

## Article

# Bioremediation of Petroleum-Contaminated Soils with Biosurfactant-Producing Degraders Isolated from the Native Desert Soils

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## Supplementary information

**Table S1.** Biochemical analysis of isolates by GEN III MicroPlate after (a) 24-h incubation and (b) 48-h incubation.

	NS	CT	CT	CT1	CT1	CT1	CT1						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	7	9	0	1	2	4
Dextrin	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Maltose	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Trehalose	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
D-Cellobiose	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Gentiobiose	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Sucrose	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
D-Turanose	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Stachyose	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
D-Raffinose	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
$\alpha$ -D-Lactose	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
D-Melibiose	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
$\beta$ -Methyl-D-Glucoside	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
D-Salicin	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
N-Acetyl-D-Glucosamine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
N-Acetyl- $\beta$ -D-													
Mannosamine	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
N-Acetyl-D-													
Galactosamine	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
N-Acetyl Neuraminic	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Acid	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+



Citric Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
$\alpha$ -Keto-Glutaric acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Malic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-Malic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bromo-Succinic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tween 40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
$\gamma$ -Amino-Butyric Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
$\alpha$ -HydroxyButyric Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
$\beta$ -Hydroxy-D,L-Butyric Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
$\alpha$ -Keto-Butyric Acid	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Acetoacetic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Propionic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Acetic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Formic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
pH 6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
pH 5	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
1% NaCl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4% NaCl	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+
8% NaCl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
1% Sodium Lactate	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fusidic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
D-Serine.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
Troleandomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rifamycin SV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Minocycline	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Lincomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Guanidine HCl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Niaproof 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vancomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tetrazolium Violet	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tetrazolium Blue	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nalidixic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Lithium Chloride	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Potassium Tellurite	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Aztreonam	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Sodium Butyrate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sodium Bromate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

(b)

	NS 1	NS 2	NS 3	NS 4	NS 5	NS 6	NS 8	CT 7	CT 9	CT1 0	CT1 1	CT1 2	CT1 4
Dextrin	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Maltose	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
D-Trehalose	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Cellobiose	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gentiobiose	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sucrose	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Turanose	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachyose	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Raffinose	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\alpha$ -D-Lactose	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Melibiose	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
$\beta$ -Methyl-D-Glucoside	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
D-Salicin	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
N-Acetyl-D-													
Glucosamine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
N-Acetyl- $\beta$ -D-													
Mannosamine	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
N-Acetyl-D-													
Galactosamine	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
N-Acetyl Neuraminic													
Acid	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
$\alpha$ -D-Glucose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Mannose	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
D-Fructose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Galactose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3-Methyl Glucose	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
D-Fucose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-Fucose	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
L-Rhamnose	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Inosine	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
D-Sorbitol	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
D-Mannitol	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
D-Arabinol	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
myo-Inositol	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Glycerol	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
D-Glucose-6-PO4	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
D-Fructose-6-PO4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
D-Aspartic Acid	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
D-Serine	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Gelatin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-



4% NaCl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
8% NaCl	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
1% Sodium Lactate	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fusidic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
D-Serine.1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Troleandomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rifamycin SV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Minocycline	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lincomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Guanidine HCl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Niaproof 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vancomycin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tetrazolium Violet	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tetrazolium Blue	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nalidixic Acid	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lithium Chloride	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Potassium Tellurite	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Aztreonam	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sodium Butyrate	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sodium Bromate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-