

MICROORGANISMS FOR BPA DEGRADATION WITH INULINASE ACTIVITY

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Description:

Bisphenol A (BPA) is a xenobiotic, widely used as a plastic precursor, with a growing presence in the environment, diet and cosmetics, among others. The pervasiveness of this substance, along with its analogues and derivatives, has been linked to the development of endocrine and metabolic diseases, such as obesity, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, fatty liver disease, hyperactivity disorders or cancer.

Researchers at the University of Granada have identified a *Bacillus* sp. strain from the human gut microbiota, with the ability of degradation and removal of bisphenol A.

Whole Genome Sequence analysis of these bacteria, with inulinase activity, revealed the presence of a complete enzymatic, molecular and genetic arsenal, specific for endocrine disruptors degradation, such as BPA. They are capable of tolerating and metabolizing it, while using it as a carbon source.

This activity evidences this strain's potential, either alone or in combination with others, for the production of probiotic foods and/or plant probiotics for its addition to phytosanitary compositions, taking advantage of the ability to modulate those xenobiotics, relieving its endocrine pathogenesis and/or its use in bioremediation.

Advantages and Benefits

» High efficiency removal.

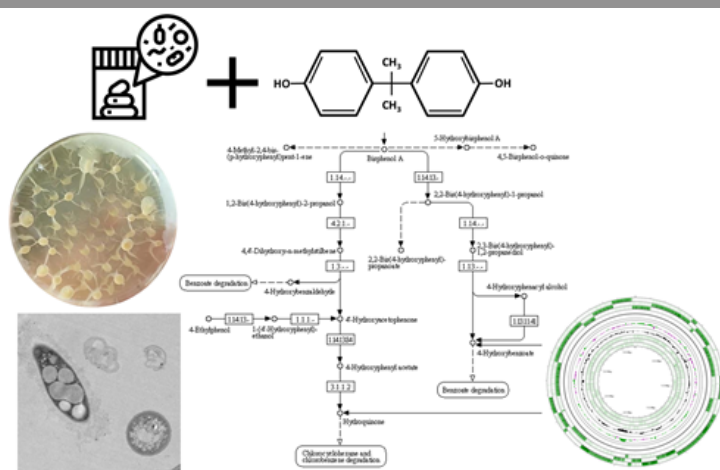
Bacillus sp AM1 strain can remove 84% BPA in 72 hours

» Multitude of applications:

- Nutrition: functional foods
- Human health: endocrine pathogenesis modulation
- Agriculture: phytosanitary compositions for plants
- Bioremediation: water contaminants removal

Safe microorganisms

These bacteria have been isolated from the human microbiota, so they will very possibly meet the safety criteria and be granted QPS status



BPA gene-encoding enzyme pathways

Actuación en el marco de los Proyectos R-PDTC-2018 y PAIDI AT17 6096 OTRI UGR



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