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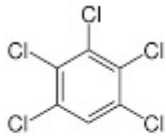
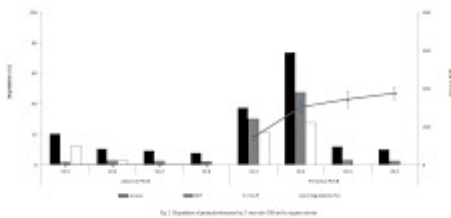
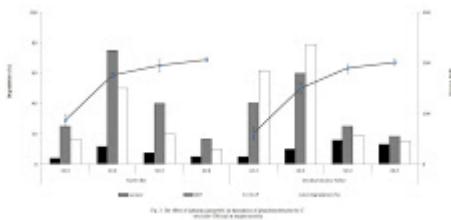


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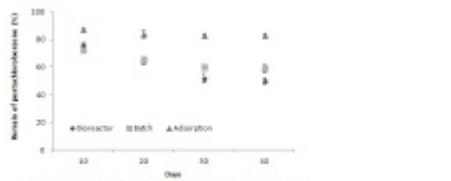
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0%	10.245	10.345	11.345	11.445
0.5%	10.345	11.345	12.345	12.445
1%	10.445	11.445	12.445	13.445
1.5%	10.545	11.545	12.545	13.545
Effect of paper added 0.1 mL H <sub>2</sub> O				
0.1 mL H <sub>2</sub> O	10.245	10.345	11.345	11.445
0.5 mL H <sub>2</sub> O	10.345	11.345	12.345	12.445
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Dear Mr Hasbi Yasin,

We have received the submission entitled: "Effects of Mediators for Ligninolytic Enzyme Production and Kinetic Studies on Degradation of Pentachlorobenzene by *Trametes versicolor* U80" for possible publication in *Water, Air, & Soil Pollution*, and you are listed as one of the co-authors.

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To Prof. Sanro Tachibana,

Hello, sensei. How are you doing? Last week I got email from editor about asking revision of manuscript. I revised it and please find our revised manuscript. By the way, thank you for asking Sumitomo Foundation. I will try another research grant later. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sensei, how are you doing? I would like to inform you that our manuscript has been published in AIP Conference Proceedings. <http://scitation.aip.org/content/aip/proceeding/aipcp/10.1063/1.4953477>

Another manuscript about pentachlorobenzene degradation is still under review. I do not know why it takes so long time (more than 2 months). Now, I am preparing our manuscript about dioxane degradation. I will send the draft later.

By the way, several days ago I read about grant for environmental research from Sumitomo Foundation. Unfortunately, all documents should be applied in Japanese. I could not understand Japanese so I can not apply it.

Thank you for your understanding, Sensei.

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Fig. 2.

The % of degradation is the highest after some time (not at the beginning and not at the end). After maximum od degradation, microbes loose their food so % of degradation decrease. Figure 2 is correct by my opinion.

Thank you for your opinion and I also added one sentence (line 173)

Fig. 4:

Figure 4 is not so clear for me, because in title is written that they used bioreactor, but on the figure are also presented results from batch and adsorption system. Otherwise results are OK, because in bioreactor bioremediation is the best due to good oxigen distribution, so during the time the most of pentachlorobenzene is destroyed.

Thank you for your suggestion. I made mistake in the title for Fig. 4. I edited it. "Fig. 4. Degradation of pentachlorobenzene by immobilized fungi of *T. versicolor* U97"

Tables:

For Tables I have no comment, because I think that they are good. Tween that they used are surfactants and there are parameters of different types of Tween and different concentrations.

Thank you for your opinion and I agree with you. Tween is good mediators to enhance the degradation of pollutant by fungi.

