

STUDIES ON BIOSURFACTANT PRODUCING BACTERIA ISOLATED FROM LONAR LAKE WATER.

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Abstract- studies on Biosurfactant producing Bacteria isolated from Lonar Lake.

Lonar lake is situated in Buldhana District is a Big source of biological Diversity. It is world's third Largest, Hyper Velocity Meteoritic impact crater. It is unique in world for its alkalinity & salinity. Alkalinity (pH 9.5) & salinity (6382mg/l).

Some Micro organisms produce Biosurfactant as their by product. Biosurfactants are Amphiphilic compounds they can reduce surface tension & can increase solubility of two immiscible fluids.

In the present study microorganisms isolated from Lonar lake water were used to study biosurfactant production. Water sample is enriched in MSM (Mineral salt medium). Oil coated plates were used to isolate efficient Bacteria, Hydrocarbon degraders were selected for further production.

Production medium i.e. MSM medium was used with 2% Glucose as a sole source of carbon. 7 days incubation were followed on at 37°C, after every 24 hrs E-24 index were checked. At the end of 7th day comparative study was carried on. E-24 Index test, oil spread method tests were done. The efficient Bacterial culture was identified at its molecular level by 16s rRNA analysis. The identified Organism *Bacillus licheniformis* is under study, for further Qualitative and Quantitative tests of Biosurfactant.

Key words:- Biosurfactants, Hydrocarbon Degraders, Lonar Lake, Emulsification Index.

Introduction-

Lonar Lake situated in District Buldhana, India. is the World's 3rd Largest & the only Hyper Velocity Meteoritic Impact Crater formed about 50,000 yrs ago. It is a closed system, not having outlets and regular influents are responsible for lake's existence. The Diameter of Lake is around, 1.75 km and water enters in lake through rain, ground water seepage and there is no other industrial discharges received by lake (1).

Lonar lake having very high Alkalinity and Salinity, which makes this lake Unique in the World. pH of lake water is (pH- 9.5) and Salinity is (6388 mg/ltr). The Diversity of microbes were studied preliminarily by isolation and characterization of Microorganisms (2,3,4,5).

Chemical and Biosurfactants are Amphiphilic compounds which reduce interfacial and surface tension by accumulating at the interface of immiscible fluids and increase the solubility and mobility of Hydrophobic compounds (6,7,8). During the degradation of Hydrocarbons the degradative organisms produce Amphiphilic compounds that influence the degradation rates. These compounds are known as Biosurfactants.

Because of their Low Toxicity, Biosurfactants having Various Applications in Medical Industries, Oil reservoirs, Chemical Industries, food processing, Pharmaceuticals, and Environment Bioremediation (9).

Hence the objective of research is to Examine the Biosurfactant Production Potential of Optimise Bacterial isolates from Lonar Lake and Biosurfactant Producing Strains were further Characterised By Genetic methods using the 16s rRNA sequencing technique to find out the species level.



Fig 1-Lonar Lake Soil & Water Samples were collected.

Materials & Methods-

Sampling site and Sample Collection:-

Different samples were collected from different sites of Lonar Lake, Water samples were labelled as LS-01, LS-02, LS-03, LS-04, LS-05. Sediment samples were labelled as LSD-1, LSD-2,

LSD-3. The water sample was collected in sterile bottles while sediment samples were collected in sterile polythene bags.

Chemical Analysis of the Sediments And Water samples:-

pH :- pH of all samples was recorded using digital pH meter Model No- ELICO L-1120

Alkalinity:- Alkalinity was determined by potentiometric titration method, using sodium carbonate as a standard and phenolphthalein as an indicator, against 0.1 N sulphuric acid as described in standard methods. Alkalinity was determined in terms of CaCO_3 (10, 11).

Salinity:- Salinity was determined in terms of both Cl^- and NaCl by using argentometric method. In which standard AgNO_3 was used as a titrant as described in standard methods (Grenberg et al. 1992), (11).

