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VERBESSERUNG VON IMMOBILISIERTER MIKROBIELLER NITRILASE ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON GLYKOLSÄURE

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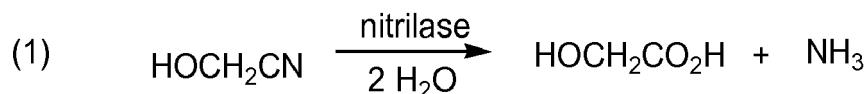
DescriptionFIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 [0001] This invention relates to the field of organic acid synthesis and microbiology. More specifically, a process is provided to improve the specific activity of a dehydrated enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity for hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid upon rehydration. In particular, a process is provided for pretreating an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity with glutaraldehyde, immobilizing the glutaraldehyde-pre-treated cells and chemically cross-linking the immobilized cells prior to dehydration. Upon rehydration, the enzyme catalyst exhibits improved specific nitrilase activity 10 as compared to enzyme catalysts having nitrilase activity that are dehydrated and rehydrated without said processing.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 [0002] Glycolic acid (HOCH_2COOH ; CAS Registry Number is 79-14-1) is the simplest member of the α -hydroxy acid family of carboxylic acids. Its properties make it ideal for a broad spectrum of consumer and industrial applications, including use in water well rehabilitation, the leather industry, the oil and gas industry, the laundry and textile industry, as a monomer in the preparation of polyglycolic acid (PGA), and as a component in personal care products. Glycolic acid also is a principle ingredient for cleaners in a variety of industries (dairy and food processing equipment cleaners, household and institutional cleaners, industrial cleaners [for transportation equipment, masonry, printed circuit boards, 20 stainless steel boiler and process equipment, cooling tower/heat exchangers], and metals processing [for metal pickling, copper brightening, etching, electroplating, electropolishing]). It has also been reported that polyglycolic acid is useful as a gas barrier material (*i.e.*, exhibits high oxygen barrier characteristics) for packing foods and carbonated drinks (WO 2005/106005 A1). However, traditional chemical synthesis of glycolic acid produces a significant amount of impurities that must be removed prior to use.. New technology to commercially produce glycolic acid, especially one that produces glycolic acid in high purity and at low cost, would be eagerly received by industry.

25 [0003] Microbial enzyme catalysts can hydrolyze a nitrile (*e.g.*, glycolonitrile) directly to the corresponding carboxylic acids (*e.g.*, glycolic acid) using a nitrilase (EC 3.5.5.7), where there is no intermediate production of the corresponding amide (Equation 1), or by a combination of nitrile hydratase (EC 4.2.1.84) and amidase (EC 3.5.1.4) enzymes, where a nitrile hydratase (NHase) initially converts a nitrile to an amide, and then the amide is subsequently converted by the amidase to the corresponding carboxylic acid (Equation 2):



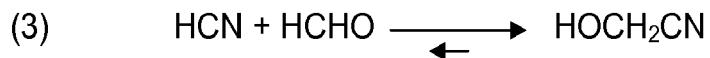
45 [0004] Enzymatic hydrolysis of nitriles to glycolic acid for commercial purposes requires production of the enzyme catalyst in high-volume by fermentation. Much of the volume is attributable to the water content of the fermentation broth. Because of said high-volume fermentation broth, storing, and in many cases transporting the fermentation broth comprising the enzyme catalyst, poses both logistical and economic issues. A mechanism for providing ease in storage and transportation of the enzyme catalyst is to isolate the enzyme catalyst from the fermentation broth, immobilize the enzyme catalyst (*for example*, by entrapment in carrageenan gel), and dehydration of the immobilized enzyme catalyst. The immobilized enzyme catalyst may be rehydrated prior to use for glycolic acid production. However, dehydration and rehydration often result in significant loss in enzyme activity.

50 [0005] The dehydration or drying of immobilized cell catalysts has been previously described. US 5,998,180 describes a process for the production of a dried, immobilized microbial nitrilase, where the *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* NCIMB 40757 or NCIMB 408333 cells containing said nitrilase retain at least 80 % of their initial activity after immobilization in cross-linked polyacrylamide beads, and where the resulting immobilized cell nitrilase retains at least 90 % of its initial immobilized activity after the cross-linked polyacrylamide beads are dried to 12 % moisture at 60 °C. B. DeGiulio et al (World J. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 21:739-746, (2005)) describe the immobilization of lactic acid bacteria in calcium alginate, followed by freeze-drying of the resulting immobilized cell catalyst, where at least 72 % of the cells retained metabolic activity after freeze-drying. US 5,846, 762 describes the dehydration of gelatin beads containing covalently-immobilized cellobiase, and states in column 6, lines 9-11, that calcium alginate and kappa-carrageenan beads, once dehydrated,

generally cannot be rehydrated.

[0006] None of the methods described immediately above for dehydration or freeze-drying of immobilized enzyme catalysts and subsequent rehydration report an improvement in recovered enzyme activity after rehydration, or improvement in the stability of enzyme activity when the resulting rehydrated enzyme catalyst is employed in a reaction to convert substrate to product, when compared to a comparable rehydrated immobilized enzyme catalyst that was not prepared with glutaraldehyde-pretreated cells.

[0007] In addition to loss of enzyme catalyst activity as a result of enzyme catalyst processing, such as in the case of dehydration/rehydration, enzymatic hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid typically requires a substantially pure form of glycolonitrile. Methods to synthesize glycolonitrile by reacting aqueous solutions of formaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide have previously been reported (US 2,175,805; US 2,890,238; and US 5,187,301; Equation 3).



[0008] However, these methods typically result in an aqueous glycolonitrile reaction product that requires significant purification (e.g., distillative purification) as many of the impurities and/or byproducts of the reaction (including excess reactive formaldehyde) may interfere with the enzymatic conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid, including suppression of catalyst activity (i.e., decreased specific activity). In particular, it is well known that formaldehyde can create undesirable modifications in proteins by reacting with amino groups from N-terminal amino acid residues and the side chains of arginine, cysteine, histidine, and lysine residues (Metz et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 279 (8): 6235-6243 (2004)). Suppression of catalyst activity decreases the overall productivity of the catalyst (i.e., total grams of glycolic acid formed per gram of catalyst), adding a significant cost to the overall process that may make enzymatic production economically non-viable when compared to chemical synthesis. As such, reaction conditions are needed that can help to protect the enzymatic activity against undesirable impurities that decrease the activity of the catalyst.

[0009] A method of producing high purity glycolonitrile has been reported by subjecting the formaldehyde to a heat treatment prior to the glycolonitrile synthesis reaction (US 2006/0160196 and US 2006/0247467; Equation 3). However, glycolonitrile can reversibly disassociate into formaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide. As such, there remains a need to protect nitrilase activity against the undesirable effects of both formaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide produced by dissociation of glycolonitrile.

[0010] WO 01/04278 teaches a method for preserving immobilized or unimmobilized microbial cells having nitrilase activity and for stabilizing the nitrilase activity of unimmobilized microbial cells.

[0011] Panova et al. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2007, 349, 1462-1467 describes a chemoenzymatic process for the production of high-purity glycolic acid using a glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine cross-linked carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655 transformant expressing the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant.

[0012] US 5,508,181 also describes similar difficulties related to rapid enzyme catalyst inactivation when converting nitrile compounds to α -hydroxy acids. Specifically, U.S. 5,508,181 provides that α -hydroxy nitrile compounds partially disassociate into the corresponding aldehydes, according to the disassociation equilibrium. These aldehydes were reported to inactivate the enzyme within a short period of time by binding to the protein, thus making it difficult to obtain α -hydroxy acid or α -hydroxy amide in a high concentration with high productivity from α -hydroxy nitriles (col. 2, lines 16-29). As a solution to prevent enzyme inactivation due to accumulation of aldehydes, phosphate or hypophosphite ions were added to the reaction mixture. Similarly, US 5,326,702 describes the use of sulfite, disulfite, or dithionite ions to sequester aldehyde and prevent enzyme inactivation, but concludes that the concentration of α -hydroxy acid produced and accumulated even by using such additives is not sufficient for most commercial purposes.

[0013] Moreover, U.S. 6,037,155 teaches that low accumulation of α -hydroxy acid product is related to enzyme inactivation within a short time due to the disassociated-aldehyde accumulation. These inventors suggest that enzymatic activity is inhibited in the presence of hydrogen cyanide (Asano et al., *Agricultural Biological Chemistry*, Vol. 46, pages 1165-1174 (1982)) generated in the partial disassociation of the α -hydroxy nitrile in water together with the corresponding aldehyde or ketone (Mowry, David T., *Chemical Reviews*, Vol. 42, pages 189-283 (1948)). The inventors address the problem of aldehyde-induced enzyme inactivation by using microorganisms whose enzyme activity could be improved by adding a cyanide substance to the reaction mixture. The addition of a cyanide substance limited the disassociation of α -hydroxy nitrile to aldehyde and hydrogen cyanide. While this tactic provides a benefit to the system, it only addresses one aspect associated with enzyme inactivation in conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid, in that, as stated above, glycolonitrile is known to reversibly disassociate to hydrogen cyanide and formaldehyde, and both are known to negatively effect enzyme catalyst activity.

[0014] WO 2006/069114 provides a process for producing glycol acid from formaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide. More specifically, heat-treated formaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide are reacted to produce glycolonitrile having low concentrations of impurities. The glycolonitrile is subsequently converted to an aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate using

an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity derived from *Acidovorax facilis* 72W (ATCC 57746).

[0015] A separate process has been developed to protect the specific activity of an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity when converting glycolonitrile to glycolic acid in the presence of formaldehyde where significant improvements in catalyst activity and stability were achieved by adding an amine protectant to the reaction mixture, or by immobilization of the nitrilase catalyst in or on a matrix that is comprised of an amine protectant, e.g. PEI, polyallylamine, PVOH/polyvinylamine, etc. In that system, the specific activity of the catalyst in the presence of formaldehyde is improved.

[0016] WO 2007/036235 relates to the immobilization of enzymes by absorbing enzymes, a polyfunctional amine and a cross-linking agent onto a particulate porous carrier in a mixer apparatus or in a fluid bed apparatus.

[0017] EP1233057 teaches sterilizing a viable microbial cell having produced therein an industrially useful enzyme, without deactivating the enzyme.

[0018] Even though many of the above means improved nitrilase catalyst productivity for glycolic acid, a significant decrease in the initial enzymatic activity of the immobilized microbial nitrilase was still generally observed upon use of said catalyst in reactions for the hydrolysis of glycolonitrile, for example, in consecutive batch reactions with catalyst recycle, or in the initial stage of starting up a continuous stirred tank reaction (CSTR) or a fixed-bed column reactor. The problem of significant loss of initial nitrilase activity during hydrolysis of glycolonitrile was addressed in part by pretreating the microbial catalyst with glutaraldehyde prior to immobilization in carrageenan where a significantly-greater percentage of the initial immobilized microbial nitrilase specific activity (μ moles of glycolonitrile hydrolyzed per minute per gram of catalyst) was retained during the hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid (as the ammonium salt).

[0019] U.S. 4,288,552 discloses (column 1, lines 46-49, and column 2, lines 50 - 55) that glutaraldehyde-sensitive enzymes (such as thiol-enzymes (e.g., nitrilase) and others with an SH group in or very near the active site of the enzyme molecule) are inactivated by thiol-reactive agents such as glutaraldehyde. Therefore, it was not only unpredictable that pretreatment of an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity with glutaraldehyde would not result in a significant decrease in microbial nitrilase activity prior to immobilization, but surprisingly, the glutaraldehyde pretreatment was found to benefit enzyme catalyst activity, particularly when the immobilized enzyme catalyst was dehydrated, and subsequently rehydrated prior to use for the hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid. The process of the present invention prevents a significant loss of activity during the dehydration/rehydration steps, and results in a rehydrated immobilized enzyme catalyst with an initial activity and subsequent stability of enzyme catalyst activity during the subsequent used of the rehydrated immobilized enzyme activity for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid. This benefit is incorporated into the process described herein which provides for addressing the need for a commercial process, including a dehydration step, for producing an enzyme catalyst having improved specific activity for glycolic acid production upon rehydration.

[0020] Therefore, the problem to be solved is the need for a commercially viable process for producing an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity for hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid with improved specific activity. More specifically, there is a need for a commercially acceptable process for using an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity for the hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid that minimizes loss in enzyme activity resulting from dehydration and rehydration prior to use and resulting from inactivation by impurities or dissociation of reactants.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0021] The present problems have been solved by providing a process for producing a dehydrated enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity with improved specific activity comprising:

- (a) producing an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity by fermentation;
- (b) pretreating said enzyme catalyst with glutaraldehyde;
- (c) optionally inactivating unreacted glutaraldehyde with bisulfite following glutaraldehyde pretreatment;
- (d) recovering the enzyme catalyst from (b) or (c) and immobilizing said enzyme catalyst in carrageenan;
- (e) cross-linking the resulting carrageenan-immobilized enzyme catalyst of (d) with glutaraldehyde and polyethyl-enimine; and
- (f) dehydrating the cross-linked immobilized enzyme catalyst produced in step (e);

wherein said enzyme catalyst comprises a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 57.

[0022] Also described is a process for producing a dehydrated immobilized enzyme catalyst having improved specific activity upon rehydration and use of said enzyme catalyst for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid, said process comprising:

- (a) producing an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity by fermentation;

- (b) pretreating said enzyme catalyst with glutaraldehyde;
- (c) optionally inactivating unreacted glutaraldehyde with bisulfite following glutaraldehyde pretreatment;
- (d) recovering the enzyme catalyst from (b) or (c) and immobilizing the said enzyme catalyst in carrageenan;
- (e) cross-linking the resulting carrageenan-immobilized enzyme catalyst of (d) with glutaraldehyde and polyethyl-enimine; and
- (f) dehydrating the cross-linked immobilized enzyme catalyst produced in step (e).

