

## Supporting Information

### Effects of CeO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles on Nutritional Quality of Two Crop Plants, Corn (*Zea mays* L.) and Soybean (*Glycine max* L.)

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**Table S1.** Observed and certified values of elemental concentrations in standard reference materials, GBW07602 and GBW07603 (Bush branches and leaves)

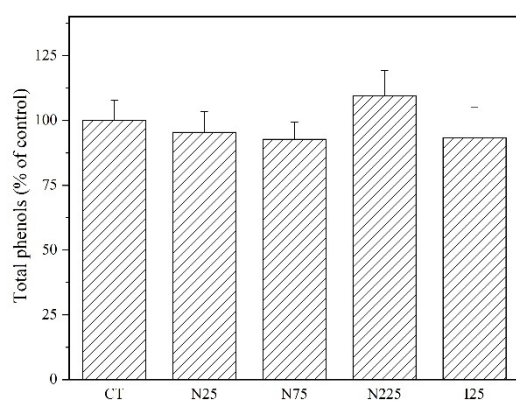
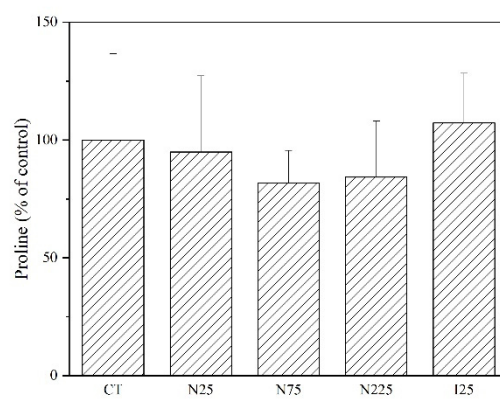
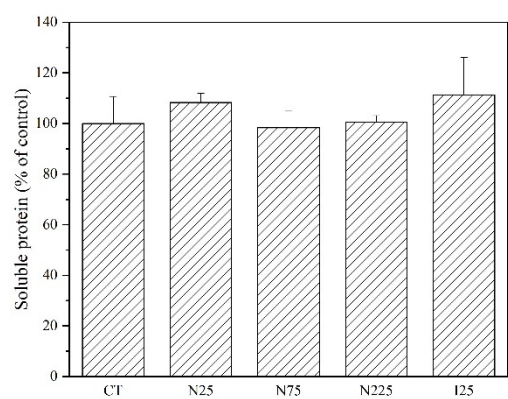
Elements	GBW07602		GBW07603	
	Certified Value	Observed Value	Certified Value	Observed Value
K (g/kg)	8.5±0.5	18±2.3	9.2±1	10±0.7
Ca (g/kg)	22.2±1.3	21±0.5	16.8±1.1	16.3±2.3
S (g/kg)	3.20±0.30	4.1±8.1	7.3±0.6	6.6±0.8
P (g/kg)	0.83±0.04	0.8±0.07	1.00±0.04	0.93±0.03
Fe (mg/kg)	1020±67	863±29	1070±57	868.6±23
Mn (mg/kg)	58±6	60.28±1.91	61±5	66.69±5.69
Mo (mg/kg)	0.26±0.04	0.33±0.02	0.28±0.05	0.33±0.04
Cu (mg/kg)	5.20±0.50	4.95±0.22	6.6±0.8	6.11±0.45
Zn (mg/kg)	20.6±2.2	24.8±3.75	55±4	53.1±5.5
Ce (mg/kg)	2.40±0.30	3.05±0.97	2.2±0.1	2.92±0.28

Experimental values are presented as mean of 3 replicates with the corresponding standard deviation.