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## 26 **Abstract**

27 Pentachlorobenzene is one new POPs that has been recently added to the Stockholm  
28 Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Based on this reason, one treatment  
29 having ability to degrade this compound is needed. The microbiological process by using  
30 white-rot fungus was used in this experiment. Free cell of *Trametes versicolor* U80 degraded  
31 pentachlorobenzene 43% in liquid medium at 40 d incubation. The rapid initial uptake of  
32 pentachlorobenzene was obtained in the first 20 d. The results based on ionization potential  
33 and the partial least square function indicated that both enzymatic systems of lignin  
34 peroxidase and P-450 monooxygenase involved in the degradation of pentachlorobenzene.  
35 By using addition of Tween 80, MnSO<sub>4</sub>, and veratryl alcohol, degradation of  
36 pentachlorobenzene could be improved. Based on kinetic study, the use of 1% of Tween 80  
37 showed the highest degradation rate (2.0619/day) and the degradation of pentachlorobenzene  
38 by 50% can be shortened up to 24 days. Application of *T. versicolor* U80 in soil and  
39 bioreactor degraded pentachlorobenzene 43% and 50% at 40 d, respectively. *T. versicolor*  
40 U80 shows good capability degrading pentachlorobenzene in soil and bioreactor although it is  
41 lower than in liquid due to the difference of pollutant accessibility and transfer oxygen.  
42 Finally, strain *T. versicolor* U80 can be proposed as a excellent candidate for remediation  
43 application in pentachlorobenzene pollution.

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45 **Keywords:** *Trametes versicolor*; pentachlorobenzene; lignin peroxidase; Tween 80; kinetic  
46 study

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## 48 **1. Introduction**

49 In addition to the original Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants  
50 (POPs), nine new POPs have been recently added, including pentachlorobenzene. This



51 compound has also been proposed for inclusion in the POPs protocol of the Longrange  
52 Transport of Atmospheric Pollutants Convention of the UNECE. In the past,  
53 pentachlorobenzene was used to reduce the viscosity of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)  
54 products during heat transfer and it was also used in electrical equipment mixed with PCBs  
55 (Bailey et al. 2009). This compound can also be produced as a byproduct by industrial  
56 processes using chlorine and carbon. Pentachlorobenzene 0.4 ng/L was found in water and  
57 sediment in the Yangtse River near Nanjing, China (Jiang et al. 2000). Because of its  
58 persistent, long-range transportable nature and toxic biological effects, the presence of  
59 pentachlorobenzene in the environment should get attention. Bailey et al. (2009) stated that  
60 based on its characteristics, the naturally degradation of pentachlorobenzene in the water and  
61 soil is estimated to be months to years. Based on this reason, one treatment having ability to  
62 degrade this compound is needed.

63 The microbiological process for degradation of toxic organic pollutant is now  
64 considered as a promising method for the problem of environmental pollution. Bacteria has  
65 ability to degrade di- and trichlorobenzene even it has low activity to degrade highly  
66 chlorinated benzenes (Takagi et al. 2009). White-rot fungus *Trametes versicolor* has ability  
67 to degrade 1,2,3-trichlorobenzene and 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene by using P-450 monooxygenase  
68 (Marco-Urrea et al. 2009). However, white-rot fungi have been extensively studied for  
69 pollutant removal because they mainly produce ligninolytic enzymes i.e. laccase, lignin  
70 peroxidase, and manganese peroxidase. Unfortunately, few researches have studied  
71 pentachlorobenzene degradation.

72 Laccase is *N*-glycosylated extracellular multicopper oxidases that play a key role in  
73 the depolymerization of lignin (Wells et al. 2006; Hadibarata and Nor 2014). Manganese  
74 peroxidase is a low molecular weight diffusible ligninolytic oxidant, which oxidize  $Mn^{2+}$  to  
75  $Mn^{3+}$ . It was secreted in carbon and nitrogen limited media and enhanced with

76 supplementation of  $Mn^{2+}$  and veratryl alcohol (Asgher et al. 2008). Lignin peroxidase is  
77 capable of mineralizing a variety of aromatic compounds (Shrivastava et al. 2005). This  
78 enzyme is effective for degradation of pollutant in the presence of hydrogen peroxide and  
79 mediators. The role of ligninolytic enzymes in the degradation of pentachlorobenzene mainly  
80 depends on the composition of the culture medium and its mediators. The redox mediators  
81 have the potential to mediate oxidation reaction between a pollutant and an enzyme and  
82 enhance the enzymatic activity (Yamanaka et al. 2008; Jamal et al. 2011).

