Mechanistic Approach on Melatonin Induced Hormesis of Photosystem II Function in the Medicinal Plant *Mentha spicata*

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Table S1. Definitions of the chlorophyll fluorescence parameters used in the experiments

Parameter	Definition	Calculation
F*v*/F*m*	Maximum efficiency of PSII photochemistry	(F*m* − F*o*)/F*m*
Φ_{PSII}	Effective quantum yield of PSII photochemistry	(F*m′* − F*s*)/F*m′*
Φ_{NPQ}	Quantum yield of regulated non-photochemical energy loss in PSII	F*s*/F*m′* − F*s*/F*m*
Φ_{NO}	Quantum yield of nonregulated energy loss in PSII	F*s*/F*m*
F*v′*/F*m′*	Efficiency of open PSII reaction centers	(F*m′* – F*o′*)/F*m′*
F*v*/F*o*	Efficiency of the oxygen evolving complex (OEC) on the donor side of PSII	(F*m* − F*o*)/F*o*
ETR	Electron transport rate	Φ_{PSII} × PAR × c × abs, where PAR is the photosynthetically active radiation, c is 0.5, and abs is the total light absorption of the leaf taken as 0.84
q*p*	Photochemical quenching, representing the redox state of quinone A (Q_A), or in other words the fraction of PSII reaction centers in open state based on the "puddle" model for the photosynthetic unit	(F*m′* − F*s*)/(F*m′* – F*o′*)
NPQ	Non-photochemical quenching reflecting the dissipation of excitation energy as heat	(F*m* – F*m′*)/F*m′*
EXC	Excess excitation energy	(F*v*/F*m* − Φ_{PSII})/F*v*/F*m*
1-qL	The fraction of closed PSII reaction centres based on a lake model for the photosynthetic unit	1- (q_p × F_o'/F_s)