

The aim of the present study is to investigate the potential of flue gases to be efficiently and economically applied in production of algal biomass in a photobioreactor (PBR). Various microalgae strains (*Chlorella sorokiniana* 211-234, *Bracteacoccus minor* 61.80, *Radiosphaera negevensis* 87.80, *Chlorosarcinopsis negevensis* 67.80 and *Chlorococcum novae-angliae* 5.85) had been tested for CO₂ mitigation, growth and tolerance to high CO₂ levels. The flue gas and CO₂ bubbling induced a significant algal mass growth compared to control (ambient air). Removal of CO₂ and NO by the studied microalgae strains was found to be 44% and 33% along daily intervals, respectively. A growth rate of $\sim 0.4 \text{ g L}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$ was obtained for all algal species tested. Growth conditions for tested algae can be optimised through PBR technology in order to obtain highest biomass yield for production of valuable biochemicals (i.e., low-cost biofuel).

