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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study aims to study the effect of light spectrum and intensity on *Galaxea fascicularis*. Photosynthetic rates of *Galaxea fascicularis* were determined under different light spectrum and intensities. The specimens were exposed to white, yellow, primary green, deep blue, medium amber and plasa red light treatment for three hours. Control was conducted by treating the corals under dark condition. Each light treatment was supplied with a constant intensity of 11.25 μmolm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Results revealed that plasa red light (622-780nm) showed the highest photosynthetic rates of 0.04 mgO<sub>2</sub>cm<sup>-2</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>. After the optimal wavelength was known, the effect of light intensity to photosynthetic rate was conducted. *Galaxea fascicularis* was exposed to different light intensity, 0, 2.25, 5.62 and 11.25 μmolm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> of white, medium amber and plasa red spectrum. Again, plasa red light at 11.25 μmolm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> showed the highest photosynthetic rates at 0.04 mgO<sub>2</sub>cm<sup>-2</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>. Results revealed significant influences of light spectrums and intensities on photosynthetic rates of *Galaxea fascicularis*. Maximum photosynthetic rates was measured at plasa red with light intensity of 11.25 μmolm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>.