83 Oil palm empty fruit bunches (OPEFB) contains lignin that used for pre-grown source  
84 of white-rot fungi during degradation of pollutant (Sari et al. 2014). A study for degradation  
85 of pentachlorobenzene in soil is necessary to be conducted because the possibility of this  
86 pollutant is settled in soil. However, the extremely low solubility of pentachlorobenzene  
87 should get the attention. On the other hand, for technical application, immobilized fungi to  
88 degrade organopollutant compounds has been also developed. Immobilized fungi offers  
89 advantages such as easy recovery, easy packaging, short retention time, and protection of  
90 cells from pollutants (Sari et al. 2015).

91 Although biodegradation of organochlorine compounds has been widely observed, the  
92 effect of mediators on degradation of pentachlorobenzene has not been extensively  
93 investigated. Kinetic studies were performed by determination of the residual  
94 pentachlorobenzene concentration in samples collected during degradation. This is the first  
95 study to evaluate the ability of *Trametes versicolor* to degrade pentachlorobenzene based on  
96 its degradation kinetics. In this study, the potential of free cells and immobilized fungus of  
97 *Trametes versicolor* U80 to degrade pentachlorobenzene in liquid medium (batch and  
98 bioreactor) and soil was evaluated. This study also investigated the enzymatic activities  
99 involving the degradation of pentachlorobenzene after addition of several mediators. In order

100 to understand the fate of pentachlorobenzene, the biodegradation mechanisms for its  
101 decomposition was clarified.

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## 103 **2. Materials and methods**

### 104 2.1 Chemicals and preparation of fungus

105 Pentachlorobenzene and all solvents were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical  
106 Industry, Osaka, Japan. The structure of pentachlorobenzene is shown in Fig. 1. Oil palm  
107 empty fruit bunches (OPEFB) was obtained from PTPN V, Sumatera, Indonesia. *Trametes*  
108 *versicolor* U80 was collected from decaying wood which native to Matsuyama, Japan and  
109 preserved in Faculty of Agriculture, Ehime University, Japan. This strain cultured on a malt  
110 extract agar medium was stored at 25° C for several days and kept at low temperature 4° C.

### 111 2.2 Degradation test with pentachlorobenzene

112 A malt extract liquid medium containing (in g/L) malt extract (20), glucose (15), and  
113 polypeptone (1) was used for degradation experiments (Sari et al. 2015). Three 5 mm plugs  
114 were added into the Erlenmeyer flask containing 20 mL of medium. Each inoculated flasks  
115 was pre-incubated for 7 d. At the incubation stage, 0.1 mM of pentachlorobenzene diluted in  
116 dimethylformamide was added to the Erlenmeyer flasks. As the control, fungal culture after  
117 pre-incubation was autoclaved and pentachlorobenzene was added. The mediators  
118 ligninolytic activity enhancer were used to know the change of enzyme activity affecting  
119 degradation of pentachlorobenzene. Several concentrations of Tween 40 and Tween 80 (0.5%,  
120 1%, and 1.5%) were added to the cultures of *T. versicolor* U80 in liquid medium,  
121 respectively. Furthermore, 0.1 mM of CuSO<sub>4</sub>, 0.05 mM MnSO<sub>4</sub>, or 0.1 mM veratryl alcohol-  
122 0.1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> were added to the cultures in liquid medium.

123 Soil from paddy field in the Faculty of Agriculture, Ehime University was used for  
124 this experiment. It was air-dried and sieved through a fraction passing  $\varnothing$  3 mm mesh and  
125 stored at room temperature before use. Thirty grams sterilized soil was mixed with 3 g of *T.*  
126 *versicolor* U80 pre-grown in OPEFB, 10 ppm pentachlorobenzene diluted in DMF, 5% (w/w)  
127 glucose, and 10% (w/w) nutrient source called shiitake no sato. Control treatment was  
128 performed with only soil medium and 10 ppm of pentachlorobenzene without inoculated  
129 fungus.

130 A 45 mL glass column was used for the bioreactor. Growing fungus in malt extract  
131 medium was homogenized 10,000 rpm for 10 min and then used for the inoculum (Sari et al.  
132 2015). 1.5% sodium alginate was mixed with crude fungal and then droply added into 0.1 M  
133  $\text{CaCl}_2$  diluted in water. The beads were added into the column and the bioreactor was filled  
134 up with 100 mL pentachlorobenzene solution (final concentration 0.1 mM). The flowrate  
135 used was  $1 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ . All the samples were incubated in the dark place at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  for 10-40 d.

