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Introduction to functional performance of bio-based emulsifiers, natural preservatives, lipids, and natural surfactants

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Abstract

Bio-based products can be obtained from natural renewable resources or produced after suitable bioprocessing. Almost every industry/sector, including energy, nutraceuticals, packaging, plastics, and many more, is currently concentrating on making bio-based materials, as these materials are bio-renewable, degradable, and environmentally safe. Bio-based nutraceuticals have gained popularity in recent decades due to their beneficial effects on the population and their role in lowering the risk of different diseases. In the present review, we have focused on the functional performance of various bio-based emulsifiers, natural preservatives, lipids, and surfactants with in-depth detail on their classification, functional roles, microorganisms involved in their production, and future perspectives. Thus, for commercial production, the use of renewable resources over fossil-based resources can provide tremendous advantages like protection to the environment, decreased production cost, and compounds with equal or improved yield.

Keywords: Bio-based emulsifiers, natural preservatives, lipids, natural surfactant

Introduction

Bio-based products are obtained from biomass (any organic, non-fossil-derived living matter which is renewable) after the suitable physical, chemical, or biological processing. Biomass generally includes crops, waste material (obtained from crops, wood, animals, or industries), and microorganisms (bacteria and fungi) ^[1]. This concept has primarily emerged to decrease the use of fossil-based products to increase resource efficiency by using natural renewable resources. The bio-based materials can be used as such or are processed in several steps to form bio-synthetic materials from bio-based feedstock (crops, waste material, and microorganisms) ^[2]. These products are entirely or partially derived from the bio-based feedstock or biomass processed either by physical, biological (microorganism/biotechnology modified enzymes or microorganisms), or chemical methods (biochemical/thermochemical) ^[3]. Generally, not all bio-based products are biodegradable and vice versa. Bio-based materials are the greener alternatives to petroleum-based materials. Large-scale production can act as a carbon sink because of low carbon emissions and are renewable/ recurring ^[4-5]. Apart from being the greener alternative, several environmental factors related to land, air, and water should be considered thoroughly ^[6]. Notably, one should consider the ecological imbalance that can arise by continuously extracting the nutrients from plant resources and maintaining soil health by replenishing the necessary nutrients ^[1]. Generally, bio-based nutraceuticals / ingredients are extracted directly from biomass (crops) or produced by microorganisms (bacteria and algae). In some industries, bio-based nutraceuticals are produced as a co-product, while most of the feedstock is consumed for producing biofuels and chemicals, which ultimately reduces the overall cost of products ^[7]. Also, a broad category of natural compounds can act as nutraceuticals like lipids, vitamins, minerals, surfactants, preservatives, probiotics, etc. This review focuses mainly on the functional performance of bio-based lipids, surfactants, preservatives, and emulsifiers in biological processes.

Biosurfactants/ Bio emulsifiers

Surfactants are amphiphilic compounds having hydrophilic as well as hydrophobic parts. It could be synthetic or natural. Synthetic surfactants are produced by chemical synthesis, whereas natural surfactants are produced mainly by microorganisms.

Synthetic surfactants are widely used in various sectors; however, they harm the environment [8]. Besides this, the synthetic surfactants also have adverse effects on the human body, like changing membrane permeability due to disrupting membrane integrity, ulcer formation, skin and eye irritation, and excessive mucous production [9-10]. Concerning this, the need for eco-friendly, readily producible, and biodegradable surfactants is intensifying. Here the surfactants which are obtained from microorganisms have come into focus. These surfactants are also known as bio-based surfactants or biosurfactants [11].

Biosurfactants have industrial attention due to their versatility, producibility through fermentation, and ecofriendly nature. Besides this, low toxicity, biodegradability, functioning under severe pH and temperature regimes, generation from a renewable source, and stability are additional benefits of biosurfactants. The properties like reducing surface/interfacial tension enable them to form emulsion and solution [12-13]. They also promote the absorption of biologically active compounds through physiological membranes [14, 15]. Microorganisms typically used for biosurfactant synthesis include bacteria, filamentous fungus, and yeast. These

microorganisms produce glycolipids, phospholipids, lipopeptides, fatty acids, saponins, and alkyl poly-glycosides. Recently, a European commission of standardization has derived a classification for biobased surfactants based on their biological content like wholly bio-based (>95% biological content), majority bio-based (50-94% biological content), and minority bio-based (5-49% biological content) [16]. Whereas, based on the primary and secondary metabolites present in their core structure, they are classified into four subclasses: i) glycolipid type, ii) fatty acid type, iii) lipopeptide type, iv) polymer type.

