

A Critical Review on Improving the Productivity of Microalgae Cultivated in Wastewater for Biofuel Production

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ABSTRACT: Microalgae has been recognized as a possible feedstock for the assembling of biofuels. On account of their natural nonpartisanship and adaptability underway, microalgae have arisen as a potential feasible biomass asset. Joining microalgae cultivation with wastewater treatment successfully lessens CO₂ discharges and brings down the expense of delivering microalgae biofuel, making it more feasible. Preceding enormous scope creation, nonetheless, biomass and lipid efficiency should be expanded. Thus, the survey gives a basic appraisal of microalgae's usefulness for biofuel age, focusing on the influencing factors, for example, strains and culture conditions. In light of this review, we propose using a combination of nearby green growth species and a two-stage culture technique to accomplish an economical and practical microalgae biofuel creation involving wastewater as a medium. Despite its prospects as a biofuel feedstock, green growth's commitment to biofuel creation is restricted because of its significant expense and huge asset utilization.

KEYWORDS: Cultivation Strategy, Lipid, Microalgae, Mixed-Native Algae, Two-Stage Cultivation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Microalgae have arisen as a promising feasible biomass asset because of their ecological lack of bias and flexibility underway [1]–[4]. Low-lipid microalgae create at a faster speed than earthly plants, and their photosynthetic effectiveness may potentially reach 10%, which is 10-50 times higher than that of earthbound plants. Microalgae might gather critical amounts of lipid under unfavorable ecological conditions, which can be utilized to make biodiesel through trans-esterification .

It has been shown that utilizing biofuels may assist with diminishing fossil fuel byproducts and further develop energy security. High lipid content, then again, is regularly adversely connected to biomass efficiency and, thus, lipid usefulness. Microalgae might be a feasible feedstock for biofuel creation, especially biodiesel, assuming that its quick development rate and lipid content are coupled. Microalgae might be adjusted to a more extensive scope of water sources (new, harsh, salt, and wastewater) than plant-based biofuel crops, and might potentially reuse other supplements squander streams. The utilization of non-consumable water in microalgae-based biofuel creation assists with diminishing the Water Footprint (WF). Since microalgae can fix climatic CO₂ and use it as a carbon source to develop and duplicate, microalgae-based fuel age is a possible option in contrast to customary Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) techniques [4]–[7]. Fixed carbon is coordinated into carbs and lipids, putting away energy, delivering atoms, and shaping food varieties.

A. Microalgae-Based Biofuel and Waste Resources

Green growth development for an enormous scope, then again, might be more costly than regular yield creation. Green growth development requires a ton of water as well as supplements that prefer carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus. The utilization of outside nourishment sources places food makers in direct rivalry for manures [8]–[10]. The huge utilization of supplements and water assets is one of the primary drivers of high green growth-based biofuel producing costs. Above all, supplement costs represent most microalgae creation costs. On account of nitrate as a nitrogen source, 6-8 tons for each hectare each year are assessed to be required, which is 55-111 times the interest for field crops. Moreover, the low Net Energy Ratio (NER) has been a significant hindrance in the commercialization of green growth-based biofuels [11][12][13]. A NER of something like 7 is wanted, which is a lot higher than the outcomes got in many examples. Algal societies might accomplish the greatest Photosynthetic Efficiency (PE) of 5.4 percent on absolute impinging sun-based radiation under ideal conditions of reflection, breath, photograph immersion, and photoinhibition, yet without any misfortunes because of photorespiration. With a yearly level worldwide sun-oriented radiation of 2000 MJ/m², the open-air microalgae developing framework might give a most extreme yearly energy result of 108 MJ/m². The net most extreme yearly energy result of 97.20 MJ/m² was accomplished from the

