

# Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Calibration curves of pigments standards.

Pigment	Calibration Curve	R <sup>2</sup>
Neoxanthin	$Y = 211396.552X$	0.984
Violaxanthin	$Y = 683267X$	0.991
Lutein	$Y = 1040947.234X$	0.989
$\beta$ -carotene	$Y = 61499.087X$	0.987

**Table S2.** Experimental layout of the Plackett-Burman design and results of heterotrophic *Chlorococcum amblystomatis* specific growth rates ( $\mu$ ).

Run Order	Nitrogen Source	N mM	P mM	Ca mM	Mg mM	Fe mM	Zn mM	Co mM	Mo mM	Mn mM	Ni mM	Cu mM	B mM	Vitamins Doses	T °C	$\mu$ h <sup>-1</sup>
1	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	100	5	10	0.5	0.5	0	0.1	1.5	0	0.02	0.5	3	26	0.04
2	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	60	100	1	1	0.05	0.5	0.04	0	1.5	0	0.02	1.5	3	30	0.05
3	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	60	10	5	1	0.5	2.5	0.04	0.1	0.2	0	0.02	0.5	3	30	0.06
4	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	20	10	1	1	0.05	0.5	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.5	0.5	26	0.07
5	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	100	1	1	0.5	2.5	0	0.1	1.5	0	0	0.5	0.5	30	0.04
6	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	20	10	1	10	0.05	2.5	0	0.1	1.5	0.02	0	0.5	3	30	0.07
7	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	20	100	5	1	0.5	2.5	0	0	0.2	0	0	1.5	3	26	0.06
8	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	100	5	1	0.05	2.5	0.04	0	1.5	0.02	0	0.5	0.5	26	0.04
9	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	10	5	10	0.05	2.5	0.04	0	0.2	0	0.02	0.5	0.5	30	0.05
10	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	60	100	5	10	0.05	0.5	0.04	0.1	0.2	0.02	0	0.5	3	26	0.05
11	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	60	10	5	10	0.5	2.5	0	0	1.5	0.02	0.02	1.5	0.5	26	0.06
12	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	40	55	3	5.5	0.275	1.5	0.02	0.05	0.85	0.01	0.01	1	1.75	28	0.05
13	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	20	100	1	10	0.05	2.5	0.04	0.1	1.5	0	0.02	1.5	0.5	26	0.04
14	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	10	1	1	0.05	2.5	0	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.02	1.5	3	26	0.05
15	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	100	5	1	0.05	0.5	0	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.02	1.5	0.5	30	0.04
16	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	10	5	10	0.05	0.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	1.5	3	30	0.05
17	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	60	10	1	10	0.5	0.5	0.04	0.1	0.2	0	0	1.5	0.5	26	0.05
18	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	60	100	1	10	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.2	0.02	0.02	0.5	0.5	30	0.05
19	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	20	10	5	1	0.5	0.5	0.04	0.1	1.5	0.02	0	1.5	0.5	30	0.07
20	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	100	1	10	0.5	2.5	0.04	0	0.2	0.02	0	1.5	3	30	0.04
21	(NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	40	55	3	5.5	0.275	1.5	0.02	0.05	0.85	0.01	0.01	1	1.75	28	0.06
22	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	10	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.04	0	1.5	0.02	0.02	0.5	3	26	0.05