

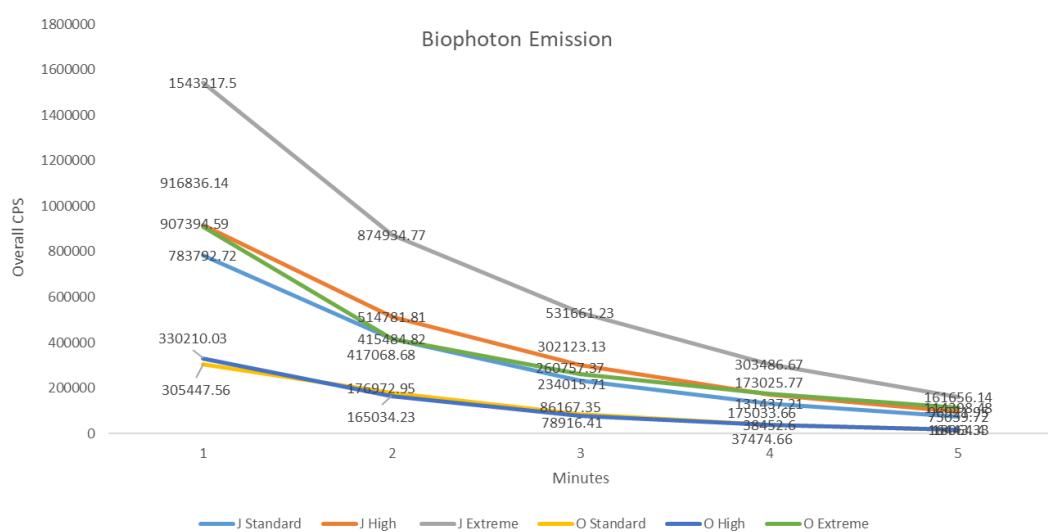
## Supplementary data.

### High nitrate supply induced transcriptional upregulation of ascorbic acid biosynthetic and recycling pathways in cucumber

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**Table S1.** Different concentrations of potassium nitrate in fertigation solutions

	Standard 4 mM	High 20 mM	Extreme 50 mM
KNO <sub>3</sub>			
MgSO <sub>4</sub>		<0.5 mM>	
NaFe-EDTA		<5 µM>	
KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>		<1 mM>	
H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>		<0.2 µM>	
Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub>		<10.0 µM>	
ZnSO <sub>4</sub>		<1.0 µM>	
MnCl <sub>2</sub>		<2.0 µM>	
CuSO <sub>4</sub>		<0.5 µM>	
CoCl <sub>2</sub>		<0.2 µM>	
NiSO <sub>4</sub>		<0.2 µM>	



**Figure S1.** Overall photon count per second of 'Oitol' and 'Joker' cucumber leaves treated with different levels of nitrate concentrations.

**Table S2.** Target genes, oligonucleotide primers and expected product sizes in RT-PCRs

Gene	Accession No	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')	size (bp)
MDHAR1	Csa3M775240*	CCGGTTCCACTGTCATAAAATTG	GATCATGGTAACATCAAGATCGTTG	212
MDHAR2	Csa6M451470*	TATCCAAGGAGGCCGGTTG	CTCTTGGCAGGAAGATCTGC	202
MDHAR3	Csa3M099720*	TGGAGTGGCAGCAGGATATG	GAGGATCAATTCTATCCCTTCTCTTC	235
MDHAR4	Csa5M524740*	TGAAGCACAGTGATGCC	CCAACAACAACCATGTCAACA	192
APX1	CsaV3_6G047320	GCAGATCTGTACCAAGCTTGCTG	CAGCAATTCCACAAAGTAGGAGTTATC	303
APX2	CsaV3_6G021870	CTTCGTCCTCGCATGGCA	TGCCATTGAAGTTACTGGTGG	221
APX4	CsaV3_2G032090	CGACACGAGAACTAGTTGCACTAT	GAATGCTTGAGATGGATCAAAGAG	111
APX5	CsaV3_3G047650	AACTCGCAGCACAAGTGGC	CGGACAGAACTGCGCAGCTG	270
GR1	CsaV3_3G011090	TACGATCTCTGGCCGACAAGAG	CAGCACTGTTGGAATACACCCAT	182
GR2	CsaV3_7G027540	CGTGGAAAGATTCTGGATGAAC	GCTCTAGAATTGCTGGCATC	216
GME2	Csa2M011460.1*	GTAGAAAGGTGTCTGAGATTG	TCTGAGTTACGACCACGG	173
GGP	Csa7M219200.1*	TTTCTTCTCCCACAGTGTATG	TTCCCTCGTCCCAGTCATT	360
GalDH	Csa7M067450.1*	GTCTTGGCATCAACTTCTTC	TGCTCCTTGTACCCCTCT	177
GLDH	CsaV3_UNG143090*	GCCCTCCCAAATTCAAACC	GGGCAAGTAGTTTATCGCG	153
ACTIN	CsaV3_2G018090*	TCGTGCTTGAECTCTGGTGATGG	ACAACCACGTGCCAACGGGAAA	171

\*Primers are from Liu et al., 2019 [46], otherwise designed in this study.