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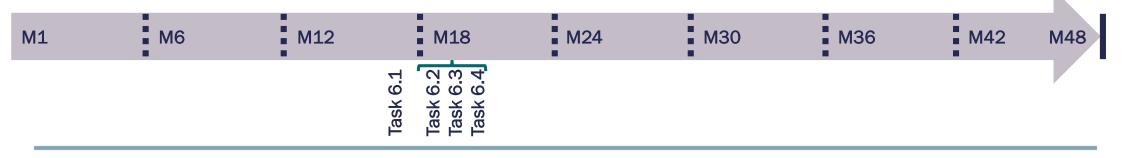


OBJECTIVE

To develop and scale-up fermentation and DSP methods for the production, adapted to requirements of WP7 partners, formulation and quality assessments of best selected enzyme candidates. WP6 will, together with WP7, evaluate the **Performance** of the candidates in application tests, their **Stability** during application and storage (technical feasibility), **Producibility** of the respective enzyme at cost level acceptable for application (economic feasibility), as well as the **Environmental feasibility**.

TASKS

- Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 M42) (TASK 6.1)
- Upscaling (non-GMP) fermentation and DSP of 9 best enzymes (M20 M48) (TASK 6.2)
- Development of optimized formulations of 9 lead enzyme candidates (M20 M48) (TASK 6.3)
- Safety, risk and environmental impact assessments of enzyme supply (M20 M48) (TASK 6.4)





WORK DONE/STARTED

- Task 6.1: Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 M42):
 - 1) Selection of first round of enzyme candidates with WP4, WP5 and WP7 partners
 - 2) Sequences transferred to WP6; gene optimization started for secreted expression
 - 3) Strains transferred for expression from native sources
 - 4) Fermentation and isolation of two lead candidates in *E. coli*
- Task 6.2: Upscaling (non-GMP) fermentation and DSP of 9 best enzymes (M20 M48):
 1) Not yet started
- Task 6.3: Development of optimized formulations of 9 lead enzyme candidates (M20 M48):
 1) Not yet started
- Task 6.4: Safety, risk and environmental impact assessments of enzyme supply (M20 M48):
 1) Not yet started



WP6 - Partners involved

- 2 universities/research institutions
- 2 clusters
- 3 SMEs

CSIC, Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas



IST-ID, The Association of Instituto Superior Técnico For Research and Development



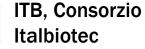
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CLIB, Cluster Industrielle Biotechnologie e.V.



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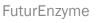
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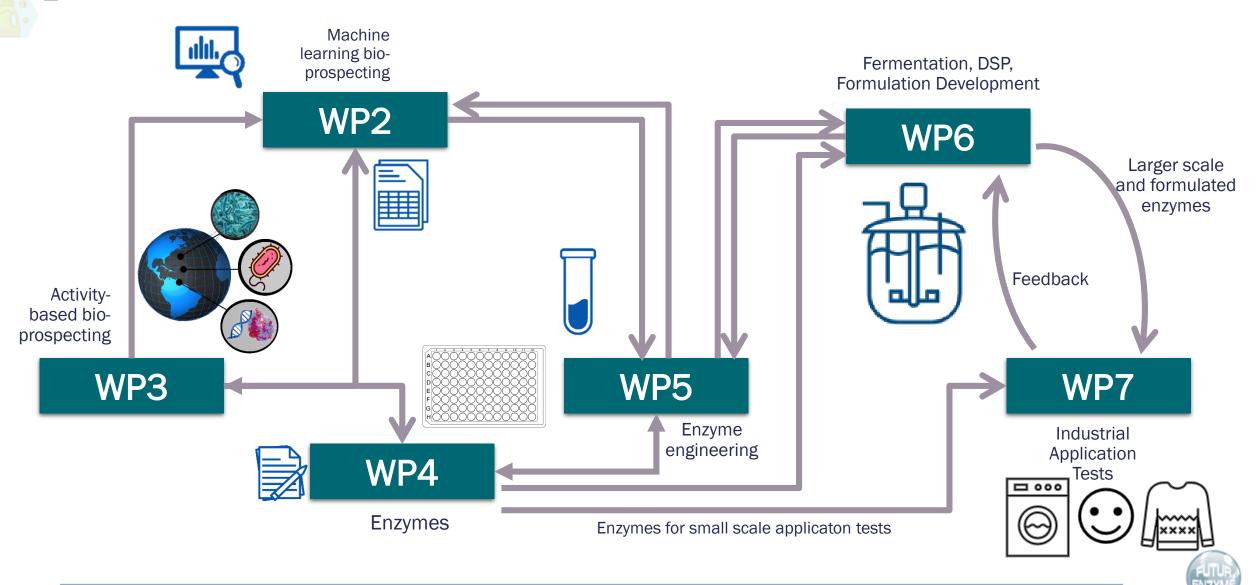
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WP6 - Interactions





