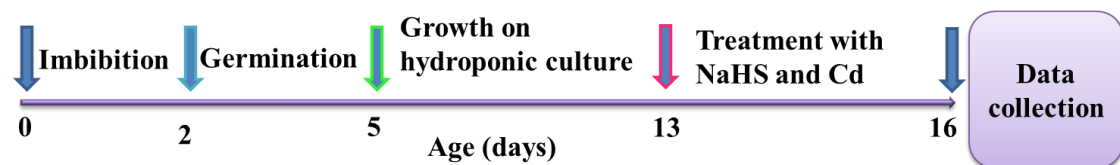


**Title: Hydrogen sulfide modulates cadmium-induced physiological and  
biochemical responses to alleviate cadmium toxicity in rice**

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**Supplementary Figure S1.** Experimental set up. Healthy rice seeds were washed with distilled water and imbibed for 2 days in the dark. The imbibed seeds were sown on plastic nets floating on distilled water in 250 mL plastic beakers and kept in the dark for germination at  $28 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days. Uniformly germinated seeds were transferred to a growth chamber and grown in a commercial hydroponics solution. At 13 days, rice plants were subjected to a combination of different doses of NaHS, hypotaurine and  $\text{CdCl}_2$ . After 3 days of treatments, that is, at day 16<sup>th</sup>, plants were harvested for collecting data on various physiological and biochemical parameters.



**Supplementary Table S1.** Experimental design.

No.	Treatments
1) Control	Only nutrient solution
2) H <sub>2</sub> S	100 $\mu$ M NaHS
3) H <sub>2</sub> S+HT	100 $\mu$ M NaHS + 200 $\mu$ M hypotaurine
4) Cd1	250 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
5) H <sub>2</sub> S+Cd1	100 $\mu$ M NaHS + 250 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
6) Cd2	500 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
7) H <sub>2</sub> S+Cd2	100 $\mu$ M NaHS + 500 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
8) H <sub>2</sub> S+ HT+Cd2	100 $\mu$ M NaHS + 200 $\mu$ M hypotaurine + 500 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
9) Cd3	1000 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>
10) H <sub>2</sub> S+Cd3	100 $\mu$ M NaHS + 1000 $\mu$ M CdCl <sub>2</sub>

All the treatments were imposed by applying them in the nutrient solution. Control, H<sub>2</sub>S, H<sub>2</sub>S+HT, Cd1, H<sub>2</sub>S+Cd1, Cd2, H<sub>2</sub>S+Cd2, H<sub>2</sub>S+HT+Cd2, Cd3 and H<sub>2</sub>S+Cd3 correspond to the group of seedlings exposed to only nutrients, 100  $\mu$ M NaHS, 100  $\mu$ M NaHS + 200  $\mu$ M hypotaurine, 250  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, 100  $\mu$ M NaHS + 250  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, 500  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, 100  $\mu$ M NaHS + 500  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, 100  $\mu$ M NaHS + 200  $\mu$ M hypotaurine + 500  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, 1000  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub> and 100  $\mu$ M NaHS + 1000  $\mu$ M CdCl<sub>2</sub>, respectively.