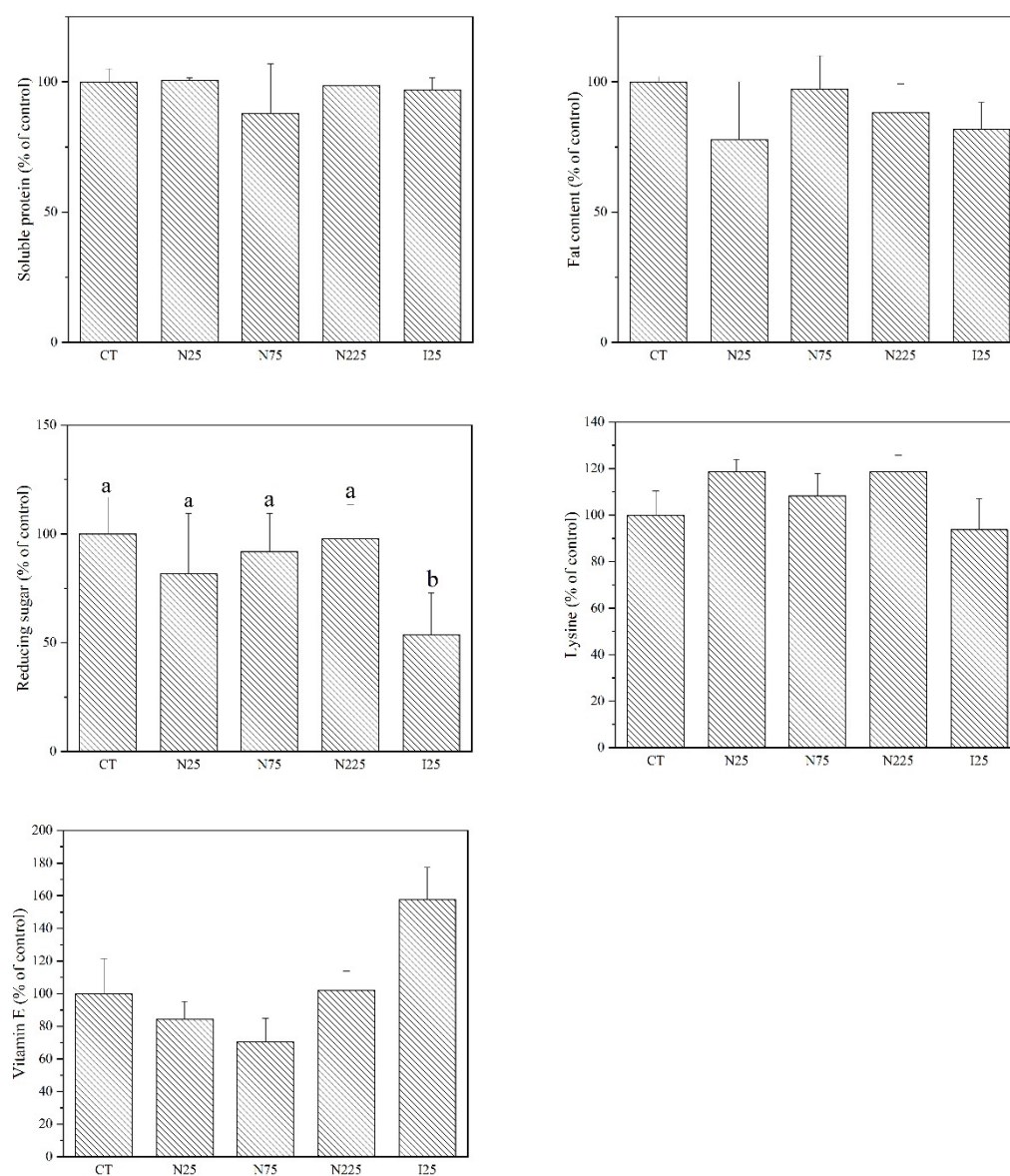
**Table S2.** Summary of multiple stepwise regression and indices parameters for predicting dry weight of plant

