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16    **Running title**

17    • *n*-Butylamine production from glucose in *E. coli*

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19    **Highlights**

20    • *n*-Butanol was converted to *n*-butylamine by a three enzyme-mediated cascade.

21    • The cascade was combined with part of the *n*-butanol-producing pathway.

22    • *n*-Butylamine was produced in *Escherichia coli* from glucose as a carbon source.

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## ABSTRACT

Bioamination methods using microorganisms have attracted much attention because of the increasing demand for environmentally friendly bioprocesses. *n*-Butylamine production from glucose in *Escherichia coli* was demonstrated in this study, which has never been reported because of the absence of *n*-butylamine-producing pathway in nature. We focused on a transaminase-mediated cascade for bioamination from an alcohol or aldehyde. The cascade can convert an alcohol or an aldehyde to the corresponding amine with L-alanine as an amine donor. Here, *n*-butyraldehyde, which is a metabolic intermediate in the *n*-butanol producing pathway, is a potential intermediate for producing *n*-butylamine using this cascade. Hence, the *n*-butanol-producing pathway and the transaminase-mediated cascade were combined into a synthetic metabolic pathway for producing *n*-butylamine from glucose. Firstly, we demonstrated the conversion of *n*-butanol to *n*-butylamine using a three enzyme-mediated cascade. *n*-Butanol was successfully converted to *n*-butylamine in 92% yield in the presence of L-alanine and ammonium chloride. Then, the *n*-butanol-producing pathway and transaminase-mediated cascade were introduced into *E. coli*. Using this system, *n*-butylamine was successfully produced from glucose as a carbon source at a concentration of 53.2 mg L<sup>-1</sup> after 96 h cultivation using a *ppc* (phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase)-deficient strain. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of the direct production of *n*-butylamine from glucose, and may provide a starting point for the development of microbial methods to produce other bioamines.

**Keywords:** transaminase, cascade, *n*-butylamine, metabolic engineering, *Escherichia coli*

## Introduction

Microbial bioproduction has gained increasing attention because of environmental and energy concerns. Microbial bioproduction is performed under mild conditions contrary to chemical methods, which are often performed at relatively high pressure and temperature using an organic solvent. Microorganisms such as *Escherichia coli* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, which use biomass as a carbon source and produce a variety of chemicals, have been employed for bioproduction (1-3). Recent progress in genome engineering tools has facilitated the development of microbial bioproduction at an accelerated rate (4, 5). Amines are one of the essential building blocks in the chemical, pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. While the conversion of amines from carbonyl compounds is usually catalyzed by a metal catalyst (6-9), bioamination processes using microorganisms have attracted much attention because of the increasing demand for environmentally friendly bioprocesses.

Three enzyme-mediated cascades have been previously used to synthesize amine compounds using alcohol as the substrate (10-12). Firstly, the alcohol is oxidized to an aldehyde by alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH), and then the transamination between the aldehyde and L-alanine, the amine donor, is catalyzed by transaminase (TA). At the same time, the  $\text{NAD}^+$  consumed by alcohol dehydrogenase is regenerated to NADH by alanine dehydrogenase (ALADH), resulting in a cascade that is redox-neutral (Fig. 1). Therefore, only the supplementation of ammonium sources for the regeneration of L-alanine from pyruvate is required for the cascade. Although a variety of amines, including alkylamine, diamine and aromatic amines, have been synthesized using three enzyme-mediated cascades or whole-cell biocatalysts (10-12), only alcohols, aldehydes or alkanes are used as substrates for bioamination and these substrates are often toxic to enzymes or cells thus limiting the effectiveness of bioamination. Therefore, we

69 focused on bioamination using other carbohydrates as the carbon source, such as glucose, which  
70 can be assimilated. Several diamines or aminocarboxylic acids have been produced from glucose  
71 using *E. coli*, such as cadaverine (13), putrescine (14), gamma-amino butyric acid (15), and 5-  
72 aminovalerate (16). Although *E. coli* can be engineered to produce these amines by genetically  
73 introducing naturally occurring exogenous metabolic pathways, it is usually challenging to  
74 engineer *E. coli* to produce other amines using metabolic pathways that are not present in nature.

75         Herein, we demonstrate alkylamine production from glucose based on a synthetic  
76 metabolic pathway inspired from an enzyme cascade. To produce alkylamine with a synthetic  
77 pathway, alkylaldehyde is required as a metabolic intermediate. We focused on *n*-butylamine as  
78 the target product, which can be converted from *n*-butanol using a transaminase-mediated cascade.  
79 The production of *n*-butylamine from glucose by metabolically engineered microorganisms has  
80 not been reported because a pathway for the direct metabolism of glucose to *n*-butylamine does  
81 not exist in nature. *n*-Butyraldehyde is one potential substrate that can be converted into *n*-  
82 butylamine by transaminase. *n*-Butanol production has been achieved by metabolically engineered  
83 *E. coli* to contain an exogenous metabolic pathway that converts acetyl-CoA into *n*-butanol  
84 through *n*-butyraldehyde as a metabolic intermediate (17, 18). In this study, *n*-butanol producing  
85 pathway and transaminase-mediated cascade were combined in *E. coli* for direct production of *n*-  
86 butylamine from glucose. This study is the first report of direct *n*-butylamine production from  
87 glucose in *E. coli*.

