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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CAGR Compound annual growth rate

USD United States Dollar

etc et cetera

STR Stirred tank bioreactor

LAB Lactic acid bacteria

R<sup>2</sup> Regression value

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

SmF Submerged Fermentation and

SSF Solid-State Fermentation

MRS de Mann Rogosa Sharpe

ATP Adenosine triphosphate

CFUs A colony-forming unit

rpm Revolutions per minute

OD Optical density

#### LIST OF SYMBOLS

μ	Specific growth rate (h <sup>-1</sup> )
$\mu_{\text{max}}$	Maximum specific growth rate
X	Biomass concentration (g/l)
Xo	Initial biomass concentration (g/l)
Xm	Maximum biomass concentration at stationary phase (g/l)
Yx/s	Biomass yield coefficient (g biomass g <sup>-1</sup> glucose)
Yp/s	Product yield coefficient (g lactic acid g <sup>-1</sup> glucose)
$m_S$	Maintenance coefficient (g glucose g <sup>-1</sup> biomass h <sup>-1</sup> )
P	Lactic acid concentration (g/l)
t	Time (h)
S	Substrate concentration (g/l)
$\Delta S$	Amount of substrate consume
α	Growth-associated product formation coefficient (g lactic acid g <sup>-1</sup> biomass)
β	Non-growth-associated product formation coefficient (g lactic acid g biomass <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )

# PENGHASILAN LAKTIK ASID DARIPADA BERAS HANCUR MENGGUNAKAN PROSES FERMENTASI

#### ABSTRAK

Antara cabaran yang perlu industri pengeluaran makanan hadapi adalah penghasilan sisa yang banyak dan proses pengurusannya menjadi kekangan yang besar kerana memerlukan ruang yang luas dan jika tidak dikendalikan dengan baik pasti akan menjejaskan alam sekitar dan kesihatan manusia. Sisa pepejal utama yang paling banyak dihasilkan daripada industri padi adalah beras hancur. Beras hancur merujuk kepada serpihan butiran padi yang diperoleh daripada pengilangan dan diasingkan selepas fasa penggilapan. Ia mempunyai komposisi kimia yang sama dengan beras putih dan karbohidrat merupakan komponen terpenting. Tujuan penyelidikan ini adalah untuk mengkaji keadaan dan potensi optimum penggunaan beras hancur yang ditapai untuk penghasilan asid laktik menggunakan kultur bakteria yang berlainan. Parameter proses yang berbeza seperti pH medium, suhu, pengadukan dan kepekatan substrat digunakan untuk mengkaji keadaan optimum. Kemudian, pertumbuhan kinetik dan pemodelan pengeluaran asid laktik daripada beras hancur dalam sistem kelompok dikaji. Daripada proses saringan kepekatan asid laktik yang tertinggi diperolehi adalah 5.24 gL<sup>-1</sup> daripada bacteria jenis Lactobacillus acidophilus pada pH 7, suhu 35°C, 150 rpm dan 50 gL<sup>-1</sup> substrat. Model tidak berstruktur diusulkan menggunakan persamaan logistik untuk pertumbuhan, persamaan Luedeking-Piret untuk penghasilan asid laktik dan model Leudeking-Piret yang telah dimodifikasi untuk penggunaan substrat. Anggaran parameter untuk penapaian secara kelompok adalah  $\mu_{max} = 0.2582 \text{ h-1}$ ,  $X_0 = 2.81 \text{g/l}$ ,  $X_m = 8.60 \text{ g/l}$ ,  $Y_{x/s} = 0.200 \text{ g/g}$ ,  $Y_{p/s} = 0.74 \text{ m/s}$ g/g dan pekali penyelenggaraan (ms) = 0.017 g glucose g<sup>-1</sup> biomass h<sup>-1</sup>. Daripada persamaan Leudeking - Piret, nilai α, β diperolehi adalah 0.179 dan 0.014. Nilai R<sup>2</sup> regresi biojisim, pengeluaran asid laktik dan penggunaan substrat adalah 0.8452, 0.9245, dan 0.9669. Penentuan nilai regresi telah menunjukkan bahawa model yang digunakan dapat menafsirkan kinetik dalam penapaian kelompok. Hasil kajian kebolehlaksanaan, menunjukkan beras hancur berpotensi tinggi untuk menjadi sumber lestari yang baru dalam penghasilan asid laktik.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

One of the consequences of industrial food production activities is the generation of high volumes of waste, whose disposal can be problematic, since it occupies large spaces and when poorly managed can pose environmental and health risks for the population. The rice industry is an important activity and generates large quantities of waste. The main solid waste generated in the rice production cycle is broken rice. Broken rice refers to the fragments of rice grain obtained by milling and separated after the polishing phase. It has the same chemical composition as white rice and its most important components are carbohydrates. The aim of this research is to investigate the optimum condition and potential of utilizing fermented broken rice to the production of lactic acid using different strain of bacteria culture. Different process parameters such as pH of the medium, temperature, agitation speed and substrate concentration were used to study the optimum condition. Then, the growth kinetics and modelling of lactic acid production from broken rice were studied in a batch system. From the screening process, the highest lactic acid concentration of 5.24 g/L was obtained from Lactobacillus acidophilus strain at pH 7, Temperature 35°C, 150 rpm agitation speed and the substrate used was 50 g/L. Unstructured models were proposed using the logistic equation for growth, the Luedeking-Piret equation for lactic acid production and modified Leudeking-Piret model for substrate consumption. The parameters estimation for the experiment data for batch fermentation  $\mu_{max}$  =  $0.2582 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ,  $X_0 = 2.281 \text{ g/L}$ , Xm = 8.60 g/L, Yx/s = 0.200 g/g, Yp/s = 0.74 g/g and maintenance coefficient (ms) = 0.017 g glucose g<sup>-1</sup> biomass h<sup>-1</sup>. From the Leudeking – Piret equations the  $\alpha,\;\beta$  value obtained were 0.179 and 0.014 respectively. Excellent significant  $R^2$  values of 0.8452, 0.9245, and 0.9669 were observed for biomass, lactic acid production and substrate consumption, respectively. The values indicated that the model used was able to interpret the fermentation kinetic in the batch fermentation. The feasibility study shown broken rice having high potential to be a new sustainable source for the lactic acid production.