Pyrolysis characteristics and kinetics of microalgal Aurantiochytrium sp. KRS101

The pyrolysis characteristics and kinetics of Aurantiochytrium sp. KRS101 were investigated. The effect of using different heating rates during the pyrolysis (5, 10, 15, 20° C/min) was investigated by means of thermogravimetric analysis. Most of the materials decomposed between 150 and 600 °C at each heating rate. The average activation energy calculated by means of the Kissinger-Akahira-Sunose method was 118.54 kJ/mol during the stage when the pyrolytic conversion was between 10% and 95%. Pyrolysis of Aurantiochytrium sp. KRS101 was carried out in a tubing reactor at 360 to 380 °C and for the reaction times of 0.25 to 1.5 min. A three-lump kinetic model was proposed and the calculated results were compared with the experimental data.