

# Study on Beauvericin Production by *Beauveria bassiana* in Air-lift Fermentor

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## ABSTRACT

In this study, beauvericin (BEA) was produced by *Beauveria bassiana* A1 in shake flasks. The interaction test of phenylalanine-isovaleric acid addition was used to investigate the optimal concentrations of amino acid and organic acid for increasing the BEA productivity by *B. bassiana* A1. With 0.1 g/L isovaleric acid only added to the main medium (25.0 g/L glucose, 10.0 g/L NZM broth, 5.0 mL/L corn steep liquor and 2.0 g/L K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> with initial pH 5.7), which was optimized by RSM (response surface methodology) in the previous study, for *B. bassiana* A1 cultivation at 26 °C and 150 rpm after 6 days, the BEA production could be increased to 5.02 mg/L. This result was higher than that (1.34 mg BEA/L) without any addition of phenylalanine or isovaleric acid. Based on this result for the addition of isovaleric acid to the the main medium, the experiments of 5-L stirred-tank-reactor (STR) and 8-L airlift-reactor (ALR) fermentations were further studied. The BEA production was increased to 6.60 mg/L in 5-L STR for 6-day cultivation at 26 °C under the optimal condition: 0.6vvm aeration rate, 150 rpm agitation rate and pH controlled at 5.7 ± 0.1, while the BEA production was 8.60 mg/L in 8-L ALR for 6-day cultivation at 26 °C under the optimal condition: 0.9vvm aeration rate and pH controlled at 5.7 ± 0.1. Comparison with 5-L STR, 8-L ALR should be one good fermentor type for BEA production by *Beauveria bassiana* A1, which may be due to the good gas absorption efficiency with high aeration rate in ALR

Keywords : beauvericin (BEA) , air-lift fermentor, *Beauveria bassiana*, stirred-tank fermentor

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