Enrichment & isolation of Bacteria:-

- Enrichment of sample - sediment (1 gm) and water (10 ml) samples from Lonar Lake inoculated separately in 250 ml conical flasks, containing 100 ml mineral salt medium.
- **Composition of Mineral Salt Medium (MSM) g/l -**

NaNO₃- 2.5gm

KCl- 0.1gm

K₂HPO₄- 7.0gm

KH₂PO₄ – 3gm

CaCl₂ – 0.01 gm

MgSO₄·7H₂O - 0.5gm with 5ml of trace element solution

Content

FesO₄·7H₂O – 0.116g/l

H₃BO₃ -0.232g/l

CaCl₂·6H₂O- 0.41g/l

CuSO₄·5H₂O - 0.008g/l

MnSO₄·H₂O – 0.008g/l

(NH₄)₆ Mo₇O₂₄ – 0.022g/l

ZnSO₄ – 0.174 g/l with 2% Fresh soyabenes

Oil as a sole source of carbon (II)

All the samples were insulated at 37°C for 7days at 150 rpm on Rotary shaker

Isolation and Biochemical characterization:-

After the enrichment of samples (72hrs) the samples were inoculated on solid nutrient agar plate. Well isolated & morphologically different colonies were selected for further study.

Isolated colonies were characterised by standard Biochemical test according to Bergeys Manual of systematic bacteriology (Systematic Bacteriology By Bergeys section 13, Vol-2 BAMU Library.)

Testing of Biosurfactant Production from Bacteria:-

- 1) **Oil Coating Plates Technics-** Oil coated MSM medium plates were prepared without using any other carbon source (12) used for the test.

Cultures grown on oil coated plats were selected for BS production. MSM medium was prepared by using 2% glucose as a carbon source.

Selected colonies were inoculated in production medium for 7 days on 150 rpm on rotary shaker. BS activity was checked every day various confirmative testes were followed for BS production like oil spreading method, Emulsification index (E₂₄).

Analysis of Biosurfactants:-

- 1) Solubility Test- Small amount of isolated biosurfactant was taken in three test tubes and water, alcohol & chloroform was added to each tube their solubility was tested.
- 2) Saponification Test- 2ml of 2% NaOH solution was added to the small amount of Biosurfactant & shaken well the formation of soap was observed (14)
- 3) Oil Spreading Method:- 50ml of distilled water added to the petridish 20µl of oil was added in it, thin layer was allowed to form on surface. 10µl of cell free supernatant was dropped on surface of oil. The diameter of zone of clearance of oil surface was measured. (15)
- 4) Emulsification Index (E₂₄):- Confirmation of biosurfactant production as checked by E₂₄ test by adding 2ml Oil and 3ml of culture supernatant centrifuge this mixture for 2min with high speed and leave it to stand for 24hrs. (16,17)

Height of emulsion layer

$$E_{24} = \frac{\text{Height of emulsion layer}}{\text{Height of total solution}} \times 100\%$$

- 5) Surface Tension Measurement:- Surface Tension was measured by Tensiometer. Distilled water was used to compare results (15)

16S rRNA sequencing & phylogenetic analysis along with BS producing bacterial isolated biochemical tests & 16S rRNA sequencing.

Results and Discussions:-

For the study of Biosurfactant producing bacteria from Lonar Lake total 8 samples were examined from sediment & water samples. Samples were collected in Winter season Nov 2013 and enrichment of samples was followed on MSM medium containing oil after enrichment sub culturing was done for 4-5 times.

Isolated bacteria was used for production of Biosurfactant by using MSM medium with 2% glucose without Oil. Bacteria were analysed for standard biochemical test and further identified by 16S rRNA sequencing as *Bacillus licheniformis*.

Biosurfactant producing bacteria were preliminarily isolated by oil coated plate method.

