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Organic *Chlorella vulgaris* PT BIO 03 – Allmicroalgae case study

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## **IMPORTANT FACTS –** *Chlorella vulgaris*

- ✓ Classified as Food by EFSA and as GRAS by FDA
- ✓ Included as Medicinal Ingredient by NHPID and as Active Ingredient by TGA
- ✓ Recognized worlwide as a **SUPER**, Trendy, Nutra/Supplemented **FOOD**.

### ✓ Chlorella vulgaris by Allma

- $\circ$  100% natural
- PT-BIO-03 (EU Legislation)<sup>Novel</sup> (2 years R&D development, **MILESTONE 1**)
- Produced in Byphasic Mode<sup>Novel</sup> MILESTONE 2 2020
- 2013 to 2021 (8 years)
- Powder/ Paste<sup>Novel</sup>/ Tabs and Caps

At least 1 new product/year

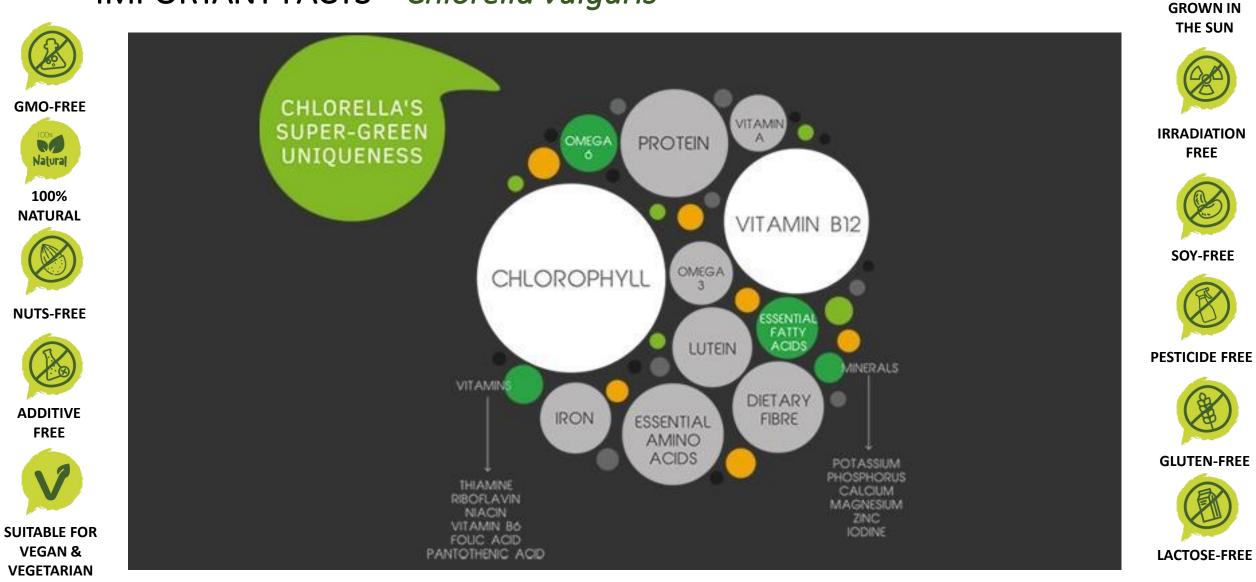
National and International Collaborations, R&D unit totally allocated to R&D tasks, high qualified staff, ...







## **IMPORTANT FACTS – Chlorella vulgaris**



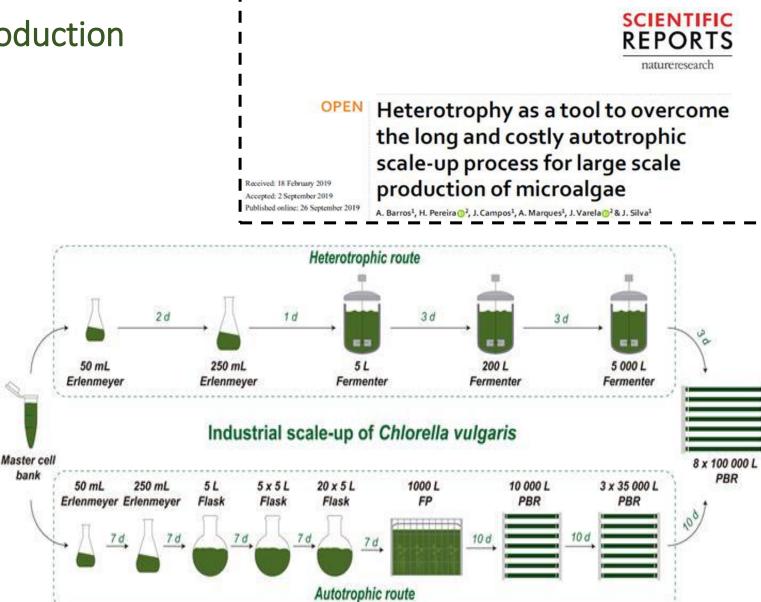
# ALLMICROALGAE CASE – Production of Chlorella vulgaris

