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## CO<sub>2</sub> bio-sequestration by Chlorella vulgaris in response to different levels of CO<sub>2</sub>

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The purpose of this study is to assess technology of capturing carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  emissions generated by industry that use combustion systems by utilizing microalgae *Chlorella vulgaris*. The microalgae were cultivated in bioreactor culture pond raceway type. The experiment is expected to be useful in mitigating the effects of greenhouse gases in reducing the  $CO_2$  emissions. The aim of this study was to sequestrate  $CO_2$  by microalgae *Chlorella vulgaris* under the different level of  $CO_2$ . The research activities included: 1. characterization of boiler flue gas; 2. operation of culture ponds; and 3. sampling and sample analysis. The results of this study showed that the initial assessment absorption of the flue gas by microalgae using 1000 L raceway pond completed by heat exchanger were quite promising. The results indicated that transfer of  $CO_2$  into the pond culture system was run well. This was identified from the success of cooling the boiler flue gas from the temperature of about 200°C to below ambient temperature. Except for temperature, the gas bubbles into the culture media were quite fine. Therefore the contact between the gas and the media was well performed. Efficiency of  $CO_2$  absorption by *Chlorella vulgaris* reached 0%, 99.8% and 96.2% with average  $CO_2$  level concentration of 0%, 6.2% and 8.1% respectively. The ultimate  $CO_2$  sequestration rate of *Chlorella vulgaris* was 0.1462g/L/d recorded at 8.1%  $CO_2$  concentration.

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