**Intensification of xylo-oligosaccharides production by hydrothermal treatment of brewer’s spent grains: Use of extremely low acid catalyst for reduction of degradation products associated with high solids loading**

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**Table S1** Comparing autohydrolysis with mineral acid catalysed XOS production for BSG with 15% solids loading using 12.5 mg acid/g dm at 150 °C for 10 min.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Acid Catalyst** | **Acid loading****(mol H+/g dm)** | **XOS yield (wt%)** | **XOS%a****(wt.%)** | **TDSyieldb (wt.%)** | **TRSc****(g/100g)** | **CSF** | **Cost Acid $/kg dm** |
| None | 0 | 41.7% | 96.9% | 26.8% | 1.77 | -1.71 | $0.00 |
| H2SO4d | 0.26 | 62.2% | 94.2% | 38.4% | 3.85 | -0.56 | $1.51 |
| HCl | 0.34 | 69.6% | 88.0% | 51.3% | 6.49 | -0.27 | $5.75 |
| H3PO4 | 0.38 | 56.8% | 96.6% | 35.8% | 2.73 | -1.15 | $2.17 |
| HNO3 | 0.20 | 71.7% | 94.7% | 42.0% | 4.03 | -0.87 | $4.96 |
| a XOS percentage of total xylan equivalent recoveredb Total dissolved solids hydrolysatec Total reducing sugars per 100 gram dry feedstock  |
| d Mean of three replicates (This study) |

ELA HTT results from full factorials with centre points, Table 0 2 for BSG-R (Run A1-A11) and Table 0 3 for BSG-SPD (Run B1-B11).

Table S2 Results for acid catalysed XOS production for BSG-R

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Run | Independent variablesa | XOS (g/l) | XOS yield (wt%) | ArOS yield (wt%) | XOS%b(wt.%) | ArOS%c(wt.%) | Inhibitorsd (g/100g) | TDSe yield (wt.%) | TDS NDf (g/100g) | Mass balance closure | CSF |
| AC | t | T |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A-1 | 5 | 5 | 130 | 11.39 | 52.4% | 66.5% | 98.2% | 90.8% | 0.10 | 39.8% | 16.51 | 95.6% | -1.81 |
| A-2 | 5 | 15 | 130 | 10.89 | 47.2% | 45.9% | 97.1% | 74.4% | 0.15 | 32.6% | 5.95 | 91.2% | -1.48 |
| A-3 | 5 | 5 | 170 | 14.54 | 67.5% | 42.6% | 94.4% | 56.1% | 0.71 | 41.2% | 10.94 | 89.9% | -0.84 |
| A-4 | 5 | 15 | 170 | 16.57 | 76.4% | 29.7% | 91.7% | 45.9% | 1.18 | 42.9% | 13.18 | 83.0% | -0.55 |
| A-5 | 20 | 5 | 130 | 11.92 | 54.5% | 41.9% | 96.9% | 51.9% | 0.16 | 31.6% | 7.21 | 92.8% | -0.36 |
| A-6 | 20 | 15 | 130 | 10.60 | 48.0% | 30.3% | 95.2% | 41.6% | 0.19 | 35.9% | 12.16 | 89.4% | -0.38 |
| A-7 | 20 | 5 | 170 | 15.89 | 72.6% | 22.8% | 78.5% | 28.7% | 1.31 | 47.4% | 15.70 | 87.4% | 0.28 |
| A-8 | 20 | 15 | 170 | 10.87 | 50.2% | 13.2% | 62.9% | 23.5% | 1.77 | 41.0% | 11.85 | 82.9% | 0.46 |
| A-9 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 13.25 | 60.9% | 38.8% | 94.3% | 47.1% | 0.39 | 38.0% | 9.89 | 91.8% | -0.64 |
| A-10 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 13.96 | 63.0% | 40.1% | 94.0% | 46.4% | 0.41 | 39.8% | 12.20 | 95.7% | -0.55 |
| A-11 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 13.25 | 60.6% | 36.6% | 94.2% | 44.1% | 0.29 | 37.4% | 9.41 | 86.8% | -0.50 |
| a AC, Acid loading (mg/100g dm); t, Time (min); T, Temperature (°C). |
| b XOS percentage of total xylan equivalent recovered |
| c ArOS percentage of total arabinan equivalent recovered |
| d Combined acetic acid, formic acid, furfural and HMF |
| e Total dissolved solids hydrolysate |
| f Dissolved solids excluding quantified oligomers, sugars and inhibitors |