[0023] A further aspect of the invention is rehydrating the dehydrated immobilized catalyst of step (f) above, in an aqueous solution. And further, contacting said rehydrated enzyme catalyst with glycolonitrile in an aqueous solution, whereby glycolic acid is produced. In a further aspect, the glycolic acid is recovered from said aqueous solution.

[0024] The immobilized enzyme catalyst that is produced by the process of steps a) through f) above, retains a significantly-greater percentage of its initial specific activity (μ moles of glycolonitrile hydrolyzed per minute per gram of catalyst) when compared to an immobilized enzyme catalyst prepared without glutaraldehyde pretreatment of the enzyme catalyst prior to immobilization, crosslinking, dehydration and rehydration, when used for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid (as the ammonium salt).

[0025] The application provides the dehydrated enzyme catalyst as an improved enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity. The dehydrated glutaraldehyde-pretreated, immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst of the invention retains at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, or at least about 90% of its specific activity after rehydration.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE, SEQUENCE LISTING AND THE BIOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

[0026] The invention can be more fully understood from the Figure, sequence listing, the biological deposits, and the detailed description that together form this application.

FIGURE

[0027] Figure 1, panels A-G, is a CLUSTALW alignment (version 1.83 using default parameters) of various nitrilase sequences. The conserved catalyst signature sequence surrounding the catalyst cysteine residue is highlighted in gray shading. The amino acids representing the catalytic triad (Glu₄₈, Lys₁₃₀, and Cys₁₆₄; numbering based on the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 4) are underlined.

SEQUENCE LISTING

[0028] The following sequence descriptions and sequences listings attached hereto comply with the rules governing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures in patent applications as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825. The Sequence Descriptions contain the one letter code for nucleotide sequence characters and the three letter codes for amino acids as defined in conformity with the IUPAC-IYUB standards described in Nucleic Acids Research 13:3021-3030 (1985) and in the Biochemical Journal 219 (No. 2):345-373 (1984). The symbols and format used for nucleotide and amino acid sequence data comply with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.822.

SEQ ID NO: 1 is the amino acid sequence of the catalytic signature motif encompassing the essential cysteine residue of nitrilase enzymes (Formula 1).

SEQ ID NO: 2 is the amino acid sequence of a preferred catalyst signature motif encompassing the essential cysteine residue of nitrilase enzymes (Formula 2).

SEQ ID NO: 3 is the nucleotide sequence of the *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase coding sequence comprising a change in the start codon from TTG to ATG to facilitate recombinant expression in *E. coli*.

SEQ ID NO: 4 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase (ATCC 55746).

SEQ ID NO: 5 is the amino acid sequence of the *Alcaligenes faecalis* JM3 nitrilase (GENBANK® BAA02684.1).

SEQ ID NO: 6 is the amino acid sequence of the *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* J1 nitrilase (GENBANK® Q03217).

SEQ ID NO: 7 is the amino acid sequence of the *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* K22 nitrilase (GENBANK® Q02068).

SEQ ID NO: 8 is the amino acid sequence of the *Nocardia* sp. C-14-1 nitrilase (GENBANK® AAX18182.1).

SEQ ID NO: 9 is the amino acid sequence of the *Bordetella bronchiseptica* RB50 nitrilase (GENBANK® NP_887662.1).

SEQ ID NO: 10 is the amino acid sequence of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* nitrilase (GENBANK® AAB60275.1 and AAA19627.1).

SEQ ID NO: 11 is the amino acid sequence of the *Synechococcus elongatus* PCC 7942 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_399857.1).

SEQ ID NO: 12 is the amino acid sequence of the *Synechococcus elongatus* PCC 6301 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_1714111.1).

SEQ ID NO: 13 is the amino acid sequence of the *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803 nitrilase (GENBANK® NP_442646.1).

5 SEQ ID NO: 14 is the amino acid sequence of the *Pseudomonas entomophila* L48 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_6090481.1).

SEQ ID NO: 15 is the amino acid sequence of the *Zymomonas mobilis* nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_162942.1).

SEQ ID NO: 16 is the amino acid sequence of the *Bacillus* sp. OxB-1 nitrilase (GENBANK® BAA90460.1).

SEQ ID NO: 17 is the amino acid sequence of the *Comamonas testosteroni* nitrilase (GENBANK® AAA82085.1).

SEQ ID NO: 18 is the amino acid sequence of the *Synechococcus* sp. CC9605 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_381420.1).

10 SEQ ID NO: 19 is the amino acid sequence of the *Pseudomonas fluorescens* Pf-5 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_260015.1).

SEQ ID NO: 20 is the amino acid sequence of the *Nocardia farcinica* IFM 10152 nitrilase (GENBANK® YP_119480.1).

SEQ ID NO: 21 is the amino acid sequence of the *Alcaligenes faecalis* 1650 nitrilase (GENBANK® AAY06506.1).

15 SEQ ID NO: 22 is the amino acid sequence of the *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae* B728a nitrilase (GENBANK® AAY35081.1).

SEQ ID NO: 23 is the amino acid sequence of the *Bradyrhizobium* sp. BTail nitrilase (GENBANK® ZP_00859948.1).

SEQ ID NO: 24 is the amino acid sequence of the *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* NCIMB 11216 nitrilase (GENBANK® CAC88237).

20 SEQ ID NO: 25 is the amino acid sequence of *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* ATCC™ 39484

SEQ ID NO: 26 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201Q; Leu → Gin).

SEQ ID NO: 27 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 26) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Gln) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

25 SEQ ID NO: 28 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201A; Leu → Ala).

SEQ ID NO: 29 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 28) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Ala) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

30 SEQ ID NO: 30 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201C; Leu → Cys).

SEQ ID NO: 31 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 30) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Cys) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

SEQ ID NO: 32 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201T; Leu → Thr).

SEQ ID NO: 33 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 32) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Thr) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

35 SEQ ID NO: 34 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201G; Leu → Gly).

SEQ ID NO: 35 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 34) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Gly) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

40 SEQ ID NO: 36 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201H; Leu → His).

SEQ ID NO: 37 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 36) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → His) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

45 SEQ ID NO: 38 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201K; Leu → Lys).

SEQ ID NO: 39 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 38) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Lys) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

SEQ ID NO: 40 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201N; Leu → Asn).

50 SEQ ID NO: 41 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 40) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Asn) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

SEQ ID NO: 42 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (L201S; Leu → Ser).

55 SEQ ID NO: 43 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 42) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 201 (Leu201 → Ser) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.

SEQ ID NO: 44 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (F168K; Phe → Lys).

SEQ ID NO: 45 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 44) comprising a single

amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (Phe168 → Lys) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 46 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (F168M; Phe → Met).
 SEQ ID NO: 47 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 46) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (Phe168 → Met) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 48 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (F168T; Phe → Thr).
 SEQ ID NO: 49 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 48) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (Phe168 → Thr) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 50 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (F168V; Phe → Val).
 SEQ ID NO: 51 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 50) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (Phe168 → Val) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 52 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (T210A; Thr → Ala).
 SEQ ID NO: 53 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 52) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 210 (Thr210 → Ala) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 54 is the nucleotide sequence of an *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase mutant comprising a codon change which resulted in a single amino acid substitution at residue position 168 (T210C; Thr → Cys).
 SEQ ID NO: 55 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 54) comprising a single amino acid substitution at residue position 210 (Thr210 → Cys) of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase.
 SEQ ID NO: 56 is the nucleotide sequence of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase expressed in *E. coli* strain SS1001 (ATCC PTA-1177).
 SEQ ID NO: 57 is the deduced amino acid sequence of the mutant *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase expressed in *E. coli* SS1001 (ATCC PTA-1177).

BIOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

[0029] The following biological deposits have been made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure:

Depositor Identification Reference	Int'l. Depository Designation	Date of Deposit
<i>Acidovorax facilis</i> 72W	ATCC 55746	8 March 1996
<i>E. coli</i> SS1001	ATCC PTA-1177	11 January 2000

[0030] As used herein, "ATCC" refers to the American Type Culture Collection International Depository Authority located at ATCC, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209, USA. The "International Depository Designation" is the accession number to the culture on deposit with ATCC.

[0031] The listed deposits will be maintained in the indicated international depository for at least thirty (30) years and will be made available to the public upon the grant of a patent disclosing it. The availability of a deposit does not constitute a license to practice the subject invention in derogation of patent rights granted by government action.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0032] A process is provided to improve the specific activity of a dehydrated immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity for hydrolysis of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid upon rehydration. In particular, a process is provided for pretreating an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity with glutaraldehyde, immobilizing the glutaraldehyde-pretreated cells and chemically cross-linking the immobilized cells prior to dehydration. Upon rehydration, the glutaraldehyde-pretreated immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst exhibits improved specific nitrilase activity as compared to immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalysts having nitrilase activity that are dehydrated and rehydrated without said processing.

Definitions:

[0033] In this disclosure, a number of terms and abbreviations are used. The following definitions apply unless specifically stated otherwise.

[0034] As used herein, the term "comprising" means the presence of the stated features, integers, steps, or components

as referred to in the claims, but that it does not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, components or groups thereof.

[0035] As used herein, the term "about" modifying the quantity of an ingredient or reactant of the invention employed refers to variation in the numerical quantity that can occur, for example, through typical measuring and liquid handling procedures used for making concentrates or use solutions in the real world; through inadvertent error in these procedures; through differences in the manufacture, source, or purity of the ingredients employed to make the compositions or carry out the methods; and the like. The term "about" also encompasses amounts that differ due to different equilibrium conditions for a composition resulting from a particular initial mixture. Whether or not modified by the term "about", the claims include equivalents to the quantities. In one embodiment, the term "about" means within 10% of the reported numerical value, preferably within 5% of the reported numerical value.

[0036] As used herein, the term "glycolonitrile" is abbreviated as "GLN" and is synonymous with hydroxyacetonitrile, 2-hydroxyacetonitrile, hydroxymethylnitrile, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 107-16-4.

[0037] As used herein, the term "glycolic acid" is abbreviated as "GLA" and is synonymous with hydroxyacetic acid, hydroxyethanoic acid, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 79-14-1. The glycolic acid produced by the present processes may in the form of the protonated carboxylic acid and/or the corresponding ammonium salt.

[0038] As used herein, the term "ammonium glycolate" is abbreviated "NH₄GLA".

[0039] As used herein, the term "glycolamide" is the amide derived from the reaction of ammonia with glycolic acid and refers to all other synonyms of compounds having CAS Registry Number 598-42-5.

[0040] As used herein, the term "glycolide" refers to the compound of CAS Registry Number 502-97-6.

[0041] As used herein, the term "formaldehyde" is abbreviated as "FA" and is synonymous with formic aldehyde, methyl aldehyde, oxomethane, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 50-00-0. Commercially available formaldehyde is typically comprised of a mixture of monomeric formaldehyde ("free formaldehyde") and various oligomers of formaldehyde along with some methanol (typically about 1 wt% to about 15 wt %).

[0042] As used herein, the term "hydrogen cyanide" is synonymous with prussic acid, hydrocyanic acid, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 200-821-6.

[0043] As used herein, the term "glutaraldehyde" is abbreviated "GA" and is synonymous with pentanedral, 1,5-pentanedral, 1,5-pentanedione, diglutaric aldehyde, glutaral, glutardialdehyde, glutaric acid dialdehyde, glutaric dialdehyde, and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 111-30-8.

[0044] As used herein, the term "bisulfite" or "sodium bisulfite" is synonymous with sulfurous acid sodium salt, sulfurous acid monosodium salt, hydrogen sodium sulfite, hydrogen sulfite sodium, monosodium sulfite, sodium acid sulfite, sodium bisulfite, sodium bisulphate, sodium hydrogen sulfite, sodium sulfite (NaHSO₃), and all other synonyms of CAS Registry Number 7631-90-5.

[0045] As used herein, the term "recovering" means isolating, purifying, or transferring the product formed by the present process. Methods to isolate and purify the product(s) from the reaction mixture are well known in the art may include, but are not limited to selective precipitation, crystallization, filtration, reactive solvent extraction, ion exchange, electrodialysis, polymerization, distillation, thermal decomposition, alcoholysis, column chromatography, and combinations thereof. In one embodiment, the term "recovering" may also include transferring the product mixture (typically after filtering out the enzyme catalyst) to another reaction to create one or more additional products. In a preferred embodiment, ion exchange is used to recover the glycolic acid.

[0046] As used herein, the terms "enzyme catalyst", "nitrilase catalyst" or "microbial cell catalyst" refers to a catalyst that is characterized by a nitrilase activity (i.e., comprises at least one polypeptide having nitrilase activity) for converting glycolonitrile to glycolic acid and ammonia. A nitrilase enzyme directly converts a nitrile (preferably, an aliphatic nitrile) to the corresponding carboxylic acid, without forming the corresponding amide as intermediate (see Equation 1). Nitrilases share several conserved signature domains known in the art including a signature domain herein referred to as the "catalytic signature sequence" or "signature sequence". This region comprises an essential cysteine residue (e.g., Cys₁₆₄ of SEQ ID NO: 4). As such, polypeptides having nitrilase activity can be identified by the existence of the catalytic domain signature sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1). In a preferred embodiment, the signature sequence is SEQ ID NO: 2. The enzyme catalyst may be in the form of whole microbial cells or permeabilized microbial cells. As used herein, "recycled enzyme catalyst" refers to an enzyme catalyst that is reused as an enzyme catalyst in batch or continuous reactions. Depending on the step in the process of producing or using the enzyme catalyst as described herein, the enzyme catalyst may be glutaraldehyde pretreated, immobilized, cross-linked and dehydrated or rehydrated.

