

**Economic viability of lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*, L.) grown in hydroponic system with different optimized nutrient solutions**

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**Supplementary Table 1.** Chemical composition of the mineral nutrient solutions

| Nutrients       | Nutrient Solutions            |                              |                |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                 | Ueda (1990)                   | Castellane and Araújo (1994) | Furlani (1995) | Bernardes (1997) |
|                 | -----mg L <sup>-1</sup> ----- |                              |                |                  |
| NO <sub>3</sub> | 42.35                         | 216.00                       | 200.00         | 178.00           |
| NH <sub>4</sub> | 5.80                          | 20.09                        | 15.56          | 18.00            |
| P               | 8.08                          | 61.28                        | 32.70          | 71.37            |
| K               | 77.34                         | 425.39                       | 310.28         | 269.67           |
| Ca              | 21.00                         | 159.60                       | 168.00         | 201.60           |
| Mg              | 5.92                          | 24.26                        | 24.65          | 49.30            |
| S               | 7.80                          | 31.98                        | 32.50          | 65.00            |
| Mn              | 0.64                          | 0.54                         | 0.64           | 0.49             |
| Zn              | 0.01                          | 0.26                         | 0.20           | 0.05             |
| Cu              | 0.01                          | 0.06                         | 0.07           | 0.03             |
| Bo              | 0.52                          | 0.49                         | 0.36           | 0.50             |
| Mo              | 0.02                          | 0.05                         | 0.11           | 0.01             |
| Fe              | 2.23                          | 2.23                         | 2.23           | 2.23             |

NO<sub>3</sub>- Nitrate; NH<sub>4</sub>- Ammonium; P- Phosphorus; K- Potassium; Ca- Calcium; Mg- Magnesium; S- Sulfur; Mn- Manganese; Zn- Zinc; Cu- Copper; Bo- Boron; Mo- Molybdenum; Fe- Iron.

**Supplementary Table 2.** Chemical composition of the ingredients used to formulate the biofertilizers

| Nutrients       | Ingredients   |          |               |       |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|-------|
|                 | Bovine manure | Molasses | Poultry blood | Milk  |
|                 | -----%-----   |          |               |       |
| N               | 0.820         | 0.490    | 2.550         | 5.370 |
| NO <sub>3</sub> | 0.000         | 0.000    | 0.000         | 0.000 |
| P               | 0.270         | 0.080    | 0.047         | 0.680 |
| K               | 1.190         | 2.380    | 0.060         | 1.470 |
| Ca              | 1.050         | 0.820    | 0.047         | 1.170 |
| Mg              | 0.380         | 0.350    | 0.068         | 0.000 |
| S               | 0.045         | 0.350    | 0.000         | 0.000 |
| Zn              | 0.004         | 0.034    | 0.035         | 0.011 |
| Fe              | 0.380         | 0.000    | 0.000         | 0.001 |
| Mn              | 0.016         | 0.000    | 0.000         | 0.000 |
| Cu              | 0.001         | 0.002    | 0.000         | 0.002 |
| Bo              | 0.000         | 0.000    | 0.000         | 0.000 |

N- Nitrogênio; NO<sub>3</sub>- Nitrate; P- Phosphorus; K- Potassium; Ca- Calcium; Mg- Magnesium; S- Sulfur; Zn- Zinc; Fe- Iron; Mn- Manganese; Cu- Copper; Bo- Boron.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Quantities of the ingredients used to prepare the biofertilizers

| Organic fertilizers | Biofertilizer                         |       |       |       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     | BIO1                                  | BIO2  | BIO3  | BIO4  |
|                     | -----kg L <sup>-1</sup> of water----- |       |       |       |
| Bovine manure       | 0.120                                 | 0.120 | 0.150 | 0.100 |
| Molasses            | 0.018                                 | 0.018 | 0.020 | 0.020 |
| Poultry blood       | 0.003                                 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.003 |
| Milk                | 0.010                                 | 0.000 | 0.010 | 0.010 |

BIO1, BIO2, BIO3 and BIO4 – biofertilizers respectively used to prepare the modified nutrient solutions of Ueda (1990), Castellane and Araújo (1994), Furlani (1995), and Bernardes (1997).

**Supplementary Table 4.** Chemical composition of the biofertilizers

| Nutrients       | Biofertilizer                 |        |        |         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|                 | BIO1                          | BIO2   | BIO3   | BIO4    |
|                 | -----mg L <sup>-1</sup> ----- |        |        |         |
| N               | 7.284                         | 12.800 | 34.787 | 14.144  |
| NO <sub>3</sub> | 0.004                         | 0.004  | 0.010  | 0.004   |
| P               | 4.036                         | 14.009 | 66.855 | 56.350  |
| K               | 35.716                        | 79.124 | 23.050 | 14.807  |
| Ca              | 7.748                         | 24.708 | 23.083 | 14.807  |
| Mg              | 94.800                        | 33.220 | 21.059 | 181.844 |
| Zn              | 0.078                         | 0.269  | 0.259  | 0.158   |
| Fe              | 0.493                         | 1.300  | 2.328  | 0.884   |
| Mn              | 0.100                         | 0.241  | 0.044  | 0.197   |
| Cu              | 0.013                         | 0.027  | 0.038  | 0.016   |