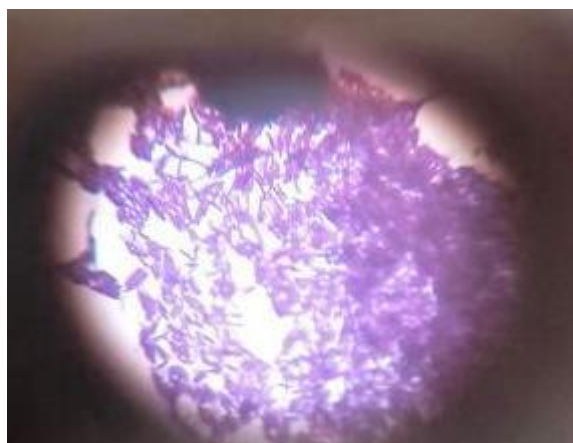


Fig-2 Gram Positive rods

Fig-2 showing Gram Positive Rods Efficient Bacteria For Biosurfactant Production

Table No-1										
Colony Characteristic	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Size (cm)	0.5-0.7	0.1-0.2	0.7-0.8	0.3-0.6	0.5-0.8	0.3-0.6	0.8-1.0	0.2-0.3	0.7-0.8	1.0-1.3
Shape	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded
Colour	White	White	pale yellow	White	pale yellow	White	pale yellow	White	pale yellow	White
Consistency	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid
Margin	Irregular	Regular	Regular	Entire	Irregular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Elevation	Flat	Raised	Flat	Flat	Flat	Raised	Raised	Raised	Raised	Raised
Gm Nature	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm -ve	Gm -ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm -ve
Motility	Motile	Non Motile	Motile	Motile	Motile	Non Motile	Motile	Motile	Non Motile	Motile

Colony Characteristic	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV	XVI	XVII	XVIII	XIX	XX
Size (cm)	0.3-0.7	0.1-0.4	0.7-0.9	0.3-0.6	0.5-0.8	0.3-0.7	0.4-0.9	1.0-1.2	0.2-0.4	0.7-1.0
Shape	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded	Rounded
Colour	White	pale yellow	pale yellow	White	White	White	White	White	pale yellow	pale yellow
Consistency	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid	Mucoid
Margin	Irregular	Entire	Irregular	Regular	Entire	Regular	Regular	Irregular	Regular	Entire
Elevation	Flat	Flat	Flat	Raised	Raised	Raised	Flat	Raised	Flat	Flat
Gm Nature	Gm -ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm -ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm +ve	Gm -ve	Gm -ve
Motility	Non Motile	Motile	Non Motile	Motile	Non Motile	Motile	Motile	Motile	Motile	Motile

Table No-1 showing Biochemical Characterization of Isolates of Lonar Lake. Selected Isolates were followed by Oil Coated Plates Method for Hydrocarbon Degradation.

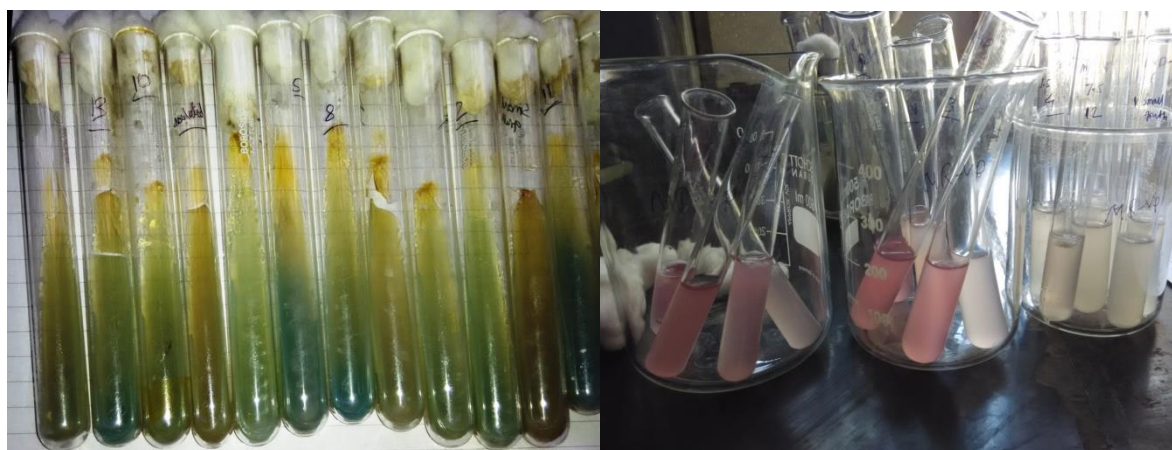


Fig-3 Images Of Biochemical Characterization of samples

Table No-2

Isolates	Hallow Zone Appeared on Oil Coated Plates
1	Negative
2	Positive
3	Negative
4	Negative
5	Positive
6	Negative
7	Negative
8	Negative
9	Positive
10	Negative
11	Positive
12	Negative
13	Negative
14	Negative
15	Negative
16	Negative
17	Negative
18	Positive

Table No-2 Showing results of Hydrocarbon degrading organisms. Total 5 organisms showing Hallow Zone which indicates oil degradation.



