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Chapter 1

Lactic Acid, its Processing and Utilization in Industry: A review

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Abstract

This chapter reviewed about lactic acid and its application in industry. It is widely occurring organic acid produce either chemically or biologically depends on the suitability, cost effectiveness and availability of the technology. However, biological production of lactic acid tends to give more advantages than the chemical one. Thus, in this paper, the bioprocess of lactic acid using biological fermentation is reviewed. As for that, the correct selection of microorganism should be considered in order to produce more lactic acid. In terms of economic, lactic acid prices become increase with the increase of consumption according to what industry it is used for. It has become great attention of scientists and technologists worldwide to produce it using inexpensive raw materials. A review of lactic acid producer, fermentation approaches for lactic acid production as well as its application either present or future is discussed.

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