[0047] As used herein, the terms "Acidovorax facilis" and "A. facilis" are used interchangeably and refer to Acidovorax facilis 72W deposited to the American Type Culture Collection (an international depository authority) having accession number 55746 ("ATCC 55746"). The mutant nitrilases derived from A. facilis 72W characterized by improved nitrilase activity when converting glycolonitrile to glycolic acid have been previously reported (see co-owned U.S. patent 7,198,927). Examples of these A. facilis 72W-derived mutant nitrilases are provided by SEQ ID NOs: 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, and 55.

[0048] As used herein, the terms "Escherichia coli" and "E. coli" are used interchangeably. Several strains of E. coli

suitable for recombinant expression are described herein including, but not limited to *E. coli* MG1655 having international depository number ATCC 47076, *E. coli* FM5 having international depository number ATCC 53911, *E. coli* W3110 having international depository number ATCC 27325, *E. coli* MC4100 having international depository number ATCC 35695, and *E. coli* W1485 having international depository number ATCC 12435. In one embodiment, suitable *Escherichia coli* strains include *E. coli* FM5 (ATCC 53911) and *E. coli* MG1655 (ATCC 47076).

[0049] As used herein, the terms "*E. coli* SS1001" or "SS1001" refer to a transformed *E. coli* strain expressing the *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase having ATCC Accession No. PTA-1177 (see U.S. patent 6,870,038; herein incorporated in its entirety by reference). The recombinantly expressed *E. coli* SS1001 nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 57) contains 2 minor sequence changes in comparison to the wild-type 72W nitrilase sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4). The start codon was changed from GTG to ATG to facilitate recombinant expression and an artifact was introduced during cloning that resulted in a single amino acid change near the C-terminal (Pro367 [CCA] → Ser [TCA]).

[0050] As used herein, the terms "suitable aqueous glycolonitrile reaction mixture" and "suitable aqueous reaction mixture" refer to the materials (including at least one amine protectant) and water in which the glycolonitrile and enzyme catalyst come into contact. The components of the suitable aqueous reaction mixture are provided herein and those skilled in the art appreciate the range of component variations suitable for this process.

[0051] As used herein, the terms "aqueous ammonium glycolate solution", "aqueous solution comprising ammonium glycolate", and "aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate" will be used to describe an aqueous solution comprising ammonium glycolate produced by the enzymatic hydrolysis of glycolonitrile under typical enzymatic reaction conditions (i.e., a pH range of about 6 to about 8). The aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate comprises ammonium glycolate at a concentration of at least about 0.1 weight percent (wt %) to about 99 wt % ammonium glycolate. In another embodiment, the aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate is comprised of at least about 10 wt % to about 75 wt % ammonium glycolate. In a further embodiment, the aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate is comprised of at least about 20 wt % to about 50 wt % ammonium glycolate. The pH of the aqueous solution of ammonium glycolate can be about 2 to about 12, preferably 5 to about 10, more preferably 6 to about 8. The pH may be adjusted as needed prior to initiating process steps related to recovering glycolic acid (in the form of the acid or salt) from the aqueous ammonium glycolate solution.

[0052] As used herein, the terms "catalyst productivity" and "enzyme catalyst productivity" refer to the total amount of product produced per gram of enzyme catalyst dry cell weight. In the present invention, the enzyme catalyst comprises a nitrilase enzyme (EC 3.5.5.7) and the product formed is glycolic acid and/or ammonium glycolate (depending upon the pH of the reaction). In general, the processes produced pursuant to producing glycolic acid are conducted under essentially pH neutral conditions so that the glycolic acid produced is predominantly in the form of the corresponding salt of glycolic acid (i.e. ammonium glycolate). Generally, in batch reactions with catalyst recycle, the catalyst activity decreases with each recycle reaction (enzyme inactivation).

[0053] As used herein, the term "volumetric productivity" refers to the volumetric production of glycolic acid in the reaction, expressed as grams of glycolic acid produced per volume of reaction mixture per unit of time. Typically, volumetric productivity is expressed as grams glycolic acid/L/h.

[0054] The term "nitrilase activity" or "specific activity" refers to the enzyme activity per unit mass (for example, milligram) of protein, dry cell weight, or bead weight (immobilized catalyst) when converting glycolonitrile to glycolic acid (or the corresponding ammonium glycolate). Comparisons in nitrilase activity were measured proportional to the dry cell weight or bead weight.

[0055] As used herein, the term "one unit of enzyme activity" or "one unit of nitrilase activity" or "U" is defined as the amount of enzyme activity required for the production of 1 μmol of glycolic acid product per minute (GLA U/g dry cell weight or bead weight) at a specified temperature (e.g. 25 °C).

[0056] As used herein, the terms "relative nitrilase activity", "improved nitrilase activity", and "relative improvement in nitrilase activity" refers to the nitrilase activity expressed as a multiple (or fraction) of a reference (control) nitrilase activity. The nitrilases described herein exhibit a significant improvement in nitrilase activity relative to the nitrilase activity observed with native *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase. A "significant improvement" in relative nitrilase activity is an improvement of at least 1.5-fold higher nitrilase activity in comparison to the nitrilase activity of a control under identical reaction conditions. In another embodiment, the improvement is at least 2-fold higher nitrilase activity in comparison to the nitrilase activity of the control under identical reaction conditions. In a further embodiment, the improvement is at least 4-fold higher nitrilase activity in comparison to the nitrilase activity of the control under identical reaction conditions.

[0057] As used herein, the term "initial reaction rate" is a measurement of the rate of conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid under the stated reaction conditions, where the measurement of reaction rate begins upon the initial addition of glycolonitrile to the reaction mixture, and where the reaction rate is measured over a period of time where the concentration of glycolonitrile remains above ca. 50 millimolar (mM) during the course of the reaction. The reaction rate is measured as the change in concentration of glycolic acid produced per unit time (e.g., mole glycolic acid/L/min or mM glycolic acid/hour).

[0058] As used herein, the term "improved retention of initial specific activity" refers to a comparison of a glutaraldehyde pretreated, immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst with a non-glutaraldehyde pretreated, immobilized and cross-

linked enzyme catalyst, both having nitrilase activity, during conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid under the stated reaction conditions following dehydration and rehydration, measured as micromoles of glycolic acid produced per minute per g dry cell weight of enzyme catalyst, or micromoles glycolic acid produced per minute per g immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst, wherein the specific activity as measured in a first or "initial" reaction following rehydration, is retained to a greater extent for the glutaraldehyde pretreated immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst than for the non-glutaraldehyde pretreated, immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst, for one or more subsequent reactions. The most notable improvement, as described herein, is for the amount of activity retained for the reaction immediately following an initial batch reaction, measured in one or more subsequent batch reactions with catalyst recycle. A second notable improvement, as described herein, is for the amount of activity retained during the course of running the reaction in a continuously stirred tank reactor (CSTR), or in a fixed-bed plug flow reactor, or in a fluidized-bed or semi-fluidized bed reactor, after the production of at least 40 g of glycolic acid per gram dry cell weight of glutaraldehyde-pretreated immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst that has been dehydrated and rehydrated.

[0059] As used herein, the terms "recombinant organism", "transformed host", "transformant", "transgenic organism", and "transformed microbial host" refer to a host organism having been transformed with heterologous or foreign DNA.

The recombinant organisms of the present invention express foreign coding sequences or genes that encode active nitrilase enzyme. "Transformation" refers to the transfer of a DNA fragment into the host organism. The transferred DNA fragment can be chromosomally or extrachromosomally incorporated (*i.e.*, via a vector) into the host organism. As used herein, the term "transformation cassette" refers to a specific fragment of DNA containing a set of genetic elements conveniently arranged for insertion into a host cell, usually as part of a plasmid. As used herein, the term "expression cassette" refers to a specific fragment of DNA containing a set of genetic elements conveniently arranged for insertion into a host cell, usually as part of a plasmid that also allows for enhanced gene expression in the host.

[0060] As used herein, the terms "nucleic acid fragment" and "nucleic acid molecule" refer to DNA molecule that may encode an entire gene, coding sequence, and/or regulatory sequences preceding (5', upstream) or following (3', downstream) the coding sequence. In one aspect, the present nucleic acid molecules encode for polypeptides having nitrilase activity.

[0061] As used herein, the term "gene" refers to a nucleic acid molecule that expresses a specific protein. As used herein, it may or may not include regulatory sequences preceding (5' non-coding sequences) and following (3' non-coding sequences) the coding sequence. "Chimeric gene" refers to any gene that is not a native gene, comprising regulatory and coding sequences that are not found together in nature. Accordingly, a chimeric gene may comprise regulatory sequences and coding sequences that are derived from different sources, or regulatory sequences and coding sequences derived from the same source, but arranged in a manner different than that found in nature. "Endogenous gene" refers to a native gene in its natural location in the genome of an organism. A "foreign" gene refers to a gene not normally found in the host organism, but that is introduced into the host organism by gene transfer. Foreign genes can comprise native genes inserted into a non-native organism, or chimeric genes. A "transgene" is a gene that has been introduced into the genome by a transformation procedure.

[0062] As used herein, the term "coding sequence" refers to a DNA sequence that codes for a specific amino acid sequence. As used herein, "suitable regulatory sequences" refer to nucleotide sequences located upstream (5' non-coding sequences), within, or downstream (3' non-coding sequences) of a coding sequence, and which influence the transcription, RNA processing or stability, or translation of the associated coding sequence. Regulatory sequences may include promoters, translation leader sequences, introns, polyadenylation recognition sequences, RNA processing sites, effector binding sites, and stem-loop structures.

[0063] "Promoter" refers to a DNA sequence capable of controlling the expression of a coding sequence or functional RNA. In general, a coding sequence is located 3' to a promoter sequence. Promoters may be derived in their entirety from a native gene, or be composed of different elements derived from different promoters found in nature, or even comprise synthetic DNA segments. Promoters that cause a gene to be expressed in most cell types at most times or under most environmental conditions are commonly referred to as "constitutive promoters". Promoters that cause a gene to be expressed only in the presence of a particular compound or environmental condition are commonly referred to as "inducible promoters". Since in most cases the exact boundaries of regulatory sequences have not been completely defined, DNA fragments of different lengths may have identical promoter activity.

[0064] As used herein, the term "operably linked" refers to the association of nucleic acid sequences on a single nucleic acid molecule so that the function of one sequence is affected by the other. For example, a promoter is operably linked with a coding sequence when it is capable of affecting the expression of that coding sequence (*i.e.*, that the coding sequence is under the transcriptional control of the promoter). Coding sequences can be operably linked to regulatory sequences in sense or antisense orientation.

[0065] As used herein, the term "3' non-coding sequences" refers to DNA sequences located downstream of a coding sequence and include polyadenylation recognition sequences (normally limited to eukaryotes) and other sequences encoding regulatory signals capable of affecting mRNA processing or gene expression. The polyadenylation signal (normally limited to eukaryotes) is usually characterized by affecting the addition of polyadenylic acid tracts to the 3' end

of the mRNA precursor.

[0066] The skilled artisan is well aware of the "codon-bias" exhibited by a specific host cell in using nucleotide codons to specify a given amino acid. Therefore, when synthesizing a gene for improved expression in a host cell, it is desirable to design the gene such that its codon usage reflects the preferred codon bias of the host cell. A survey of genes derived from the host cell where sequence information is available can determine its codon bias. Codon-optimization is well known in the art and has been described for various systems including, but not limited to yeast (Outchkourov et al., *Protein Expr Purif*, 24(1):18-24 (2002)) and *E. coli* (Feng et al., *Biochemistry*, 39(50):15399-15409 (2000)).

Enzyme Catalysts Having Nitrilase Activity

[0067] All nitrilases (EC 3.5.5.7) share a conserved catalytic triad (Glu, Lys, and Cys) (Chauhan et al., *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 61:118-122 (2003); Pace, H. and Brenner, C., *Genome Biol.* [online computer file] 2(1):reviews0001.1-0001.9 (2001)). All known nitrilases have a nucleophilic cysteine in the enzyme active site (Cowan et al., *Extremophiles*, 2:207-216 (1998); Pace, H. and Brenner, C., *supra*; and Chauhan et al., *supra*) and all are susceptible to inactivation by thiol reagents (1.0 mM concentrations of copper chloride, silver nitrate, mercuric acetate, or ferric chloride each produced major decreases in *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase enzyme activity). Cysteine residues are also capable of being irreversibly oxidized to sulfinic acids, resulting in a loss of enzyme activity. Despite the sensitivity of nitrilase enzymes to various inactivating mechanisms, immobilized *A. facilis* 72W cells are robust, capable of retaining much of their nitrilase activity after numerous recycle reactions (US 6,870,038; U.S. 7,148,051; U.S. 7,198,927; and Chauhan et al., *supra*). Nitrilase catalysts derived from the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase also been shown to catalyze the conversion of α -hydroxynitriles (*i.e.*, glycolonitrile) to α -hydroxycarboxylic acids (*i.e.*, glycolic acid) (see US 6,383,786; US 6,416,980; and U.S. 7,198,927).

