

# Use of Natural Wastes for Biosurfactant (BS) and Bioemulsifier (BE) Production and their Applications – A Review

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### Abstract

Commercial biosurfactant (BS) or bioemulsifier (BE) production requires high manufacturing cost and result difficulties in downstream processing and purification. This problem can be resolved by using low- cost natural substrates. Agroindustrial wastes as well as non-edible portions of fruits, vegetables, fish and meat contributes in high disposal and loss of nutritional biomass from the environment. These are readily available wastes which have tremendous potential to be reused as a substrate by microorganisms for efficient BS or BE production. Fruits, vegetables, fish, dairy and brewery wastes are rich sources of valuable nutrients which includes carbon, nitrogen, vitamins and other minerals. BS or BE produced using these substrates are stable in environment and show potential applications in many sectors of food industry, oil industry, agriculture, bioremediation, medicine and pharmaceutical industry. Yield of biosurfactant or bioemulsifier production can be increased by optimizing certain media parameters with the natural substrate concentrations. Growth parameters such as pH, temperature, salinity, carbon and nitrogen content have effect on stability of microorganism for maximum biosurfactant or bioemulsifier production. This review describes some recent developments and applications for the commercial biosurfactant or bioemulsifier production using cheap and unconventional natural wastes.

Keywords: Biosurfactant; Agro-Industrial Waste; Bioemulsifier; Cost Effective; Yield

**Abbreviations:** BS: Biosurfactant; BE: Bioemulsifier; CWW: Cassava Flour Wastewater; MSM: Minimal Salt Medium; PFAC: Peels From Fruits of Astrocaryum Aculeatum Meyer; PFBG: Bactris Gasipaes Kunth, PFMP: Musa Paradisiaca; PFTG: Theobroma Grandiforem; CAJ: Cashew Apple Juice; RBS: Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant; BW: Bakery Waste; CMC: Critical Micelle Concentration; MSM: Mineral Salt Media; CMD: Critical Micelle Dilution; BRY: Brewery Residual Yeast; UCO: Used Cooking Oil; Nps: Nanoparticles.

### Introduction

Surfactants are wetting agents which have the capacity to reduce the interfacial tension at the surface of solution.

These are the surface-active agent who helps to stabilize the interface between solid, liquid and the gaseous phases [1]. There are many chemical surfactants with a broad range of applications in various industries but they have serious drawbacks. They are mostly produced from non-renewable sources which are non-biodegradable with less stability and more toxicity, hence affect adversely on the environment [2]. Synthetic surfactant is generally classified into four major types, these are the non-ionic surfactants (polysorbate 80, alkyl polyglucosides and ethylene glycoldisterate); anionic surfactants (ligosulfonate, di-tridecyl sulfosuccinic acid ester and sodium methyl ester sulfonate); cationic (laurylaminehydrochloride and surfactants trimethyl dodecylammonium chloride) and amphoteric surfactants

(lauryl betaine, lauramidopropyl betaine) [3]. Although these chemical surfactants are being used in various industries for making of foods, agrochemicals, pharmaceutical, cosmetic care or detergents but they have complex structure and non-ecofriendly nature, there is a necessity to substitute these surfactants by biodegradable surfactants [3]. Natural, renewable resources like plants, animals and microorganisms have ability to synthesize the biological molecules which exhibit tremendous potential as surfactant and or emulsifiers [2]. Biosurfactants (BS) and Bioemulsifiers (BE) are amphiphilic in nature and act as a good alternative source for the synthetic chemical surfactants. BS and BE are biodegradable molecules with lower toxicity and better stability at different environmental conditions [4]. Structurally, BS and BE are classified into five main groups namely, glycolipids (rhamnolipids, sophomolipids); lipopolysaccharides (emulsan); lipopeptides (surfactin); phospholipids; fatty acids, neutral lipids (glycolipids) and hydrophobic proteins [2]. They have a wide range of applications in various fields such as food processing industries which includes biopreservation, solubilizers, bioadditives, food emulsifiers, de-emulsifiers; in petroleum industries for oil recovery; in agricultural practices as pesticide formulation and biological control agent; in pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries as drug and drug delivery system and in textile industry as detergent [4,5]. Furthermore, BS and BE have environmental applications as they have ability to remove the contaminants by acting as an oil dispersing agent and can perform bioremediation [4,5] of water and soil.

In general, the terms biosurfactant (BS) and bioemulsifier (BE) are used interchangeably for describing their surfaceactive properties but according to literature, they differ in their physiological and physicochemical properties [1]. Biosurfactants are low molecular weight microbial product whereas bioemulsifiers (BE) are high molecular weight microbial product with a complex nature usually made up of mixture of heteropolysaccharides, lipopolysaccharides, lipopeptides and proteins [1]. Biosurfactants (BS) have ability to mobilize the hydrophobic molecules bounded on the solid substances whereas bioemulsifiers have capacity to solubilize the poorly soluble substances which are hydrophobic in nature. Biosurfactants form stable emulsion by reducing surface tension while bioemulsifiers stabilize the emulsion by emulsifying the two immiscible liquids [1]. Both can be produced either on the surface of cells or extracellularly in the surrounding environment. While considering the BS and BE production, carbon and nitrogen ratio plays major role and many reports are available on the same. It was reported that depletion of nitrogen source affect on the production of biosurfactant in culture medium in the stationary phase of cell growth [6]. C/N ratio describes the relationship of carbon and nitrogen proportions in medium which is required for BS or BE production by the particular microorganism. High C/N ratio (low nitrogen level) restricts the growth of bacteria and facilitates cellular metabolism towards production of metabolites [6]. For typical biosurfactant production, *Pseudomonas* sp requires C/N ratio between 6 to 13; Bacillus subtilis requires C/N ratio between 3 to 9 and Yarrowia lipolytica requires C/N ratio of 12 [6]. Bhaumik, et al. [7] studied bioemulsifier production by Meverozyma caribbica where media was optimized with MSM and glucose such that C/N ratio of 30:1 showed highest E24 up to 70% to 80%. Shatila, et al. estimated rhamnolipid synthesis genes (rhlA, rhlB and rhlR) of Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC15442 which were highly expressed up to 58, 88 and 76 folds when combination of glucose as a carbon source and NaNO, as a nitrogen source was used [8]. Thus, the C/N ratio in media varies with carbon and nitrogen type. culture conditions, microorganism cultivation and desired product formation [6].

