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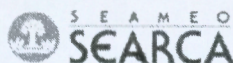


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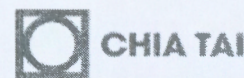
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## Evaluation on Heat Tolerant of Cultivated Strawberry Plants (*Fragaria x ananassa* Duch)

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**Abstract:** Average global temperatures are expected continually to increase every year. It is well known that temperature is one of the most important factors for the growth of economic crops as well as strawberry plants. For strawberries, the temperature above 30°C is directly affected to reduce growth and yields. In the present study, the ability of heat tolerant in cultivated strawberry plants were examined. “Prarajchatan 60”, “Prarajchatan 80”, “Sachinoka”, No.329 and Driscoll’s strawberry cultivars were grown in heat room at 35°C for 7 days. An actual Photo System II efficiency (ØPSII), maximal efficiency of PSII photochemistry (Fv/Fm), percentage of ion leakage, Stomata conductance (gs), transpiration rate (E), net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rate (A) and leaf temperature determination method (Tl) were measured. Strawberry cultivar “Prarajchatan 60” had the markedly lower of Tl (33.9°C), percentage of ion leakage (13.86%) than those other remain cultivars. Among five strawberry cultivars Driscoll’s maintained the highest percentage of ion leakage. The results also revealed that there is a significant relationship between Fv/Fm and gs and E. Hence, it could be possible to use the percentage of ion leakage value together with other physiological indices for evaluating the heat tolerant in strawberry plants.

**Keywords:** Ion leakage, Photochemistry, Climate change, Heat stress

### INTRODUCTION

Recently the average global temperatures are expected to increase every year. Heat stress becomes one of the major abiotics stress affecting agriculture worldwide. An effect of high temperature on crops production and physiology has been reported worldwide. High temperature reduces growth, reproductive and yield of many crops [8, 9, 12, 14]. At cellular membrane levels, heat stress results to disturb and injury some physiological activities in plants such as, denaturing of protein, metabolic imbalance and biochemical lesions.

The cultivated Strawberry (*Fragaria × ananassa* Duch) is one of the most economically small fruit crops in the world. It is widely grown in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia [6]. Strawberry plants are classified as temperate crops with an optimum growth temperature range from 10 to 26 °C. However, in tropical countries such as Thailand, the cultivated strawberry plants can also be grown commercially in the highlands where temperatures range from 10 °C to 26°C [15]. For strawberry the main factors to induce flower formation for June-bearing strawberries are low temperature and shortened photoperiod [9]. The limiting factor for growing strawberry is high temperature more than 30 °C. High temperature could be negatively affected to growth and yield of strawberry plants. The temperature rising higher than 30 °C are directly affected to reduce number of inflorescences, flowers, fruits, pollen viability, fruit size, fruit weigh and overall plant growth of cultivated strawberries [8, 11, 12, 14]. Moreover, at 30 °C the cells under suspension



cultures did not normally proliferate and grew very slow. However, information related to evaluate the heat tolerance ability of cultivated strawberry by simple and reliable method using physiological value remains obscure. Considering the implications of global climate change, it may become a serious problem in the near future for strawberry growing cultivation. Therefore, this study is aimed to evaluate the heat tolerance ability of cultivated strawberry by using electrolyte leakage value

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant Materials and Treatments

Five June-bearing cultivated strawberry cultivars were used in this study. Plug plants of "Akihime" "Parajchatan 60" "Sachinoka" "No.329" and "Discroll's" were grown plastic pots (14 cm in height and 13 cm in diameter with 17.5 cm) containing coconut coir. Plants were grown under natural condition in plastic house for 4 weeks and irrigated by Half Hoagland nutrient solution twice a day. After that, eight plants of each cultivar were randomly transferred into high temperature room treatments set at  $35 \pm 2$  °C and under control conditions at  $25 \pm 2$  °C by placing on the plastics tray, 16/8 h photoperiods (day/night) with  $100 \mu\text{moles m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  PPFD for seven days. To avoid from water stress, 1 cm height of water level in the tray were kept until the end of experiment.