[0068] Sequence comparisons of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase to other bacterial nitrilases have been reported (US 6,870,038; Chauhan et al., *supra*). The 72W nitrilase has several conserved signature domains including a 16-amino acid region near the amino terminus (amino acid residues 40-55 of SEQ ID NO: 4) and a 12 amino acid catalytic region (amino acid residues 160-171 of SEQ ID NO: 4) containing the essential cysteine residue. This essential cysteine residue (Cys₁₆₄ of SEQ ID NO: 4), along with conserved glutamic acid (Glu₄₈ of SEQ ID NO:4) and lysine residues (Lys₁₃₀ of SEQ ID NO:4), form the catalytic triad motif found in all nitrilases (Pace, H., and Brenner, C., *supra*).

[0069] The regions surrounding each of the catalytic triad residues are highly conserved, especially the region surrounding the catalytic cysteine residue. The essential catalytic cysteine residue is located with a highly conserved region referred to as the "catalytic signature motif" or "signature motif". As such, the process described herein is useful for protecting the enzymatic activity of any nitrilase comprising the catalytic signature motif defined by Formula 1 (bold indicates strictly conserved amino acid residues, italicized residues are those that exhibit minimal variability [*i.e.* minimal variation of 3 or fewer amino acid residues], the catalytic cysteine residue is underlined):

Formula 1 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

Gly-Xaa₁-Xaa₂-Xaa₃-Cys-Trp-Glu-Xaa₄-Xaa₅-Xaa₆-Xaa₇-Xaa₈
wherein

Xaa₁ = Ala or Gly;
Xaa₂ = Leu, Val, or Ala;
Xaa₃ = Ala, Asn, Ile, Cys, Val, or Gin;
Xaa₄ = His or Asn;
Xaa₅ = Leu, Tyr, Phe, Ala, Met, Lys, Val, Thr, or Arg;
Xaa₆ = Asn, Gin, Met, Leu, or Ser;
Xaa₇ = Pro or Thr; and
Xaa₈ = Leu or Val.

[0070] In a preferred embodiment, the nitrilase signature motif of Formula 1 is Xaa₁ = Ala or Gly; Xaa₂ = Leu; Xaa₃ = Ala, Asn, Ile, Cys, Val, or Gin; Xaa₄ = His; Xaa₅ = Leu, Tyr, Phe, Ala, Met, Lys, Val, Thr or Arg; Xaa₆ = Ser, Gin, Asn, or Met; Xaa₇ = Pro; and Xaa₈ = Leu; resulting in the catalytic signature motif represented by the following:

Gly-Xaa₁-Leu-Xaa₃-Cys-Trp-Glu-His-Xaa₅-Xaa₆-Pro-Leu (SEQ ID NO: 2)

[0071] Examples of nitrilases, including the sequences and position of the corresponding catalytic signature motif sequence, are provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Conserved Catalytic Cysteine Region - Catalytic Signature Motifs

Nitrilase Source	GenBank® Accession Number	Amino Acid SEQ ID NO.	Sequence of Signature Motif (amino acid residue positions)
<i>Acidovorax Facilis</i> 72W	ABD98457.1	4	GGLNCWEHFQPL (160-171)
<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i> JM3	BAA02684.1	5	GALCCWEHLSPL (159-170)
<i>Rhodococcus rhodochrous</i> J1	Q03217	6	GALNCWEHFQTL (161-172)
<i>Rhodococcus rhodochrous</i> K22	Q02068	7	GGLNCWEHFQPL (166-177)
<i>Nocardia</i> sp. C-14-1	AAX18182.1	8	GGLNCWEHFQPL (154-165)
<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i> RB50	NP_887662.1	9	GAWCWENYMPL (161-172)
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	AAB60275.1 AAA19627.1	10	GAAICWENRMPL (175-186)
<i>Synechococcus elongatus</i> PCC 7942	YP_399857.1	11	GALACWEHYNPL (157-168)
<i>Synechococcus elongatus</i> PCC 6301	YP_171411.1	12	GALACWEHYNPL (157-168)
<i>Synechocystis</i> sp. PCC 6803	NP_442646.1	13	GALACWEHYNPL (165-176)
<i>Pseudomonas entomophila</i> L48	YP_609048I.1	14	GAAVCWENYMPL (161-172)
<i>Zymomonas mobilis</i>	YP_162942.1	15	GAAICWENYMPV (161-172)
<i>Bacillus</i> sp. OxB-1	BAA90460.1	16	GGLQCWEHFLPL (158-169)
<i>Comamonas testosteroni</i>	AAA82085.1	17	GGLQCWEHALPL (159-170)
<i>Synechococcus</i> sp. CC9605	YP_381420.1	18	GALACWEHYNPL (156-167)
<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> Pf-5	YP_260015.1	19	GAVICWENMMPL (161-172)
<i>Nocardia farcinica</i> IFM 10152	YP_119480.1	20	GALCCWEHLQPL (159-170)
<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i> 1650	AAY06506.1	21	GALCCWEHLSPL (159-170)
<i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. syringae B728a	AAY35081.1	22	GALCCWEHLQPL (157-168)
<i>Bradyrhizobium</i> sp. BTAi1	ZP_00859948.1	23	GALCCWEHLQPL (163-174)
<i>Rhodococcus rhodochrous</i> NCIMB 11216	CAC88237	24	GALNCWEHFQTL (161-172)
<i>Rhodococcus rhodochrous</i> ATCC 39484™	N/A	25	GALNCWEHFQTL (161-172)

[0072] Also disclosed herein, the nitrilase catalyst comprises a polypeptide having nitrilase activity isolated from a genera selected from the group consisting of *Acidovorax*, *Rhodococcus*, *Nocardia*, *Bacillus*, and *Alcaligenes*. In another example, the nitrilase catalyst comprises a polypeptide having nitrilase activity isolated from a genera selected from the group consisting of *Acidovorax* and *Rhodococcus*.

[0073] In another embodiment, the polypeptide having nitrilase activity is derived from *Acidovorax facilis* 72W (ATCC 55746) or a polypeptide (having nitrilase activity) that is substantially similar to the *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase (SEQ ID NO: 4) or the *A. facilis* 72W derived enzyme represented by SEQ ID NO: 51.

[0074] In one embodiment, the nitrilase catalyst is a microbial host cell transformed to express at least one polypeptide having nitrilase activity. In one embodiment the transformed host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Comamonas* sp., *Corynebacterium* sp., *Brevibacterium* sp., *Rhodococcus* sp., *Azotobacter* sp., *Citrobacter* sp., *Enterobacter* sp., *Clostridium* sp., *Klebsiella* sp., *Salmonella* sp., *Lactobacillus* sp., *Aspergillus* sp., *Saccharomyces* sp., *Yarrowia* sp.,

Zygosaccharomyces sp., Pichia sp., Kluyveromyces sp., Candida sp., Hansenula sp., Dunaliella sp., Debaryomyces sp., Mucor sp., Torulopsis sp., Methylobacteria sp., Bacillus sp., Escherichia sp., Pseudomonas sp., Rhizobium sp., and Streptomyces sp. In a preferred embodiment, the microbial host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp., and *Escherichia* sp.. In a preferred embodiment, the catalyst is an *Escherichia coli* host cell recombinantly expressing one or more of the polypeptides having nitrilase activity.

[0075] Also disclosed herein the nitrilase catalyst comprises a polypeptide having nitrilase activity wherein said polypeptide having nitrilase activity has at least 60% identity to SEQ ID NO: 51, preferably at least 70% identity to SEQ ID NO: 51, even more preferably at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO: 51, yet even more preferably at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO: 51, and most preferably at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 51.

[0076] Working examples of several catalysts having nitrilase activity derived from various sources are described herein, including a catalyst derived from the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase. Various mutants derived from the *Acidovorax facilis* 72W nitrilase enzyme have been reported in the art (U.S. Patent 7,148,051 and U.S. 7,198,927).

[0077] In one embodiment, the polypeptide having nitrilase activity is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 57. In another embodiment, the polypeptide having nitrilase activity is selected from the group consisting of 4, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 57. In another embodiment, the polypeptide having nitrilase activity is selected from the group consisting of 4, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 57. In another embodiment, the polypeptide having nitrilase activity is selected from the group consisting of 4, 24, 25, and 51. In another embodiment, the nitrilase catalyst comprises the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 51.

Acidovorax facilis 72W (ATCC 55746) Nitrilase

[0078] The *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase (EC 3.5.5.1) is a robust catalyst for producing carboxylic acids from aliphatic or aromatic nitriles (WO 01/75077; US 6,870,038; and Chauhan *et al.*, *supra*). It has also been shown to catalyze the conversion of α -hydroxynitriles (*i.e.*, glycolonitrile) to α -hydroxycarboxylic acids (*i.e.*, glycolic acid) (see US 6,383,786 and US 6,416,980). However, nitrilase catalysts having improved nitrilase activity and/or stability (relative to the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase) when converting glycolonitrile to glycolic acid would reduce the cost of manufacturing glycolic acid. As such, a method of producing glycolic acid using an improved nitrilase catalyst is useful to reduce the cost of manufacturing glycolic acid, however *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase is an enzyme catalyst for purposes of the processes herein, as well as said improved nitrilases described in detail above.

Industrial Production of the Microbial Catalyst

[0079] Where commercial production of the enzyme catalysts described herein is desired, a variety of culture methodologies may be used. Fermentation runs may be conducted in batch, fed-batch, or continuous mode, methods well-known in the art (Thomas D. Brock in Biotechnology: A Textbook of Industrial Microbiology, Second Edition (1989) Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, MA, (1989); Deshpande, Mukund V., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.* 36(3): 227-234 (1992)).

[0080] A classical batch culturing method is a closed system where the composition of the media is set at the beginning of the culture and not subject to artificial alterations during the culturing process. Thus, at the beginning of the culturing process the media is inoculated with the desired organism or organisms and growth or metabolic activity is permitted to occur adding nothing to the system. Typically, however, a "batch" culture is batch with respect to the addition of carbon source and attempts are often made at controlling factors such as pH and oxygen concentration. In batch systems the metabolite and biomass compositions of the system change constantly up to the time the culture is terminated. Within batch cultures cells moderate through a static lag phase to a high growth log phase and finally to a stationary phase where growth rate is diminished or halted. If untreated, cells in the stationary phase will eventually die. Cells in log phase are often responsible for the bulk of production of end product or intermediate in some systems. Stationary or post-exponential phase production can be obtained in other systems.

[0081] A variation on the standard batch system is the Fed-Batch system. Fed-Batch culture processes are also suitable in the present invention and comprise a typical batch system with the exception that the substrate is added in increments as the culture progresses. Fed-Batch systems are useful when catabolite repression is apt to inhibit the metabolism of the cells and where it is desirable to have limited amounts of substrate in the media. Measurement of the actual substrate concentration in Fed-Batch systems is difficult and is therefore estimated on the basis of the changes of measurable factors such as pH, dissolved oxygen, and the partial pressure of waste gases such as CO₂. Batch and Fed-Batch culturing methods are common and well known in the art and examples may be found in Brock (*supra*) and Deshpande (*supra*).

[0082] Commercial production of the present enzyme catalysts having nitrilase activity may also be accomplished with a continuous culture. Continuous cultures are an open system where a defined culture media is added continuously to

a bioreactor and an equal amount of conditioned media is removed simultaneously for processing. Continuous cultures generally maintain the cells at a constant high-liquid-phase density where cells are primarily in log phase growth. Alternatively, continuous culture may be practiced with immobilized cells where carbon and nutrients are continuously added and valuable products, by-products or waste products are continuously removed from the cell mass. Cell immobilization 5 may be performed using a wide range of solid supports composed of natural and/or synthetic materials.

[0083] Continuous or semi-continuous culture allows for the modulation of one factor or any number of factors that affect cell growth or end cell concentration. For example, one method will maintain a limiting nutrient such as the carbon source or nitrogen level at a fixed rate and allow all other parameters to moderate. In other systems a number of factors 10 affecting growth can be altered continuously while the cell concentration, measured by media turbidity, is kept constant. Continuous systems strive to maintain steady-state growth conditions and thus the cell loss due to media being drawn off must be balanced against the cell growth rate in the culture. Methods of modulating nutrients and growth factors for continuous culture processes, as well as techniques for maximizing the rate of cell formation, are well known in the art of industrial microbiology and a variety of methods are detailed by Brock (*supra*).

[0084] Fermentation media in the present invention must contain suitable carbon substrates. Suitable substrates may 15 include, but are not limited to monosaccharides such as glucose and fructose, disaccharides such as lactose or sucrose, polysaccharides such as starch or cellulose or mixtures thereof, and unpurified mixtures from renewable feedstocks such as cheese whey permeate, cornsteep liquor, sugar beet molasses, and barley malt. Hence, it is contemplated that the source of carbon utilized in the present invention may encompass a wide variety of carbon-containing substrates and will only be limited by the choice of organism.

Glutaraldehyde Pretreatment of the Enzyme Catalyst Prior to Immobilization

[0085] Treatment of an enzyme catalyst fermentation culture with glutaraldehyde can be a convenient way to kill the 25 microbes in the culture, thus avoiding containment and safety issues for handling, storage and transportation associated with live recombinant cultures. It has now been discovered that pretreatment with glutaraldehyde, or glutaraldehyde pretreatment followed by bisulfite treatment, can preserve nitrilase activity in cells in suspension and in an immobilized form.