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## 89 **Materials and methods**

### 90 **Bacterial Strains and Growth Conditions**

The bacterial strains used in this study are listed in Table 1. *E. coli* NovaBlue cells (Novagen Inc., Madison, WI, USA) were used for DNA manipulations. *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells and MG1655 (National BioResource Project) cells were used as the base strain for *n*-butylamine production. Cells were precultivated with 100  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of ampicillin and 20  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  of kanamycin containing 5 mL of Luria–Bertani (LB) medium in a test tube overnight. For the *n*-butylamine production from *n*-butanol, cells were grown in 5 mL of LB medium at 37 °C, 220 rpm in test tubes (initial optical density at 600 nm: 0.1). After 3 h of cultivation, protein expression was induced by the addition of isopropyl  $\beta$ -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG; final concentration = 0.5 mM). Then, *n*-butanol and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  or L-alanine (final concentration = 20 mM, 40 mM or 20 mM) were also added and then the cultivation temperature was decreased to 30 °C. The reaction was carried out for 24 h.

For the production of *n*-butylamine from glucose, cells were grown in 5 mL of 20 g  $\text{L}^{-1}$  glucose containing M9Y medium (5 g  $\text{L}^{-1}$  yeast extract containing M9 minimal medium) at 37 °C and 220 rpm in test tubes (initial optical density at 600 nm: 0.1). After 3 h of cultivation, protein expression was induced by the addition of IPTG (final concentration = 0.5 mM). Then  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  or L-alanine (final concentration = 40 mM or 20 mM) was also added and the cultivation temperature was decreased to 30°C.

## **Plasmid Construction and Gene Disruption**

The plasmids used in this study are listed in Table 1, the primers used in this study are described in Table S1, and the sequence of synthetic genes are shown in Fig.S1-6. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was performed with KOD FX polymerase (TOYOBO CO., Ltd., Osaka, Japan). Vectors and inserts were ligated with the In-Fusion HD Cloning Kit following the manufacturer's

113 protocol (TAKARA BIO INC., Shiga, Japan). Primer 1-12 were used for amplifying fragments  
114 including *atoB* from *E. coli*, *ter* from *Treponema denticola* (optimized for *E. coli*), *phaB* from  
115 *Ralstonia eutropha* and *phaJ* from *Aeromonas caviae*. The amplified fragment by using primer 1,  
116 2 and the amplified fragment by using primer 3, 4 were conjugated with overlap extension PCR.  
117 Then, the conjugated fragment was inserted into *NcoI/NotI* site of the pETDuet-1 vector and the  
118 resulting plasmid was named *atoBter*-pETd. The amplified fragment by using primer 5, 6 and the  
119 amplified fragment by using primer 7, 8 were also conjugated with overlap extension PCR. Then  
120 the conjugated fragment was inserted into *NdeI/AvrII* site of the *atoBter*-pETd and the resulting  
121 plasmid was named *atoBter-phaBphaJ*-pETd. The amplified fragment by using primer 13~15 with  
122 pET32-Gly5-RFP (19) as a template was inserted into the *XhoI/XbaI* site of the pZE12-luc or  
123 pZA23-MCS vector (Expressys). The resulting plasmids were named pMR1 or pMR2, which  
124 include a red fluorescent protein under the M1-93 promoter in pZE12-luc or pZA23-MCS (20).  
125 Then, the fragments amplified by using primer 18, 19 or primer 20, 21 with *atoBter-phaBphaJ*-  
126 pETd as a template were inserted into the *KpnI/XbaI* site of pMR1 vector and the resulting plasmid  
127 was named *atoBter*-pMR1 or *phaBphaJ*-pMR1. The amplified fragment by using primer 26, 27  
128 with *phaBphaJ*-pMR1 as a template was inserted into *AvrII* site of *atoBter*-pMR1 and the resulting  
129 plasmid was named *atoBter-phaBphaJ*-pMR1. Finally, ATPP-pZE12 was constructed by using  
130 primer 28-31, *atoBter-phaBphaJ*-pMR1 as a template and the pZE12-MCS vector. Primer 32-35  
131 was used for amplifying fragments including *csbld* from *Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*  
132 and *cvta* from *Chromobacterium violaceum*. The amplified fragment was inserted into the  
133 *KpnI/XbaI* site of pMR2 vector and the resulting plasmid was named *csbldcvta*-pMR2. The  
134 amplified fragment by using primer 36, 37 with *csbldcvta*-pMR2 as a template and the amplified  
135 fragment by using primer 38, 39 were conjugated with overlap extension PCR and inserted into



the *KpnI/HindIII* site of pZA23-MCS. The resulting plasmid was named BCA-pZA23. Similarly, primer 40-45, pET-22b(+) and pCOLA Duet-1 were used for constructing pET22-*bsadh* and pCOLA-*bsaladh-cvta*. The deletion of endogenous genes (phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase (*ppc*) and malate synthase G (*glcB*)) was performed by the gRNA-containing plasmid (pTargetT-*ppc* and pTargetT-*glcB*, respectively) and pCas. The gRNA-containing plasmids were prepared with pTartgetF and primer 46-57. The *E. coli* MG1655 genes, *ppc* and *glcB*, were deleted using the CRISPR-Cas9 system as described in a previous report (21). Confirmation of gene deletions was carried out by colony PCR. The resulting strains are shown in Table 1.

