

Supplementary Materials: Pyrolysis of High-Ash Natural Microalgae from Water Blooms: Effects of Acid Pretreatment

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Table S1. The ultimate analysis, HHV of microalgae samples.

| | NA | 0 M | 0.1 M | 1 M | 2 M | 4 M | 6 M | 8 M |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C(wt%) | 33.01 | 32.75 | 32.99 | 35.95 | 36.18 | 36.06 | 34.22 | 29.98 |
| H(wt%) | 5.14 | 5.24 | 5.26 | 5.28 | 5.31 | 5.25 | 4.98 | 5.84 |
| O ^a (wt%) | 55.26 | 55.1 | 54.95 | 51.09 | 50.91 | 51.09 | 53.65 | 59.65 |
| N(wt%) | 6.59 | 6.91 | 6.8 | 7.68 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.15 | 4.53 |
| H/C(molar ratio) | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.19 |
| O/C(molar ratio) | 1.67 | 1.68 | 1.67 | 1.42 | 1.41 | 1.42 | 1.57 | 1.99 |
| N/C(molar ratio) | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.15 |
| HHV ^b (MJ/kg) | 14.90 | 14.82 | 14.86 | 15.80 | 15.84 | 15.83 | 15.37 | 13.37 |

^a by difference ^b HHV = $(3.55C^2 - 232C - 2230H + 51.2C \times H + 131N + 20600) \times 10^{-3}$.

Table S2. The HHV of bio-oil from different samples by pyrolysis.

| | NA | 0 M | 0.1 M | 1 M | 2 M | 4 M | 6 M | 8 M |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C(wt%) | 61.43 | 63.56 | 63.88 | 63.51 | 64.14 | 63.34 | 63.54 | 62.22 |
| H(wt%) | 8.06 | 8.27 | 8.27 | 8.33 | 8.32 | 8.28 | 8.51 | 8.24 |
| O ^a (wt%) | 20.39 | 17.3 | 16.68 | 17.44 | 17.26 | 17.93 | 17.75 | 19.19 |
| N(wt%) | 10.12 | 10.87 | 11.17 | 10.72 | 10.28 | 10.45 | 10.20 | 10.35 |
| H/C(molar ratio) | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 |
| O/C(molar ratio) | 0.33 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.31 |
| N/C(molar ratio) | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.17 |
| HHV ^b (MJ/kg) | 28.45 | 30.09 | 30.34 | 30.10 | 30.44 | 29.90 | 30.24 | 29.14 |

^a by difference ^b HHV = $(3.55C^2 - 232C - 2230H + 51.2C \times H + 131N + 20600) \times 10^{-3}$.

Table S3. The relative content of small molecular compounds in the bio-oil.

