

Assessment of Dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> Levels on Growth, Succinic Acid Production, and Enzyme Activities of *Mannheimia succiniciproducens* MBEL55E

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*Mannheimia succiniciproducens* MBEL55E produces succinic acid in high concentrations. we quantitatively investigated the response of *Mannheimia succiniciproducens* MBEL55E to different levels of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> ranging from 0 to 260 mM. Yields for biomass and succinic acid on glucose were 1.49 and 1.52 times higher at 141 mM CO<sub>2</sub> than those obtained from 8.74 mM CO<sub>2</sub>, respectively. Comparing the fermentation results with the levels of key enzyme activities, we found that the efficient carboxylation of phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) to oxaloacetate, in which CO<sub>2</sub>-fixation occurs by both PEP carboxykinase (PckA) and PEP carboxylase (Ppc), allows *M. succiniciproducens* to produce substantial amounts of succinic acid. In particular, the activity of PckA was more than 50 times higher than those of Ppc and malic enzyme (SfcA). [This work was supported by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation (KOSEF) grant funded by the Korea government (MOST) (2005-01294). Further supports by the LG Chem Chair Professorship, IBM SUR program, Microsoft, and by the KOSEF through the Center for Ultramicrochemical Process Systems are appreciated]