#### Metabolite Analysis

The concentration of glucose was determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (Shimadzu Co., Kyoto, Japan; solvent delivery system, LC-20AB; column, Shodex SUGAR KS-801; column temperature, 50 °C; detector, RID-10A). Ultra-pure water was used as the mobile phase. Chromatography was carried out at a flow rate of 0.8 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The concentration of *n*-butylamine was determined using a gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector (Shimadzu Co., Kyoto, Japan; gas chromatography, GC-2025; auto-injector, AOC-20i/s; column, SH-Stabiliwax). The culture (50 µL) was dissolved in 500 µL benzene, and then 0.05 M of trimethylamine containing benzene (100 µL) was added. Then heptafluorobutyric acid anhydride (Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany) (5 µL) was added to the sample and incubated at 50 °C for 15 min. Ice-cooled 5% aqueous ammonia (500 µL) was added and mixed. The sample (1 µL) from the upper layer was injected at a split ratio of 1:50. The initial oven temperature was 40 °C for 1 min and then was increased at a rate of 10 °C/min to 150 °C and at a rate of 35 °C/min until 220 °C, where it was held for 2 min. Helium was used as the carrier gas at a linear velocity of 39.2 cm/sec. The detector was maintained at 250 °C.

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## 160   **Results and discussion**

### 161   ***n*-Butylamine production from *n*-butanol using a three enzyme-mediated cascade**

162           A three enzyme-mediated cascade was examined for *n*-butylamine conversion from *n*-  
163 butanol. Sattler *et al.* showed that the use of ADH from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* (bsADH), TA  
164 from *Chromobacterium violaceum* (cvTA) and ALADH from *Bacillus subtilis* (bsALADH)  
165 converted primary alcohols, such as 1-hexanol and 1-octanol, to their corresponding amines with  
166 high efficiency. Although elongating the chain length of the substrate alcohols led to lower  
167 conversion, the addition of a co-solvent partly improved the yield (10). In this study, we examined  
168 the conversion of *n*-butanol to *n*-butylamine using bsADH, cvTA, and bsALADH. A BL21(DE3)  
169 and pET system were used for the substrate feeding experiments. A total of 5.92 mM of *n*-  
170 butylamine was synthesized from 20 mM *n*-butanol using the cascade (the yield of the conversion  
171 was about 30%). This result indicates that the cascade was capable of converting *n*-butanol to *n*-  
172 butylamine. As shown in Fig. 1, the cascade is totally redox-neutral, requiring only a supply of  
173 ammonium. However, there have been several reports that the residual addition of L-alanine or  
174 ammonium salt as an amine donor facilitated the conversion (10-12). Hence the influence of the  
175 addition of L-alanine or ammonium chloride on the cascade was evaluated. The conversion was  
176 clearly improved when either L-alanine or ammonium chloride was added, and moreover, the  
177 addition of both L-alanine and ammonium chloride was most effective contributing to 92% of the  
178 yield in the substrate-feeding experiments (Fig. 2). These results imply that the transamination by  
179 cvTA was the rate-limiting step and improvement of this step by the addition of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  source  
180 directly increased the conversion. In addition, the elementary reactions on transaminase-mediated

cascade are reversible and concentration-driven. The addition of L-alanine probably was effective because the  $\Delta G$  value of *n*-butylamine production was smaller than the value of *n*-butyraldehyde and pyruvate. Therefore, the supplementation of both L-alanine and ammonium chloride was determined to be optimal in this study.

### **Direct *n*-butylamine production from glucose through the synthetic metabolic pathway**

To the best of our knowledge, there have been no reports demonstrating direct *n*-butylamine production from glucose because of the absence of *n*-butylamine-producing pathway in nature. By harnessing the cascade in this study, *n*-butylamine was successfully produced from *n*-butanol as a substrate. Here, we focused on *n*-butyraldehyde, which was an intermediate in the reaction. *n*-Butanol production from glucose was demonstrated in previous reports (17-18), some of which show that *n*-butyraldehyde is a metabolic intermediate in the synthetic pathway (17). In this study, part of the *n*-butanol-producing pathway and the enzyme-mediated cascade were combined to directly produce *n*-butylamine from glucose (Fig. 3). Glucose was converted into *n*-butyraldehyde through 2 acetyl-CoA, and subsequently, *n*-butyraldehyde was aminated by transaminase using L-alanine as the amine donor. The synthetic pathway is partly redox-neutral because residual NADH was used for the regeneration of L-alanine from pyruvate. The MG1655 strain was used for producing *n*-butylamine from glucose. Only MG1655 harboring ATPP-pZE and BCA-pZA produced *n*-butylamine from glucose (3.55 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), whereas the other strains which were lack of *n*-butanol-producing pathway or transaminase-mediated cascade did not produce *n*-butylamine (Fig. 4A), indicating that the synthetic combined pathway was functional. Additionally, the production of *n*-butylamine was decreased when the reaction was not supplemented with L-alanine or ammonium chloride (Fig. 4B). This implies that the supplementation of both L-alanine and ammonium chloride was important for producing *n*-butylamine in the synthetic pathway.