| | Ash | 0 M | 0.1 M | 1 M | 2 M | 4 M | 6 M | 8 M |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hydrocarbons | 12.90% | 15.60% | 15.66% | 19.86% | 26.67% | 19.95% | 18.17% | 15.42% |
| Heptadecane | 9.68% | 11.38% | 10.19% | 12.75% | 16.29% | 11.82% | 10.82% | 8.59% |
| Heptadecane,9-hexyl- | 3.22% | 4.22% | 3.38% | 4.34% | 7.40% | 5.40% | 4.34% | 5.08% |
| dodecane,5,8-diethyl- | — | — | 2.09% | 2.77% | 2.99% | 2.72% | 3.01% | 1.75% |
| Aromatic Compounds | 6.31% | 12.66% | 13.07% | 3.14% | 1.97% | 0.54% | 2.07% | 0.52% |
| benzene,1-isocyano-2-methyl- | 2.97% | 9.01% | 7.59% | 2.10% | 1.97% | 0.54% | 2.07% | 0.52% |
| Carbamic acid, methyl-, phenylester | 0.83% | 1.60% | 1.23% | — | — | — | — | — |
| phenol,3-methyl- | 2.51% | 2.06% | 2.22% | — | — | — | — | — |
| benzyloxymethylimine | — | — | 2.03% | 1.04% | — | — | — | — |
| Carboxylic acids | 41.14% | 29.41% | 34.29% | 48.52% | 51.62% | 62.53% | 59.83% | 63.18% |
| n-hexadecanoic acid | 22.44% | 19.12% | 26.21% | 41.88% | 45.42% | 58.77% | 56.49% | 54.95% |
| dodecanoic acid, 3-hydroxy- | 2.03% | 3.11% | 1.00% | 2.04% | 0.85% | 1.67% | 1.18% | 0.73% |
| 9-hexadecenoic acid | 1.73% | 3.10% | 1.90% | 4.60% | 5.35% | 2.09% | 2.16% | 2.86% |
| acetic acid | 5.92% | 1.52% | 2.22% | — | — | — | — | — |
| propanoic acid, 2-methyl- | 1.33% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| butanoic acid | 3.19% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| pentanoic acid | 1.91% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pentadecanoic acid,14-methyl-, methylester | 2.60% | 2.56% | 2.96% | — | — | — | — | — |
| E-9-tetradecenoic acid | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.28% |
| Oleic acid | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.36% |
| Nitrogen Compounds | 29.10% | 31.48% | 27.42% | 17.11% | 12.20% | 10.00% | 9.80% | 18.52% |
| hexadecanamide | 11.31% | 16.22% | 11.91% | 11.67% | 7.97% | 7.27% | 7.85% | 12.05% |
| hexadecanenitrile | 10.40% | 10.11% | 8.85% | 3.02% | 3.53% | 2.73% | 1.95% | 6.47% |
| hydrazine,methyl- | — | — | — | 0.38% | 0.70% | — | — | — |
| pyrrole | 0.93% | 1.01% | 1.56% | — | — | — | — | — |
| pentanenitrile,4-methyl- | — | 0.99% | 0.73% | 1.30% | — | — | — | — |
| 1H-pyrrole,3-methyl- | 0.77% | 0.47% | 0.97% | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1H-pyrrole,2-methyl- | 0.47% | 0.38% | 1.04% | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1H-pyrrole,2-ethyl-4-methyl- | 0.38% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| pyrrole,4-ethyl-2-methyl- | 0.42% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| formide, N-methyl-N-4- | 2.85% | 2.30% | 2.36% | 0.73% | — | — | — | — |
| 2-[2-methyl-propenyl]-cyclohexanone oxime | 1.57% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Oxygen Compounds | 10.55% | 10.85% | 9.56% | 11.38% | 7.54% | 6.98% | 10.14% | 2.35% |
| Z-9-pentadecenol | 3.03% | 7.33% | 4.63% | 6.88% | 4.28% | 3.90% | 6.69% | — |
| 13-heptadecyn-1-ol | 1.36% | 2.28% | 2.54% | 1.83% | 3.26% | 3.08% | 3.45% | 2.35% |
| cyclohexanone,4-hydroxy- | 0.93% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2-cyclopenten-1-one,2-methyl- | 1.19% | 1.23% | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1,2,3,4-cyclopentaneterol | 1.01% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| pyrrolidone,5-[3-methoxy-butyl]- | 2.25% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| corymbolone | 0.77% | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 7-hexadecyn-1-ol | — | — | 1.49% | 1.47% | — | — | — | — |
| 2-hexadecanol | — | — | 0.90% | 1.19% | — | — | — | — |

Table S4. Joint hypotheses test between acid concentration and variations.

| Variations | Levene statistic | df1 | df2 | Significance |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
| Ash content | 0.366 | 6 | 14 | 0.889 |
| Ca | 3.927 | 6 | 14 | 0.016 |
| Mg | 0.800 | 6 | 14 | 0.586 |
| Al | 1.005 | 6 | 14 | 0.460 |
| Carbohydrate content | 0.442 | 6 | 14 | 0.839 |
| Liquid yield | 0.520 | 6 | 14 | 0.784 |

Table S5. ANOVA analysis between acid concentration and variations.

| Variations | F value | Significance |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Ash content | 822.434 | 0.000 |
| Ca | 487.785 | 0.000 |
| Mg | 128.118 | 0.000 |
| Al | 14,680.731 | 0.000 |
| Carbohydrate content | 80.393 | 0.000 |
| Liquid yield | 108.339 | 0.000 |

Table S6. Post hoc test of ANOVA analysis between acid concentration and ash content.

| Acid Concentration | | N | $\alpha = 0.05$ Subsets | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Student-Newman-Keuls ^a | 2.0 | 3 | 21.1 | | | | |
| | 1.0 | 3 | | 28.6 | | | |
| | 4.0 | 3 | | | 30.9 | | |
| | 6.0 | 3 | | | | 32.9 | |
| | 0.1 | 3 | | | | 33.6 | |
| | 0.0 | 3 | | | | 33.7 | |
| | 8.0 | 3 | | | | | 43.3 |
| | Significance | | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 0.069 | 1.000 |

The group mean of a subset of the same class was displayed. ^a The harmonic mean sample size = 3.000.

