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# Increasing extracellular cellulase activity of the recombinant *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by engineering cell wall-related proteins for improved consolidated processing of carbon neutral lignocellulosic biomass

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**â€¢ The CBP yeast strains were engineered to benefit conversion of cellululosic biomass.**

**â€¢ Overexpression of *MIG1<sub>spsc01</sub>* affected expression of proteins related to cell wall.**

**â€¢ Engineering *MIG1<sub>spsc01</sub>*, *UTH1* and *YGP1* are novel strategies for improving CBP.**

**â€¢ Disruption of *YGP1* with overexpressing *SED5* elevated CBH activity of 2.2-fold.**

**â€¢ CBP yeast with improved cellulase production facilitates economic bioproduction.**

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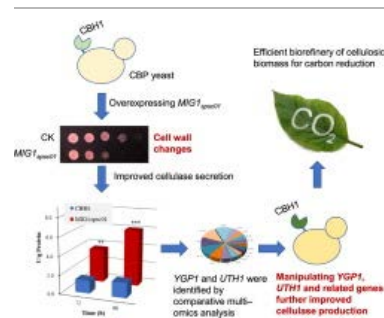
## Abstract

Sustainable bioproduction using carbon neutral feedstocks, especially lignocellulosic biomass, has attracted increasing attention due to concern over climate change and carbon



reduction. Consolidated bioprocessing (CBP) of lignocellulosic biomass using recombinant yeast of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is a promising strategy for lignocellulosic biorefinery. However, the economic viability is restricted by low enzyme secretion levels. For more efficient CBP, *MIG1<sub>spsc01</sub>* isolated from the industrial yeast which encodes the glucose repression regulator derivative was overexpressed. Increased extracellular cellobiohydrolase (CBH) activity was observed with unexpectedly decreased cell wall integrity. Further studies revealed that disruption of *CWP2*, *YGP1*, and *UTH1*, which are functionally related to *MIG1<sub>spsc01</sub>*, also enhanced CBH secretion. Subsequently, improved cellulase production was achieved by simultaneous disruption of *YGP1* and overexpression of *SED5*, which remarkably increased extracellular CBH activity of 2.2-fold over the control strain. These results provide a novel strategy to improve the CBP yeast for bioconversion of carbon neutral biomass.

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## Keywords

Cellulase production; *MIG1<sub>spsc01</sub>*; *UTH1*; *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Consolidated bioprocessing (CBP)

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