[0086] Preservation of nitrilase activity with glutaraldehyde pretreatment of an enzyme catalyst is affected by time, 30 temperature, glutaraldehyde concentration, pH and the concentration of inhibitory products like ammonia and other amines (e.g., amino acids and peptides) in the media that interact with glutaraldehyde. A preferred glutaraldehyde pretreatment method treats cells from high-density fermentation (100-150 OD₅₅₀) with 5 -10 wt % glutaraldehyde in water that is preferably delivered with adequate mixing at 50 mg to 500 mg glutaraldehyde /L-min, more preferably delivered with adequate mixing at 50 mg to 200 mg glutaraldehyde/L-min, most preferably delivered with adequate mixing at 50 mg to 100 mg glutaraldehyde/L-min, resulting in a final concentration of about 3 g to about 5 g glutaraldehyde 35 /L (about 0.025 g to about 0.042 g glutaraldehyde per OD₅₅₀), more preferably about 3.6 g to about 5 g glutaraldehyde /L (about 0.030 g to about 0.042 g glutaraldehyde per OD₅₅₀). The glutaraldehyde pretreated culture may be held in the fermenter for about 1 to 5 hours. A 10 wt % solution of sodium bisulfite in water is then optionally added at 1 g/L to inactivate the residual glutaraldehyde.

[0087] The preferred pH for the glutaraldehyde pretreatment of the enzyme catalyst in the fermentation broth or cell 40 suspension is from pH 5.0 to 9.0, more preferably from pH 5.0 to 8.0, even more preferably from pH 5.0 to 7.0, still more preferably pH 5.0 to 6.0, and most preferably pH 5.0 to 5.5. The residual glutaraldehyde concentration after glutaraldehyde pretreatment is typically low, in the range of 10 - 200 ppm, and can be inactivated as stated above, with the addition of sodium bisulfite to a final concentration of about 1 g/L. Glutaraldehyde and bisulfite pretreatment were found to have no significant detrimental effect on the nitrilase activity. The glutaraldehyde or glutaraldehyde/ bisulfite pretreated cell suspension 45 is optionally chilled to 5 - 10 °C, and optionally washed (by concentration and re-dilution of the cell suspension or fermentation broth) with water or an appropriate storage buffer to remove residual bisulfite and unreacted glutaraldehyde.

Immobilization of Glutaraldehyde Pretreated Enzyme Catalyst and Chemical Cross-linking

[0088] Methods for the immobilization of enzyme catalysts have been widely reported and are well known to those skilled in the art (Methods in Biotechnology, Vol. 1: Immobilization of Enzymes and Cells; Gordon F. Bickerstaff, Editor; Humana Press, Totowa, NJ, USA; 1997). The immobilization of the *A. facilis* 72W nitrilase catalyst has also been 55 previously reported (US 6,870,038).

[0089] Further, a method for immobilization in carrageenan and subsequent glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine cross-linking of the immobilized enzyme catalyst follows (and as disclosed in US 6,870,038, and as described in detail in US 6,551,804 B), however, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize and readily apply variations to accomplish immobilization and cross-linking.

[0090] Said variations are contemplated herein and are within the scope of the instant process. Further, the amounts or concentrations of components used for immobilization and chemical cross-linking will vary depending on the amount and type of enzyme catalyst and fermentative production of enzyme catalyst. One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize these factors and adjust the immobilization and chemical cross-linking procedures accordingly. With regard to cross-linking with glutaraldehyde and polyethylenimine, US 6,551,804 (supra), describes the processes and procedures for chemically cross-linking alginate immobilized cells. Said description applies here for carrageenan immobilized cells as well.

5 Dehydration/Rehydration of Glutaraldehyde/Polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized Microbial Enzyme Catalyst

[0091] As stated above, a particular issue related to the use of a microbial nitrilase catalyst addressed in the present application is storage and shipment of the enzyme catalyst. Aspects of concern for storage and shipment of enzyme catalysts having nitrilase activity include difficulties with the volume of the material and inactivation of the enzyme activity of the material over time. When immobilized in carrageenan and subsequently cross-linked with glutaraldehyde and polyethylenimine, the resulting immobilized microbial nitrilase catalyst was about 90 % by weight water, and the catalyst was typically stored at 5 °C in an equivalent weight of aqueous buffer. A reduction in the amount of water present in the immobilized microbial nitrilase catalyst, and elimination of the aqueous buffer used to store the catalyst, would decrease the volume of catalyst and associated buffer that needed to be shipped and stored prior to use, and further significantly improve the economics of glycolic acid manufacture.

[0092] Dehydration of the glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine cross-linked immobilized enzyme catalyst can be accomplished by any method known to those skilled in the art, including, but not limited to, dehydration in air, dehydration in a stream of an inert gas, dehydration in a vacuum oven with or without an inert gas (for example, nitrogen or argon) purge, or lyophilization (freeze-drying). The temperature for dehydration may preferably range from about 5 °C to about 60 °C, more preferably range from about 15 °C to about 50 °C, and most preferably range from about 20 °C to about 40 °C. The resulting dehydrated beads may lose up to about 91 % of their initial wet weight (when starting with beads comprised of about 5 % dry cell weight microbial nitrilase-containing cells). The dehydrated immobilized cell catalyst may be stored in air or under an inert atmosphere, and at temperatures preferably in the range from - 25 °C to 35 °C, preferably from 5 °C to 25 °C. The dehydrated immobilized cell catalyst may be rehydrated by placing the dehydrated beads in water, or in an appropriate aqueous buffer, for example, a solution of 0.10 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3), the rehydration temperature is preferably from about 5 °C to about 35 °C. The resulting rehydrated beads may be used directly in a reaction for the production of glycolic acid from glycolonitrile, or stored in the rehydration liquid at from about 5 °C to about 35 °C until used.

35 Hydrolysis of Glycolonitrile to Glycolic Acid Using a Nitrilase Catalyst

[0093] The enzymatic conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid (in the form of the acid and/or the corresponding ammonium salt) may be performed by contacting an enzyme catalyst, immobilized enzyme catalyst, or cross-linked immobilized enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity under suitable reaction conditions as described below (i.e. in an aqueous reaction mixture at certain pH range, temperatures, concentrations, etc.). In one embodiment, whole recombinant microbial cells are glutaraldehyde pretreated, immobilized in carrageenan, cross-linked, dehydrated, and upon rehydration the resulting enzyme catalyst is used directly for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid, or unimmobilized cells can be maintained separately from the bulk reaction mixture using hollow-fiber membrane cartridges or ultrafiltration membranes. In a second embodiment, whole recombinant microbial cells are immobilized in polyacrylamide gel, and the resulting enzyme catalyst used directly for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid.

[0094] The concentration of enzyme catalyst in the aqueous reaction mixture depends on the specific activity of the enzyme catalyst and is chosen to obtain the desired rate of reaction. The wet cell weight of the microbial cells used as catalyst in hydrolysis reactions typically ranges from 0.001 grams to 0.250 grams of wet cells per mL of total reaction volume, preferably from 0.002 grams to 0.050 grams of wet cells per mL. The indicated wt % of wet cells per volume of total reaction volume may be present in the reaction mixture in the form of an immobilized enzyme catalyst prepared as previously described (supra), where the weight of wet cells as a percentage of the total weight of the immobilized enzyme catalyst is known from the method of preparation of the immobilized enzyme catalyst.

[0095] The temperature of the glycolonitrile hydrolysis reaction is chosen to control both the reaction rate and the stability of the enzyme catalyst activity. The temperature of the reaction may range from just above the freezing point of the reaction mixture (approximately 0 °C) to about 65 °C, with a preferred range of reaction temperature of from about 5 °C to about 35 °C. The enzyme catalyst suspension may be prepared by suspending the dehydrated immobilized cells in distilled water, or in a aqueous solution of a buffer which will maintain the initial pH of the reaction between about 5.0 and about 10.0, preferably between about 5.5 and about 8.0, more preferably between about 5.5 and about 7.7, and

most preferably about 6.0 to about 7.7. As the reaction proceeds, the pH of the reaction mixture may change due to the formation of an ammonium salt of the carboxylic acid from the corresponding nitrile functionality. The reaction can be run to complete conversion of glycolonitrile with no pH control, or a suitable acid or base can be added over the course of the reaction to maintain the desired pH.

5 [0096] Glycolonitrile was found to be completely miscible with water in all proportions at 25 °C. In cases where reaction conditions are chosen such that the solubility of the substrate (*i.e.*, an α -hydroxynitrile) is also dependent on the temperature of the solution and/or the salt concentration (buffer or product glycolic acid ammonium salt, also known as ammonium glycolate) in the aqueous phase, the reaction mixture may initially be composed of two phases: an aqueous phase containing the enzyme catalyst and dissolved α -hydroxynitrile, and an organic phase (the undissolved α -hydroxynitrile). As the reaction progresses, the α -hydroxynitrile dissolves into the aqueous phase, and eventually a single phase product mixture is obtained. The reaction may also be run by adding the α -hydroxynitrile to the reaction mixture at a rate approximately equal to the enzymatic hydrolysis reaction rate, thereby maintaining a single-phase aqueous reaction mixture, and avoiding the potential problem of substrate inhibition of the enzyme at high starting material concentrations.

10 15 [0097] Glycolic acid may exist in the product mixture as a mixture of the protonated carboxylic acid and/or its corresponding ammonium salt (dependent on the pH of the product mixture; pKa of glycolic acid is about 3.83), and may additionally be present as a salt of the carboxylic acid with any buffer that may additionally be present in the product mixture. Typically, the glycolic acid produced is primarily in the form of the ammonium salt (pH of the glycolonitrile hydrolysis reaction is typically between about 5.5 and about 7.7). The glycolic acid product may be isolated from the 20 reaction mixture as the protonated carboxylic acid, or as a salt of the carboxylic acid, as desired.

25 [0098] The final concentration of glycolic acid in the product mixture at complete conversion of glycolonitrile may range from 0.001 M to the solubility limit of the glycolic acid product. In one embodiment, the concentration of glycolic acid will range from about 0.10 M to about 5.0 M. In another embodiment, the concentration of glycolic acid will range from about 0.2 M to about 3.0 M.

30 35 [0099] Glycolic acid may be recovered in the form of the acid or corresponding salt using a variety of techniques including, but not limited to ion exchange, electrodialysis, reactive solvent extraction, polymerization, thermal decomposition, alcoholysis, and combinations thereof.

40 [0100] Further, when an amount, concentration, or other value or parameter is given either as a range, preferred range, or a list of upper preferable values and lower preferable values, this is to be understood as specifically disclosing all ranges formed from any pair of any upper range limit or preferred value and any lower range limit or preferred value, regardless of whether ranges are separately disclosed. Where a range of numerical values is recited herein, unless otherwise stated, the range is intended to include the endpoints thereof, and all integers and fractions within the range. It is not intended that the scope of the invention be limited to the specific values recited when defining a range.

35 GENERAL METHODS

40 [0101] The following examples are provided to demonstrate preferred embodiments of the invention. It should be appreciated by those of skill in the art that the techniques disclosed in the examples which follow represent techniques discovered by the inventor to function well in the practice of the invention, and thus may be considered to constitute preferred modes for its practice.

45 [0102] Materials and methods suitable for the maintenance and growth of bacterial cultures are well known in the art. Techniques suitable for use in the following examples may be found as set out in Manual of Methods for General Bacteriology (1994) (Phillipp Gerhardt, R. G. E. Murray, Ralph N. Costilow, Eugene W. Nester, Willis A. Wood, Noel R. Krieg and G. Briggs Phillips, eds.), American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC.) or by Thomas D. Brock, in Biotechnology: A Textbook of Industrial Microbiology, (1989) Second Edition, (Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, MA). Methods to immobilize enzymatic catalysts can be found in Bickerstaff, G.F., *supra*.

50 [0103] Procedures required for genomic DNA preparation, PCR amplification, DNA modifications by endo- and exonucleases for generating desired ends for cloning of DNA, ligations, and bacterial transformation are well known in the art. Standard recombinant DNA and molecular cloning techniques used here are well known in the art and are described by Maniatis, *supra*; and by T. J. Silhavy, M. L. Bennan, and L. W. Enquist, Experiments with Gene Fusions, (1984) Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring, NY; and by Ausubel, F. M. et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, (1994-1998) John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York.

55 [0104] All reagents and materials were obtained from Aldrich Chemicals (Milwaukee, WI), DIFCO Laboratories (Detroit, MI), GIBCO/BRL (Gaithersburg, MD), or Sigma/Aldrich Chemical Company (St. Louis, MO) unless otherwise specified.

[0105] The abbreviations in the specification correspond to units of measure, techniques, properties, or compounds as follows: "sec" means second(s), "min" means minute(s), "h" or "hr" means hour(s), "d" means density in g/mL, " μ L" means microliters, "mL" means milliliters, "L" means liters, "mM" means millimolar, "M" means molar, "mmol" means millimole(s), "wt" means weight, "wt%" means weight percent, "g" means grams, " μ g" means micrograms, HPLC" means

high performance liquid chromatography, "O.D." means optical density at the designated wavelength, "dcw" means dry cell weight, "U" means units of nitrilase activity, "EDTA" means ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, and "DTT" means dithiothreitol. One U of nitrilase activity corresponds to the hydrolysis of 1 μ mol glycolonitrile/min.

5 Analytical Methodology

HPLC Analysis

[0106] Unless otherwise noted, the following HPLC method was used. The reaction product mixtures were analyzed by the following HPLC method. Aliquots (0.01 mL) of the reaction mixture were added to 1.50 mL of water, and analyzed by HPLC (HPX 87H column, 30 cm x 7.8 mm; 0.01 N H_2SO_4 mobile phase; 1.0 mL/min flow at 50 °C; 10 μ L injection volume; RI detector, 20 min analysis time). The method was calibrated for glycolonitrile at a series of concentrations using commercially available glycolonitrile purchased from Aldrich.