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development stage accepting the blending and distribution of lake water with a force of 0.34 W/m². PE, then again, is unaffected by illumination power however is impacted by photobioreactor type, with the least worth (1.5%) in an open lake. Therefore, the yearly energy yield of the open lake is 19.20 MJ/m², which is equivalent to the NER of 1.78 in the development stage. Much more dreadful, the utilization of synthetic manures, as well as the utilization of energy-serious biomass reaping and ensuing biofuel change strategies, may bring about lower life cycle NER values. Green growth development techniques that proficiently use non-new water assets while limiting both water and compost needs will help to mitigate asset constraints. Squander water and pipe gas might be utilized as modest supplements sources to make microalgae-based biofuel savvier. This procedure would diminish the reliance on synthetic substances to give supplements while likewise being harmless to the ecosystem [9], [14], [15]

a. Municipal Wastewater

In the tertiary progressed treatment step of city sewage treatment, a lot of N and P are eliminated from wastewater, and these supplements might be utilized to create microalgae. It has been shown that microalgae can successfully eliminate N and P from metropolitan emanating. Some microalgae species might flourish in crude wastewater and successfully remove supplements. *Chlorella* sp. dispenses with 93.9 percent of smelling salts, 89.1% of TN, and 80.9 percent of TP from crude concentrate, as per Zheng et al [16].

Civil wastewater might be utilized as a wellspring of supplements for developing microalgae for biofuel age. Most of the exploration on the blend of wastewater treatment and green growth put together biofuel age presently centers concerning city wastewater treatment. In metropolitan wastewater, Balkosh et al. refined *Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii* [17]. The evacuation of 55.8 mg/L/d N and 17.4 mg/L/d P from wastewater is fruitful. The most noteworthy biomass efficiency and lipid content, separately, are 2.0 g/L/day and 25.25 percent (w/w). Notwithstanding, since there is an impressive hole between research center scale and enormous scope producing, each of the discoveries starts from lab-scale concentrates on that should be affirmed after some time and in a significant volume.

b. Agricultural Wastewater

The more noteworthy supplement (like N and P) content in rural wastewater is a significant distinction between it and city wastewater. Agrarian wastewater might be another nourishment hotspot for microalgae improvement because of the accessibility of supplements. Microalgae might flourish in horticultural emanating and separate supplements. Horticultural wastewater may be used as a manure source in the production of green growth-based biofuels. The unsaturated fat efficiency of *Chlorella* sp. filled in dairy fertilizer emanating is 0.23 g/m²/d.

Undeniable degrees of manures and different synthetics in rural wastewater, then again, may restrict microalgae improvement. Besides, the high turbidity of rural wastewater lessens light infiltration, which is expected for the algal turn of events. As a result, wastewater ought to be weakened previously and all through capacity. Weakening has been displayed to impact biomass development and

supplement expulsion from agrarian wastewater. The best algal creation was acquired in unique dairy emanating and 75 percent weakened wastewater, with for all intents and purposes generally dissolvable phosphorus eliminated, in an examination by Johnson et al [18]. Lipid combination is likewise connected to weakening. At the point when the first COD was weakened to 1900 mg/L, Liu et al. developed *Chlorella zofingiensis* in piggery profluent and acquired the greatest lipid usefulness of 110.56 mg/L/d [19].

c. Industrial Wastewater

Beforehand, most examinations on microalgae development in modern wastewater zeroed in on weighty metal contamination and natural synthetic poisons, rather than nitrogen and phosphorus expulsion. Microalgae development in modern wastewater for biofuel age has just been contemplated in three investigations: palm oil plant profluent, cover factory wastewater, and Olive Mill Wastewater (OMW).