Table S7. Post hoc test of ANOVA analysis between acid concentration and content of Ca.

| Acid Concentration | | N | $\alpha = 0.05$ Subsets | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Student-Newman-Keuls ^a | 2.0 | 3 | 0.32 | | | | |
| | 1.0 | 3 | 0.44 | | | | |
| | 0.1 | 3 | | 1.05 | | | |
| | 0.0 | 3 | | | 2.10 | | |
| | 4.0 | 3 | | | 2.32 | | |
| | 6.0 | 3 | | | | 4.83 | |
| | 8.0 | 3 | | | | | 5.42 |
| | Significance | | 0.375 | 1.000 | 0.115 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

The group mean of a subset of the same class was displayed. ^a The harmonic mean sample size = 3.000.

Table S8. Post hoc test of ANOVA analysis between acid concentration and content of Mg.

| Acid Concentration | | N | $\alpha = 0.05$ Subsets | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Student-Newman-Keuls ^a | 2.0 | 3 | 0.50 | | | |
| | 4.0 | 3 | 0.52 | | | |
| | 8.0 | 3 | | 1.07 | | |
| | 6.0 | 3 | | | 1.18 | |
| | 0.1 | 3 | | | 1.21 | 1.21 |
| | 0.0 | 3 | | | | 1.30 |
| | 1.0 | 3 | | | | 1.31 |
| | Significance | | 0.657 | 1.000 | 0.507 | 0.094 |

The group mean of a subset of the same class was displayed. ^a The harmonic mean sample size = 3.000.

Table S9. Post hoc test of ANOVA analysis between acid concentration and content of Al.

| | | | $\alpha = 0.05$ Subsets | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Acid Concentration | N | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Student-Newman-Keuls ^a | 4.0 | 3 | 5.78 | | | | | | |
| | 2.0 | 3 | | 6.27 | | | | | |
| | 6.0 | 3 | | | 14.15 | | | | |
| | 8.0 | 3 | | | | 14.64 | | | |
| | 1.0 | 3 | | | | | 17.76 | | |
| | 0.1 | 3 | | | | | | 21.95 | |
| | 0.0 | 3 | | | | | | | 23.32 |
| | Significance | | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

The group mean of a subset of the same class was displayed. ^a The harmonic mean sample size = 3.000.

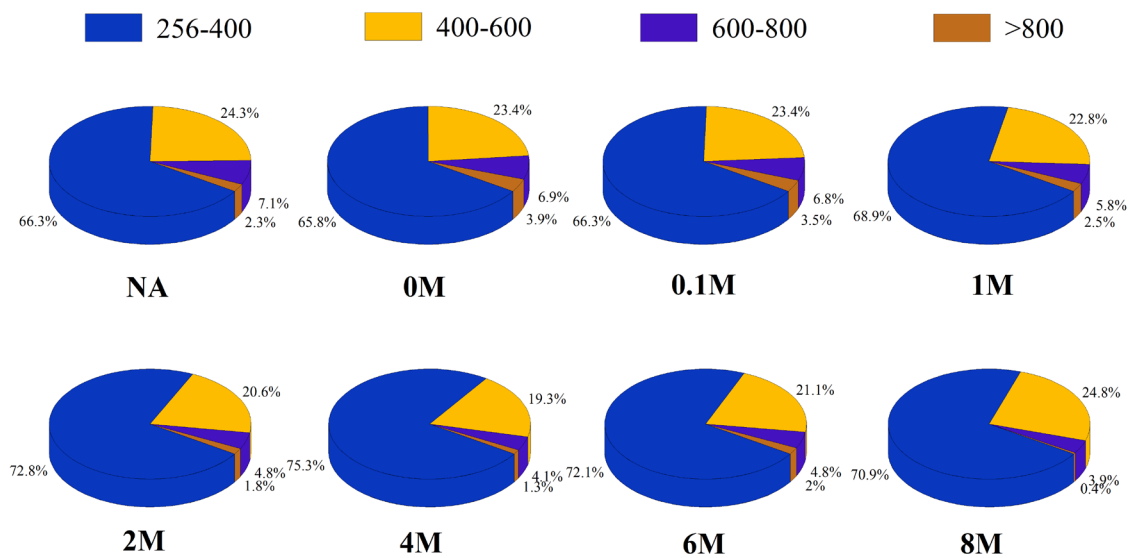


Figure S1. The molecular weight distribution of the bio-oil.