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Abstract

This chapter discussed about the factors that affect the hydrolysis process of kenaf biomass for lactic acid production. Kenaf biomass is a lignocellulosic material which is found to be the best alternative to replace the raw material for ethanol and lactic acid production where normally from food sources. Kenaf biomass has a complex structure due to its cellulose, hemicelluloses, and lignin content. Due to that reason, it need to be pre-treated in order to break the cellulose chain to form glucose before can be used in fermentation process. In this present study, kenaf is treated with dilute sulphuric acid, H_2SO_4 in 100 mL solution. There are several factors being investigated to find the most significant factor that can liberate maximum glucose concentration.

Keyword(s): *Kenaf biomass, lignocellulosic material, pre-treatment*