Production of Docosahexaenoic Acid in a Culture by Thraustochytrium aureum BK1 using Natural Sea Water Medium

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Th optimum culture condition of *Thraustochytrium aureum* BK1 was investigated for the industrial production of docosahexaenoic acid(DHA, C22:6, n-3). The aim of this work is to produce DHA using natural sea water(NSW) medium. NSW being used only, dry cell weight(DCW) and DHA/total fatty acid(TFA) were 0.55 g/L and 30%, respectively at the stationary phase. Adding N - source(yeast extract : 1 g/L, peptone : 1 g/L) and vitamin(Thiamine HCl 0.1×10^4 g/L, Vitamin B_{12} 1.0×10^6 g/L, aminobenzoate 2.0×10^5 g/L, cyanobalamin 4.0×10^6 g/L, calcium penthothenate 1.0×10^5 g/L), however, DCW and DHA/TFA were 3.1 g/L and 45% respectively at the stationary phase. In case that the initial glucose 10 g/L, agitation speed 200 rpm, culture temperature 24%, working volume 3 L in the 5 L fermenter. Dew, Lipid/DCW and DHA/TFA were 3.5 g/L, 20% and 40% respectively after 3 days of cultivation.

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