15 Quantitative ^{13}C NMR Analysis

[0107] Quantitative ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained using a Varian Unity Inova spectrometer (Varian, Inc., Palo Alto, CA) operating at 400 MHz. Samples were prepared by taking 3.0 mL of the reaction product along with 0.5 mL of D_2O in a 10 mm NMR tube. ^{13}C NMR spectra were typically acquired using a spectral width of 26 KHz with the transmitter located at 100 ppm, 128K points, and a 90-degree pulse (pw90 = 10.7 microseconds at a transmitter power of 56 db). The longest ^{13}C T1 (23 sec) was associated with the GLN nitrile carbon, and the total recycle time was set greater than ten times this value (recycle delay d1 = 240 sec, acquisition time at = 2.52 sec). Signal averaging of 360 scans gave a total experiment time of 26.3 hours. The Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement (NOE) was suppressed by gating on the Waltz-modulated 1 H decoupling only during the acquisition time (at).

25 EXAMPLE 1

Fermentation of *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V

[0108] Seed cultures of *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V were grown in 500 mL LB media supplemented with 0.1 mg ampicillin per mL for 6-10 h (OD_{550} = 1-2) at 30 °C with shaking (300 rpm) prior to inoculation of the fermentor. Growth of *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V nitrilase strain was in 14-L Braun Biostat C fermenters (B. Braun Biotech International GmbH, Melsungen, Germany) using mineral medium with glucose, ammonia, and salts, and lactose was used for induction. Pre-sterilization fermenter media (7.5 L) is described in Table 2. Post-sterilization additions include filter-sterilized trace elements (Table 3), 0.1 mg ampicillin per mL, 2 g casamino acids (Difco) per L, 4 g glucose per L, and 500 mL seed culture.

[0109] Fermentation set points are described in Table 4. NH_4OH (40% w/v) and H_3PO_4 (20% w/v) were used for pH control. The dissolved oxygen concentration was controlled at 25% of air saturation with the agitation set to rise first with increase in oxygen demand, with aeration to follow. The fermentation feed protocol used with lactose induction is given in Table 5. Glucose feed rates were reduced if glucose accumulated above 5 g/L. After 40-56 h, the fermentation broth was chilled to 5-10 °C and the cells harvested by centrifugation. Cell paste was frozen and stored at -70 °C. The cell paste was designated as NIT 60 (1910 GLN U/g dcw).

Table 2. Fermentation media, pre-sterilization.

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	5.0 g/L
K_2HPO_4	4.0 g/L
KH_2PO_4	3.5 g/L
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.6 g/L
$\text{Na}_3\text{Citrate} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.0 g/L
NZ Amine AS (Quest)	2.5 g/L
Antifoam - Biospumex 153K	0.25 mL/L

Table 3. Fermentation trace elements

	Concentration
Citric acid	10 g/L
CaCl ₂ *2H ₂ O	1.5 g/L
FeSO ₄ *7H ₂ O	5 g/L
ZnSO ₄ *7H ₂ O	0.39 g/L
CuSO ₄ *5H ₂ O	0.38 g/L
CoCl ₂ *6H ₂ O	0.2 g/L
MnCl ₂ *4H ₂ O	0.3 g/L

Table 4. Fermentation set points

	Initial Set-Point	Minimum	Maximum
Stirrer (rpm)	400	400	1000
Airflow (slpm)	2	2	10
pH	6.8	6.8	6.8
Pressure (kPa)	0.5	0.5	0.5
DO	25%	25%	25%
Temperature °C	30	30	30

Table 5. Fermentation feed protocol used with lactose induction

EFT (h)	Feed Rate (g/min)	Substrate
0	0	Glucose (batched)
5	0.27	Glucose (50% w/w)
14	1.3	Lactose (25% w/w)

EXAMPLE 2

Immobilization of *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V in GA/PEI-cross-linked Carrageenan Beads

[0110] With rapid stirring, 12 g of carrageenan (FMC GP911) was slowly added to 228 g deionized distilled water at 50 °C, the resulting mixture heated to 80 °C until the carrageenan was completely dissolved, and the resulting solution cooled with stirring to 52 °C. In a separate beaker equipped with stir bar, 83.2 g of frozen *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V cells (25.2 % dcw) were added to 84.8 g of 0.35 M Na₂HPO₄ (pH 7.3) at ca. 25 °C and mixed until the cells were suspended, then a deoxyribonuclease I solution (10 µL of 12,500 U/mL DNase (Sigma)/100 mL of cell suspension) was added. The cell suspension was filtered consecutively through a 230 micron and 140 micron Nupro TF strainer element filter, and heated with stirring to 50 °C. With stirring, 160.0 g of *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V cell suspension at 50 °C was added to the carrageenan solution at 52 °C, and the resulting cell/carrageenan suspension was pumped through an electrically-heated 20 gauge needle at 47 °C and dripped into 0.25 M KHCO₃ (pH = 7.3) with stirring at ca. 37-38 °C; the flow rate through the needle was set at 5 - 8 mL/min. The resulting beads were allowed to harden in this same buffer for 1 h at room temperature with stirring, and were stored in 0.25 M potassium bicarbonate (pH 7.3).

[0111] Chemical cross-linking of the immobilized cell/carrageenan beads was performed by addition of 0.5 g of 25 % glutaraldehyde (GA) in water (Sigma M 752-07) to 20 g beads suspended in 48 mL of 0.25 M potassium bicarbonate (pH 7.3), and stirring for 1 h at room temperature. To the suspension of beads was then added 2.0 g of 12.5 wt % polyethylenimine (PEI, BASF LUPASOL PS) in water, and the bead suspension stirred for an additional 18 h at room temperature. The GA/PEI-cross-linked beads were recovered from the suspension, stirred twice for 15 min in 48 mL of 0.25 M potassium bicarbonate (pH 7.3), then stored in 1.0 M ammonium bicarbonate (pH 7.3) at 5 °C. Prior to use as

catalyst for conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid (as the ammonium salt), the beads were washed twice for 15 min with 180 mL of 0.1 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3) at room temperature to remove the 1.0 M ammonium bicarbonate (pH 7.3) storage buffer. The resulting immobilized cell catalyst was identified as immobilized NIT 60.

5 EXAMPLE 3

Dehydration/Rehydration of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant

10 [0112] Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine cross-linked carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V transformant beads prepared as described in Example 2 were dehydrated in a vacuum oven (176 mm Hg) at 35 °C with nitrogen purge for 24 h. The ratio of dehydrated bead weight to original (not dehydrated) bead weight was 0.0914. The dehydrated beads were subsequently rehydrated by placing the dehydrated beads in a 20-fold (by weight) solution of 0.10 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3) at either 5 °C or 25 °C for 18 h. The resulting rehydrated beads were washed twice with a 9-fold (by weight) solution of 0.10 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3), then weighed; the ratio of rehydrated bead weight to original (not dehydrated) bead weight was 0.210 for beads rehydrated at 5 °C, and the ratio of rehydrated bead weight to original bead weight was 0.212 for beads rehydrated at 25 °C.

20 EXAMPLE 4

Specific Activity of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant Before and After Dehydration/Rehydration

25 [0113] Batch reactions for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid were run at 25 °C in a temperature-controlled water bath. A first reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with 8.0 g of GA/PEI-cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (0.40 g dry cell weight, prepared as described in Example 2 with no dehydration/rehydration), 6.0 mL of aqueous ammonium glycolate (4.0 M, pH 7.0) and 21.7 mL of deionized, distilled water. A second reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with 1.71 g of rehydrated GA/PEI cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (0.41 g dry cell weight, prepared as described in Example 3 with dehydration at 35 °C and rehydration at 5 °C), 6.0 mL of aqueous ammonium glycolate (4.0 M, pH 7.0) and 28.0 mL of deionized, distilled water. A third reaction vessel equipped with magnetic stir bar was charged with 1.70 g of rehydrated GA/PEI cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (0.40 g dry cell weight, prepared as described in Example 2 with dehydration at 35 °C and rehydration at 25 °C), 6.0 mL of aqueous ammonium glycolate (4.0 M, pH 7.0) and 28.0 mL of deionized, distilled water. To each reaction vessel was then added simultaneously with stirring 3.50 mL (3.75 g) of 60.8 wt % glycolonitrile (GLN) in water (40.0 mmol GLN, 0.320 mmol formaldehyde; stabilized with 0.7 wt% glycolic acid)) and 0.80 mL of aqueous ammonium hydroxide (1.875 wt% NH₃) was added (final pH 7.5). Reaction samples (0.100 mL) were removed at pre-determined times after GLN addition and mixed with 0.100 mL of water, 0.010 mL of 6.0 N HCl and 0.200 mL of 0.25 M n-propanol in water (HPLC external standard), the mixture centrifuged, and the resulting supernatant analyzed by HPLC to determine the initial reaction rate and catalyst specific activity (U/g dcw) (Table 6).

Table 6. Specific Activity of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant Before and After Dehydration/Rehydration.

45 immobilized cell biocatalyst	dehydration temperature (°C)	rehydration temperature (°C)	specific activity (U/g dcw)	activity after rehydration (%)
No dehydration	none	None	1787	
50 dehydrated/rehydrated	35	5	1049	59
dehydrated/rehydrated	35	25	1032	58

55 EXAMPLE 5

Pretreatment of *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V with Glutaraldehyde Prior to Immobilization

[0114] A 200-L fermentation was performed to produce a broth containing *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V cells that

were subsequently pretreated with glutaraldehyde in-situ prior to immobilization. A pre-seed culture was first prepared by charging a 2-L shake flask with 0.5 L seed medium containing yeast extract (Amprex 695, 5.0 g/L), K_2HPO_4 (10.0 g/L), KH_2PO_4 (7.0 g/L), sodium citrate dihydrate (1.0 g/L), $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ (4.0 g/L), $MgSO_4$ heptahydrate (1.0 g/L) and ferric ammonium citrate (0.10 g/L). The pH of the medium was adjusted to 6.8 and the medium was sterilized in the flask.

5 Post sterilization additions included glucose (10 mL, 50 wt %) and 1 mL ampicillin (25 mg/mL). The pre-seed medium was inoculated with a 1-mL frozen stock culture of *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V in 20% glycerol, and cultivated at 35 °C and 300 rpm. The seed culture was transferred at ca. 2 OD₅₅₀ to a 14L seed fermentor (Braun) with 8 L of medium containing KH_2PO_4 (3.50 g/L), $FeSO_4$ heptahydrate (0.05 g/L), $MgSO_4$ heptahydrate (2.0 g/L), sodium citrate dihydrate (1.90 g/L), yeast extract (Amprex 695, 5.0 g/L), Biospumex153K antifoam (0.25 mL/L, Cognis Corporation), NaCl (1.0 g/L), $CaCl_2$ dihydrate (10 g/L), and NIT trace elements solution (10 mL/L). The trace elements solution contained citric acid monohydrate (10 g/L), $MnSO_4$ hydrate (2 g/L), NaCl (2 g/L), $FeSO_4$ heptahydrate (0.5 g/L), $ZnSO_4$ heptahydrate (0.2 g/L), $CuSO_4$ pentahydrate (0.02 g/L) and $NaMoO_4$ dihydrate (0.02 g/L). Post sterilization additions included 120 g glucose solution (50% w/w) and ampicillin 16 mL stock solution (25 mg/mL).

10 [0115] The dissolved oxygen (dO) concentration was controlled at 25% of air saturation. The dO was controlled first by impeller agitation rate (400 to 1400 rpm) and later by aeration rate (2 to 10 slpm). The pH was controlled at 6.8. NH₄OH (29% w/w) and H₂SO₄ (20% w/v) were used for pH control. The temperature was controlled at 35 °C and the head pressure was 0.5 bars. At ca 6 OD₅₅₀ the culture was transferred to the 200L Biostat-D Braun fermenter. The medium used was the same as in the seed fermenter, the initial working volume was 140 L and 50% w/w glucose was charged to 8 g/L. The fermentation started as a batch operation, and once the glucose was depleted (<0.5 g/L) a fed batch operation with 50% w/w glucose was initiated with a predetermined rate (Table 6), at ca 25 OD₅₅₀ the feed was switched to 25% D-lactose solution with a pre-determined rate (Table 7).

15 [0116] The temperature was controlled at 35.0 °C, the head pressure at 0.5 bar, the pH at 1st stage (glucose phase) at 6.8 and at the 2nd stage (lactose phase) at 7.2, NH₄OH (29% w/w) and H₂SO₄ (20% w/v) were used for pH control, the dO controlled at 1st stage at 25% of air saturation and 2nd stage at 10%, the dO was controlled by agitation first (250-450 rpm) and later by aeration (25-35 slpm). Glucose and lactose levels were monitored during the fed operation and if the levels of glucose exceeds 0.1 g/L or lactose above 1 g/L the feed program was either temporarily halted or reduced. The run was ended 40 h after the initiation of lactose feed, and cells were either harvested by centrifugation or microfiltration or kept in the vessel for treatment with glutaraldehyde. The fermentation produced about 8 kg dry cell weight with a nitrilase specific activity of 2819 BZN U/g dcw (1788 GLN U/g dcw).

