

Supporting Information

Development of an Enzymatic Process for the Production of (R)-2-Butyl-2-ethyloxirane

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Media and buffers

LAEMELLI Electrode Buffer (RPN053)

Tris Base	29.0 g
Glycine	144.0 g
SDS	10.0 g

LB (Luria Bertani)

Tryptone (Bacto)	10 g/L
Yeast extract (Bacto)	5 g/L
NaCl	5 g/L

Adjust pH 7.4 pre-sterilisation

Terrific broth (TB)

Tryptone	12.0 g
Yeast Extract	24.0 g
KH ₂ PO ₄	2.2 g
K ₂ HPO ₄	9.4 g

GF01B

Yeast extract	8.252 g/L
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ ,	8.252 g/L
MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	6.752 g/L
CaCl ₂	0.824 g/L
K ₂ SO ₄	4.02 g/L
Thiamine hydrochloride	0.03 g/L
Dextrose monohydrate	0.7 g/L
Mineral salts solution 1	5.4 ml/L
Mineral salts solution 2	8.252 ml/L
H ₃ PO ₄	2.46 ml/L
Polypropylene glycol antifoam	0.11 ml/L

Mineral salts solution 1

Disodium EDTA	100 g/L
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	9 g/L
MnCl·4H ₂ O	4 g/L
H ₃ BO ₃	2.7 g/L
CuCl·2H ₂ O	1.5 g/L
NiCl·6H ₂ O	0.18 g/L

NaMoO₄·2H₂O 0.192 g/L
in 1.5% potassium hydroxide solution.

Mineral salts solution 2

disodium EDTA 50 g/L
FeSO₄·7H₂O 20 g/L
in 0.1% potassium hydroxide solution.

GF01B Medium details

Material		%
Yeast Extract		0.825
Ammonium Sulphate		0.825
Magnesium Sulphate ·7 H ₂ O		0.675
Calcium Chloride		0.0825
Potassium Sulphate		0.402
Thiamine - HCl		0.003
Meritose		0.07
EX01A Mineral Salts solution 1	(mL)	0.54
EX02A Mineral Salts solution 2	(mL)	0.825
Orthophosphoric acid	(mL)	0.246
Add 0.11g/l Polypropylene glycol 2000	PPG	0.011

STERILISATION CONDITIONS 121⁰C for 40 Minutes

Transformation and aliquoting of the EH glycerol stock

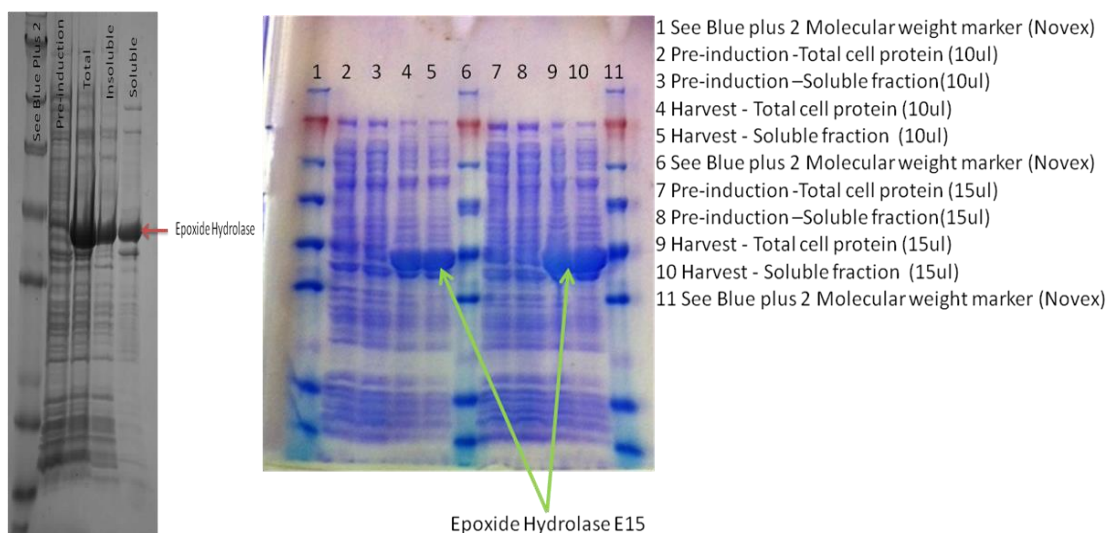
The following protocol was followed: plasmid (2 µl) was added into an aliquot of BL21(DE3) and left on ice for 15 min. Cells were heat shocked at 42°C in a water bath for 45 seconds then left on ice for 2 minutes. SOC media (150 µL) was then added and cells were shaken in a thermomixer at 37°C (1400 rpm) for 1 hour. Each culture was spread on a Luria Broth (LB) plate containing kanamycin (kan) 50 µg/mL and 1% glucose with a sterile spreader. Plates were incubated at 37°C overnight. A single colony was inoculated into LB medium (10 mL) with kanamycin (50 µg/mL) and after 5 hours at 37°C and 220 rpm in a Kuhner shaker the inoculum (750 µL) was added over 250 µL glycerol (80% w/v). The mixture was then frozen at -80°C for longer term storage.