Fig 4- Bacillus Confirmative Test Kit (Hi-media)

Table No-3

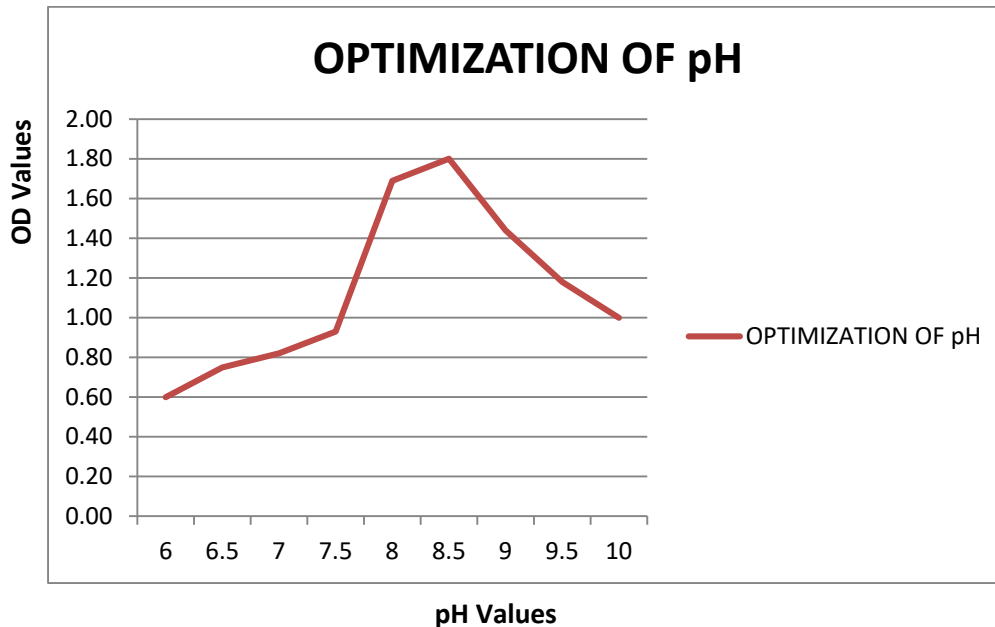


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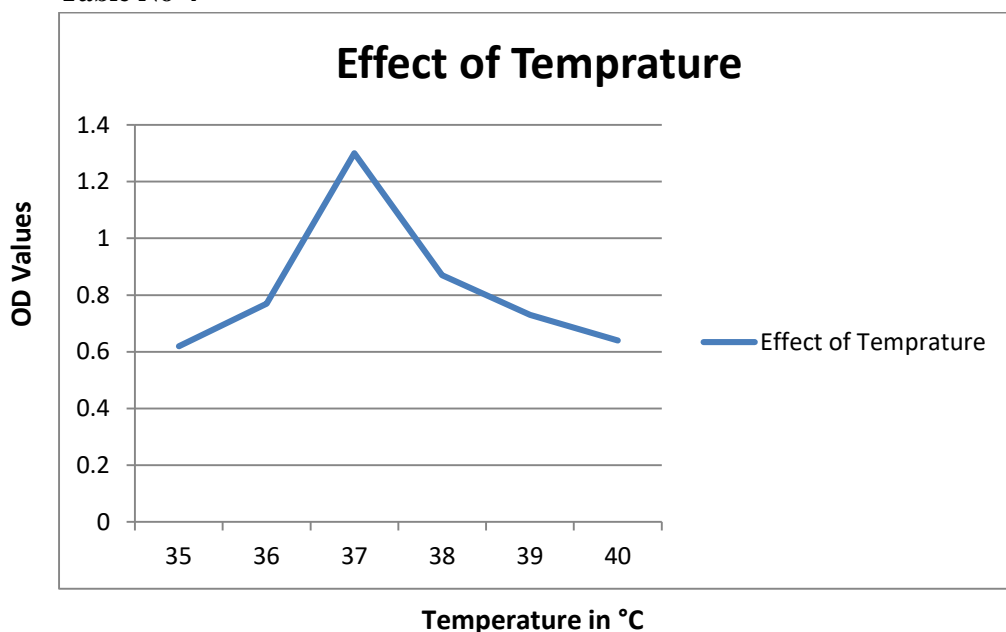