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Task 6.1: How to achieve objectives, and work done



Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Objective:

- To establish scalable fermentation and DSP methods for the priority enzymes selected in WP4 and WP5 and provide samples for applications tests of the WP7 partners
- To optimize media (e. g. carbon and nitrogen sources and trace elements), growth conditions and identify the best conditions for oxygen, shear stress, and temperature to obtain the best production performance under minimal energy consumption and waste generation
- Progress undertaken and outputs achieved (07/2023)
 - CSIC: First two lead candidates (FE_Lip9 and FE_ID9) expressed in gram scale in E. coli
 - EUC/Biosynth: First three lead candidates expressed secreted in *Pichia pastoris* and shipped to partners
 - EUC/Biosynth: Gene optimization for secreted, recombinant expression completed
 - IST-ID: Lipase and Hyaluronidase activity tests for characterization of lead candidates established
 - Bio_Ch: working on native strains, transferred by partners, for fermentation development





For questions: Jan or Marc



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Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Highest priority enzymes cloned into Pichia

ID	Name	Partner	Priority	Signal Peptide	Nagoya protocol	Homology (%) patent database	Application	Cloning for secreted expression
1	Kest3 (lipase)	Bangor	No	No	Information provided	33.87	Detergent	
2	FE_Lip9 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (1st)	Yes	Information provided	99.45	Detergent, textile	Pichia (Euc)
3	FE_ID9 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (1st)	No	Information provided	100	Detergent	Pichia (Euc)
4	FE_polur1 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (2nd)	No	Information provided	97.3	Detergent	Pichia (Euc)
5	EstLip_Dim_#008 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (1st)	No	Information provided	100	Detergent	Pichia (Euc)
6	EstLip_Paes_TB035 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (2nd)	Yes	Information provided	41.98	Detergent	Pichia (Euc)
7	EstLip_PtEst1 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (2nd)	No	Information provided	58.63	Detergent	Pichia (Euc)
8	EstLip_TBEc304 (lipase)	UDUS	No	No	Information provided	62.54	Detergent	
9	PEH_Paes_PE-H_Y250S (PETase)	UDUS	Yes (1st)	Yes	Information provided	62.88	Detergent, textile	Pichia (Euc)
10	PEH_Pbau_PE-H (Lipase, PETase)	UDUS	No	Yes	Information provided	61.70	Detergent, textile	
11	PEH_Pform_PE-H (Lipase, PETase)	UDUS	No	Yes	Information provided	69.08	Textile	
12	PEH_Poce_PE-H (Lipase, PETase)	UDUS	No	Yes	Information provided	62.5	Detergent, textile	
13	GEN0105 (Lipase, PETase)	Bangor	No	No	Information provided	61.69	Detergent	
14	GEN0095 (cellulase)	Bangor	No	No	Information provided	52.5	Textile	
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17	VA_PL9 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	No	Yes	Information provided	32.38	Cosmetic	
18	Hyal_HRDSV_2334 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	No	No	Information provided	100	Cosmetic	
19	V. diabolicus V4; V. alginolyticus #23 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	Yes	-	Information provided	-	Cosmetic	
20	FE_EH37 (esterase)	CSIC	No	No	Information provided	49.09	Predictive tools	
21	FE_Lip5 (lipase)	CSIC	No	No	Information provided	43.52	Detergent	
22	TR ₂ E ₂ (PluriZyme)	CSIC	No	No	Information provided	66.74	All	
23	EH _{1AB1C} (PluriZyme)	CSIC	No	No	Information provided	64.19	All	
24	X11_mut1 (PluriZyme)	CSIC	No	No	Information provided	64.78	All	

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Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Lead candidates: Secreted expression in Pichia

✓ GENE DESIGN AND SYNTHESIS

- Sequence/codon optimization for *Pichia pastoris*
- Addition of secretion signals (used for 1st round: α-Mating factor, OST1)
- Synthesis of genes at external provider, cloning into Eucodis plasmids
- Transformation into Pichia pastoris cells
- Selection of Zeocin plates for multiple integration events