Bacterial biosurfactants are of particular interest because of their antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral activities [17]. Pathogenic bacterial species, such as *Pseudomonas* and *Bacillus*, are commonly used to manufacture biosurfactants; however, their strains need to be handled safely to avoid toxicological risk [12]. To avoid these known risks, literature has recently reported the use of yeast-like fungi, such as *Starmerella bombicola*, and non-pathogenic bacteria, such as *Candida bombicola* [18]. The various biomasses and microorganisms used in the production of biosurfactants are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Residues in production of biosurfactants by microorganisms [19].

| Waste Products | Producing microorganisms | Type of Biosurfactant |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Whey | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> BS2 | Rhamnolipid |
| | <i>Bacillus sp.</i> | Lipopeptides |
| Molasses | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> GS3 | Rhamnolipid |
| | <i>Bacillus sp.</i> | Lipopeptides |
| | <i>Starmerella bombicola</i> NBRC 10243 | Lipopeptides, Sophorolipids |
| Frying Oil | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> 47T2 4 | Rhamnolipid |
| Corn steep liquor | <i>Aureobasidium thailandense</i> | Glycolipid |
| | <i>Candida lipolytica</i> | |
| Refinery oil waste | <i>Yeast</i> | Glycolipid |

Emulsifiers with ultra-low molecular weight (e.g., rhamnolipids, sophorolipids) and average molecular weight (e.g., lipopeptides and phospholipids) have excellent market potential as they have the ability to combat surface and interfacial tension [20-22]. Trehalolipids, cellobiose lipids, mannosyl-erythritol lipids, rhamnolipids (produced from *Pseudomonas*), and sophorolipids (SLs) (derived from *Candida* and related species) are the glycolipids of highest interest [23-25]. Glycolipids and rhamnolipids have antibacterial capabilities due to their permeabilization action, which affects the integrity of the bacterial plasma membrane. They can also make bacteria more vulnerable to antimicrobial drugs by preventing biofilm formation [26].

Yeast-produced sophorolipids have grabbed the industry's interest. The molecule comprises a disaccharide called sophorose, linked to a long chain of hydroxyl fatty chains via a glycosidic bond with hydrophobic properties that provide biocidal, cytotoxic, and pro-inflammatory properties. It also has potential applications in the food, cosmetics, and bioremediation industries [27]. Sophorolipid is capable of

forming amphotericin B-loaded niosomal formulations with distinct structural and physicochemical features, as well as the biofilm-breaking capability and activity [28].

Lipopeptides (LPs) are made up of lipid segments connected to a peptide chain and have been shown to exhibit biological characteristics such as antibacterial effects. Daptomycin and polymyxin B are the well-known LPs derived from microorganisms and used in drug delivery systems [29-30]. Surfactin (SUR), iturin, and fengicin are three more well-known LPs with a wide range of uses. They clump together polarized interfaces, such as oil/water and air/water, and function as wetting agents on solid surfaces (water/ solid). The capacity of biosurfactants to lower surface tension by placing their amphiphilic portions in specific regions of the membrane or surface in between the phases underpins this dynamic process. The antibacterial mechanism is thought to be the polymerization of LPs in cells to create transmembrane channels. The potential applications of biosurfactants are listed below in Table 2.

Table 2: Applications of Biosurfactants [31].

| Type of Biosurfactant | Microorganism | Application |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Glycolipoproteins | <i>Aspergillus niger</i> | Antimicrobial activity |
| Lichenisina | <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> | Chelating agent and Hemolytic agent |
| Lipopeptides | <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> | Biomedical application and antimicrobial |
| Surfactin | <i>Kurtzmanomyce ssp</i> | Biomedical application |
| Manosileritritol lipids | <i>Candida antarctica</i> | Cell mediation and anti-inflammatory |
| Sophorolipids | <i>Candida bombicola</i> | Emulsifier |
| | <i>Candida apicola</i> | |

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Glycolipids | <i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. | Bioremediation |
| | <i>Arthobacter</i> sp. | Antimicrobial activity |
| Rhamnolipids | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | Bioremediation |
| | <i>Pseudomonas putida</i> | |
| | <i>Pseudomonas chlororaphis</i> | Biocontrol agent |
| | <i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i> | Bioremediation |

