

MICROBIAL LIPASES: PROPITIOUS BIOCATALYSTS FOR VARIOUS BIOTECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

Lipases microbianas: biocatalisadores propícios para diversas aplicações biotecnológicas

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Abstract: Microbial lipases are versatile biocatalysts, catalyzing reactions in both aqueous and non-aqueous media, offering advantages like specificity, enantioselectivity, and stability at various pH levels and temperatures. These enzymes are crucial across industries such as food, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, biofuels, and environmental management. Solid-state fermentation (SSF) stands out as a promising method for producing lipases, utilizing agro-industrial residues as cost-effective substrates. SSF not only reduces production costs but also produces more concentrated biocatalysts, simplifying their recovery. This work reviews the potential of microbial lipases, focusing on their production via SSF. This review used PubMed, Scopus, and Google Scholar (2005-2024), focusing on microbial lipases, fermentation techniques, and relevant studies on lipase characteristics and applications. Immobilizing lipases in fermented solids reduces costs and enhances their industrial applicability, aligning with green chemistry principles by minimizing waste and environmental impacts. The diversity of microorganisms and substrates used in SSF makes the process adaptable and viable for various industrial applications. Lipases produced through SSF using regionally available agro-industrial residues provide a sustainable and economically feasible solution for industrial processes. This review underscores the essential role of microbial lipases in optimizing industrial practices, promoting sustainability, and reducing environmental impacts, making them indispensable in modern industrial applications.

Resumo: Lipases microbianas são biocatalisadores versáteis, catalisando reações em meios aquosos e não aquosos, oferecendo vantagens como especificidade, enantiosseletividade e estabilidade em vários níveis de pH e temperaturas. Essas enzimas são cruciais em indústrias como alimentos, cosméticos, produtos farmacêuticos, biocombustíveis e gestão ambiental. A fermentação em estado sólido (SSF) se destaca como um método promissor para a produção de lipases, utilizando resíduos agroindustriais como substratos econômicos. A SSF não apenas reduz os custos de produção, mas também produz biocatalisadores mais concentrados, simplificando sua recuperação. Este trabalho analisa o potencial das lipases microbianas, com foco em sua produção via SSF. A imobilização de lipases em sólidos fermentados reduz custos e aumenta sua aplicabilidade industrial, alinhando-se aos princípios da química verde ao minimizar o desperdício e os impactos ambientais. A diversidade de microrganismos e substratos usados na SSF torna o processo adaptável e viável para várias aplicações industriais. Lipases produzidas por meio de SSF usando resíduos agroindustriais disponíveis regionalmente fornecem uma solução sustentável e economicamente viável para processos industriais. Esta revisão ressalta o papel essencial das lipases microbianas na otimização de práticas industriais, promovendo a sustentabilidade e reduzindo impactos ambientais, tornando-as indispensáveis em aplicações industriais modernas.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Enzymes are biological catalysts that accelerate the speed of chemical reactions and metabolic processes, have high specificity, and are highlighted in the area of bioprocess technology (Taheri-Kafrani et al., 2020). Most enzymes are proteins, but some are considered ribonucleic acids and classified according to their catalysis reactions as oxidoreductases (oxide reduction), transferases (transfer of groups of molecules), hydrolases (hydrolysis), lyases (bond breaking), isomerases (intramolecular change), ligases (formation of a covalent bond between two molecules with high energy consumption) and Translocases (assists in moving another molecule) (Cai & Chou, 2005; Tao, Dong, Teng & Zhao, 2020).

The use of biological catalysts (enzymes) has become a viable option and the interest in this area is growing more and more due to their physicochemical characteristics (Thapa et al., 2019), with higher biodegradability, application in milder conditions, high recoverability in the process (Czaja, 2015; Grajales-Hernández et al., 2020; Shakerian, Zhao & Li, 2020), in addition to their ability of chemoselectivity, enantioselectivity, and regioselectivity (Tong, Busk & Lange, 2015; Kretschmann, Bester, Bollmann, Dalhoff & Cedergreen, 2019; Girelli, Astolfi & Scuto, 2020).

There is a growing search for viable alternatives for obtaining enzymes, especially those derived from microorganisms, as they tend to be environmentally friendly and economically relevant when compared to enzymes of animal and plant origin (Vyas & Chhabra, 2017; Carvalho et al., 2021). Moreover, microorganisms are the main sources of enzymes due to easy procurement, wide availability, simple nutritional requirements, rapid growth rate, and diversity in catalytic activities (Thapa et al., 2019).

