

Enzymatic fucoidan extraction from brown seaweeds

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Production, Characterization, and Application of an Alginate Lyase, AMOR_PL7A, from Hot Vents in the Arctic Mid-Ocean Ridge

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Alginate Degradation: Insights Obtained through Characterization of a Thermophilic Exolytic Alginate Lyase

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Saccharina latissima



Extraction yields ranged from 8-12 % (w/w) DM for *S. latissima* and from 4-15 % (w/w) DM for *A. esculenta*, respectively.



87 % and 78 % of the fucose present in the seaweeds were extracted by enzymes using a ratio of 30/70





- Maximum fucose contents were around 40 % using PL7/PL17 ratios of 40/60 and 30/70
- 60 % higher fucose content using enzymes than achieved by the chemical extraction technique
- Galactose were contents around 10 % and followed the same trend as fucose
- Glucuronic acids were presents from 1-11 % and are assumed to originate from modifications





esculenta
1 0 23
± 0.2ª
± 0.4ª
± 0.3 ^{a,b}
± 0.5 ^{a,b}
± 0.4 ^{a,b}
± 0.2 ^{a,b}
± 0.2 ^{a,b}
± 0.0 ^{a,b}
± 0.1ª
± 0.3 ^b
± 0.2 ^{a,b}
± 0.2ª
± 0.2ª

- The sulfate content increased with increasing amount of fucose
- Highest sulfate contents were acchived using lyases in a ratio of 50/50 to 20/80
- Degree of sulfation gave results between 0 and 3



 Lowest alginate content was on 1 % and 3 % and was achhieved using a PL7/PL17 ratio of 30/70



- 20 % and 16 % alginate was present in the chemical extracted fucoidans
- The alginate lyases act in synergi and endoenzymes are needed to provide attack sites for the exo-enzymes
- Glucose is assumed to originate from cellulose and laminarin contaminations and were lowest using a PL7/PL17 ratio of 20/80 and 30/70
- Using lyases in combination with cellulases gave glucose contents 98 and 95 % lower compared to chemical extraction
- The cellulases have to be combined with lyases for maximum effectiveness





A. esculenta









Optimization of reaction





- 63 % and 49 % of released glucose was detected after 30 min and 97 % after 3 hours.
- Reaction was faster on *S. Latissima*, most likely due to the different compositions of the alginates and the specificity of the lyases.
- Reducing ends includes the alginates and was at maximum after 8 and 12 hours.
- Double bond formation was the highest after 10 hours of reaction.



Optimization of reaction



Fucoidans extracted without Calcium precipitation contained 195 and 162 % more alginate than those extracted with





Further studies - Bioactivities







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Evaluation of immuno modulatory properties

Phase 1: all fractions at 100 µg/mL

Spleen and head kidney

- Determination of which fucoidan fraction is the most bioactive (for further experiments)
- Evaluation of the response over time: 6h and 24h
- Evaluation of gene modulation by qPCR

Phase 2: selected fractions

Specific *in vitro* analysis

- Gene profiling
- Functional immune-assays

Phase 3: In vivo experiments (salmon)

Immuno-nutritional approach

- Nutritional evaluation
- Effects on immunity in fresh/sea water





Conclusion

- Alginate lyases and cellulases can be used for fucoidan extraction
 - High fucose extraction yield
 - Low alginate contamination
 - Low glucose contamination
 - No depolymerisation

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- Synergy effect of the alginate lyases are important
- Specificity of the alginate lyases are important
- Bioactivities ???



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