Bio-Based Lipids

Lipids are a large group of organic compounds containing fatty acid chains. Broadly, lipids are classified as simple (fat, oil, and waxes), complex (phospholipids and glycolipids), and derived (fatty acids and econacids) lipids [32]. As mentioned earlier, biobased materials are obtained from living matter. Bio-based lipids can also be derived or extracted from biological sources like plants, animals, or oleaginous microorganisms [33]. The most widely used bio-based lipids in the nutraceutical industry are the derivatives of fatty acids (saturated and unsaturated), phytosterols, polar lipids (phospholipids and glycolipids), and certain oil-soluble vitamins due to their specific biological performance.

Functional performance of derivatives of fatty acids

Fatty acids are amphiphilic molecules containing a polar head and nonpolar tail. Depending on the presence of double bonds, they are classified as saturated (no double bonds inside chains) and unsaturated (have one or more double bonds) lipids [32]. Generally, unsaturated lipids are derived from plants. Oils obtained from the olive, peanuts, hazelnut, etc., are typical examples of unsaturated lipids [34]. These can further be classified as monounsaturated (MUFA) and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), depending on the number of double bonds in the side chain.

MUFA are reported to decrease blood LDL cholesterol levels and decrease the risk of cardiovascular diseases [35]. While PUFAs are further classified into two categories based on the position of the first double bond on the methyl terminal, i.e., the long-chain omega 3 and 6 series of PUFA contain 18 carbons in their chains. Both ω -3 and ω -6 fatty acids are obtained from plants and are derived from α -linoleic acid (ALA) and linoleic acid (LA), respectively [36]. They are also called essential fatty acids because they are precursors of other fatty acids, cannot be synthesized in the body, provide significant health benefits, and must be taken by diet

/nutraceuticals. Studies have shown that essential fatty acids can reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases, cancer, arthritis, type-2 diabetes, brain disorders, and neuropsychiatric disorders [37].

ω -6 fatty acids

Arachidonic acid (ARA), γ -linoleic acid (GLA), and dihomo γ -linoleic acid are members of the ω -6 fatty acid family. Few studies have shown that PUFA has a role in combating diabetes and its complications [38]. In diabetic neuropathy, the metabolism of linoleic acid to γ -linoleic acid and other metabolites is disturbed, resulting in disturbed nerve flow and nerve conduction velocity. For a year, treatment and supplementation of linoleic acid have shown a synergistic effect on nerve blood flow and velocity [39]. Arachidonic acid and γ -linoleic acid are also reported to reduce cholesterol levels and decrease cardiovascular mortality [40].

ω -3 fatty acids

Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) (20:5, n-3) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) (22:6, n-3) are the two most widely used nutraceuticals because of their functional roles in the treatment of several cardiovascular diseases (atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, and hypertriglyceridemia), central nervous system disorders (epilepsy, depression) and cancers (lung and prostate) [41-45]. EPA and DHA are prescribed in several conditions, including muscle damage [46].

Dietary ω -3 and ω -6 fatty acids are present in various nuts and vegetable oils, but microbial production is the most sorted out for commercial purposes because of its high [7-47]. For commercial purposes, high-quality ARA, GLA, DHA, and EPA can be obtained from microorganisms like bacteria, fungi, yeast, and microalgae [40]. Table 3 shows the name of microorganisms involved in the production of biobased ω -3 and ω -6 fatty acids.

Table 3: Microorganisms involved in the production of ω -3 and ω -6 fatty acids.

| Sr. No. | Types of Fatty acids | Type of microorganism | Genus | Reference |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | GLA | Fungi | Genus <i>Mucor</i> , <i>Mortierella</i> , <i>Rhizopus</i> , <i>Cunninghamella</i> , and <i>Zygorhynchus</i> | [48] |
| 2 | ARA | Fungi | Zygomycetes | [49] |
| | | Fungi | Oomycetes | [49] |
| 3 | ARA, EPA | Fungi | <i>Mortierella alpine</i> , <i>M. alpine 20-17</i> | [49,50] |
| 4 | EPA | Marine microalgae | <i>Nannochloropsis</i> species | [51] |
| 5 | EPA | Filamentous Fungi | <i>Pythium ultimum</i> , <i>P. irregulare</i> | [52] |
| 6 | EPA | Marine bacteria | <i>Shewanella</i> sp., <i>Synechococcus</i> | [53,54] |
| 7 | EPA | Yeast | <i>Yarrowialipolytica</i> , <i>Recombinant Y. lipolytica</i> | [55] |
| 8 | DHA | Marine microalgae | <i>Schizochytrium</i> sp | [56] |
| 9 | DHA | Marine microalgae | <i>Cryptocodiniumcohnii</i> | [57] |

