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## FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to announce that The Scientistt will host the 2nd Global Summit and Expo on Biotechnology and Bioscience (GSEBB2022) will be held Virtual during October 20-22, 2022.

GSEBB2022 aims to bring together the renowned researchers, scientists and scholars to exchange ideas, to present sophisticated research works and to discuss hot topics in the field and share their experiences on all aspects of Biotechnology and Bioscience.

The GSEBB2022 will be a 3 days event that means to gather the key players of the Biotechnology and Bioscience community and related sectors. This event is launched with the aims to become an established event, attracting global participants, intent on sharing, exchanging and exploring new avenues of Biotechnology and Bioscience-related scientific and commercial developments.

A wide-ranging scientific program consisting of plenary lectures, keynote lectures, Invited lectures, parallel sessions, as well as poster sessions for young scientists covering all topics in Biotechnology and Bioscience will be scheduled. This conference provides a wonderful opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge about the newest interdisciplinary approaches in Biotechnology and Bioscience.

Moreover, the conference offers a valuable platform to create new contacts in the field of Biotechnology and Bioscience, by providing valuable networking time for you to meet great personnel in the field.

We look forward to seeing you at GSEBB2022 in Virtual (Webinar).

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## Design and Synthesis of Biocompatible Polymers base on the Intermediate Water Concept

### Abstract

Water molecules play a crucial role in bio-interfacial interactions, including protein adsorption/desorption and cell adhesion behavior. To understand the role of water in the interaction of proteins and cells at biological interfaces, it is important to compare the states of hydration water with various physicochemical properties of hydrated biomaterials. Here, we present the fundamental concepts for determining the interactions of proteins and cells with hydrated materials along with selected examples corresponding to our recent studies, for example, poly(2-methoxyethyl acrylate) (PMEA), PMEA derivatives, zwitterionic polymers, poly(ethylene glycol), and poly(2-oxazoline)s, and other biomaterials including biomolecules/polymers (DNA, RNA, proteins, and polysaccharides). The states of water were analyzed by differential scanning calorimetry, in situ attenuated total reflection infrared spectroscopy, and surface force measurements. We found that intermediate water which is loosely bound to a biomaterial, is a useful indicator of the biocompatibility of material surfaces. This finding on intermediate water provides novel insights and helps develop novel experimental models for understanding protein adsorption in a wide range of materials, such as those used in biomedical applications.

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### Biography

He worked for TERUMO Co. (Leading Medical Devices and Tissue Engineering Company) and designed novel biocompatible polymers and commercialized as medical devices such as catheters, and artificial lung and heart (Global market share No.1). In 2000 he moved to Hokkaido University and in 2007 he moved to Tohoku University. Stents covered with the self-organized porous 3D films are commercially available in the world clinical market (over 250 original patents). In 2009 he was awarded a full professorship at Yamagata University. He became a leader of Funding Program for Next Generation World-Leading Researchers (NEXT Program, Japan 2011-2014). Since 2015, he has been at Kyushu University as a full Professor. Thus far, he has published over 200 papers

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## How valuable are Bioresource Information from Hydrothermal Vents (HVs)?

### Abstract

Hydrothermal vents (HVs) are unique and ancient extreme environments that provide several advantages for the advancement of life sciences as well as for pharmacology and medicine. Subsurface HVs may provide a particular advantage to better understand evolutionary conditions of planet earth and future climate predictions since HVs share several similarities with early earth scenarios as well as with projected global and climate changes. This holds for general HV characteristics such as low oxygen and pH on the one side, but otherwise high temperature and high natural toxicant exposure, such as to nitrite, (hydrogen)sulfite, carbon dioxide, trace metals, and other trace elements. Three examples from our different research approaches high light the importance of shallow HVs for marine technologies and different applied research. In particular are shallow HVs, such as those at Kueishantao (Turtle Island) at the NE coast of Taiwan are providing useful natural laboratories and genetic resources for metabolites and molecular functioning. They are easily accessible for the harvest of biological samples and for short- and long-term experiments. These HVs are, therefore, intensively studied by several national and international research teams.

### Keywords

Biomonitoring, oceanography, natural laboratory, physico-chemical factors, bioresource, evolutionary adaptation.

### Biography

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## Cavitation: A Technological Solution for the Generation of Pharmaceutical Nanoemulsions and Functionalized Carbon Nanomaterials

### Abstract

An increasing number of newly developed drugs are sparingly soluble in water and are often also insoluble in organic solvents. Thus, the formulation of these drugs impedes their clinical application. Due to their exceedingly low solubility, these drugs frequently possess poor bioavailability. Common ways of solving this problem include using solubilisers, cyclodextrins, and mixtures of solvents. However, these methods have various shortcomings. An alternative in attempts to overcome the obstacles existing with these methods is the formulation of drugs as nanoemulsions induced by simple processing, as any new process technology in the generation of nanoemulsions will have a direct impact and great promise for the future of cosmetics, diagnostics, drug therapies and biotechnologies. Cavitation offers a simple way to generate various pharmaceutical nanoemulsions. Besides nanoemulsions, cavitation is also very powerful in generating functionalised carbon nanomaterials to be employed in the pharmaceutical area. Where cavitation seems promising in reducing the time, avoiding toxic or complicated agents, reducing the amount of stabilisers/surfactants and reducing the separation/purification problems. In the case of Graphene, it results in an exceptionally stable dispersion. Whereas, for CNTs, cavitation renders them dispersing into the water and stabilises them longer. For Fullerene, it enhances the number of hydroxyl groups on the surface, increasing water solubility. Overall, employing cavitation provides a facile strategy to overcome the inherent disadvantages existing with the traditional methods in the generation of nanoemulsions and in the functionalisation and dispersion of carbon nanomaterials, the resultant of which are very useful in drug delivery and biosensing.