Master and Working cell bank (-196°C)



bank

- Consistency
- Homogeneity
- Quality
- Capacity



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Batch and Fed batch conditions

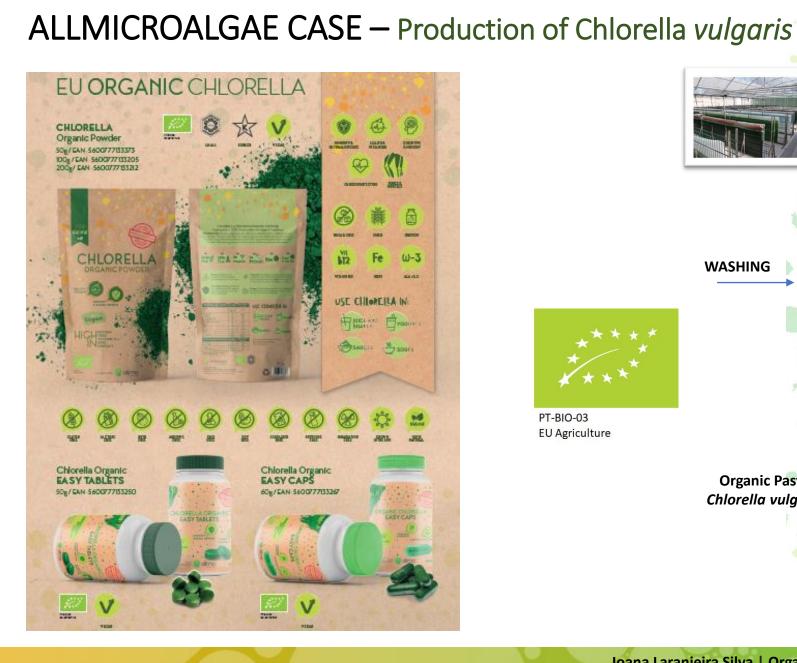
Nominal capacity = 77t (2021)



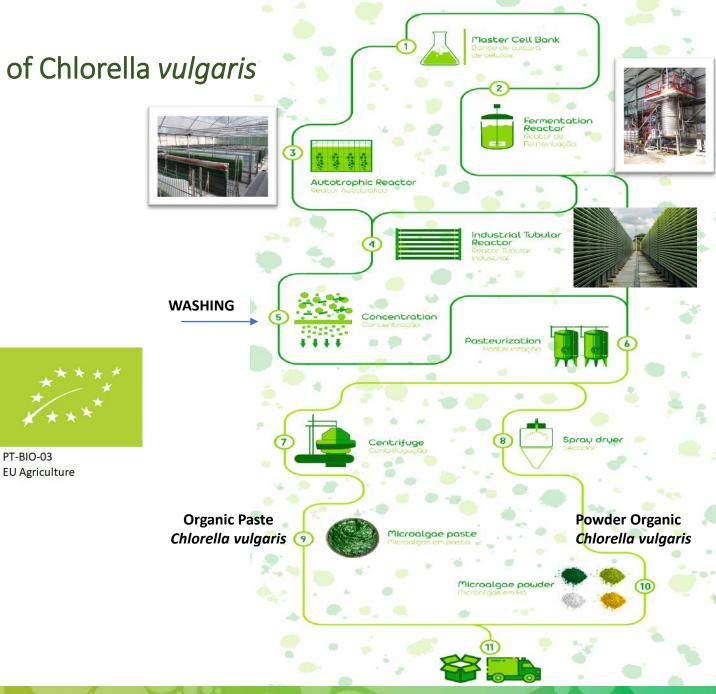








PT-BIO-03



# Organic Chlorella vulgaris – Nutritional Facts





#### NUTRITIONNAL **ADVANTAGES**

-High protein content (≥55%)