Enzyme expression in shake flasks (2.5 L)

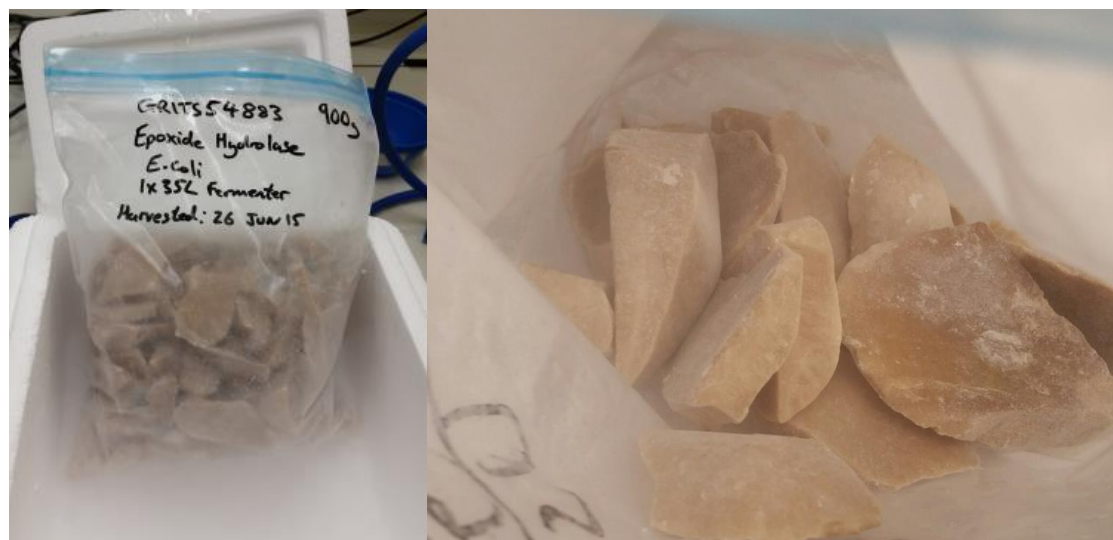
A 50 mL conical centrifuge tube containing LB (10 mL) and kanamycin (50 µg/mL) was inoculated with a single colony from EH5 cells [grown previously on an agar plate containing

kanamycin (50 µg/mL) and glucose (1% w/v)] and incubated for 5 h at 37°C with shaking (220 rpm). This pre-culture was used to inoculate a second stage seed, Terrific Broth (1 L) containing kanamycin (50 µg/mL) and incubated at 37°C (220 rpm) until an OD of 0.6–0.8 at 600 nm was reached. The culture was then induced by adding IPTG to a final concentration of 0.5 mM and the culture incubated overnight at 30°C at 220 rpm. Cells were pelleted by centrifugation (20 min, 4000 rpm at 4°C) frozen and stored at -80°C. At harvest the cell wet mass was 16.8 g/L.