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**Supplementary Table 5.** Quantities of the biofertilizers used to prepare 360 L of stock nutrient solutions

| Fertilizers  | Unit | Nutrient Solutions |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  |      | FM                 | BM     | UM     | CM     | FO     | BO     | UO     | CO     |
| Biofertilizer  | L    | 0.0                | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 179.5  | 359.30 | 229.22 | 331.46 |
| (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>                                    | g    | 18.01              | 27.39  | 7.93   | 16.26  | 0.00   | 3.83   | 0.28   | 0.00   |
| Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O                               | g    | 432.00             | 426.91 | 44.47  | 337.97 | 407.62 | 395.62 | 34.02  | 318.41 |
| KNO <sub>3</sub>   | g    | 151.30             | 25.8   | 71.41  | 270.56 | 156.19 | 52.25  | 80.21  | 282.03 |
| KCl  | g    | 84.85              | 173.29 | 0.00   | 53.00  | 55.67  | 106.68 | 0.00   | 19.05  |
| CuSO <sub>4</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O   | g    | 0.07               | 0.028  | 0.01   | 0.09   | 0.04   | 0.01   | 0.002  | 0.07   |
| ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O   | g    | 0.20               | 0.050  | 0.01   | 0.26   | 0.06   | 0.03   | 0.00   | 0.16   |
| MnSO <sub>4</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O  | g    | 0.88               | 0.48   | 0.63   | 0.53   | 0.85   | 0.29   | 0.56   | 0.44   |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O   | g    | 41.75              | 133.26 | 15.93  | 58.79  | 10.12  | 64.67  | 0.00   | 15.96  |
| Tank water   | L    | 359.22             | 359.16 | 359.84 | 359.22 | 179.77 | 0.00   | 130.60 | 27.79  |
| (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O | g    | 0.10               | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.048  | 0.105  | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.04   |
| H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>   | g    | 0.75               | 1.05   | 1.10   | 1.04   | 0.709  | 1.01   | 1.07   | 1.00   |
| MAP  | g    | 18.82              | 42.82  | 4.84   | 36.76  | 14.07  | 38.61  | 3.30   | 33.62  |

(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>- ammonium sulfate; Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O- calcium nitrate; KNO<sub>3</sub>- potassium nitrate; KCl- potassium chloride; CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O- copper sulfate; ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O- zinc sulfate; MnSO<sub>4</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O- manganese sulfate; MgSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O- magnesium sulfate; (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O- ammonium molybdate; H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>- boric acid; MAP- monoammonium phosphate; FM, BM, UM and CM are the mineral solutions of Furlani (1995), Bernardes (1997), Ueda (1990) and Castellane and Araújo (1994), respectively; FO, BO, UO and CO are the modified solutions of Furlani, Bernardes, Ueda, and Castellane and Araújo, respectively.

**Supplementary Table 6.** Volumes of water (VW) and stock solution (VSS) added in the tanks to obtain 17 L of nutrient solution and EC of 1.5 dS m<sup>-1</sup> as a function of the mineral nutrient solutions of Furlani (1995) (FM), Bernardes (1997) (BM), Ueda (1990) (UM) and Castellane and Araújo (1994) (CM) and the modified nutrient solutions of Furlani (FO), Bernardes (BO), Ueda (UO) and Castellane and Araújo (CO) along the experiment

