# Use of the biocatalyst Laccase in the oxidation of secondary alcohols

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### Introduction

Green Chemistry, biocatalysts, laccase and mediators



Figure 2. Oxidation reaction of Cinnamyl alcohol



### Introduction: Laccase

Laccase belongs to the family of multicopper oxidases.

- Oxidise phenolic and nonphenolic compounds.
- Over 60 strains of fungi and bacteria.
- Has a redox potential of 0.4-0.8V
  (Cañas and Camarero, 2010)



Figure 4. Laccase Structure (Gu et al. 2021)

### **Introduction: Mediators**



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#### **TEMPO**

- Artificial
- Most commonly used

#### ABTS

- Artificial
- Used for the Laccase activity assay

### Syringaldehyde

- Natural
- By product of the paper making industry





Figure 5. Block diagram HPLC (Hansen, 2012)

### **Methods: HPLC**

- Compounds posses chromophores
- Reverse phased used
- Mobile Phase: Water and Acetonitrile 50:50

Instrument	Shimadzu 10A			
Column	Phenomenex C18 150 x 4.60mm 3 micron			
Size of injection	50µl	Flow rate	1ml/min	
Attenuation	8	Wavelength	228nm	
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Instrument	Shimadzu 10A -		
Column	Phenomenex C18 150 x 4.60mm 3 micron		
Size of injection	50µl	Flow rate	1ml/min
Attenuation	6	Wavelength	210nm
	50:50 Water: Acetonitrile		
Mobile phase	(0.05%	%TFA)	



- 1. Determined the activity of the laccase enzyme
- 2. Established the retention times of the substrates and products
- 3. Monitored over a 5 hour time period
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- 5. Peak areas used to determine concentration of substrates/ products





# Results and discussion







Figure 10. Geraniol oxidation reaction with TEMPO



Figure 11. Rate of formation of Cinnamaldehyde



#### Figure 12. Rate of formation of Citral

### Summary of product generation

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	Mediators	Amount of cinnamaldehyde generated (mM)	Amount of citral generated (mM)	
-	TEMPO	265.35	271.41	
	ABTS	73.48	0	
	Syringaldehyde	38.72	2.54	



### **03 Discussion**

- TEMPO was the most effective mediator for both oxidation reactions
- ABTS was the second most effective mediator for the oxidation of cinnamyl Alcohol
- Syringaldehyde was the second most effective mediator for the oxidation of geraniol





- TEMPO was the most effective mediator for both oxidation reaction
   Areas for further research:
- Using different mediators HBT and syringaldehydes
- Wider range of substrates







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### Managing time

- Split work into manageable packages
- 2. Research the amount of time necessary for procedures
- 3. Do not overpack your timetable
- 4. Write up as you go along



# Thank you for listening

## **Any Questions?**