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## From Biomonitoring to Human Health Risk Assessments of Potential Toxic Metals on the Commercial Marine Mussels

### Abstract

For 40 marine green-lipped mussel *Pernaviridis* populations collected (2002–2009) from 20 geographical sites located in two busy shipping lanes, namely the Straits of Malacca (10 sites; 16 populations) and the Straits of Johore (8 sites; 21 populations), as well as three populations (2 sites) on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, concentrations of six potentially toxic metals (Cd, Cu, Fe, Ni, Pb, and Zn) were determined. The maximum permissible limits (MPLs) specified by current food safety standards were not reached for any of the metal concentrations detected in any mussel populations. None of the studied metals (aside from Pb) were likely to become limiting factors or to pose a risk for the consumption of mussel populations based on the provisional tolerable weekly intake established by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) and the oral reference doses (ORDs) established by the USEPA. For average level mussel (ALM) and high level mussel (HLM) users of mussels, the estimated daily intake (EDI) of Cd, Cu, Fe, Ni, and Zn was lower than the ORD standards. The target hazard quotient (THQ) was found in some sites to be larger than 1 for HLM customers but less than 1 for ALM customers. Therefore, ALM's eating of mussels did not pose any risks to human health. However, for Pb THQ values, the Pb concentrations in some mussel populations may be hazardous to human health. The current findings suggest that HLM users should limit their consumption of mussels in order to reduce any potential health risks brought on by heavy metals.

### Keywords

Mussel; Health Risks; Biomonitor; Consumption.

### Biography

Chee Kong Yap is working as a full professor at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) since 2021. Prof Yap is an academician for more than 19 years at UPM and 24 years as a researcher. Prof Yap has supervised more than 80 undergraduates and 31 postgraduate students in the fields of ecotoxicology, environmental biology, environmental sciences, water quality and ecotoxicological genetics. Prof Yap has published more than 330 papers in refereed academic journals, 5 books (three of them published in NOVA Science Publishers, USA) and 32 book chapters. Until September 2022, 218 of them have now been indexed in Elsevier's Scopus with an H-index of 32(> 3130 citations). Prof Yap has also been invited in honorary as Editorial Board member for more than 30 international academic journals. Prof Yap has been an invited visiting researcher at the National Institute of Environmental Studies, Tsukuba (Japan). Internationally, Prof Yap has been an invited visiting scholar at Nihon University (Japan) and Hokkaido University (Japan), and an invited visiting researcher at Kobe University (Japan) and Kobe College (Japan). He has been invited to more than 20 international conferences as a keynote or plenary speaker. He has one accepted patent in the Phytoremediation method. He has also been listed as World's Top 2% Scientists (The Career Achievement). Starting June 2022, Prof Yap has been officially appointed as an Adjunct Professor

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at the INTI International University Malaysia. Prof Yap is the recipient of the International Advanced Materials (IAAM) Medal in recognition for his contribution to “Chemical Safety and Sustainability” in 2022. He is currently International Associate Member of Japan Society of Water Environment and a Lifetime Fellow Member of the International Society for Development and Sustainability (ISDS) of Japan. His profile has been recognized as ‘Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education’ by International Research and Development Centre for Publication (IRDCP), India 2022.

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## Post Pandemic Research in Field of Biomedical Engineering

### Abstract

COVID-19 or Coronavirus Disease – 2019 was first reported in Wuhan, China. The disease caused by a highly contagious viral infection due to the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The virus causes many symptoms, such as fever, shortness of breath and cough. It was then spread throughout the world and has been declared a global pandemic, infecting millions of people as well as deaths worldwide. As a results, almost all countries imposed a lockdown in order to curb the spread of the virus. People has stayed at home for a long period of time, companies have been forced to shut down, which result in a downfall of local economic. The people's ecosystem has been badly affected by this pandemic. To date, the complete cure for the virus is yet to be found. However, preventive measures have been introduced by academies, industries, societies and communities as to limit the spread of the virus. This paper attempts to review some of the research activities that related to the post pandemic recovery research in field of Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences particularly in Asean countries.

Face mask has become one of the effective ways to limit the spread of the virus. From clinical point of view, face mask is capable to protect both the user and the people within the surrounding area. A number of researches have been conducted by researchers recently as to provide a safety measure for the mankind. F.A. Aziz et.al (2021) reported that the medical face mask can be checked for properly worn by covering both the nose and mouth completely using the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models via images. Meanwhile, S.Osman et.al (2021) proposed a framework system's to recognize masked faces in healthcare facilities. The system uses CNN method for facial recognition phase. A similar system has been reported by A.S. Nainggolan et.al (2021) using a computer vision. The model has been tested with 100 form of images and managed to classify with 99% accuracy. Furthermore, the application has been tested in real time at a bookstore in Pekan Baru, Indonesia.

In healthcare industries, Y. Hassan et.al (2021) proposed a new design of hospital in Malaysia to accommodate the deficiency in services and the healthcare facilities due to the unexpected pandemic such as COVID-19. The future hospital should be designed to adapt the threat from new pandemic, bioterrorism, climax change and mass casualties. According to P.J. Acacio-Claro et.al (2021), since 2017, the primary health facilities in Philipines has been mandated to adopt the Electronics Medical Records (EMRs) in order to improve the clinical management and well-coordinated interactions among care provider, patients and others healthcare related. The study examines selected rural health facilities interacted with EMRs before and during the pandemic COVID-19 as to understand the adoption based on specific EMRs features and the time spent. The results demonstrate that the usage of EMRs in rural health facilities is progressive from basic to complete depends on the users and competence in technology.

