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1 **Trends in mitigation of industrial waste: Global health hazards, environmental**
2 **implications and waste derived economy for environmental sustainability**

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28 **Abstract**

29 Majority of industries, in order to meet the technological development and consumer
30 demands, generate organic waste. The untreated waste spreads out toxic and harmful
31 substances in the environment which serves as a breeding ground for pathogenic
32 microorganisms thus causing severe health hazards. The three industrial sectors namely food,
33 agriculture, and oil industry are among the primary organic waste producers that affect urban
34 health and economic growth. Conventional treatment generates a significant amount of
35 greenhouse gases which further contributes to global warming. Thus, the use of microbes for
36 utilization of this waste, liberating CO₂ offers an indispensable tool. The simultaneous
37 production of value-added products such as bioplastics, biofuels, and biosurfactants increases
38 the economics of the process and contributes to environmental sustainability. This review for
39 the first time comprehensively summarized the composition of organic waste generated from
40 the food, agriculture, and oil industry. The linkages between global health hazards of
41 industrial waste and environmental implications have been uncovered. State-of-the-art
42 information on their subsequent utilization as a substrate to produce value-added products
43 through bio-routes has been elaborated. The research gaps, economical perspective, and
44 future research directions have been identified and discussed to strengthen environmental
45 sustainability.

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47 **Keywords:** Environmental sustainability; Waste derived economy; Bioplastic; Biosurfactants;
48 Organic waste

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51 **1. Introduction**

52 The leapfrog increase in population urged the manufacturing industries to meet technological
53 development and consumer demand. Thus, along with the development of a new product, a
54 different category of waste is generated substantially which causes social and environmental
55 challenges due to its disposal and mismanagement (Gaur et al., 2020a; Sindhu et al., 2019;
56 Varjani et al., 2015). An articulate and determined action is needed to manage the waste that
57 can later be recycled and reused as a valuable resource (Alonso et al., 2015; Kundariya et al.,
58 2021). Industrialization in the food, agriculture, and oil sector contributes a significant
59 amount to waste generation. It has been evaluated that the agricultural sector furnishes 24
60 million tons of food around the world generating tons of solid waste with an increase of
61 approximately 7.5% per year (Adejumo and Adebisi, 2020). According to the Food and
62 Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations, 1.3 billion tons of waste was generated
63 from the food industry globally. Agro-industries during crop processing generates 250
64 million tons of waste globally from non-edible plants per year (Sharma et al., 2020). Another
65 noteworthy contribution to organic waste was from the oil industry. Vegetable or petroleum
66 oil industries generate a significant amount of waste during processing (Gaur et al., 2021a).
67 The global vegetable oil market is estimated to increase at a 5.1% compound annual growth
68 rate from 2015 to 2024 and reach US\$ 130.3 billion by 2024 (Ahmad et al., 2020). During the
69 production and processing of oil, a significant amount of waste is generated which includes
70 organic soil waste (containing husks and seeds), inorganic residues, and wastewater (Ngoie et
71 al., 2020). Most interestingly is the fact that a major fraction of these waste is organic and
72 thus if left untreated can cause severe environmental and human health hazards (Espinosa-
73 Ortiz et al., 2021; Gaur et al., 2020a).

74 The traditional approaches of incineration, land-filling, composting also add up to
75 environmental hazards by giving rise to greenhouse gases and by becoming a breeding
76 ground to pathogenic microorganisms (Rajendran et al., 2021; Sharma et al., 2020; Tsang et
77 al., 2019). These techniques have various inherent flaws like low accuracy and efficiency,
78 exorbitant cost, and budding environmental risks. To address the pertaining issues
79 intervention of machine learning, artificial neural network and Artificial intelligence like
80 sophisticated technique are warranted for mitigation of non-linear organic waste generation
81 and accumulation (Guo et al., 2021). To improve the environmental balance, search for an
82 innovative concept like waste valorization will be able to reduce and manage industrial waste
83 (Sharma et al., 2021). Thus alternatively, this unprocessed and incompetently treated waste
84 can serve as raw material for the production of valuable products thus significantly assisting
85 in waste management (Adebayo and Obiekezie, 2018; Rene et al., 2020). Waste valorization
86 is a process of transforming waste matter into valuable products like bioactive molecules,
87 fuels, and chemicals (Leong et al., 2021).

88 Recycling industrial wastes into valuable and alternative products has noteworthy
89 benefits for the environment, community, and industries (Mohanty et al., 2021). Waste
90 derived from industries has plenty of lipids, proteins, lignocelluloses, carbohydrates, and
91 other organic compounds which can be turned into value-added products with the help of
92 microbial action (Rajmohan et al., 2021; Gaur et al., 2020a; Sirohi et al., 2021). Several
93 bacterial species such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Brevibacillus borstelensis*, *Bacillus*
94 *licheniformis*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Enterococcus hirae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and
95 *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* (Al-Wasify et al., 2017; Awasthi et al., 2018; Khanal et al., 2020;
96 Msarah et al., 2020) and fungal species such as *Alternaria* sp., *Trichoderma harzianum*,
97 *Fusarium* sp., *Phanerochaete chrysosporium*, and *Aspergillus* (Chen et al., 2019) has been
98 reported with the potential to bio-transform wastes to produce value-added products. Products

99 like biofuels, fire resistance material, biogas, bio-hydrogen, eicosapentaenoic acid, secondary
100 metabolites, hydrochar, poly-hydroxyalkanoates, enzymes, dispersants, and synthetic fertilizer
101 are well synthesized from microbes using industrial waste as a sole source of carbon (Chong
102 et al., 2021b; Pandey et al., 2021; Sharma et al., 2020; Sirohi et al., 2021).

103 This review essentially highlights the food, agri-, and oil industry sources of organic
104 waste and their effect on the environment. The composition of different wastes has been
105 discussed. This study for the first time comprehensively summarizes the valorization strategy
106 for the waste generated from these three industries and the microorganisms involved in the
107 valorization and degradation of these wastes. The global health hazards of industrial waste,
108 its environmental implications, and policies for waste management have been discussed. The
109 impact on environmental sustainability and the future direction is proposed to attain a circular
110 bioeconomy from this waste.

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112 **2. Organic waste and its Industrial sources**

113 *2.1 Oil industry*

114 Waste streams from household kitchens, commercial kitchens, oil mills, are the major
115 contributors in oil-rich waste production. Lipids are the main constituent of these streams
116 which was reported to be contaminating approximately 1 million litres of natural water/ litre
117 of lipid waste (Okino-Delgado et al., 2017), whereas petroleum industries and refineries
118 contribute towards hydrocarbon waste (Varjani, 2017). It was observed that a huge volume of
119 waste was produced by edible oil refining industries during various steps of processing
120 (Welz, 2019). These industries utilize high amount of water and steam during different
121 processes such as degumming, bleaching, neutralization, and deodorization process. This
122 water was retrieved as effluent wastewater laden with impurities like fatty acids,

123 carbohydrates, protein, aldehydes, ketones, waxes, and oil content (Sharma et al., 2020;
124 Welz, 2019).

125 According to statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
126 Foreign Agricultural Service, in 2019 around 208 million metric tons of edible vegetable oil
127 was produced globally (Welz, 2019). Approximately 350.9 million tonnes of de-oiled cake
128 and oil meal was discharged through these industries as an oil processing waste every year.
129 As per the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 2014, about 70,000–
130 80,000 tons of waste cooking oil was produced by households, street vendors, and food plants
131 in Taiwan. In tropical regions, oil meal was obtained as a by-product of processing of oil
132 seeds like soybean, peanut, sesame in the vegetable oil processing industry (Chang et al.,
133 2018). The edible de-oiled cakes are highly rich in protein content so they can be further
134 utilized in different industries for value added products development like cattle feed and
135 fertilizer (Barik and Murugan, 2015; Chang et al., 2018). Non-edible oil cakes are toxic
136 therefore they cannot be used for fertilizer production or direct usage in farming. Microbial
137 decomposition of these non-edible oil cakes in open land produces various anthropogenic
138 gases, such as CO₂, CH₄, H₂S, N₂O, NH₃, and organic volatile compounds which may show
139 potential contribution in global warming (Barik and Murugan, 2015). Disposal of oil
140 industries wastewater into natural water resources produces film onto the surface of water
141 bodies and poses a severe threat to the embedded aquatic life.

