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# Characterization of dioxane-based and soda-based extraction of lignin from oil palm empty fruit bunches as reinforcement in polylactic acid bio-composite

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The study aims to compare the lignin extraction methods of OPEFB using different solvents; soda and dioxane solvent, and the reinforcement effects in polylactic acid (PLA) bio-composite. Different extraction method has been found to produce lignin with different properties and purity. The extraction yield also highly dependent on the types of solvents used in extraction process. Soda

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treatment had shown a good removal of lignin with 17.4 % of extraction yield, but only 8.08 % for dioxane treatment. In contrast, lower soda lignin content was observed compared to dioxane lignin with 89.65 % and 62.04 % respectively, suggesting lower purity of lignin obtained using soda treatment. Consequently, better performance was shown by PLA/ dioxane lignin compared to PLA/soda lignin. Better interfacial bond of higher purity dioxane lignin had increased around 48 % and 38 % for tensile modulus and tensile strength as opposed to only 25 % and 29 % for PLA-soda lignin film. © 2022 Elsevier Ltd

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