

Extraction and Purification of Alkali-soluble glucan Produced from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* JUL3 Using Molasses and Corn steep Liquor and Measurement of Anti-complementary Activity

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Molasses and cone steep liquor have been used extensively as a medium source for commercial production of various bioproducts. These media were used as cheaper carbon and nitrogen sources for alkali-soluble glucan production by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* JUL3. Glucans are usually grouped into several fractions. The alkali-soluble β -glucan fraction consists of a β -(1,3)-linked backbone containing 3% β -(1,6)-linkages, and is responsible for structural integrity of the cell wall. These compounds show a variety of biological activities by stimulation of the immune system. For the production of alkali-soluble glucan, the optimization of culture media (molasses and corn steep liquor) was performed by response surface methodology (RSM). The cell wall fraction was prepared by alkali extraction. The alkali-soluble glucan was purified by DEAE ion-exchange chromatography, Concanavalin-A chromatography, and freeze-drying. Finally, we tested anti-complementary activity of the alkali-soluble glucan.