142 Petroleum oil industries and refineries are disposing different organic and inorganic
143 pollutants into soil and natural water bodies like hydrocarbons (aliphatic, aromatic,
144 asphaltenes, O, N, and S containing compounds), phenol, BTEX, sulfides, and heavy metals
145 (Gaur et al., 2021b; Varjani et al., 2017; Varjani and Gnansounou, 2017). The process of oil
146 production, refining, transportation, storage, and distribution produces large quantities of
147 toxic substances which are harmful to both environment and human health (Varjani et al.,

148 2020a). The pH of oil sludge obtained from oil industry usually ranges from 6.5 to 7.5
149 depending upon the sources of crude oil, processing method, and reagents used, etc. (Jasmine
150 and Mukherji, 2019). Petroleum industry wastewater possesses higher levels of BOD, COD,
151 total solids, hydrocarbons, and other waste. Petroleum waste is highly rich in oil sludge,
152 grease content, heavy metals, waste catalyst, volatile organic compounds, total dissolved
153 salts, nitrates, ammonia, sulfides, etc. (Jasmine and Mukherji, 2019; Varjani and Upasani,
154 2017). The pollutants present in wastewater may cause a uniform attack, pitting, erosion, and
155 galvanic type of corrosion in metallic bodies. This was attributed due to their toxic nature,
156 which may further compromise the health of human beings (Khadom et al., 2015).

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158 *2.2. Food Processing Industries*

159 The demand for processed food is exponentially rising in the modern era of technological
160 development. This emphasizes excessive stress on natural resources to match the requirement
161 and imposes pressure to deal with processing wastes and by-products (Nikmaram and
162 Rosentrater, 2019). There are two types of discharges produced by food processing
163 industries: i) primary waste, ii) secondary waste. The primary wastes discharged from
164 processing industries are organic substances, chiefly comprising of carbohydrate, protein,
165 lipids, etc., in the form of trims, culls, peels, seeds, and pomace from fruits and vegetables
166 processing industries. Furthermore blood, bones, feathers, intestines, tripe and various animal
167 organs were released from slaughterhouses and meat processing industries (Osorio et al.,
168 2021; Vendruscolo et al., 2008). The secondary wastes were problematic discharges of food
169 processing industries that include wastewater, greenhouse gases, packaging material, etc.
170 (Nikmaram and Rosentrater, 2019).

171 As per an estimate of FAO, globally, one-third of the total food produced was lost
172 before reaching to human mouth which is equivalent to the total production received from

173 28% of the total agriculture area i.e. 1.4 billion hectares of global fertile land (Sharma et al.,
174 2020). These losses can be checked to a certain limit by using proper industrial processing of
175 food products. Processing furnishes longevity and esteem to food products, influencing the
176 nutritional and structural composition in terms of its digestibility, bioactive compounds
177 bioavailability, and shelf life extension (Sharma et al., 2020). In 2016, the slaughtering of 70
178 million tonnes of livestock in animal processing industries had produced 14 million tonnes of
179 by-products in the European Union. In Turkey, approximately 41,121,380 kg of bone waste
180 and 17,990,604 kg of blood waste were produced in the year 2020 (Ranaei et al., 2021). Food
181 processing waste is a challenge incurred during the whole food supply chain which raises
182 serious concerns about food security, profitability, sustainability, and economic problems
183 (Ghosh et al., 2016). Globally, food waste accounts for a total loss of around US\$ 936 billion
184 every year along with a burden on the environment. In the USA food costing around US\$ 90–
185 100 billion was wasted every year. In the UK 7 million tonnes of food waste was produced
186 every year incurring a total capital loss of £10.2 billion including the cost of production,
187 harvesting, processing, and waste management (Sharma et al., 2021).

188 Food processing industries are of various types as per the processing raw material
189 such as cereal and pulses industry, fruits and vegetable industry, edible oil industry, meat and
190 poultry industry, seafood industry, and dairy industry (Gaur et al., 2020a). Caldeira et al.
191 (2020) found that cereals, fruits, and vegetable processing industries are responsible for the
192 generation of the highest share of food waste as compared to other food processing industries
193 (Caldeira et al., 2020). Globally, fruits and vegetable juice processing, canning & frozen
194 food, wine manufacturing industries annually liberate 5.5 MMT, 6 MMT, and 9 MMT of
195 peels, leaves, stalk, stems, seeds, and pomace waste respectively into the environment.
196 Grapes juice processing solely discharges around 5MMT of waste annually (Gaur et al.,
197 2020a).

198 In the USA animal processing industry produces waste of value around US\$ 83,127 million
199 and US\$ 69,100 million in the form of meat product waste and poultry waste respectively. In
200 Australia meat and fishes costing around AUS\$ 872.5 million (US\$ 637.5 million) are wasted
201 every year (Ghosh et al., 2016). On an average solid waste production from bovine
202 slaughterhouses was around 275 kg/tonne of live animal weight, pig slaughterhouse produces
203 2.3 kg of waste per animal slaughtered which represents around 4% of total animal weight
204 (Jayathilakan et al., 2012). In Mexico, milk processing industries generate around 3.74 and
205 11.22 million m³ of waste products each year which nearly equals to one to three times the
206 volume of milk produced annually. While in Denmark, 71,000 tonnes of milk and dairy
207 products waste was discharged annually (Ghosh et al., 2016).

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209 *2.3. Agri industrial waste*

210 The agriculture industry is primarily dedicated to agriculture, livestock, fishing, forestry, and
211 agri-business operations, where the transformation of raw materials into semi-finished edible
212 products takes place. The agriculture industry produces raw materials for various
213 subcategories of food industries such as the dairy industry, fruit and vegetable industry, oil
214 and fat industry, milling industry, meat industry, fish and seafood industry, etc. (Osorio et al.,
215 2021; Scoma et al., 2016). A considerable amount of agricultural productivity loss during
216 pre-processing provokes worldwide concern of policymakers and other stakeholders
217 including governments. It immensely contributes to economic, environmental, and social
218 problems (Osorio et al., 2021; Panda et al., 2018). Agro-industrial waste is the waste
219 accumulated from agricultural activities and during the processing of agriculture and animal
220 products. The crop harvesting process leads to the production of agriculture residues which is
221 majorly composed of stalks, stems, leaves, roots, straw, seeds, pods, hull, husk, etc. which

222 declines the objective of the successive food supply chain (Kumla et al., 2020; Osorio et al.,
223 2021).

224 Asia ranks first in agricultural residues production with a share of 47%, followed by
225 the US, Europe, Brazil, India, and Oceania (Bakker, 2013; Kumla et al., 2020). In India,
226 around 600 metric tons of agro-industrial waste was produced annually which is supposed to
227 be elevated considerably throughout the world from 2020 through 2021 due to COVID-19
228 pandemic crisis when proper harvesting and processing means were not available in time.
229 (Maraveas, 2020; Osorio et al., 2021). In developed countries around 198.9 kg/year per capita
230 of agriculture waste and food loss is generated. In the United States, 40% of the whole
231 productivity is lost annually. In North Africa, West and Central Asia 32% of the global
232 production is wasted while the European continent stood third in the list with a 20% loss of
233 the total productivity worldwide (Osorio et al., 2021).

234 Among all commodities, fruits, vegetables, roots, and tubers are the highest waste
235 generating commodities causing 44% (520–650 million tonnes) and 20% of the global
236 quantitative food losses respectively followed by a 19% contribution of cereals (Ravindran et
237 al., 2018; Tassoni et al., 2020). In Mexico, losses of fruits, vegetables, cereals as husk, bark,
238 seeds, pomace account for an annual loss of 76 million tons (Leyva-López et al., 2020). In
239 European Union, 89 million tons of food waste is produced every year as agricultural
240 residues costing around 367 million tons per year (Ravindran et al., 2018). These wastes are
241 organic substances that emerged as opportunistic, low-cost substrates for the production of
242 high-value products including enzymes, bioactive components, building materials, filler
243 materials, etc. Agriculture waste such as rice husk ash, sugarcane bagasse ash, and bamboo
244 leaves ash are used in the sustainable development of construction material. Agri-crop wastes
245 such as rice husks, rice straw, peanut shells, and coconut shells, are successfully incorporated

246 into cement blocks as partial replacement of sand and meet ASTM standards in strength and
247 durability features (Maraveas, 2020).

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249 **3. Linkages between global health hazards of industrial waste, environmental** 250 **implications, and global regulations**

251 Industrialization is being a major element for evaluating the economic ranking of a nation.
252 Although the expansion of industries does not stand up without a cost, it induces serious
253 threats to the environment including deterioration and environmental pollution (Ofoezie and
254 Sonibare, 2004). The nature, quantity, and composition of industrially derived waste affect
255 their impact on the environment (Mishra et al., 2020). Waste generation may differ
256 substantially according to the operations and processing of the industries (Tyler, 2002; Shah
257 et al., 2021). However, industries like food, agriculture, and oil processing are the prominent
258 ones for the utility of raw materials, processing of intermediate products, packaging, and
259 washing. Among them, agro-industries are the global leaders by offering food across the
260 world (Gaur et al., 2020a), but the waste generated by agro-industries was also evident. Dust,
261 mist, gypsum, and acids are the eminent category of waste from the agro-industry, which
262 directly emerge from the processing unit. Pollutants like heavy metals and trichloroethylene
263 were reported to release from agricultural industries which give rise to several diseases in
264 mankind (Gaur et al., 2020a). Synthetic manure used in the agricultural field tends to cause
265 problems associated with ammonia toxicity and infestation of pathogenic microbes
266 (Dominguez and Edwards, 2011). Solid agricultural waste (peel of fruits and vegetables)
267 requires high salt concentration for processing and was known to cause a detrimental effect
268 on the terrestrial ecosystem by changing permeability and porosity of soil thus decreasing the
269 merit of irrigation (Cheng et al., 2020; Loehr, 1978). Potential leaching of nutrients like

270 phosphorus leads to eutrophication in the river ecosystem alters taste and odour of drinking
271 water and accelerated deoxygenation of water followed by the killing of aquatic organisms.

