

Enhancing nutritional and functional properties of broccoli leaves through selenium biofortification: potential for sustainable agriculture and bioactive compound valorization

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Table S1. Effects of foliar application of selenium on leaf chlorophyll index (SPAD) of broccoli.

Treatment	Chlorophyll index (SPAD)		
	Days after transplanting (DAT)		
	78	85	90
Control	54.43 ± 4.77 abc	63.13 ± 2.4 ab	63.80 ± 2.05 ab
Selenate 1 mM	54.07 ± 1.27 abc	59.90 ± 1.99 a	65.27 ± 0.32 ab
Selenate 2 mM	60.07 ± 1.23 abc	60.9 ± 3.17 a	59.53 ± 2.94 a
Selenite 1 mM	49.00 ± 0.5 a	60.63 ± 2.19 a	63.97 ± 1.29 ab
Selenite 2 mM	56.60 ± 2.65 abc	59.47 ± 3.49 a	65.77 ± 1.55 ab
Treatment x DAT (<i>P-value</i>)	0.9312		

Note. The results are expressed as the means ($n = 3$) ± standard errors. The means not sharing any letter are significantly different according to the LSD test at the $P < 0.05$ level of significance.