### Cell Membrane

Membrane thermostability was measured by modified method according to Sullivan (1972). Eight uniform fully expanded leave per treatments of each cultivar were cut into 0.5 cm in diameter. Ten Leaf discs of each cultivar from each treatment were placed into test tube and rinsed the samples with 10 ml double deionized water for three times. Each cultivar was represented by ten test tubes. Then, 10 ml of double deionized water were added to each tube and covered the test tube by aluminum foils. The samples were incubated at room temperature for 16 h. After that, electrical conductivity of each sample solutions were measured using a conductivity meter (SUNTEX conductivity meter SC-170), assigned as (E0). Subsequently, the test tubes with same solution were autoclaved to kill the leaf discs, and cooled down at 25 °C for 1 h. Total electrical conductivity (Et) was then measured. Percentage of electrolyte leakage was calculated as  $(E0/Et) \times 100$ .

Leaf chlorophyll fluorescence of young fully expanded leaflet at seven day of heat treatment were measured under  $25 \pm 2$  °C and  $35 \pm 2$  °C with  $100 \mu\text{moles m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  PPFD. Leaf Chlorophyll fluorescence was measured with pulse-modulated fluorometer (Fluorescence Monitoring System [FMS-1] Hansatech Instruments Ltd., Norfolk, U.K.). Parameter for Initial chlorophyll fluorescence yield (F0), variable chlorophyll fluorescence yield, (Fv) and maximum chlorophyll fluorescence yield (Fm) were recorded from pulse-modulated fluorometer LCD display. These fluorescence parameters were used for determine maximum photochemical efficiency of the photosystem II in dark adapted leaves (Fv/Fm) using following equations:

$$\text{Photosystem II (Fv/Fm)} = (Fm - F0) / Fm$$

Data in this study were used to analyze the analysis for of variance, and means were compared by least significant difference (LSD). To examine Relationships between

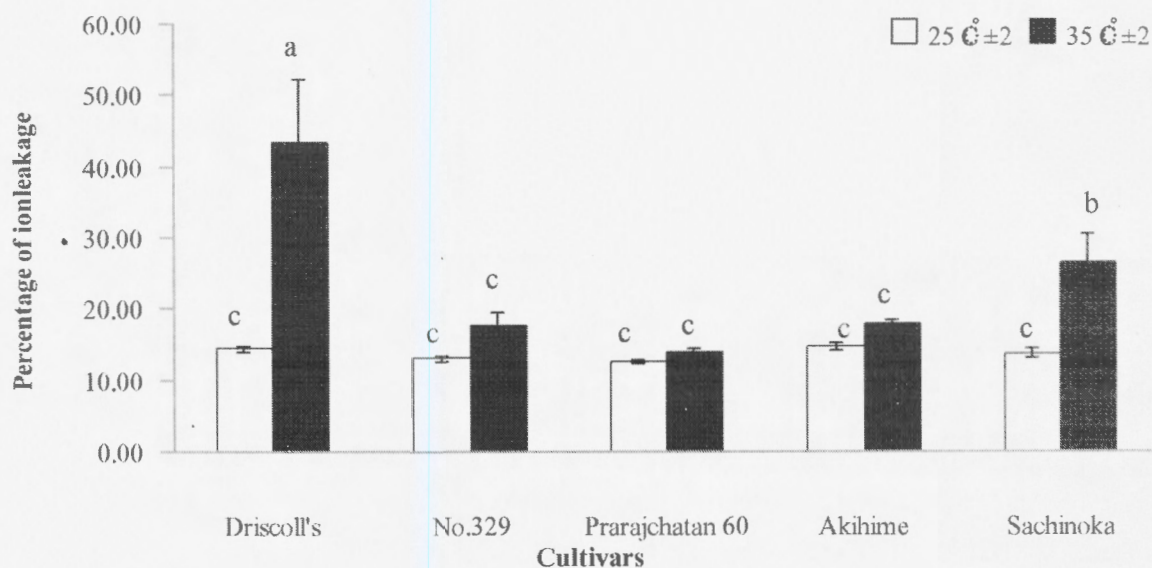


percentage of ion leakage and photosystem II in dark adapted leaves (Fv/Fm), regression was analyzed.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