✓ LIPASE ACTIVITY SCREENING:

- 24-well expression
- Induction with methanol
- Actvitiy based screening with pNP-butyrate

✓ LIPASES & HYALURONIDASE EXPRESSION ANALYSIS:

• Expression analysis by SDS-PAGE





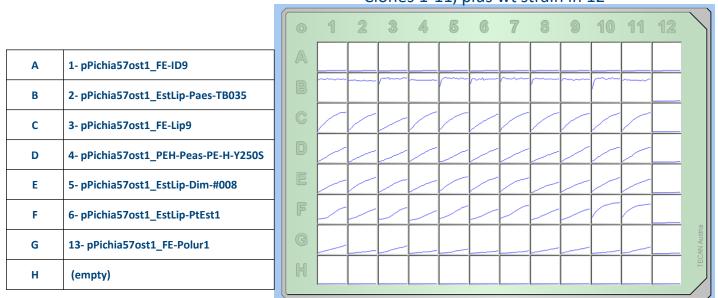


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24-well Expression: Lipase activity Screening

Expressionculture 13.-16.03.2023

11 individual clones screened in pNP-butyrate assay (time course of pNP release shown)



Clones 1-11, plus wt strain in 12

> All lead lipases except FE-ID9 show good to excellent activity in the supernatant.



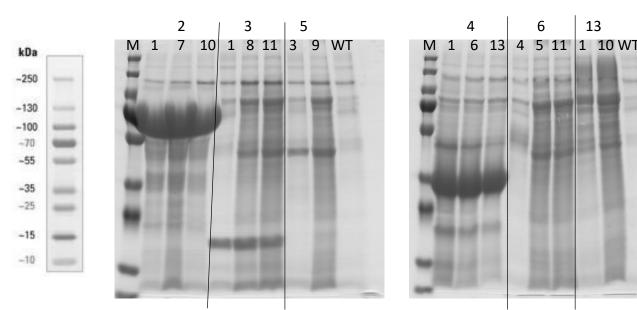
Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

24-well Expression: SDS-PAGE analysis

Expression culture 13.-16.03.2023

2-3 clones of each construct analyzed 10x concentrated via 10kDa UF, load 10 μL 12% TGX-Gel

- 2. pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Paes-TB035 (~ 56 kD)
- 3. pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 (~22 kD)
- 4. pPichia57ost1_PEH-Peas-PE-H-Y250S (~30 kD)
- 5. pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Dim-#008 (~ 43 kD)
- 6. pPichia57ost1_EstLip-PtEst1 (~ 39 kD)
- 13. pPichia57ost1_FE-Polur1 (~ 67 kD)







14. pPichia57ost1 VD-PL9 (~ 80 kD) Hyaluronidase

Task 6.1: Progress 07-2023 Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

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24-well Expression: SDS-PAGE analysis

Expression culture 13.-16.03.2023

11 clones of each construct analyzed 200 µL concentrated via 10kDa UF, load all 4-20% SurePAGE

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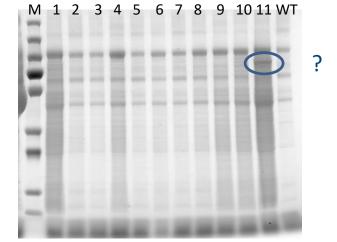
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~130 ~100 ~70 ~55

~35 -25

~15 -10

1. pPichia57ost1 FE-ID9 (~ 40 kD) Lipase









Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Summary: Secreted expression in *Pichia*

l D	Name	Partner	Priority	Signal Peptide	Nagoya protocol	Cloning for secreted expression	Expression successful	Activity confirmed
2	FE_Lip9 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (1st)	Yes	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	++	++
3	FE_ID9 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (1st)	No	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	-	-
4	FE_polur1 (lipase)	CSIC	Yes (2nd)	No	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	++	+
5	EstLip_Dim_#008 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (1st)	No	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	++	++
6	EstLip_Paes_TB035 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (2nd)	Yes	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	+++	+++
7	EstLip_PtEst1 (lipase)	UDUS	Yes (2nd)	No	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	+	++
9	PEH_Paes_PE-H_Y250S (PETase)	UDUS	Yes (1st)	Yes	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	+++	++
1 5	VD_PL9 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	Yes	Yes	Information provided	Pichia (Euc)	(?)	Assay establishment
1 9	V. diabolicus V4; V. alginolyticus #23 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	Yes	-	Information provided			







Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Next steps: Secreted expression in Pichia