In conclusions, the review focuses on biomedical engineering field, however it is not limited to others field of research such as Natural Sciences, Management and Education.

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### **Biography**

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## Enzyme based Drugs for Treatment of Certain Lymphomas and Leukemias

### Abstract

Although the enzyme L-asparaginase (L-ASNase) from *E. coli*, *Erwinia* and *Serratia* has been applied to treat certain lymphomas and leukemias, several medical complications such as severe immunological responses leading to hypersensitivity, anaphylaxis, etc. have limited its application [1, 2]. The researchers have documented that such impediments are due to the different biochemical and kinetic properties of L-AS Nase, which are directly dependent on the genetic variations in microbial strains. Therefore, there is a compelling need to explore the novel L-AS Nase producing microorganisms that would exhibit different serological properties while retaining similar and/or better therapeutic effects against the cancer cells. Since, there are no reports of L-AS Nase producing bacterial strains from Bangladesh so far, our research works have been employed to find them from the unexplored and ecologically different habitats that could lead to develop a potential therapeutic drug with less immunological responses and side effects over the existing drugs to treat the cancer patients in near future. In our study, two strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* EWUKR-1 and EWUKR-2 (NCBI accession number OK446669 and OL307081) have been isolated from the sedimentary soil from a lake in Dhaka. The L-ASNase enzymes were precipitated using ammonium sulfate followed by dialysis and concentrated using Vivaspinn-20 (30 MWKO). The specific enzyme activity of *P. aeruginosa* EWUKR-1 and EWUKR-2 was 35.1 and 46.8 U/ $\mu$ g protein, respectively that might be used for the treatment of cancers.

### Keywords

Bangladesh, L-asparaginase, soil, bacteria, therapeutic drugs, cancer.

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### Biography

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Dr. Kabir earned “Doctor of Engineering” degree in 2003 from the Department of Bioscience and Bioinformatics, Kyushu Institute of Technology, Izuka, Japan. After completing his doctoral degree, he was employed as an Assistant Professor (Joshu) at the same Institute. In 2005, Dr. Kabir migrated to USA by accepting a Postdoctoral Staff Member position at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA. He had also worked as a Research Scientist at the SETI Institute, NASA Ames Research Center (CA, USA) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (WI, USA). He is currently

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## 3D Printing and Bioprinting in the Biomedical Sector: A Promising Custom made Approach

### Abstract

Recently the custom made approach has gained a lot of interest for application in several sectors, such as the neurosurgery, odontoiatric, ortophedic and craniomaxillofacial ones [1]. In this context, the additive manufacturing has been proposed as an efficient alternative to the traditional manufacturing approach, presenting several advantages: better correspondence between the custom made implant and the defect contours, shortened operation time, reduced morbidity of surgical interventions, less blood loss, less infection/inflammation occurrence, higher aesthetical results [2]. Five main biomedical applications can be cited [3]: the production of medical models (presurgery training [4]), surgical implants, surgical guides, external aids, bio-manufacturing.

Currently, the gap between the scientific research about the additive manufacturing use in the biomedical sector and its translation to the clinical practice is still very big [5], despite the promising results achieved in many in vitro and in vivo studies. The situation has been worsened and aggravated by the complex regulation aspects and the recent EU Regulation on medical devices and on in vitro diagnostics. Concerning the future perspective and the next-generation of AM processes, two main challenges need to be addressed: the development of new 3D printing materials with tunable mechanical, chemical, physical properties, and the improvement of the AM processes, in terms of speed and resolution, and energy consumption.

Finally, nowadays, many efforts are devoted to the reduction of the overall costs, decreasing prices of both the 3DP hardware and of the used materials.

### Keywords

Additive manufacturing, 3D printing, Bioprinting, Custom made approach, Biomedical applications.

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## Nanoparticules : Alternative Antimicrobial Approach Against Pathogenic Bacteria

### Abstract

Resistance of bacteria to bactericides and antimicrobial agents has increased in recent years. Some antimicrobial agents are extremely toxic and irritant. Nano particles interaction with biomolecules and microorganisms is expanding the field of research. Despite the important number of existing potent antibiotics molecules and other antimicrobials agents, but humanity faced to clinical threat: morbidity and mortality induced by pathogenic bacteria and bacterial resistance. Nowadays, scientists are investigating on new alternative molecule including nanoparticles to fight this antibiotic resistance dilemma and treat pathogenic infection. The aim of your investigation is to screen the antibacterial activities of various nanoparticles.

In our investigation we tested CoFe<sub>2</sub>NPs, CuNPs, ZnNPs, AgNPs, TiNPs, SiNPs nanoparticles against numerous bacteria strains, including: *Salmonella* sp, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter baumannii* (0), Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Our finding reveal that in vitro antibacterial activity of tested nanoparticles differing between Gram positive and Gram negative tested bacterial. The CoFe<sub>2</sub>NPs molecules express an activity against pathogenic Gram-negative bacterial strains, including *Salmonella* spp, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Acinetobacter baumannii*. However, CoFe<sub>2</sub>NPs molecules express weak activity against Gram-positive foodborne strains (*Staphylococcus aureus*). On the other hand, CuNPs have an effect on *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and MRSA as Gram-positive strains and on *Salmonella* spp as Gram-negative strains. The TiNPs express activities against all tested strains expect MRSA and *Bacillus cereus*. The SiNPs and ZnO<sub>2</sub> have low effect on all tested strains. However, AgNPs express an interesting effect on tested strains, with higher sensitivity on Gram positives strains.

The obtained results reveal that we may select the tested nanoparticules to use them as antimicrobial agents, in order to prevent the development of pathogenic bacteria even in alimentary and medical applications.