d. Combining Microalgae Cultivation with Wastewater Treatment and CO₂ Capture

To decrease the expense of microalgae culture, a proficient mix of waste exhaust CO₂ and wastewater streams is proposed, which offers a course for wiping out supplements from wastewater, gathering CO₂, and creating feedstock for biofuel creation without requiring freshwater [20]. Both reasonably and basically, the guarantee of such techniques has been shown. CO₂ well affects biomass and fat amassing since it is a carbon source. CO₂ well affects *Auxenochlorella protothecoides* biomass and lipid creation when filled in concentrated metropolitan wastewater. The substance of unsaturated fats in microalgae has likewise been viewed as impacted by CO₂. CO₂ supplementation significantly affects the level of immersion, which influences the qualities of biodiesel, both decidedly and adversely. Moreover, CO₂ might be utilized to control the pH of the development framework, keeping away from the utilization of corrosive, basic, or cushion for a similar explanation, which is hard to carry out and hurtful to the climate. Vent gases are an ideal CO₂ hotspot for microalgae-based biofuel creation because of their high CO₂ fixation. Even though NO_x and SO_x parts in vent gas might be unsafe to microalgae, their effect is enormously reliant upon the strain. CO₂ and NO might be eliminated from vent gas by certain microalgae strains. When contrasted with unadulterated CO₂, pipe gas from a concrete industrial facility has been displayed to contrarily affect microalgae development. Nonetheless, in microalgae development, the helpless mass exchange effectiveness of CO₂ from the vaporous to the fluid stage is a critical restricting element. Direct infusion of pipe gases into microalgae development, which generally happens related to CO₂ outflow to the air, might be less effective. Whenever vent gas is used as the carbon hotspot for microalgae development, the additional expense of carbon assortment and transportation should likewise be tended to. A few investigations proposed disconnecting CO₂ from exhaust gases before utilizing compound assimilation techniques. Yet again the energy expected for CO₂ assortment and recovery, then again, would raise the expense of microalgae creation. A few researchers are right now endeavoring to gather CO₂ as bicarbonate. Chang et

al. involved basic wastewater as a scouring fluid to catch CO₂ from flammable gas heater fumes and acquired economically aggressive critical biomass usefulness (0.036 g/L/d) [21]. Nonetheless, rather than being delivered straightforwardly into the climate, treated wastewater, which has been mostly scrubbed of pollutants and supplements, ought to be reused. Longer water-powered confinement time because of wastewater reuse, as well as the significant expense of antacids (NaOH), would make business microalgae-based fuel age testing, especially on a major scale.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Influencing Factors in Wastewater Microalgae-Based Biofuel Production

The expense of delivering microalgae-based biofuels might be diminished by joining microalgae developing with wastewater treatment (and CO₂ decrease). The fundamental hindrance is the helpless biomass and lipid creation. Low efficiency expands the asset and energy utilization related to biomass creation and handling, making microalgae biofuel unreasonable. The helpless yield likewise builds how many regions are expected for microalgae cultivating. A basic issue in enormous scope production is the accessibility of proper areas for green growth development, which should be close to both CO₂ and wastewater supplies. Notwithstanding, finding a reasonable area for huge scope microalgae development close to wastewater treatment offices is essentially troublesome (as well as pipe gas assets). Because of the helpless yield, a lot of lands would be expected for the development framework and helper offices, bringing about longer distances between development positions and assets. Besides, the cost of gathering and moving waste materials adversely affected biofuel income. Subsequently, the benefit of utilizing waste assets is at present deficient to balance the significant expense of catching and shipping waste materials. It is basic to expand creation to make a monetarily reasonable green growth biofuel business. Luckily, in light of microalgae's high metabolic adaptability, lipid blend might be promptly started. The most incessant technique for expanding fat gathering is supplement hardship under phototrophic conditions. Supplement stressors like nitrogen, phosphate, iron, silicon, and sulfur might make the metabolic stream shift from carbon hydrate to lipid creation, advancing lipid amassing. Higher lipid content can likewise be gotten by presenting the way of life to supplement drained conditions for longer timeframes. In any case, each algal species' response to healthful pressure is exceptional. Most importantly, more prominent lipid content is perpetually connected with less fortunate biomass usefulness and, subsequently, a decrease in all-out lipid efficiency. Under nitrogen limitation, for instance, the lipid content of *Scenedesmus* sp. LX1 might arrive at 30%, however, the lipid creation drops from 20.3 mg/L/d to 8.3 mg/L/d. Instead of adding up to starvation, one expected solution to this issue is to advance sustenance limitation conditions. Albeit bringing the nitrogen focus up in the medium (0.04-3.66 mM) diminishes lipid content, *Botryococcus braunii* developed with an underlying 0.37 mM nitrate acquired the

most elevated lipid usefulness of 0.019 g/L/d. Notwithstanding, this technique is simply pertinent to species with considerably varying lipid efficiency in low-supplement versus halfway supplement conditions. Besides, on the off chance that hued wastewater is utilized as a development medium, microalgal photosynthesis would be seriously hampered. Indeed, even while weakening might cause such regrettable, the requirement for a higher development volume would invalidate the utilization of wastewater. Subsequently, such a strategy is irrelevant to microalgae biofuel creation, especially on a major modern scale [22].

