

Fermentation of Xylose-Rich Substrates by the Haloarchaeon Halorhabdus Utahensis towards High Value-Added Bioproducts

Short introductive summary:

Research that focuses on the use of high value-added bioproducts for industrial applications is essential for the implementation of sustainable approaches forecasting a bio-based economy. The effective use of biomass feedstocks, particularly lignocellulosic materials, in large-scale applications will evolve from innovative research aimed at the development and implementation of biorefineries established for specific feedstocks. In this context, an important step is the concept of fractionating biomass into its core constituents (cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin) for further enhanced valorization. Contrary to the valorization of cellulose fraction, which has been extensively studied, there is a gap in the valorization of the hemicellulose fraction (xylose- rich substrate) towards bioproducts. In this context, the present work aims to explore the ability of the haloarchaeon Halorhabdus utahensis (DSM-12940) to ferment xylose (or xylose-rich substrates) to high added-value bioproducts, such as pigments, exopolysaccharides (EPS) and polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs).

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