Among the enzyme groups, hydrolases are widely used in the industrial field (Amadi et al., 2020), and lipolytic enzymes (belonging to hydrolases) are the third most widely used group of catalysts, due to their high efficiency in aqueous and organic media, reduced reaction times, and low production costs, they are essential as biocatalysts in biotechnology. (Kumar, Das, Giri & Verma, 2020; Carvalho et al., 2024a). The high versatility of lipases allows applications in various sectors such as the food industry (Zhang et al. 2018), pharmaceutical (Naghdi et al., 2018), textile, pulp and paper, dairy, detergent (and other cleaning products) manufacturing, new polymeric materials, wastewater treatment and biofuels (Bharathi & Rajalakshmi, 2019; Kumar, Das, Giri & Verma, 2020).

Lipases, belonging to the α/β -hydrolase family, are enzymes that do not require cofactors for their activity and remain stable in organic solvents. Their high efficiency in aqueous and organic media, reduced reaction times, and low production costs make them attractive as biocatalysts in biotechnology (Dickel et al., 2022). Additionally, they are considered a clean technology due to their high specificity and wide availability (Carvalho et al., 2024b).

Given this, studies are emerging with new supports to immobilize the enzymes, such as agroindustrial waste, which can be more viable alternatives of support for enzyme immobilization, because besides being a more economical way to make the process viable, it will also help in the problems of disposal and disposal of waste, following the principles of green chemistry (Doble et al., 2020).

Thus, this paper aims to discuss and review studies on microbial lipases, with direct application of the fermented solid, focusing on the main microorganisms, substrates and supports used in SSF and the applicability of lipases in various industrial sectors.

2 METHODOLOGY

This literature review was conducted based on searches in the PubMed, Scopus, and Google Scholar databases, covering the period from 2005 to 2024. The review included original articles, review

articles, and digital books that discuss the production and application of microbial lipases, with a focus on fermentation.

The inclusion criteria used for selecting studies were their relevance to the subject, prioritizing publications that significantly contribute to the understanding of lipase characteristics and solid-state (SSF) and submerged (SF) fermentation techniques.

The search strategies involved using keywords such as “fermentation,” “enzymes,” “lipase,” “microorganisms,” and “biocatalysts.” These keywords were combined to refine the search results and identify the most relevant studies.

The review was organized into five main sections: (1) structure and characteristics of lipases, (2) bacterial-origin lipases, (3) fungal-origin lipases, (4) yeast-origin lipases, and (5) analysis of solid-state (SSF) and submerged (SF) fermentation techniques. This organization allowed for a systematic and comprehensive approach, covering different aspects and sources of microbial lipases, as well as a detailed comparison between fermentation techniques.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Lipase structures and characteristics

Lipases (EC 3.1.1.3) also known as triacylglycerol ester hydrolases are abundant in nature and belong to the group of enzymes of the serine hydrolase category (Bharathi, Rajalakshmi & Komathi, 2018). Their molecular weight is in the range of 19 kDa to 60 kDa besides being described as monomeric proteins (formed by only one polypeptide chain) (Chandra, Singh & Arora, 2020), and what differentiates lipases from other types of esterases is the ability to hydrolyze water-insoluble esters (Kartal, 2016).

The essential structural elements of lipases are a binding pocket, cap, oxy-anion hole, and disulfide bridge. The binding pocket is hydrophobic and is related to enzyme activity (Faryad, Ataa, Joyia & Parvaiz, 2021). The cap is important for determining molecular activity and selectivity in addition to interfacial activation (Khan et al., 2017), the oxy-anion hole is of utmost importance as it is this region that can influence the catalytic efficiency of lipases (Gao et al., 2011) and the disulfide bridge contributes to conformational stability, decreasing entropy and influencing the thermal stability of the enzyme (Tambunan, Randy & Parikesit, 2014).

Lipases have the characteristic of increasing catalytic activity at the water-oil interface, a process known as interfacial activation, involving a structural rearrangement of conformation from inactive to active (Khan et al., 2017). With this, catalysis is initiated by anchoring the lipase at the oil-water interface through the exposed hydrophobic area (Priyanka, Tan, Kinsella, Henahan & Ryan, 2018).