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### 137 2.3 Pentachlorobenzene degradation analysis:

138 After harvesting, the culture from liquid medium and bioreactor were extracted using  
139 ethyl acetate three times. On the other hand, the sample in soil was extracted by using soxhlet  
140 apparatus with dichloromethane for 16 h. All samples were purified by column  
141 chromatography with C200 silica gel (hexane:dichloromethane, 9:1). GC-MS Shimadzu QP-  
142 2010 was dissolved used to analyze samples. It was equipped with a TC-1 column (30 m, id:  
143 0.25 mm), helium as a carrier gas, a flow rate  $1.5 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$  with column pressure 100 kPa,  
144 and interface temperature at  $120^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature program was started at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  hold for 2  
145 minutes, raised to  $180^\circ\text{C}$  with a rate  $20^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ , then  $2^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$  to  $210^\circ\text{C}$ , then  $5^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$  to  
146  $310^\circ\text{C}$ , and finally maintained for 3 min to allow eluting peak to exit the column. Aliquot of 1  
147  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample was injected into the chromatographic system.

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## 149 2.4 Enzyme assays

150 Lignin peroxide (LiP), manganese peroxide (MnP), and laccase were assayed by  
151 determination of absorbance of sample using a Shimadzu UV/Vis-1600 spectrophotometer.  
152 In the harvest time, the culture from liquid medium were filtered on a filter paper. On the  
153 other hand, 5 g of the culture from soil was diluted with 30 ml distilled water, and then  
154 homogenized at 10,000 rpm for 10 min. After mixing, the mixture was filtrated (Sari et al.  
155 2013). MnP activity due to oxidation of 2,6-dimethoxyphenol malonate buffer in  $\text{MnSO}_4$   
156 solution was assayed at 470 nm (Takano et al. 2004). LiP activity was determined by  
157 monitoring the formation of 2 mM  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and LiP buffer at 310 nm (Collins et al. 1997).  
158 Laccase activity was determined by syringaldazine oxidation at 525 nm (Zavarzina and  
159 Zavarzin 2006). The enzyme activities were expressed in Unit/liter.

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## 161 2.7. Statistical analyses

162 All data were expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (standard deviation) from triplicate experiments.  
163 Partial least square and linear regression to obtain kinetic study were calculated by using  
164 MINITAB 17.

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## 166 3. Results and discussion

### 167 3.1 Degradation of pentachlorobenzene in liquid medium and its mechanisms

168 In control experiment, pentachlorobenzene was degraded only 5%, so that the  
169 adsorption mechanism by using the dead fungal was not occurred. The result explains that  
170 biosorption was not playing a role in bioremoval mechanism. Fig. 2 shows that  
171 pentachlorobenzene was degraded by approximately 43% during the 40 d incubation period.  
172 The rapid degradation of pentachlorobenzene was obtained in the first 20 d, and then

173 followed by a slower rate up to 40 d. The slower degradation rate was caused by the  
174 decreasing of nutrient source. A few informations providing degradation of pentachlorobenze  
175 by white-rot fungi were obtained. Nineteen strains of basidiomycetes were found to be  
176 capable of growing in soil contaminated hexachlorobenzene (HCB) with concentration range  
177 of 5000-50,000 mg of HCB kg<sup>-1</sup> soil. *Psilocybe castanella* CCB444 and *Lentinus zeyheri*  
178 CCB274 were the most capable of degrading HCB in soil during a 65-day study period  
179 (Matheus et al. 2000). *T. versicolor* (ATCC42530) has able to degrade 1,2,3- and 1,2,4-  
180 trichlorobenzene in initial concentration 6 mg L<sup>-1</sup>. After 7 d of incubation, the percent  
181 degradation of 1,2,3- and 1,2,4- trichlorobenzene were 91.1% and 79.6%, respectively  
182 (Marco-Urrea et al. 2009).