272 Wastewater and effluent from the meat processing industry carry a considerable
273 amount of organic load which if discharged affects the aquatic ecosystem by depleting
274 oxygen and producing odour and scum (Alneyadi et al., 2018; Irshad et al., 2016; Mishra et
275 al., 2019; Devda et al., 2021). The United Nations has evaluated that 18% of the total
276 greenhouse gas emission was contributed by highly malodorous waste from the food and
277 meat processing industry. Waste originated from food processing and production units are
278 rich in total suspended solids and contribute to an excessive amount of nitrogen, phosphorus,
279 and infectious microorganisms (Khedkar and Singh, 2018). Fruit and vegetable processing
280 industries release immoderate amount of effluent which contains pesticide residues that adds
281 up during washing from the raw feedstock. Pesticide from industries reaches to soil and water
282 ecosystem and was reported to cause acute as well as chronic disorders in human beings
283 (Irshad et al., 2016). Some sulfur compounds such as sodium dioxide/sodium bisulfide used
284 in the treatment of fruits and vegetables found their way in wastewater effluent and led to
285 terrifying effects on the brain hypothalamus and nervous system of aquatic animals (Last,
286 1982). Adherence to pathogenic microorganisms on the surface of fruits and vegetables was
287 the major concern as they flush out with effluent during washing.

288 A large amount of food industry waste after composting produces a significant
289 amount of methane gas which absorbs infrared radiation and makes the earth's temperature
290 hot thus causes climate change. Among all industries, the petroleum industry also contributes
291 to the proliferation of carbonaceous compounds into the earth's biosphere. Oil processing
292 industries and oil refineries release several undesired components like traces of heavy metals,
293 salts, and hydrocarbons to the environment that can significantly pollute the environment
294 (Varjani et al., 2020c, 2020b; Varjani and Upasani, 2016). The effect of high concentration of

295 heavy metals in the environment was evident by their interaction with proteins/enzymes,
296 which further inhibits biochemical processes in animal cells. The inhibition of metabolic
297 processes adversely affects the kidney, liver, and nervous system. During drilling of oil, a
298 high concentration of salts was disposed to the soil ecosystem which alters the porosity of
299 soil and limits the access of air into soil particles and plant roots (Cormack, 1983). Volatile
300 organic compounds released from vegetable oil industries react with the sunlight and form
301 ground level ozone, which triggers asthma in humans. Over the past years, the inappropriate
302 release of waste from different industries is wreaking havoc on earth. The consequences of
303 these irregular practices had led to a large degree of environmental hazard leading to serious
304 threat for human and environmental health (Nguyen et al., 2021). However, the amount of
305 waste generated by industries may be small, but the menace it causes to the environment is
306 extensively large and thus cannot be avoided. Thus the utilization of waste as a resource
307 significantly contributes to the concept of circular bioeconomy (Fig. 1).

308 For management and utilization of food waste from different streams, the intervention of
309 government policies is mandatory to regulate the food supply, monitoring production,
310 capacity, demand, and waste management-cum-valorization (Joshi and Visvanathan, 2019).
311 Policies for sustainable food waste management are emphasizing upon waste reduction, and
312 its effective management through awareness campaigns among consumers, retailers, farmers,
313 authorities, charities, and marketers, etc. to reach the international and national goal of
314 sustainable development (Thyberg and Tonjes, 2016). Policy makers should also consider
315 market-based tools for financial assistance and tax relaxation in order to reduce economic
316 loss in terms of food waste (Fattibene et al., 2020). It is the responsibility of each one of
317 stakeholder to stick to the regulations for the conservation of resources and to generate
318 maximum revenue or benefit out of bioresource. In 2018 European Union has adopted and
319 revised waste framework directives as a “Circular economy package” to reduce, prevent,

320 recycle, and valorization of food waste. The “4 Rs” of waste management i.e. reduce, reuse,
321 recycle and recovery discussed in the “7th Environment Action Programme of EU to 2020”
322 has substantially reduced accumulation and release of food waste from processing industries
323 especially in Japan (17%) during 2008-2012 (Gaur et al., 2020a).

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325 **4. Bio-routes for valorization of different industrial feedstocks**

326 The increase in waste production and improper disposal in the environment can be managed by
327 employing different techniques like incineration, landfills, and 3R’s (i.e., reduce, reuse, and
328 recycle). In recent years, the use of microorganisms for waste mitigation/management had
329 significantly increased (Table 1). Microorganisms like, bacteria and fungi have the ability to
330 metabolize nearly all types of organic compounds present in waste materials (Adebayo and
331 Obiekezie, 2018).

332 Microbial biotechnology techniques like bio-composting, biodegradation,
333 bioremediation, and biotransformation can be employed to degrade, mitigate or valorize waste
334 (Mondal and Palit, 2019). During the process of composting, organic waste can be converted and
335 mitigated into less harmful or more stabilized form with the help of microbes. This process was
336 facilitated by a wide diversity of bacteria and fungi under aerobic or anaerobic environments
337 (Chong et al., 2021a). In aerobic composting, food and agricultural wastes are decomposed into
338 simpler organic compounds such as ammonia, carbon dioxide, heat, and water whereas anaerobic
339 decomposition produces organic acid, methane, and hydrogen sulfide (SI, 2016). The optimum
340 conditions required for composting were: i) Temperature should range between 50-60°C as
341 above this temperature a reduction in microbial activity was reported. ii) Optimum pH range
342 should be within 6.0-7.5 for bacterial growth and 5.5-8.0 for fungi. iii) The suitable moisture
343 content for composting ranges between 60-70%. Moisture content below 40% and above 70%
344 gradually reduces microbial activities. iv) The carbon to nitrogen (C/N) ratio should be ranging

345 between 25 and 35. The C/N ratio is an important factor as carbon source provides energy and
346 nitrogen is essential for the growth of microorganisms (DeRouchey, 2014; Mondal and Palit,
347 2019). The C/N ratio less than 20 was considered mature compost and can be used as fertilizer
348 (Chen et al., 2019).

349 Another strategy namely biodegradation is a naturally occurring process that converts
350 complex organic compounds into simpler ones with the help of microorganisms mainly bacteria,
351 fungi, and yeast. It is one of the major techniques for waste management and environmental
352 sustainability. During this process, aerobic biodegradation leads to the formation of carbon
353 dioxide and water whereas the end products of anaerobic degradation are carbon dioxide, water,
354 and methane (Pérez et al., 2002). A combination of amylolytic properties bearing bacteria
355 namely *Bacillus subtilis* and *Bacillus licheniformis* enhanced the degradation of domestic food
356 waste comprising of vegetables, fruits, grains, chicken, etc. They observed that both strains
357 together degrade 43% food waste at 45 °C in 12 d. The experiment showed a faster degradation
358 rate than α -amylase alone (Msarah et al., 2020).

359 Ivanov et al. (2004) monitored biodegradation of a mixture of food waste and sewage
360 sludge using aerobic thermophile, *Bacillus thermoamylovorans* SW25. The degradation rate was
361 measured by the amount of carbon dioxide released. A decrease in organic matter from 3.8 to 1.3
362 mg CO₂ per g of organic matter per day was observed (Ivanov et al., 2004). The biodegradation
363 of food waste with the help of amylolytic strains such as *Bacillus licheniformis* and *Brevibacillus*
364 *borstelensis* and cellulolytic strains like *Bacillus thuringiensis* was studied. The pre- and post-
365 consumed food wastes in the ratio 1:1 showed a reduction of 64.38% organic matter after 15 d
366 (Awasthi et al., 2018). Al-Wasify et al. (2017) investigated the biodegradation of dairy
367 wastewater. Five member bacterial consortia, including *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Lactobacillus*
368 *delbrueckii*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Enterococcus hirae*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*, and three fungal
369 strains namely *Alternaria* sp., *Fusarium* sp., and *Aspergillus* sp. were inoculated in different

370 reactors. The bacterial consortium showed better degradative capability with biological oxygen
371 demand (BOD) removal of 78.7% whereas fungal consortium obtained 74.7% BOD removal
372 (Al-Wasify et al., 2017). Microalgae bear extraordinary potential to breed in wastewater due to
373 its tolerance for a broad spectrum of water salinity, pH and temperature, SO₂, N₂O, and CO₂
374 (Vinayak et al., 2021). Therefore, microalgae are promising organism for natural remediation of
375 nutrients rich wastewater (Aron et al., 2021). In symbiotic relationship of microalgae and
376 bacterial consortium algae utilizes CO₂ for organic compounds production, which is consumed
377 by heterotrophic bacteria for production of secondary metabolites of human interest. In the
378 coming days, microalgal-bacterial consortia would also be adopted for sustainable wastewater
379 treatment, CO₂ fixation, bioenergy production and further advancement of life sciences sectors
380 (Khoo et al., 2021).