Until now various commercial substrates were used for BS and BE production among them most common are glucose in different concentration and different types of organic nitrogen sources such as urea, pancreatic digest of casein, beef extract and yeast extract. Use of these substrates is not ecofriendly and hence there is need to use cheaper renewable substrates. Different kinds of substrates were used to synthesize biosurfactants but the high cost of substrates, downstream processing, foaming during batch processing as well as purification systems restricts its large-scale production [4,9]. Hence, it is necessary to use methodology which will lower the overall production cost. Currently, the upcoming solution subsists the use of natural wastes to increase the yield of BS or BE which can balance the cost of process and not only lower the environmental pollution but also will contribute in the production of useful biomolecules [9]. According to the reports different wastes were used to reduce the cost includes, agro-industrial wastes, vegetable and fruit waste, vegetable oil waste, fish waste, dairy waste, brewery waste, poultry waste and meat waste [9,10]. Furthermore, there are reports where food waste displays crucial part in societal, commercial and ecological aspects and it contribute in environmental pollution [9]. It has been reported that by using such kind of substrates the productivity of the biosurfactant has been improved significantly [10,11]. Moreover, it is the best solution for waste reduction and generating excellent eco-friendly product with remarkable applications. Figure 1 indicates the flowsheet of overall process of biosurfactant and bioemulsifier production by microorganisms using natural substrates. In the present review, different types of natural substrates and their use for the production of BS and BE is discussed in detail. Review also addresses on various parameters studied for the mass production of BS and BE and successful applications of BS and BE produced by using natural substrates.



industrial waste.

# Natural Substrates Used for Biosurfactant or Bioemulsifier Production

### **Agro-industrial Substrates**

Many agro-industrial residues such as date molasses, sugarcane bagasse, sesame peel flour, corn steep liquor, peanut oil cake, cassava waste, moringa residues and mill wastes such as olive mill waste, tannery pretreatment effluent have been used as raw materials for BS and BE production [11,12]. They have gained importance because they contain high amount of carbohydrates and amino acids which act as a carbon and nitrogen source and additionally, they also contain minerals, fats, lipids, vitamins and other micro-nutrients which facilitates the growth of BS or BE producing microorganisms [12,6]. Crops such as rice, corn, wheat, cassava and potato are used in the process of starch extraction, produce rich starch and husks wastewater as a substrate for the biosurfactant production [13]. One such study carried out by Fox and Bala, et al. [14] using potato as a substitute for carbon source for biosurfactant production from *B. subtilis* ATCC 21332. They concluded that potato substrate is the best replacement for the carbon sources used for biosurfactant production. Simultaneous studies were carried out by Thompson, et al. by strain of *B. subtilis* 21332 surfactin production. They used low-solid potato effluent in a chemostat for surfactin production successfully [15]. Later used potato peel and sweet potato waste for the production of lipopeptide biosurfactant [16-18].

Cassava flour wastewater (CWW) is another waste used successfully for lipopeptide biosurfactant production from *B. subtilis* LB5a strain [19]. The same study was continued for biosurfactant production by the same species in CWW medium exhibited remarkable reduction in surface tension and low CMC values [20]. Same group also studied surfactin production by *B. subtilis* LB5a in CWW media and recorded good surface activity and CMC values for surfactin. Another raw material reported is rice mill polishing residue which was used for surfactin by strain B. subtilis MTCC 2423 and recovered 69 % of surfactin effectively [21]. Soybean flour and rice straw were used as substrates for production of lipopeptides by Bacillus amyloliquefaciens XZ-173 strain. These lipopeptides exhibited strong antifungal activity against Rhizoctonia solani and Ralstonia solanacearum [22]. Studies on use of rice husk and Cassava wastewater for biosurfactant production were also reported from Mucor indicus, R. arrhizus and P. tsukubaensis [23-25]. De-oiled cakes of Madhuca indica (mahua), Pongamia pinnata (karanj), Azadiracta indica (neem) and Jatropha curcas (jatropha) were assessed for the rhamnolipid biosurfactant from the strain P. aeruginosa AB4. It was observed that maximum rhamnolipid production was achieved with mahua oil waste [26].

### Lignocellulosic Substrates

Lignocellulose is specifically derived from plant which is abundant source of carbon and hence used in BS or BE production. First report on usage of lignocellulosic substrates by Portilla-Rivera, et al. [19] used distilled grape marc, corn steep liquor and yeast extract to yield biosurfactants as well as lactic acid from Lactobacillus pentosus. They noted good production, emulsification activity and stability for this biosurfactant [27]. Reports on production of sophorolipids from Starmerella bombicola NBRC 10243 and C. bombicola ATCC 22214 using corncob hydrolysate medium, sweet sorghum bagasse and corn fiber respectively [28]. Furthermore Samad, et al. [29] examined sophorolipids production by C. bombicola by using sweet sorghum bagasse and stover. They state that lignocellulosic feedstocks are crucial eco- friendly solution and best substrates for the production of biosurfactants. The strain Bacillus tequilensis ZSB10 was studied for cell bound and extracellular biosurfactant production by using cellulosic and hemicellulosic fractions of vine-trimming waste as a sole carbon source in the production media. Cortés-Camargo, et al. recorded better extracellular biosurfactant production as compared to cell bound [30]. Another cellulosic carbon source reported was vineyard pruning waste (cellulosic sugars waste) used by Lactobacillus paracasei A20 produced glycolipopeptide and glycoprotein biosurfactants by using glucose and lactose form waste respectively [31]. This also emphasizes relationship between carbon source and type of biosurfactant produced. Recently, sugarcane bagasse hemicellulose hydrolysate was used as a carbon source for the production of sophorolipids from the strain Cutaneotrichosporon mucoides UFMG-CM-Y6148 [32]. Although these studies suggest the application of lignocellulosic waste for better and eco-friendly production of sophorolipids, pre- treatment for lignocellulosic waste is vital and it may increase the production cost.

