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APPENDICES

Appendix A Structural and Physicochemical Characterization of Crude Biosurfactant produced by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* SP4 isolated from Petroleum-contaminated Soil

Table A1 Diameter of the clear zones on the oil surface obtained from oil displacement testing with the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4 and its fractions compared with Pluronic F-68 and SDS at a surfactant concentration of 20 mg/ml

| Sample | Diameter of Clear Zone (cm) | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| PLURONIC F-68 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| SDS | 11.2 | 12.0 | 11.6 |
| BIOSURFACTANT | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| FRACTION A | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.5 |
| FRACTION B | 11.1 | 11.5 | 12.0 |
| FRACTION C | 13.0 | 13.6 | 13.0 |
| FRACTION D | 13.0 | 12.4 | 12.6 |
| FRACTION E | 10.6 | 11.0 | 10.0 |
| FRACTION F | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.4 |

Table A2 Surface tension versus concentrations of the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4 compared with Pluronic F-68 and SDS

| Concentration (mg/l) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | Pluronic F-68 | | | SDS | | | Biosurfactant | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.3 | 56.0 | 55.8 | 55.6 | 69.6 | 69.7 | 69.8 | 56.0 | 56.6 | 56.6 |
| 0.6 | 54.1 | 54.2 | 54.3 | 67.6 | 67.5 | 67.6 | 55.6 | 55.3 | 55.4 |
| 1.3 | 53.2 | 53.0 | 53.4 | 65.1 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 53.3 | 53.6 | 53.1 |
| 2.5 | 52.1 | 52.2 | 52.1 | 63.9 | 63.0 | 63.2 | 50.4 | 50.6 | 50.3 |
| 5 | 51.4 | 51.6 | 51.4 | 61.3 | 61.4 | 61.1 | 49.4 | 49.5 | 49.3 |
| 10 | 51.2 | 51.3 | 51.4 | 57.9 | 57.9 | 57.9 | 47.8 | 48.0 | 47.7 |
| 20 | 51.3 | 51.4 | 51.1 | 53.5 | 53.7 | 53.4 | 44.8 | 45.0 | 44.7 |
| 40 | 50.9 | 50.9 | 51.0 | 48.2 | 48.1 | 48.0 | 41.5 | 41.4 | 41.3 |
| 80 | 51.0 | 50.9 | 51.0 | 41.9 | 41.7 | 41.5 | 36.4 | 36.8 | 36.8 |
| 160 | 50.8 | 50.7 | 50.8 | 37.0 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| 320 | 46.7 | 46.7 | 46.8 | 33.0 | 32.9 | 33.0 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32.3 |
| 640 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 30.5 | 30.7 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.7 | 30.2 |
| 1,280 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 44.1 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 30.1 | 30.3 | 30.2 |
| 2,560 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.9 | 28.8 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 29.4 | 29.1 | 28.8 |

Table A3 Emulsification activity (E_{24}) of the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4 compared with Pluronic F-68 and SDS

| Sample | Emulsification Activity (%) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | Pluronic F-68 | | | SDS | | | Biosurfactant | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| PENTANE | 50.8 | 52.3 | 50.8 | 80.9 | 81.6 | 79.6 | 16.2 | 14.7 | 14.7 |
| HEXANE | 47.6 | 49.2 | 47.6 | 63.6 | 65.2 | 63.6 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.2 |
| HEPTANE | 51.6 | 53.1 | 50.0 | 87.8 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 12.2 |
| TOLUENE | 51.5 | 52.9 | 52.2 | 84.9 | 84.3 | 80.8 | 27.9 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 1-CHLORO BUTANE | 75.8 | 73.0 | 75.8 | 76.1 | 77.6 | 74.6 | 14.7 | 11.8 | 13.2 |
| PALM OIL | 76.2 | 77.7 | 76.2 | 75.0 | 73.5 | 70.6 | 90.3 | 91.4 | 93.6 |
| CRUDE OIL | 54.6 | 52.7 | 50.9 | 56.5 | 54.8 | 53.2 | 57.9 | 59.7 | 56.1 |
| SOYBEAN OIL | 40.0 | 38.5 | 40.0 | 65.2 | 63.8 | 67.7 | 58.1 | 60.3 | 60.3 |
| COCONUT OIL | 49.2 | 47.6 | 49.2 | 74.6 | 73.1 | 74.6 | 54.6 | 54.2 | 54.7 |
| OLIVE OIL | 73.0 | 71.4 | 73.0 | 75.8 | 74.2 | 75.8 | 43.3 | 46.9 | 46.9 |

Table A4 Surface tension of the crude biosurfactant as compared with Pluronis F-68 and SDS after heat treatment at 30°C with different heating times

| Time (min) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Pluronic F-68 | | | | | | |
| 0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 |
| 20 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 | 45.0 | 45.2 | 45.2 |
| 40 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.0 |
| 60 | 45.7 | 45.6 | 45.7 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.7 |
| 80 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 45.0 | 45.1 |
| 100 | 45.9 | 45.8 | 45.7 | 45.7 | 45.7 | 45.8 |
| 120 | 44.9 | 44.8 | 44.6 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 45.0 |
| SDS | | | | | | |
| 0 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 20 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.6 |
| 40 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 28.4 | 28.6 |
| 60 | 28.5 | 28.4 | 28.5 | 28.4 | 28.5 | 28.6 |
| 80 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 28.1 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 |
| 100 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.7 |
| 120 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.1 | 28.3 | 28.2 | 28.1 |
| Biosurfactant | | | | | | |
| 0 | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.3 |
| 20 | 30.7 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.5 |
| 40 | 30.6 | 30.8 | 30.7 | 30.8 | 30.6 | 30.8 |
| 60 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.7 |
| 80 | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.6 | 30.4 |
| 100 | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.7 | 30.5 | 30.6 |
| 120 | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.6 |

Table A5 Surface tension of the crude biosurfactant as compared with Pluronis F-68 and SDS after heat treatment at 50°C with different heating times

| Time (min) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Pluronic F-68 | | | | | | |
| 0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 |
| 20 | 45.9 | 45.8 | 45.9 | 45.7 | 45.7 | 45.8 |
| 40 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.3 | 45.3 |
| 60 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.2 | 45.2 |
| 80 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 45.7 | 45.8 | 45.7 |
| 100 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
| 120 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 45.7 | 45.8 | 45.7 |
| SDS | | | | | | |
| 0 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 20 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.7 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.7 |
| 40 | 28.6 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.9 |
| 60 | 28.4 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.9 | 28.8 |
| 80 | 28.5 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 28.2 | 28.1 |
| 100 | 28.3 | 28.2 | 28.1 | 28.5 | 28.4 | 28.2 |
| 120 | 28.6 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.5 | 28.6 |
| Biosurfactant | | | | | | |
| 0 | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.5 |
| 20 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.8 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.7 |
| 40 | 30.5 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 |
| 60 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.3 |
| 80 | 30.2 | 30.3 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.3 | 30.3 |
| 100 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.2 | 30.3 |
| 120 | 30.7 | 30.9 | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.9 |

Table A6 Surface tension of the crude biosurfactant as compared with Pluronis F-68 and SDS after heat treatment at 70°C with different heating times

| Time (min) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Pluronic F-68 | | | | | | |
| 0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 |
| 20 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.6 | 45.6 | 45.5 |
| 40 | 45.8 | 45.7 | 45.8 | 45.9 | 45.8 | 45.8 |
| 60 | 45.4 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.3 | 45.4 |
| 80 | 45.4 | 45.3 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.3 |
| 100 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.5 |
| 120 | 45.7 | 45.8 | 45.7 | 45.7 | 45.6 | 45.7 |
| SDS | | | | | | |
| 0 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 20 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.7 |
| 40 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.8 |
| 60 | 28.4 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.6 |
| 80 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 28.6 |
| 100 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 28.6 |
| 120 | 28.2 | 28.1 | 28.2 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 28.3 |
| Biosurfactant | | | | | | |
| 0 | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.4 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.4 |
| 20 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.3 |
| 40 | 30.4 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.4 |
| 60 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.7 | 30.7 | 30.5 | 30.5 |
| 80 | 30.9 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.9 |
| 100 | 30.8 | 30.9 | 30.8 | 30.6 | 30.8 | 30.6 |
| 120 | 30.4 | 30.6 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 30.3 |