183 *Trametes versicolor* U80 secreted all enzymes during the absence and presence of  
184 pentachlorobenzene on days 10 and 20. The enzyme activity increased 5-10 fold in the  
185 presence of pentachlorobenzene at 20 d and this means that catalysis of the decomposition of  
186 the recalcitrant aromatic compounds by *T. versicolor* U80 is affected by ligninolytic enzymes.  
187 This result was also in line with the rapid degradation at that days.

188 The pollutant oxidation by white-rot fungi are not rapid but efficient, but they are very  
189 nonspecific (Hammel 1995). Organopollutants are usually chemically resistant because of  
190 delocalization of their energy and, moreover, the dense clouds of  $\Pi$ -electrons on both sides of  
191 the ring structures make them highly resistant to nucleophilic attack (Cajthaml and  
192 Svobodová 2012). Therefore, ligninolytic enzymes are needed to breakdown this compound  
193 through reaction with electron in ring structure of aromatic compounds. However, these  
194 enzymes require the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as the electron acceptor to oxidize organopollutants  
195 (Ruiz-Duenas and Martinez 2009). *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* degraded several  
196 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) by using LiP and MnP (Hammel 1995). LiP  
197 oxidize certain PAHs directly based on their ionization potential, whereas MnP co-oxidize

198 them indirectly during enzyme-mediated lipid peroxidation. The mechanism involves  
199 applying required energy to remove one-electron, so-called ionization potential and  
200 transforms substrates into radical, which used to degrade pollutant compounds.  
201 Pentachlorobenzene has ionization potential 8.8-9.21 eV. LiP-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> catalyze the oxidation of  
202 pentachlorobenzene based on ionization potential of pollutant. Since ionization potential LiP  
203 7.35 eV, it seems that pentachlorobenzene was difficult to be degraded by LiP itself. It  
204 indicates that degradation of pentachlorobenze is not only affected by LiP. The another  
205 possibility is role of P450-monoxygenase. Ligninolytic fungi has able to decompose  
206 organopollutant using ligninolytic enzymes and cytochrome P-450 monoxygenase  
207 (Cajthaml, 2015). To confirm this hypotesis, partial least square analysis was used later.

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### 209 3.2 Effects of mediators on degradation in liquid medium

210 In order to demosntrate enhancement the ligninolytic activity of *T. versicolor* U80,  
211 some mediators were used in this study. The surfactans as mediators, Tween 40 and Tween  
212 80 in several concentrations, were employed on degradation of pentachlorobenzene in liquid  
213 medium (Table 1). The surfactant is easily catabolized without any effect on the production  
214 ligninolytic enzymes for degradation of pollutant compounds (Leonardi et al. 2007). The  
215 result showed that 1% Tween 80 improved the degradation 1.5 fold. However, addition of  
216 Tween 40 did not improve degradation of pentachlorobenzene.

217 The bioavailability of a pollutant is one of the factors which determines the success of  
218 bioremediation approaches (Leonardi et al. 2007). The objectives in using mediators to  
219 enhance bioremediation processes through improvement solubilization of pollutant in the  
220 liquid phase (Fava et al. 2004). The structure of a Tween consist of a nonionic  
221 polyoxyethylene-sorbitan head group and a hydrophobic linear hydrocarbon chain where the  
222 difference between Tween 40 (monopalmitate) and Tween 80 (monooleate) is in their

223 hydrophobic. The growth of *T. versicolor* U80 was not affected by the presence of Tween 80.  
224 By contrast, Tween 40 suppressed the growth of this strain. Degradation of phenanthrene by  
225 *Pleurotus ostreatus* did not improve with addition of Tween 40 at 14 days was also obtained  
226 by Marquez-Rocha et al. (2000).

227        Presence of Tween 80 caused the bioavailability of pentachlorobenzene more increased  
228 which has high stability in the media. Tween 80 as surfactants could reduce surface and  
229 interfacial tensions and also increase the solubility and mobility of hydrophobic organic  
230 compounds (Singh et al. 2007). Addition of 1% Tween 80 affected on the highest degradation  
231 of pentachlorobenzene. After addition of this surfactant, enzyme activity of *T. versicolor* U80  
232 was increased (Fig. 3). The presence of a monounsaturated acryl chain in Tween 80 also  
233 could be the possible occurrence of peroxidation reactions in process (Zheng and Obbard  
234 2001). Venkatadri and Irvine (1990) stated the possible effects of Tween 80 are protecting  
235 ligninase from being mechanically inactivated, increasing ligninase activity by hydrolysis  
236 mechanism, increasing an extracellular energy source in its hydrolysis products during  
237 secondary metabolism.

