

Optimization of *Pavlova gyrans* biomass production and fatty acids profile using a two-step approach

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Supplementary information

ESI Table S1: the twenty-seven experiments combination of the RCCD with the real and coded values (within parentheses) of the independent variables: light intensity

($\mu\text{mol.photons.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$), NaNO_3 (mg.L^{-1}), $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4.\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (mg.L^{-1}) and $\text{CuSO}_4.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$)

| #E | Light intensity (x_3) | NaNO_3 (x_5) | $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4.\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (x_6) | $\text{CuSO}_4.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (x_{15}) |
|----|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 350 (-1) | 750 (-1) | 20 (-1) | 5 (-1) |
| 2 | 650 (1) | 750 (-1) | 20 (-1) | 5 (-1) |
| 3 | 350 (-1) | 1250 (1) | 20 (-1) | 5 (-1) |
| 4 | 650 (1) | 1250 (1) | 20 (-1) | 5 (-1) |
| 5 | 350 (-1) | 750 (-1) | 40 (1) | 5 (-1) |
| 6 | 650 (1) | 750 (-1) | 40 (1) | 5 (-1) |
| 7 | 350 (-1) | 1250 (1) | 40 (1) | 5 (-1) |
| 8 | 650 (1) | 1250 (1) | 40 (1) | 5 (-1) |
| 9 | 350 (-1) | 750 (-1) | 20 (-1) | 15 (1) |
| 10 | 650 (1) | 750 (-1) | 20 (-1) | 15 (1) |
| 11 | 350 (-1) | 1250 (1) | 20 (-1) | 15 (1) |
| 12 | 650 (1) | 1250 (1) | 20 (-1) | 15 (1) |
| 13 | 350 (-1) | 750 (-1) | 40 (1) | 15 (1) |
| 14 | 650 (1) | 750 (-1) | 40 (1) | 15 (1) |
| 15 | 350 (-1) | 1250 (1) | 40 (1) | 15 (1) |
| 16 | 650 (1) | 1250 (1) | 40 (1) | 15 (1) |
| 17 | 200 (-2) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 18 | 800 (2) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 19 | 500 (0) | 500 (-2) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 20 | 500 (0) | 1500 (2) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 21 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 10 (-2) | 10 (0) |
| 22 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 50 (2) | 10 (0) |
| 23 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 0 (-2) |
| 24 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 20 (2) |
| 25 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 26 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |
| 27 | 500 (0) | 1000 (0) | 30 (0) | 10 (0) |

ESI Table S2: combination of growth conditions used in the validation experiments: optimized conditions, Opt, control/Walne's medium, Con, medium without vitamins, Vit-, and assay with the non-significant variables of the PB design defined at Level -1, Lvl-1