Table A7 Surface tension of the crude biosurfactant as compared with Pluronis F-68 and SDS after heat treatment at 90°C with different heating times

| Time (min) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Pluronic F-68 | | | | | | |
| 0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 |
| 20 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.1 |
| 40 | 44.9 | 44.9 | 45.0 | 44.9 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| 60 | 45.2 | 45.3 | 45.2 | 45.3 | 45.4 | 45.3 |
| 80 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.6 | 45.5 |
| 100 | 45.6 | 45.6 | 45.7 | 45.8 | 45.7 | 45.5 |
| 120 | 45.4 | 45.4 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 45.6 | 45.3 |
| SDS | | | | | | |
| 0 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 20 | 28.2 | 28.3 | 28.6 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 28.3 |
| 40 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.9 |
| 60 | 28.9 | 28.8 | 28.6 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 80 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.5 | 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.8 |
| 100 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| 120 | 28.8 | 28.8 | 29.0 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 28.9 |
| Biosurfactant | | | | | | |
| 0 | 30.8 | 30.9 | 30.9 | 30.9 | 30.9 | 31.0 |
| 20 | 31.6 | 31.6 | 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.6 | 31.5 |
| 40 | 31.5 | 31.3 | 31.5 | 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.5 |
| 60 | 31.0 | 30.8 | 30.9 | 30.9 | 30.8 | 30.9 |
| 80 | 31.0 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 31.1 |
| 100 | 31.2 | 31.2 | 31.0 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 31.2 |
| 120 | 31.3 | 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.3 | 31.4 |

Table A8 Effect of autoclave treatment (15 minutes at 121°C) on surface tension of the crude biosurfactant as compared with Pluronic F-68 and SDS

| Sample | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Before Autoclaving | | | | | | |
| PLURONIC F-68 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.3 |
| SDS | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 28.8 |
| BIOSURFACTANT | 30.4 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.3 |
| After Autoclaving | | | | | | |
| PLURONIC F-68 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.4 | 46.3 | 46.3 | 46.5 |
| SDS | 35.1 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 34.9 | 35.0 | 35.1 |
| BIOSURFACTANT | 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.8 | 31.5 | 31.7 | 31.5 |

Table A9 Effect of pH on surface activity of Pluronis F-68

| pH | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| 3 | 46.2 | 46.4 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 46.6 | 46.2 |
| 4 | 47.0 | 47.0 | 47.1 | 46.8 | 46.9 | 47.0 |
| 5 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.0 |
| 6 | 46.0 | 45.9 | 45.9 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.0 |
| 7 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 45.0 |
| 8 | 44.4 | 44.5 | 44.5 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 44.4 |
| 9 | 43.2 | 43.2 | 43.3 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.2 |
| 10 | 43.8 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 43.9 | 43.8 | 43.8 |
| 11 | 43.9 | 43.9 | 44.0 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 43.9 |

Table A10 Effect of pH on surface activity of SDS

| pH | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| 3 | 29.2 | 29.2 | 29.3 | 29.4 | 29.3 | 29.2 |
| 4 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 29.4 |
| 5 | 29.7 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 29.7 |
| 6 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.5 |
| 7 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 29.6 |
| 8 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 29.4 |
| 9 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.5 |
| 10 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 29.7 | 29.8 | 29.7 |
| 11 | 29.8 | 29.8 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 29.9 | 29.8 |

Table A11 Effect of pH on surface activity of the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4

| pH | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| 3 | 29.0 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 29.0 | 29.0 |
| 4 | 29.2 | 29.3 | 29.2 | 29.2 | 29.3 | 29.2 |
| 5 | 30.3 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.0 | 30.3 |
| 6 | 31.3 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 31.3 |
| 7 | 31.9 | 32.2 | 32.1 | 31.9 | 31.8 | 31.9 |
| 8 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 32.2 | 32.3 | 32.3 | 31.9 |
| 9 | 32.0 | 31.9 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 32.1 | 32.0 |
| 10 | 32.0 | 31.9 | 32.1 | 32.0 | 32.2 | 32.0 |
| 11 | 31.6 | 31.9 | 31.5 | 31.5 | 31.8 | 31.6 |

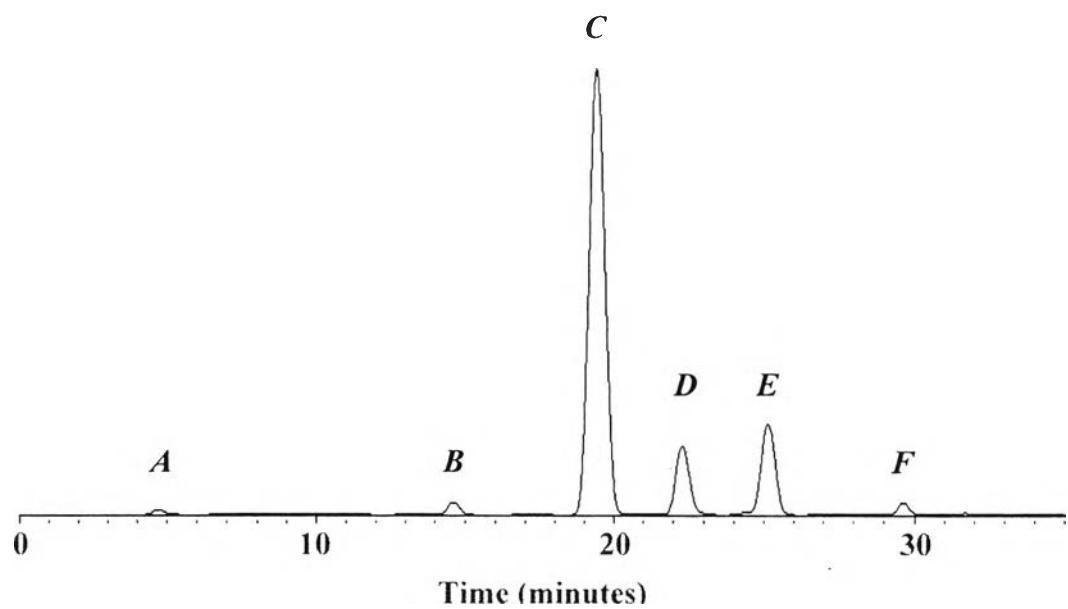


Figure A1 HPLC-ELSD chromatogram of the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

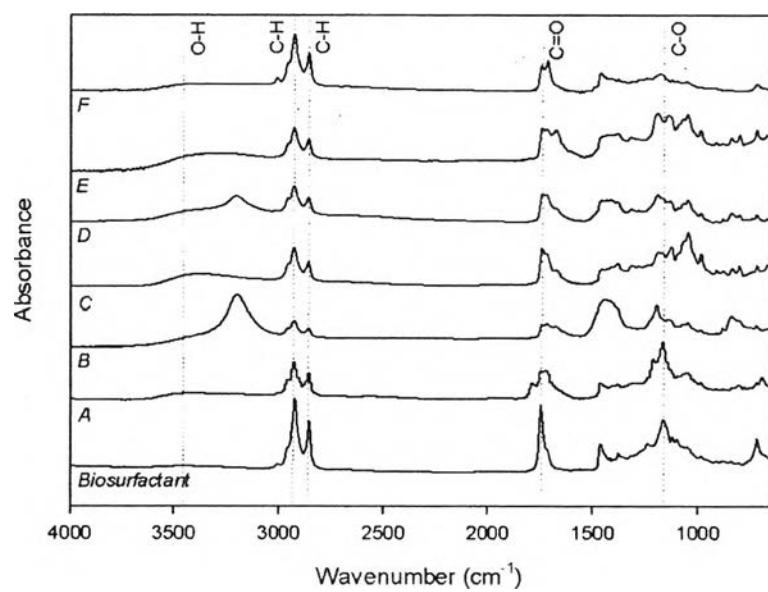


Figure A2 ATR-FTIR spectra of the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4 and its fractions.

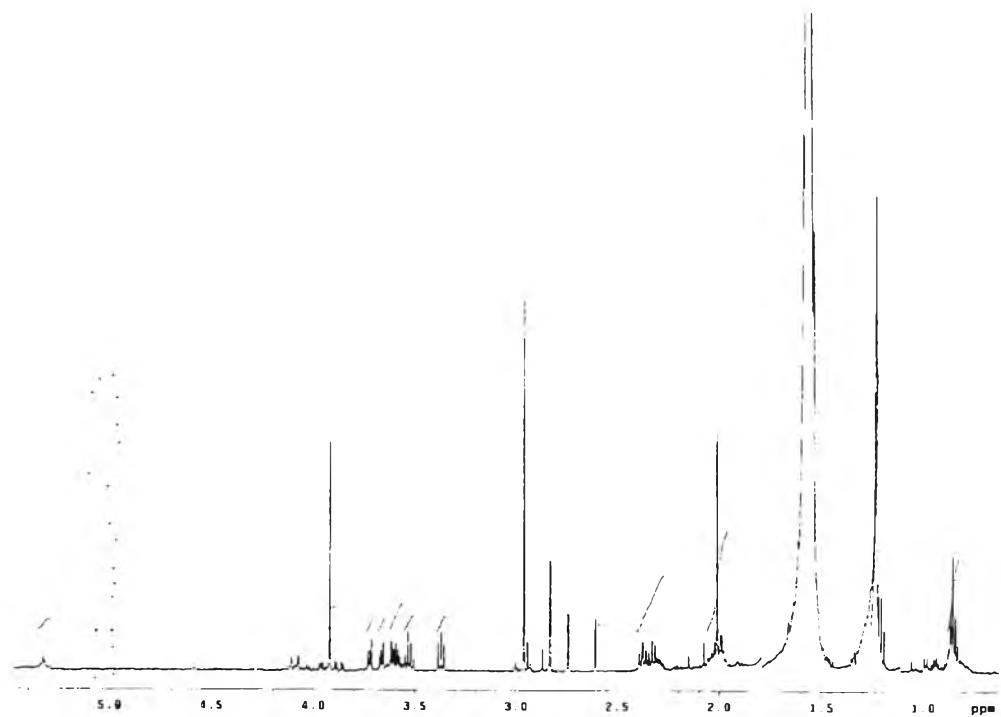


Figure A3 ¹H NMR spectrum of fraction A fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