✓ ALL LEAD LIPASES TESTED ACTIVE:

- Fermentation in 1 L and 10 L scale
- Supply of samples to consortium partners

✓ VD-PL9 HYALURONIDASE:

- Analysis of more clones to confirm expression
- Establishment of assay in house
- Supply of samples to consortium partners
- ✓ FE_ID9 LIPASE (EXPRESSION FAILED):
 - Transformation of constructs with other signal peptides
 - Expression screening





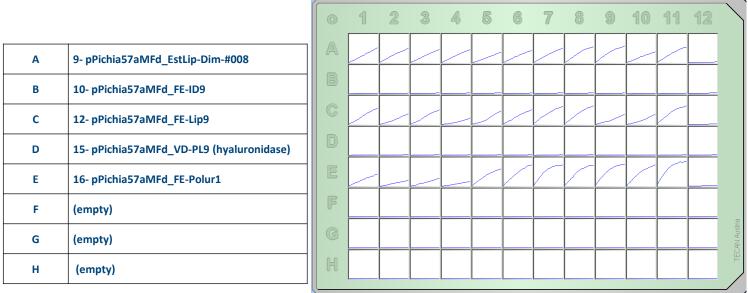


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24-well Expression: Lipase activity Screening

Expression culture 24.-27.04.2023

11 individual clones screened in pNP-butyrate assay (time course of pNP release shown)



Clones 1-11, plus wt strain in 12

- > All lead lipases except FE-ID9 show good activity in the supernatant.
- > pPichia57aMFd_Fe-Polur1 shows better activity than in previous round with OST1 signal peptide.



Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

24-well Expression: SDS-PAGE analysis

Expression culture 24.-27.04.2023

11 clones of each construct analyzed 200 μL concentrated via 10kDa UF, load all 4-20% TGX

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~100

~70

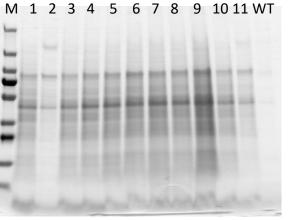
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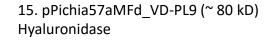
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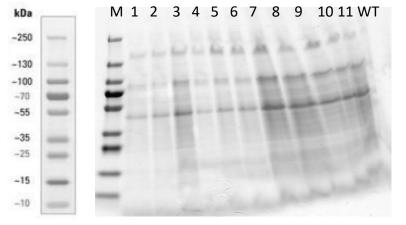
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10. pPichia57aMFd_FE-ID9 (~ 40 kD) Lipase











Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

10 L scale fermentation

- ✓ Clones selected from 24-well screening of transformants:
 - pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 #8
 - pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Paes-TB035 #7
 - pPichia57ost1_PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S #11
 - pPichia57ost1_EstLip-PtEst1 #11
 - pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Dim-#008 #3
 - pPichia57aMFd_FE-Polur1 #6







Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Example of 10 L scale fermentation:

✓ SELECTED CLONE:

• pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 #8

Fermentation:	230504_098_FutEnzyme					
Start:	04.05.2023 09:17					
Strain:	Pichia pastoris			32 mL		
Plasmid:	(3) pPichia57ost1_F	E-Lip9 #8				
Medium:	4000 mL medium sa	lt BSM				
Preculture:	~ 300 mL YPD @ 28°C					
Feeds:	internal pump 1	4 L	100% Methanol, 8 mL/L Trace			
	external pump:	1.6 L	500 g/L Glycerol, 4 mL/L Biotin (0.2 g/L stock)			
Feed Control:	Fed-Batch-Phase:	1350 mL feed	after first pO2-peak over 10 h			
		cool-down 28>25°C over 10 hours				
	Transition-Phase:	1 h, 20 mL/h glycerol feed, 80 mL MeOH-pulse				
	Induction-Phase:	150 mL MeOH	l pulses			

post sterile additions:
32 mL Biotin
32 mL BSM Trace





Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Example of 10 L scale fermentation: FE-Lip9

- ✓ SELECTED CLONE:
 - pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 #8



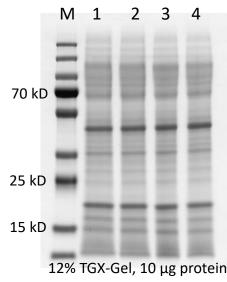




Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

10 L scale fermentation of FE-Lip9:

- ✓ DSP of pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 #8
 - 0.2 µm filtered Supernatant (7500 mL)
 - Concentration via 10 kDa (5000 mL)
 - Buffer change to 25 mM Kpi, 50 mM NaCl, pH 6.3 (1900 mL)
 - Lyophilization