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of diseases at the wildlife -human interface and interdisciplinary about nanoparticles. Nanotechnology is an interdisciplinary field of science which is required to manage, produce and develop novel opportunities for application of different sciences supporting both human and environmental health. Among various metals utilized for the production of nanoparticles, paid the attention of researchers owing to the extensive applications because of their unique properties as chemical stability and good conductivity. As a part of Interdisciplinary team, allows for a better understanding of the problems.

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## Cellulose Extraction from Methyl Trioctylammonium Chloride Pretreated Sugarcane Bagasse and Its Application

### Abstract

Cellulose, the most abundant feedstock of chemicals and energy is extracted from various agro-industrial wastes, such as sugarcane bagasse (SB). Pretreatment of SB with ionic liquids improves extraction of cellulose, yet the use of ionic liquid is hindered by its high cost. In this study, cellulose was extracted from SB pretreated with methyltrioctylammonium chloride under relatively mild conditions. The extracted cellulose from pretreated SB (PTB) and untreated SB (UTB) was characterized by scanning electron microscopy and FTIR. Fermentation of cellulose extracted from PTB by a thermophilic bacterium, *Bacillus aestuarii* UE25, yielded 245.16% higher titers of cellulase than cellulose extracted from UTB. The recyclability of the IL was assessed to make the pretreatment process cost effective and was monitored through TLC and FTIR. The results of this research demonstrated the potential of ionic liquid pretreated SB for cellulose extraction and for its subsequent utilization in thermostable cellulase production.

### Biography

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## **To Study of Influence of the Transuranium Radio nuclides <sup>241</sup>Am and Isotopes Pu on the Freshwater Aquatic Plants – Elodes Canadensis**

### **Abstract**

Radioactive contamination of the Yenisei River bottom and (including the contamination with transuranium elements) is the result of long-term operation of the Mining and Chemical Combine, which manufactures plutonium for weapons. The study considers the behavior of a submerged macrophyte *Elodea Canadensis*, one of the most widely spread species of aquatic plants in the River Yenisei. The values of the accumulation coefficients obtained for <sup>242</sup>Pu,  $13100 \pm 2100$  L·kg<sup>-1</sup>, were close to the concentration factor for <sup>241</sup>Am –  $17100 \pm 4300$  L·kg<sup>-1</sup>, obtained for the *Elodea* shoots. The distribution of radionuclides between the structural components of aquatic plants depended mainly on the physicochemical properties of radionuclides and the composition of the aquatic environment. We studied the micro distribution of the artificial radionuclide <sup>241</sup>Am in the components of *Elodea canadensis* - a submerged macrophyte of the Yenisei River. The alpha-track analysis showed that the micro distribution of <sup>241</sup>Am within different components of the submerged plant *E. canadensis* was not uniform. <sup>241</sup>Am distribution was found to be affected by the age of the leaf blades, state of the cells, and morphological features of the plant stem. The radionuclide <sup>241</sup>Am penetrated into the plant cells through the cell wall of *E. canadensis*, but it was accumulated in the vacuoles rather than in the cell wall or cytoplasm. In this case, the integrity of the cell membranes was not damaged. Studies on the potential adaptation of one of the common aquatic macrophytes *Elodea canadensis* when immersed in a medium containing transuranium radio nuclides. It was found that almost all the studied <sup>241</sup>Am and <sup>242</sup>Pu do not show a clear external effect on the solid fragments of the plant (cell membranes). Thus, it was shown that *Elodea canadensis* is tolerant of anthropogenic radionuclides that differ in nature, physico-chemical properties, etc.

### **Keywords**

River Yenisei, *Elodea canadensis*, americium-241, plutonium-242, adaptation

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## **Screening of the Microscopical Fungi for The Biodegradation of Agricultural Wastes**

### **Abstract**

In the last century, industrial waste has become a serious problem for the environment. The disposal of protein, lipid waste from various industries by incineration or landfilling releases large quantities of hazardous chemical compounds. But this can be avoided by using biodegradation as a way to dispose of waste. Biodegradation - destruction of complex substances, materials, products through the activities of living organisms.

This study investigates the biodegradation potential of two *Penicillium* species and three *Aspergillus* species, which were isolated from soil by serial dilution method. They were grown on agarized media containing three proteins (hemoglobin, gelatin, and casein), as well as on medium for the study of lipase and organic acid synthesis. Protease production was observed to appear as a light zone around the fungal colonies. Then the enzymatic index (EI) was calculated by dividing the diameter of the hydrolysis zone by the diameter of the fungus.

During the research, a new potential producer *Aspergillus phoenicis* was discovered that showed a high potential for biodegradation: because it had large indices on hemoglobin and gelatin media: 1.42 and 3.36, respectively. The greatest potential in acid production was shown by *Penicillium canescens* while *A. terreus* and *A. phoenicis* did not show any. Regarding lipase production, the best results were shown by *A. phoenicis* and *A. ustus* - they secreted lipases in large quantities, revealing transparent areas around the colony, not just under it.

The results show that many of the fungi tested have significant biodegradation potential, indicating that they can be used for animal husbandry waste disposal. Thus, it can help to avoid harmful emissions and even bring benefits by producing substances for further use in industry.

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## Biohythane Production by Two Step Anaerobic Digestion with Different Immobilized Fixed Bed.

