

Table 1. Arrangement of experiment.

As + Cd [mg dm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Fe [mg dm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Br [μM]	As + Cd [mg dm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Fe [mg dm <sup>-3</sup> ]	Br [μM]
0	0	0	0.5 + 0.5	0	0
		0.02 (Br24)			0.02 (Br24)
		0.20 (Br24)			0.20 (Br24)
		0.02 (Br28)			0.02 (Br28)
		0.20 (Br28)			0.20 (Br28)
	20	0	20	0	0
		0.02 (Br24)			0.02 (Br24)
		0.20 (Br24)			0.20 (Br24)
		0.02 (Br28)			0.02 (Br28)
		0.20 (Br28)			0.20 (Br28)
60	0	0	60	0	0
		0.02 (Br24)			0.02 (Br24)
		0.20 (Br24)			0.20 (Br24)
		0.02 (Br28)			0.02 (Br28)
		0.20 (Br28)			0.20 (Br28)

Table 2. Analysis of variance (two-way ANOVA) of dry mass of leaf and root and Fe content in rice leaf, root and dithionite-citrate-bicarbonate (DCB) extract of rice seedlings exposed to 0 and 0.5 mg dm<sup>-3</sup> As and Cd together with 0.2 and 0.02 μM 24-epibrassinosteroid (Br24) or 0.2 and 0.02 μM 28-homobrassinosteroid (Br28) and iron plaque (IP) (Fe<sup>2+</sup> 0, 20, and 60 mg dm<sup>-3</sup>) shown in Figs 1 and 2 ( <sup>a</sup> - single and combined effects of brassinosteroid (Br), IP, As, and Cd on biomass of leaf and root and Fe content in leaf, root and DCB extract).

Parameters Treatments	DM <sup>a</sup> [g plant <sup>-1</sup> ]		Fe <sup>a</sup> [mg kg <sup>-1</sup> (d.m.)]		
	leaf	root	leaf	root	DCB
Br (A)	<0.001	<0.001	ns	ns	0.001
IP (B)	<0.001	<0.001	ns	<0.001	ns
As Cd (C)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	ns
AxB	<0.001	<0.001	ns	ns	<0.001
AxC	ns	0.009	ns	ns	ns
BxC	<0.001	<0.001	0.014	ns	0.006
AxBxC	<0.001	0.033	0.010	ns	ns

Table 3. Two-way ANOVA of As and Cd content in leaves and roots of rice seedlings exposed to 0.5 mg dm<sup>-3</sup> As and Cd together with 0.2 and 0.02 μM 24-epibrassinosteroid (Br24) or 0.2 and 0.02 μM 28-homobrassinosteroid (Br28) and iron plaque (IP) (Fe<sup>2+</sup> 0, 20, and 60 mg dm<sup>-3</sup>) shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Parameters Treatments	As [mg kg <sup>-1</sup> (d.m.)]		Cd [mg kg <sup>-1</sup> (d.m.)]	
	leaf	root	leaf	root
Br (A)	ns	ns	ns	ns
IP (B)	ns	<0.001	ns	<0.001
AxB	<0.001	ns	<0.001	ns