	SN (1)	Concentrate (2)	Final (3)	Lyo (4)
Protein concentration	0.72 mg/mL	1.17 mg/mL	2.79 mg/mL	0.084 mg/mg
Activity	1.33 U/mL	2.55 U/mL	6.00 U/mL	0.19 U/mg





Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Summary of top priority lead candidates

Done and shipped:

- pPichia57ost1_FE-Lip9 #8
- pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Paes-TB035 #7
- Pichia57ost1_PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S #11

Ongoing (finished next week):

- pPichia57ost1_EstLip-PtEst1 #11 (10 L failed, feed protocol needs optimization)
- pPichia57ost1_EstLip-Dim-#008 #3 (analysis open)

Open:

pPichia57aMFd_FE-Polur1 #6 (this weekend)

Activity to be tested:

• pPichia57aMFd_VD-PL9 (hyaluronidase)





Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Shipment of current lead candidates

19.06.2023	Eucodis	BANGOR	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 100 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	CNR	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 100 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	CSIC	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 100 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	Henkel	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 100 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	INOFEA AG	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 2 g	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	IST-ID	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 5 g	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	Schoeller	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 10 g	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	UDUS	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 500 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S
19.06.2023	Eucodis	UHAM	Enzyme lyophilisate	3x 100 mg	FE-Lip9, EstLip-Paes-TB035, PHE-Paes-PE-H-Y250S



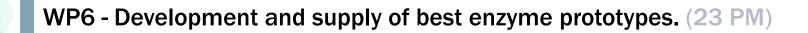


Fermentation and DSP of best 18 project enzymes (M16 – M42)

Next round of candidates

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8	EstLip_TBEc304 (lipase)	UDUS	No	No	62.54	Detergent	2nd round
10	PEH_Pbau_PE-H (Lipase, PETase)	UDUS	No	Yes	61.70	Detergent, textile	2nd round
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12	PEH_Poce_PE-H (Lipase, PETase)	UDUS	No	Yes	62.5	Detergent, textile	2nd round
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15	VD_PL9 (hyaluronidase)	CNR	Yes	Yes	88.89	Cosmetic	2nd round
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23	EH _{1AB1C} (PluriZyme)	CSIC	No	No	64.19	All	
24	X11_mut1 (PluriZyme)	CSIC	No	No	64.78	All	
25	LC1Hm_4133	CSIC				Cosmetic	2nd round
26	LC1Hm_4133 cut	CSIC				Cosmetic	2nd round
27	pVec11 (peroxidase)	Bangor		No	69.8	Textile	2nd round