Phytosterols

Phytosterols are sterols present in plants. They comprise sterols (steroid alcohols) and stanols (saturated plant sterols) that are structurally similar to cholesterol except for a few variations in their structures [58]. To date, more than 250 species of the phytosterol family are identified, but the few common ones are sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, brassicasterol, avenasterol, ergosterol, and spinosterol. They have only minor variations in their structures in either having

a double bond at different positions in their triterpene ring structure or additional methyl/ethyl groups at C-24 side chains [59-60]. These structural variations in phytosterol molecules drastically differ their functional performances as compared to cholesterol molecules. The most prominent role of phytosterols is the cholesterol-lowering effect in humans. Multiple mechanisms can be attributable to the cholesterol-lowering effect. Few of them include competition between phytosterols and cholesterol for solubilization into bile salt

micelles; formation of poorly absorbable co-crystals of cholesterol and phytosterols in the gastrointestinal tract; reducing the quantity of free absorbable cholesterol by inhibiting the hydrolysis of cholesterol ester [61-62].

The European Commission, US FDA, and Canada too have approved the role of sterols and stanols in decreasing the risk of coronary heart disease [59]. Studies have shown that phytosterols in doses of 2-3 g daily effectively lower LDL, HDL, and TG levels by 10-15% [63-64]. Phytosterols can be obtained from dietary sources like vegetable oil, cereals, and a few fruits and vegetables in moderate quantities, but for hypocholesterolemic effect, the effective dose is higher, and hence few fortified foods in the form of salad dressings, margarine, and milk products have been developed. For commercial production of bio-based phytosterols, the microalgae of the genus *Dunaliella* are most widely used [7]. They act as a substrate for developing many steroidal drugs, antidiabetic, anti-inflammatory, chemoprotective, and wound healing properties [65].

Polar lipids

Another important category of lipid-based nutraceuticals consists of polar lipids. Polar lipids are amphiphilic molecules

containing a polar head and nonpolar tail, attributing them to emulsifying properties [66]. Two major classes of polar lipids fall under the category of phospholipids (glycerophospholipids) and sphingolipids (sphingomyelin and glycosphingolipids). Each one has a distinct functional role in the perceptual development of the brain [67].

Phospholipids and their functional role

Phospholipids are often termed glycerophospholipids and are the primary component of cell membranes. They control various cell membrane structural and functional properties, ultimately influencing the cell signaling pathways [68]. Structurally, phospholipids contain a polar head group composed of glycerol, alcohol, and phosphate group, and the two hydrophobic fatty acid chains are linked to glycerol at the C-1 position after esterification. Depending on the type of alcohol present in the polar head group, they are further classified as phosphatidic Acid (PA), phosphatidylethanolamine (PE), phosphatidylcholine (PC), phosphatidylglycerol (PG), phosphatidylserine (PS), and phosphatidylinositol (PI), and cardiolipin (CL) [69-70]. The details are listed in Table 4.

Table 4: Phospholipids and their functional roles in various biological processes.

| Phospholipid Name | Alcohol of the polar head group | Functions | Reference |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Phosphatidic Acid | - | PA is converted to diacylglycerol by the lipid phosphate phosphohydrolases enzyme, the metabolic precursor of many phospholipids. | [71] |
| Phosphatidylethanolamine / cephalin | Ethanolamine | PE is abundantly present in the brain, including the white matter, nerves, and spinal cord. It is the major structural lipid of cell membranes. | [72] |
| Phosphatidylcholine /lecithin | Choline | They are the essential structural lipid of cell membranes and maintain the lipid bilayer structure. | [73] |
| Phosphatidylserine | Serine | They are most abundant in the brain and regulate various brain functions that diminish with age. They act as anchors for many proteins, including signal-transducing proteins. They are also involved in the cell-cell recognition and communication process. | [74] |
| phosphatidylinositol | Inositol | Constitute 10% of the total phospholipids of the brain. They are involved in cell signalling and regulation. PI is involved in DNA repair, transcription, and RNA dynamics. | [75] |
| Phosphatidylglycerol | Glycerol | PG is the second most abundant lipid of lung surfactant, and lung maturity in babies depends on its concentration. It is also the precursor of CL. | [76] |
| Cardiolipin | Phosphatidylglycerol | They are mainly present in the mitochondria and are involved in electron transport and oxidative phosphorylation processes. Its absence can result in various human metabolic disorders like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. | [76] |

