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GREEN TECHNOLOGY FOR 6-AMINOPENICILLANIC ACID PRODUCTION - STUDY OF PENICILLIN G HYDROLYSIS IN A BIOREACTOR WITH MOBILE BED OF IMMOBILIZED PENICILLIN AMIDASE UNDER SUBSTRATE INHIBITION

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Abstract

The efficiency of enzymatic hydrolysis of Penicillin G to 6-Aminopenicillanic acid under substrate inhibition has been analyzed for a bioreactor with mobile bed of immobilized *penicillin amidase*. The results indicated that the optimum values of temperature and pH remained the same as for homogeneous hydrolysis using free enzyme. The inhibitory effect induced at higher Penicillin G amount in liquid phase was attenuated by increasing the size of the biocatalyst particles. For this reason, at substrate concentration over 150 mol/m³, the highest volumetric productivity of hydrolysis process was recorded for the larger particles of immobilized enzyme. The proposed mathematical correlation between the volumetric productivity, Penicillin G concentration and biocatalyst diameter offers a good concordance with the experimental data, the average deviation being of $\pm 4.53\%$.

Key words: bioreactor, 6-Aminopenicillanic acid, Penicillin, penicillin amidase, productivity

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