Anaerobic digestion (AD) of organic waste makes it possible to produce not only methane, but also hydrogen, which, when mixed, form a high-energy mixture - biohythane. The efficiency of biohythane production depends on many factors, including organic loading rate (OLR) and hydraulic retention time (HRT). These parameters affect the efficiency of organic waste fermentation with hydrolytic and methanogen and the stability of the biogas production process. An important task is to find ways to improve the process of AD, allowing to increase the production of both hydrogen and methane simultaneously with the production of biohythane. A number of studies have shown that adding the immobilized fixed bed to an anaerobic reactor increases biomethane production. The aim of this work was to study the effect of a number of immobilized fixed bed (polyurethane foam, carbon felt, ceramic Raschig rings) on the process of two-stage AD with the production of biohythane in fixed-bed reactors during 57 days. Dry cheese whey diluted 200 times with distilled water was used as a substrate: COD=5730 mg/L, lactic acid content was 448.7 mg/L, acetic acid 200 mg/L, isobutyric acid 110 mg/L, ethanol 80 mg/L. Propionic and butyric acids were absent. For the acidogenic reactor (RH), an inoculum (TS 0.94%, VS 74.35% TS, pH 7.38) was used from the reactor, in which the process of anaerobic fermentation of compound feed proceeded in a thermophilic mode ( $55 \pm 1$ ) °C. Before loading into RH, acid inactivation of methanogens was carried out (1 day with 10% HCl to pH 3.0, then 20% NaOH to pH 7.07). After inactivation of the inoculum, a regular change in characteristics was observed: TS 0.99%, VS 60.99% TS. For methanogenic reactors R1-R3, we used the inoculum from the digester MWWTP (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia), TS 1.9%, VS 62.8%, pH 7.45, the working temperature in the digester was ( $55 \pm 1$ )°C. The reactor volumes were: 1500 ml for the acidogenic reactor (RH) and 900 ml for the methanogenic reactors (R1-R3). Pieces of polyurethane foam (PU) measuring 0.9x0.9x0.9 cm were used as an immobilizing material for RH and R1. Carbon felt was used for R2, and Raschig rings made of technical porcelain were used for R3. The RH reactor was operated at HRT of 4-10 hours, and the R1-R3 at HRT 0.5-9 days. It was found that at HRT values of 4-10 h in the process of dark fermentation, the highest hydrogen content in biogas of 33-53% was observed at pH values in the system of 3.7-5.2. According to the results of the experiment, the greatest removal of organic matter (32.98%) occurred at HRT 10 h, however, the maximum yield of hydrogen HPR (1836.67 ml/(L day)) was observed at HRT 8 h. Studies have shown that methanogenesis better in a reactor with PU fixed bed and a carbon felt reactor than in a reactor loaded with ceramic Rashigrings.

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## **Biotechnologies: An Advantageous Tool for Obtaining Chitin, Chitosan, and PHA from Low-Value Matrices**

### **Abstract**

Chitin, chitosan and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs) are promising biopolymers of great commercial interest as they have unique properties and a wide range of applications. Chitin and chitosan exhibit high biocompatibility, biodegradability, low toxicity, and numerous significant biological activities, such as antioxidant, antimicrobial, and antitumoral. They also present chelating effects against metal ions, including iron, copper, and cadmium. PHAs are able to replace fossil-based plastics thanks to their versatility, high biocompatibility, biodegradability, and recyclability.

These biopolymers can be produced by or derived from living organisms. Chitin and chitosan sources are mainly the shells of aquatic crustaceans and, to a lesser extent, various fungal phyla. An attractive alternative source is represented by insects, with several advantages compared to crustaceans. Commercially, chitosan is obtained from the N-deacetylation of chitin. Chitin and chitosan are primarily recovered by chemical methods characterised by high environmental impacts. A valid alternative is a biological approach based on microorganisms, such as *Lactobacillus* sp., *Bacillus* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp., and *Aspergillus* sp., or enzymes produced by fungi or bacteria, such as protease and deacetylases. This approach represents an eco-friendly method also for mild reaction conditions. However, the high cost of enzymes and the long reaction time can limit the process scale-up.

A variety of microorganisms, among which *Aeromonas*, *Azotobacter*, *Cupriavidus*, *Clostridium*, and *Pseudomonas*, are employed to synthesise PHAs under nitrogen- or phosphorus-limited conditions. PHA accumulation in these prokaryotes acts like energy storage improving microorganisms' survival. PHA-producing microorganisms can convert many feedstock sources (e.g. used cooking oils and dairy processing by-products), producing different types of PHA.

Although PHA has high potential, it still does not compete with traditional synthetic plastics, mainly due to its high production cost. The need to lysate bacterial cells to recover PHA granules leads to the use of different methods that increase production costs. Among others, we can use enzymatic cell lysis, hypochlorite digestion or solvents such as chloroform or acetone, with related environmental and safety consequences. An alternative PHA recovery system uses mealworms which feed with dried PHA-containing bacterial cells and, by digestion, release PHA into their faeces. The process sustainability can be further increased by setting up a biorefinery strategy: PHA-producing microorganisms can grow on agro-industrial by-products to produce PHA and, once freeze-dried, can become food for mealworms that release PHA from the bacterial cells.

The considerable importance of these biopolymers is confirmed by their market trend which is expected to grow in the coming years, according to economic forecasts. Given the variety of applications of these biopolymers in numerous industrial sectors, the main challenge will be to produce them at a low cost and on an industrial scale. Biotechnology can offer a valuable tool to achieve these goals using modern scientific and engineering practices and exploiting low-value by-products as substrates, in the circular economy context.

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## Significant Lower Carboxylesterase Specific Activity in Meningiomas and Gliomas and Derived Primary Cell Culture Indicate Reduction in Anticancer Drug Metabolism and Higher in Lithium Treated LN229 and U251 Cell Lines

### Abstract

**Aims:** Carboxylesterases (CE) convert carboxylic esters to alcohols and carboxylic acids. CE is a protective factor in the brain cells categorized as phase-I drug-metabolizing enzymes. Therefore we aim to find out the difference CE specific activity for Brain tumors as compared to the normal brain to understand the drug metabolism efficiency.