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Table 7: Feed protocol

Feed time intervals (h)	Feed rate g/min	Substrate	Stage
0	6.13	50% w/w glucose	1 st
1	7.13	50% w/w glucose	
2	8.28	50% w/w glucose	
3	9.62	50% w/w glucose	
4	11.18	50% w/w glucose	
5	11.18	50% w/w glucose	
6	11.18	50% w/w glucose	
7	11.18	50% w/w glucose	
8	11.18	50% w/w glucose	1 st
0	11.22	25% w/w lactose	2 nd
2	24.42	25% w/w lactose	
20	16.72	25% w/w lactose	
30	18.7	25% w/w lactose	
40	18.7	25% w/w lactose	2 nd

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[0117] At the end of the fermentation, the agitation was reduced to 150 rpm, the aeration stopped and the temperature maintained at 35 °C. Part of the fermentation broth was withdrawn, leaving ca. 180 kg in the fermenter. This remaining

broth was titrated to pH 5.2 and maintained at this pH with 20% H₂SO₄ (20% w/w) and NaOH (50% w/w) while 9.0 L of aqueous glutaraldehyde (GA, 10% w/w) was added with stirring at a rate of ~90 mL/min; this rate of addition was equivalent to 50 mg glutaraldehyde/L fermentation broth/min, and the final concentration of glutaraldehyde was ca. 5 g glutaraldehyde/L (0.035 g glutaraldehyde/ OD₅₅₀). After 5 h from initiation of glutaraldehyde addition to the broth, the pH was adjusted to 7.0, and 1.8 L of aqueous sodium bisulfite (10% w/w, pH 7) was added (ca. 1 g sodium bisulfite/L final concentration) with stirring, and the broth stirred for an additional 15 min. The temperature of the broth was then decreased to 10 °C, and the agitation decreased to 100 rpm. The broth was concentrated to 40 kg of cell suspension using a Diskstack centrifuge (Alfa Laval), then 50 kg DI water (20 °C) was added to the suspension and the mixture was concentrated by centrifugation to produce 40 kg of washed cell suspension. The suspension (identified as NIT 188A-C2) was stored at 5 °C, and a portion of the cell suspension was used directly for the preparation of an immobilized cell catalyst (Example 6). Nitrilase specific activity during each process step is summarized in Table 8.

Table 8: Nitrilase activity during different stages of GA and bisulfite treatment

fermentation stage	BZN U/g dcw
pre GA treatment	2819
post GA post	3300
NaHSO ₃	2493

EXAMPLE 6

Immobilization of Glutaraldehyde Pretreated *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V in GA/PEI-cross-linked Carrageenan Beads

[0118] The final cell suspension concentrate recovered from the glutaraldehyde and sodium bisulfite-treated fermentation broth of Example 5 was centrifuged at 5 °C. The resulting cell pellet was re-suspended in a 5-fold by weight amount of 0.35 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.2), and centrifugation of the resulting cell suspension at 5 °C produced a wet cell paste that was immobilized and chemically cross-linked with GA and PEI as described in Example 2. The resulting immobilized cell catalyst was identified as immobilized NIT 188A-C2.

EXAMPLE 7

Dehydration/Rehydration of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized Biocatalyst Prepared Using a Glutaraldehyde Pretreated *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant

[0119] Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine cross-linked carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V transformant beads prepared as described in Example 6 using glutaraldehyde-pretreated cells were dehydrated in a vacuum oven (176 mm Hg) at 35 °C with nitrogen purge for 20, weighed, and dehydrated as before for an additional 4 h (total of 24 h). The ratio of final dehydrated bead weight to original (not dehydrated) bead weight was 0.217. The dehydrated beads were subsequently rehydrated by placing the beads in 20-fold (by weight) solution of 0.10 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3) at 5 °C for 72 h. The resulting rehydrated beads were washed twice with a 9-fold (by weight) solution of 0.10 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.3), then weighed; the ratio of rehydrated bead weight to original (not dehydrated) bead weight was 0.578 for beads rehydrated at 5 °C. The resulting biocatalyst was identified as immobilized NIT 188A-C2-D.

EXAMPLE 8

Specific Activity of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Biocatalyst Prepared Using a Glutaraldehyde Pretreated *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant, Before and After Immobilized Biocatalyst Dehydration/Rehydration

[0120] In a typical procedure, duplicate sets of batch reactions for the conversion of glycolonitrile to glycolic acid were run in 50-mL jacketed reaction vessels equipped with overhead stirring and temperature control at 25 °C. In a first set of duplicate reactions, each reaction vessel was charged with 4 g of GA/PEI-cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (0.20 g dry cell weight; immobilized NIT 188A-C2, prepared as described in Example 6 (GA pretreatment of cells prior to immobilization)), 3.0 mL of aqueous ammonium glycolate (4.0 M, pH 7.0) and 7.75 mL of deionized, distilled water. In a second set of duplicate reactions, each reaction vessel was charged with 2.55 g of GA/PEI-cross-

linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (0.20 g dry cell weight; immobilized NIT 188A-C2-D, prepared as described in Example 7 (GA pretreatment of cells prior to immobilization and subsequent dehydration/rehydration)), 3.0 mL of aqueous ammonium glycolate (4.0 M, pH 7.0) and 9.10 mL of deionized, distilled water.

[0121] Each reaction vessel was flushed with nitrogen, and the mixture stirred at 25 °C while programmable syringe pumps were used to simultaneously add 0.520 mL of 62 wt % glycolonitrile (GLN) in water (6.0 mmol GLN, 0.006 mmol formaldehyde; stabilized with 0.7 wt% glycolic acid) and 0.150 mL of aqueous ammonium hydroxide (0.9375 wt% NH₃); one equivalent volume of GLN and ammonium hydroxide solutions were added simultaneously every 2 h (total of eight simultaneous additions of GLN solution and aqueous ammonium hydroxide) to maintain the concentration of GLN at ≤ 400 mM and the pH within a range of 7.0 - 7.5. Reaction samples (0.050 mL) were removed at pre-determined times after the first GLN addition and added to 0.010 mL of 6.0 N HCl and 0.200 mL of 0.25 M iso-propanol in water (HPLC external standard), the resulting mixture centrifuged, and the supernatant analyzed by HPLC to determine the initial reaction rate and the catalyst specific activity (μmol glycolic acid/min/g dcw biocatalyst). At completion of the reaction, there was 100% conversion of GLN to produce glycolic acid (as the ammonium salt) in > 99 % yield. Table 9 lists the initial specific activities of the biocatalysts.

[0122] At the end of the first reaction, the aqueous product mixture was decanted from the catalyst (under nitrogen) in each reaction vessel, leaving a mixture of immobilized cell catalyst and remaining product solution. To the reaction vessel then added sufficient distilled, deionized water to reproduce the initial reaction volume in the first reaction prior to the addition of GLN and ammonium hydroxide solutions (ca. 15.3 mL initial reaction volume), and a second reaction was performed at 25 °C by the addition of aliquots of aqueous GLN and ammonium hydroxide as described immediately above. The specific activities of recovered biocatalyst in consecutive batch reactions with catalyst recycle are listed in Table 10.

Table 9. Specific Activity of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Biocatalyst Prepared Using a Glutaraldehyde Pretreated *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-F168V Transformant

immobilized cell biocatalyst	dehydration temperature (°C)	rehydration temperature (°C)	specific activity (U/g dcw)	activity after rehydration (%)
NIT 188A-C2	none	none	1826	
NIT 188A-C2	none	none	1857	
NIT 188A-C2-D	35	5	1660	90
NIT 188A-C2-D	35	5	1584	86

Table 10. Recovered biocatalyst specific activity in consecutive batch reactions with biocatalyst recycle using a glutaraldehyde/PEI cross-linked carrageenan-immobilized microbial biocatalyst prepared using cells pretreated with glutaraldehyde.

immobilized cell biocatalyst	dehydrated/ rehydrated immobilized cells	biocatalyst specific activity (GLN U/g dcw) in consecutive batch reactions				decrease in specific activity, rxn1 to rxn4 (%)
		reaction 1	reaction 2	reaction 3	reaction 4	
NIT 188C2	no	1826	1518	1596	1759	4
NIT 188C2	no	1857	1656	1581	1947	0
NIT 188C2-D	yes	1660	1369	1472	1674	0
NIT 188C2-D	yes	1584	1392	1485	1417	10

EXAMPLE 9

Storage Stability of Glutaraldehyde/polyethylenimine Cross-linked Carrageenan-immobilized Biocatalyst Prepared Using a Glutaraldehyde Pretreated *E. coli* MG1655/pNM18-168V Transformant, Before and After Immobilized Biocatalyst Dehydration/Rehydration.

[0123] Freshly-prepared GA/PEI-cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (immobilized NIT 188A-C2, prepared as described in Example 6 (GA pretreatment of cells prior to immobilization)) were stored for 28 days in 1.0 M ammonium bicarbonate (pH 7.3) at 5 °C. Dehydrated GA/PEI-cross-linked *E. coli* MG1655/pSW138-168V/carrageenan beads (immobilized NIT 188A-C2, dehydrated as described in Example 7) were stored dry under nitrogen at 5 °C for 28 days, then rehydrated as described in Example 7. Prior to use, the biocatalysts were washed twice for 15 min with 180 mL of 0.1 M ammonium glycolate (pH 7.0) at room temperature, then evaluated in duplicate sets of consecutive batch reactions with biocatalyst recycle using the procedure described in Example 8. The specific activity of each biocatalyst in four consecutive batch reactions to convert glycolonitrile to ammonium glycolate is presented in Table 11.

Table 11. Specific activity in consecutive batch reactions with biocatalyst recycle using glutaraldehyde/PEI cross-linked, carrageenan-immobilized microbial catalyst prepared using cells pretreated with glutaraldehyde; biocatalyst stored for 28 days at 5 °C, with or without dehydration.

		biocatalyst specific activity in consecutive batch reactions (GLN U/g dcw)				
immobilized cell biocatalyst (glutaraldehyde pretreated cells)		reaction 1	reaction 2	reaction 3	reaction 4	decrease in specific activity, rxn1 to rxn4 (%)
Not dehydrated		1910	1455	1580	1543	19
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65 Phe Pro Gly Ser Met Val Gly Gln Ile Phe Ala Asp Gln Met Glu Val
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70 Thr Met Arg His His Ala Leu Glu Ser Gly Cys Phe Val Ile Asn Ala
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45 Met Tyr Ala Gly Gly Val Asn Ile Trp Cys Ala Pro Thr Val Asp Gln
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Claims

1. A process for producing a dehydrated enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity with improved specific activity comprising:

20 (a) producing an enzyme catalyst having nitrilase activity by fermentation;
 (b) pretreating said enzyme catalyst with glutaraldehyde;
 (c) optionally inactivating unreacted glutaraldehyde with bisulfite following glutaraldehyde pretreatment;
 (d) recovering the enzyme catalyst from (b) or (c) and immobilizing said enzyme catalyst in carrageenan;
 (e) cross-linking the resulting carrageenan-immobilized enzyme catalyst of (d) with glutaraldehyde and poly-
 25 ethylenimine; and
 (f) dehydrating the cross-linked immobilized enzyme catalyst produced in step (e);
 wherein said enzyme catalyst comprises a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group
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 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 57.

2. The process of claim 1 further comprising step (g) rehydrating the enzyme catalyst of step (f) in an aqueous solution.

3. The process of claim 2 further comprising step (h) contacting the rehydrated enzyme catalyst of claim 2 with gly-
 35 colonitrile in an aqueous solution under suitable reaction conditions whereby glycolic acid is produced.

4. The process of claim 3 further comprising step (i) recovering the glycolic acid produced in step (h).

5. The process of claim 1 wherein the pH is maintained between 5.0 and 9.0 during pretreatment with glutaraldehyde.

40 6. The process of claim 1 wherein the pretreating with glutaraldehyde in step (b) comprises adding glutaraldehyde to
 a fermentation broth produced by step (a) in an amount in the range of about 3 g/L (0.025 g GA per OD₅₅₀) and
 about 5 g/L (0.042 g GA per OD₅₅₀).

45 7. The process of claim 1 wherein the pretreating with glutaraldehyde in step (b) comprises adding glutaraldehyde to
 a fermentation broth produced by step (a) at a rate of 50 mg/L/h to 500 mg/L/h.

8. The dehydrated, glutaraldehyde-pretreated, immobilized and cross-linked enzyme catalyst produced by the process
 50 of claim 1, wherein said catalyst retains at least about 70% of its specific activity for hydrolyzing glycolonitrile to
 glycolic acid after rehydration.

Patentansprüche

55 1. Verfahren zum Erzeugen eines dehydratisierten Enzymkatalysators, aufweisend Nitrilase-Aktivität, mit verbesserter
 spezifischer Aktivität, umfassend:

(a) Erzeugen eines Enzymkatalysators, aufweisend Nitrilase-Aktivität, durch Fermentation;

(b) Vorbehandeln des Enzymkatalysators mit Glutaraldehyd;
 (c) gegebenenfalls nach Glutaraldehyd-Vorbehandlung Inaktivieren von unumgesetztem Glutaraldehyd mit Bisulfit;
 5 (d) Gewinnen des Enzymkatalysators aus (b) oder (c) und Immobilisieren des Enzymkatalysators in Carrageenan;
 (e) Vernetzen des resultierenden Carrageenan-immobilisierten Enzymkatalysators von (d) mit Glutaraldehyd und Polyethylenimin; und
 (f) Dehydratisieren des vernetzten immobilisierten Enzymkatalysators, erzeugt in Schritt (e);
 10 wobei der Enzymkatalysator ein Polypeptid, aufweisend eine Aminosäuresequenz, ausgewählt aus der Gruppe, bestehend aus den SEQ ID NOs: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55 und 57, umfasst.

15 2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, weiterhin umfassend Schritt (g), Rehydratisieren des Enzymkatalysators von Schritt (f) in einer wässrigen Lösung.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 2, weiterhin umfassend Schritt (h), Inkontaktbringen des rehydratisierten Enzymkatalysators nach Anspruch 2 mit Glycolnitril in einer wässrigen Lösung unter geeigneten Reaktionsbedingungen, wodurch Glycolsäure erzeugt wird.

20 4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 3, weiterhin umfassend Schritt (i), Gewinnen der Glycolsäure, erzeugt in Schritt (h).

5. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei der pH während der Vorbehandlung mit Glutaraldehyd zwischen 5,0 und 9,0 gehalten wird.

25 6. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei das Vorbehandeln mit Glutaraldehyd in Schritt (b) Hinzufügen von Glutaraldehyd zu einer Fermentationsbrühe, erzeugt durch Schritt (a), in einer Menge in dem Bereich von etwa 3 g/l (0,025 g GA per OD₅₅₀) und etwa 5 g/l (0,042 g GA per OD550) umfasst.

30 7. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei das Vorbehandeln mit Glutaraldehyd in Schritt (b) Hinzufügen von Glutaraldehyd zu einer Fermentationsbrühe, erzeugt durch Schritt (a), mit einer Rate von 50 mg/l/h bis 500 mg/l/h umfasst.

8. Dehydratisierter, Glutaraldehyd-vorbehandelter, immobilisierter und vernetzter Enzymkatalysator, erzeugt durch das Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Katalysator nach der Rehydratation mindestens etwa 70% von seiner spezifischen Aktivität zum Hydrolyseren von Glycolnitril zu Glycolsäure behält.

Revendications

40 1. Procédé pour produire un catalyseur enzymatique déshydraté ayant une activité de nitrilase avec une activité spécifique améliorée, comprenant:

(a) la production d'un catalyseur enzymatique ayant une activité de nitrilase par fermentation;
 (b) le prétraitement dudit catalyseur enzymatique avec du glutaraldéhyde;
 45 (c) facultativement, l'inactivation du glutaraldéhyde non réagi avec un bisulfite après le prétraitement avec du glutaraldéhyde;
 (d) la récupération du catalyseur enzymatique de (b) ou (c) et l'immobilisation dudit catalyseur enzymatique dans de la carraghénine;
 (e) la réticulation du catalyseur enzymatique immobilisé dans la carraghénine obtenu de (d) avec du glutaraldéhyde et une polyéthylénimine; et
 50 (f) la déshydratation du catalyseur enzymatique immobilisé réticulé produit dans l'étape (e);
 dans lequel ledit catalyseur enzymatique comprend un polypeptide ayant une séquence d'acides aminés choisie dans le groupe constitué par les SEQ ID NO: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55 et 57.

55 2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, comprenant en outre une étape (g) de réhydratation du catalyseur enzymatique de l'étape (f) dans une solution aqueuse.

3. Procédé selon la revendication 2, comprenant en outre l'étape (h) de mise en contact du catalyseur enzymatique

réhydraté selon la revendication 2 avec du glycolonitrile dans une solution aqueuse dans des conditions de réaction appropriées pour que de l'acide glycolique soit produit.

4. Procédé selon la revendication 3, comprenant en outre l'étape (i) de récupération de l'acide glycolique produit dans l'étape (h).
5. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le pH est maintenu entre 5,0 et 9,0 pendant le prétraitement avec du glutaraldéhyde.
10. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le prétraitement avec du glutaraldéhyde dans l'étape (b) comprend l'addition de glutaraldéhyde à un bouillon de fermentation produit par l'étape (a) en une quantité dans la gamme d'environ 3g/l (0,025g GA par DO₅₅₀) et environ 5g/l (0,042g GA par DO₅₅₀).
15. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le prétraitement avec du glutaraldéhyde dans l'étape (b) comprend l'addition de glutaraldéhyde à un bouillon de fermentation produit par l'étape (a) à raison de 50mg/l/h à 500mg/l/h.
20. Catalyseur enzymatique prétraité avec du glutaraldéhyde, immobilisé, réticulé et déshydraté produit par le procédé selon la revendication 1, ledit catalyseur retenant au moins environ 70% de son activité spécifique pour hydrolyser le glycolonitrile en acide glycolique après réhydratation.

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CLUSTAL W (1.83) multiple sequence alignment

FIGURE 1A

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FIGURE 1B

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SEQ	ID NO: 20	CREHEHOPRE SKYAMYSQHEQIIVHAAWPSESLYSEQAHALSAKVNMAA-----	ARQAYVE
SEQ	ID NO: 21	CREHEHOPRE SKYALYSQHEAIIHAAWPSESLYSEQAHALSAKVNMAA-----	SQIYSVE
SEQ	ID NO: 22	CREHEHOPRE SKYAMYSQHEQIIVHAAWPSESLYSEQAHALSAKVNMAA-----	SRVYAAE
SEQ	ID NO: 23	CREHEHOPRE SKYAMYSQHEQVHVAAWPSESLYDPEPAPALGAEVNNAA-----	SRVYAVE
SEQ	ID NO: 24	CREHEHOPRE SKYAMYSMHEQVHVASWPGMSLYQPEVPAFGVDAQLTA-----	TRMYALE
SEQ	ID NO: 25	CREHEHOPRE SKYAMYSMHEQVHVASWPGMSLYQPEVPAFGVDAQLTA-----	TRMYALE

SEQ	ID NO:4	GQTFVLCSTQVIG-----PSAIELFCINDE--QRALLPQCGWARIYGPDGSELAKPLAED
SEQ	ID NO:5	GQCFTIASSVVT-----QETLDMLEVGEH--NASLLKVGCGSSMIFAPDGRTLAPYLPHD
SEQ	ID NO:6	GQTFVVCCTQVVT-----PEAHEFFCNDNE--QRKLIIGRGFFARIIGPDGRDLATPLAED
SEQ	ID NO:7	GQTFVLAESTHVG-----KATQDLFAGDDDA-KRALLPLQGQGWARIYGPDGKSLSAEPPLPED
SEQ	ID NO:8	GQTFVLAATHVG-----KATQDLFAGDDEA-KRALLPLQGQGWARIYGPDGKSLSAEPPLAEN
SEQ	ID NO:9	GRCEVLSACQHRLRGKDFPPEEHNAIDVQP-----DTVLMRGGSCIIVDPMGQLLAGPVY-D
SEQ	ID NO:10	GGCFVLSACQFCIRKDFPDHPDYLEFTDWYDDKEPDSTIVSQGGSVIIISPLGQVLAGPNE-E
SEQ	ID NO:11	AGCFVLSSTAWID----PADDYDTITPDRS---LHKAFQGCHTAIIISPEGRYLAGPLP-E
SEQ	ID NO:12	AGCFVLSSTAWID----PADDYDTITPDRS---LHKAFQGCHTAIIISPEGRYLAGPLP-E
SEQ	ID NO:13	SGCFVINAATGWL-----AEQKLQITTDK---MHQALSGGCYTAIIISPEGKHLCEPIA-E
SEQ	ID NO:14	GRCFVVISACQVQ----DSPAALGMEVANWPA---ERPLINGGSLIVGPLGDVLAGPLL-G
SEQ	ID NO:15	GRLFVLSACQYMTTRADAPADYDCIQGNDP----ETELIAGGSVIIIDPMGNILLAGPLY-G
SEQ	ID NO:16	NQVFCLLSSQIWT----EEQRDKICETEE--QRNFMKVGHGESKIIAPNGMEIGNKLAHD
SEQ	ID NO:17	NQVYVIMSTNLVG-----QDMIDMIGKDEF--SKNFPLPLGSNTAIIISNTG-EILASIPOD
SEQ	ID NO:18	AGCEVICSTGWLH-----PDDYASITSESG---LHKAFQGCHTAIIISPEGRYLAGPLP-D
SEQ	ID NO:19	GRCFVVSACQVQ----ASPEELGLEIANWPA---QRPLIAGGSVIVGPMGDVLAGPLV-G
SEQ	ID NO:20	GOCFVLSPCAVID----EAGVELFCDTPA--KRELLPQGGFAQIYGPDGRELGTALPET
SEQ	ID NO:21	GQCFTIASSVVT-----QETLDMLEVGEH--NAPLLKVGCGSSMIFAPDGRTLAPYLPHD
SEQ	ID NO:22	GOCFVLAFCATV-----PEMIEMLCDSDA--KRSLLQAGGGHARIFGPDGSDLATPLGEH
SEQ	ID NO:23	GSCCFVLAFCATV-----QAMIDELCDRPD--KHALLHAGGGHAAIFGPDGSAIIAQLPFD
SEQ	ID NO:24	GQTFVVCCTQVVT-----PEAHEFFCENE--QRKLIIGRGFFARIIGPDGRDLATPLAED
SEQ	ID NO:25	GQTFVVCCTQVVT-----PEAHEFFCENE--QRMLIIGRGFFARIIGPDGRDLATPLAED
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FIGURE 1E

SEQ	ID NO: 4	AEGILYAEIDLEQILLAKAGADPVGHYSRDPDVLSVQFDPRNHTPVHRIGIDGRLDVNTRS
SEQ	ID NO: 5	AEGLIADLNMEEIFAKAINDPVGHYSKPEATRLVLDLGHREPMTRVHSK---SVIQE
SEQ	ID NO: 6	EEGILYADIDLSSAITLAKQAAADPVGHYSRDPDVLSLNFNQRHTTPVN-----TAISTI
SEQ	ID NO: 7	AEGLLYAEELDLEQILLAKAAADPAGHYSRDPDVLSLRIDTRNHTPVQYITADGRTSLNSNS
SEQ	ID NO: 8	AEGLLYAEELDLEQILLIVAKAAADPAGHYSRDPDVLSLRKVDTRNHTPVQYVTEDDGSSLNSNS
SEQ	ID NO: 9	EDAILVADIDLDAVTRGKMDVEDVVGHYARPDIFSILTYDERPKPPVTTL-----K
SEQ	ID NO: 10	SEGLITADIDLGDVYARAKLYFDSVGHYSRDPDVLSLTVNEHPKKPVTFI-----S
SEQ	ID NO: 11	GEGLAIAEELDKSLITTKRKMMDSVGHYSRDPDLSLRINRSPATQVQAIG-----S
SEQ	ID NO: 12	GEGLAIAEELDKSLITTKRKMMDSVGHYSRDPDLSLRINRSPATQVQAIG-----S
SEQ	ID NO: 13	GEGLAIADLDESLIAKRKMMDSVGHYSRDPDLSLQLTILNNQPSALEAN-----P
SEQ	ID NO: 14	ARGLVCAEVDTDELVRARYDFDVGHYARPDVFEELSVDERPRPGVR-----E
SEQ	ID NO: 15	QEGVLVAIDIDLSDTIIKARYDLDVSGHYGRPDIFEIKVDRQSHQVITDQ-----F
SEQ	ID NO: 16	EEGITYADIDLEQIIPGKFLIDSAGHYSTPGFELSLSFDRTEKKPKHIG-----E
SEQ	ID NO: 17	AEGLIAVAEIDLNOIYGKWLDPAGHYSTPGFELSLTDEHVPVKIG-----E
SEQ	ID NO: 18	GEGLAIADIDLALITTKRKMMDSVGHYSRSPELLSLQINSSPAVPVQNM-----S
SEQ	ID NO: 19	RAGLISAOIDTADLVRARYDYDVGHYARPDVFEELTVDQRPVGVR-----F
SEQ	ID NO: 20	EEGLVYADLEASAVAVAKSAADPVGHYSRDPDVQLLWDP---RPRSVVR-----Q
SEQ	ID NO: 21	AEGLIADLNMEEIFAKAINDPVGHYSKPEATRLVLDLGHREPMTRVHSK---SVTRE
SEQ	ID NO: 22	EEGILYATLDPAAITLAKVAADPAGHYSRDPDVTRLMNP---NPTPCVV-----D
SEQ	ID NO: 23	QEGLLIAEIDLGMIGIAKNAADPAGHYSRDPDVTRLLLNK---KPLNRVE-----H
SEQ	ID NO: 24	EEGILYADIDLSSAITLAKQAAADPVGHYSRDPDVLSLNFNQRRTTPVN-----TPLSTI
SEQ	ID NO: 25	EEGILYADIDLSSAITLAKQAAADPVGHYSRDPDVLSLNFNQRRTTPVN-----TPLSTI
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FIGURE 1F

SEQ ID NO: 4	RVENFRLRQAAEQUEROASKRLGTLKLEQS--	LLAEEPVPAK---
SEQ ID NO: 5	APEPHVQSTAAAPVAVSOTQDSDTLLVQEPS--	-----
SEQ ID NO: 6	HATHTLVQPSGALDGVRELNGADEQRALPS--	THSDETDRATASI
SEQ ID NO: 7	-----	APEQKSGRAKAEA
SEQ ID NO: 8	RVENYRHLQADIEKYENAATLPLDAPAPAP--	-----
SEQ ID NO: 9	RVENYRRLQADIEKYENADSATVPLDVTTPEKOSGDVNANGNAKVNTNPSAKAKA	-----
SEQ ID NO: 10	P-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 11	KVEKAEDDSNK-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 12	AAALPELPNLEAAPAETAEDYLHA-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 13	AAALPELPNLEAAPAETAEDYLHA-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 14	VTPNAAIPAVSDPELTETIAALPNNNPIFSH-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 15	IG-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 16	SRDOATEKKPVSDSEISQD-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 17	SAQETVTVEEIQYGNKANVKVHS-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 18	QTNHFIISYEDLHEDKMDMLTIPPRRVATA-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 19	TASVPLEPATATDALSSMEEALNHV-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 20	T-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 21	VA-LSVASPAESAD-----DAEPAVR-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 22	APEQGVQSKIASVAISHPQDSDTLLVQEPS-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 23	LPDLPISSESIELL-----RPDIALEV-----	-----
SEQ ID NO: 24	FS-LPVDSAAAALPGEAAVARPDQS1-----	THSDETDRATATL
SEQ ID NO: 25	HATHTFVPQFGALDGVRELNGADEQRALPS-----	THSDETDRATATL

FIGURE 1G

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