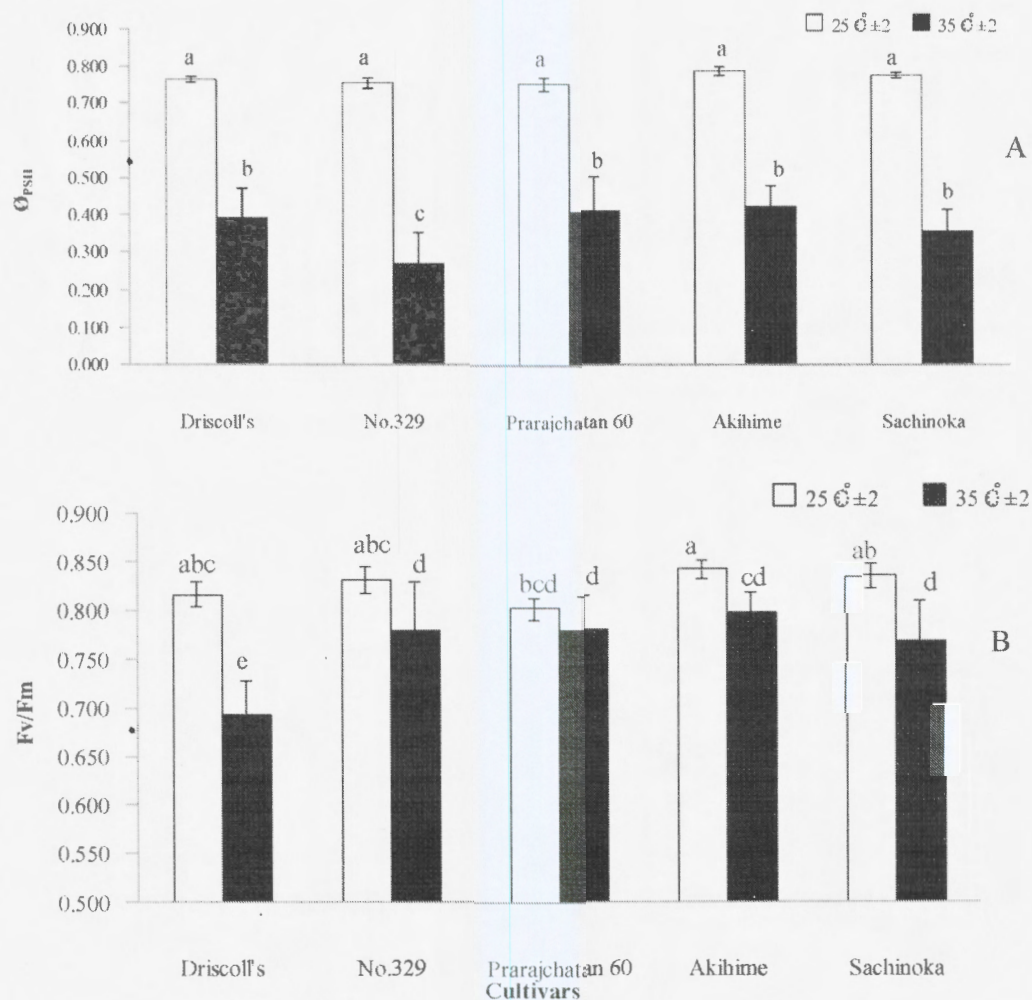
### Membrane Injury

Membrane injury of cultivated strawberry plants were evaluated through out electrolyte leakage from the leave cell. There were significant differences in percentage of ion leakage among the cultivars. Under high temperature stress at 35 °C, strawberry plants cultivar “Driscoll’s” had a significantly higher in the percentage of ion leakage than other cultivars. The significant lowest mean value for percentage of ion leakage was found in No.60, No.329 and Akihime, respectively. This result indicated that the strawberry cultivars of Prarajchatan 60 No.329 and “Akihime” have the best performance and were tolerant to heat stress better than those “Driscoll’s” and “Sachinoka”. Significant differences in percentage of ion leakage among strawberry genotypes reported here may offer partial explanations for the degree of difference tolerance to heat stress observed in these cultivars. Although it can not be accurately indicated how much membrane capability may contribute to heat tolerance in strawberry plants, this result suggests that it may be an important component. The ion leakage have been used as index for evaluating abiotic stress to qualify cell thermostability in many plants species [9, 10].



