Conclusions Illumination time can promote the growth of *Chlorella ZY-1* and carbon sequestration. When illumination time is extended, *Chlorella ZY-1* intracellular malondialdehyde content, nitrate reductase activity and antioxidant enzyme activity do not appear to fluctuate, and intracellular photoinhibition does not

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occur. The best light cycle for *Chlorella* ZY-1 is 20 hours light/4 hours dark.

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