Supplementary File

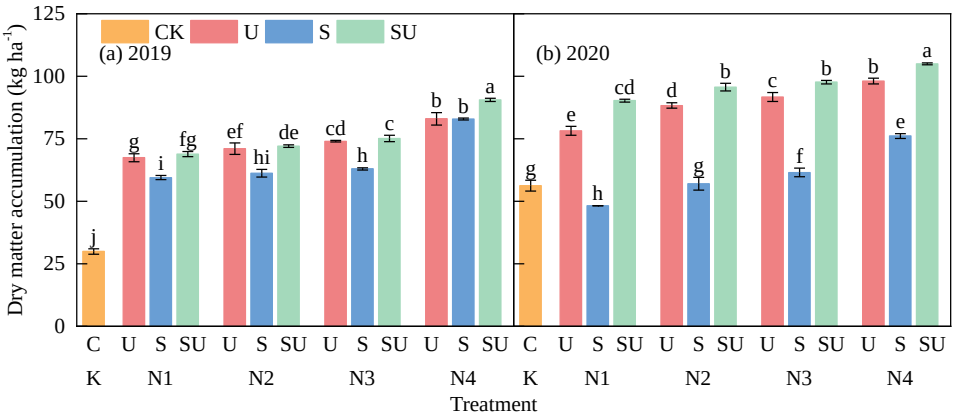


Figure S1. Maize dry matter accumulation at the seedling stage under different N application rates (N1 to N4) and fertilizer types (U, S, SU) in 2019 and 2020. (**a**,**b**) Maize dry matter accumulation for each year. CK = no N application; U = urea; S = slow-release N fertilizer; SU = urea blended with slow-release N fertilizer at a ratio of 3:7. Different letters indicate significance at the 5% level for the same year by the LSD test. Error bars are ± 1 standard deviation of the mean (n = 3). The Y-bars on each data point should indicate SD.