Table no 3- Showing results of effect of pH on growth of Bacteria Hence it is concluded that Bacteria Shows Highest growth at pH 8.5.

Table no 4- Showing results of effect of Temperature on growth of Bacteria Hence it is concluded that Bacteria showing Highest growth at 37°C.

Table No-5Table No-6

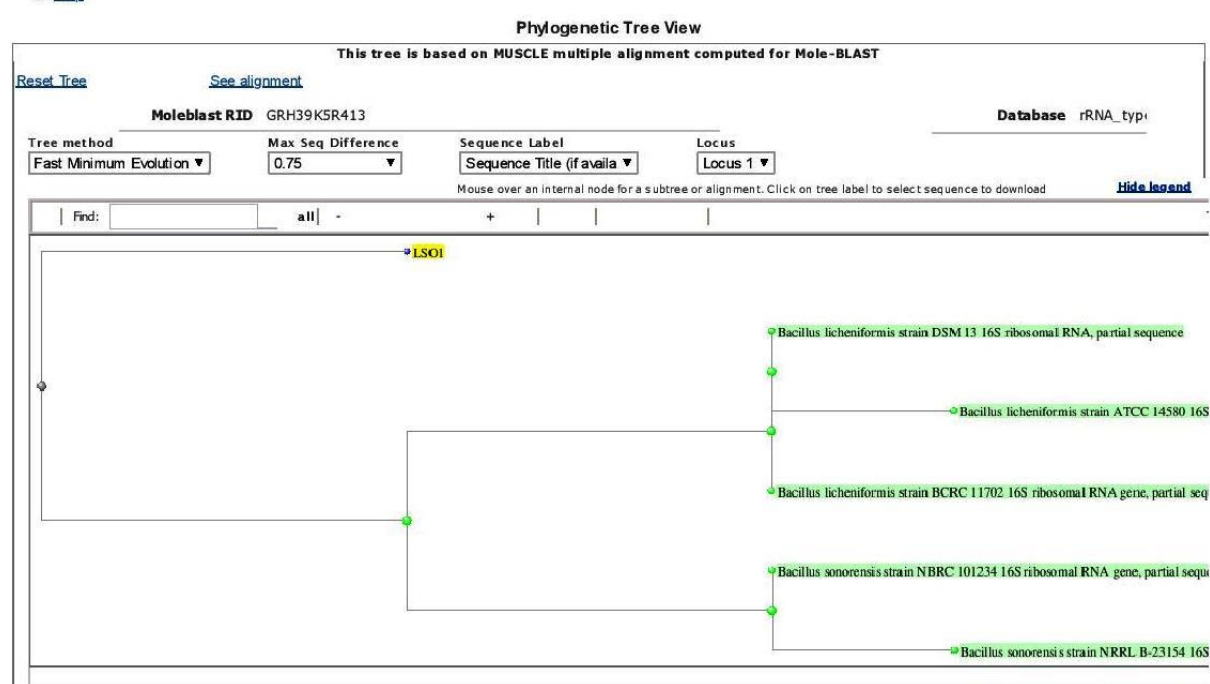
Isolates	Emulsification Activity (OD at 540 nm)	E24 (%)
1	0.11	31.2
2	0.17	39.8
3	0.54	52.6
4	0.18	39.2
5	0.23	44.3

Hydrocarbons	Emulsification Index	Emulsification Activity
Kerosene	52.6	0.38
Petrol	42.81	0.24
Diesel	39.73	0.19

Table No-5 & 6 showing results of Bio-surfactant production. After 7days Incubation period E-24 Index were checked with OD. Efficient Organism shows highest E-24 Index i.e 52.6%. E-24 Index were checked by using different Hydrocarbons of efficient organism.