# Fruit or Vegetable Waste, Frying Oil Waste and Vegetable Oils as Substrates

Every year billion tons of food waste gets engendered round the world. Use of fruit and vegetables in cooking and other foodstuffs generates huge waste which includes household waste which is found to be dominant in India and China. Reducing this waste is challenging and it would be prodigious if it can be used for production of biomolecules. Taking this in consideration recent studies focus on use of fruit processing waste and vegetable wastes as a substrate to obtain high amount of biosurfactant. Studies have been done on biosurfactant production by using variety of fruit and vegetable waste substrates as a carbon source like Citrus *lambiri* peels, *Citrus medica* peels, orange peels, banana peels and potato peels with 2% of glycerol in Minimal Salt Medium (MSM) from Bacillus licheniformis [33]. It was recorded that lipopeptide type of biosurfactant obtained from orange peel showed maximum yield (1.295 gL<sup>-1</sup>) followed by banana peel (1.116 gL<sup>-1</sup>) and potato peel (1.058 gL<sup>-1</sup>). Furthermore, biosurfactant production showed increased yield (1.796 gL<sup>-1</sup>) with increased concentration of orange peel (4%) [33]. Similar studies were done by using Palm kernel cake as natural source contains minerals, proteins and fatty acids. New strain Providencia alcalifaciens SMO3 grown on palm kernel cake showed high amount of glycolipid (8.3 gL-1) production [34]. Likewise, Yellow cashew fruit bagasse is a cheap source of carbon and contains lipids, proteins, carbohydrate and micronutrients which were used as a substrate for rhamnolipid production [35]. The potential fungi Fusarium oxysporum was studied for biosurfactant production using peels from fruits of Astrocaryum aculeatum Meyer (PFAC), Bactris gasipaes Kunth (PFBG), Musa paradisiaca (PFMP) and Theobroma grandiforem Schumann (PFTG) from which Kunth (PFBG) acted as a best substrate with significant increase for biosurfactant activity and production [36]. Another mostly used fruit waste was cashew apple juice (CAI), Rocha, et al. [37-40] group explored it as a supplement or as sole source of carbon for biosurfactant or bioemulsifier production. Bacteria's such as Acinetobacter calcoaceticus RAG-1, Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 10145, B. subtilis LAMI008, B. subtilis LAMI005 were used for emulsan, rhamnolipid and surfactin production respectively. It was observed by this group that all these biosurfactants were able to lower the surface tension significantly and there was notable increase in the yield of rhamnolipid and surfactin [13,41]. Similarly, CAJ used for biosurfactant production by strain *P. aeruginosa* MSIC02 was investigated and it was observed that there was significant reduction in the surface tension of produced biosurfactant [42].

In case of food industries, used vegetable cooking oil is the major waste and can be used for biosurfactant production [43]. This waste contains triglycerides, diglycerides,

monoglycerides and small amount of free fatty acids which can act as good carbon source [44]. Waste fried sunflower oil and olive oils were used for rhamnolipid biosurfactant production by a *P. aeruginosa* 47T2 successfully [45]. Similar studies were carried out for biosurfactant production by strain Candida bombicola ATCC22214 strain. It was observed that this strain can produce sophorolipids via frying oil waste [46]. Many reports using fried waste oils such as of restaurant waste oils, sunflower oil, frying waste oils, waste soyabean frying oil, rice bran frying oil, waste coconut frying oil are available indicating remarkable production of different biosurfactants such as rhamnolipids, sophorolipids, glycolipids and surfactin. Microbial species which showed successful production of biosurfacatnt using these waste frying oils are P. aeruginosa, Bacillus subtitlis, Streptomyces, Rhodococcus erythropolis, Mucor circinelloides, Burkholderia thailandensis and P. cepacia [13,9].

Hydrocarbons are proved as good source of carbon or many bacterial and fungal species. Eddououda, et al. [47] used different natural oils as carbon source such as vegetable oil (1% v/v), olive oil (1% v/v), crude oil (1% v/v), and hexadecane (1% v/v) for the production of biosurfactant by Staphylococcus sp. strain 1E. They concluded that olive oil (1% v/v) was acting as a best substrate for biosurfactant production which resulted in maximum reduction in surface tension (25.8 dynes/cm) along with good oil displacement properties. Abbasi, et al. [48] analysed biosurfactant production by Pseudomonas aeruginosa MA01 by using different carbon sources such as soybean oil, sunflower oil, olive oil or waste from oil refineries. They concluded vegetable oil mostly soybean oil was proved as good carbon source for this biosurfactant production. De-oiled cakes of Madhuca indica (mahua), Pongamia pinnata (karanj), Azadiracta indica (neem)and Jatropha curcas (jatropha) were assessed for the rhamnolipid biosurfactant from the strain P. aeruginosa AB4 [26]. It was observed that maximum rhamnolipid production was achieved with mahua oil waste [26]. Studies on use of olive oil mill effluent, soyabean oil refinery waste and ground nut oil refinery waste as substrates for biosurfactant production by Pseudomonas and Candida sphaerica were also carried out. Biosurfactant produced by Pseudomonas was reported as rhamnolipid. Microbes such as Trametes versicolor, Starmerella bombicola, Bacillus subtilis, etc, were reported for the production of different biosurfactants by using oil processing wastes.