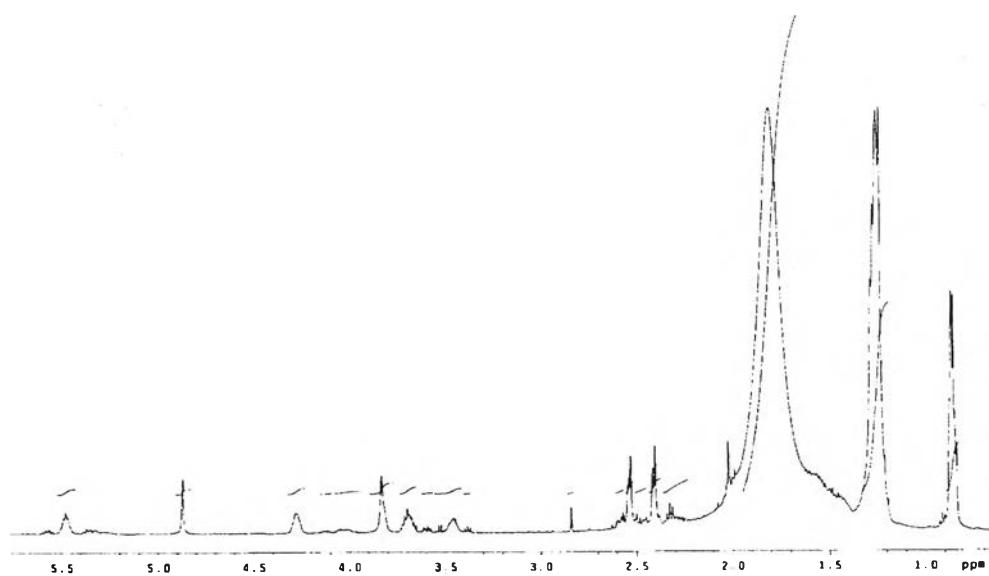


Figure A4 ¹H NMR spectrum of fraction B fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

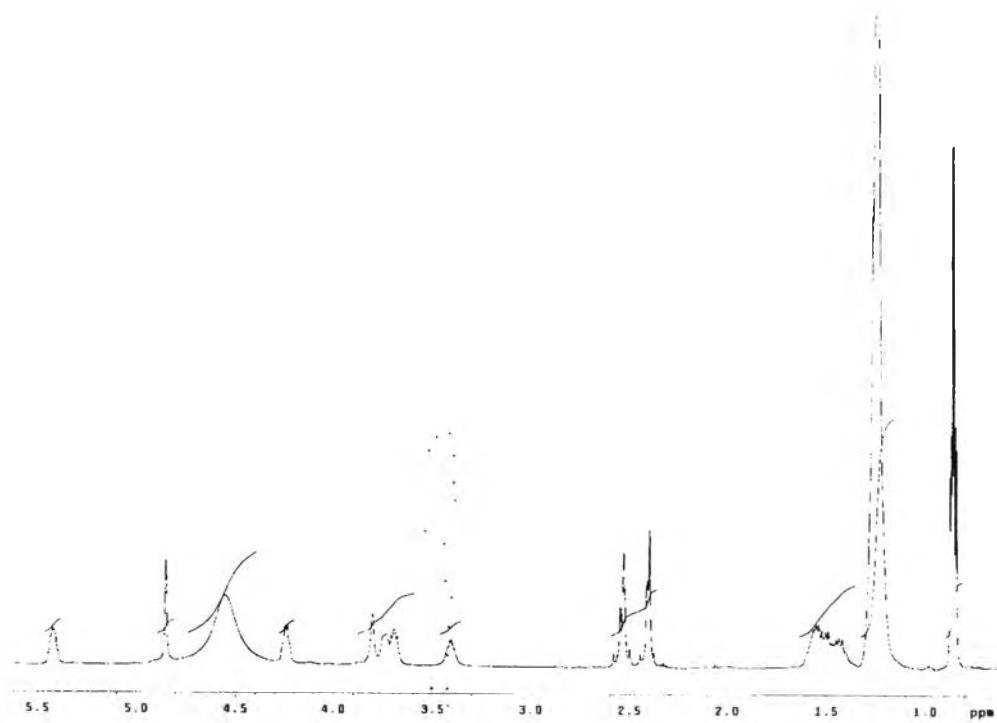


Figure A5 ¹H NMR spectrum of fraction C fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

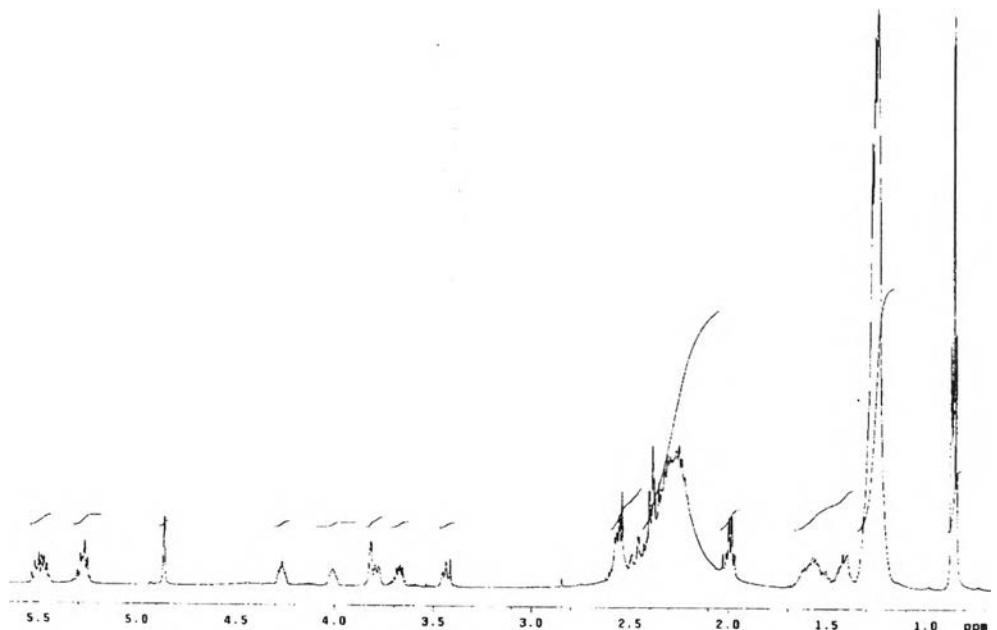


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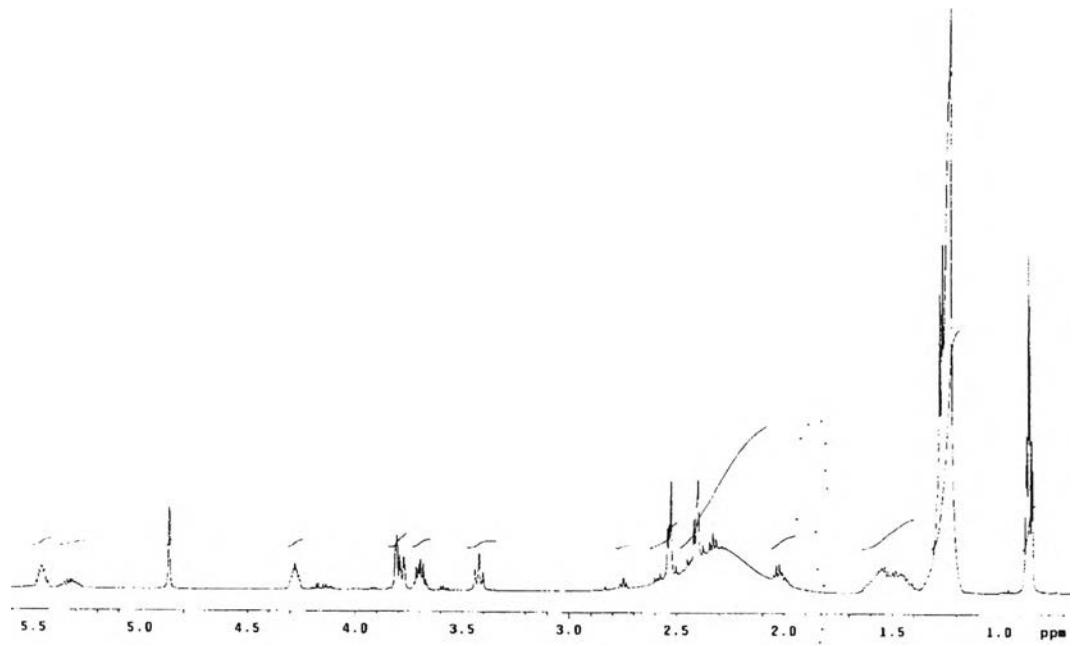