381 Furthermore, the emerging technology of bioremediation includes biological degradation
382 or removal of organic wastes under controlled environmental conditions (Fig. 2). The
383 mechanism of bioremediation involves the reduction, degradation, detoxification, mineralization,
384 and transformation of toxic pollutants (Sharma, 2020). In-situ bioremediation treatment is
385 performed on-site and the process is less expensive covering a large surface area at the same
386 time whereas, in ex-situ bioremediation, the soil was excavated and placed in a different
387 treatment area for further degradation processes (Butnariu and Butu, 2020; Mondal and Palit,
388 2019). The factors affecting bioremediation are energy sources, temperature, pH, oxygen
389 concentration, and moisture content (Abatenh et al., 2017).

390 Microorganisms like bacteria, fungi, algae, and yeast are involved in the bioremediation
391 of contaminants. Many aerobic and anaerobic bacteria exhibit the ability to remediate or degrade
392 pesticides, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls, etc. (Sharma, 2020). The
393 potential of indigenous bacteria in diesel bioremediation was studied by Safdari et al. (2017).
394 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Bacillus subtilis* from petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil

395 were isolated and each was inoculated separately in a 2% (v/v) diesel solution. *P. aeruginosa*
396 showed higher degradation efficiency of hydrocarbons about 87% whereas *B. subtilis* degraded
397 75% of total hydrocarbons after 20 d (Safdari et al., 2017). Electro-kinetic remediation was
398 coupled with bioremediation to enhance crude oil remediation. Biosurfactant producing microbes
399 namely *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus velezensis*, and *Bacillus licheniformis* were selected.
400 Biosurfactant enhances electro-kinetic remediation by increasing solubilization of hydrocarbon
401 which leads to its speedy electro-migration. The biodegradation efficiency of *B. subtilis*, *B.*
402 *licheniformis*, and *B. velezensis* was found to be 88%, 92%, and 97% respectively (Prakash et al.,
403 2021). Four fungal species namely *Aspergillus niger*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Candida*
404 *glabrata*, and *Candida krusei* were isolated from petroleum contaminated soil and were studied
405 for their potential to utilize crude oil. For the degradation study, 4% (v/v) of each strain was
406 inoculated in 1% crude oil and after 7 d of incubation, *A. niger* showed maximum biodegradation
407 of 94% (Burghal et al., 2016).

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409 **5. Value added products from organic wastes**

410 These industrial sectors primarily produce organic waste at every stage of its processing
411 throughout the end life of its product which can be efficiently converted to a number of
412 value-added products upon microbial action (Fig 3). This section detailed the utilization of
413 this waste for the production of biofuel (an alternate to reduce the use of non-renewable
414 energy resources), bioplastics (biodegradable plastic to reduce conventional ones),
415 biosurfactant (21st century biomolecules exhibiting multifarious applications).

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417 *5.1. Bioplastic(s)*

418 Plastic is an indispensable commodity owing to its diverse applications. Globally,
419 approximately 300 Mt of plastic was produced annually causing serious disposal concerns

420 polluting land and waterways. It was reported that 10–20 Mt of plastics accumulates in the
421 oceans annually (Pratt et al., 2019). This has led to the search and use of biodegradable bio-
422 origin plastic also termed bio-plastics which is meant to replace the use of plastics from
423 shopping bags to everything including automobiles (Kaeb et al., 2016). Bio-plastic was
424 reported to contain the formulation ingredients obtained from renewable substrates. The huge
425 production of plastic also corresponds to the depletion of fossil fuels, thus it became
426 imperative to look for alternate sources for the generation of bio-plastics (Kumar et al.,
427 2021b). Some of the major bio-plastics include starch blends, polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA),
428 polybutylene succinate (PBS), hydroxybutyrate (PHB), polylactic acid (PLA), and polyvinyl
429 alcohol (PVA) (Sharma et al., 2020; Tsang et al., 2019). An array of microorganisms from
430 *Bacillus*, *Ralstonia*, *Pseudomonas*, *Allochromatium*, *Burkholderia*, and *Methylobacterium*
431 genera were found to synthesize PHA by utilizing carbon waste following three main
432 pathways in microbial system viz. pathway I (acetyl-CoA → 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA),
433 pathway II (β oxidation of fatty acids), pathway III (fatty acid biosynthesis) (Saratale et al.,
434 2021).

435 Among the bioplastics, polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs) is one of the important class
436 that emerged because of their mechanical, biodegradable, and thermoplastic properties. PHAs
437 are synthesized by microbial strain under non-favourable conditions viz., excess carbon, and
438 limiting oxygen, phosphorus, or nitrogen (Colombo et al., 2016). PHAs are intracellularly
439 produced as energy and carbon storage molecules. The properties of PHAs can be controlled
440 by changing the producing microbial strain, fermentation conditions, and substrate utilized
441 (Yadav et al., 2020). The major limitation of PHAs is their high production cost as the
442 conventional polymer cost around US\$ 1000 to 1500 per Mt, whereas PHB cost from US\$
443 4000 to 15000 per Mt (Kosseva and Rusbandi, 2018). It was reported that the compound
444 annual growth rate (CAGR) of the PHA market is 6.27% from 2016 to 2021 and reach

445 23734.65 Mt by 2021 (Perez-Rivero et al., 2019). To overcome the cost barrier, several
446 wastes generated from different sources were used for the production of PHAs as it was noted
447 that feedstock accounts for approximately 30-50% cost of PHA production.

448 The utilization of waste also reduced waste disposal cost and aids in waste
449 management (Yadav et al., 2020). Bioplastic was considered essential in increasing the
450 sustainability that can be defined by socio-economic and environmental balance which
451 follows the concept of '4e' i.e. ethical, economic, engineering, and environmental aspects
452 (Koller et al., 2017). Wastes such as molasses, palm oil, and olive oil mill effluents, paper-
453 mill wastewater, coffee waste, biodiesel industry waste, lingo-cellulosic biomass, cheese
454 whey, and sludge were used as substrates for PHA production (Yadav et al., 2020). Waste oil
455 was considered a good carbon source as it does not require a pretreatment step, irrespective of
456 its origin. *Pseudomonas* sp. and *Cupriavidus necator* were reported to produce PHAs in the
457 range of 35 to 68% of cell dry weight by utilizing waste frying sunflower, corn, and palm oil
458 (Khatami et al., 2020). Propanol is a precursor of 3-hydroxyvalerate was added to the culture
459 of *Cupriavidus necator* to obtain a high yield of PHA. It was recorded that waste rapeseed oil
460 as a substrate in the presence of propanol yielded 80% dry cell weight of PHAs (Obruca et
461 al., 2010). *Bacillus thermoamylovorans* produced 87% cell dry weight PHA by utilizing
462 waste cooking oil (Sangkharak et al., 2020). The produced PHA was found to act as a
463 feedstock for the production of 3-hydroxyalkanoate methyl ester as a blending agent that was
464 used to reduce the cetane number for diesel engines. The yield of PHA was doubled by
465 disabling the *tctA* gene in *P. putida* strain KT2440. This recombinant *P. putida* produced 1.91
466 g/L of medium-chain length-PHA in 72 h by utilizing waste vegetable oil as a substrate
467 (Borrero-de Acuña et al., 2019).

468 Pretreatment is required to convert organic food waste to bio-plastic. Pretreatment
469 strategies enhance the chemical, physical and biological properties of food waste (Tsang et

470 al., 2019). In a fermentation process (7.5L), *Alcaligenes* sp. NCIM 5085 produced 70.89% of
471 PHB by utilizing cane molasses. The optimized process yielded productivity of 0.312 g/L/h
472 (Tripathi et al., 2019). The biomass from enriched activated sludge utilized distillery spent
473 wash of rice and jowar grain as substrate and yielded 40% and 42.3% of PHA. The yield of
474 PHA was found to be increased to 67% by the addition of di-ammonium hydrogen phosphate
475 (Khardenavis et al., 2007). Bagasse, wheat straw, and wood hydrolyzate were used as a
476 substrate by *Ralstonia* and *Burkholderia* species for the production of PHA by a fermentation
477 process. It was reported to yield 65%, 72%, and 51.4% PHAs respectively (Al-Battashi et al.,
478 2019).

