

Influence of Molecular Oxygen on the Chlorophyll Fluorescence Decay of Green Algae

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Molecular oxygen can act as a collisional quencher of the singlet excited state of chlorophyll *a*. This effect is well described for chlorophyll *a* in various solvents but not for chlorophyll *a* in the antenna complexes of photosynthetic organisms. We studied the chlorophyll fluorescence decay of *Chlorella vulgaris* cells under different oxygen concentrations but did not find any evidence for quenching by oxygen.

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