Thus, lipases can catalyze hydrolysis and synthesis of triglycerides, diacylglycerol, monoacylglycerol, and glycerol, and also exhibit hydrolysis, interesterification, esterification, aminolysis, acidolysis, and alcoholysis activities (Javed et al., 2018). In addition to the aforementioned potential, lipases synthesize glycerol esters as well as long-chain fatty acids in a non-aqueous medium, contributing to a wide range of industrial applications (Chandra, Singh & Arora, 2020).

Also at the oil-water interface, lipase has the ability to hydrolyze triglycerides, thus converting them into glycerol and fatty acids, and has properties that reverse this reaction in aqueous and non-aqueous media (Lee et al., 2015; Ramos-Sanches, Cujilema-Quitio, Julian-Ricardo, Cordova & Fickers, 2015). The efficiency of lipases depends on the physical properties and factors such as the position of the fatty acid in the glycerol structure, chain length, and degree of unsaturation (Tong, Busk & Lange, 2015; Bonomi, Iametti & Marengo, 2019).

Given the advantageous characteristics that lipases have as catalysts, these enzymes are in third

place in industrial applications, behind proteases and amylases (carbohydrases), this is due to their great versatility (Javed et al., 2018; Arora, Mishra & Mishra, 2020). The efficiency of the application of lipases will also depend on the origin, being microbial (bacteria, fungi, and yeast) the most used (Vyas & Chhabra, 2017).

3.2 Lipases of bacterial origin

In the industrial area, lipases can come from bacteria, which in most cases are considered safe and do not produce toxins (Niyonzima & More, 2020). Bacterial lipases are less diverse compared to fungal lipases and are more limited in industry, however, they are still in high demand due to their yield and ability to work in alkaline pH (Bharathi, Rajalakshmi & Komathi 2018).

In most bacteria, the lipases produced by them are affected by polysaccharides found in the medium, and usually, these lipases are glycoproteins, but in some cases of extracellular lipases, their nature is considered lipoprotein (Chandra, Singh & Arora, 2020). Extracellular lipases coming from bacteria will depend on some nutritional and physicochemical factors such as carbon and nitrogen sources, oxygen, lipids, incubation time, and pH, among others (Arora, Mishra & Mishra, 2020).

Among the genera with the ability to produce lipases, the best known are *Bacillus*, *Burkholderia*, *Pseudomonas* and *Staphylococcus* (Bouaziz, Horchani, Salem, Gargouri & Sayari, 2011; Sagar, Bashir, Phukan & Konwar, 2013; Arora, Mishra & Mishra, 2020). In addition to these genera, others such as *Achromobacter* spp., *Alcaligenes* sp., *Arthrobacter* spp., and *Chromobacterium* spp. are also sources of lipase production (Chandra, Singh & Arora, 2020). In Table 1, we can see some species of lipase-producing bacteria and their respective applications in industry.

Table 1 - Bacterial species that produce lipases and their applications in biotechnology

Bacterial species	Applications	References
<i>Achromobacter</i> sp.	Oily wastewater treatment.	(Deng et al., 2020).
<i>Bacillus aerius</i>	Production of biodiesel.	(Bhan & Singh, 2020).
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	Wastewater treatment.	(Durval et al., 2020).
<i>Bacillus</i> sp.	Food industry.	(Balaji, Chittoor & Jayaraman, 2020).
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> and <i>Bacillus thermocatenulatus</i>	Medical Industry.	(Su, Fang & Zhang, 2020).
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	Production of biodiesel.	(Ostojčić et al., 2020).
<i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i>	Detergent formulation.	(Abol-Fotouh, AlHagar & Hassan, 2021).
<i>Lactobacillus casei</i>	Cheese industry (flavorings).	(Souza, Ribeiro & Coelho, 2019).
<i>Pseudomonas cepacia</i> and <i>Pseudomonas</i> sp.	Production of biodiesel.	(Kumar, Das, Giri & Verma, 2020; Khosla et al., 2017).
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	Manufacture of detergent and biodiesel.	(García-Silvera et al., 2018).
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Detergent industry.	(Bacha, Al-Assaf, Moubayed & Abid. 2018).