Heterotrophic/mixotrophic development with an outside natural carbon supply is a choice. Microalgae might profit from natural carbon sources by expanding cell thickness and lipid creation, especially under mixotrophic conditions. The lipid creation of *Chlorella protothecoides* in mixotrophic conditions is 69% more prominent than under heterotrophic ones. Since they don't rely upon light, heterotrophic and mixotrophic processes are likewise better. Autotrophic microalgae creation, then again, is exceptionally dependent on the accessibility of sunlight-based energy. Most fundamentally, natural carbon from wastewater supports an all the more long-haul way to deal with green growth-based biofuel age and wastewater treatment. Outer natural carbon sources are kept away from by utilizing such natural carbon sources. Without a doubt, wastewater-inferred carbon has been found to have the extensive potential for the development of heterotrophic and mixotrophic green growth. Moreover, heterotrophic/mixotrophic strains offer brilliant wastewater treatment capacity. Extra natural carbon sources, then again, increment the danger of pollution and rivalry with different microorganisms, bringing about culture unsteadiness, especially when wastewater is utilized as a carbon source. If a confined miniature algal strain monoculture is utilized, the circumstance might decline. In all actuality, the normal wealth of microalgae is accepted to be 350,000 species, and the Aquatic Species Program has tried roughly 3000 strains. In any case, a large portion of the exploration and business creation centers around a set number of animal types with high development rates and lipid content. Hereditary designing has likewise been restricted to working on notable strains to expand lipid creation. Be that as it may, varieties in lipid combination across species under different nourishing conditions or culture procedures might prompt variations in development proficiency. Most essentially, cleaned bioreactors are too energy-serious and costly to be monetarily attainable in miniature algal biofuel creation, while open frameworks offer a risk of culture defilement and insecurity. Contest and predation, for instance, effectively affect microalgae development and may prompt the way of life's shakiness. Monocultures are inclined to pollution, and strains with high lipid usefulness are probably going to be outperformed by species that grow speedier. Moreover, when taken care of with wastewater, the solidness of microalgae creation in monoculture is addressed. In light of consistent airborne contamination in the open framework and wastewater impacts, keeping a perfect culture all through the activity

is testing. In all actuality, in wastewater treatment frameworks, just blended societies of green growth can make due.

B. Potential Breakthrough in Production of Sustainable and Economic Microalgae Biofuels from Wastewater

Business microalgae biofuel creation utilizing wastewater is just achievable assuming three key models are met: high biomass usefulness, high lipid content and efficiency, and high wastewater resilience. High biomass and lipid efficiency assist with eliminating how much assets and energy are utilized in biomass creation and handling. The development framework's wellbeing and soundness are helped by its high resistance to wastewater. Microalgae strains and assortment characterize a development framework's likely efficiency, yet the real result is exceptionally subject to cultural conditions.

III. CONCLUSION

Notwithstanding its true capacity as a biofuel feedstock, green growth's commitment to biofuel creation is confined by its huge asset utilization and significant expense. Wastewater treatment is remembered for the cycle to make microalgae cultivating more savvy. Microalgae-based biofuel, then again, is restricted by the way of life's soundness and creation. The low soundness of confined miniature algal strain monoculture inconveniently affects the wellbeing of the development framework and may bring about its breakdown. The expense of biomass creation and handling is expanded by low biomass and lipid efficiency. As possible cures, we examined a combination of neighborhood green growth species and a two-stage development technique. Blended local green growth species culture improves the soundness of the development framework in wastewater and builds biomass and lipid creation. The two-stage approach, which isolates cell augmentation from lipid union, consolidates high biomass efficiency with high lipid content, bringing about high lipid usefulness. In the two-stage development strategy for blended local miniature algal species, squander assets might be utilized. Microalgae get supplements, inorganic, and natural carbon assets from wastewater, vent gas, and waste natural carbon asset. To acquire more prominent biomass and lipid for biofuel age, a blend of wastewater and different carbon assets might be used in various development modes. Notwithstanding, since there is a huge hole among the lab and enormous scope fabricating, such a consolidated arrangement would require further review. In the meantime, preceding enormous scope execution, further investigation into the entire interaction ought to be led.

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