479 In a fed-batch fermentation strategy, wheat straw hydrolyzate serves as a source for
480 PHB production and yielded 105.0 g/L and 135.8 g/L of polymer accumulation and biomass
481 (Cesário et al., 2014). Furthermore, *B. cepacia* utilized woody hydrolyzate as a substrate and
482 yielded 51.4% dry cell weight and 8.72 g/L of PHA content in 96 h (Al-Battashi et al., 2019).
483 NaC+NaS pretreated Kenaf biomass hydrolyzate was employed as a feedstock for
484 polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) synthesis using *Ralstonia eutropha*. They recorded a 70.0% PHA
485 accumulation and 0.488 g/g of PHB yield in 36 h of fermentation (Saratale et al., 2019).
486 Corn stover was reported as the favorable substrate for the production of PHAs by
487 *Paracoccus* sp. It was found that the enzymatically hydrolyzed corn stover without any
488 detoxification resulted in 9.71 g/L of PHAs (Sawant et al., 2015). Kovalcik et al. (2020)
489 reported that fermentable sugars and oils derived from grape pomace can be utilized for the
490 production of PHAs by several bacterial species. *Cupriavidus necator* produced 63% of PHB
491 in a 2-L bioreactor in 29.5 h. The polydispersity and weight of the polymer were recorded to
492 be 1.2 and 512.2 kDa respectively (Kovalcik et al., 2020).

493 In comparison to conventional food crops algae are 5 to 10 times faster in biomass production
494 along with its promising potential of biopolymer synthesis in photobioreactors. Microalgae-

495 derived-biopolymers are cost effective and eco-friendly substitute of petroleum derived
496 polymers. The operating cost of photobioreactors (PBR) was estimated to be around USD
497 \$22.7 million per year, including fixed cost, nutrients cost, CO₂, electricity, and clean-in-
498 place (CIP) system expenses. The cultivation cost in PBR system is 57% lower as compared
499 to open pond system. In terms of economy, bioplastic industry had contributed to economic
500 growth with an income of around USD \$15 billion in 2016 and was expected to arise from
501 4.2 to 6.1 million tons bioplastic production capacity by 2021 (Devadas et al., 2021).

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503 *5.2. Biosurfactants*

504 Biosurfactants are surfactants of biological origin prominently produced by bacteria (Gaur et
505 al., 2019a; Tripathi et al., 2020) and fungi/yeast (Gaur et al., 2019b; V K Gaur et al., 2021).
506 The production of biosurfactant from various natural and feasible sources has become an
507 alternative method that has gained potential significance in the present scenario (Gaur and
508 Manickam, 2021a, 2021b; Markande et al., 2021)). Biosurfactants derived from organic
509 sources exhibited several properties such as reduction in surface tension and high
510 emulsification capacity. The surfactant extracted from organic compounds is amphiphilic in
511 nature with a wide range of promising applications (Akbari et al., 2018; Kumar et al., 2021a).
512 Waste generated from different sources such as oil, agro-industries (lactic whey, molasses),
513 distilleries contains a large amount of carbohydrates, lipids, and fats and thus had been
514 effectively used as a feedstock for the production of biosurfactant which is cost effective and
515 environment friendly (Table 2) (Kaur et al., 2015; Varjani et al., 2021).

516 Globally, the generation of waste cooking oil (WCO) was approx 4.1 kg per person
517 yearly so as per today's population it is considered that about 29 million tons of WCO are
518 generated per year which leads to difficulties in the disposal of untreated wastes in the
519 environment. Waste cooking oils such as kitchen or restaurant waste oil is harmful to the

520 environment and human health and can be utilized as a sustainable carbon source for the
521 synthesis of biosurfactant. The microbial surfactant produced from these sources possesses
522 several properties that can be significantly used for the removal of toxic heavy metals
523 (Maddikeri et al., 2015; Md et al., 2019). In India, a large amount of oil waste like olive,
524 sunflower, soybean, groundnut, safflower, sesame, rapeseed, palm, and coconut is generated
525 from industries causing pollution. The oil waste from these industries has high lipid content
526 and other nutrients that can be utilized as the cheapest source for the production of secondary
527 metabolites (Makkar et al., 2011). Plant based oils like mesua oil, jatropha oil, castor oil,
528 ramtil, and jojoba oil can also be industrially used for the synthesis of biosurfactant. The
529 production of biosurfactant from agro-industrial wastes using molasses and whey as a growth
530 substrate was found similar to that with glucose. The use of molasses reduces production
531 costs and is a readily available resource (Rane et al., 2017). It was also suggested that the
532 growth of microorganism and the rate of biosurfactant production using distillery and whey
533 waste as a substrate was better than the synthetic medium. Agro-industrial wastes obtained
534 from potato processing industries such as potato, orange peels are rich substrates for
535 microbial growth and biosurfactant production using *Bacillus subtilis* (Rivera et al., 2019). *B.*
536 *licheniformis* KC710973 was found to preferentially produce the highest amount of
537 biosurfactant i.e. 1.8 g/L by utilizing 4% orange peel as compared to potato peel and banana
538 peel. Interestingly, 3% orange peel yields more rhamnolipid suggesting that the strain and
539 type of waste affect the yields (Kumar et al., 2016; Rivera et al., 2019). *Psuedomonas*
540 *aeruginosa*, *Bacillius subtilis*, and *Starmerella bombicola* yielded rhamnolipid, surfactin, and
541 sophorolipid at 8.78 mg/L, 3.1 mg/L, and 41.6 g/L respectively by utilizing olive and
542 sunflower oil refinery wastes. Soy molasses, a byproduct of soybean oil processing was
543 utilized as a substrate by *Candida bombicola* and yielded upto 21 g/L of sophorolipid
544 (Makkar et al., 2011).

545 It was reported that *P. aeruginosa* when supplemented with 7% (v/v) molasses and
546 0.5% (v/v) corn steep liquor as carbon and nitrogen source respectively yielded 25 g/L
547 rhamnolipid. Dairy waste (whey) enhances microbial growth and can be used as a cheaper
548 source for the synthesis of biosurfactant. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was reported to produce
549 0.92 g/L of biosurfactant by utilizing whey as a substrate and causes a significant reduction of
550 surface tension from 72 to 27 mN/m with good emulsifying property (Kaur et al., 2015).
551 *Bacillus subtilis* utilized cassava flour as a substrate for biosurfactant production and it was
552 found that the surface tension of the medium reduced from 49.5 to 26.6 mN/m with a yield of
553 3.0 g/L (Pekin et al., 2005). Another strain of *Bacillus* sp. produced 5.35 g/L of crude
554 biosurfactant by growing on used cooking oil (Md et al., 2019). *Pseudomonas fluorescens*
555 showed maximum biosurfactant yield by utilizing olive oil and ammonium nitrate as a carbon
556 and nitrogen source. It was found that this biosurfactant exhibits several properties such as
557 reduction in surface tension, stability at different pH, temperature, and salt concentration and
558 showed good emulsification properties (Gaur et al., 2020b; Makkar et al., 2011).
559 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* LBI produced 9.5 g/L of rhamnolipid by utilizing 2% (w/v) waste
560 derived from soybean refinery (Rivera et al., 2019). The biosurfactants derived from different
561 sources were reported to possess different therapeutic applications (Table 3).

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563 5.3. Biofuel(s)

564 The production of biofuels by utilizing renewable resources is crucial for environmental
565 sustainability and reducing climate change globally (Kumar et al., 2020). The production of
566 biofuels has been reported by several renewable resources such as fruit, vegetable, sugar beet
567 pulp, corn stillage, rice straw, cellulose, etc. (Mazumder et al., 2020; Rahman et al., 2018;
568 Rulianah et al., 2020; Sindhu et al., 2020). *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yielded 7.3% (v/v)
569 bioethanol after 48h of incubation during alcoholic fermentation of kitchen waste, majorly

570 comprising of fruit and vegetable peels (Rahman et al., 2018). Furthermore, 2% (v/v) culture
571 of *S. cerevisiae* produced 0.316 g bioethanol from fruit and vegetable waste (Sindhu et al.,
572 2020). A recent study showed that sequential cultivation of thermophilic bacteria,
573 *Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius* and *Thermoanaerobacter ethanolicus* for the production of
574 biofuel yielded 70.1 L bioethanol production per ton of dry food waste. The scaling up of the
575 production process from 1 L to 40 L reactor yield 18.4 g/L bioethanol (Bibra et al., 2020).
576 Cieciora-Włoch et al. (Cieciora-Włoch et al., 2020) investigated dark fermentative hydrogen
577 production using sugar beet pulp and corn stillage, fruit, and vegetable waste. The highest
578 biohydrogen yield of approximately 52 cm³/g VS was observed from fruit and vegetable
579 waste. Microbiological analyses showed *Lactobacillaceae*, *Coriobacteriaceae* and
580 *Mogibacteriaceae* were the dominant species during the process (Cieciora-Włoch et al.,
581 2020). *Citrobacter sp. E4* was studied for the production of bioethanol by utilizing fruit waste
582 It was recorded that strain E4 produced 0.13 g of ethanol/g of waste whereas 0.30 g of
583 ethanol/g waste was produced after optimizing the process parameters (Sarkar et al., 2019).