Glycerophospholipids are also the primary source of long-chain PUFA in both the brain and central nervous system, and hence they are crucial for fetal brain development [77]. Besides that, literature shows phospholipids also provide intestinal immunity and protection against an infant's gastrointestinal infection [78]. In the elderly, they are reported to improve memory and reduce cholesterol absorption [79]. Few studies suggest dietary phospholipids can be effective in cancer, heart disease, and inflammations [80].

Sphingolipids and their functional performance

Structurally, members of the sphingolipid family contain a long chain (C-18) amino alcohol - sphingosine, in which the first three carbon atoms (forming the polar head) are analogous to glycerol of phospholipids and attached with a non-hydrolysable and non-variable long chain. The other fatty acid acyl chain is attached to the sphingosine molecule by a nitrogen ester (amide) linkage in sphingolipids. Sphingolipids are classified based on the group attached to the C-1 carbon atom, such as sphingomyelin and glycosphingolipids

(ceramides), cerebrosides, and gangliosides [67]. Each one of them has a distinct functional role or performance inside humans. Sphingolipids are specifically present in the highest concentration in the brain and involved in brain development [81]. Studies have shown that their dietary supplementation will affect an infant's cognitive and neurobehavioral development [82].

Sphingomyelin

Structurally, sphingomyelin contains a phosphocholine group attached to the -OH group at the C-3 position. They are abundantly present in the myelin sheath of the central nervous system and play an essential role at grass root level right from the formation and integrity of the myelin sheath and maturation of axons and hence play a vital role in the cognitive development of the brain [83]. Variation in sphingomyelin metabolism can lead to severe mental diseases like Tay-Sachs disease, Niemann-pick disease, Gaucher disease, etc. [84]. Several research works suggest that they are helpful in inhibiting the carcinogenesis of the colon and

preventing colorectal cancer [85, 86]. They also play an essential role in decreasing cholesterol absorption from the intestine and protecting the liver from cholesterol-induced steatosis [87].

Ceramides

The other important member of the sphingolipid family is ceramides containing a -OH group attached to the C-1 position and is the simplest of all. Functionally, it is a lipid mediator and is involved in various functions of the cell, including its death/ survival/ migration. They are also the precursor of most of the sphingolipids (sphingomyelin and glycosphingolipids) and are important for the early development of infants [67].

Cerebrosides

When a glucose/galactose moiety is attached to the ceramide, it is collectively called cerebrosides and is further classified as galactocerebrosides and glucocerebroside. They have a varied role and regulate signal transduction pathways, particularly in cell recognition/ adhesion/ proliferation and neuronal protection [88, 89]. These functional roles of polar lipids are fortified as nutraceuticals and functional foods for infants, children, elders, and athletes. Polar lipids are most commonly obtained from milk, rice bran oil, soybean, sunflower, and palm for commercial production [78].

Natural Preservatives

A preservative is a natural or synthetic material used to inhibit the growth of microorganisms and thereby prevent the decomposition or any undesirable chemical change in finished products [90]. They are commonly employed during the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and cosmetics products due to their antibacterial, antifungal, and antioxidant properties [91-92]. Preservatives are classified into two main classes: Artificial Preservatives and Natural Preservatives [93]. Natural preservatives are obtained from natural sources such as plants, animals, or certain microorganisms and their metabolites. Other than these natural preservatives, some techniques such as freeze-drying, heating, or desiccation also help in the preservation of the products. Natural preservation techniques can be classified as (1) inactivation of microorganisms, (2) hindering chemical deterioration (e.g., oxidation, enzymatic degradation) and microbial growth, (3) avoiding contamination.