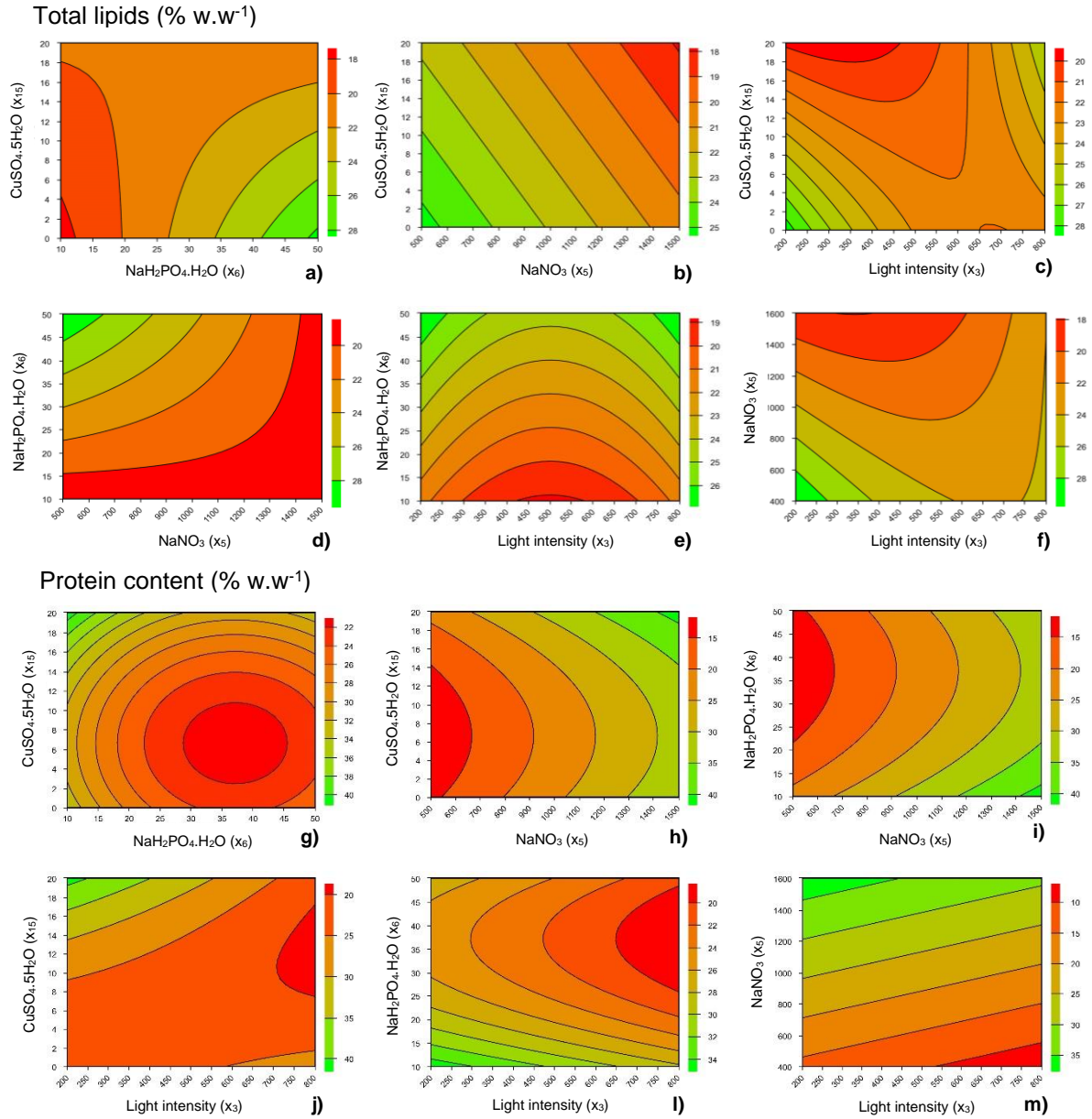
| Variable | Opt | Lvl-1 | Vit- | Con |
|---|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Light intensity ($\mu\text{mol.photons.m}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$) | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| NaNO ₃ (mg.L ⁻¹) | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 100 |
| CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 20 (0) |
| NaH ₂ PO ₄ .H ₂ O (mg.L ⁻¹) | 40 | 40 | 40 | 20 (0) |
| Na ₂ H ₂ EDTA.2H ₂ O (mg.L ⁻¹) | 45 (0) | 22.5 (-1) | 45 (0) | 45 (0) |
| H ₃ BO ₃ (mg.L ⁻¹) | 33.6 (0) | 16.8 (-1) | 33.6 (0) | 33.6 (0) |
| FeCl ₃ .6H ₂ O (mg.L ⁻¹) | 1.3 (0) | 0.65 (-1) | 1.3 (0) | 1.3 (0) |
| MnCl ₂ .4H ₂ O ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 360 (0) | 180 (-1) | 360 (0) | 360 (0) |
| ZnCl ₂ ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 21 (0) | 10.25 (-1) | 21 (0) | 21 (0) |
| CoCl ₂ .6H ₂ O ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 20 (0) | 10 (-1) | 20 (0) | 20 (0) |
| (NH ₄) ₆ Mo ₇ O ₂₄ .4H ₂ O ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 9 (0) | 4.5 (-1) | 9 (0) | 9 (0) |
| Thiamine ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 100 (0) | 50 (-1) | - | 100 (0) |
| Cyanocobalamin ($\mu\text{g.L}^{-1}$) | 5 (0) | 2.5 (-1) | - | 5 (0) |
| NaHCO ₃ (mg.L ⁻¹) | 170 (-1) | 170 (-1) | 170 (-1) | - |
| Salinity (psu) | 30 (0) | 20 (-1) | 30 (0) | 30 (0) |
| Air flow (mL.min ⁻¹) | 600 (-1) | 600 (-1) | 600 (-1) | 600 (-1) |
| Inoculum size (g AFDW.L ⁻¹) | 0.1 (-1) | 0.1 (-1) | 0.1 (-1) | 0.1 (-1) |

ESI Table S3: values of maximum biomass produced (X_{max} , g AFDW.L⁻¹) and volumetric biomass productivity (P_x , g AFDW.L⁻¹.d⁻¹) at the beginning of the stationary phase (t_x , days) for the *P. gyrans* grown in the validation assays: optimized conditions, Opt, control/Walne's medium, Con, medium without vitamins, Vit-, and assay with the variables considered non-significant in PB design fixed at Level -1, Lvl-1. Values are the mean and standard deviation of three replicates ($n=3$). Different letters indicate significant differences between the validation assays (one-way ANOVA, $p < 0.05$, followed by the Tukey's test). Gain was calculated as the ratio of $X_{max}/X_{max.control}$

| | t_x (d) | P_x | X_{max} | Gain |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Con | 4 | 0.148 ± 0.003 ^A | 0.59 ± 0.01 ^a | 1.0 |
| Lvl-1 | 4 | 0.229 ± 0.013 ^B | 0.92 ± 0.05 ^b | 1.5 |
| Vit- | 4 | 0.153 ± 0.001 ^A | 0.61 ± 0.01 ^a | 1.0 |
| Opt | 10 | 0.225 ± 0.005 ^B | 2.26 ± 0.05 ^c | 3.8 |