## The effect of knocking out a gene for accumulating metabolites

To enhance the production of *n*-butylamine, pyruvate needs to accumulate for the regeneration of alanine by bsALADH. However, pyruvate is usually a catabolite in the endogenous metabolic pathway in *E. coli*. Blocking pyruvate-catabolizing pathways has been shown as an effective approach for amination in a whole-cell biocatalyst (11). Therefore, one of the pyruvate catabolizing pathways in MG1655 was blocked by the deletion of the relevant gene (*ppc*) using the CRISPR-Cas9 system. The deletion of the *ppc* gene is known to result in the accumulation of pyruvate (22). As predicted, the production of *n*-butylamine in a *ppc*-deficient strain was clearly increased compared with wild-type strain at 53.2 mg L<sup>-1</sup> after 96 h cultivation (Fig. 5). Additionally, the effect of deletion of the *glcB* gene, which is involved in acetyl-CoA catabolism in the glyoxylate shunt, was also determined as the intracellular acetyl-CoA level is critical for enhancing the production of *n*-butanol from glucose (18). As shown in Fig. 5, the production of *n*-butylamine by the *glcB*-deficient strain was also increased compared with wild-type strain at 34.8 mg L<sup>-1</sup> after 72 h of cultivation. The deletion of both *ppc* and *glcB* resulted in a slightly lower production of *n*-butylamine (32.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> after 96 h cultivation) compared with the *ppc*-deficient strain. These results indicate that blocking the pyruvate- or acetyl-CoA-catabolizing pathway is one effective approach for producing *n*-butylamine. In addition, produced *n*-butylamine was decreased in several strains maybe because the transamination by cvTA step was reversible. Although most of the synthetic pathways used in this study are identical with the *n*-butanol-producing pathway, the amount of *n*-butylamine produced was relatively less than the *n*-butanol previously generated (17, 18). This is probably because the *n*-butanol-producing pathway employed herein was not fully optimized because *n*-butyraldehyde was not detected in culture as a byproduct. In addition, *n*-butanol-producing pathway in this study was employed *phaB* for the conversion of acetoacetyl-

CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA. PhaB only utilizes NADPH as a cofactor, thereby occurring redox unbalance in the synthetic pathway. Therefore, further improvement of the strain, such as deleting competing endogenous pathways or enhancing the production pathway for accumulating intracellular acetyl-CoA or L-alanine, should increase the production of *n*-butylamine.

In summary, we demonstrated direct *n*-butylamine production from glucose using a transaminase synthetic pathway in *E. coli*. The conversion of *n*-butanol from *n*-butylamine using a three-enzyme cascade was successfully demonstrated as shown by the high reaction rate (92% under the optimized condition). After combining the cascade with part of the *n*-butanol-producing pathway, the resulting strains directly produced *n*-butylamine from glucose. To the best of our knowledge, this study is the first report of *n*-butylamine production from glucose and may provide inspiration for producing other bioamines, such as short-chain or long-chain alkylamines and aromatic amines.

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## Figure legends

**Figure 1.** A three enzyme-mediated cascade for the conversion of *n*-butanol to *n*-butylamine. Abbreviations: bsADH, alcohol dehydrogenase from *Bacillus stearothermophilus*; bsALADH, alanine dehydrogenase from *Bacillus subtilis* subsp. *subtilis* str. 168; cvTA,  $\omega$ -transaminase from *Chromobacterium violaceum*.

**Figure 2.** *n*-Butylamine production in the presence of various additives in BL21(DE3) harboring pET22-*bsadh* and pCOLA-*bsaladh-cvta*. Control (1), NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2), L-alanine (3), NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and L-alanine (4). Data are presented as the average of three independent experiments and error bars represent the standard deviation.

**Figure 3.** Metabolic pathways used in this study. Gene abbreviations: *atoB*, acetyl-CoA acetyl transferase; *phaB*, Acetoacetyl-CoA reductase; *phaJ*, (R)-specific enoyl-CoA hydratase; *ter*, trans-enoyl-CoA reductase; *bld*, butyraldehyde dehydrogenase; *bsaladh*, alanine dehydrogenase; *cvta*,  $\omega$ -transaminase. *phaB*, *phaJ*, *ter*, *bld*, *bsaladh* and *cvta* are derived from *R. eutropha*, *A. caviae*, *T. denticola*, *C. saccharoperbutylacetonicum*, *B. subtilis* and *B. stearothermophilus*, respectively.

**Figure 4.** (A) *n*-Butylamine production by MG1655 harboring different combinations of plasmids. pZE12-MCS and pZA23-MCS (1), pZE12-MCS and BCA-pZA (2), ATPP-pZE and pZA23-MCS (3), ATPP-pZE and BCA-pZA (4). (B) *n*-Butylamine production of MG1655 harboring ATPP-pZE and BCA-pZA in the presence of various additives. Control (1), NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2), L-alanine (3), NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and L-alanine (4). Data are presented as the average of three independent experiments and error bars represent the standard deviation.

326 **Figure 5.** The production of *n*-butylamine (A) and the consumption of glucose (B) in various  
327 strains. Symbols represent MG1655 $\Delta$ *ppc* circle; MG1655 $\Delta$ *glcB*, triangle; and  
328 MG1655 $\Delta$ *ppc* $\Delta$ *glcB*, square, harboring ATPP-pZE12 and BCA-pZA23. Data are presented as the  
329 average of three independent experiments and error bars represent the standard deviation.

