

Effects of CO₂ on Production and Characterization of Hyaluronic Acid by Streptococcus zooepidemicus Submerged Fermentation

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ABSTRACT

Hyaluronic acid (HA) is a linear polysaccharide composed of repeating disaccharide units of D-glucuronic acid and N-acetylglucosamine linked by (1-4) and (1-3) glycosidic bond. It has been widespread in medical application and cosmetics. In this study, *Streptococcus zooepidemicus* BCRC15414 was used for hyaluronic acid production. The fermentation condition was set at 37 °C, 150rpm and the pH value at about 7.0, and the effects of aeration factor on hyaluronic acid production was investigated. The aeration factors were divided into two sections, the air and the carbon dioxide, where the aeration rate is 1vvm for comparisons. Then different aeration rate (0.5vvm, 1.5vvm and 2.0vvm) experiments, were carried out to discover the most suitable aeration condition for hyaluronic acid production. The result showed that 1vvm of carbon dioxide as aeration factor for 6 hr would give a hyaluronic acid concentration of 0.256 g/L, which is greater than air (0.210 g/L, 4hr). Carbon dioxide was therefore used as main aeration ingredient for fermentation, this study discovered that the hyaluronic acid production had the maximum yield when 1vvm aeration rate was applied.. This study shows that when using *Streptococcus zooepidemicus* for producing hyaluronic acid, different aeration conditions and culturing time would highly affect the production.

Keywords : *Streptococcus zooepidemicus* ; Hyaluronic acid ; carbon dioxide ; air ; aeration rate ; fermentation

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