

# Studies on Extraction and Physico-Chemical Analysis of Micro Algal Oil

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**Abstract:** Microalgae are fast growing aquatic photosynthetic organism, microalgae have many economic value in human life. As with any biological lipid, algal lipid is a potential feed stock for making the renewable fuel biodiesel. The present investigation was carried out to detect lipid by FTIR and extracting algal oil by soxhlet apparatus using hexane solvent, this oil was subjected to analysis for physiochemical property. The density, viscosity, moisture, flash point, acid value, calorific value were recorded as 0.85gm/cc, 4.2mm<sup>2</sup>, 1.8 % 210<sup>0</sup>C, 54, 0.5 mg of KoH/gm, 9110 kal/kg. the fatty acid profile carried out with FAME and showed palmitic acid, 5.81% steric acid 1.86%, olic acid 65.83% , linoleic acid 20.10% , linoleic acid 0.52%, Ecosenoic acid 1.22%, this analysis showed that algae oil can be raw material for biodiesel as well as can be used as food because it contain olic acid, algal biodiesel will be eco- friendly and about 50% of algal oil trans esterified in to biodiesel, algal biodiesel can be used to run the vehicle like truck, public transport

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Microalgae are fast growing acquit microorganism. Their multiplication rate is 10 to 50 times greater than that of terrestrial plants. Microalgae produce large amount of biomass as compare to energy crops (Wag et.al 2008). Microalgae can be prokaryotic or eukaryotic in nature. In evolutionary term, they can be better ancient species or recent one. Algae using by human in many ways, for example as a fertilizer, soil conditioner and live feed stock.

Escalating fuel prices, the emerging concern about global warming that is associated with burning fossil fuel, quest of economic growth, fighting poverty and the growing demand for petroleum product have spurred new interest in the search for alternate source of natural oil for fuel (Shale A. stanely et.al)

In the united state biodiesel is produced from soybeans, canola oil, animal fat, palm oil, corn oil, cooking oil, jatropha oil<sup>3</sup>. In the recent year microalgae have gained attention as a possible solution to chemical petro-diesel. Basic concept behind algal bio fuel and store lipid similar is to those found in the most vegetables oil<sup>4</sup>. Microalgae naturally stored lipid up to 40% in their cell. The key challenge is the selecting most suitable strain, if scientist create recombinant oil producer strain, then it would be more efficient artificial strain for biodiesel production.

The present research work was designed to extract oil and study different physico chemical parameter, so as to explore a source for biodiesel in India. The newly isolated *scenedesmus sp* biomass was used for oil extraction by soxhlet apparatus using hexane solvent and oil was analyzed for its fatty acid content and physiochemical parameter was determined. Godavari River at Gangakhed .Algae oil can be used as raw material for biodiesel and feed stock also.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A) Isolation and identification of algal culture:

Algae sample were collected from the Godavari river water at Gangakhed. 1 ml water sample was added to BG11 growth medium for enrichment at 25°C(+1) under 1.2 to 0.2 klux- light irradiated for 16: hr light and dark cycle for 11 days. From this enriched culture pure culture isolated by pour plate method (R.C, Dubey2004).microalgae culture was identified with zeal biological research laboratory using 18S r RNA sequencing and identified as *scenedesmus spp.*

### b) Detection of lipid:

Algae biomass was subjected to FTIR analysis at North Maharashtra University Jalgoan research laboratory and peak of lipid detected and it conform lipids.

### c) Oil extraction:

100 gm of algae powder were transfer in to soxhlet apparatus, and then 100ml of hexane was added to rupture cell wall of algae, after some time algae oil will be collected from the collecting flask and it is considered as crude algal oil

### d) Physico-chemical analysis of crude algae oil:

The physico chemical parameter such as density, moisture, flash point, acid value, calorific value determined by standard method of analysis (AoAC, 1995) and was FAME of oil done at envirocare laboratory Mumbai conform fatty acid profile.