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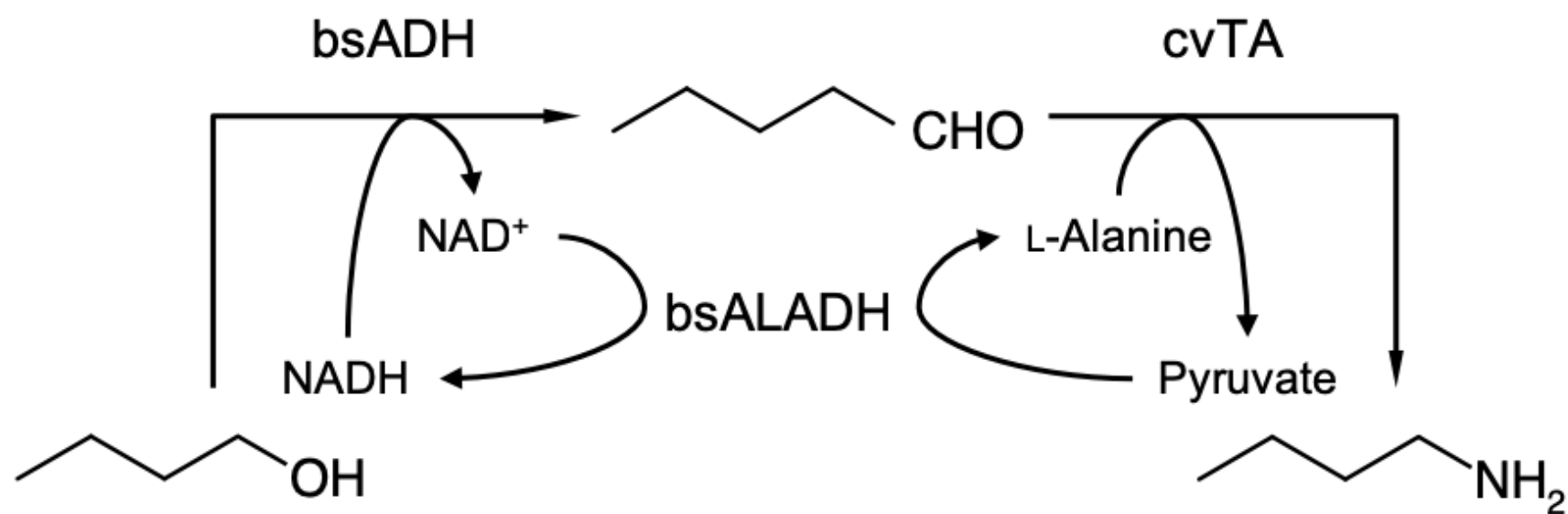


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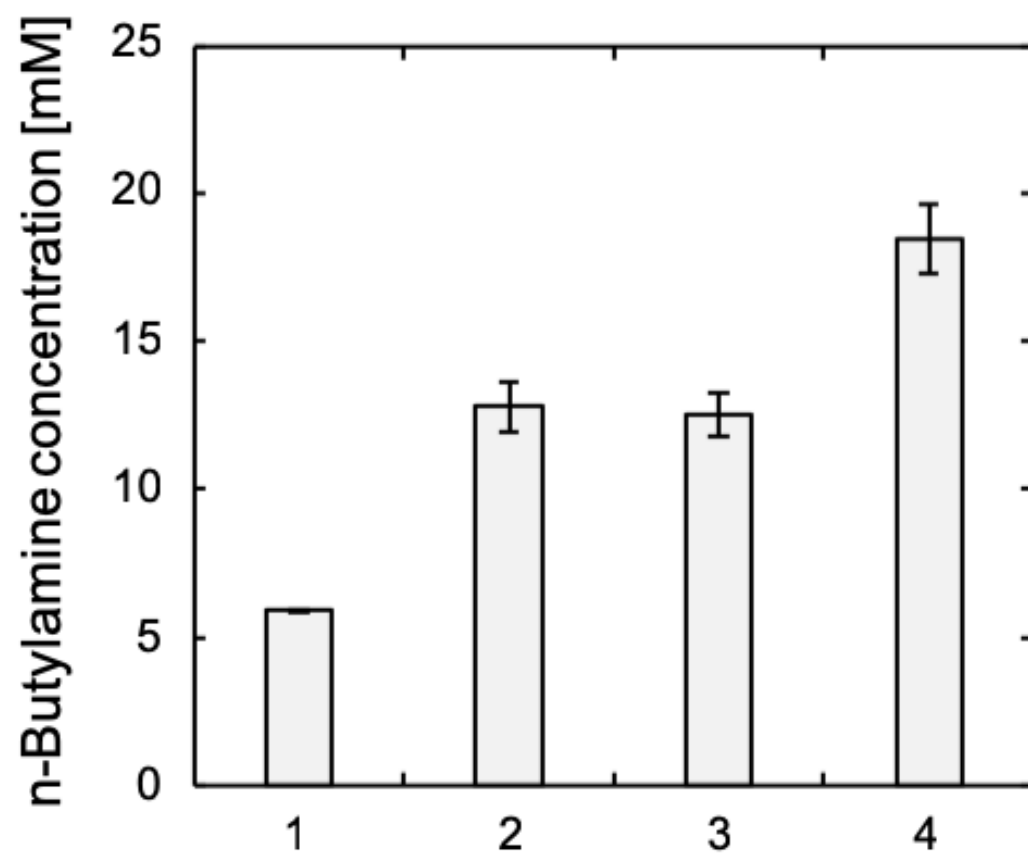


