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### ABSTRACT

The effect of the kinetin on growth and fatty acid composition of *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) were conducted. Three different concentrations used were 0.7, 1.4 and 2.8 mg/l kinetin. The microalgae cultured at 25°C and 24h of 150 $\mu$ mol photon m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for light illustration. The growth of the *Chlorella* sp. in the medium treated with kinetin was observed. The 1.4 mg/l of kinetin recorded the highest number of cells, 1.86  $\pm$  0.08 ( $\times 10^7$  cells/ml), after 42 days of cultivation in aeration condition, while the control show the lowest number of cells which was 1.31  $\pm$  0.07 ( $\times 10^7$  cells/ml). The total oil content was increased accordingly as the concentration of kinetin increased. The total saturated fatty acid (SFAs) was decreased as the concentration of kinetin increased, while both mono-unsaturated (MUFAs) and polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFAs) were increased accordingly. The major selected fatty acid was found in *Chlorella* sp. treated with kinetin were C16:0, C16:1, C17:0, C18:0, C18:1, C18:2, C18:3n3 and C20:0. Thus, it was concluded that kinetin can enhanced the growth of the *Chlorella* sp but has no significant different between fatty acid composition. Further studies must carry out to determine how biochemical stimulant affects the fatty acid biosynthesis.

## KESAN KINETIN TERHADAP PERTUMBUHAN DAN KOMPOSISI ASID LEMAK DI DALAM *CHLORELLA* SP. (UMT-M1)

### ABSTRAK

Kesan kinetin terhadap pertumbuhan dan komposisi asid lemak di dalam *Chlorella* sp (UMT-M1) telah dilakukan. Terdapat tiga kepekatan kinetin yang berbeza telah digunakan iaitu, 0.7, 1.4 dan 2.8 mg/l kinetin. Mikroalga dikultur pada 25 ° C dan 24h 150 $\mu$ mol photon m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> untuk cahaya ilustrasi. Pertumbuhan *Chlorella* sp. di dalam media yang mengandungi kinetin diperhatikan, 1.4 mg/l kinetin mencatatkan jumlah sel yang tertinggi, 1.86  $\pm$  0,08 (x10<sup>7</sup> sel / ml), selepas 42 hari di kultivasi dalam keadaan aerasi, manakala kawalan menunjukkan jumlah sel yang terendah iaitu 1.31  $\pm$  0,07 (x10<sup>7</sup> sel / ml). Kandungan minyak total meningkat apabila kepekatan kinetin meningkat. Total asid lemak tepu (SFAs) mencatatkan penurunan apabila kepekatan kinetin meningkat, manakala kedua-dua asid lemak menunjukkan sebaliknya. Asid lemak utam yang telah dipilih ditemui di dalam *Chlorella* sp yang dirawat dengan kinetin adalah C16: 0, C16:1, C17:0, C18: 0, C18: 1, C18: 2, C18: 3n3 dan C20: 0. Oleh hal yang demikian, dapat disimpulkan bahawa kinetin dapat meningkatkan pertumbuhan *Chlorella* sp tetapi tidak mempunyai perbezaan yang signifikan antara komposisi asid lemak. Penyelidikan yang lebih lanjut perlu dilakukan untuk menentukan bagaimana kinetin memberi kesan terhadap biosintesis asid lemak.