

Supplementary Table

Table S1. Plant width

	Initial plant width (cm)			Plant width at 30 days (cm)			Plant width at 60 days (cm)			Plant width at 90 days (cm)		
	E₁	E₂	Mean	E₁	E₂	Mean	E₁	E₂	Mean	E₁	E₂	Mean
M₁	12.27	10.03	11.15	13.47	11.13	12.30	16.03	13.53	14.78	17.70	14.83	16.27
M₂	11.13	9.83	10.48	13.57	11.47	12.52	16.57	14.07	15.32	19.37	16.30	17.83
M₃	11.90	10.80	11.35	13.43	11.23	12.33	18.00	13.80	15.90	21.03	18.27	19.65
M₄	12.47	10.93	11.70	12.8	13.17	12.98	15.60	15.90	15.75	19.17	18.63	18.90
M₅	10.17	12.40	11.28	11.57	15.10	13.33	15.70	17.83	16.77	18.67	22.57	20.62
Mean	11.59	10.80		12.97	12.42		16.38	15.03		19.19	18.12	
Factors	E	M	E × M	E	M	E × M	E	M	E × M	E	M	E × M
SE(d)	0.3084	0.4876	0.6896	0.3063	0.4843	0.6849	0.3314	0.524	0.741	0.2407	0.3806	0.5383
CD	0.6433	1.0172	1.4385	0.6389	1.0103	1.4287	0.6913	1.093	1.5457	0.5022	0.794	1.1229

E₁: Open conditions; **E₂**: Shade-net; **M₁**: FYM mix; **M₂**: Leaf mould mix; **M₃**: Vermicompost mix; **M₄**: Rice husk mix; **M₅**: Coir pith compost mix.

Table S2. Chlorophyll a and Chlorophyll b

	Chlorophyll a ($\mu\text{g/g}$)			Chlorophyll b ($\mu\text{g/g}$)		
	E₁	E₂	Mean	E₁	E₂	Mean
M₁	132.54	152.22	142.38	76.02	80.46	78.24
M₂	161.06	196.09	178.58	81.70	90.31	86.01
M₃	179.93	212.68	196.30	83.06	90.71	86.88
M₄	145.96	173.17	159.56	79.30	85.49	82.40
M₅	199.27	229.90	214.58	87.27	94.55	90.91
Mean	163.75	192.81		81.47	88.30	
Factors	E	M	E × M	E	M	E × M
SE(d)	5.5943	8.8454	12.5093	0.931	1.472	2.0817
CD	11.6696	18.4512	26.094	1.9419	3.0705	4.3423

E₁: Open conditions; **E₂**: Shade-net; **M₁**: FYM mix; **M₂**: Leaf mould mix; **M₃**: Vermicompost mix; **M₄**: Rice husk mix; **M₅**: Coir pith compost mix.