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EFFECT OF INDIGENOUS *Pseudomonas* sp. AND *Bacillus* sp. STRAINS ON YIELD AND MAIN CHEMICAL GROWTH PARAMETERS OF RADICCHIO

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Fluorescent Pseudomonas sp. and Bacillus sp. belong to plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR) which are able to colonize the plants roots and stimulate growth. These bacteria use various mechanisms for their action: production of antibiotics, HCN, plant hormones, the ability to solubilize mineral phosphates and other nutrients and antagonism towards phytopathogenic microorganisms. In this study, the effect of two indigenous plant growth promoting rhizobacterial strains Pseudomonas sp. Q4 and Bacillus sp. Q10 and their mixture (mix Q4+Q10) on the main chemical growth parameters and the yield of dry biomass of radicchio (Chicorium spp. var. rossa di treviso) aerial parts and root, was investigated. The study was carried out with stagnosol type of soil in pot experiments under controlled conditions in the Institute of Soil Science (Belgrade), in the period from June to October in 2013. Phosphorus was determined by spectrophotometer, potassium - by flame emission photometry and total nitrogen and carbon - using elemental CNS analyzer Vario EL III, while calcium and magnesium were determined by AAS. The data on yield of both aerial parts and root dry biomass of radicchio showed that its treatment with Q4 and Q10 strains, as well as with their mixture, had statistically significant effect at P<0.05 on this parameter in relation to the control, whereby the strain Q4 was slightly more effective than Q10 and mix Q4+Q10. The obtained data on the studied chemical parameters of radicchio were in accordance with the yield of radicchio root and aerial parts, meaning that their content was the highest in treatment with Q4 strain. It can be concluded that studied Pseudomonas sp. Q4 and Bacillus sp. Q10 strains have high potential in promoting the biomass yield and main chemical growth parameters of both aerial parts and root of radicchio.

Key words: Pseudomonas sp., Bacillus sp., Chicorium spp. var. rossa di treviso, dry biomass yield, chemical growth parameters

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