Dependent Variable (DV)	Fitted equation	R <sup>2</sup> %	R <sup>2</sup> -adj%	p-value	Durbin-Waston
Dry weight(corn kernels)	y=17.93-0.003x <sub>2</sub>	37.3	34.3	0.002	1.288
Dry weight(soybean seed)	y=0.443+0.151x <sub>8</sub>	22.3	19.2	0.013	2.170

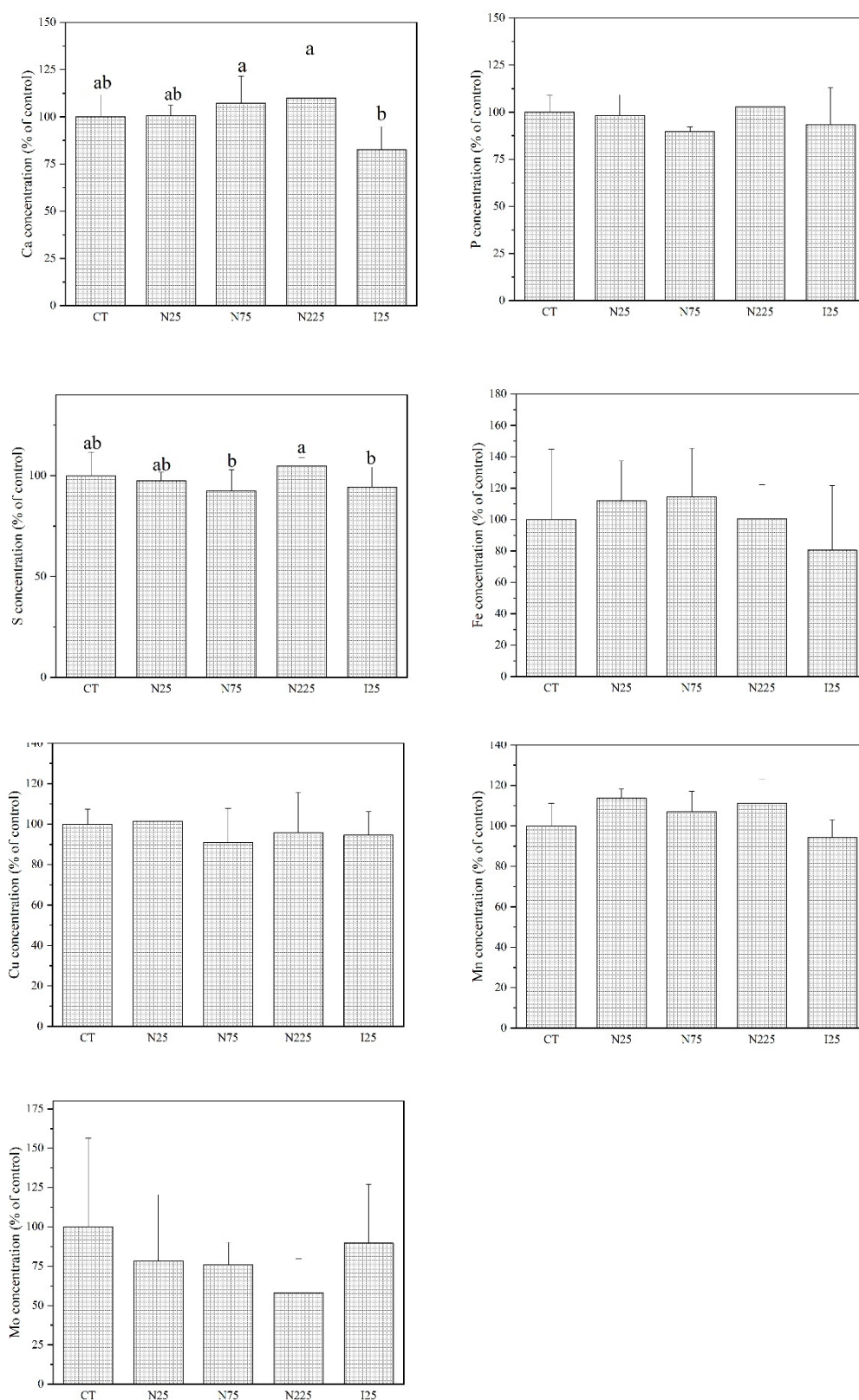
R<sup>2</sup> %: coefficient of determination; R<sup>2</sup> -adj: adjusted coefficient determination. \* and \*\* significant at the 0.05 and 0.01 level respectively.