**Figure 1 A** Effects of heat stress on percentage of ion leakage in cultivated strawberry plants.

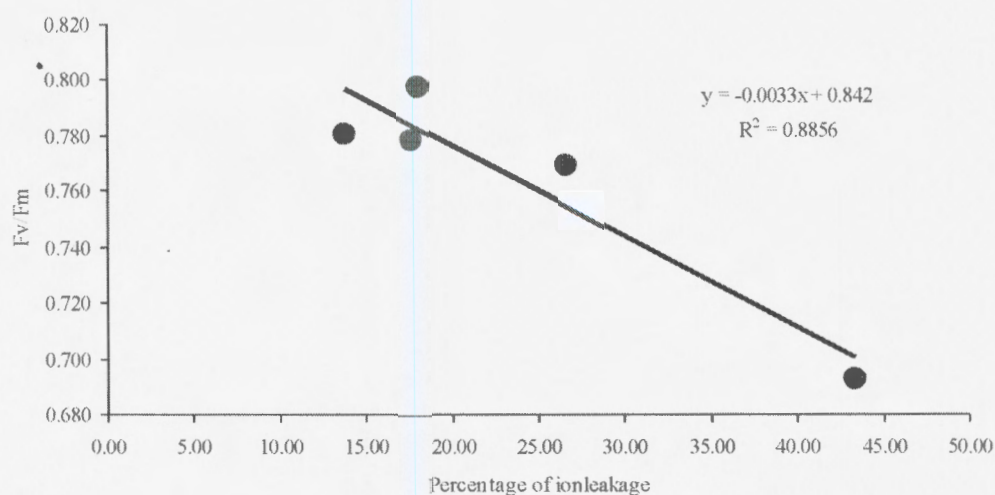




**Figure 1 B** Effects of heat stress treatment on photosystem II (PSII) and maximum fluorescence (Fv/Fm) in cultivated strawberry plants.

Effects of heat stress treatment on photosystem II (PSII) and maximum fluorescence (Fv/Fm) of five strawberry cultivars after explored to high temperature at  $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  for seven days were shown in Figure 1 A. Both PSII and Fv/Fm explored to high temperature at  $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  were significantly different among the cultivars. PSII under high temperature at  $35 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  for all cultivars was significantly declined compared with plants under control ( $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ). The lowest PSII was observed in strawberry cultivar No.329. Decline in PSII efficiency for these five strawberry cultivars under heat stress condition might be attributed to the damage to oxygen-evolving apparatus [5] and impairment of electron transfer within PSII reaction centers [3, 4, 10]. There was significant change in Fv/Fm of five strawberry cultivars explored to high temperature. "Driscoll's" had lowest of Fv/Fm among five strawberry cultivars (Figure 1 B). Our results showed that heat stress had effect to decrease in PSII and Fv/Fm. Decreasing of Fv/Fm during the heat stress suggested a reduction of the rate of energy-trapping by PSII centers, which might be the result of a damaging in PSII reaction center [7]. Significantly negative relationships between Fv/Fm and percentage of ion leakage was observed (Figure 2) for all cultivars. This result was consistent with Xu et al. (2008) found that percentage ion leakage from maize's leaf under drought stress was significantly negative correlated with Fv/Fm.





**Figure 2** The relationships between fluorescence parameters and percentage of ion leakage in leaves of five cultivated strawberry.

## CONCLUSION

The electrolyte leakage in leave of five strawberry cultivars in this study can be used as one of parameter by combing with other physiological value such as Fv/Fm ratio and PS II values to evaluate the heat tolerance. Considering to parameter investigated, Driscoll's would be the most susceptible strawberry cultivar to heat stress (highest value for percentage and lowest decline in Fv/Fm ratio), whereas the highest tolerance to heat stress would be No.329 and 'Prarajchatan 60' (highest value in Fv/Fm and lowest value for percentage).