Table S3 Results for acid catalysed XOS production for BSG-SPD

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Run | Independent variablesa | XOS (g/l) | XOS yield (wt%) | ArOS yield (wt%) | XOS%b(wt.%) | ArOS%c(wt.%) | Inhibitorsd (g/100g) | TDSe yield (wt.%) | TDS NDf (g/100g) | Mass balance closure | CSF |
| AC | t | T |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B-1 | 5 | 5 | 130 | 13.66 | 27.0% | 29.1% | 96.3% | 64.2% | 0.12 | 21.2% | 6.94 | 91.1% | -1.31 |
| B-2 | 5 | 15 | 130 | 17.44 | 33.8% | 35.1% | 96.9% | 64.0% | 0.28 | 24.8% | 7.08 | 85.2% | -1.19 |
| B-3 | 5 | 5 | 170 | 31.65 | 65.5% | 35.1% | 93.0% | 48.9% | 1.14 | 34.1% | 8.97 | 86.9% | -0.13 |
| B-4 | 5 | 15 | 170 | 27.08 | 56.0% | 17.9% | 86.3% | 39.5% | 1.29 | 32.8% | 9.66 | 87.3% | 0.14 |
| B-5 | 20 | 5 | 130 | 20.59 | 42.1% | 27.6% | 91.3% | 34.2% | 0.31 | 27.2% | 8.05 | 83.7% | 0.08 |
| B-6 | 20 | 15 | 130 | 24.76 | 50.9% | 26.8% | 89.3% | 29.1% | 0.44 | 30.6% | 8.12 | 86.5% | 0.27 |
| B-7 | 20 | 5 | 170 | 16.58 | 33.4% | 10.1% | 56.3% | 21.9% | 2.51 | 36.6% | 14.94 | 90.1% | 0.99 |
| B-8 | 20 | 15 | 170 | 7.25 | 15.0% | 3.8% | 38.8% | 14.3% | 3.09 | 25.4% | 8.49 | 78.4% | 1.07 |
| B-9 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 27.75 | 55.7% | 29.3% | 90.2% | 36.4% | 0.89 | 34.1% | 10.55 | 88.0% | 0.04 |
| B-10 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 28.18 | 56.0% | 22.5% | 89.3% | 28.7% | 0.99 | 35.0% | 10.76 | 88.8% | 0.03 |
| B-11 | 12.5 | 10 | 150 | 29.38 | 59.0% | 28.6% | 90.7% | 36.4% | 0.87 | 35.6% | 11.05 | 88.1% | 0.07 |
| a AC, Acid loading (mg/100g dm); t, Time (min); T, Temperature (°C). |
| b XOS percentage of total xylan equivalent recovered |
| c ArOS percentage of total arabinan equivalent recovered |
| d Combined acetic acid, formic acid, furfural and HMF |
| e Total dissolved solids hydrolysate |
| f Dissolved solids excluding quantified oligomers, sugars and inhibitors |



Fig. S1 Analysis of factorial results for BSG-SPD: standardised effects and regression model for XOS yield from BSG-SPD



Fig. S2 Model response prediction for XOS yield vs. observed values (A) BSG-R and (B) BSG-SPD with quadratic term



Fig. S4 Pareto chart of standardized effects, XOS yield (A) BSG-R (B) BSG-SPD



Fig. S5 Effect of acid loadings and treatment time in ELA HTT at 170 °C of BSG with XOS yields represented in surface plots for (A) BSG-R and (B) BSG-SPD with quadratic effect

Table S4 Regression coefficients and R2 assessing the correlation and significance of the fitted modelsa

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | BSG-R |  |  |  | BSG-SPD |  |
| Regression coefficients | XOS yield (wt.%) | Inhibitors (g/100g) | TDS yieldb (wt.%) |  | XOS yield (wt.%) | Inhibitors (g/100g) | TDS yieldb (wt.%) |
| a0 | 0.59267 | -0.74538 | 0.83956 |  | 0.56891 | 0.91688 | 0.34891 |
| a1 | -0.04524 | -0.11249 | -0.06177 |  | -0.10211 | 0.88063 | 0.01722 |
| a2 | -0.06283 | -0.13141 | -0.06098 |  | -0.03074 | 0.25273 | -0.01384 |
| a3 | 0.16135 | 0.00537 | -0.00277 |  | 0.04014 | 1.71882 | 0.06249 |
| a12 | -0.08149 | -0.00016 | 0.00500 |  | -0.01720 | 0.10217 | -0.02525 |
| a13 | -0.05932 | 0.00090 | 0.00040 |  | -0.26305 | 0.70171 | -0.04189 |
| a23 | -0.00464 | 0.00106 | 0.00038 |  | -0.10819 | 0.11189 | -0.04883 |
| a123 | -0.07478 | 0.00000 | -0.00003 |  | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |
| a11 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 | 0.00000 |  | -0.32865 | 0.46030 | -0.11617 |
| R2 | 0.97784 | 0.92095 | 0.98125 |  | 0.99146 | 0.99613 | 0.95160 |
| a ANOVA for XOS concentration and yields models given |
| b Total dissolved solids yield in hydrolysate  |
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Table S5 Analysis of variance of the fitted models for XOS yield from BSG-R