Within the family *Bacillaceae*, bacteria belonging to the genera *Bacillus* and *Geobacillus* are the main sources of lipase production. Bacteria of the genus *Bacillus* have great potential for biotechnological applications due to their properties, such as cells that adapt to survive in extreme climatic conditions (Guncheva & Zhiryakova, 2011). Lipase from *Bacillus* species occurs by SF (Chakraborty & Raj, 2008; Berekaa, Zaghoul, Abdel-Fattah, Saeed & Sifour, 2009). Its cells are grown in a nutrient medium rich in carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, and mineral salts (Ebrahimpour, Rahman, Ch'ng, Basri & Salleh, 2008), as well as lipids (olive, mustard, soybean, rice bran, cottonseed, sesame and corn oil) and free fatty acids (oleic acid) (Guncheva & Zhiryakova, 2011).

3.3 Lipase from yeast and filamentous fungi

Lipases from yeast are widely used in the industrial arena as they are considered safe and non-toxic (Melani, Tambourgi & Silveira, 2018). Moreover, they have unique applications in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors, biodiesel production, and the food industry (Singh & Mukhopadhyay, 2012).

Most yeasts possess the ability to produce lipases (Alami et al., 2017), but the main producing genera are *Candida*, *Rhodotorula*, *Yarrowia*, and *Trichosporon*. In addition to the above, other yeast genera are considered good lipase producers such as *Saccharomyces*, *Torulospira*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Pseudozyma*, *Pischia*, *Lachancea*, and *Zygosaccharomyces* (Moftah et al., 2012; Nagarajan, 2012; Divya & Padma, 2015; Lan, Qu, Yang & Wang, 2016; Su, Fang & Zhang, 2020).

Yeasts of the genus *Candida* are highlighted with great industrial potential for the production of extracellular lipase and have as an advantage the ability to act in long-chain ester, hydrolyzing and synthesizing with these, various types of oils (Alami et al., 2017). Within this genus, there are species considered excellent lipase producers and with greater potential within the category of yeasts, containing several reports in the literature on their properties, structures, and catalytic actions (Bharathi & Rajalakshmi, 2019).

The *Candida* genera also possess the ability to hydrolyze nonspecific triacylglycerols that are found abundantly in nature. With this, several species of this genus are widely studied for their ability to produce extracellular lipase such as *C. albicans*, *C. antarctica*, *C. deformans* CBS 2071, *C. curvata*, *C. rugosa*, *C. albidus*, *C. laurentii*, *C. zeylanoides*, *C. famata*, *C. lipolytica* (Alami et al., 2017).

Several species of yeast and filamentous fungi are good lipase producers with simple extraction, purification, and processing steps (Roy, Kumar, Ramteke & Sit, 2018). Filamentous fungi have as a characteristic, the ability to produce extracellular enzymes, thus making them an attractive source for enzymes of industrial interest such as lipases (Gutarra et al., 2008).

Genera of filamentous fungi such as *Penicillium*, *Rhizopus*, *Aspergillus*, *Fusarium*, *Mucor* and *Geotrichum* are examples of lipase producers with potential application in various industrial areas (Mahmoud, Koutb, Morsy & Bagy, 2015; Çakmak & Aydoğdu, 2021). In Table 2 we can observe some yeast and filamentous fungi species and their applicability in the industrial field.

Table 2 - Yeast and filamentous fungi species that produce lipases and their applicability in biotechnology

Yeast and filamentous fungi species	Applications	References
<i>Candida rugosa</i>	Synthesis of flavor and aroma esters, biodiesel production, and other chemical producer syntheses.	(Bayramoglu, Celikbicak, Kilic & Arika, 2022; Subroto, Indiarito, Pangawikan, Huda & Yarlina, 2020).
<i>Candida antarctica</i>	Production of biodiesel, detergent, food, chemical industry, among others.	(Shahedi, Yousefi, Habib, Mohammadi & habi, 2019; Monteiro et al., 2021).
<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i>	Flavoring esters, wax esters biolubricants, food industry, biosensors, biodiesel.	(Souza, Ribeiro & Coelho, 2019; Madzak, 2018).
<i>Rhodotorula</i> sp.	Formulation of detergents.	(Maharana & Singh, 2017).
<i>Trichosporon</i> sp.	Synthesis of structured triacylglycerols, surfactants, food additives, biofuels, lubricants and detergents.	(Cao et al., 2021).
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	Bioremediation.	(Massoud, Hadiani, Hamzehlou & Khosravi-Darani, 2018).
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Food industry and biodiesel production.	(Feng et al., 2020).

