

**Table 2.** Changes in glutathione reductase (GR), guaiacol peroxidase (G-POD), catalase (CAT), ascorbate peroxidase (APX) and glutathione-S-transferase (GST) activities, in ascorbate (AA), glutathione (GSH) and  $\gamma$ -glutamyl-cysteine ( $\gamma$ -EC) content and in the ratios of ascorbate/dehydroascorbate (AA/DHA) and reduced/oxidised glutathione (GSH/GSSG) of the leaves and roots of 24 day-old wheat plant after 24 days of 50  $\mu$ M cadmium treatment. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  s.d. \* , \*\* and \*\*\* denote significant differences from the control of the same day at the 0.05, 0.01 and 0.001 level, respectively.

leaf	Cd (mM)	nkatal g <sup>-1</sup> FW					AA (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	AA/DHA ratio	GSH (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)	GSH/GSSG ratio	$\gamma$ -EC (nmol g <sup>-1</sup> FW)
		GR	G-POD	CAT	APX	GST					
TC 19	0	33.9 $\pm$ 3.6	572.3 $\pm$ 109.2	9168.6 $\pm$ 1954.2	84.6 $\pm$ 14.3	15.3 $\pm$ 2.0	435.3 $\pm$ 83.6	19.9 $\pm$ 1.4	14.9 $\pm$ 4.7	18.0 $\pm$ 11.8	1.6 $\pm$ 0.2
	50	30.5 $\pm$ 0.2	777.1 $\pm$ 22.1 *	9476.3 $\pm$ 313.3	95.4 $\pm$ 4.3	15.5 $\pm$ 0.7	300.6 $\pm$ 4.7	2.1 $\pm$ 1.4 ***	10.1 $\pm$ 3.8	10.9 $\pm$ 4.4	2.1 $\pm$ 0.5
TC 33	0	28.0 $\pm$ 5.1	387.8 $\pm$ 70.2	6548.2 $\pm$ 560.0	52.1 $\pm$ 9.6	10.8 $\pm$ 2.8	283.0 $\pm$ 40.3	16.7 $\pm$ 2.1	10.1 $\pm$ 4.2	10.6 $\pm$ 2.6	1.2 $\pm$ 0.3
	50	19.4 $\pm$ 6.6	470.6 $\pm$ 159.8	7568.8 $\pm$ 1785.0	56.0 $\pm$ 21.0	9.1 $\pm$ 2.6	312.0 $\pm$ 21.0	5.3 $\pm$ 2.0 ***	8.6 $\pm$ 7.6	12.1 $\pm$ 7.6	2.2 $\pm$ 0.7
Mv8	0	30.5 $\pm$ 1.7	404.7 $\pm$ 98.6	10986.2 $\pm$ 518.5	76.8 $\pm$ 7.5	11.6 $\pm$ 1.8	493.3 $\pm$ 6.4	13.8 $\pm$ 3.7	6.8 $\pm$ 4.0	16.7 $\pm$ 7.2	1.0 $\pm$ 0.3
	50	29.1 $\pm$ 1.2	574.7 $\pm$ 112.0	11624.6 $\pm$ 666.4	90.0 $\pm$ 6.0	9.1 $\pm$ 1.0	575.5 $\pm$ 72.8	7.8 $\pm$ 3.0	9.3 $\pm$ 1.9	26.3 $\pm$ 11.8	1.2 $\pm$ 0.4
Mv Hombár	0	41.3 $\pm$ 4.2	415.5 $\pm$ 38.0	10374.6 $\pm$ 1364.0	78.6 $\pm$ 1.6	15.0 $\pm$ 1.5	535.6 $\pm$ 73.5	12.8 $\pm$ 2.2	10.4 $\pm$ 2.0	12.1 $\pm$ 4.0	1.2 $\pm$ 0.2
	50	33.8 $\pm$ 4.5	560.9 $\pm$ 95.6	11207.9 $\pm$ 213.1	79.3 $\pm$ 2.9	8.2 $\pm$ 1.4 **	469.0 $\pm$ 17.0	13.8 $\pm$ 4.0	10.7 $\pm$ 1.4	17.0 $\pm$ 5.6	1.1 $\pm$ 0.3
root	Cd (mM)										
TC 19	0	6.9 $\pm$ 0.5	928.2 $\pm$ 162.9	1100.9 $\pm$ 218.8	65.8 $\pm$ 13.9	5.0 $\pm$ 0.4	46.7 $\pm$ 2.5	1.5 $\pm$ 0.2	19.8 $\pm$ 13.0	16.7 $\pm$ 6.4	0.3 $\pm$ 0.1
	50	7.4 $\pm$ 1.2	967.8 $\pm$ 106.5	493.1 $\pm$ 125.1 ***	62.4 $\pm$ 42.4	9.5 $\pm$ 0.6 ***	96.0 $\pm$ 16.6 *	4.1 $\pm$ 2.8	35.3 $\pm$ 15.9	23.4 $\pm$ 8.0	1.2 $\pm$ 0.4 **
TC 33	0	7.9 $\pm$ 0.7	1169.1 $\pm$ 73.8	711.0 $\pm$ 189.5	83.2 $\pm$ 5.3	8.2 $\pm$ 1.0	51.7 $\pm$ 14.9	2.6 $\pm$ 1.6	43.2 $\pm$ 16.5	23.3 $\pm$ 4.2	0.3 $\pm$ 0.1
	50	7.0 $\pm$ 0.9	945.4 $\pm$ 47.8 *	412.8 $\pm$ 114.2 ***	80.6 $\pm$ 21.5	14.2 $\pm$ 2.2 *	81.0 $\pm$ 10.8 *	2.8 $\pm$ 3.7	57.4 $\pm$ 17.1	28.3 $\pm$ 5.2	1.8 $\pm$ 0.5 **
Mv Hombár	0	5.1 $\pm$ 1.1	1015.5 $\pm$ 134.6	527.5 $\pm$ 64.1	83.1 $\pm$ 8.1	7.8 $\pm$ 2.0	45.0 $\pm$ 4.0	2.9 $\pm$ 1.6	14.5 $\pm$ 3.0	5.6 $\pm$ 0.2	0.3 $\pm$ 0.1
	50	7.8 $\pm$ 0.4 *	968.0 $\pm$ 36.3	378.4 $\pm$ 58.4 **	78.7 $\pm$ 11.3	15.9 $\pm$ 1.1 **	99.5 $\pm$ 13.4 **	4.5 $\pm$ 2.7	64.4 $\pm$ 36.2 *	24.6 $\pm$ 7.0 ***	1.7 $\pm$ 0.9 *