### **Dairy and Bakery Waste Substrates**

Dairy wastes such as whey, buttermilk and other byproducts are also being used as a substrate for biosurfactant production. It has been examined that curd whey acts as a readily available rich source of organic carbon, nitrogen, vitamins such as riboflavin, pantothenic acid and minerals like copper, iron, phosphorus, calcium and potassium (REF). Dubey, et al. studied biosurfactant production by Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain PP2 and Kocuria turfanesis strain I using curd whey. It was observed that biosurfactant produced by strain PP2 exhibited more yield in comparison with strain J [49]. Studies on cultivation of Cryptococcus curvats on lactose rich whey concentrate showed increased sophorolipid production [9]. Dairy waste has high BOD and hence disposal of this waste is major concern in many countries. As per reports 50 % of dairy waste cannot be recycled and hence goes waste. If this remaining 50 % can be used in biosurfactant production it will be economically and environmentally beneficial. Patowary, et al. [50] reported rhamnolipid biosurfactant (RBS) production from Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain PG1 by using discarded mixed bakery waste (BW). They supplied mineral salt media (MSM) with dry and powder form BW as a sole source of carbon. RBS reduced surface tension of MSM from 72.0 to 25.8 mN m<sup>-1</sup> and critical micelle concentration (CMC) noted was 100 mg  $L^{-1}$ . It is the first report on use of BW for making of high-value RBS. RBS exhibited excellent emulsification activity with insignificant cytotoxic effect. This characteristic of RBS supports its application in many industries including clinical one.

### **Animal Waste Substrates**

Animal waste is generated in large amount and can be used for BS and BE production. Recent studies suggested that fish wastes like fish head and fish liver have gained importance for biosurfactant production. These fish wastes are rich source of total organic carbon, total nitrogen and ash where fish head has C/N ratio of 4.12 and fish liver has C/N ration of 3.1 [51]. Kaskatepe, et al. [52] studied rhamnolipid production by using three different strains of Pseudomonas aeruginosa like P. aeruginosa ATCC, H1 and SY1 on kefir media. They recorded yield of rhamnolipid production was 11.7 gL<sup>-1</sup>, 10.8 gL<sup>-1</sup> and 3.2 gL<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Furthermore, they studied rhamnolipid production using fish meal media for the same strains where the yields of rhamnolipid recorded were 12.3 gL<sup>-1</sup>, 9.3 gL<sup>-1</sup> and 10.3 gL<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Studies carried out on optimization for lipopeptide production by Bacillus subtilis N3- 1P by using fish waste as substrate. They noted the critical micelle dilution (CMD) value for biosurfactant produced from fish liver and fish head waste was 54.72 and 47.59 CMD respectively. Whereas, the critical micelle concentration (CMC) value for biosurfactant produced using fish liver peptone was low up to 0.18 gL<sup>-1</sup>. Thus, when the biosurfactant produced via using fish waste reduced the surface tension of distilled water to 27.9 mN/m [51].

Besides fish waste, poultry wastes like greasy effluents from slaughter house of hens and pigs were also used as

potential substrate for biosurfactant production. Borges, et al. [53] studied the effect of different concentrations of fat, brewery residual yeast (BRY), ammonium nitrate on the biosurfactant production by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 10145. They reported that the optimum concentrations of fat, BRY and ammonium nitrate was 12 gL<sup>-1</sup>, 15 gL<sup>-1</sup> and 0 gL<sup>-1</sup> respectively when supplemented with meat extract. Under these conditions, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 10145 was able to produce biosurfactant with 27.5 dyne/cm surface tension and 100% emulsification activity.

### **Brewery Waste Substrates**

Apart from fruit and vegetable wastes, industries involved in beer production produces waste during first stage (mash and lauter tun) called as brewery wastes. These brewery wastes are rich source of carbon which has likely to be used as substrate by microorganism for biosurfactant production. Moshtagh, et al. [54] assessed Bacillus subtilis N3-1P strain for biosurfactant production using brewery waste as carbon source along with ammonium nitrate (nitrogen source). They observed that 657 mgL<sup>-1</sup> of biosurfactant was produced by Bacillus subtilis N3-1P with 27.315 mNm<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup> surface tension reduction and 107 mgL<sup>-1</sup> critical micelle concentration (CMC). Recently, Nazareth, et al. [55] studied surfactin production by Bacillus subtilis ATCC6051 using brewery waste called trub as substrate obtained from baking stage of must. They reported 210.11 mgL<sup>-1</sup> production of surfactin after 28 h. Therefore, biosurfactant production using brewery waste reduces the cost for substrate as well as it helps to engender an environment friendly approach to treat the industrial waste.

### **Combinations of Natural Substrates**

Many natural substances were used for biosurfactant production as we noted above, but in most of these reports, single substance is used for the BS or BE production. Literature reviews suggest that organisms utilized many agro-industrial wastes as a substrates and increased yield of biosurfactants or bioemulsifiers. Following are few reports which portray combination of different natural substrates were used to increase BS or BE production. Almeida, et al. [56] investigated biosurfactant production from Pantoea *sp.*, isolated from textile industry wastewater. They assessed biosurfactant production by adding pineapple peel juice, corn steep liquor and vegetable fat in media according to factorial design. The BS produced showed good bioremediation ability. Paraszkiewicz, et al. [57] used different substrates such as brewery waste water (obtained from beer production based on barley and wheat malt), 2% apple peel extract, beet molasses, and carrot peel extract (supplemented with peptone or yeast extract) and examined the lipopeptide that

is Surfactin and Iturin production by two strains Bacillus subtilis KP7 and Bacillus subtilis I'-1a respectively. It was recorded that maximum amount of surfactin was produced when Bacillus subtilis KP7 was grown on media containing carrot peel extract supplemented with 0.5% yeast extract whereas maximum amount of iturin was produced when Bacillus subtilis I'-1a was grown on the media containing apple peel extract and carrot peel extract supplemented with peptone. Similarly, Velioglu and Urek studied the effect of different concentrations of substrates on the production of biosurfactant by Pleurotus djamor. They used sunflower seed oil as a carbon source and substrates used were sunflower seed shells or grapes wastes and potato peels. They concluded that sunflower seed shell was the optimal substrate for the production of biosurfactant which showed good surface tension activity  $(29.79 \pm 0.3 \text{ mN/m})$  [4]. Table 1 shows different type of substrate, microorganisms, type of biosurfactant, its yield and emulsification activity in detail.