Hence organism which gave highest E-24 index was selected for further study. Selected Isolate was studied at molecular level as 16s rRNAsequencing .The sequences of representative isolates were used for phylogenetic analysis. The sequences available in the GenBank database by BLAST (Youtube).

Supernatant of Purified Biosurfactant was studied using different methods of identification



After 16SrNA sequencing of a Bacterial Culture which shows Best Result for the production of Bio surfactant Using 2% Glucose As A sole source of carbon Phylogenetic Sequence was obtained with the help of Mol Blast NCBI. Hence the organism is confirmed that Bacillus Licheniformis.

Table No 7 :- Properties of selected biosurfactant Producing Bacteria

Isolate	Oil Spreading Method	Emulsification Index test	Saponification test	ST of Supernatant (mN/m)	ST of Media With Oil (mN/m)

LS-O3	+ve	52.06	+ve	54.34	65.70
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Table no-7 showing results for the properties of selected bio surfactant producing Bacteria, It gives positive results for Oil Spreading method, saponification test, And Emulsification Index 52.06mN/m . Reduces the surface tension of supernatant 54.34% after 3-4 days incubation which was initially 65.70mN/m of Media with oil.

TLC:-

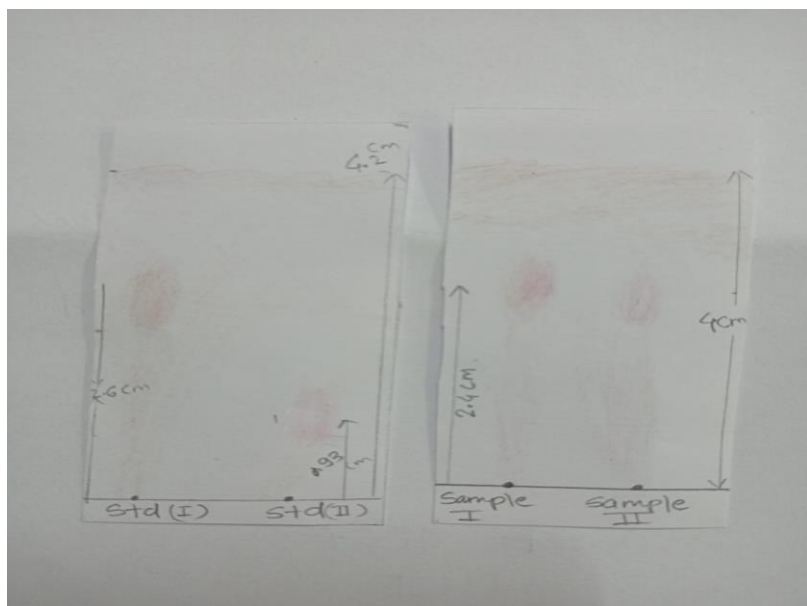


Fig 5 :- TLC Result Std(1) LippopeptideStdStd (2)Glycolipids std. Sample (1,2) Cruide Supernatant Of Bio surfactant

For a detection of purified Biosurfactant TLC Technique was used to obtain Rf values. On 1st TLC plate Standard 1 Lippopeptide and Standard 2nd Glycolipids were used as standards. On 2nd TLC plate Purified Biosurfactant (Using Acid Precipitaion Method) were used as a solute. Using Solvent system Chloroform,Methanol, and Acetic Acid respectively in a ratio of 65:15:2. With Developing Agent Ninhydrine and Iodine(18)

Rfvalue :

Name of sample	Standard 1	Standard 2	Purified Biosurfactant
Rf Value	0.67	0.22	0.60

Rf Values indicate that standard 1 (Surfactine) And Rf value of Purified Biosurfactant shows similar Rf values so It can be concluded that the purified Biosurafactant resembles with Surfactine. The purified Biosurafctant is under Study for Applications.

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