238        Addition of other mediators to enhance the ligninolytic enzymes resulted the change  
239 of degradation of pentachlorobenzene (Table 1). These mediators act as natural diffusible  
240 redox mediators of ligninolytic enzymes. The addition of 0.1 mM CuSO<sub>4</sub> to the reaction  
241 mixtures had no effect on improvement pentachlorobenzene degradation even the growth of  
242 fungus was not suppressed. It indicated that laccase has no role in this degradation. Laccase is  
243 more difficult to degrade some xenobiotic compounds than LiP because laccase ionization  
244 potential is lower than that of Fe<sup>3+</sup> from LiP (Li et al. 1999). Addition of MnSO<sub>4</sub> slightly  
245 improved the degradation of pentachlorobenzene. Addition of MnSO<sub>4</sub> to induce MnP  
246 improved degradation of pollutant (Zhao et al. 2010; Marco-Urrea and Reddy 2012). MnP  
247 acts by oxidizing Mn<sup>2+</sup> to Mn<sup>3+</sup> which then diffuses into the pollutant. Reaction between



248 veratryl alcohol and hydrogen peroxide enhanced LiP production in pentachlorobenzene  
249 degradation. This result affected in the increasing degradation of pentachlorobenzene (Fig. 3).  
250 Veratryl alcohol naturally presence in white-rot fungi as a secondary metabolite. It is useful  
251 as a mediator for the degradation of lignin. Futhermore, it protects LiP against inactivation  
252 (Christian et al. 2005). However, due to the short life span of veratryl alcohol cation radical,  
253 the addition of veratryl alcohol is needed to improve degradation of pollutants. The  
254 formation of a veratryl alcohol-LiP complex and the production of veratryl alcohol radicals  
255 may play a role in the enhanced activity of LiP (Vazquez-Duhalt et al. 1994). Furthermore,  
256 partial least squares regression showed the most important enzyme for the degradation of  
257 pentachlorobenzene by *T. versicolor* U80 was LiP. The regression equation is given below.

$$258 \quad \text{Degradation (\%)} = 29.4541 - 0.0118 \text{ Laccase} + 0.0138 \text{ MnP} + 0.1517 \text{ LiP} \quad (1)$$

259

260 LiP catalyses the oxidation of non-phenolic aromatic compounds ring opening and  
261 side chain cleavage reactions, C-C cleavage in side chain of lignin, cleavage of aromatic ring,  
262 oxidation of benzyl alcohols to aldehydes, oxidative dechlorination reactions, and  
263 methoxylations. The constant 29.45 is a value that can not be represented by the ligninolytic  
264 enzymes. The study assumed that this enzyme was P-450 monooxygenase. Recent studies  
265 shows ligninolytic fungi have P-450 type genes that are useful to attack many pollutant  
266 compounds in the early step of degradation (Cajthaml 2015). It catalyses hydroxylation and  
267 reduction. The efficient functioning of an intracellular catabolic system was related with  
268 adsorbed ability of pollutant compound. The proteins associated with fungal membranes  
269 probably play a major role in the steps of degradation (Shary et al. 2008). *Phlebia brevispora*  
270 degraded polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) by using P-450 monooxygenase and formed the  
271 methoxy metabolites via hydroxylated PCBs (Kamei et al. 2006). The role of P-450  
272 monooxygenase in degrading pollutant, chlorobenzoates, were also reported by Stella et al.

273 (2013). Purified P-450 monooxygenase has able to degrade chlorobenzoates upon 1 h  
274 incubation through hydroxylated derivatives.