Yeast and filamentous fungi species	Applications	References
<i>Penicillium</i> sp.	Bioremediation and Biodegradation.	(Kumar, Das, Giri & Verma, 2020; Sarmah et al., 2017; Ostojčić et al., 2020).
<i>Penicillium</i> sp.	Bioremediation and Biodegradation.	(Barnes, Khodse, Lotlikar, Meena & Damare, 2017).
<i>Penicillium roqueforti</i> and <i>Penicillium camemberti</i>	Cheese manufacturing.	(Kumura et al., 2019).
<i>Geotrichum candidum</i>	Chemical industry.	(Brabcová et al., 2013).
<i>Rhizopus oryzae</i>	Production of structured lipids, biodiesel and flavor esters.	(López-Fernandez, Benaiges & Valero, 2020).
<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	Chemical industry.	(Rana et al., 2019).
<i>Fusarium incarnatum</i>	Bioremediation.	(Joshi, Sharma & Kuila, 2019).
<i>Mucor miehei</i>	Production of biodiesel.	(Carteret, Jacoby & Blin, 2018).

Filamentous fungi vary in their lipolytic production depending on the strain, presence of inducer, carbon and nitrogen sources, pH, NaCl concentration, and temperature, among other medium conditions that make it indispensable in obtaining the best yield of extracellular enzymes (Wadia & Jain, 2017). Fungal lipase production can occur by SF or SSF, but filamentous fungi are more adapted to growth in solid-state fermentation than other microorganisms such as bacteria and yeast (Edwinoliver et al., 2010).

3.4 Analysis of fermentation techniques for lipase production

The fermentative processes for lipase production (SF and SSF) are widely used in obtaining products, mainly from the industrial sector, this being an approach that uses microorganisms for biological transformations of complex substrates into simpler molecules (Bharathi & Rajalakshmi, 2019). Both are conventional techniques used for lipase production and each of them has its advantages and peculiarities (Faryad, Ataa, Joyia & Parvaiz, 2021).

3.5 Submerged Fermentation (SF)

In the process of SF, microorganisms are found in normally liquid media, presenting greater homogeneity in the culture medium, and parameters such as temperature and pH are easily controlled, and the concentration of dissolved nutrients is well defined. The extracellular production of SF is based on the optimization of carbon source, nitrogen, oils, and surfactants, in addition to physicochemical parameters such as pH and temperature, and incubation time (Geoffry & Achur, 2018).

Lipases from SF are generally more thermostable than those obtained by the SSF process, making them suitable for industrial applications involving high temperatures, in addition, lipase production by SF generates fewer undesirable metabolites such as phenolic compounds, phenolic acids, and flavonoids than SSF (Colla et al., 2015). Thus, SF is the most widely used method for obtaining enzymes of industrial interest because it has advantages such as easy large-scale obtainability (Alabdall, ALanazi, Aldakeel, AbdulAzeez & Borgio, 2020). In addition, lipase from SF can be subjected to drying techniques to obtain a dry extract of the enzyme, making it more durable and increasing its shelf life (Utami, Hariyani, Alamsyah & Hermansyah, 2017).

3.6 Solid-State Fermentation (SSF)

Solid-state fermentation involves the use of a solid matrix and the process is carried out in the absence or near absence of free water, so for microorganisms to thrive, the substrate or support must contain moisture and provide the nutrients necessary to keep their metabolism active and provide for their growth (Vandenberghe et al., 2021).

Agricultural and forestry residue substrates such as cereal grains, legume seeds, bran such as oatmeal and soybean meal, cakes (press cake or oil cake are the solid residues obtained after processing oilseeds), sugarcane and cassava bagasse, fruit and coffee pulp and peel, straws, sawdust, wood chips, materials of plant and animal origin, is the most commonly used in the process of SSF and most of them have low cost, are easily obtained and provide all necessary nutrients for the growth of microorganisms (Farinas, 2015; Sadh, Duhan & Duhan. 2018; Paluzar, Tuncay & Aydogdu, 2021).

This type of fermentation can be considered an economical way, using relatively simple substrates in the production of extracellular enzymes, mainly coming from filamentous fungi by providing a similarity to their natural habitat, in which microorganisms will grow and release in their metabolism, products with high added value (Stuedler, Werner & Walther, 2019).

The main advantages of using SSF are lower susceptibility to contamination, lower sterilization requirements, higher enzyme productivity, lower susceptibility to substrate inhibition, use of agro-industrial wastes (such as those mentioned above), lower effluent production, higher substrate quality and activity without the need for the addition of organic solvents, making the process more environmentally friendly and economical (Soccol et al., 2017).

