Evaluate the effect of C/N ratio on *Yarrowia lipolytica* grown in fermented food waste

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# Background

- Municipal solid waste: Enhance day by day
- One third of these waste: FOOD WASTE (Han et al. 2016)
- Food waste:

preparation food, cooking, uneaten food rich in organic carbon, protein, fatty acids, minerals

 Valuable feedstock for valuable microbial products (Sindhu et al., 2019)



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➢Increasing energy demands : find an alternative energy source

Different microorganisms: renewable source ---> consume complex organic matters, recovery of valuable products (biofuel).

➢Oleaginous yeast: sustainable source for lipid production, ability of accumulate lipid more than 20% of dry mass inside the cell (Lee et el., 2019).

Soluble organic matters ---> more effective Bio-valorization of FW.

➢ Fermentation: ideal biological pre-treatment to enhance solubilization of organic matter (Strazzera et al., 2018)

#### • Objective of the study

- Oleaginous yeast named Yarrowia Lipolytica was cultivated on fermented food waste in nitrogen deficiency media.
- ➤To supply nitrogen deficiency media glucose, glycerol, potassium acetate was applied.
- ➢Growth of *Yarrowia Lipolytica* on fermented food waste under nitrogen deficiency media and different carbon sources was evaluated
- Lipid accumulation of Yarrowia Lipolytica on fermented food waste under nitrogen deficiency media and different carbon sources was evaluated

# • Materials and Methods:

#### - Food waste collection and preparation

Cooked and uncooked food: beans, meat, chicken and vegetables, rice, etc. Grinded, dried at 70°C, filtered to have the parts less than 3 mm, stored at  $+4^{\circ}$ C.



- Strain and inoculum preparation

*Yarrowia lipolytica:* strain MUCL 28849, BCCM (Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms.

YPD agar slant, 4±1°C

Anaerobic fermentation of food waste using rumen microorganisms
Batch experiments under thermophilic condition (55±1°C), pH 7, SRT of 5 days.

Fermented Food Waste was applied as growth medium.

# • Materials and Methods:

- Batch culture to assess optimum C/N ratio and most favorable carbon source

- CN ratios of 75, 100 and 125
- Carbon sources: glucose, glycerol and potassium acetate
- Growth was monitored every day as optical density, biomass concentration and lipid accumulation was measured at early stationary phase

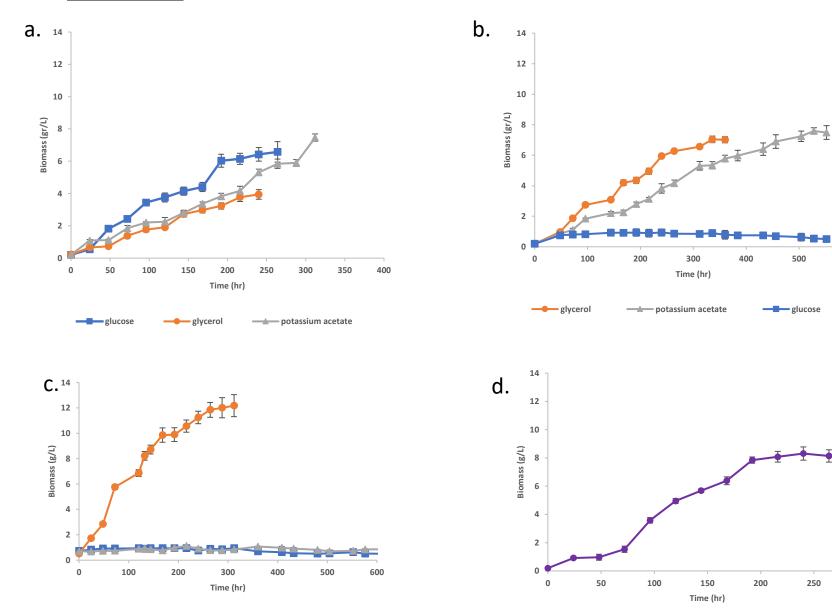


## • <u>Results</u>

Fermented food waste characterization

| Parameters  | Values                                    |
|-------------|---|
| Total COD   | 51,255±500 mg/L                           |
| Soluble COD | 48,400±492 mg/l                           |
| TKN         | 907±14 mg /L N                            |
| Ammonia     | 28.5±3.5 mg/L N                           |
| Total       |   |
| phosphorus  | 242±8 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>  |
| Ortho       |   |
| phosphate   | 143±23 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> |
| рН          | 5.44±0.05                                 |