Figure A7 ¹H NMR spectrum of fraction E fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

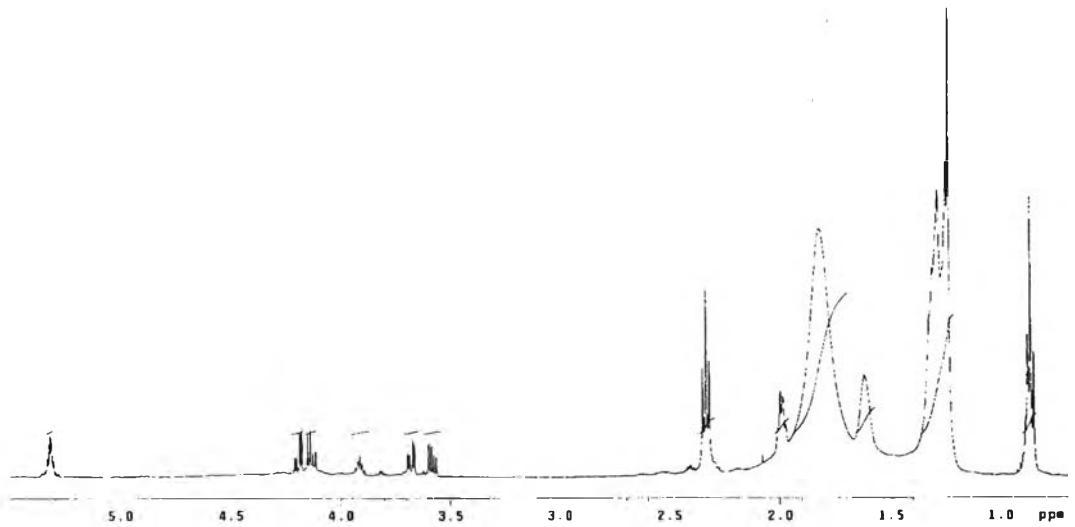


Figure A8 ¹H NMR spectrum of fraction F fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

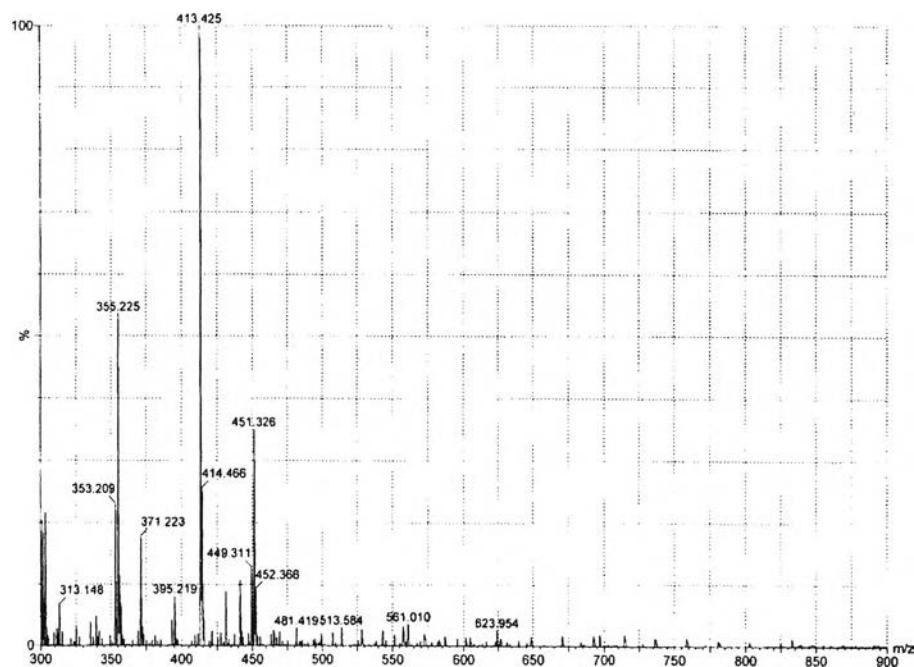


Figure A9 Mass spectrum of fraction A fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

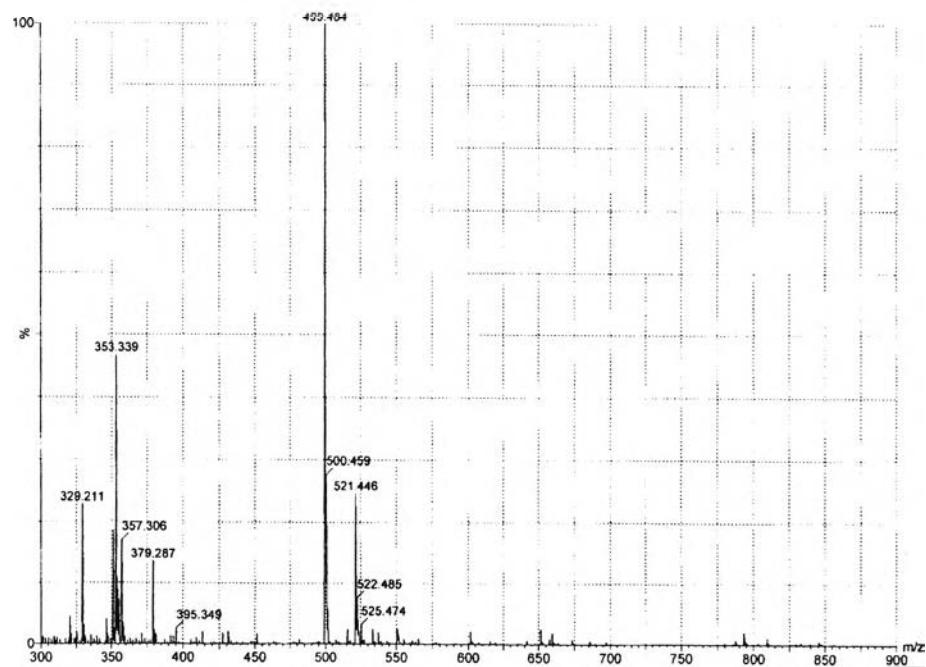


Figure A10 Mass spectrum of fraction B fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

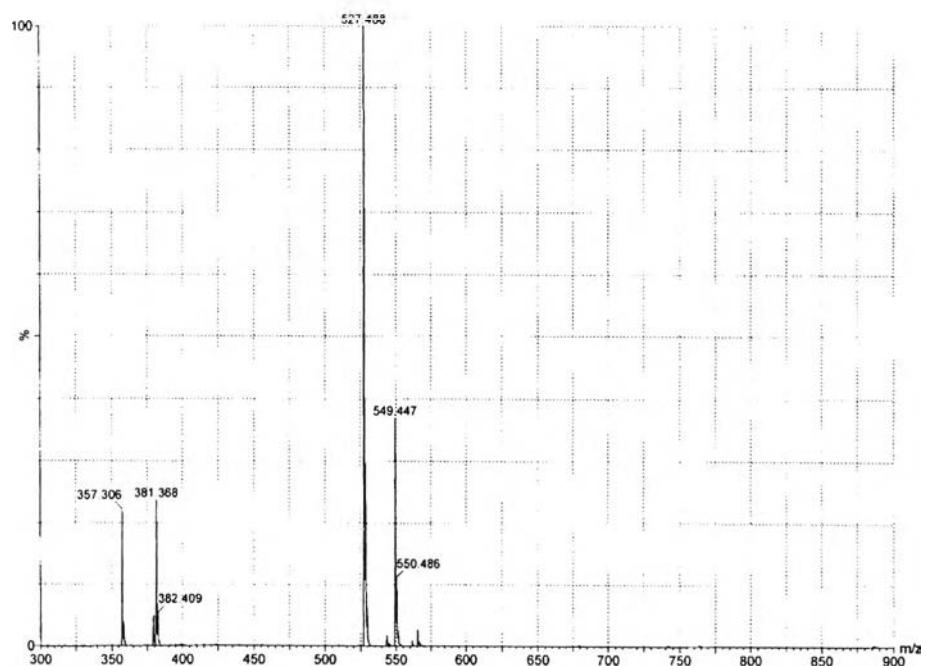


Figure A11 Mass spectrum of fraction C fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