584 Jugwanth et al. (2020) reported the valorization of sugarcane bagasse for bioethanol
585 production by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* through saccharification and fermentation process,
586 the yield was recorded to be 4.88 g/L (Jugwanth et al., 2020). Corn stover hydrolyzed by
587 cellulose and xylanase and fermented by *Thermoanaerobacterium thermosaccharolyticum*
588 W16 produced biohydrogen at productivity of 11.2 mmol/L/h (Ren et al., 2010). A recent
589 finding showed that mesophilic bacteria, *Staphylococcus epidermidis* B-6 produced 30 L
590 biohydrogen by utilizing one kg of rice straw acid hydrolysate (Mazumder et al., 2020).
591 Pretreated de-oiled rice bran yielded 7.72 g/L of biobutanol *Clostridium*
592 *saccharoperbutylaceticum* N1-4. Results also showed that when enzymatic hydrolyzate of
593 de-oiled rice bran was treated with XAD-4 resin, then acetone-butanol-ethanol productivity
594 and yield were 0.1 g/L/h and 0.44 g/g, respectively (Al-Shorgani et al., 2012). The co-

595 cultivation of microalgal-bacterial consortium is a promising economic and environment
596 friendly choice for microbial-based biofuel production in conjunction with bioremediation of
597 nutrients-rich municipal wastewater. A total nitrogen removal efficiency of 94.45%, 0.241
598 g/L lipid production and biomass production of 1.42 g/L was attained in synergistic
599 microalgal-bacterial incorporation in wastewater remediation (Leong et al., 2019). It was
600 estimated that glucose derived biodiesel costs USD \$3.79/L whereas agriculture waste and
601 food waste derived biodiesel costs USD \$2.6–3.0/L and \$0.6/L (Silva et al., 2021).

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603 **6. Waste derived economy: Roadblocks and future perspectives**

604 Waste(s) polluting the environment is being available in large amount(s) which is now
605 recognized as a useful element and are expected to replace conventional and expensive
606 resources up to a greater extent. The waste derived economy is regenerative and restorative
607 which can be strengthened by implementing suitable technologies and strategies. A balanced
608 switch from linear to circular bioeconomy is of significant importance as it provides
609 advantages to waste management, revenue generation, and environmental preservation
610 (Mohan et al., 2020). Core principles of circular bioeconomy demonstrate the use of natural
611 resources, lengthening its function, decreasing waste generation, and thus closing loops.

612 The concept of waste derived circular economy presents ecological, socio-economic
613 development focusing on environmental awareness by enhancing policies of eco-innovation.
614 Based on this concept, some notions stated that circular bioeconomy is not always linked to
615 the framework of 3R (reduce, reuse and recycling) but only with the view of recycling. The
616 circular bioeconomy does not rely upon a change of the state of affair, but also requires some
617 modification in system perspectives. The relationship between sustainable development and
618 circular looped bioeconomy is enfeebling because the standard of environmental attributes
619 and economic wealth are contemplated but the impact of these on social equity is not yet

620 evaluated. Waste derived circular bioeconomy will aid in attaining the highest value for the
621 resources through the use and recycling of cascading biomass, by preserving the natural
622 resources. This action will expedite to some perspectives for governance; intervention of
623 policies should be accelerated to promote the depletion of environmental burden and stress
624 along with intact value chain; technological revolution should be implanted, which will
625 handle the product utilization and waste management; biological approaches should be
626 implemented to maximize the profit of biodegradable products (Chew et al., 2021; Peter et
627 al., 2021).

628 Implementation of circular bioeconomy would aid in initiating the programmes and
629 policies in developed or developing countries. The need and transition towards the concept of
630 waste recycling in society should be promoted for the development of a resource efficient and
631 low carbon circular economy. Awareness in consumers to support the manufactured products
632 in view of circular economy will create a framework by introducing some legal provisions
633 and enabling re-use of waste biomass. The roadmap will be campaigned on the principle of
634 calculating and analyzing the approach of waste valorization. It is also essentially important
635 to nourish the innovative ideas about the coupling of fundamental technologies to circular
636 bioeconomy. To overcome the dominating models of take, make, and dispose, circular
637 bioeconomy originates with the concept of take, make, and recycle.

638 Innovative ideas for diminishing energy and material used should be prioritized which
639 will aid in reducing pressure for biomass production and anticipating uninvited consequences.
640 It is conceived that sustainability needs improvement as it supports wellbeing and prosperity.
641 Services from the market and companies should be understood to integrate with products
642 derived from waste. The future of the circular bioeconomy will not sustain if the community
643 doesn't acknowledge the pertinence of this green economy, so narration and communication
644 are needed for better public participation. The economy driven by waste and its management

645 bears the tendency to restore environmental burden while furnishing employment and
646 comprehensive development, so the blueprint for *no venture, no gain* should be taken into
647 consideration.

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649 **7. Conclusions**

650 Implementation of technologies for producing bio-based products would improve the
651 environmental structure by decreasing the health hazards of the pollutants present in
652 industrial waste. Food, agriculture, and oil industries generate a huge amount of waste that is
653 primarily organic and causes serious human and environmental health hazards. The
654 traditional waste management approaches do not efficiently resolve the concern of reducing
655 environmental pollution and the health hazards of the pollutants. The present sustainable
656 treatment approaches include valorization and bioremediation. In this context, the use of
657 microorganisms has proven an indispensable tool for the reduction and management of these
658 wastes. Bacterial and fungal species while growing on waste produce several economically
659 important compounds such as biofuels, bioplastic, and biosurfactants. The major constraint in
660 this perspective is the efficiency and economy of the process. The environmental
661 sustainability, roadblocks, and future perspectives covered in different sections of this paper
662 would pave a way for waste derived circular bioeconomy with reduced health hazards and
663 provide systematic in-depth information to the researchers working in this area.

