





EFFECT OF 6-BENZYLAMINOPURINE ON GROWTH AND FATTY ACIDS  
COMPOSITION IN *CHLORELLA SP.* (UMT-M1)

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### ABSTRACT

*Chlorella* is single-celled green algae which belong to phylum Chlorophyta. *Chlorella* species is a potential source of a wide spectrum of nutrients, including chlorophyll, carotenoids, minerals, vitamins, and long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs). External plant growth hormone is one of the alternatives that can use in order to enhance the productivity of microalgae for commercial potential. This study was conducted to determine the effect of 6-benzylaminopurine (BAP); 0.0, 0.7, 1.4, and 2.8mg/L on growth and fatty acids composition in *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1). The isolated *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) was cultured and maintained under aeration at culture condition of temperature  $25\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 24 hour light illustration and  $150\mu\text{mol photon m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  light intensity in culture room for 42 days. The cells were harvested at late stationary phase by flocculation and analyzed using Gas Chromatography. The growth of *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) was significantly influence by the present of BAP. The cells number increase accordingly with the amount of BAP used in the medium. BAP in *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) culture medium show effect on the production of fatty acids profile. The highest oil content and PUFAs composition was recorded in 0.7mg/L BAP medium; oil content ( $22.747 \pm 1.522$  w/w%) and PUFAs composition ( $35.63 \pm 6.81$  %). Application of exogenous such as BAP altered the growth and fatty acid profile in *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1).

## KESAN 6-BENZENAMINOPURIN KEATAS PERTUMBUHAN DAN KOMPOSISI ASID LEMAK DIDALAM *CHLORELLA* SP. (UMT-M1)

### ABSTRAK

*Chlorella* adalah alga hijau yang tergolong didalam filum Chlorofita. *Chlorella* merupakan suatu sumber potensi yang luas dari segi nutrisi, klorofil, karotenoid, mineral, vitamin, dan asam lemak tidak tepu (PUFA). Penggunaan hormon pertumbuhan tumbuhan merupakan salah satu alternatif yang boleh digunakan untuk meningkatkan produktiviti mikroalga untuk komersial. Kajian ini dilakukan untuk menentukan kesan 6-benzilaminopurin (BAP); 0.0, 0.7, 1.4, dan 2.8mg/L terhadap pertumbuhan dan komposisi asam lemak didalam *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1). *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) dikultur dalam arasi pada suhu  $25\pm 1$  °C, pada 24 jam ilustrasi cahaya dan  $150\mu\text{mol photon m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  kepekatan cahaya didalam bilik kultur selama 42 hari. Sel dituai pada lewat fasa stationari dan dianalisis menggunakan Gas Chromatography. Pertumbuhan *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) dipengaruhi secara signifikan oleh kehadiran BAP didalam media. Jumlah sel meningkat dengan jumlah BAP digunakan didalam medium. BAP yang terkandung didalam kultur media *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) menunjukkan kesan terhadap penghasilan asam lemak profil di dalam sel. Kandungan minyak yang tertinggi dan komposisi PUFA yang tertinggi dicatatkan oleh *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1) yang dikultur didalam media yang mempunyai 0.7mg/L BAP; kandungan minyak  $22.747 \pm 1.522$  % (w/w) dan komposisi PUFA ( $35.63 \pm 6.81$ %). Penggunaan hormon pertumbuhan tumbuhan luaran dapat merubah pertumbuhan dan komposisi asam lemak di dalam *Chlorella* sp. (UMT-M1).