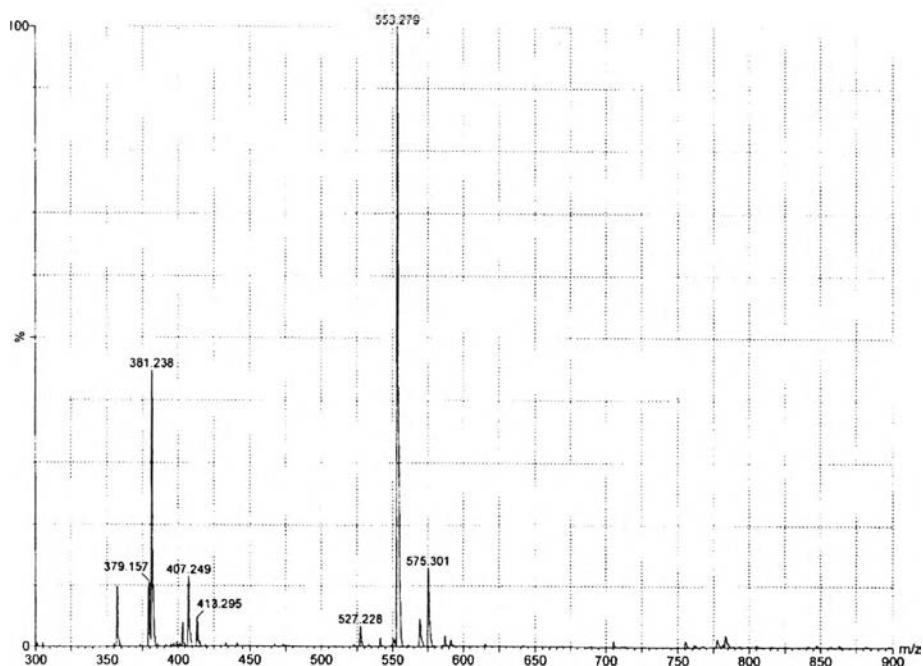


Figure A12 Mass spectrum of fraction D fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

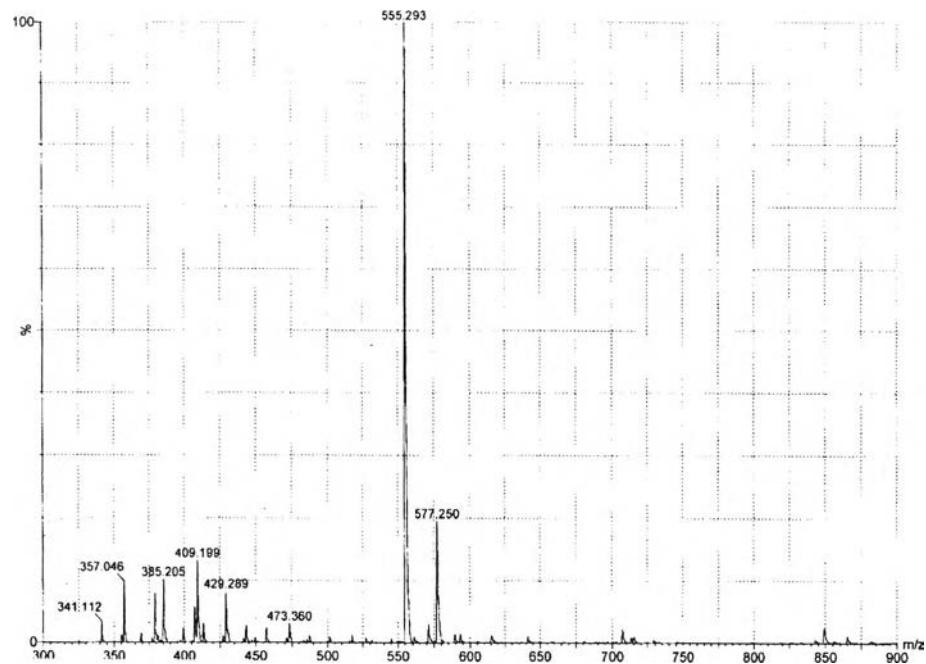


Figure A13 Mass spectrum of fraction E fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

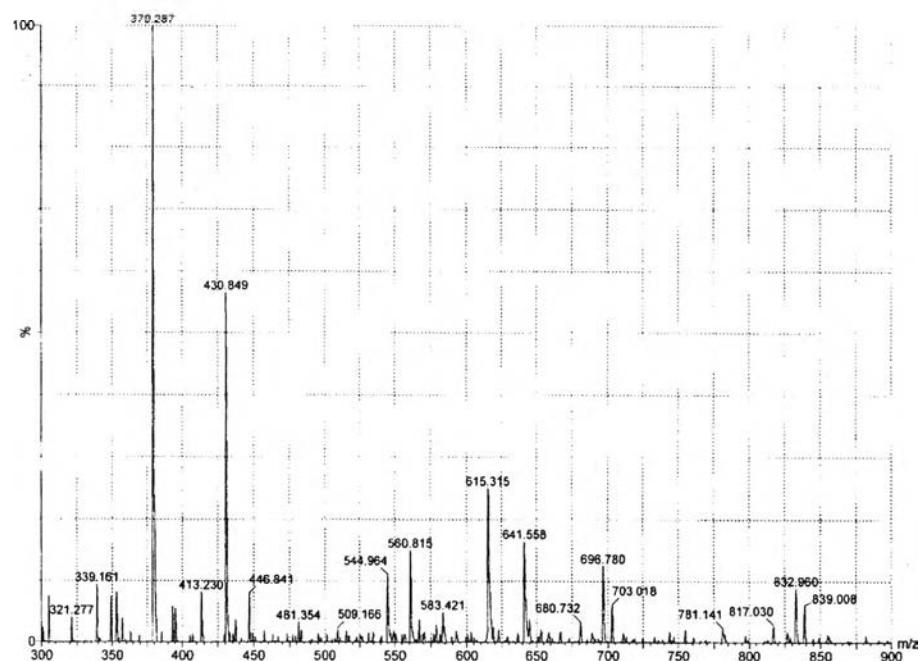


Figure A14 Mass spectrum of fraction F fractionated from the crude biosurfactant produced by *P. aeruginosa* SP4.

Appendix B Solution Properties and Vesicle Formation of Rhamnolipid Biosurfactants produced by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* SP4

Table B1 Surface tension *versus* rhamnolipid biosurfactant concentration in a PBS solution

| Concentration (mg/l) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| 0.3 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64.5 |
| 0.6 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 64.5 |
| 1.3 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64.6 |
| 2.5 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 64.8 |
| 5 | 64.2 | 64.1 | 64.3 |
| 10 | 64.4 | 64.5 | 64.5 |
| 20 | 65.0 | 65.1 | 65.1 |
| 40 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.6 |
| 80 | 45.1 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| 160 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 |
| 320 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 |
| 640 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.3 |
| 1,280 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 29.2 |
| 2,560 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 29.2 |

Table B2 Surface tension *versus* rhamnolipid biosurfactant concentration in a PBS solution containing NaCl

| Concentration (mg/l) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------------------|------|------|------------------|------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.2 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.4 M NaCl | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.3 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 65.7 | 65.7 | 65.9 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 62.3 |
| 0.6 | 64.1 | 64.1 | 64.2 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 62.3 |
| 1.3 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 65.6 | 66.5 | 66.5 | 66.4 | 62.7 | 62.8 | 62.8 |
| 2.5 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 65.6 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 62.8 | 62.8 | 62.9 |
| 5 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 65.5 | 65.6 | 65.7 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 62.4 |
| 10 | 64.2 | 64.3 | 64.2 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.4 | 62.7 | 62.8 | 62.7 |
| 20 | 64.5 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 64.2 | 64.1 | 64.1 | 62.9 | 62.9 | 62.9 |
| 40 | 64.0 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 62.4 |
| 80 | 59.3 | 59.4 | 59.2 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 43.6 | 43.7 | 43.6 |
| 160 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 |
| 320 | 34.7 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 33.7 | 33.8 | 33.7 | 32.2 | 32.2 | 32.2 |
| 640 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 29.8 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.8 |
| 1,280 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 29.8 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 29.4 |
| 2,560 | 29.9 | 29.4 | 29.5 | 28.8 | 28.7 | 28.4 | 28.9 | 28.9 | 28.9 |

Table B3 Surface tension *versus* rhamnolipid biosurfactant concentration in a PBS solution containing C₂H₅OH

| Concentration (mg/l) | Surface Tension (mN/m) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|---|------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.3 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64.6 | 63.3 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 58.6 | 58.7 | 58.7 |
| 0.6 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 64.0 | 62.4 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 59.6 | 59.8 | 59.6 |
| 1.3 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 63.3 | 63.3 | 63.4 | 59.9 | 59.7 | 59.8 |
| 2.5 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 64.8 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 59.2 | 59.6 | 59.4 |
| 5 | 64.1 | 64.1 | 64.2 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 58.4 | 58.6 | 58.7 |
| 10 | 64.1 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 63.4 | 63.3 | 63.3 | 57.3 | 57.5 | 57.5 |
| 20 | 64.8 | 64.9 | 64.8 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 63.6 | 57.9 | 58.0 | 57.8 |
| 40 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 63.9 | 63.8 | 63.9 | 58.8 | 58.9 | 58.6 |
| 80 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 43.8 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 58.7 | 58.8 | 58.9 |
| 160 | 41.9 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.2 |
| 320 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 39.3 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| 640 | 29.8 | 29.8 | 29.9 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 34.7 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32.5 |
| 1,280 | 29.4 | 29.3 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 29.4 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 28.9 |
| 2,560 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 28.5 | 29.0 | 28.6 | 28.4 | 28.4 | 28.4 |