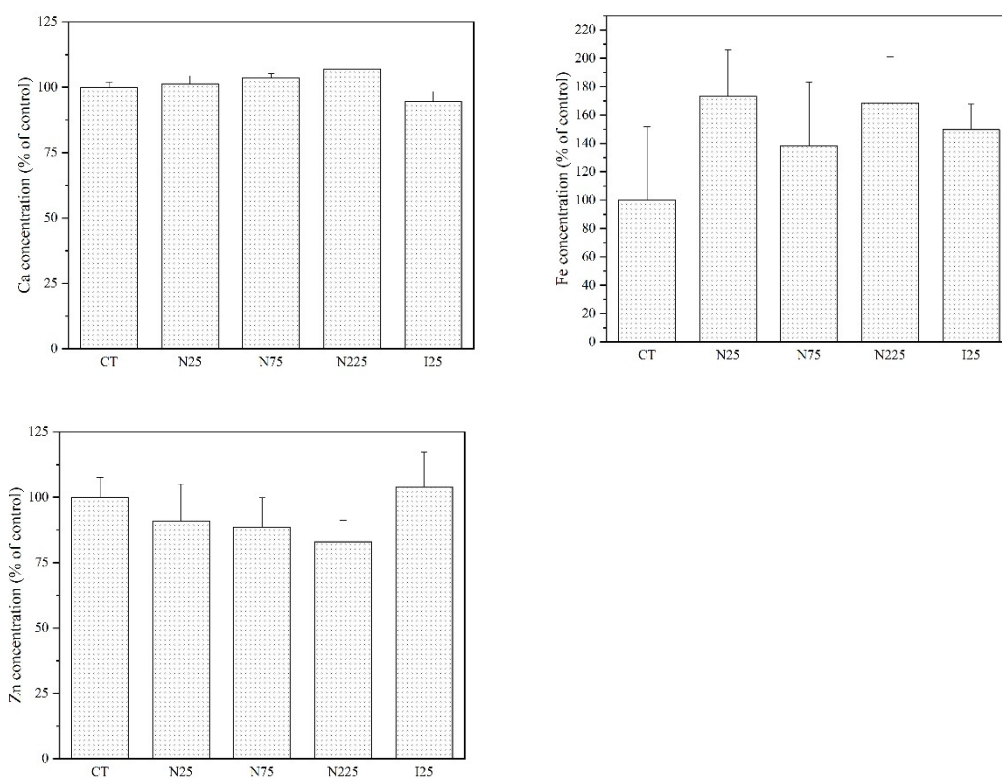
**Figure S1.** Contents of soluble protein, proline and total phenol contents in the corn kernels harvested from plants cultivated in CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs/CeCl<sub>3</sub>-amended soil.



**Figure S2.** Contents of soluble protein, fat, reducing sugar, lysine and vitamin E contents in the soybean seeds harvested from plants cultivated in CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs/CeCl<sub>3</sub>-amended soil. Different letters stand for statistical differences between treatments at P≤0.05.



**Figure S3.** Contents of Ca, P, S, Fe, Cu, Mn and Mo in the corn kernels harvested from plants cultivated in CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs/CeCl<sub>3</sub>-amended soil. Different letters stand for statistical differences between treatments at  $P \leq 0.05$ .



**Figure S4.** Contents of Ca, Fe and Zn in the soybean seeds harvested from plants cultivated in CeO<sub>2</sub> NPs/CeCl<sub>3</sub>-amended soil.