**Study Design:** Total Protein and Carboxylesterase assays were performed for Meningiomas and gliomas and derived primary cell culture and Lithium effect on CE in brain tumor cell lines.

**Methodology:** CE spectrophotometric assays were studied for 30 meningiomas and 52 gliomas in 82 males, while 45 meningiomas and 29 gliomas in 74 females respectively and derived cell culture. The brain tumor protein band pattern was studied by electrophoresis.

**Results:** The brain tissue extracts for SDS PAGE displayed a high intense single protein (not purified) band of 60 kDa in brain tumors as compared to normal brain.

The similar CE-specific activity between the meningiomas  $20.96 \pm 5.071$  (n=50) and gliomas  $20.77 \pm 4.4644$  nmol/min/mg (n=61) respectively, exhibited significantly lower CE activity as compared to normal Brain (n=106)  $52.355 \pm 11.15$  nmol/min/mg of protein and p-value was less than 0.0001 extremely statistically significant. Hence CE activities are significantly lower in all grades of parent Brain tumors as compared to normal brain. Primary cell cultures with respective passages expressed lower CE activities than parent tumors respectively. Brain tumor cell lines expressed higher higher in Lithium treated LN229 and U251 cell lines

**Conclusions:** The current results indicate the reason for the failure of anticancer drug metabolism efficiency for both meningiomas and gliomas due to one of the reasons for exhibiting lower CE-specific activity. The chance of solving the drug metabolism provided by the current study helps advanced molecular biochemistry in designing drug conjugates for efficient metabolism by CE-specific activity and monitoring the chemotherapy for anticancer drug therapeutics in the future.

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### Keywords

Carboxylesterase; specific activity; meningiomas; gliomas; drug metabolism;LN 229;U251

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## Data Collection for Recreational Fishery in Italy: A Comparison Between Administrative Data and Surveys

### Abstract

According to EU Reg. 199/08, “recreational fisheries’ means non-commercial fishing activities exploiting living aquatic resources for recreation or sport”. This definition will be taken into consideration for the aim of the present study.

A ministerial decree was enacted on 6 December 2010 in Italy, providing for the recognition of the consistency of the sport and recreational fishing in the sea, states that “all those wishing to go fishing in the sea will have to make a communication to provide some basic information such as names and addresses, the type of fishing practiced and the fishing areas”. These communications are stored in a database managed by the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (Mipaaf) that will constitute the “universe” for the first assessment.

Although marine recreational fisheries are a very popular activity in Italy, it was not until 2018 that the list of fishermen registered in the administrative database has been analyzed under the Italian work plan for data collection in the fisheries and Aquaculture sectors 2017-2019 (EC Reg 1004/2017). After this first phase, according to the official guidelines, a statistical survey has been carried on with a CATI technique, to determine the number of recreational fishermen, to assess the share of catches from recreational fisheries compared to commercial catches, to collect basic information on recreational catches in terms of gears and effort and macro-data on overall economic impact of the activity. All information was collected on a geographical basis (GSA- Geographical sub areas). The main aim of this study is to compare the strengths and weaknesses in the use of the administrative database vs the survey conducted by CATI from a sample of Italian population and later, from the respondents, on a panel of fishermen that have filled in a logbook throughout a year. The final outcomes show a set of figures reviewed at marine region level (GFSM and ICES) and will propose a design to extend for future national surveys of recreational fisheries.

### Keywords

Recreational fisheries, data collection, administrative data, survey

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## Microalgae for the Future: High Value Products for a Growing Population

### Abstract

One of the biggest difficulties of our century is providing enough food, energy, and raw materials for a population that is growing. As an alternative to plants, algae play a significant role. Sadly, domesticating algae is important to increase biomass yield and reduce cultivation cost. Using algae as green factories to produce high-value goods is one of the most promising opportunities. Here, we describe how *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*'s metabolism was modified to produce three distinct products, each with unique properties and uses.

First is astaxanthin, red ketocarotenoid, mainly used as fish or poultry feed but with several applications in human disease treatment for its antioxidant capacity. The second one is geraniol, a monoterpene utilized in food industry that has the ability to alter the taste of algae so that customers will find it more appealing but is also used for its antimicrobial and repellent capacity. Last, Zeolin, a recombinant protein created by combining phaseolin (*P. vulgaris*) and -zein (*Z. mays*) to create a protein with a balanced amino acid composition which can be used for human consumption enhancing the quality of proteins assumed.

UVM4 strain of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* was engineered via nuclear transformation utilizing genes designed *in silico* to enhance protein expression. Best expressing lines, lines were screened for fluorophores' fluorescence, which was followed by the measurement of metabolic products or protein accumulation.

Data show that microalgae can be used, through genetic engineering, as a sustainable platform for the production of a variety of high value products giving encouraging perspective for the future.