Table B4 Turbidity (absorbance at 600 nm) of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution

| Concentration (mg/l) | Turbidity (Absorbance at 600 nm) | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| 0.63 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| 1.25 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| 2.50 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.17 |
| 5 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.14 |
| 10 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.18 |
| 20 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
| 40 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 |
| 80 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 160 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.43 |
| 320 | 0.62 | 0.61 | 0.62 |
| 640 | 1.07 | 1.07 | 1.07 |
| 1,280 | 2.38 | 2.37 | 2.38 |
| 2,560 | 3.67 | 3.67 | 3.67 |

Table B5 Turbidity (absorbance at 600 nm) of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing NaCl

| Concentration (mg/l) | Turbidity (Absorbance at 600 nm) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------------------|------|------|------------------|------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.2 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.4 M NaCl | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 0.63 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| 1.25 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 2.50 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.18 |
| 5 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| 10 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| 20 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
| 40 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 |
| 80 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 160 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.38 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| 320 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.60 | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.38 |
| 640 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.76 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| 1,280 | 1.81 | 1.81 | 1.81 | 1.34 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.17 | 1.18 | 1.17 |
| 2,560 | 3.51 | 3.51 | 3.49 | 2.73 | 2.73 | 2.74 | 2.36 | 2.35 | 2.36 |

Table B6 Turbidity (absorbance at 600 nm) of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing C₂H₅OH

| Concentration (mg/l) | Turbidity (Absorbance at 600 nm) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|---|------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 |
| 0.63 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 |
| 1.25 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.18 |
| 2.50 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.18 |
| 5 | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.19 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.18 |
| 10 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.16 |
| 20 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.17 |
| 40 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.18 |
| 80 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.20 |
| 160 | 0.40 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.26 |
| 320 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.35 |
| 640 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.51 |
| 1,280 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.74 | 1.75 | 1.73 | 1.50 | 1.49 | 1.50 |
| 2,560 | 2.99 | 2.99 | 2.99 | 2.53 | 2.54 | 2.54 | 2.25 | 2.25 | 2.24 |

Table B7 Electrical conductivity of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution

| Concentration (mg/l) | Electrical Conductivity (mS) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 5.79 | 5.74 | 5.88 |
| 0.63 | 6.30 | 6.36 | 6.31 |
| 1.25 | 6.32 | 6.35 | 6.38 |
| 2.50 | 6.25 | 6.52 | 6.71 |
| 5 | 6.74 | 6.59 | 6.96 |
| 10 | 6.85 | 6.97 | 6.74 |
| 20 | 7.09 | 7.09 | 7.09 |
| 40 | 7.45 | 7.44 | 7.41 |
| 80 | 7.87 | 7.73 | 7.96 |
| 160 | 6.87 | 6.81 | 6.82 |
| 320 | 6.24 | 6.37 | 6.37 |
| 640 | 6.02 | 6.04 | 6.07 |
| 1,280 | 5.98 | 5.89 | 5.83 |
| 2,560 | 5.85 | 5.96 | 6.05 |

Table B8 Electrical conductivity of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing NaCl

| Concentration (mg/l) | Electrical Conductivity (mS) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.2 M NaCl | | | PBS + 0.4 M NaCl | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 9.87 | 9.88 | 9.81 | 9.87 | 9.86 | 9.82 | 14.70 | 14.64 | 14.64 |
| 0.63 | 10.04 | 10.05 | 10.06 | 10.90 | 10.86 | 11.02 | 16.64 | 16.65 | 16.61 |
| 1.25 | 10.21 | 10.22 | 10.17 | 13.32 | 13.43 | 13.23 | 17.54 | 17.65 | 17.45 |
| 2.50 | 10.50 | 10.44 | 10.63 | 15.15 | 15.04 | 15.30 | 18.90 | 18.80 | 19.05 |
| 5 | 10.06 | 10.18 | 10.26 | 17.01 | 17.15 | 16.91 | 20.08 | 20.01 | 20.10 |
| 10 | 10.08 | 10.01 | 10.01 | 17.98 | 18.02 | 17.88 | 21.04 | 21.56 | 21.46 |
| 20 | 10.14 | 10.02 | 9.98 | 17.99 | 17.78 | 18.18 | 21.22 | 20.96 | 22.92 |
| 40 | 10.13 | 10.10 | 10.22 | 18.97 | 19.12 | 17.78 | 21.41 | 20.93 | 22.33 |
| 80 | 10.61 | 10.66 | 10.68 | 19.33 | 20.46 | 20.15 | 21.78 | 21.77 | 21.76 |
| 160 | 9.61 | 9.65 | 9.70 | 18.00 | 18.01 | 18.06 | 21.44 | 21.59 | 21.31 |
| 320 | 8.43 | 8.47 | 8.40 | 14.19 | 14.14 | 14.11 | 18.58 | 18.68 | 18.43 |
| 640 | 6.98 | 6.82 | 6.77 | 12.05 | 12.10 | 12.01 | 14.08 | 14.02 | 14.04 |
| 1,280 | 6.82 | 6.72 | 6.96 | 10.52 | 10.52 | 10.57 | 12.24 | 12.22 | 12.26 |
| 2,560 | 6.71 | 6.73 | 6.74 | 10.26 | 10.17 | 10.34 | 12.30 | 12.26 | 12.23 |

Table B9 Electrical conductivity of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing C₂H₅OH

| Concentration (mg/l) | Electrical Conductivity (μS) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------|------|---|------|------|---|------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | | PBS + 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0.31 | 4.67 | 4.62 | 4.67 | 4.84 | 4.98 | 4.75 | 6.71 | 6.78 | 6.71 |
| 0.63 | 4.86 | 4.93 | 4.72 | 4.91 | 5.01 | 4.88 | 6.91 | 7.20 | 6.76 |
| 1.25 | 4.99 | 4.82 | 5.00 | 5.07 | 5.08 | 5.09 | 7.26 | 7.29 | 7.20 |
| 2.50 | 5.51 | 5.55 | 5.52 | 5.65 | 5.52 | 5.45 | 7.54 | 7.59 | 7.51 |
| 5 | 5.95 | 6.01 | 6.88 | 6.01 | 5.91 | 6.14 | 7.61 | 7.64 | 7.80 |
| 10 | 6.17 | 6.34 | 5.97 | 6.14 | 6.25 | 5.97 | 7.68 | 7.98 | 7.37 |
| 20 | 6.25 | 6.14 | 6.38 | 6.38 | 6.14 | 6.58 | 7.81 | 8.08 | 7.68 |
| 40 | 6.41 | 6.43 | 6.41 | 6.53 | 6.56 | 6.60 | 7.94 | 8.04 | 8.06 |
| 80 | 6.65 | 6.60 | 6.69 | 6.60 | 6.63 | 6.67 | 8.06 | 8.22 | 7.80 |
| 160 | 5.95 | 5.90 | 5.99 | 6.80 | 6.80 | 6.89 | 8.22 | 8.45 | 8.00 |
| 320 | 5.27 | 5.23 | 5.26 | 5.74 | 5.77 | 5.71 | 6.64 | 6.68 | 6.60 |
| 640 | 4.91 | 4.78 | 5.17 | 5.17 | 5.18 | 5.16 | 5.87 | 5.96 | 5.75 |
| 1,280 | 4.71 | 4.73 | 4.71 | 4.80 | 4.80 | 4.79 | 5.37 | 5.10 | 5.63 |
| 2,560 | 4.53 | 4.55 | 4.59 | 4.62 | 4.66 | 4.64 | 4.94 | 4.82 | 4.90 |

Table B10 Scattered light intensity of the biosurfactant solution at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution, a PBS solution containing NaCl, and a PBS solution containing C₂H₅OH

| Concentration (mg/l) | Average Count Rate (kcps) | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|
| | PBS | 0.1 M NaCl | 0.2 M NaCl | 0.4 M NaCl | 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH |
| 0.3 | 24.4 | 73.4 | 11.6 | 33.4 | 11.9 | 38.1 | 17.5 |
| 0.6 | 26.6 | 82.2 | 11.5 | 32.2 | 22.7 | 38.8 | 15.3 |
| 1.3 | 28.6 | 89.2 | 13.5 | 32.3 | 18.0 | 38.6 | 28.1 |
| 2.5 | 32.8 | 91.2 | 21.8 | 32.5 | 20.6 | 58.0 | 29.3 |
| 5 | 37.2 | 97.9 | 21.5 | 35.7 | 33.7 | 90.3 | 32.5 |
| 10 | 42.4 | 100.2 | 20.0 | 42.7 | 46.8 | 153.1 | 61.6 |
| 20 | 65.5 | 131.9 | 46.9 | 35.8 | 11.9 | 38.1 | 17.5 |
| 40 | 183.4 | 434.2 | 123.9 | 151.6 | 22.7 | 38.8 | 15.3 |
| 80 | 468.6 | 462.5 | 670.4 | 549.9 | 703.1 | 532.8 | 469.4 |
| 160 | 465.6 | 423.4 | 499.7 | 499.4 | 458.8 | 1,100 | 1,000 |
| 320 | 471.6 | 425.0 | 482.1 | 497.4 | 440.9 | 468.7 | 489.0 |
| 640 | 478.0 | 428.8 | 480.4 | 488.8 | 439.0 | 445.5 | 420.3 |
| 1,280 | 475.6 | 422.5 | 477.0 | 488.0 | 443.2 | 440.0 | 425.5 |
| 2,560 | 470.3 | 421.2 | 475.5 | 488.4 | 445.2 | 441.4 | 428.4 |