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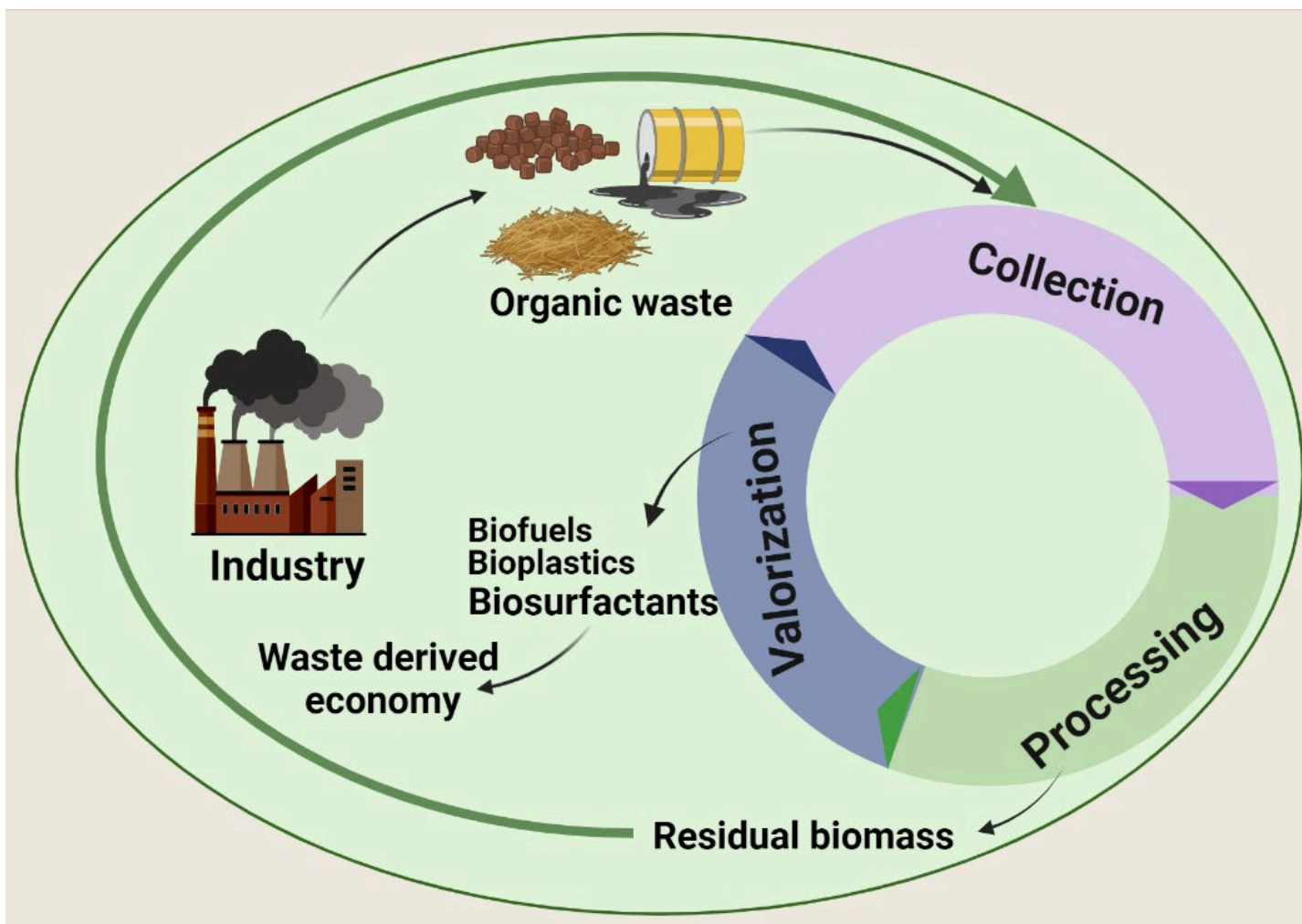
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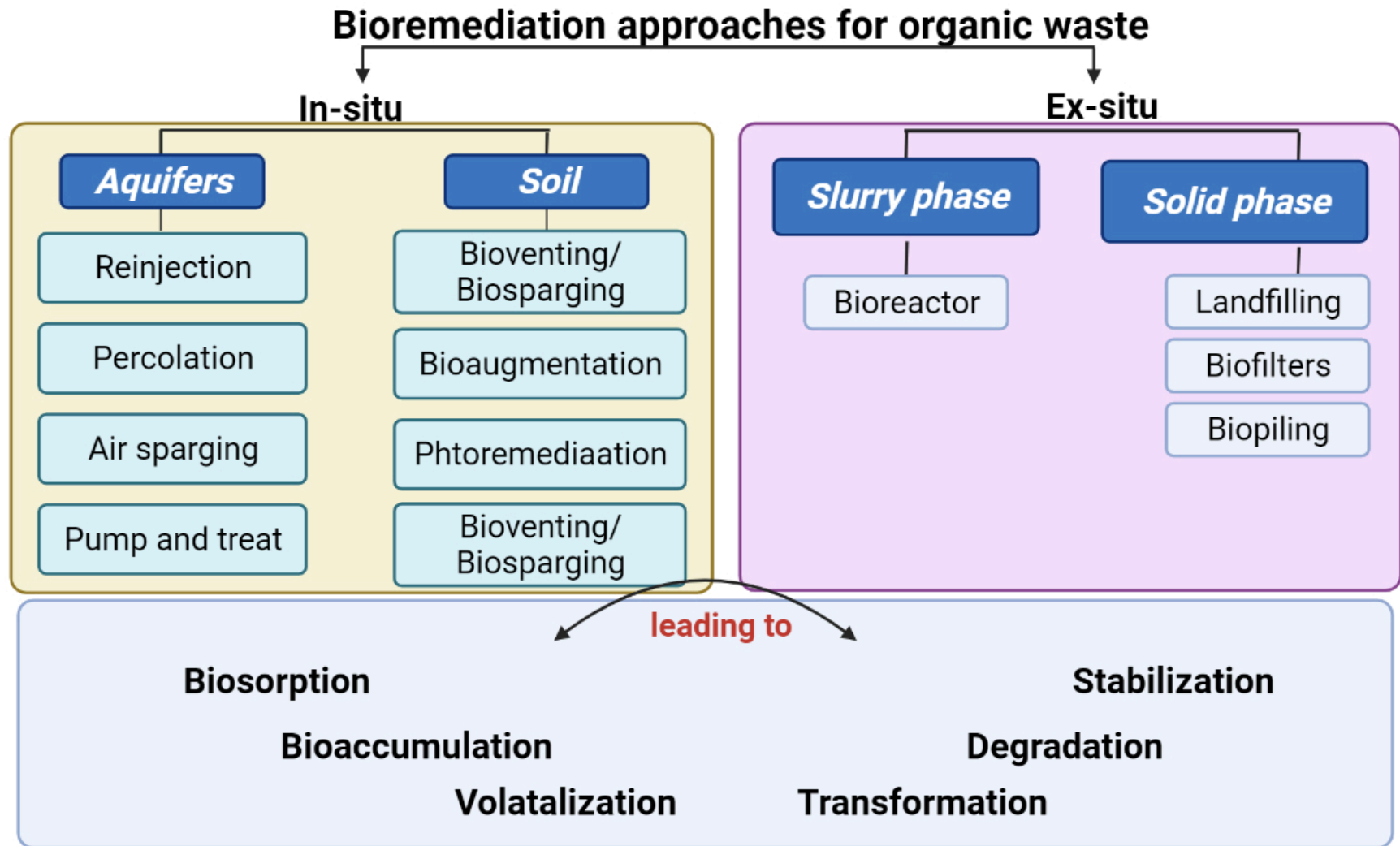
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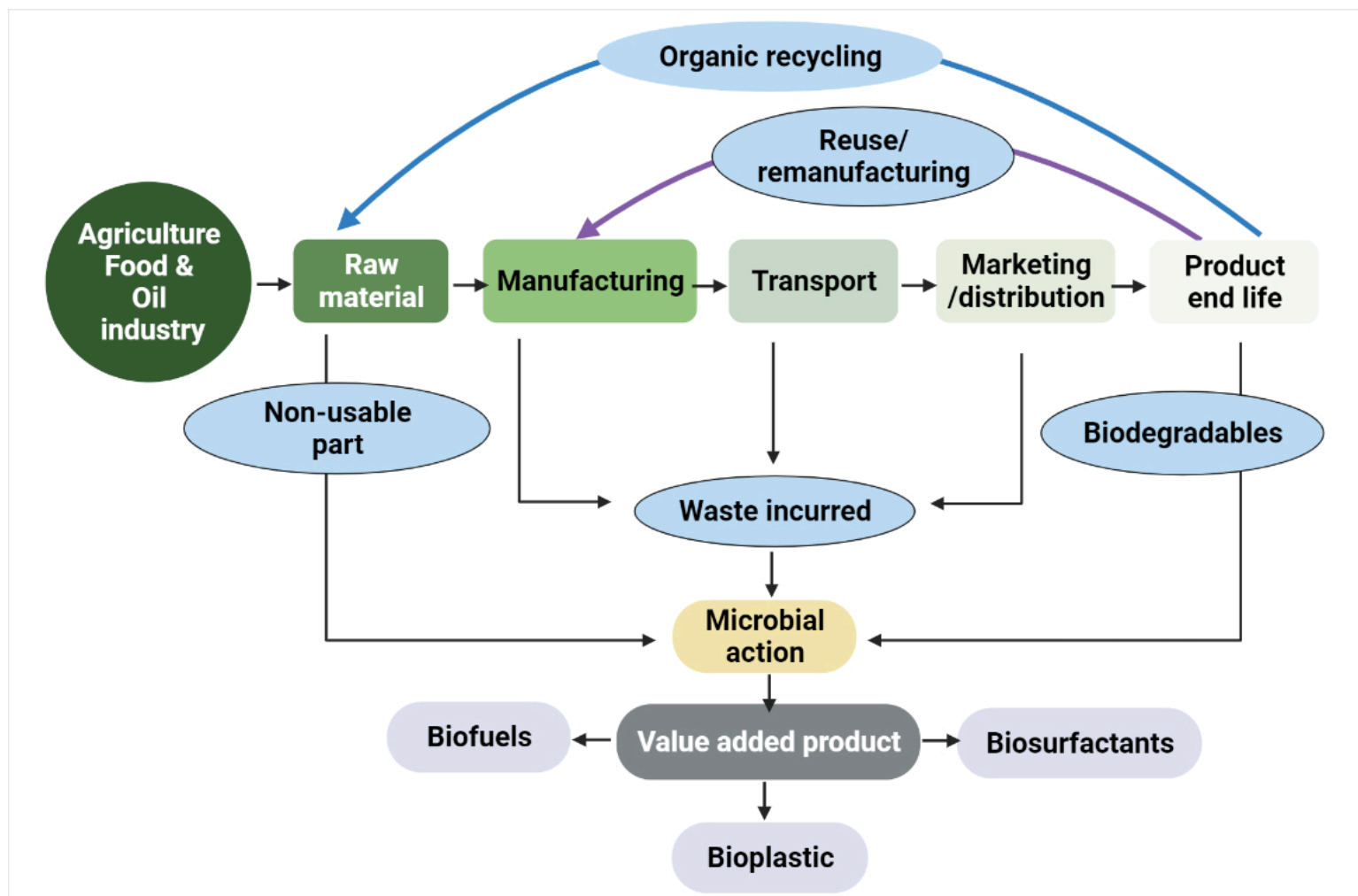
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1242 **Table 1:** Microorganisms involved in waste management and mitigation

Waste biomass	Microorganism	Waste management strategy	Process efficiency	Reference
Post consumption food waste	<i>Brevibacillus borstelensis</i> , <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> , <i>B. thuringiensis</i> and <i>B. cereus</i>	Biocomposting	42.95% degradation.	(Awasthi et al., 2017)
Organic domestic waste	Psychotrophic bacteria	Biocomposting	Enhanced biodegradation of organic matter.	(Hou et al., 2017)
Heavy metals co-composted with agrowaste	<i>Phanerochaete chrysosporium</i>	Biocomposting	Enhanced passivation of heavy metals (Cu, Cd, and Pb).	(Chen et al., 2019)
Paddy straw	<i>Trichoderma harzianum</i>	Biocomposting	Composted.	(Yaacob et al., 2019)
Domestic food waste	<i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>B. licheniformis</i>	Biodegradation	43% degradation.	(Msarah et al., 2020)
Sewage sludge and food waste	<i>Bacillus thermoamylovorans</i> SW25	Biodegradation	67% organic matter degradation.	(Ivanov et al., 2004)
Pre and post consumed food	<i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>B. licheniformis</i> and <i>B. thuringiensis</i>	Biodegradation	64.38% degradation.	(Awasthi et al., 2018)