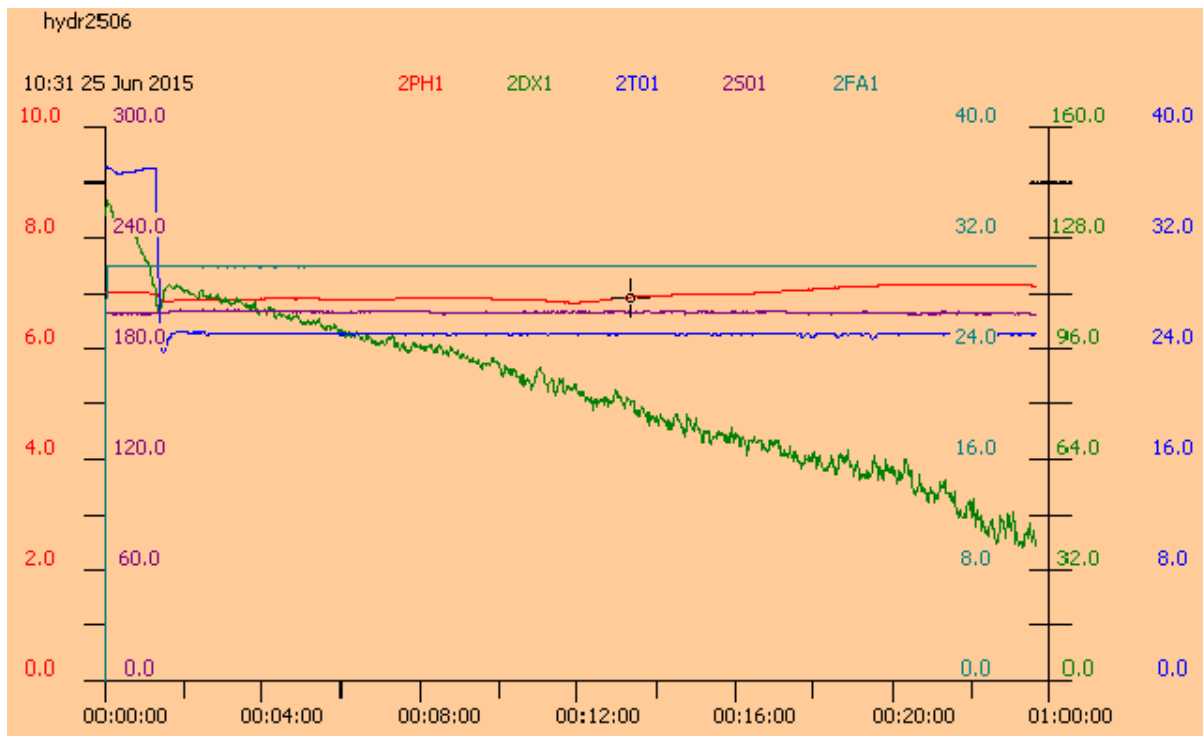
Epoxide Hydrolase (45kDa) SDS-PAGE from expression in 50L fermenter