Table B11 Contribution of the various-sized biosurfactant vesicles at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution

| Concentration (mg/l) | Contribution of Aggregate (%) | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | 50-250 nm | >250 nm |
| 160 | 59.1 | 40.9 |
| 320 | 37.5 | 62.5 |
| 640 | 20.1 | 79.9 |
| 1,280 | 0 | 100 |
| 2,560 | 0 | 100 |

Table B12 Contribution of the various-sized biosurfactant vesicles at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing NaCl: (a) 50-250 nm and (b) >250 nm

| Concentration (mg/l) | Contribution of Aggregate (%) | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M NaCl | | PBS + 0.2 M NaCl | | PBS + 0.4 M NaCl | |
| | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) |
| 160 | 42.5 | 57.5 | 24.6 | 75.4 | 10.0 | 90.0 |
| 320 | 50.6 | 49.4 | 25.2 | 74.8 | 50.6 | 49.5 |
| 640 | 57.0 | 43.0 | 30.5 | 69.5 | 46.8 | 53.2 |
| 1,280 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 54.0 | 46.0 |
| 2,560 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 42.6 | 57.4 |

Table B13 Contribution of the various-sized biosurfactant vesicles at different concentrations prepared in a PBS solution containing C₂H₅OH: (a) 50-250 nm and (b) >250 nm

| Concentration (mg/l) | Contribution of Aggregate (%) | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------|---|------|---|------|
| | PBS + 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | PBS + 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | | PBS + 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | |
| | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) |
| 160 | 20.9 | 79.1 | 66.4 | 33.6 | 37.1 | 62.9 |
| 320 | 4.2 | 95.8 | 39.0 | 61.0 | 100 | 0 |
| 640 | 0 | 100 | 21.9 | 78.1 | 100 | 0 |
| 1,280 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| 2,560 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0 |

Table B14 Encapsulation efficiency (*E*%) of the biosurfactant vesicle formed in a PBS solution in the absence and presence of the additives at a biosurfactant concentration of 1,280 mg/l

| Medium | Encapsulation Efficiency (%) | | |
|--|------------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| PBS | 9.6 | 7.8 | 12.5 |
| PBS + 0.1 M NaCl | 6.4 | 8.2 | 7.7 |
| PBS + 0.2 M NaCl | 6.7 | 5.0 | 7.5 |
| PBS + 0.4 M NaCl | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| PBS + 0.1 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | 11.4 | 17.0 | 14.6 |
| PBS + 0.2 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | 13.2 | 18.3 | 17.1 |
| PBS + 0.4 M C ₂ H ₅ OH | 32.0 | 31.7 | 29.4 |

Appendix C Preparation and Characterization of Rhamnolipid Vesicles as Potential Nanocarrier Systems

Table C1 Solution turbidity (absorbance at 600 nm) of the rhamnolipid solution prepared in a PBS solution (pH 7.4) at a biosurfactant concentration of 0.13 wt.% at different cholesterol concentrations

| Cholesterol Concentration (μ M) | Turbidity (Absorbance at 600 nm) | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| 0 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 25 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 50 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 100 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| 200 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| 400 | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.60 |

Table C2 Zeta potential of the rhamnolipid solution prepared in a PBS solution (pH 7.4) at a biosurfactant concentration of 0.13 wt.% at different cholesterol concentrations

| Cholesterol Concentration (μ M) | Zeta Potential (mV) | | |
|---|---------------------|-------|-------|
| | I | II | III |
| 0 | -29.8 | -29.9 | -27.1 |
| 25 | -28.6 | -28.5 | -28.5 |
| 50 | -27.2 | -25.4 | -26.9 |
| 100 | -17.2 | -21.9 | -20.4 |
| 200 | -16.5 | -16.1 | -14.3 |
| 400 | -13.2 | -13.6 | -13.2 |

Table C3 Size of the rhamnolipid vesicle prepared in a PBS solution (pH 7.4) at a biosurfactant concentration of 0.13 wt.% at different cholesterol concentrations obtained from the DLS measurement

| Cholesterol Concentration (μM) | Hydrodynamic Diameter (nm) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V |
| 0 | 297.1 | 288.0 | 313.0 | 294.6 | 298.2 |
| 25 | 262.8 | 258.5 | 294.6 | 269.2 | 286.7 |
| 50 | 261.4 | 263.9 | 263.2 | 268.2 | 270.0 |
| 100 | 250.9 | 241.9 | 242.2 | 259.3 | 256.6 |
| 200 | 234.9 | 239.8 | 240.1 | 220.4 | 255.1 |
| 400 | 213.7 | 210.5 | 203.2 | 206.5 | 210.9 |

Table C4 Size of the rhamnolipid vesicle prepared in a PBS solution (pH 7.4) at a biosurfactant concentration of 0.13 wt.% at different cholesterol concentrations obtained from the TEM technique

| Cholesterol Concentration (μM) | Vesicle Diameter (nm) | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII |
| 0 | 813 | 829 | 811 | 808 | 782 | 723 | 923 | 780 |
| 25 | 634 | 663 | 638 | 656 | 608 | 699 | 702 | 712 |
| 50 | 554 | 547 | 501 | 508 | 515 | 498 | 494 | 488 |
| 100 | 443 | 449 | 462 | 494 | 395 | 361 | 354 | 514 |
| 200 | 399 | 372 | 411 | 414 | 420 | 409 | 404 | 415 |
| 400 | 339 | 300 | 289 | 346 | 337 | 353 | 365 | 340 |

Table C5 Encapsulation efficiency ($E\%$) of the rhamnolipid vesicles formed in a PBS solution (pH 7.4) at a biosurfactant concentration of 0.13 wt.% at various cholesterol concentrations and initial Sudan III concentrations

| Cholesterol Concentration (μM) | Encapsulation Efficiency (%) | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|------|------|------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|------|------|
| | 8.8 Mm Sudan III | | | 17.5 μM Sudan III | | | 35 μM Sudan III | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0 | 46.8 | 45.9 | 45.1 | 20.5 | 19.5 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| 25 | 68.9 | 67.0 | 70.5 | 33.2 | 31.8 | 33.2 | 16.0 | 17.7 | 19.9 |
| 50 | 70.0 | 78.2 | 80.8 | 35.0 | 35.2 | 32.8 | 21.3 | 22.5 | 23.3 |
| 100 | 91.1 | 82.5 | 90.8 | 54.6 | 59.8 | 57.5 | 23.6 | 22.3 | 21.7 |
| 200 | 65.0 | 65.7 | 66.5 | 39.0 | 36.6 | 37.2 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.0 |
| 400 | 60.1 | 50.0 | 46.9 | 26.2 | 27.8 | 24.8 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 11.1 |

Appendix D Surface-modified Polymeric Films by Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* SP4 for Biomedical Applications

Table D1 Adsorption isotherms of the rhamnolipid biosurfactant onto either silk fibroin or chitosan films from the SPR analysis

| Concentration (mM) | Adsorbed Mass ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2$) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|------|
| | Silk Fibroin Film | | | | Chitosan Film | | | |
| | I | II | III | IV | I | II | III | IV |
| 0.03 | 0.16 | 0.26 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.16 |
| 0.06 | 0.25 | 0.13 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.24 |
| 0.12 | 0.79 | 0.21 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.25 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.44 |
| 0.24 | 1.25 | 0.65 | 0.98 | 0.96 | 0.60 | 0.56 | 0.51 | 0.35 |
| 0.49 | 3.16 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.37 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.74 | 0.72 |
| 0.97 | 3.66 | 4.52 | 4.03 | 4.11 | 2.25 | 2.17 | 1.80 | 1.70 |
| 1.95 | 4.16 | 4.69 | 4.04 | 4.66 | 2.31 | 2.33 | 2.69 | 1.98 |
| 3.90 | 4.58 | 4.43 | 4.59 | 4.17 | 2.39 | 2.33 | 2.50 | 2.47 |

(a) The adsorption of the biosurfactant onto the silk fibroin film:

From the SPR data, the adsorbed amount of the biosurfactant on the silk fibroin film was $4.5 \mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} 4.5 \mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2 &= 4.5 \times 10^{-6} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/m}^2 \\ &= 2.7 \times 10^{18} \text{ molecules/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

If the bilayer topography was assumed, one biosurfactant molecule should occupy $2 \times (2.7 \times 10^{18})^{-1} \text{ m}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \times (2.7 \times 10^{18})^{-1} \text{ m}^2 &= 2 \times (3.7 \times 10^{-19}) \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 7.41 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 74.1 \text{ \AA}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, based on the assumption of bilayer topography, a surface area per molecule of 74.1 \AA^2 was obtained.