Figure 2

## n-Butanol-producing pathway

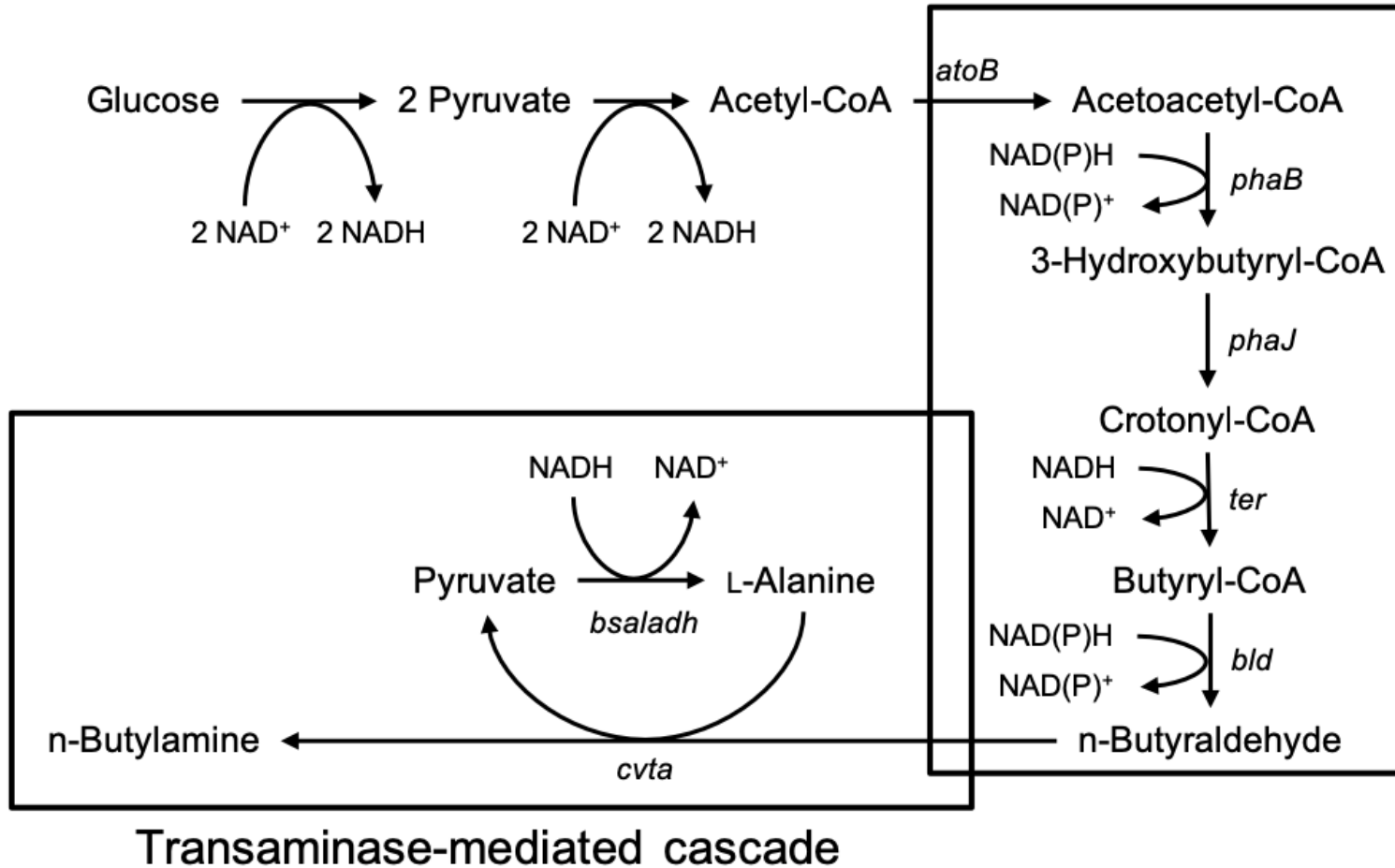


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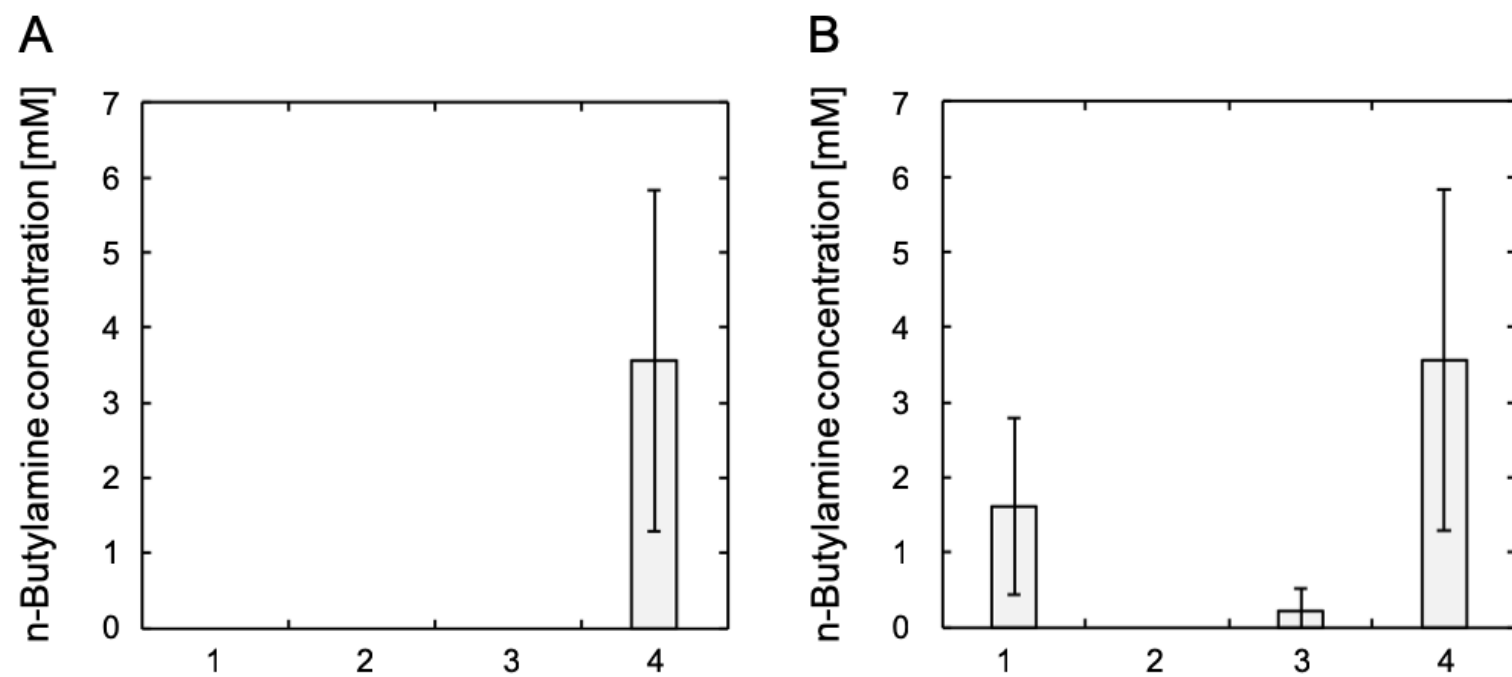