Frozen pellets containing EH5 from expression in 50L fermenter



50L Fermenter Run Data



Fermenter data

2PH1 = pH

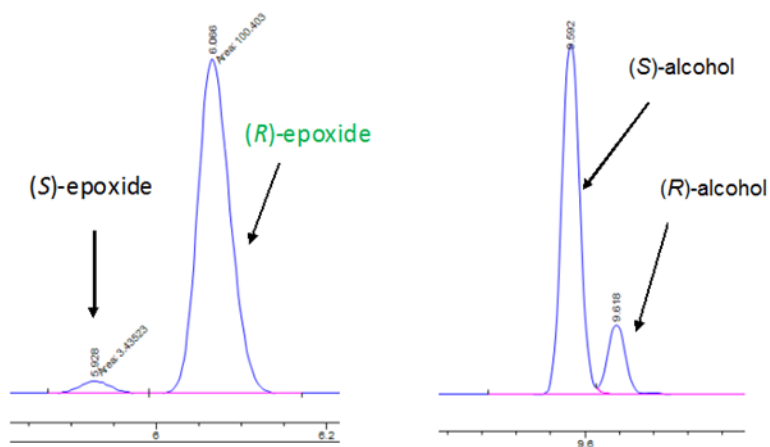
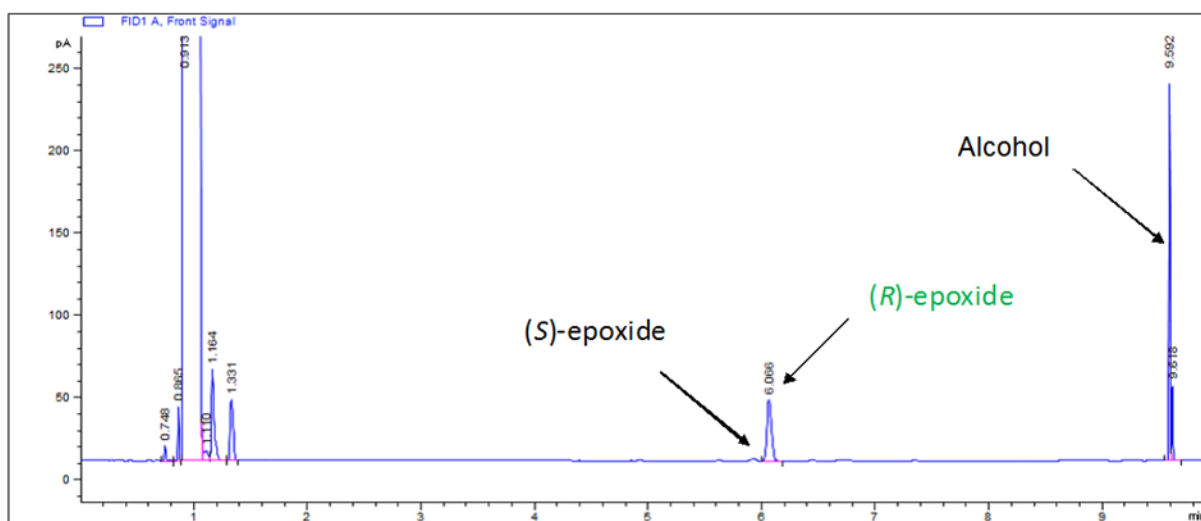
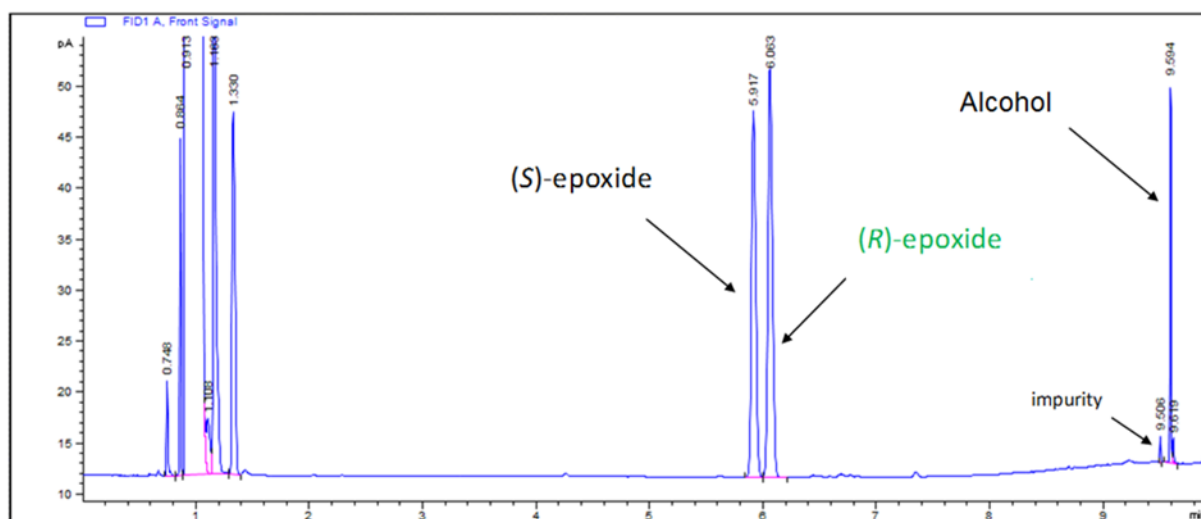
2DX1 = Dissolved oxygen

2FA1 = Air flow

2TO1 = Temperature

2SO1 = Speed

Chiral GC Method with examples of chromatograms



Chiral GC conditions

Agilent 7890B

Oven

Equilibration Time : 0 min
Max Temperature : 250 °C
Maximum Temperature Override : Disabled
Slow Fan : Disabled
Cryo : Off

Temperature

Setpoint : On
(Initial) : 60 °C
Hold Time : 0 min
Post Run : 50 °C

Program

Rate (°C/min)	Value (°C)	Hold Time (min)
3	80	0
40	210	0

Front SS Inlet H2

Mode : Split
Heater : On 250 °C
Pressure : On 1.4 bar
Total Flow : On 218.82 mL/min
Septum Purge Flow : On 3 mL/min
Gas Saver : Off
Split Ratio : 50 :1
Split Flow : 211.59 mL/min

Column

Column Outlet Pressure : 0 bar

Column #1 Agilent 112-6632 :

CycloSil-B :

35 °C—260 °C (280 °C): 30 m x 250 µm x 0.25 µm :

In : Front SS Inlet H2
Out : Front Detector FID
(Initial) : 60 °C
Pressure : 1.4 bar
Flow : 4.2318 mL/min
Average Velocity : 90.308 cm/sec
Holdup Time : 0.55366 min

Lyophilisation recipe

Step	Temperature (°C)	Duration (min)	Vacuum (mTorr)
Thermal Treatment	-40	120	
Evacuation	-45		500
Drying			
Step 1	-40	180	100
Step 2	-20	900	100
Step 3	-20	300	100
Step 4	-15	900	100
Step 5	-15	180	100
Step 6	+4	180	100
Storage	-20		500
Total time		2760 (46 hours)	