275

### 276 3.3 Degradation kinetics of pentachlorobenzene

277 Application of kinetic study is conducted to estimate kinetic parameters for growth of  
278 fungi on a pollutant and substrates (i.e. mediators) (Helbling 2015). Degradation rate constants  
279 and half live periods of pentachlorobenzene were calculated from the data in Table 1, using  
280 first-order reaction model (Zhang et al. 2016). Table 2 shows the calculated results of  
281 degradation kinetics. The degradation of pentachlorobenzen in liquid medium during 40 days  
282 incubation fitted well to first-order reaction model. It was reflected by the regression  
283 coefficient  $R^2$  (0.9487-0.9797). The use of 1% of Tween 80 showed the highest degradation  
284 rate (2.0619/day). On the other hand, the use of 1.5% of Tween 40 showed the lowest  
285 degradation rate (1.0960/day). Our result showed that the different mediators led to the  
286 different degradation kinetics. Furthermore, the time needed to degrade pentachlorobenzene  
287 by 50% was 37 days, while after addition of 1% Tween 80, degradation of  
288 pentachlorobenzene can be shortened up to 24 days. These results were consistent with the  
289 previous result in section 3.2. Tween 80 enhanced an extracellular energy to break down  
290 pentachlorobenzene during secondary metabolism.

291

### 292 3.4 Degradation of pentachlorobenzene in soil

293 In 30 days, *T. versicolor* U80 pre-grown in oil palm empty fruit bunches (OPEFB)  
294 had ability to degrade pentachlorobenzene in soil by 40% (Fig. 4). Previously, OPEFB was  
295 used as pre-grown source for *T. versicolor* U97 to degrade DDT (Sari et al. 2013). It was  
296 concluded that OPEFB mechanisms during the degradation of DDT were adsorption, carbon  
297 source utilization, and stimulation of ligninolytic systems used for secondary metabolism

298 (Sari et al. 2014). Degradation in soil was still lower than in liquid medium even the  
299 concentration of pentachlorobenzene in liquid medium was higher than in soil. The high  
300 electrophonic chlorine atoms on the benzene ring make aerobic oxidative degradation of  
301 pentachlorobenzene became difficult (Kengara et al. 2013). The low accessibility of  
302 pentachlorobenzene in soil because of limitation of mass transfer and low diffusion into  
303 organic matter that affected pentachlorobenzene is retained in the soil pores caused  
304 desorption hysteresis (Mougin et al. 1997; Fujian et al. 2001; Gao and Jiang et al. 2010).  
305 Pollutants may have different concentration-dependent relationships with soil conditions,  
306 which influences the fate of organic chemicals in soil (Zhang et al. 2006).

307         Furthermore, the same result with the enzyme activity in liquid medium, *T. versicolor*  
308 U80 in soil secreted the high enzyme activities at 10 and 20 d. However the degradation was  
309 not only affected by the enzyme activity but also depended on the medium and accessibility  
310 attack enzyme to pollutant.

311

### 312 3.5 Degradation of pentachlorobenzene in bioreactor:

313         Continuous flow column system was designed to determine the ability of immobilized  
314 of microbial strain at the water interface to degrade pentachlorobenzene. Fig. 5 shows that  
315 degradation by immobilized fungi in bioreactor was higher than in the batch condition after  
316 10 d meaning that transfer oxygen in bioreactor process was higher than in batch condition,  
317 and it will affect on the improvement of pentachlorobenzene degradation.

318

## 319 4. Conclusion

320         Free cell of *Trametes versicolor* U80 degraded pentachlorobenzene by 43% in liquid  
321 medium during 40 days incubation. Based on the ionization potential and the partial least  
322 square function, the results indicated that both lignin peroxidase and P-450 monooxygenase

323 enzymatic systems involved in the degradation of pentachlorobenzene. By using the addition  
324 of Tween 80, MnSO<sub>4</sub>, and veratryl alcohol, the degradation of pentachlorobenzene could be  
325 improved. Based on kinetic study, the use of 1% of Tween 80 showed the highest degradation  
326 rate (2.0619/day) and the degradation of pentachlorobenzene by 50% can be shortened up to  
327 24 days. Application of *T. versicolor* U80 in soil and bioreactor degraded pentachlorobenzene  
328 43% and 50% at 40 d, respectively. Furthermore, the metabolite products of  
329 pentachlorobenzene after the degradation is still needs further investigation.

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