# Pre-treatment of Substrates Used for Biosurfactant Production

The waste material which are used as substrate for biosurfactant production may contain foreign materials and dust particles on its surface, so it is necessary to perform pretreatment of natural agro- wastes before their use [5,58,59]. Different substrates such as lignocellulosic and oil-based wastes, agro- industrial wastes, etc. required different pretreatments. Commonly, the first step used in lignocellulosic substrate pre-treatment is size reduction by employing grinding, hammer mill, and tub etc. where the reduced size will increase permeability and surface area. Second step used was pre-hydrolysis treatment by using liquid ammonia or ultra-sonication. Liquid ammonia is the most preferred one for corn stover like substrates whereas ultra-sonication is preferred for de-crystallizing the cellulosic part. The third step is chemical or enzymatical hydrolysis of the substrates. In acid hydrolysis diluted inorganic acids such as HCL or H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> are ideal. In alkaline conditions, calcium, potassium and ammonium hydroxides causes less sugar degradation and hence favored. Besides this, enzymatic hydrolysis by  $\beta$ glucosidase also employed effectively for many substrates including bagasse [12,9]. Finally washed and treated substrates were dried. In case of agro- industrial wastes used as a substrate were washed with sterile distilled water for soil and dirt removal [5,58,59]. Further, the washed substrates were dried at 55°C for 4 to 7 days in convective hot air-drying oven [5,58,59]. Furthermore, they were crushed or grounded using mortar and pestle or high-speed grinding machine to obtain powdered form of substrates. These powdered samples were then stored in desiccator in air tight polythene bag at room temperature until needed. The pre- treatments according to the waste are necessary to avoid inhibitory

compounds which may effect on biosurfactant production and efficiency [5,58,59]. Pivotal role of pre-treatment may

also increase the production cost hence may result on cost effective production of biosurfactants.

Type of waste used	Substrate Used	Micro- Organism	Type of BS / BE Produced	Production Yield of BS / BE (g L-1)	Emulsification activity in % E24	Reference
Hydro carbon waste	Sunflower seed shell	Pleurotus djamor	ND*	8.9 ± 0.5	34.21 ± 3.2	Velioglu and Urek [4]
	Palm kernel cake	Providencia alcalifaciens SM03	Glycolipid	8.3	ND*	Jamal, et al. [34]
	Wasted cooking oil	Acinetobacter bouvetii UAM 25	Lipohetero- polysaccharides	0.225 ± 0.2	76.2 ± 3.5	Ortega-de la Rosa, et al. [60]
	Paraffin (5% w/v) + MSM	Paenibacillus sp. 510	Oligo-saccharide lipid complex	6.1 to 7.9	64.4 ± 1.6 (63.1 ± 1.6)	Gudiña, et al. [61]
	Crude oil (5% w/v) + MSM	Paenibacillus sp. 510	Oligo-saccharide lipid complex	7.4 ± 0.3	62.1 ± 2.5 (75.1 ± 1.6)	Gudiña, et al. [61]
	Sunflower oil	Pseudomonas cepacian	Glycolipids	7.1	ND*	Fiebig, et al. [62]
	2 % corn steep liquor + 3 % waste soybean oil	Mucor circinelloides UCP 0001	ND*	2.6	60	Marques, et al. [63]
	Residual glycerol	Yarrowia lipolytica	ND*	ND*	56	Silva, et al. [64]
	Hexadecane + MSM	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Peptido- glycolipid	ND*	> 50	Ilori and Amund [65]
	Soyabean oil residues + Corn steep liquor	Candida lipolytica UCP 0998	ND*	ND*	96.66	Souza, et al. [66]
Vegetable waste	Carrot peel extract + 0.5 % yeast extract	Bacillus subtilis KP7	Surfactin	0.1406	ND*	Paraszkiewicz, et al. [57]
	Carrot peel extract + peptone	Bacillus subtilis I´- 1a	Iturin	0.4287	ND*	Paraszkiewicz, et al. [57]
	Potato waste + Basal mineral medium + Yeast extract	Bacillus mojavenis A21	Lipopeptide	3	95	Ayed, et al. [67]
	Potato Peel	Bacillus licheniformis	Lipopeptide	1.058 ± 0.150	65	Kumar, et al. [33]
	Potato peel + Minimal medium + Nutrient solution	Bacillus subtilis DDU20161	ND*	0.254	75	Pande, et al. [68]
Fruit waste	Apple peel extract + Peptone	Bacillus subtilis I´- 1a	Iturin	0.2695	ND*	Paraszkiewicz, et al. [57]

	Pineapple peel	Bacillus subtilis	Surfactin	24.3 ± 0.1	62 to 79	Srivastava and Kumar [58]
	Yellow cashew apple bagasse	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Rhamno-lipid	0.71	50	Okechukwu, et al. [35]
-	Cashew + glucose + nutrient broth	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Rhamno-lipid	0.93	50	Okechukwu, et al. [35]
	Bactris gasipaes (Kunth) peels + Yeast extract	Fusarium oxysporum LM5634	ND*	ND*	67.74	Sanches, et al. [36]
	Orange peel	Bacillus licheniformis	Lipopeptide	1.796	75.17	Kumar et al. [33]
	Banana peel	Bacillus licheniformis	Lipopeptide	1.116 ± 0.103	66	Kumar, et al. [33]
	Papaya peel	Bacillus subtilis UFPEDA86	ND*	1.14	66	Soares, et al. [5]
	Pineapple peel	Pantoea sp	Glycolipid	3.43	ND*	Almeida, et al. [56]
	Orange peel	Pseudomonas aeruginosa MTCC 2297	Rhamno-lipid	9.18	73.3	George and Jayachandran [69]
	Watermelon seeds + Basal mineral medium + Nutrient broth	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	ND*	ND*	79.66 ± 1.52	Ukwueze, et al. [70]
Sea food waste	Shrimp shell waste + Artificial Sea Water+ 2% NaCl	Pseudomonas stutzeri L1	Polymer and glycolipid	7	65	Kadam and Savant [71]

**Note:** ND<sup>\*</sup>: Data not available.

Table 1: Biosurfactant production by different microorganisms using natural substrates.