Lignin from corncob	<i>Phanerochaete chrysosporium</i> , <i>Lentinusedodes</i> and <i>Pleurotusostreatus</i>	Biodegradation	96.88% lignin biodegradation.	(Mahyati et al., 2013)
Dairy wastewater	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , <i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>Lactobacillus delbrueckii</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Enterococcus hirae</i> <i>Alternaria</i> sp., <i>Fusarium</i> sp. and <i>Aspergillus</i> sp.	Biodegradation	Increased degradation.	(Al-Wasify et al., 2017)
Diesel	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>B. subtilis</i>	Bioremediation	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> and <i>B. subtilis</i> degraded 87% and 75% hydrocarbon respectively.	(Safdari et al., 2017)
Crude oil	<i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>B. velezensis</i> and <i>B. licheniformis</i>	Bioremediation	<i>B. subtilis</i> , <i>B. velezensis</i> and <i>B. licheniformis</i> degraded 88%, 92% and 97% hydrocarbon respectively.	(Prakash et al., 2021)
Crude oil	<i>Aspergillus niger</i> , <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , <i>Candida glabrata</i> and <i>C. krusei</i>	Bioremediation	94% biodegradation by <i>A. niger</i> .	(Burghal et al., 2016).
Polychlorinated biphenyls	<i>Pleurotusostreatus</i>	Bioremediation	50.5% PCB from rhizosphere.	(Stella et al., 2017).

Wheat bran	<i>Ralstonia eutropha</i> NCIMB 11599	Biotransformation	62.5% Poly-3-hydroxybutyrate (PHB) production.	(Annamalai and Sivakumar, 2016)
Mango peel	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> IAM 12077	Biotransformation	51.7% PHB produced.	(Gowda and Shivakumar, 2014)
Fruit pomace and waste frying oil	<i>Pseudomonas resinovorana</i>	Biotransformation	12.4% medium chain length-Polyhydroxybutyrate (mcl-PHA) production	(Follonier et al., 2014)
Wood hydrolysate	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	Biotransformation	54.1% PHB produced.	(Pan et al., 2012)
Banana peel	<i>Enterobacter</i> sp. EtK3	Biotransformation	23.6% yield of ethanol was obtained.	(Sarkar et al., 2017)
Sweet lime pulp waste	<i>Komagataeibacter europaeus</i> SGP37	Biotransformation	38g/L bacterial nano-cellulose production.	(Tiwary and Dubey, 2018)
Olive oil mill wastewater	<i>Aureobasidium thailandense</i> LB01	Biotransformation	139 ± 16mg/L biosurfactant production.	(Meneses et al., 2017)

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1248 **Table 2:** Production of biosurfactants from different industrial wastes

Substrate	Microorganisms	Biosurfactant type	Production	References
Soyabean oil	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> AT10	Rhamnolipid	9.5g/L	(Rivera et al., 2019)
Molasses and corn steep liquor	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> GS3	Rhamnolipid	0.25g/L	(Kaur et al., 2015)
Cassava flour-processing effluent	<i>B. subtilis</i> LB5a	Surfactin	3.0g/L	(Kaur et al., 2015)
Orange peel	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MTCC 2297	Rhamnolipid	9.18g/L	(Kaur et al., 2015)
Groundnut oil	<i>Candida lipolytica</i>	Lipopeptide	4.5g/L	(Makkar et al., 2011)
Palm oil	<i>Pseudomonas alcaligenes</i>	Rhamnolipid	2.3g/L	(Makkar et al., 2011)
Soyabean soap stock waste	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> LBI	Rhamnolipid	11.7g/L	(Makkar et al., 2011)
Soy molasses	<i>Candida bombicola</i>	Sophorolipids	21g/L	(Makkar et al., 2011)
Peanut oil cake	<i>Lactobacillus delbrueckii</i>	Glycolipid	5.35 mg/ mL	(Thavasi et al., 2011)
Olive oil	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> M40	Rhamnolipid	12.6g/L	(Ji et al., 2016)

Used cooking oil	<i>Bacillus sp.</i> HIP3	Surfactin	5.35g/L	(Md Badrul Hisham et al., 2019)
Cheese whey and Olive oil	<i>S. bombicola</i> ATCC 22214	Sophorolipid	6.2g/L	(Ma et al., 2020)
Cat fish residues	<i>S. bombicola</i>	Sophorolipid	21.8 g/L	(Wang et al., 2019)
Sunflower acid oil	<i>C. bombicola</i>	Sophorolipid	41.6 g/L	(Jadhav et al., 2019)
Soyabean flour and rice straw	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	Lipopeptide	50mg/g	(Zhu et al., 2013)
Passion Fruit oil	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> LBI	Rhamnolipid	9.2g/L	(Costa et al., 2006)
Cheese whey	<i>Lactobacillus pentosus</i> CECT-4023	Biosurfactant	1.4g/L	(Rodrigues and Teixeira, 2008)
Dairy waste liquor	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> BS2	Rhamnolipid	0.92g/L	(Kaur et al., 2015)
Low-solids (LS) potato process effluents	<i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 21332	Surfactin	0.39g/L	(Kaur et al., 2015)

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1251 **Table 3:** Multifarious therapeutic applications of biosurfactants

Biosurfactant Type	Source organism	Effective concentration	Test pathogen	Therapeutic applications	References
Lipopetide	<i>Bacillus circulans</i>	10 µg/mL	<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i> NCIM 2105	Antibacterial	(Das and Mukherjee, 2007)
Lipopeptide	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	10 µg/ml	<i>Micrococcus luteus</i>	Antibacterial	(Bhosale et al., 2014)
Lipopeptide	<i>Staphylococcus</i> sp.	3.37 mg/mL	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC 6633	Antibacterial	(Eddouaouda et al., 2012)
Rhamnolipid	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> SS14	500 µg/mL	<i>Trichophyton rubrum</i>	Antifungal	(Sen et al., 2019)
Rhamnolipid	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> DS9	100 µg/mL	<i>Colletotrichum falcatum</i>	Antifungal	(Goswami et al., 2015)
Rhamnolipid	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	10 µg/mL	<i>Phytophthora capsici</i>	Antifungal	(Kim et al., 2000)
Sophorolipid	<i>Candida bombicola</i> ATCC 22214	0.5 µg/mL	<i>Phytophthora</i> sp.	Antifungal	(YOO et al., 2005)
Rhamnolipid	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> IGB 83	0.2 µg/mL	<i>Pythium</i> sp.	Antifungal	(YOO et al., 2005)
Surfactin	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> WH1	-	Splenocytes from mice	Adjuvant	(Gao et al., 2012)
Sophorolipid	<i>Candida lipolytica</i> UCP0988	12µg/mL	<i>Streptococcus mutans</i> HG985	Antibacterial	(Rufino et al., 2011)

Not identified	<i>Rhodotorula</i>	10 µL	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	Antifungal	(Gharaghani et al., 2020)
Surfactin	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	25 mM	<i>Mycoplasma hyorhinis</i>	Antimycoplasma	(Vollenbroich et al., 1997)
Surfactin	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	30 mM	<i>Mycoplasma orale</i>	Antimycoplasma	(Vollenbroich et al., 1997)
Rhamnolipids	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MR07	25.87µg/mL and 31.00µg/mL for mono- and di- rhamnolipids	MCF-7 human breast cancer cells	Anticancerous	(Rahimi et al., 2019)
Surfactin	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	30 to 64 mM	ML (mink lung), Hep2 (human larynx), 293 (embryonal kidney), and CV1 (African green monkey kidney)	Cytotoxic	(Vollenbroich et al., 1997)
Sophorolipid	<i>Candida lipolytica</i>	100 µg/mL	Influenza virus strain, murid gamma herpes virus	Antiviral	(Borsanyiova et al., 2016)
Lipopetide	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	0.52 mg/mL	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Antibacterial	(Basit et al., 2018)
Glycolipid	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> NCIM 2903	625 µg/mL	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Antibiofilm	(Satpute et al., 2018)
Glycolipid	<i>Staphylococcus lentus</i>	20mg/mL	<i>Vibrio harveyi</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Antibiofilm	(Hamza et al., 2017)
Not identified	<i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i>	50 mg/mL	<i>Lactobacillus reuteri</i> ML 1	Anti-adhesive	(Gudiña et al., 2013)

Fellutamides C	<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	3.1 to 33.1 μ M	XF498 CNC cancer, SK-MEL-2 skin cancer, A549 lung cancer, HCT-15 colon cancer, SK-OV-3 ovarian cancer cell lines	Cytotoxic	(Lee et al., 2011)
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