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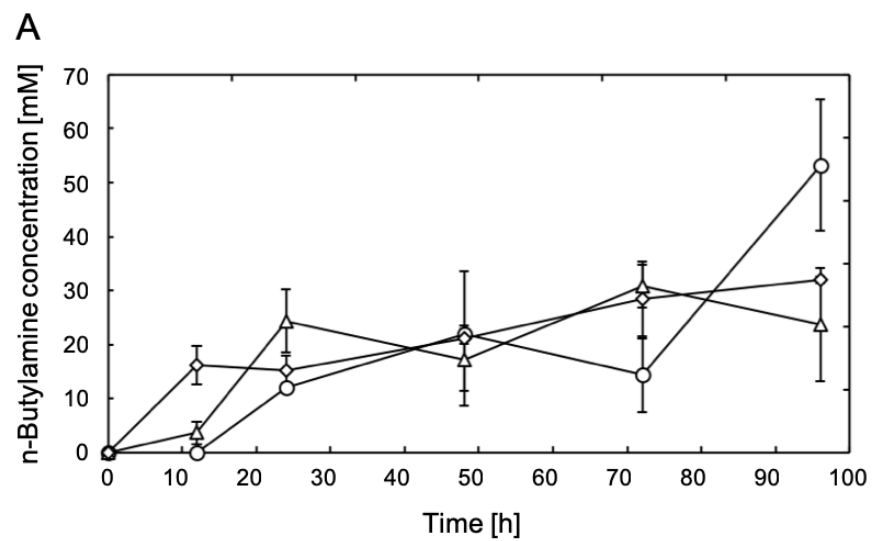
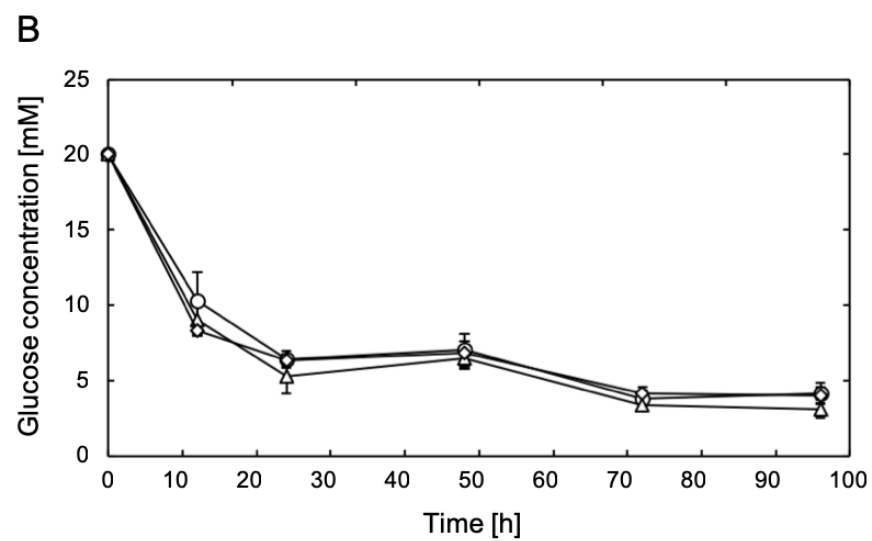