(b) The adsorption of the biosurfactant onto the chitosan film:

From the SPR data, the adsorbed amount of the biosurfactant on the chitosan film was $2.3 \text{ }\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2.3 \text{ }\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2 &= 2.3 \times 10^{-6} \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/ m}^2 \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ molecules/ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

If the monolayer topography was assumed, one biosurfactant molecule should occupy $(1.4 \times 10^{18})^{-1} \text{ m}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} (1.4 \times 10^{18})^{-1} \text{ m}^2 &= 7.14 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 71.4 \text{ }\text{\AA}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, based on the assumption of monolayer topography, a surface area per molecule of $71.4 \text{ }\text{\AA}^2$ was obtained.

Table D2 Adsorption isotherms of the rhamnolipid biosurfactant onto either silk fibroin or chitosan films from the QCM-D experiment

| Concentration (mM) | Adsorbed Mass ($\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2$) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Silk Fibroin Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 0.06 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.8 |
| 0.12 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 29.1 | 29.0 | 29.0 |
| 0.24 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 |
| 0.49 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 |
| 0.97 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 38.8 |
| 1.95 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 39.8 |
| 3.90 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 39.9 | 39.9 |
| Chitosan Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| 0.06 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.4 |
| 0.12 | 50.7 | 50.7 | 50.7 | 50.8 | 51.2 | 51.7 |
| 0.24 | 96.7 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 96.9 | 96.8 | 96.8 |
| 0.49 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.6 |
| 0.97 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 |
| 1.95 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 135.1 |
| 3.90 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 137.4 | 137.4 |

Table D3 The changes in the third overtone of the resonance frequency from the QCM-D experiment as a function of the biosurfactant concentration

| Concentration (mM) | Frequency (Hz) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Silk Fibroin Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | -8.2 | -8.2 | -8.6 | -8.6 | -8.1 | -8.1 |
| 0.06 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -39.5 | -39.5 |
| 0.12 | -83.3 | -83.3 | -83.3 | -83.3 | -83.3 | -83.3 |
| 0.24 | -98.3 | -98.3 | -98.3 | -98.3 | -98.3 | -98.3 |
| 0.49 | -106.1 | -106.1 | -106.0 | -106.0 | -106.0 | -106.0 |
| 0.97 | -111.3 | -111.3 | -111.3 | -111.3 | -111.3 | -111.3 |
| 1.95 | -114.0 | -114.0 | -114.0 | -114.0 | -114.0 | -114.0 |
| 3.90 | -114.3 | -114.3 | -114.3 | -114.2 | -114.2 | -114.2 |
| Chitosan Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | -20.3 | -20.3 | -20.4 | -20.4 | -20.4 | -20.4 |
| 0.06 | -72.7 | -72.7 | -72.7 | -72.7 | -72.7 | -72.8 |
| 0.12 | -145.2 | -145.2 | -145.3 | -145.3 | -145.3 | -145.3 |
| 0.24 | -277.1 | -277.1 | -277.1 | -277.2 | -277.2 | -277.3 |
| 0.49 | -322.1 | -322.1 | -322.1 | -322.1 | -322.2 | -322.2 |
| 0.97 | -365.1 | -365.1 | -365.2 | -365.2 | -365.2 | -365.2 |
| 1.95 | -387.2 | -387.2 | -387.2 | -387.2 | -387.2 | -387.2 |
| 3.90 | -394.3 | -394.2 | -394.1 | -394.0 | -393.9 | -393.8 |

Table D4 The changes in the third overtone of the dissipation from the QCM-D experiment as a function of the biosurfactant concentration

| Concentration (mM) | Dissipation (10^{-6}) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| Silk Fibroin Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 0.06 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| 0.12 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.3 | 16.3 |
| 0.24 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 |
| 0.49 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.7 |
| 0.97 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| 1.95 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| 3.90 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Chitosan Film | | | | | | |
| 0.03 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| 0.06 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| 0.12 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 0.24 | 28.1 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 25.7 | 24.9 | 24.2 |
| 0.49 | 27.2 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 27.3 |
| 0.97 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.2 | 30.2 |
| 1.95 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 |
| 3.90 | 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 37.7 |

Table D5 Water content percentages within the adsorbed layers of either silk fibroin or chitosan films as a function of the biosurfactant concentration

| Concentration (mM) | Water Content (%) | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Silk Fibroin Film | Chitosan Film |
| 0.03 | 95.1 | 98.0 |
| 0.06 | 98.8 | 99.2 |
| 0.12 | 98.4 | 99.5 |
| 0.24 | 97.2 | 99.5 |
| 0.49 | 92.9 | 99.3 |
| 0.97 | 89.5 | 98.4 |
| 1.95 | 89.0 | 98.3 |
| 3.90 | 88.8 | 98.2 |

Table D6 Water contact angles of either silk fibroin or chitosan films as a function of the biosurfactant concentration

| Concentration (mM) | Water Contact Angle (°) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | Silk Fibroin Film | | | Chitosan Film | | |
| | I | II | III | I | II | III |
| 0 | 49.6 | 50.8 | 50.6 | 71.0 | 71.4 | 71.2 |
| 0.03 | 59.4 | 57.5 | 54.2 | 72.1 | 71.9 | 72.9 |
| 0.06 | 60.0 | 59.6 | 58.1 | 73.6 | 73.4 | 74.0 |
| 0.12 | 62.7 | 62.7 | 62.0 | 75.6 | 75.0 | 75.8 |
| 0.24 | 67.7 | 67.6 | 66.3 | 76.8 | 79.8 | 78.9 |
| 0.49 | 69.9 | 72.0 | 73.5 | 82.6 | 83.2 | 82.7 |
| 0.97 | 76.3 | 72.7 | 76.7 | 83.2 | 85.3 | 83.2 |
| 1.95 | 76.2 | 76.4 | 77.5 | 85.1 | 83.8 | 83.6 |
| 3.90 | 76.7 | 77.5 | 76.5 | 85.1 | 83.5 | 86.5 |

Table D7 Surface roughness (R_a) of unmodified silk fibroin, surface-modified silk fibroin films, unmodified chitosan, and surface-modified chitosan

| Sample | Surface Roughness (nm) | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|
| | I | II | III | IV |
| UNMODIFIED-SILK FIBROIN FILM | 2.43 | 3.06 | 1.33 | 1.01 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED SILK FIBROIN FILM | 4.34 | 3.51 | 1.66 | 1.26 |
| UNMODIFIED-CHITOSAN FILM | 1.57 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.18 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED CHITOSAN FILM | 1.63 | 1.28 | 1.98 | 1.56 |

Table D8 Growth of human dermal fibroblasts on unmodified and surface-modified polymeric films

| Sample | Fluorescent Intensity | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|
| | I | II | III |
| Incubation Time of 1 day | | | |
| CONTROL | 646 | 649 | 730 |
| UNMODIFIED-SILK FIBROIN FILM | 729 | 719 | 774 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED SILK FIBROIN FILM | 728 | 760 | 708 |
| UNMODIFIED-CHITOSAN FILM | 689 | 744 | 717 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED CHITOSAN FILM | 675 | 669 | 647 |
| Incubation Time of 3 days | | | |
| CONTROL | 1129 | 1131 | 1222 |
| UNMODIFIED-SILK FIBROIN FILM | 1470 | 1403 | 1585 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED SILK FIBROIN FILM | 1357 | 1476 | 1240 |
| UNMODIFIED-CHITOSAN FILM | 1103 | 1190 | 1157 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED CHITOSAN FILM | 1106 | 1236 | 1178 |
| Incubation Time of 5 days | | | |
| CONTROL | 2424 | 2541 | 2462 |
| UNMODIFIED-SILK FIBROIN FILM | 2800 | 2794 | 2947 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED SILK FIBROIN FILM | 2420 | 2476 | 2669 |
| UNMODIFIED-CHITOSAN FILM | 2199 | 2359 | 2137 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED CHITOSAN FILM | 2397 | 2485 | 2411 |

Table D9 Growth of human dermal keratinocytes on unmodified and surface-modified polymeric films

| Sample | Optical Density (Absorbance at 570 nm) | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|------|--------|------|
| | 1 day | | 7 days | |
| | I | II | I | II |
| CONTROL | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.69 | 0.74 |
| UNMODIFIED-SILK FIBROIN FILM | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.62 | 0.63 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED SILK FIBROIN FILM | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.62 | 0.67 |
| UNMODIFIED-CHITOSAN FILM | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.55 | 0.52 |
| SURFACE-MODIFIED CHITOSAN FILM | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.60 | 0.60 |

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