

PROTEOME ANALYSIS OF THE CYANOBACTERIUM SYNECHOCYSTIS SP. PCC 6803: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN HIGH LIGHT CONDITION

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Light is an important role in cyanobacterial growth not only as a energy source but also a stimulus. Studies on gene expression profile during acclimation from low to high light intensity was done using DNA microarrays by Hihara et al. Two dimensional gel electrophoresis (2–DE) was performed to investigate proteins related with acclimation against high light in *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803. Wild-type cells were exposed to high light (350 umol/m2/s) condition for 24 hrs. For 2–DE, samples were prepared in various time intervals 15 min, 1 hr, 6 hrs, 12 hrs, and 24 hrs. More than 1,000 proteins were displayed on the SDS-gels stained with silver nitrate. For quantitative analysis, Progenesis software was used. Several proteins showing different expression levels under high light conditions were identified with MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer. In this study more than 110 proteins were identified and classified into distinct groups. Our results may help to elucidate the photo-acclimation mechanism of Syn6803.