HUMIC SUBSTANCES AND MOISTURE CONTENT IN MEDIA ALTER BIOMASS PRODUCTION AND BIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS OF THYMUS VULGARIS L.

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Abstract: Humic substances (HS) are a natural product that increase biochemical interactions, and have beneficial effects on soil and growth plant. But it is unknown whether they can be improve the yield and composition of bioactive constituents in thyme (Thymus vulgaris L). To test the effect of these substances, thyme seedlings were obtained from seeds growing under different doses of HS from a commercial product: 10, 200, 300, 400 mg/L. Thyme plants were grown using three moisture levels 20, 40, 60% of field capacity. Changes in plant growth were determined in terms of biomass of plant, shoot and dry matter. The total phenolic content was determined in terms of