

# Biosynthesis of PHBV by *Burkholderia* sp. Yu-4 under a Nitrogen-Limited condition

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## ABSTRACT

*Burkholderia* sp. Yu-4 was cultured to produce PHAs by using glucose (as the first carbon source) and organic salts (sodium propionate or sodium valerate as the second carbon source) in a nitrogen-limited medium. A one-time-one-factor method was used to explore the effects of types of nitrogen and carbon sources, organic salts and their concentrations on PHBV biosynthesis and to search for optimal conditions for batch fermentation. From the results of one-time-one-factor experiments using various carbon sources (based on the same amount of carbon in glucose) and ammonium sulfate as the nitrogen source in a flask culture, glucose was the best carbon source, and yields of biomass and PHB reached 4.53 and 1.96 g/L, respectively. When *Burkholderia* sp. Yu-4 was cultured in various nitrogen sources (based on the same amount of nitrogen in ammonium sulfate) and glucose (as the carbon source), ammonium sulfate was the best nitrogen source to yield the highest biomass (4.90 g/L) and PHB (1.63 g/L). If sodium valerate was added as the second carbon source, the best timing was at 6 h to add this salt. For sodium propionate, the biomass and PHBV production reached 6.02 and 2.38 g/L (HB 2.33 g/L and HV 0.05 g/L), respectively. For sodium valerate, the biomass and PHBV production reached 3.95 and 1.76 g/L (HB 1.52 g/L and HV 0.24 g/L), respectively. When the concentration of organic salt was considered as a factor, the results show that the most appropriate concentration for sodium propionate was 1 g/L, and the biomass and PHBV reached 4.95 and 2.09 g/L (HB 1.95 g/L and HV 0.14 g/L), respectively. For sodium valerate, the most appropriate concentration was 4 g/L, the biomass, and PHBV were 4.93 and 1.98 g/L (HB 1.57 g/L and HV 0.41 g/L), respectively. If no organic salt was added, the optimal PHB production reached 3.95 g/L, and the biomass was 6.47 g/L in a batch fermenter.

Keywords : *Burkholderia* sp. Yu-4、PHB、PHBV、sodium propionate、sodium valerate

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