structures that correspond to NTO.