-Omega 3 (>30% of total lipids)

 High vitamin and mineral content; > 3g Chlorella = 3000% of Vit B12 RI > 3g Chlorella = 32% of Iron RI

-Protein:

- > All essential amino acids
- > Protein Digestibility : 76%
- > Limiting amino acid : Met
- > PDCAAS: 44%

#### HEALTH BENEFITS

- CARDIOVASCULAR PROTECTION

- IMMUNOMODULATION
- ANTIOXIDANT
- ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
- DETOX

### APPLICATIONS

Functional/Nutritional ingredient, ideal for vegetarian/vegan

# FOOD INGREDIENT

FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENT NUTRITIONAL ENHANCER COLORANT TEXTURIZING EMULSIFIER

#### AVAILABLE FORMATS

POWDER FROZEN PASTE FRESH PASTE

### POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- Bakery/pasty preparations
- Pasta
- Specialized nutrition
- Vegetal milk

- Sauces
- Soups
- Confectionary
- Vegan food & beverage





# Organic Chlorella vulgaris – State of the art

Chlorella vulgaris, a microalga with multiple health benefits > Omega-3 fatty acids and carotenoids for their roles in preventing of chronic diseases and maintaining good health (Panahi et al., 2016). > C.vulgaris is an essential source of vitamin B12 which gives it many beneficial health effects (Koyande et al., 2019; Ryan-Harshman & Aldoori, 2008). Vitamin B12 is much more available in C.vulgaris than in other species (Watanabe et al., 2002). > C.vulgaris produces lutein which has been proved to prevent and treat macular degeneration and has anti-cataract HEALTH properties (Rani et al., 2018) > C.vulgaris possess antibacterial and antitumor activities and specifically its polysaccharides demonstrate antiinflammatory response in edema test (Barkia et al. 2019) > C.vulgaris is used to prevent cancer and can reduce side effects of conventional anticancer agents (Raus et al., 2021) > CC.vulgaris could improve blood sugar levels, blood sugar control and glycemic status for example by increasing insulin sensitivity (Jeong et al., 2009; Ebrahimi-Mameghani et al., 2017) > C.vulgaris supplementation reduces cardiovascular risk factors by improving total cholesterol levels, LDLC levels, systolic and diastolic blood pressure (Fallah et al., 2018) Vitamir Lutein olysaccharide Allmicroalgae **B12** GREENTECH

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#### Chlorella vulgaris to eliminate unwanted compounds



C.vulgaris has a powerful capacity to detoxify the body of heavy metals such as mercury, ash and heterocyclic amines via induction of antioxidant enzymes and acts as an ion exchange resin (Gian et al., 2016; Lee et al., 2015, Rani et al., 2018)
C.vulgaris can also assist with the elimination of persistent organic pollutants (Klein & Kiat, 2015)
C.vulgaris is an excellent antioxidant that can be useful in managing respiratory diseases, thanks to its bioactive compounds including carotenoids, astaxanthin, lutein and fucoxanthin (Panahi et al., 2012; Sikiru et al., 2019).
C.vulgaris polysaccharides are a key factor influencing antioxidant activity (Yu et al., 2019)

#### Chlorella vulgaris, an immunity booster

> C.vulgaris ameliorates physiological health conditions by improving the immune function by increasing the production of cytokine (An et al., 2008).

> C.vulgaris may improve the immune response to flu vaccine in older patients (Halperin et al., 2003)

> Polyunsaturated fatty acids act as a booster of the immune response by regulating inflammatory processes (Calder et al., 2014; Paschoal et al., 2013).

### IMMUNITY

> Vitamin B12 plays a crucial role in the **proper functioning of immune system** promoting lymphoproliferation and maintaining the natural killer's activity. (Partearroyo *et al.*, 2013; Erkurt *et al.*, 2008; Tamura *et al.*, 1999). *C.vulgaris* improves the activation of production of molecules responsible for the **immune response** (enhancement of natural killer cell) (*Kwak et al.* 2012)

> Iron is an essential nutrient at the forefront of the battle between the human host and infectious microbes (Nasir et al., 2014; Johnson & Wessling-Resnick, 2012).