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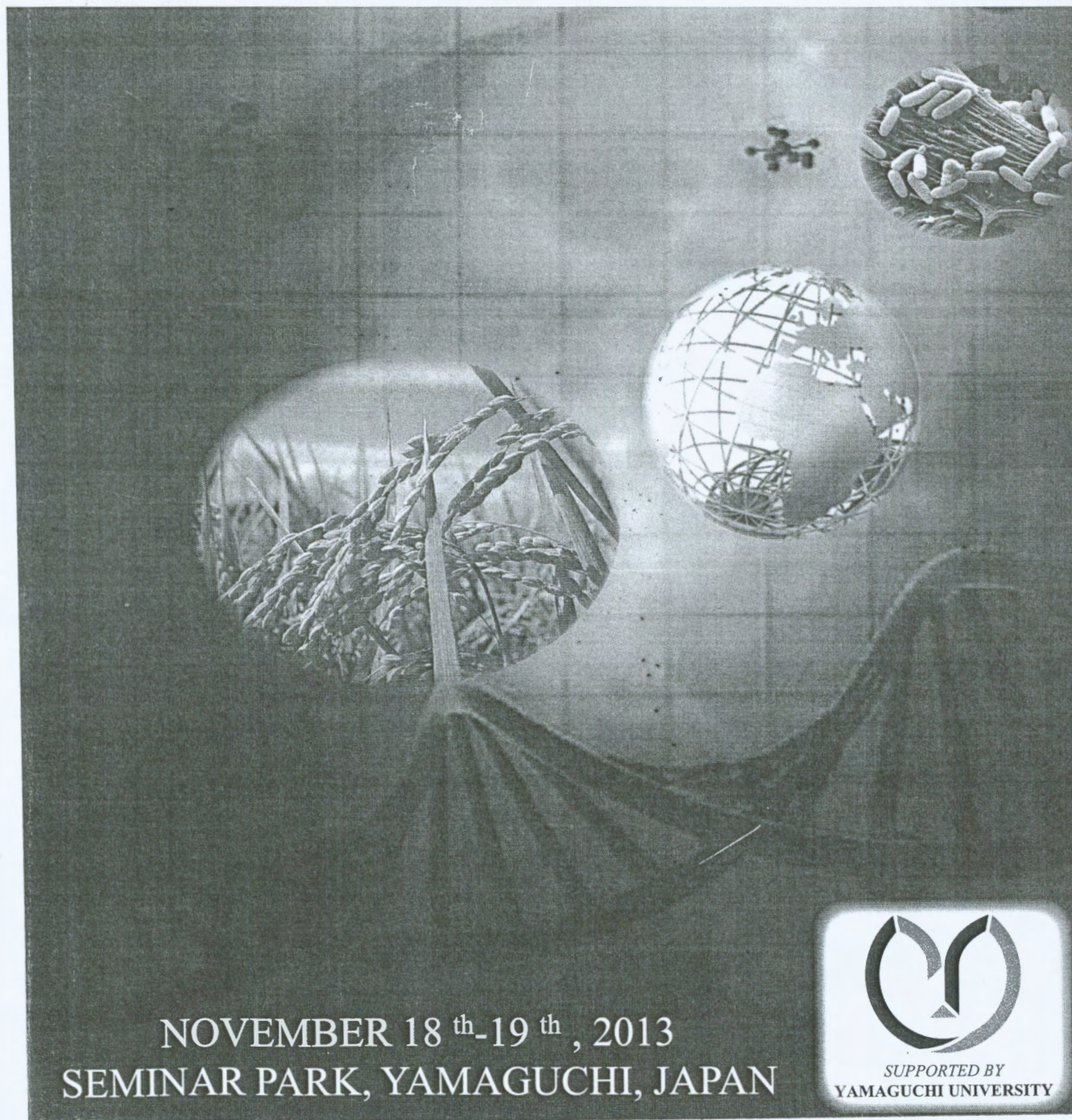


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## Evaluation on Heat Tolerant of Cultivated Strawberry Plants (*Fragaria* × *ananassa* Duch)

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Average global temperatures are expected continually to increase every year. It is well known that temperature is one of the most important factors for the growth of economic crops as well as strawberry plants. For strawberries, the temperature above 30 °C is directly affected to reduce growth and yields. In the present study, the ability of heat tolerant in cultivated strawberry plants was examined. "Akihime", Driscoll's, "Prarajchatan 60", "Sachinoka" and No.329 strawberry cultivars were grown in control and heat room at 25±2 °C and 35±2 °C, respectively for 7 days. An actual Photo System II efficiency (ØPSII), maximal efficiency of PSII photochemistry (Fv/Fm), percentage of ion leakages was measured. Strawberry cultivar "Prarajchatan 60" had the markedly lower of percentage of ion leakage (13.86%) than those other remain cultivars. Among five strawberry cultivars Driscoll's maintained the highest percentage of ion leakage. The results also revealed that there is a significant relationship between Fv/Fm and percentage of ion leakage. Hence, it could be possible to use the percentage of ion leakage value together with other physiological indices for evaluating the heat tolerant in strawberry plants.

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