### Biography

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## **Studying the Behavior of the Light-off Bio-reporter DF4/PUTK2 as a Light-on Assay against Lead**

### **Abstract**

Recombinant bioluminescent bacteria are frequently directed towards use as environmental biosensors because it has high sensitivity, selectivity, costless, easy to use and function as rapid measurement to detect heavy metals. The bioluminescence of DF4/PUTK2 assay is based on using the bio-reporter *Acinetobacter* DF4/PUTK2 carrying luciferase genes *luxCDABE* which emit light constitutively. This can be measured in time intervals by luminometer to determine the behavior of bio-reporter against lead. The light emitted in the lead treated samples was equal or increased than the control. Therefore, the bio-reporter DF4/PUTK2 was subjected to intensive studies to elucidate its behavior with lead and if it was possible to be employed as a lead light-on assay in water in reverse order. Time exposure (5 to 990 min), lead concentration (0 to 30000 ppm), and lead salts (acetate-chloride and nitrate) were included in this study. The bio-reporter DF4/PUTK2 was more sensitive to lead concentrations range (19.25 to 15000 ppm). However, at high concentrations of lead, the light was being decreased due to cell death and/or metabolic burden simultaneously. It was possible to detect the presence of lead in water samples through light-induction in specific concentrations which add another advantage to the bio-reporter DF4/PUTK2.

### **Keywords**

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## Use of Brewer's Spent Grain in the Poduction of Ćupter, Traditional Herzegovinian Product

### Abstract

Ćupter is Herzegovinian candy made of must and flour/semolina. The idea is to offer brewer's spent grain (BSG) new value because BSG is manly burned or sold as animal feed in Bosnia and Herzegovina [1]. Given the good nutritional composition and low purchase price, it can be used in the food industry. However, Sahin et al. [2] demonstrated that BSG might be a good substitute for flour and semolina in pasta due to its high fiber and protein source, which inspired the idea to use it in the traditional Herzegovinian product ćupter in place of flour and semolina. The purpose of this study was to partially replace semolina and flour with BSG originating from industrial and craft breweries and study nutritive, chemical, and preference properties of the product. In this research, with grape juice was used as an ingredient in all samples. Combinations of industrial and craft spent grain with semolina or flour were used in the research: Sample 1 (semolina+ industrial spent grain), Sample 2 (semolina+ craft spent grain), Sample 3 (flour+ craft spent grain), Sample 4 (flour + industrial spent grain). The pH, water activity, moisture, ash content, protein content, sugars and energetic value were observed.

### Keywords

brewers' spent grain; ćupter; traditional product; grape must

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## **A Tamarind Local Variety from Garoua, Cameroon (Physicochemical Characterization, Fruit Pulp Fermentation and Extraction of Tartaric Acid from the Fruit Pulp Winery Waste).**

### **Abstract**

Introduction: Tamarind is known for the tart taste which is characteristic of tartaric acid. The fruit pulp is in high demand in both domestic and industrial settings due to the high food value. It contains fatty acids, vitamins, roughage, phytosterols and many other phytochemicals necessary for good health. To the best of our knowledge very little has been reported on processing of this nutritional fruit and the results reported so far show variability as a function of the botanical origin of the plant. No literature exists for the Tamarind variety from Cameroon and no study combining wine production and extraction of Tartaric acid from the waste residue has so far been reported. We are taking this advantage to explore wine fermentation from tamarind fruit pulp by focusing on the effect of different parameters such as time of treatment for juice extraction, yeast inoculate for wine fermentation and secondary fermentation to wine quality, and extract Tartaric acid from the winery solid waste residue. The main fermentation was done at 25<sup>o</sup>C in 13days and 1 week secondary fermentation. The wine was characterized for alcoholic content, pH, titratable acidity, soluble dry matter (Brix) and consumer acceptability while the winery solid waste residue (potassium bitartrate precipitate) was used to extract crystalline L- tartaric acid which was characterized by FTIR, Melting point and crystallinity by PXRD. Tamarind pulp wine produced was of acceptable quality (clear, sweet, sparkling, smooth and flavored) following the olfactory test. The drink had a pH of 3.04 and 16%, alcohol content while the Tartaric acid was crystalline (PXRD), reflected all characteristic functional groups (FTIR) of tartaric acid and melting point of 189.8-196.4oC (laboratory grade). These results leave us with the impression that, it is very practicable to couple Tamarind fruit pulp wine production with chemical synthesis of pure crystalline Tartaric acid using solid winery waste from tamarind fruit pulp. The method used in this study is simple, straight forward, ecofriendly and cost effective.

### **Keywords**

Tamarind pulp, wine, fermentation, waste residue, Tartaric acid

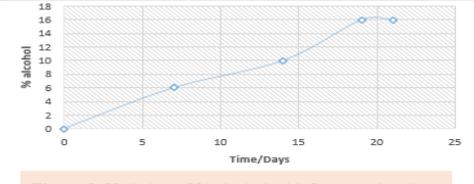
**Table 1a: Physical Characteristics of Tamarind fruit and seed**

Parameters	Sample A	Sample B	Sample C	Mean	
Fruit	Length/cm	4.2	7.4	5.8	5.8 ± 1.3
	Width/mm	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.4 ± 0.2
	Weight/g	2.5901	4.3902	3.4801	3.4923 ± 1.2729
Weight of pulp /g of fruit					
Number of seed per pod					
Seed	Weight/g	0.3732	0.4171	0.3950	0.3950 ± .0310
	Density/g/mL	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.6 ± 0.2

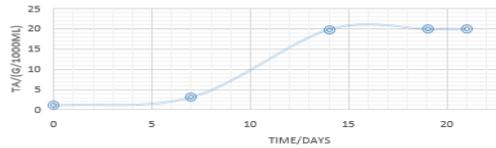
**Figure I: Tamarind fruit, pulp, seed and leaves**



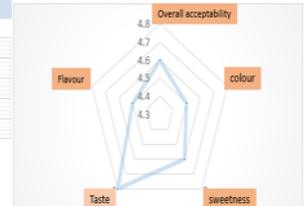
**Figure 1. Variation of pH with fermentation time**



