



Development of tailor-made carbohydrate-based products by bioconversion



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Company Overview aevotis GmbH



- Operational since 1st of March 2010, on ~1000 m² lab-/office space
- Founders have each 50% shares and are CEOs (Martina Döring & Dr. Volker Landschütze)
- 17 employees highly qualified, experienced and motivated R&D team
- Solid patent and technology platform exclusively licensed in from Bayer
- Established contacts to potential collaborators in science and industry



Company Overview



Goal is the development and production of specialty, value added raw materials/ingredients for industrial use:

- new or optimized enzymes and expression systems,
- develop bioconversion processes and
- improved down-stream processes as well as

 differentiated carbohydrate-based oligomers and polymers for food and non-food uses

R & D-Services and development of new technologiesalone and with partners



Core Competencies



Enzyme Bioconversion Substrate Product

Substrate

Select raw material and analyze suitable substrates, purification, availability of substrate

Enzyme

Identification, isolation and characterization of enzymes expression systems, stem development, technology transfer lab /pilot plant/ commercial production

Bioconversion

Process parameters, process development, optimization, technology transfer and scale up

Product

Analytics, characterization, small samples, purification, application testing, use concept



Focus Carbohydrates



4 Parameters determine all Carbohydrates

Monomers
Bonding
Branching
Substituents

α-D-Glucans Starch Dextran others **β-D-Glucans** Cellulose others

Fructans Inulin Levan

Heteropolysaccharides Xanthan Others

Other Monomers Gum arabic Guar gum



goal is targeted bioconversion of plant raw materials into value-enhanced, unique ingredients/products, their characterization and purification





One Enzyme – Two Products







Development Product 1 Oligomer MAOS





Soluble oligosaccharide with unique pH and processing properties

- Ideally suited for use in carbonated beverages, functional dairy drinks and functional drinks
- Transparent, clean taste
- Slowly digestible and controlled energy release
- Prebiotic promotes beneficial bacteria in the digestive tract.

Convenience

Pleasure

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"No compromises: Modern consumers want it all!"



Development Product 2 Polymer Alternan







Soluble polysaccharide with outstanding texturizing properties

- Ideally suited for the use in low fat dressings, as shortening replacer and bulking agent
- Not digestible, colorless, odorless and tasteless
- Long shelf life in almost all food matrices
- Application potential beyond food
- Chemical modifications possible



Side- and waste streams







Project LIGNOS



In collaboration with Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Polymer Research and University Potsdam,

aevotis, as industry partner, is running a 3-year project.

Goal is to investigate the potential to use lignocelluloses from renewable resources and agricultural waste. New or improved enzymes to be used in respective bioconversions and in the end novel polymers for industrial uses will be developed.

aevotis will work on :

Expression & detection of enzymes

Enzyme activity and characterization

Bioconversion

Screening of products from bioconversion

Purification



Summary



- Bioconversion is a key technology for a sustainable product development
- Bioconversion offers the possibility to use side- and waste streams for value creation or to create very pure and innovative products
- Ingredients can be developed, which have both, functionality and health benefits and
- Which offer industry competitive advantage, if they are patent protected, innovative and science-based.
- Early interactions and strategic partnerships with key players will increase the chance of success.





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