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For questions: Carla



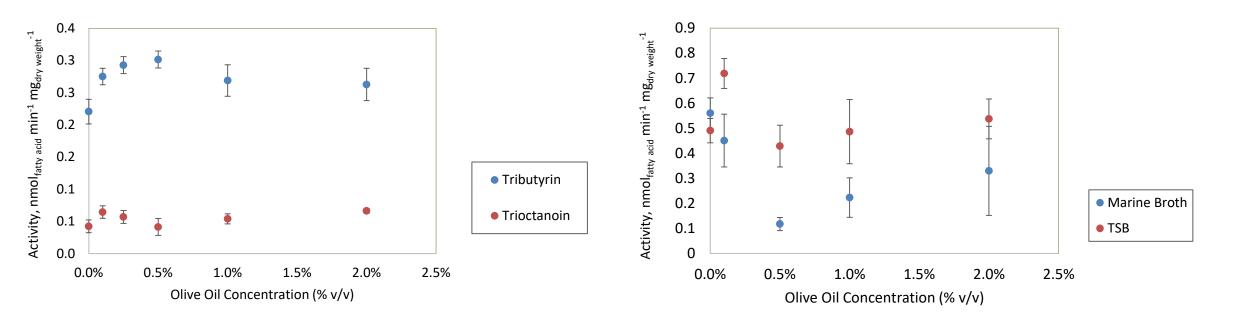




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Lipase activity assays

Serratia quinivorans



Pseudomonas protegens

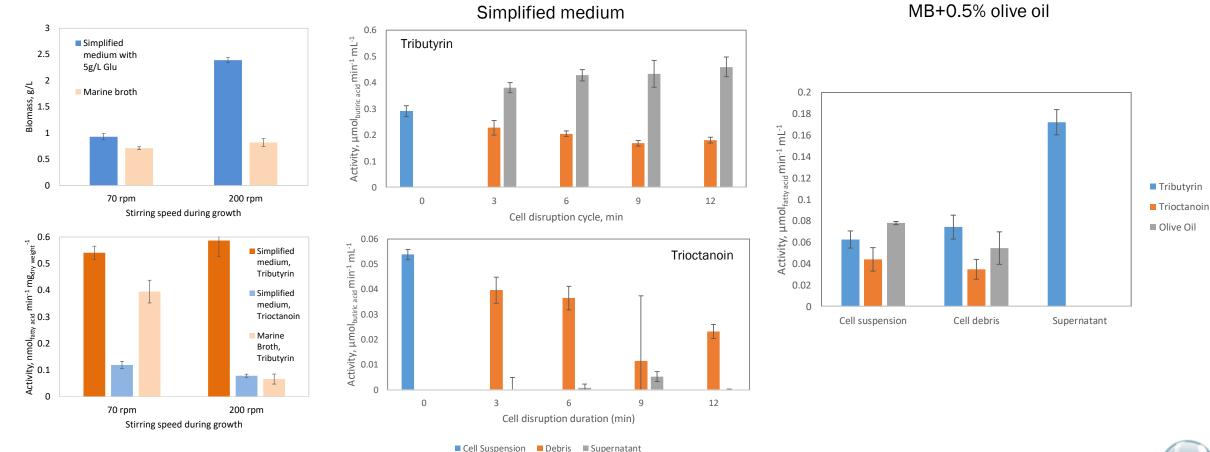






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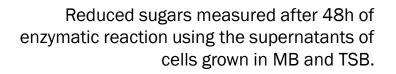
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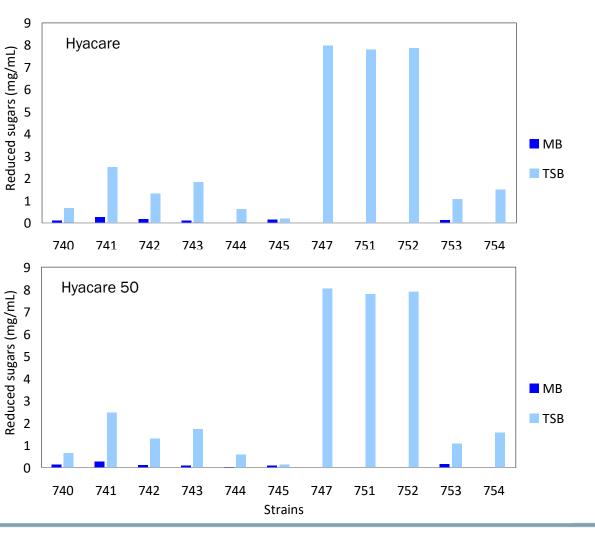














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Hyaluronidase activity -paper-based method (Zhao et al. 2022)

analytical chemistry

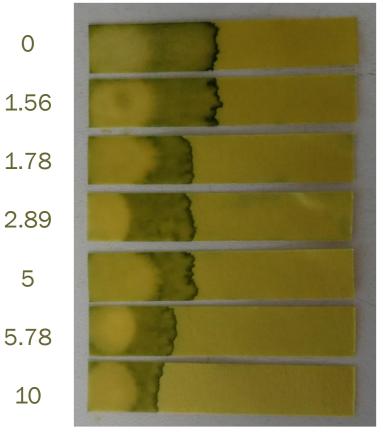
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Paper-Based Flow Sensor for the Detection of Hyaluronidase via an Enzyme Hydrolysis-Induced Viscosity Change in a Polymer Solution

Binglu Zhao, Lubin Qi,* Wenjun Tai, Mei Zhao, Xiangfeng Chen, Li Yu, Jianguo Shi, Xiao Wang, Jin-Ming Lin, and Qiongzheng Hu*



HA (mg/mL)