## 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

From the *scenedesmus* species about 26.23% of lipid was extracted using soxhlet apparatus. This oil was subjected to physico-chemical analytical parameter such as density, viscosity, moisture, flash point, acid value, calorific value, were recorded as 0.85gm/cc, 4.2mm<sup>2</sup>, 1.8 % 210°C, 54, 0.5 mg of KoH/gm, 9110 kal/kg. Table 1

Fatty acid profile by FAME showed that oil contain palmitic acid, (5.81). steric acid (1.86%) oleic acid (65.83%) linoleic acid (20.10%) linolenic (4.66%) Arachidic (0.52%) Ecosenic (1.22) fig 1

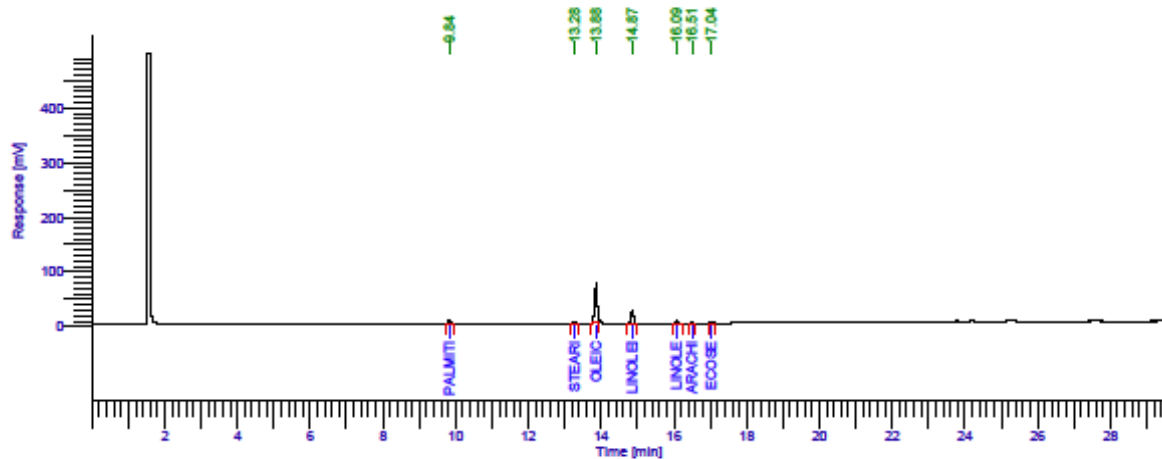
Physiochemical characteristic of microalgal oil, table 1

| Sr.no | parameter       | values             |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1     | Density         | 0.85gm/cc          |
| 2     | viscosity       | 4.2mm <sup>2</sup> |
| 3     | moisture        | 1.8%               |
| 4     | Flash point     | 210                |
| 5     | Acid value      | 54                 |
| 6     | Calorific value | 9110               |

Software Version : 6.2.1.0.104:0104  
 Sample Name : TH/F/2/14/10  
 Instrument Name : CLARUS500  
 Rack/Vial : 0/0  
 Sample Amount : 1.000000  
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 Operator : envirocare  
 Dilution Factor : 1.000000

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### Envirocare Labs Pvt. Ltd.

| Peak # | Time [min] | Component Name | Area [μV·s] | Area [%] |
|--------|------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1      | 9.837      | Palmitic       | 32080.80    | 5.81     |
| 2      | 13.283     | stearic        | 10294.78    | 1.86     |
| 3      | 13.878     | Oleic          | 363494.14   | 65.83    |
| 4      | 14.868     | Linoleic       | 110959.93   | 20.10    |
| 5      | 16.093     | Linolenic      | 25738.73    | 4.66     |
| 6      | 16.514     | Arachidic      | 2876.46     | 0.52     |
| 7      | 17.037     | Eicosenoic     | 6719.27     | 1.22     |
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Warning – Signal level out-of-range in peak

Fig. GC chromatogram of algae oil

## 4. CONCLUSION

Oil extracted from *scenedesmus* sp and was studied for various physiochemical parameters such as FAME, AOAC standards. This Result shows that algae oil was mixture of saturated and unsaturated fatty acid and fatty acid profile was studied. Algae oil can be used for production of biodiesel using transesterification reaction. This oil also has the nutrition value. In the light of above research microalgae *scenedesmus* sp could be efficiently used for the production of bioethanol, biodiesel and oil production. It can be cultivated all over India; hence it is future energy crop for Indian former.

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