> Polysaccharides (especially béta-1,3-glucan) are immunostimulators and act effectively in reducing the blood lipid levels, and presenting inhibitory actions against pathogens (Rani et al., 2018)

> C. vulgaris could raise the viability of probiotics in fermented dairy products (Beheshtipour et al., 2013). C. vulgaris could have a strong potential for use as prebiotics on gut microbiota (Jin et al., 2020)





# IMPORTANT FACTS R&D Allmicroalgae – Chlorella vulgaris by ALLMA



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Chemoplasticity of the polar lipid profile of the microalgae *Chlorella vulgaris* grown under heterotrophic and autotrophic conditions

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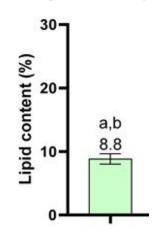
### Highlights

**PUFAs** 

- Chlorella vulgaris was grown in autotrophic (C-Auto) and heterotrophic (C-Hetero) conditions.
- We detected 173 lipid species in C-Auto and 167 in C-Hetero.
- C-Auto was rich in omega-3 PUFAs while C-Hetero was rich in omega-6 PUFAs
- C-Hetero had a high content of phospholipids while C-Auto had a high content of glycolipids.
- The two lipid extracts had a high antioxidant activity and COX-2 inhibitory capacity.



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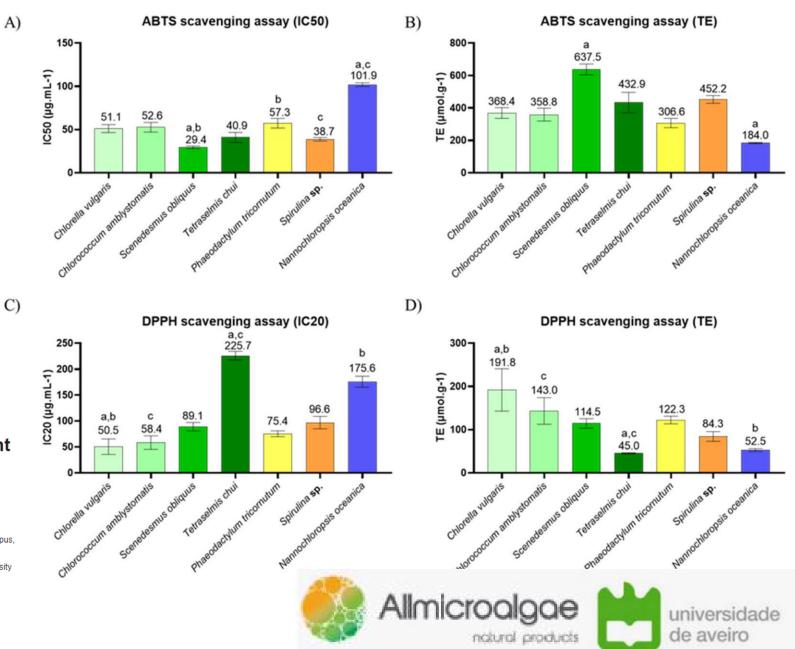


#### Chlorella Vulgaris

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## Chlorella vulgaris by ALLMA - R&D projects



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Incorporation of defatted microalgal biomass (*Tetraselmis* sp. CTP4) at the expense of soybean meal as a feed ingredient for juvenile gilthead seabream (Sparus aurata)

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## Chlorella vulgaris by ALLMA – Take Home Messages

- Our Microalgae Portfolio Is Certified:
  - ✓ Non-GMO, Soy Free, Gluten Free, Lactose Free, Sugar-Free, Nuts Free, Irradiation Free, no pesticides and no additives, perchlorates Free, no *Bacillus cereus*, among others
- **ORGANIC** Chlorella vulgaris, Produced In Portugal (EU):
  - ✓ Certified By EU (PT-BIO-03) / NOP USDA
- **Certified** Company:
  - ✓ ISO 9001; ISO 14001; HALAL; KOSHER; EUROPEAN ORGANIC PRODUCTION; GMP+; GMP;
- Highly specialized, rigorous and focused **R&D+i Team**:
  - ✓ **TAILOR-MADE Products,** where we can easily achieve customized nutritional profiles!
- **Open Facilities** (Portugal, EU):
  - ✓ Our Facility doors are **always open** to our Business Partners, all year!
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  - ✓ Flexible production volumes!

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