# Effect of Physico-Chemical Parameters on Biosurfactant Production

It is well known that along with media substrates environmental parameters such as pH, temperature, aeration, agitation, C: N ratio etc. plays important role in biosurfactant production. These all parameters are important to study the kinetics of BS and BE production as they are interdependent on each other and shows great impact in commercial production, hence has remarkable importance [10]. There are many reports available on effect of these parameters with use of synthetic media, but here we have discussed the effect of these parameters using natural media. Eddououda, et al. [47] reported novel biosurfactant production from *Staphylococcus sp.* strain 1E using crude oil as substrate. They observed that biosurfactant was able to lower the surface tension (31 dynes cm<sup>-</sup>) over a very wide range of temperature (4°C to 55°C). Further increase in temperature up to 75°C or up to 100°C showed increased

surface tension (>35 dynes cm<sup>-</sup>) at some extent. They also examined that the biosurfactant was able to minimize surface tension over the wide range of pH, such as from pH 2 (31.6 dynes cm<sup>-</sup>) to pH 12 (31.45 dynes cm<sup>-</sup>). Furthermore, they observed that biosurfactant activity remained unaffected by salt concentration, as the biosurfactant showed minimum (27.3 dynes cm<sup>-</sup>) surface tension even at 300 g/L NaCl. They also concluded that this biosurfactant was able to act as good solubilizer with a good foaming and antimicrobial activity. Another report on effect of different parameters such as temperature (25°C, 29°C, and 35°C); pH (5.5, 6, 7 and 8); Fe<sup>2+</sup> concentration (0  $\mu$ M, 3.5  $\mu$ M, 18  $\mu$ M and 35  $\mu$ M) on the biosurfactant was examined by Velioglu and Urek. They used grape wastes or potato peels and sunflower seed shell as lowcost substrates for solid state fermentation. They reported optimum biosurfactant produced by *P. djamor* based on the surface tension values, emulsification index activity and oil spreading activity of produced biosurfactant. The results of their study confirmed that the optimum temperature for

biosurfactant production was 29°C where the emulsification index was  $45.71 \pm 4.0\%$  and the surface tension reduction was  $29.79 \pm 0.3$  mN/m. The optimum pH recorded was 5.5 with minimum surface tension value (28.82±0.3 mN/m) and maximum oil spreading activity (3.9±0.2 cm). Also, the biosurfactant produced in the medium containing 3.5  $\mu M$  Fe<sup>2+</sup> concentrations showed maximum emulsification index activity of 44.44± 4.0% [4]. Ayed, et al. [67] reported BS production by using potato peel waste (vegetable waste) which carries proteins (2%), fats (0.1%), vitamins (0.9%), inorganic mineral and trace elements. The effect of potato waste (carbon source), yeast extract (nitrogen source) and sea water (salt source) were studied along with different temperature ranges such as 25°C, 30°C, and 45°C for biosurfactant production by Bacillus mojavenis A21. They found that 30°C showed stabilized lipopeptide production (3.0 gL<sup>-1</sup>) with increased emulsification activity up to 95%. Srivastava and Kumar studied effects of substrate concentration and pH on biosurfactant production using pineapple peel. Liquid media with different concentration of pineapple peel substrate (10%, 30%, 50%) was studied at different pH range such as 6,7and 8, where maximum yield of surfactin (24.3gL<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained at 10% of pineapple peel and pH 7 with 72.1 ± 0.02 mN/m to 21.7 ± 0.01 mN/m of surface tension reduction [58]. Abbasi, et al. [48] studied the effect of pH, temperature and salinity on the biosurfactant activity produced by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* MA01. They observed stable activity over a wide range of pH, from pH 4 to 10. Furthermore, they found that activity of biosurfactant was stable at boiling temperature (75 minutes) and at autoclaving conditions (121°C for 45 minutes). While slight change was observed in activity of biosurfactant at refrigerating (4°C) and freezing temperature (-20°C). Moreover, this biosurfactant showed relatively stable activity when 100 gL<sup> $\cdot$ 1</sup> NaCl was used in the medium. Thus, they concluded that the biosurfactant produced by *Pseudomonas* aeruginosa MA01 had good stability at different conditions.

Recently studies were carried out by Ukwueze, et al. [70] on BS production by using watermelon seeds as substrate. It was analyzed that E24 value of biosurfactant showed a significant (p<0.05) decrease in E24 when compared with synthetic surfactant (SDS). However, Citrullus lanatus (Watermelon) seeds derived biosurfactant showed a nonsignificant (p>0.05) decrease in palm oil when compared with the activity of SDS in palm oil. Furthermore, the thermostability, halostability and pH stability tests for the same were carried out, significant decrease in E24 values of the biosurfactant in all pH, temperature and salt ranges were observed when compared to the SDS synthetic surfactant. This suggest that the activity of biosurfactant production was stable at alkaline pH (8.0), increased when there was a rise in temperature (30°C,60°C,100°C) but decreased when the salt (NaCl) content was increased (2%, 5%, 7%, 10%). Thus,

watermelon seeds acted as better quality of substrate for biosurfactant production as compared to synthetic surfactant. From above reports it is clear that use of renewable industrial waste such as agricultural wastes, animal waste, dairy waste, frying oil waste etc. would be useful and effective in lowering the production cost. Further above reports cleared that use of these substrates can be helpful in increasing production and activity of biosurfactants or bioemulsifiers and such BS or BE produced exhibited good stability at different environmental parameters when compared with synthetic substrates.

### Applications of Biosurfactant (BS) and Bioemulsifier (BE) Produced by Using Natural Waste

There are many reports on BS and BE production and their applications in different fields such as agriculture, medicine and cosmetics, pharmaceutics, food and dairy, oil recovery, textile and detergent industry, etc [72,73,10]. There are few reports which states importance of renewable substances for the production of BS and BE and their industrial applications [58,11]. These reports suggest its ecofriendly and economical approach for the production of BS and BE along with the disadvantages and possible solutions [58]. Very few reports are available on the direct application of these substrates and produced BS or BE in the actual industrial applications. Following are the applications of BS and BE produced by using natural wastes as substrate.