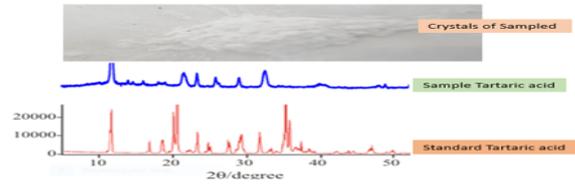
**Figure 3: Variation of % alcohol with fermentation time**



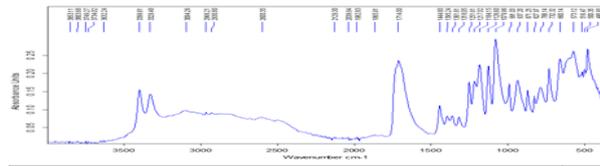
**Figure 2. Variation of Titrable acidity with fermentation time**



**Figure 5. Sensory evaluation of Tamarind pulp wines**



**X-Ray diffractogram for the sample compared with the standard tartaric acid**



**FT-IR Bands for the Synthesized Sample Tartaric Acid**

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## **Epidemiologic Case Investigation on the Zoonotic Transmission of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus spp from Infected Dogs to their Owners**

### **Abstract**

Dogs frequently harbor methicillin resistant Staphylococci asymptotically. Moreover, these bacteria, mainly Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus pseudintermedius, are frequently associated with canine pyoderma and otitis. Companion pets, such as dogs, are frequently implicated as potential reservoirs of staphylococci species carrying resistant genes. And due to the close social interaction between companion animals and humans, it can favor the exchange of resistant strains among themselves. Therefore, the aim of this study was to use whole genome sequencing technique to investigate the possible transmission of Staphylococcus pseudintermedius (methicillin-resistant and methicillin susceptible) isolated from canine clinical samples and their respective owners. One hundred dogs and their respective owner were evaluated. Clinical samples of dog were obtained from pyoderma and otitis externa cases. All dog owners were screened at the same time of the dogs. All staphylococci strains obtained were identified by matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) and confirmed by PCR of the nuc gene. All samples were also screened for methicillin-resistance by mecA PCR detection. A total of 64 dogs presented Staphylococcus pseudintermedius and nine of those were Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus pseudintermedius (MRSP). In six cases dogs and their owners presented the same staphylococci species, and all those samples were whole genome sequenced and screened for antimicrobial resistance genes, SCCmec identification and MLST characterization. Phylogenetic analyzes revealed that in three cases dogs and owners had extremely similar samples, being two with MRSP samples and one that latter were confirmed as MSSP. Also, in all three cases the same SCCmec and sequence type were identified. This finding suggests that a possible transmission occurred. And since Staphylococcus pseudintermedius are mainly isolated from canine samples, dogs may have served as the potential source. On the other three cases, although both samples identified the same species, the samples were phylogenetically different. Whole genome sequencing was decisive to confirm that those three samples were transmitted among the dog and their tutor.

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## Broad-Spectrum Self-Disinfecting Polymer Surfaces: Preparing for Future Health Crises

### Abstract

Some of the microbial challenges currently facing the global community are becoming broadly and increasingly life-threatening, as illustrated by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. In more chronic fashion, microbes such as antibiotic-resistant MRSA and spore-forming *C. difficile* constitute major healthcare concerns. In response, various materials-related methods involving nanoparticles or surface functionalization have been proposed to combat this menace, but many are either limited to specific microbes or promote environmental contamination. In this work, we introduce two antimicrobial strategies in which several polymer films and coatings are utilized to demonstrate their potential. The first focuses on embedding photosensitive dye molecules capable of generating reactive oxygen species (singlet oxygen) into polymers such as a nonpolar thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) [1], as well as coatings on polymer fibers. In the presence of molecular oxygen and incoherent visible light, this system inactivates at least 99.9999% of two Gram-positive bacterial strains, as well as at least 99.9% of three Gram-negative bacterial strains and three virus strains, in ca. 1 h under the conditions employed. Alternatively, a vastly different method employs an anionic (i.e., sulfonated) TPE that is inherently capable of promoting a dramatic surface pH jump due to proton transport, resulting in a highly acidic and microbiocidal environment that rapidly causes inactivation and kills at least 99.99% of the pathogens tested (including 3 drug-resistant bacteria such as MRSA, as well as SARS-CoV-2[2]) in less than 5 min. These methods afford effective pathways to broad-spectrum anti-infective materials.

### Keywords

Antimicrobial polymer, photodynamic inactivation, block polymer, stimuli-responsive

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## Mode of Action Models to Explain the Mechanism of Action of Insecticidal Cry Proteins Produced by *Bacillus Thuringiensis*

### Abstract

*Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry toxins are a family of proteins whose members have shown toxicity against different insect orders or nematodes. Although the amino acid sequence identity could be low, all members share a similar protein fold composed of three distinct domains suggesting that the mode of action is conserved. These proteins have been widely used in biological control of insect pests worldwide.

Two different models for the mechanism of action of Cry toxins have been proposed, the signal transduction model (STM) or the sequential step model (SSM). In the case of STM, binding of Cry toxins to a membrane bound receptor, cadherin, triggers a G-protein dependent cascade that causes programmed cell death. The SSM proposes that cell death is triggered by pore formation activity of the protein which results from sequential steps of the toxin, all of them assisted by receptor binding such as, concentration of toxin in the membrane, toxin oligomerization and oligomer insertion into the membrane. A fundamental difference between both models is that toxin oligomerization is a fundamental step for the SSM, while is not needed for the STM. However the oligomer formation is still a fundamental piece of information that is missing. Here we will summarize the experimental evidence that lead to both models and the experimental evidence that shows that toxin oligomerization is essential. Also, the different models that have been proposed to explain the possible conformational changes of Cry proteins during its oligomerization and pore formation.

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