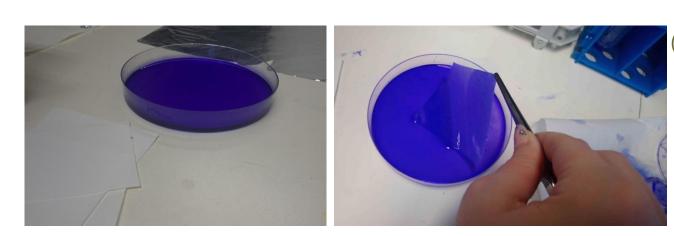


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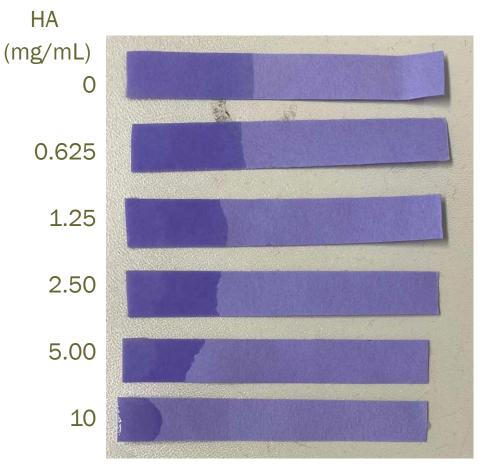
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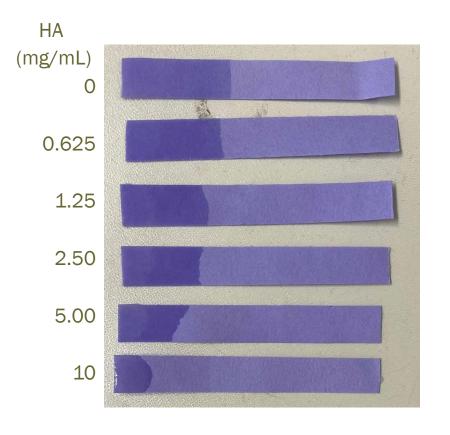


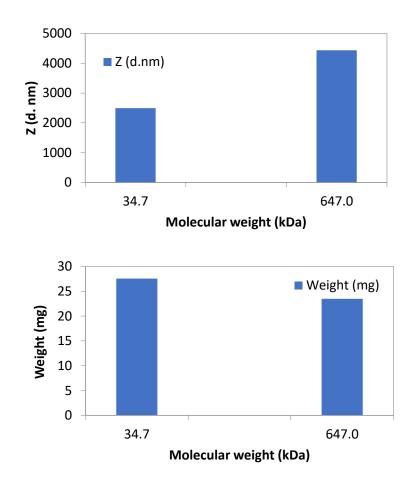


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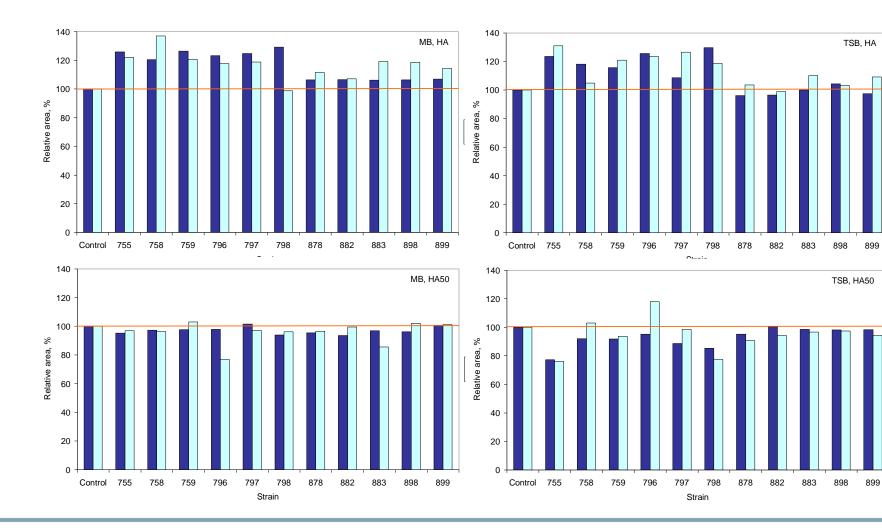






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Hyaluronidase activity - new paper-based method



■ 48h □ 168h

48h 🗆 168h

WP6 (& WP7)



Future experiments

Detergents: to test the 3 enzymes we've received in June with the stained textiles under conditions simulating a washing cycle (new reactors under development to simulate textile "rubbing"

Textiles: to test the 3 enzymes we've received in June to clean the dyeing liquid after dyeing process and to remove the solvents in the textiles; to use our strains for the same purpose

Cosmetics: to use our strains in small reactors until hyaluronidases are received.









