

# Effects of Lighting on Growth and Functional Compounds of *Chlorella sorokiniana*

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## Abstract

*Chlorella sorokiniana* (*C. sorokiniana*), a type of green microalgae, features broad prospects for applications in such fields as health foods, biodiesel and so on. Microalgae grow through photosynthesis through their chloroplasts, so the source of light in the environment has a considerable impact on the growth of microalgae.

The aim of this study was to find the optimal light source for culturing *C. sorokiniana* by comparing growth and functional compounds under LED mixed light and fluorescent light. *C. sorokiniana* was cultured at 25°C, photoperiod 12:12 (Light : Dark), aeration 1vvm ( $L_{\text{air}} L_{\text{media}}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$ ), and cultured with fluorescent lamp or different ratios of red and blue mixed light. The results showed that the  $OD_{650\text{nm}}$  on the 7th day of culture: (Red:Blue:Green = 189 : 21 : 45  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) > (63 : 147 : 45) = (fluorescent lamp) = (21 : 189 : 45) = (105 : 105 : 45) > (210 : 0 : 45) = (0 : 210 : 45), R:B:G = 189: 21: 45  $\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  was the best mixed LED light source for cultivating *C. sorokiniana*, which can effectively promote chlorophyll, total carotenoids and PUFAs contents of *C. sorokiniana*. It is worth mention that if there is no red or blue LED light source, the growth of *C. sorokiniana* is worse than other mixed light conditions .

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