Heating, Desiccation, Freeze Drying, Freezing

Heating and pasteurization are mainly mild heat treatments for milk and other dairy products. Sterilization is the process of rendering the product free of microorganisms. Autoclave at 121 °C or such a higher temperature produces the sterile product. However, food-like products would turn out to be of unacceptable quality at such a high temperature. Instead, it should be heat treated sufficiently to produce a shelf-stable and safe product.

Free water in food products supports the growth of microorganisms. Water activity is the amount of unbound

water available for microbial growth and chemical reactions. The reduction of water activity in food inhibits the growth of microbes, spore germination, and toxic byproducts formation by fungus and bacteria. Water activity can be significantly reduced by desiccation, freeze-drying technique, crystallization, and the addition of solutes that can react with free water of food. Low-temperature preservation, i.e., chilling or freezing of food products, nearly stops the clock for microbial growth as it stops the metabolic activity. Once the free water turns to ice, it does not support the growth of microorganisms [94-95].

Osmotic Dehydration

Osmotic dehydration involves the removal of free water from fresh foods by hypertonic solutions. The concentration of the hypertonic solution and solution temperature are important factors that determine the quality of the dehydrated product. Salt's ability to decrease water activity is thought to be due to the ability of sodium and chloride ions to associate with water molecules. Salt reduces water activity by drying out the food. Egyptian mummies were preserved with the concentrated brine solution, which osmotically drains the water from the body. Like salt, sugar also decreases water activity [96,97]. As water binds to sugar, it does not allow the microorganism to grow. Sweet pickles and jam are self-preserved as they are high in sugar content. Honey also acts as a viscous barrier to bacteria and other microorganisms. A high level of vegetable glycerin also acts similarly to sugar.

Antimicrobial Biopreservatives

The Biopreservation term indicates the use of natural microflora and its metabolites as a preservative for food to extend its shelf life. Bacteriocins produced from Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) act as preservatives. Nisin and diplococci are well-known bacteriocins. Nisin is approved by the FDA and is widely used in dairy product preservation [98-99]. Natamycin (pimaricin) is a tetraene polyene antibiotic - a natural antifungal medication obtained from soil bacteria *Streptomyces natalensis*. Highly potent natamycin binds to ergosterol, a building block in the cell wall of yeasts and molds. Once the natamycin binds to ergosterol, the transport pathway is blocked, and the cell dies.

Preservatives from Plant Source

Spices, herbs, and essential oils are added to food as a flavoring and aromatic agent. These essential oils have a varying degree of antimicrobial effect. They inhibit the growth of gram-positive, gram-negative bacteria, molds, fungi, and yeasts. The active compounds are generally the phenolic components of essential oil. Clove, oregano, rosemary, cinnamon, wasabi, thyme, sage, sweet basil, lemongrass, vanilla bean, cilantro, tea tree oil, onion, garlic, etc. have a major antimicrobial effect [100-102]. The preservatives obtained from plant sources are mentioned in Table 5 and Table 6.

Table 5: List of herbs used as preservative

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Constituent | Use |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Mountain Mint | <i>Calamintha officinalis</i> (Fam: <i>Labiatae</i>) | Essential oil: carvone, neo-dihydrocarveol, 1,8 cineole dihydrocarveol acetate, dihydrocarveol, cis-carvyl acetate, pulegone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal ▪ Antimicrobial against gram-positive bacteria ▪ Antioxidant |
| Ceylon leadwort or Doctor bush | <i>Plumbago zeylanica</i> (Fam: <i>Plumbaginaceae</i>) | Napthoquinone: Plumbagin, Plumbagin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal ▪ Antibacterial |

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|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Tea tree | <i>Melaleuca alternifolia</i> (Fam: Myrtaceae) | Cineole, alpha-terpinene, gamma-terpinene, terpinolene, alpha-terpineol, terpinen-4-ol, limonene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antimicrobial ▪ Antifungal |
| Cinnamon | <i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i> (Fam: Lauraceae) | Eugenol, camphor, α - and β -pinenes, β -caryophyllene, trans-cinnamyl acetate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal ▪ Antiviral ▪ Bactericidal ▪ Larvicidal |
| Old man's beard, beard lichen | <i>Usnea barbata</i> (Fam: Parmeliaceae) | Usnic acid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal |
| West Indian lemongrass | <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (Fam: Poaceae) | Citral, Citronellal, Dipentene, Myrcene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal |
| Victorian eurabbie, Nilgiri | <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (Fam: Myrtaceae) | 1,8-cineole, α -pinene, γ -terpinene and p-cymene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal |
| Garlic | <i>Allium sativum</i> (Fam: Amaryllidaceae) | Volatile oil composed of diallyldisulfide, allyl methyl trisulfide, and diallyltrisulfide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antibacterial ▪ Anthelmintic ▪ Antifungal ▪ Antiviral |
| Barberry | <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> (Fam: Berberidaceae) | Berberine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal |
| Cumin | <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> (Fam: Apiaceae) | Cuminaldehyde, cymene, terpenoids | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antifungal ▪ Antimicrobial |