### **Application in Bioremediation**

Many pollutants which include petroleum products, pharmaceutical compounds, hydrocarbons, organic dyes, pesticides and heavy metals which are serious threat for the environment and needs to be removed. Bioremediation can play a key role in removing these pollutants and making the environment clean. Biosurfactant and bioemulsifiers are reported for removal of specially hydrocarbon and heavy metal contaminants from soil and water. Eddouaouda, et al. reported novel strain Staphylocccus sp. 1E for BS production by using crude oil as substrate. The purified biosurfactant was of lipopeptide in nature and showed lower CMC such as 750 mg/L than chemical surfactants. They also noted its solubilization potential and found that water solubility of phenanthrene was enhanced by 20 times by this BS as compared with control. This proved its high surface-active ability and its application in hydrocarbon bioremediation [47]. Silva, et al. [74] examined BS production by Pseudomonas cepacia CCT6659 adding soybean waste frying oil (2%) and corn steep liquor (2%) as substrates in production media. Glycolipid biosurfactant produced was analysed for biodegradation of oil from soil. It was marked from the results that both biosurfactant and Pseudomonas cepacia CCT6659 are proficient of endorsing

biodegradation. Almeida, et al. [56] reported biosurfactant production from Pantoea sp., isolated from textile industry waste. The produced BS showed its capability in oil recovery from oil-saturated sand. Hence indicated the possible usage of the biosurfactant in the oil industry and in bioremediation of soils. Kumar, et al. [33] studied the naphthalene biodegradation by Bacillus licheniformis through BS production. They used Orange peel as a substrate to synthesize biosurfactant by Bacillus licheniformis. They reported that the naphthalene biodegradation was enhanced in presence of biosurfactant. The produced biosurfactant has ability to reduce the surface tension of the broth and hence showed increased bioavailability of naphthalene to bacteria for its degradation. The lipo-hetero-polysaccharide emulsifier was produced by Acinetobacter bouvetiii UAM 25 using waste cooking oil as carbon source showed highest stability at extreme conditions of salinity (0-50g NaCl L<sup>-1</sup>), pH (3-10) and temperature (25°C-121°C). They concluded that this bioemulsifier exhibit effective biotechnological application in bioremediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil and water [33]. Rita de Cássia, et al. [75] reported BS production by Pseudomonas cepacia CCT6659 using lowcost medium containing waste frying oil (2%) and corn steep liquor (3%) with NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.2%). The glycolipid biosurfactant showed excellent stability at high temperature, high salinity and at wide range of pH. It recovered 75% of the residual oil from sand samples and 90% of motor oil from the beaker walls effectively. Therefore can be used efficiently in tank cleaning, enhanced oil recovery and the bioremediation of spills at sea and soil.

Zadeh, et al. [76] reported glycolipid BS production by using 5% Waste frying oil with MSM by Mucor circinelloides. They found that this BS was stable at extreme temperature (121°C), extreme acidic pH range such as 2 to 8 and at high salt concentration (40g/L). Furthermore, in situ application of this BS revealed its potential in bioremediation of oil contaminated water and soil. Similarly, Bacillus sp. HIP3 was reported for the production of lipopeptide biosurfactant which was similar to surfactin by using renewable feedstock such as used cooking oil (UCO) [77]. They reported highest yield for this BS as 9.5 g/L and lowered the surface tension of media by 38 mN/m, after 7 days. They examined its bioremediation potential for heavy metal removal with artificially contaminated water and noted that this biosurfactant was adept of removing copper (13.57%), lead (12.71%), zinc (2.91%), chromium (1.68%), and cadmium (0.7%), respectively. Felix, et al. [78] investigated BS production by Bacillus subtilis using cashew apple juice. It showed excellent emulsification activity, reduced surface tension of water till 31.8 mN.m<sup>-1</sup> and also showed notable stability at different pH, temperature and salinity. It is characterized as cyclic lipopeptide like surfactin and removed contaminant from petroleum contaminated soils.

Thus, proved effective in soil remediation. Recently, studies on Candida strain grown on soluble and insoluble substrates including n-hexadecane, ground nut oil, soybean oil, corn steep liquor, refinery residue and glucose showed potential application for elimination of hydrophobic compounds and produced surfactant which was able to remove 90% of hydrophobic contaminants from sand sample [13]. Similarly, Jimoh and Lin reported Paenibacillus sp. D9 strain produced lipopeptide biosurfactant by using low-cost substrates such as waste coconut and sunflower oil. Maximum biosurfactant yield recorded was 8 g/L and can remove Ca (85.90%) Cu (98.68%), Fe (99.97%), Mg (63.28%), Ni (99.93%), and Zn (94.22%) from acid mine effluents. It was observed that this BS showed pronounced removal of heavy metals as compared to chemical surfactant from contaminated sands, wastewater and vegetable matter [79]. Simultaneously, Nogueira, et al. [80] investigated bioemulsifier production by strain Stenotrophomonas maltophilia UCP 1601 by using mineral medium appended with 10% waste soybean oil. They mainly examined its application in bioremediation of hydrophobic contaminants in the environment specifically petroleum derivative from sandy soil (Figure 2).