In contrast, we can cite negative points regarding the use of SSF, such as a limited number of species that can thrive in environments with reduced humidity (Faryad, Ataa, Joyia & Parvaiz, 2021).

When considering the wide applicability of lipase and the few areas covered by SSF lipases, we can observe the need for further exploration (Aguieiras, Cavalcanti-Oliveira, Cammarota & Freire, 2018). In Table 3 we can observe some works using fermented solids and their applications

Table 3 - Fermented solid lipases from microorganisms and their applications in biotechnology

Species of microorganisms	Fermented solid	Applications	References
<i>Aspergillus ibericus</i>	Palm kernel and sesame oil pie mixes	Flavor Esters	(Oliveira et al., 2017).
<i>Aspergillus ibericus</i>	Palm kernel oil pie and other types of oil pies	Flavor Ester Production	(Oliveira et al., 2017).
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Wheat bran / Corn cob	Bioremediation	(Kreling, Simon, Fagundes, Thomé & Colla, 2020).
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Canola Pie	Cooking oil waste treatment	(Preczesk et al., 2018).
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Copra residue (dried coconut pulp)	Wastewater treatment	(Zulkifli & Rasit, 2020).
<i>Aspergillus niger/ Penicillium sp.</i>	Orange residue	Medications	(Athanázio-Heliodoro et al., 2018).
<i>Penicillium sumatrense/ Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	Sunflower Seed	Methyl Oleate	(Oliveira et al., 2020).
<i>Anoxybacillus sp.</i>	Mustard Pie	Detergent Manufacturing	(Sahoo et al., 2020).
<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i>	Watermelon rinds	Depolymerization of polyethylene terephthalate (PET)	Sales, de Castro, Ribeiro & coelho, 2019
<i>Candida viswanathii</i>	Wheat bran with barley grain	Chicken Fat Hydrolysis	Almeida et al., 2016
<i>Penicillium polonicum</i>	Sunflower seed	Bioremediation	Dickel et al., 2022

3.7 Environmental Importance of Microbial Lipases

Microbial lipases play a crucial role in environmental protection and sustainability through their various applications in bioremediation, waste treatment and biodiesel production. These enzymes are essential for the hydrolysis of lipids and other complex organic compounds, facilitating the degradation of environmental contaminants and the production of renewable energy (Ali et al., 2023).

Microbial lipases are widely used in the bioremediation of effluents rich in fatty acids and oils. They aid breaking of lipid pollutants, such as oils and fats, found in industrial and domestic wastewater (Bialeski et al., 2024). This process helps reduce the pollutant load, contributing to the purification of water bodies and protecting aquatic ecosystems.

In agro-industrial contexts, microbial lipases treat organic wastes, such as meal residues and used vegetable oils. These enzymes enable the conversion of waste into valuable products like biodiesel and bioactive compounds (Carvalho et al., 2024a; Carvalho et al., 2024b). The production of biodiesel from waste oils not only reduces reliance on fossil fuels but also supports sustainable waste management practices, further mitigating environmental impact (Hajjari et al., 2017).

Microbial lipases also minimize the environmental impact of chemical production and use. As highly specific and efficient biocatalysts, they reduce the need for harsh chemicals and lower the amount of generated waste, leading to a cleaner and safer environment (Ekeoma et al., 2023). In summary, microbial lipases are vital for environmental protection due to their ability to degrade contaminants, manage waste, and facilitate the production of renewable biodiesel. Their use significantly aids resource preservation and environmental impact reduction, supporting global sustainability and conservation goals (Abro et al., 2024).

4 CONCLUSIONS

Lipases are versatile enzymes that are critical as biocatalysts in various industrial applications. Utilizing agro-industrial wastes in solid-state fermentation allows for immobilizing lipases in fermented solids, enhancing their applicability across multiple sectors. This approach not only reduces the high costs typically associated with enzyme immobilization but also makes the process economically viable. The use of lipases in industrial processes aligns with the principles of green chemistry, offering several advantages, such as reduced by-product formation, high yields, the production of biodegradable products, and environmental safety. Additionally, their high recovery rates post-process contributes to minimizing environmental impacts. Numerous microorganisms have demonstrated effectiveness in various industrial applications, particularly when using agro-industrial residues rich in fatty acids. These residues are not only readily available but also offer diverse options that can be tailored to specific regional needs, further improving the feasibility and sustainability of the production process.

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