Table 6: List of essential oils used as Preservative

| Name | Source | Chemical Constituents | Uses |
|----------------|--|--|---|
| Cardamom oil | <i>Elettaria cardomomum</i> (Fam: Zingiberaceae) | Methyl eugenol, terpenes | Antioxidant, relieve toothache and digestive disorder |
| Cinnamon oil | <i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i> (Fam: Lauraceae) | Eugenol, eugenol acetate and cinnamic acid, cinnamic aldehyde | Antioxidant, antiviral |
| Clove oil | <i>Eugenia caryophylla</i> (Fam: Myrtaceae) | Eugenol, Isoeugenol, Eugenol acetate | Antioxidant, antiviral, anthelmintic, toothache, hypoglycemic |
| Coriander | <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> (Fam: Umbelliferae) | Terpenes, linalool, and pinene | Antioxidant, antibacterial, anxiolytic, carminative |
| Eucalyptus oil | <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (Fam: Myrtaceae) | α -pinene, β -pinene, terpinen-4-ol, aromadendrene | Antioxidant, a cooling and deodorizing effect on the body, |
| Fennel oil | <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (Fam: Umbelliferae) | A-pinene, myrcene, limonene, 1,8-cineole | Antioxidant, antiseptic, carminative, depurative, diuretic |
| Lemon oil | <i>Citrus limonum</i> (Fam: Rutaceae) | Ascorbic acid (vitamin c), α -terpinene, linalool, β -bisabolene, | Antioxidant, Antihypertensive |
| Thyme oil | <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> (Fam: Labiatae) | Thymol, α -thujone, α -pinene, linalool | Antioxidant, antiseptic, antifungal |
| Oregano oil | <i>Origanum vulgare</i> (Fam: Labiatae) | Phenolic acids and flavonoids | Antioxidant, antiviral, antibacterial |

Preservatives from Animal Sources

Certain animal secretions or products produced outside or inside their bodies act as a source of preservation either in

their crude form or processed to a suitable form. These secretions possess protective functions. The preservatives obtained from Animal sources are given in Table 7.

Table 7: List of Preservatives obtained from Animal Source

| Name | Source | Uses |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Chitosan | By Deacetylation of Chitin present in the exoskeleton of crustaceans (crabs, shrimps) | Natural Biopesticide |
| Defensin | Cysteine-rich cationic compounds found in both vertebrates and invertebrates and in plants | Antimicrobial against Fungi, Algae, enveloped and non-enveloped viruses |
| Lactoferrin/ Lacto transferrin | Found in Human Milk, Animal Milk, Saliva, Tears | Antibacterial, Antiviral, Antifungal, Anticancer |
| Lacto-peroxidase System | A Peroxidase enzyme secreted from mammary, salivary, and other mucosal glands | Antibacterial, Antiviral, Antitumour, Preservative |
| Lysozyme/ Muramidase | Found in Human Milk, Animal Milk, Saliva, Tears, neutrophils | Antibacterial (Gram-positive bacteria) Immunity Booster |
| Lard | Purified internal fat was obtained from the abdomen of hog <i>Sus scrofa Linn.</i> | Preservative |

Conclusion

Conventionally, the compounds that act as emulsifiers, natural preservatives, lipids, and natural surfactants are extracted directly from the natural sources that have their own limitations due to the low content of desired compounds and complicated separation procedures increase the cost of production. Thus, for commercial production, the use of

renewable resources over fossil-based resources can provide tremendous advantages like protection to the environment, decreased production cost, and compounds with equal or improved yield. Also, by employing modern technologies like biotechnology, microbial fermentation techniques, and genetics, the non-utilizable biomass (crops and waste material) has been converted into much greener bio-based

materials by microorganisms, which are equivalent to or superior to fossil-based materials.

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