Figure 5



# 1 Table

## 2 Table 1. Strains and plasmids used in this study

Strains or plasmids	Characteristics	Source of reference
<b>Strain</b>		
<i>E. coli</i> NovaBlue	<i>endA1 hsdR17</i> (rk <sup>-</sup> mk <sup>+</sup> ) <i>supE44 thi-1 gyrA96 relA1 lac recA1/F'</i> [ <i>proAB lacI<sup>q</sup> Z ΔM15 Tn10(tet<sup>r</sup>)</i> ]	Novagen
<i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3)	<i>F<sup>-</sup> ompT hsdS<sub>B</sub>(r<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup>, m<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup>) gal dcm λ(DE3)</i>	Novagen
<i>E. coli</i> MG1655	K-12; F <sup>-</sup> λ <sup>-</sup> rph-1	NBRP
MG1655Δ <i>ppc</i>	as MG1655, but Δ <i>ppc</i>	This study
MG1655Δ <i>glcB</i>	as MG1655, but Δ <i>glcB</i>	This study
MG1655Δ <i>ppc</i> Δ <i>glcB</i>	as MG1655, but Δ <i>ppc</i> Δ <i>glcB</i>	This study
<b>Plasmid</b>		
pET-22b(+)	pBR322 ori; Amp <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>T7</sub> ::MCS	Novagen
pCOLA Duet-1	ColA ori; Km <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>T7-1</sub> ::MCS; P <sub>T7-2</sub> ::MCS	Novagen
pET22- <i>bsadh</i>	pBR322 ori; Amp <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>T7</sub> :: <i>bsadh</i>	This study
pCOLA- <i>bsaladh-cvta</i>	ColA ori; Km <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>T7-1</sub> :: <i>bsaladh</i> ; P <sub>T7-2</sub> :: <i>cvta</i>	This study
pZE12MCS	ColE1 ori; Amp <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>LacO-1</sub> ::MCS	Expressys
pZA23MCS	p15A ori; Km <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>A11lacO-1</sub> ::MCS	Expressys
ATPP-pZE12	ColE1 ori; Amp <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>LacO-1</sub> :: <i>atoB ter phaB phaJ</i>	This study
BCA-pZA23	p15A ori; Km <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>A11lacO-1</sub> :: <i>bld cvta bsaladh</i>	This study
pCas	repA101 (Ts) ori; Km <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>cas</sub> :: <i>cas9</i> ; P <sub>araB</sub> :: <i>Red</i> ; lacI <sup>q</sup> ; P <sub>trc</sub> ::sgRNA-pMB1	Addgene (21)
pTargetF	pMB1 ori; Spe <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>J23199</sub> ::sgRNA	Addgene (21)
pTargetT- <i>ppc</i>	pMB1 ori; Spe <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>J23199</sub> ::sgRNA- <i>ppc</i> ; Donor- <i>ppc</i>	This study
pTargetT- <i>glcB</i>	pMB1 ori; Spe <sup>R</sup> ; P <sub>J23199</sub> ::sgRNA- <i>glcB</i> ; Donor- <i>glcB</i>	This study



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2 **Fig. S1.** Sequence of synthetic gene: BLD from *Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*.

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**Fig. S2.** Sequence of synthetic gene: TER from *Treponema denticola*.

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8 **Fig. S3.** Sequence of synthetic gene: TA from *Chromobacterium violaceum*.

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11 **Fig. S4.** Sequence of synthetic gene: ADH from *Bacillus stearothermophilus*.

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14 **Fig. S5.** Sequence of synthetic gene: ALADH from *Bacillus subtilis* subsp. *subtilis* str. *168*.

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17 **Fig. S6.** Sequence of synthetic gene: PHAJ from *Aeromonas caviae*.

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1 **Table S1** Primers used in this study

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5	NdeI pETd phaB for	ggagatatacatatgatgactcagcgattgcgtatgtgaccggc
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9	NcoI pETd R	ccatggtatatctccttattaagttaacaaaat
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13	XhoI pZE12 M1-93 F	CGTCTTCACCTCGAGTTATCTCTGGCGGTGTTGACAAGAGATAACAACGTTGATATAATTGAGCCCGTATTGTTAGC ATGTACG
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15	XbaI pZE12 RFP F	TTTGATGCCTCTAGAttaACTGGGAGCCGGAGTGGCGGG
16	XbaI pZE12 F	TCTAGAGGCATCAAATAAAAC
17	XhoI pZE12 R	CTCGAGGTGAAGACGAAAGGG
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27	XbaI IF Term R	ATTTGATGCCTCTAGTCTAGGGCGGCGGATTTGT
28	AvrII IF M1-93 F	CCGCCCTAGACCTAGTTATCTCTGGCGGTGTTGACAA
29	AvrII IF Term R	CAGCCGAACGCCTAGgTCTAGGGCGGCGGATTTG
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33	XmaI phaJ re	CATGGGATCCCCCGGGttaCGGCAGTTTCACAACCTGCTTCACCGGT
34	KpnI pMR2 csbld F	GAGGAGAAAGGTACCATGATCAAAGATACCCTGGTGA

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42	NcoI_aladh_Bs_for	aggagatataccatgggcATCATAGGGGTTTCCTAAAGAGATAAAAAAC
43	NotI_aladh_Bs_re	aagcattatgcggccgcTTAAGCACCCGCCACAGATGATTTCATCCTG
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