| Avaliação,<br>dias | FM   |      | FO   |      | BM   |      | BO   |      | UM   |      | UO   |       | CM   |      | CO   |      |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
|                    | VW   | VSS   | VW   | VSS  | VW   | VSS  |
| 1                  | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00  | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 2                  | 0,73 | 0,18 | 0,70 | 0,21 | 0,75 | 0,26 | 0,69 | 0,22 | 0,58 | 0,43 | 0,55 | 0,46  | 0,61 | 0,20 | 0,78 | 0,23 |
| 3                  | 0,69 | 0,22 | 0,89 | 0,32 | 0,72 | 0,20 | 0,71 | 0,20 | 0,59 | 0,32 | 0,50 | 0,31  | 0,59 | 0,22 | 0,60 | 0,31 |
| 4                  | 0,85 | 0,19 | 0,81 | 0,40 | 0,61 | 0,30 | 0,74 | 0,17 | 0,74 | 0,29 | 0,39 | 0,50  | 0,73 | 0,13 | 0,74 | 0,18 |
| 5                  | 0,75 | 0,34 | 1,28 | 0,63 | 0,13 | 0,29 | 1,15 | 0,44 | 2,30 | 0,44 | 0,90 | 0,57  | 1,14 | 0,57 | 1,18 | 0,42 |
| 6                  | 0,22 | 0,42 | 0,18 | 0,41 | 0,69 | 0,63 | 0,69 | 0,37 | 1,03 | 0,22 | 0,32 | 0,87  | 0,92 | 0,38 | 0,97 | 0,36 |
| 7                  | 0,78 | 0,14 | 0,14 | 0,18 | 0,80 | 0,40 | 1,16 | 0,26 | 0,40 | 0,68 | 0,07 | 1,00  | 0,88 | 0,22 | 0,59 | 0,13 |
| 8                  | 0,87 | 0,44 | 0,81 | 0,40 | 0,90 | 0,51 | 1,00 | 0,10 | 0,54 | 0,27 | 0,11 | 1,00  | 0,77 | 0,34 | 0,97 | 0,22 |
| 9                  | 1,89 | 0,63 | 0,89 | 0,72 | 0,91 | 1,62 | 1,58 | 0,63 | 1,46 | 0,48 | 1,37 | 0,45  | 1,60 | 0,61 | 1,28 | 0,24 |
| 10                 | 1,82 | 0,51 | 1,00 | 0,98 | 1,30 | 0,72 | 0,93 | 0,44 | 1,58 | 0,11 | 0,33 | 2,09  | 1,55 | 0,35 | 0,92 | 0,81 |
| 11                 | 0,68 | 0,89 | 1,96 | 0,07 | 0,25 | 2,02 | 0,80 | 0,09 | 0,60 | 0,91 | 0,31 | 2,19  | 0,21 | 1,02 | 1,06 | 0,24 |
| 12                 | 0,33 | 0,84 | 0,26 | 0,63 | 1,50 | 0,26 | 0,42 | 0,45 | 0,75 | 0,12 | 0,43 | 10,62 | 0,21 | 0,89 | 0,33 | 0,76 |
| 13                 | 1,95 | 0,62 | 1,63 | 0,75 | 2,40 | 0,63 | 0,96 | 0,25 | 1,80 | 0,28 | 0,81 | 2,18  | 2,45 | 0,21 | 0,97 | 0,54 |
| 14                 | 1,66 | 1,38 | 1,51 | 1,12 | 1,70 | 1,84 | 1,96 | 0,57 | 1,54 | 0,69 | 0,92 | 2,68  | 1,60 | 0,93 | 1,49 | 0,93 |
| 15                 | 1,11 | 1,25 | 1,05 | 0,79 | 1,33 | 1,40 | 0,64 | 0,32 | 1,14 | 0,62 | 0,00 | 2,79  | 1,23 | 0,61 | 1,10 | 0,67 |
| 16                 | 1,98 | 0,61 | 1,23 | 0,25 | 1,41 | 1,21 | 1,14 | 0,38 | 1,43 | 0,23 | 0,92 | 0,74  | 1,37 | 0,65 | 1,22 | 0,48 |
| 17                 | 2,86 | 0,54 | 2,25 | 1,11 | 2,96 | 0,79 | 1,61 | 0,49 | 2,58 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 6,23  | 3,15 | 0,00 | 2,34 | 1,01 |
| 18                 | 0,59 | 1,69 | 0,28 | 1,14 | 0,58 | 2,65 | 0,86 | 0,64 | 0,64 | 0,78 | 0,70 | 1,16  | 0,47 | 1,01 | 0,53 | 1,19 |
| 19                 | 2,16 | 2,83 | 2,72 | 1,63 | 2,32 | 2,33 | 1,97 | 0,09 | 2,24 | 1,20 | 0,84 | 3,53  | 2,44 | 1,20 | 2,68 | 1,29 |
| 20                 | 2,13 | 2,72 | 2,27 | 1,67 | 2,82 | 3,14 | 1,52 | 0,69 | 1,83 | 1,71 | 3,27 | 1,42  | 1,53 | 1,90 | 1,92 | 0,86 |
| 21                 | 1,85 | 2,23 | 1,80 | 1,30 | 1,89 | 2,90 | 1,28 | 0,37 | 2,14 | 1,64 | 0,12 | 16,88 | 2,39 | 2,36 | 2,12 | 1,01 |
| 22                 | 3,82 | 2,61 | 1,62 | 2,87 | 2,17 | 5,89 | 0,77 | 1,25 | 2,83 | 1,02 | 0,00 | 14,04 | 2,85 | 1,40 | 1,64 | 2,28 |
| 23                 | 0,00 | 6,36 | 1,88 | 3,06 | 1,23 | 4,02 | 0,91 | 1,41 | 3,56 | 1,70 | 3,30 | 6,23  | 0,12 | 5,85 | 1,70 | 2,54 |
| 24                 | 3,51 | 2,28 | 3,03 | 1,22 | 4,31 | 2,56 | 1,37 | 0,55 | 2,83 | 1,33 | 3,16 | 0,98  | 2,99 | 1,46 | 2,67 | 0,67 |

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