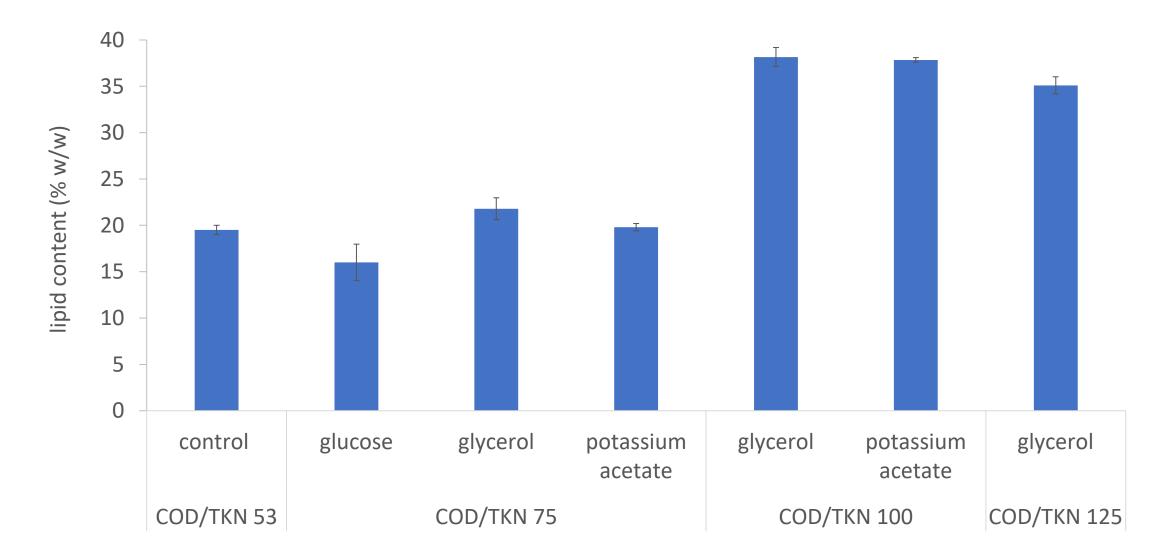
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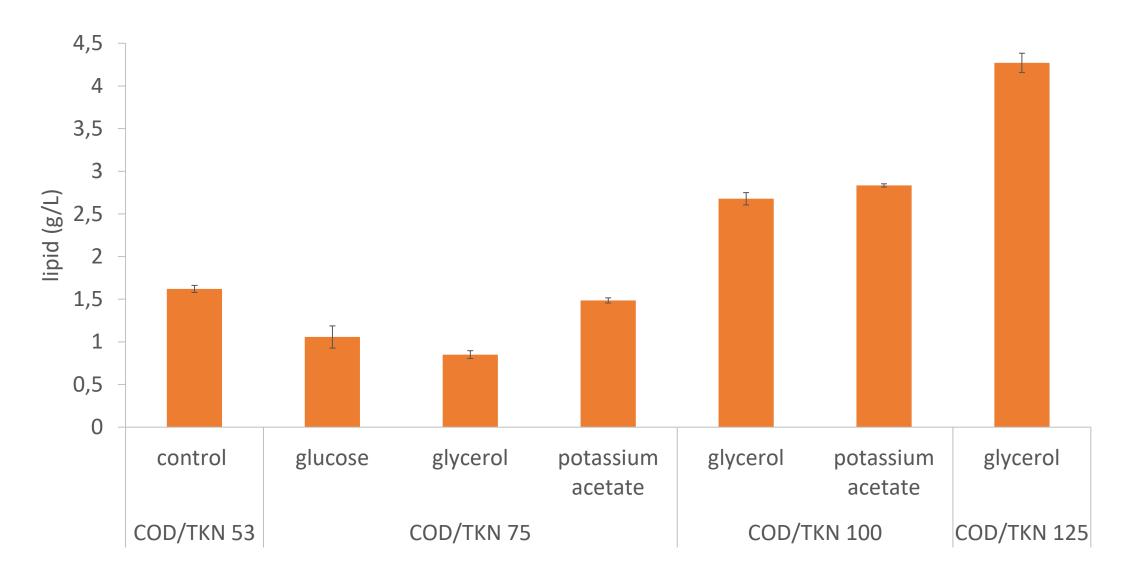
Biomass concentration in (**a**) Different carbon sources at COD/TKN 75. (**b**) Different carbon sources at COD/TKN 100. (**c**) Different carbon sources at COD/TKN 125. (**d**) Control (Fermented food waste with unchanged COD/TKN).

600

300



Lipid amount (%) in different initial COD/TKN ratios.



Lipid concentration obtained in different initial COD/TKN ratios.

#### • <u>Conclusions</u>

- According to this study, FW can be applied as favorable carbon source to produce intracellular lipid.
- Nitrogen deficiency together with high amount of organic carbon: important parameters to enhance the amount of accumulated lipid by *Y.lipolytica*.
- In this study, among applied organic carbon sources to increase biomass concentration, lipid content and lipid concentration, glycerol is selected as the most favorable one.
- By increasing COD/TKN over 75, lipid content of the cell enhanced directly.
- More investigations are required to optimize the condition of COD enhancement, such as adding carbon sources at the end of growth phase of microorganism.

