



Synthesis of ethyl acetate from purified lipase of *Aspergillus fumigatus*

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Abstract:

Lipases are ubiquitous biological macromolecules which have many industrial and environmental applications. Lipase was purified from *Aspergillus fumigatus* by using Octyl Sepharose column chromatography. The enzyme was purified by ammonium sulfate precipitation and hydrophobic interaction chromatography which resulted in 7-fold purification. The molecular weight of protein using Native-PAGE was found to be 70 kDa. The apparent molecular weight by SDS-PAGE was found to be 35 kDa which indicated that the enzyme was homodimer. The optimum temperature and pH for activity of the enzyme was found to be 40°C and 9.0 respectively. The kinetic parameters V_{max} and K_m of the purified lipase were 10.42 $\mu\text{mol min}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1}$ and 9.89 mM respectively. Ethyl acetate was synthesized using purified lipase from ethanol and acetic acid and was analyzed by GC/MS. The sample fragment ion at 41 and 63 m/z indicated the presence of ethyl acetate in the sample.

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Recent Publications:

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