

# Effectively converting cane molasses into 2,3-butanediol using *Clostridium ljungdahlii* by an integrated fermentation and membrane separation process

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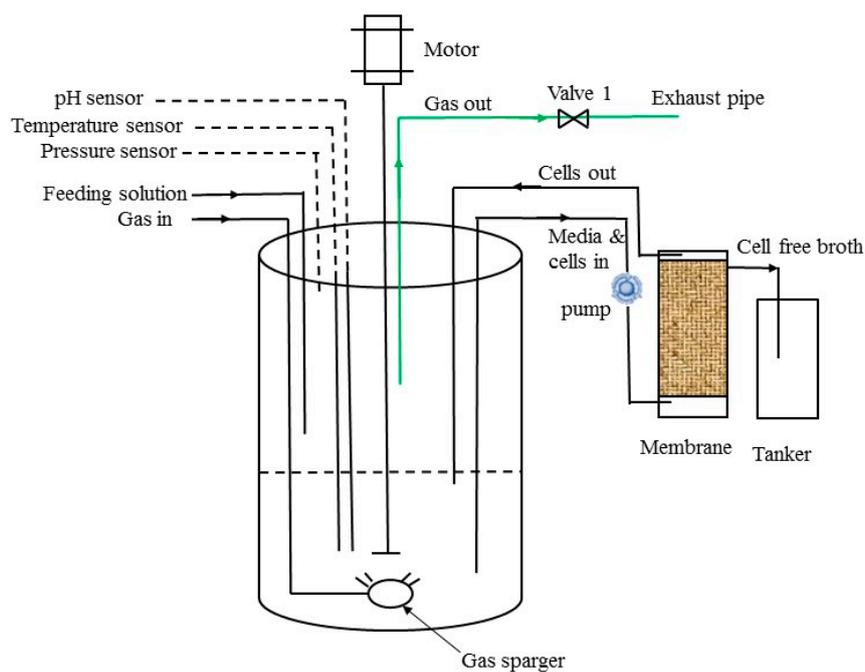
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## 1. The modified DSMZ 879 medium

The modified DSMZ 879 medium with the following composition (per liter): 5.0 g fructose, 1.0 g NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 0.1 g KCl, 0.2 g MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.8 g NaCl, 0.02 g CaCl<sub>2</sub>·2 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1 g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 2.5 mg Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>·2 H<sub>2</sub>O, 1.0 g NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 1.0 g cysteine-HCl·H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 g yeast extract, 0.5 g cysteine, 0.5 mg resazurin, 10 mL trace element solution and 10 mL vitamin solution. Trace element solution contains 2.0 g nitrilotriacetic acid, 1.3 g MnCl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.4 g FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.2 g CoCl<sub>2</sub>·7 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.2 g ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·7 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.2 g Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2 H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.02 g NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6 H<sub>2</sub>O and 0.1 g Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>3</sub>·5 H<sub>2</sub>O in 1 L distilled water. Vitamin solution involves 2 mg biotin, 2 mg folic acid, 10 mg pyridoxine-HCl, 25 mg thiamine-HCl·2 H<sub>2</sub>O, 5 mg riboflavin, 5 mg Nicotinic acid, 5 mg D-Ca-pantothenate, 0.1 mg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, 5 mg p-aminobenzoic acid and 5 mg lipoic acid in 1 L distilled water. Analytical grade

chemicals used in the medium were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. (Shanghai, China). The medium was assembled in anaerobic chamber (Ruskinn technology Ltd., Sony Technology center, Pencoed, Bridgend Mid Glamorgan, UK). After autoclaving,  $\text{FeSO}_4$ , vitamins, cysteine-HCl and  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  were added using syringe with  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  filter.



**Figure S1.** Schematic diagram of the membrane system for 2,3-BDO production in a membrane bioreactor.