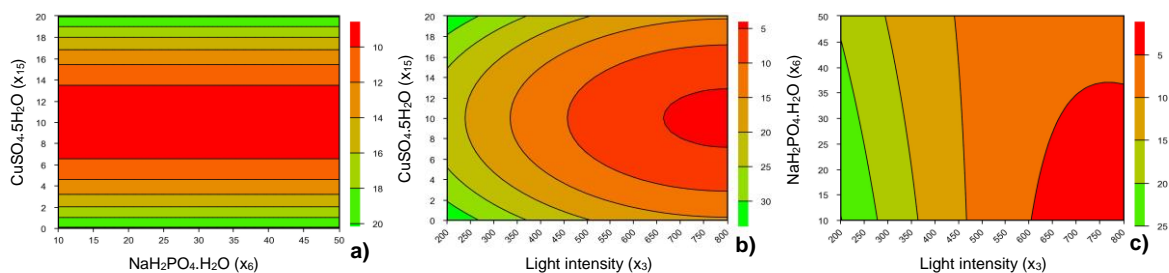
ESI Table S4: experimental and predicted values, as well as the relative errors ($\%RE = 100 \times (Exp - Pred) / Exp$), for the responses maximum biomass produced (X_{max} , g AFDW.L⁻¹), protein content (% w.w⁻¹), total lipids (% w.w⁻¹), eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, % TFA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, % TFA), achieved under the optimal conditions defined for validation of the mathematical models produced

| Response | Experimental | Predicted | %RE |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| X_{max} | 2.26 ± 0.05 | 2.34 | -3.69 |
| Protein content | 30.76 ± 4.37 | 30.58 | 0.60 |
| Total lipids | 28.30 ± 0.95 | 22.05 | 22.10 |
| EPA | 20.69 ± 1.61 | 7.37 | 64.39 |
| DHA | 10.33 ± 0.30 | 1.80 | 82.54 |

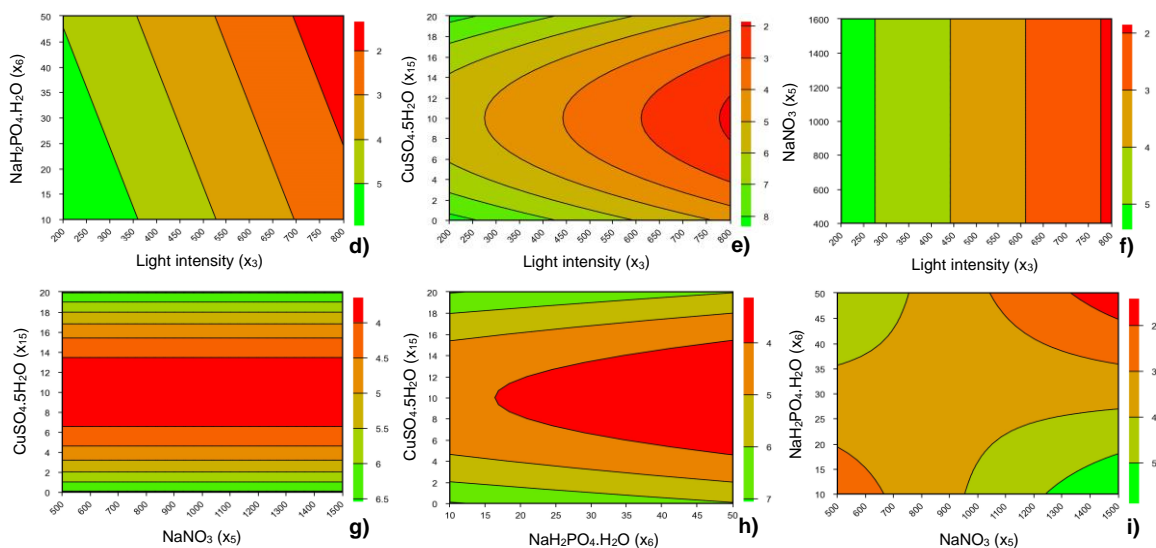


ESI Figure S1: Contour curves from RCCD for the dependent variable total lipids (% w.w⁻¹), a-f), illustrating the interactions between CuSO₄.5H₂O and NaH₂PO₄.H₂O, (a), CuSO₄.5H₂O and NaNO₃, (b), CuSO₄.5H₂O and light intensity, (c), NaH₂PO₄.H₂O and NaNO₃, (d), NaH₂PO₄.H₂O and light intensity, (e), and NaNO₃ and light intensity, (f). Contour curves for protein content (% w.w⁻¹), g-m), illustrating the interactions between CuSO₄.5H₂O and NaH₂PO₄.H₂O, (g), CuSO₄.5H₂O and NaNO₃, (h), NaH₂PO₄.H₂O and NaNO₃, (i), CuSO₄.5H₂O and light intensity, (j), NaH₂PO₄.H₂O and light intensity, l), NaNO₃ and light intensity, m)

EPA %TFA



DHA %TFA



ESI Figure S2: Contour curves from RCCD for the dependent variable EPA %TFA, a-c), illustrating the interactions between $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, a), $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and light intensity, b), and $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and light intensity, c). Contour curves for DHA %TFA, d-i), illustrating the interactions between $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and light intensity, d), $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and light intensity, e), NaNO_3 and light intensity, f), $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and NaNO_3 , (h), $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, h), and $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and NaNO_3 , i)