For questions: Fabrizio









Hyaluronidase production by strain *Vibrio* sp. IAMC-CNR#23





Screening of cultivation media from the BCSMedDat database



- Media BCS365 and BCS366 identified as suitable for growth and hyaluronidase (extracellular production)
- Hyacare used as inducer

Medium	OD600 max	Hyaluronidase activity (IU/mI)	Notes
DSM2216	5,8	0,023	control
BCS365	4,6	0,028	
BCS366	8,7	0,028	



Hyaluronidase assay – notes on methodology



- Activity assay adapted from Dorfman, A. (1955) Methods in Enzymology, Volume I, 166-173 current
- Activity assay adapted from Zhao et al. (2022) Anal. Chem. 2022, 94, 4643–4649 in progress
- Activity considerably lower than reported in studies with other strains/sources. Qualitatively
 much evident
- pH has been modified from the method
- Study performed on the Hyacare substrates supplied by Evonics



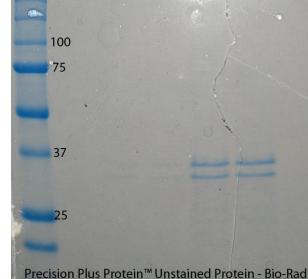
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- Activity peaks in 48 hours
- Concentration performed on 30 KDa ultrafiltration membranes
- No signal on SDS-PAGE coherent with the estimated Hyaluronidase size
- Other fermentations in progress

Fermentation Hyaluronidase 15 L

Samples to be sent to CSIC









Fermentation of Coriolopsis gallica



- High level of laccase activity
- Affordable fermentation and DSP process
- Concentration performed by ultrafiltration and (NH4)2SO4 precipitation
- Oxydation of wastewater dyes from Sholler







Fermentation Coriolopsis gallica



- Dye degradation test (Bangor)
- 10% liquid dye (Sholler)
- The assay was performed in 1mL solutions obtained by addition of 100 μL of dye, 100 μL of enzyme stock solution and 800 μL of ultrapure water. Absorbance changes were measured 588 nm after incubation at 30°C or 50°C for 50 minutes.



Fermentation Coriolopsis gallica



- samples treated with 0,05 μg/μL of laccases showed absorbance decrease of 75±1% while samples treated with 0,5 μg/μL of enzyme showed decrease of 79±1%.
- using 0,05 $\mu g/\mu L$ of enzyme solution and an incubation temperature of 50°C absorbace decrease of $87{\pm}1\%$ was achieved
- A greysh color is retained by the solution after treatment
- The tested laccase has proved to be efficient also in the presence of tensioactives (Tween 20 and Tween 80).





Conclusions and outlook



Hyaluronidase

- Production feasible and relative easy in an industrial medium
- Other inducers?
- Enzyme concentrate to be delivered to CSIC

Laccase

- Efficient in wastewater decoloration tests
- Next steps?







- Environmental impact, safety issues, sustainability needs are to be properly considered for enzymes' production technology and also for their further applications.

- The involved industrial partners might have **preferences regarding expression hosts and plasmids**. This should be clarified with them ideally prior to the enzyme production process. And if needed, reconsideration of enzyme production strategy should be considered.

- The consortium needs to be aware that the aimed production of enzymes will be industrial. Therefore, also the final production **strains/plasmids need to have industrial licenses** at that point.

- Sustainability needs to be precisely considered in the supply of the best enzymes (objective 5)







- It is essential to **precisely define the leading enzyme candidates**. If needed we can reach out **ICRT** (International Consumer and Research Testing, a consortium of which Altroconsumo is partner, and that usually carry out independent testing) **to assess the sustainability and eco-friendliness of the new products, but also the accessibility to the products in terms of price**. This would be a different comparison than that made inside our consortium with benchmark products. Niesel offered to cooperate also for the high scale enzyme production.

- De Lorenzo wanted to know about the **expression and production platform**, since we might be putting too much effort in this aspect. The part about discovery, screening and improvement of enzymes is of high quality, innovative and cutting-edge, but the production steps are "old-style", lacking innovation. Ferrer explained that we usually begin with E. coli, and if it does not work we can turn into other organisms such as Aspergillus, or even the cell-free expression system that our partners from UHAM have developed in the frame of the project. Other partners such as Eucodis or BioC_Chem Solutions have different expression organisms that are at the disposal of the partners. BioC_Chem is developing a method that will predict the culture media depending on the sequence and organism.

- Regarding **commercialization** of enzymes and companies of interest: the path should be clearly defined. If you get interest from 2 or 3 companies, what will the group do? Who will **own the IP**?







Thank you!



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