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Development of genetically engineered S. cerevisiae for increased **production of fatty acid ethyl ester (FAEE)**

TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER

UNMET NEED AND OPPORTUNITY

Our dependency on fossil fuels is depleting the level of these natural resources rapidly. Moreover, the use of fossil fuels causes negative consequences over the environment, thus there has been a steady surge in the development of renewable form of energy.

The present invention is related to development of microbial strain of Saccharomyces cerevisiae for synthesizing value-added compounds like Fatty acid ethyl esters (FAEE) to minimize the impacts of overusing fossil fuels and other harsh chemicals. Fatty acid ethyl esters are a class of biofuel precursors that can be produced from renewable resources.

TECHNOLOGY

The present invention provides a high-level FAEE producing *S. cerevisiae* strain. The final engineered strain NGYT of *S. cerevisiae* carried 11 genetic modifications and produced 26 mg/L and 1 g/L of FAEE before and after glucose optimization respectively. This titer was further scaled-up to reach 5 g/L in fed-batch bioreactors, which is the highest reported FAEE titer achieved from *S. cerevisiae* with glucose as carbon source.

UNIQUE SELLING PROPOSITIONS

- Quality biocompatible and biodegradable.
- Enhanced efficacy higher FAEE production efficiency up to 5 g/L from S. cerevisiae.
- Cost effective –FAEE serves as a renewable and cost-effective resource.
- Ease of use easy to prepare, biocompatible.

APPLICATION

Automobile industry, Cosmetics, Lubricants, any other sector requiring oleochemicals.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Patent Application is filed in India.

LICENSING OPPORTUNITY

BCIL is looking for suitable industrial partner for commercialization of this genetically engineered *S. cerevisiae* for increased production of fatty acid ethyl ester.

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