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**MS Thesis:** Integration of Bio-Reflectance biomass sensors in seed train operations for real time TCD monitoring

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**Short summary:** BCA results showed that S-PIPL-H had the highest initial protein content and remained relatively stable over time. S-PIPL-L and S-PIPL-M showed increased protein levels at 40 °C, likely due to concentration from water loss. ELISA assays further confirmed the superior performance of S-PIPL-H, which maintained the highest levels of TGF- $\beta$  and EGF in most cases. L-PIPL also performed well in terms of protein preservation and growth factor stability. While PIPL showed improved TGF- $\beta$  levels over time, its EGF retention was lower and more variable. In summary, S-PIPL-M demonstrated the best balance of biological performance and S-PIPL-H demonstrated the best overall stability and bioactive protein retention across BCA, and ELISA assays, making these variants most promising formulations.