### **Application as Antimicrobial Agent**

There are few reports which show that BS produced by using natural waste has potential to exhibit antimicrobial activity. Rubio-Ribeaux, et al. [81] cultivated *Candida tropicalis* UCP strain on agro- industrial waste containing whey, cassava waste water and soybean post frying oil as a substrate. They investigated that the biosurfactant produced from *C. tropicalis* UCP 1613 strain showed a great antimicrobial activity against most of the Gram-positive bacteria. Rhamnolipid type of biosurfactant produced from soybean oil waste had antimicrobial activity against bacteria as well as fungi, namely *Bacillus cereus, S. aureus, Micrococcus luteus, Mucor miehei* and *Neurospora crassa* [72]. Recently, a report from agriculture sector, where biosurfactant produced

was defined to improve the plant growth by removing the phyto-pathogens. They noted that rhamnolipids synthesized by Serretia rubidaea SNAUO2 using mahua oil cake as a substrate showed antifungal activity with no toxicity against Brasssica oleracea and Artemia salina seeds [13]. López-Prieto, et al. [82] investigated biosurfactant extraction from corn steep water. This BS extract was proved as an effective bactericide, which is produced by probiotic lactic acid bacteria and exhibited antimicrobial activity against P. aeruginosa and E. coli known for food spoilage in the agrifood industry. Additionally, this BS showed significantly increased antimicrobial activity with PVDF membranes as compared to raw biosurfactant extract. This BS was examined for toxicity and found non-toxic to animals or humans. Hence has advantage in agri-food industry and can reduce use of chemical preservatives.

### **Application in Food Industry**

Biosurfactant and bioemulsifier are used in food industries as bioadditives (emulsifier) in sweet production or solubilizer in foods containing fats and oil, as antimicrobial and anti-biofilm agents [13,83,84]. Campos, et al. [85] studied the properties of *Candida utilis* for bioemulsifier production using waste canola frying oil and ammonium nitrate as a carbon and nitrogen source. They concluded that this bioemulsifier has ability to lower the surface tension (35.53 mNm<sup>-1</sup>) and also have greatest emulsifying potential with EI (73%) which can be used in food industry. Recently another report on BS production by *Candida utilis* revealed that it is stable under extreme conditions and showed high emulsification activity. It is characterized as carbohydratelipid-protein complex and showed excellent formulation and emulsification activity with gaur gum representing its powerful application in food industry. Kaur, et al. [86] reported various roles of biosurfactant in food industries such as emulsifiers, de-emulsifiers, lubricating agents, antiadhesive agent, biopreservatives, etc. They cultivated yeast on whey based medium, produced bioemulsifier suggesting potential application as food emulsifier. They observed that the active and functional components of biosurfactant directly interacts with biomolecules like lipids, carbohydrates, proteins to improve the quality, taste, texture and shelf life of food products without showing any major side effects on health. López-Prieto, et al. [82] reported biosurfactant extract obtained from a raw agro-industrial stream from the corn-milling industry showed remarkable activity and can be used in drinkable probiotic yogurt containing Lactobacillus casei. Recently, Saccharomyces cerevisiae URM 6670 was reported to produce glycolipid biosurfactant by using waste soybean oil (1%) and corn steep liquor (1%) as carbon source. Further they incorporated BS into cookie dough for the replacement of egg yolk. The cvtotoxicity test ensured the non-toxic nature of BS and no alteration in physical or physicochemical properties of cookie dough product was observed after baking. Hence the BS produced by S. cerevisiae URM 6670 showed pronounced application as a replacement for egg yolk in the food industry [87]. Figure 3 shows Potential application of biosurfactant (BS) or bioemulsifier (BE) in food industry.



### **Application in Nanotechnology**

Nanotechnology is one of the most significant fields in current research and made radical changes in many fields including medicine, pharmaceutical, cosmetics, agriculture, food and dairy etc. Presently, biosurfactants are used for the nanoparticle synthesis to increase the overall activities on BS. Lactic acid bacteria produce biosurfactant with lipid and protein content using corn steep liquor media which has been used for the green synthesis of gold and silver nanoparticles (NPs) [88]. It also has ability to reduce the metal precursor and by enhancing stability of nanoparticles. Rane, et al. [89] studied synthesis of silver and gold nanoparticles (NPs) using biosurfactant with alkyl and peptide groups produced by Bacillus subtilis ANR 88 using aqueous extracts of the agro-wastes such as orange peels, potato peels, banana peels and bagasse in Minimal Salt Medium (MSM). Recently, Radha, et al. reported BS production by using, chicken tallow from slaughterhouses as inexpensive lipid waste. This cationic lipoprotein biosurfactant was analysed for production of silver nanoparticles and able to synthesize very stable nanoparticles from BS. Hence can be applied in different fields [90].

### **Applications in Detergent Industry**

There are few more fields where biosurfactants or bioemulsifiers are produced using natural substrates were applied. One such field is cleaning or detergent industry. Bhange, et al. [91] investigated biosurfactant production from Bacillus subtilis PF1 with agro industrial waste. They added feather meal, potato peel and rape seed cake in a culture media and recorded increased yield for protease, amylase and biosurfactant production. They observed that BS produced was stable at broad range of temperature and in alkaline pH, make it eligible for application in making of laundry detergents. Another report by Andrade, et al. [92] on the production of BS by strain *Cunninghamella echinulata* using media comprising of instant noodle waste (2%), corn steep liquor (2%), and post frying oil (0.5%) as a carbon source showed effective cleaning properties. It degreased burned engine oil and removed 86% of oil from cotton fabric.

### Conclusion

Use of inexpensive natural raw wastes is an important approach to reduce the cost of substrate for biosurfactant or bioemulsifier production and can be a great solution on environmental pollution. Waste management is the primary challenge of world and use of waste materials as substrates can resolve the problem of waste disposal and harmful environmental effects. Furthermore, mass production of biosurfactant or bioemulsifier by low-cost substrates with optimized parameters will provide commercial gain as well as economic benefits. This review gives detail knowledge about natural waste substrates and processes that can assist investigators in designing superior experimental setups to enhance existing processes and meet the demands of profitable production systems. Additionally, this review provides insight on applications of BS or BE produced using natural wastes. Very few areas in this regard are examined hence it needs thorough investigation and this review will act as a platform for exploring new areas of applications for BS or BE produced using natural wastes. Currently applications of BS or BE produced using natural substrates are explored in limited fields such as agriculture (bioremediation), medicine, food and detergent industry. There is a need to discover these fields and different areas where BS or BE production using natural waste can be planned for mass production and can benefit the industry as well as environment. This review will help the researcher in the same.

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