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Chlorella sp. was cultured in NS III media under the following conditions: 3,000 lux, 30 degree celcius, 12-12 hours of light–dark period and 6.6 of pH media. The specific growth rate was 1.90±0.29 per day. The low tolerant pH limit is less than 4.60. The specific growth rate in media with different value; 4.70, 5.10, 5.60, 6.10 and 6.60, are not significant difference (p=0.05).

The specific growth rate in media with varies concentration of nitrate and phosphate was highest in the media with nitrate concentration 10.00 millimol/l and phosphate concentration 1.69 millimol/l. The efficiency of carbon dioxide reduction in the media with 5.00 g/l dry ice addition was 95.35%. The rate of carbon biomass production can be expressed as carbon biomass (mg/l) = 4.78  $(CO_{2(aq)})^2$ -71.89 $CO_{2(aq)}$ +296.54 ( $r^2$  = 0.95). Chlorella in media with dry ice 10 g/l showed the highest efficiency to change carbon dioxide to biomass.

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