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SSa** | **d.f.b** | **MSc** | **F-value** | **p-value** |
| **XOS yield (wt.%)** |  |  |  |  |
| AC | 0.0040928 | 1 | 0.004093 | 25.38037 | 0.037215 |
| t | 0.0078949 | 1 | 0.007895 | 48.95843 | 0.019820 |
| T | 0.0520682 | 1 | 0.052068 | 322.8886 | 0.003083 |
| AC\*t | 0.0132805 | 1 | 0.013281 | 82.35597 | 0.011926 |
| AC\*T | 0.0070387 | 1 | 0.007039 | 43.64898 | 0.022152 |
| t\*T | 0.0000430 | 1 | 0.000043 | 0.266683 | 0.656993 |
| AC\*t\*T | 0.0111830 | 1 | 0.011183 | 69.34848 | 0.014115 |
| Lack of fit | 0.0018441 | 1 | 0.001844 | 11.43555 | 0.077427 |
| Pure Error | 0.0003225 | 2 | 0.000161 |  |  |
| Total SS | 0.0977677 | 10 |  |  |  |
| a sum of squares; b degrees of freedom; c mean of squares.  |

Table S6 Analysis of variance of the fitted models for XOS yield from BSG-SPD

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SSa** | **d.f.b** | **MSc** | **F-value** | **p-value** |
| **XOS yield (wt.%)** |  |  |  |  |
| AC | 0.020853 | 1 | 0.020853 | 62.3138 | 0.015672 |
| t | 0.001890 | 1 | 0.001890 | 5.6487 | 0.140629 |
| T | 0.003223 | 1 | 0.003223 | 9.6307 | 0.090032 |
| AC\*t | 0.000592 | 1 | 0.000592 | 1.7676 | 0.315053 |
| AC\*T | 0.138388 | 1 | 0.138388 | 413.5346 | 0.002409 |
| t\*T | 0.023410 | 1 | 0.023410 | 69.9559 | 0.013995 |
| AC2 | 0.058916 | 1 | 0.058916 | 176.0547 | 0.005632 |
| Lack of fit | 0.001462 | 1 | 0.001462 | 4.3673 | 0.171812 |
| Pure Error | 0.000669 | 2 | 0.000335 |  |  |
| Total SS |  0.249403 | 10 |  |  |  |
| a sum of squares; b degrees of freedom; c mean of squares.  |

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Fig. S6 Pareto standardised chart of effects for variable XOS/TDS (1A) BSG-R and (1B) BSG-SPD



Fig. S7 Insoluble residue and hydrolysates obtained from hydrothermal treatments for (A) BSG-R and (B) BSG-SPD

Table S7 Protein analysis from BSG, press liquid and HTT solid residue

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  **Amino acid****(wt.%)** |  | **Feedstock** |  | **Solid Residue** |
|  | **BSG-R** |  | **Screw press liquid-solid filtrate** |  | **A-4** **170°C****15min 5mg** |  | **B-3** **170°C****5min 5mg** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Basic amino acids** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Arginine |  | 6.5% |  | 5.6% |  | 3.1% |  | 3.3% |
|  Histidine\* |  | 3.2% |  | 1.5% |  | 2.8% |  | 2.7% |
|  Lysine\* |  | 2.3% |  | 3.5% |  | 0.9% |  | 1.0% |
|  **Subtotal** |  | 12.0% |  | 10.5% |  | 6.9% |  | 7.0% |
| **Hydrophobic amino acids** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Alanine |  | 4.5% |  | 4.8% |  | 5.2% |  | 5.4% |
|  Glycine |  | 4.9% |  | 4.4% |  | 4.8% |  | 5.0% |
|  Isoleucine\* |  | 3.7% |  | 4.1% |  | 4.2% |  | 4.7% |
|  Leucine\* |  | 7.8% |  | 7.8% |  | 9.1% |  | 9.4% |
|  Methionine\* |  | 2.4% |  | 2.2% |  | 2.8% |  | 2.4% |
|  Phenylalanine\* |  | 7.5% |  | 5.1% |  | 8.7% |  | 8.0% |
|  Proline |  | 7.2% |  | 12.2% |  | 7.3% |  | 7.3% |
|  Valine\* |  | 5.8% |  | 5.4% |  | 6.3% |  | 6.5% |
|  **Subtotal** |  | 43.8% |  | 46.0% |  | 48.4% |  | 48.7% |
| **Hydrophilic amino acids**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  Asparagine |  | 6.3% |  | 7.3% |  | 5.2% |  | 5.9% |
|  Glutamine  |  | 23.2% |  | 24.4% |  | 24.5% |  | 23.8% |
|  Serine |  | 5.8% |  | 4.6% |  | 5.6% |  | 5.5% |
|  Threonine\* |  | 4.6% |  | 3.8% |  | 4.6% |  | 4.7% |
|  Tyrosine |  | 4.1% |  | 3.4% |  | 4.9% |  | 4.4% |
|  **Subtotal** |  | 44.2% |  | 43.4% |  | 44.8% |  | 44.3% |
| **Essential amino acids\*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  **Subtotal included** |  | 37.3% |  | 33.4% |  | 39.5% |  | 39.3% |
| **Total amino acidsa** |  | 23.3% |  | 43.0% |  | 25.9% |  | 22.2% |
| **Crude Protein** |  | 23.4% |  | 39.5% |  | 26.5% |  | 23.3% |
| **a Tryptophan and Cysteine not determined** |