



## THE POTENTIAL BIODEGRADATION HYDROCARBONS OF PETROLEUM SLUDGE WASTE BY CELL BIOMASS SPONGE *Callyspongia sp.*

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### ABSTRACT

The toxicity of petroleum sludge is a serious threat to marine life. Necessary concrete steps petroleum contamination reduction through a search of potential marine materials degrade toxic components hydrocarbons. The sponge is one potential material reducing toxic properties of petroleum contamination. The research objective was to determine the potential *Callyspongia sp* sponge against the degradation of petroleum hydrocarbon sludge. Four variations of treatment used to determine the potential of sponge biomass, namely: the treatment I, II, III and IV. Indicators degradation is the formation of gas, the smell fermentation, pH changes and increase in the absorbance of the suspension of media degradation. The level degradation each treatment is determined gravimetric method and the known hydrocarbon component changes by using GC-MS. Unidentified gas, the smell of fermentation and changes in media of pH on average degradation occurs on the 15 days of contact for all treatments. Data showed degradation occurs absorbance maximum at 20-25 days to contact. The highest degradation rates indicated by IV treatment (26.93 %), III (24.84 %), II (22.59 %), and I: (18.20 %). Found 20 kinds of components in the waste sludge aliphatic petroleum to form a homologous series nC10-nC30, and two aromatic components, namely the 2,7-dimethyl naphthalene and 1,4-dimethyl azulene. *Callyspongia sp* sponge biomass concluded at the highest IV treatment degrading aliphatic hydrocarbons, then treatment III, II and I, while the aromatic components are not degraded by biomass *Callyspongia sp* sponge at all treatments.

Keywords: *Callyspongia sp*, biomass, degradation, sewage sludge, aliphatic, aromatic, treatment, GC-MS

### INTRODUCTION

Waste oil should handled comprehensible because it contains components toxic, mutagenic and carcinogenic, categorized as hazardous materials, toxic. Waste petroleum hydrocarbon contamination can occur in nearly all lines of petroleum activities ranging from exploration through refining process, the process upstream to downstream stages and could potentially

result in the form of sludge waste petroleum (oil sludge) [1, 2].

The main content of petroleum contaminants sludge are aliphatic hydrocarbons, aromatic (PAH), other components such as organic substances and heavy metal components [3, 4, 5, 6].

The PAH component is hydrophobic, so it easily attaches to organic matter from solid particles formed micropolutan persistent in the

environment. PAH is a toxic substance could damage marine life and the potential to disrupt the health of humans because it is toxic in nearly all marine life [7, 8].

One alternative is the reduction of hydrocarbons contaminated environments with bioremediation technique, which is a technology that is environmentally friendly, effective and economical by utilizing the activity of microbes such as bacteria. This method expected to reduce the waste oil into products such as organic substances and components into simple [8, 9]. Methods and principles of bioremediation is performed aerobic biodegradation by microorganism activity [9, 10]. Microorganisms used in methods of biodegradation are bacteria that have the ability to degrade crude oil known as hydrocarbonoclastic microorganisms, namely microorganisms capable of utilizing crude oil as a carbon source for growth. Bacteria are often used in bioremediation process because it has adaptability and high reproductive [8, 11].

The use of bacteria for biodegradation of oil sludge contamination is much done, because it is believed inexpensive and environmentally friendly but, only in small scale microcosms, although it did not rule out on a larger scale (marine environment) and are continuous, there are still very many obstacles to arrive at this stage, as a factor of the marine environment as medium degradation difficult to ascertain, solar lighting, sea water temperature, pH, type and concentration of microorganisms is needed, isolation and production of microorganisms, the certainty of time degradation, and volume of oil sludge contamination [12, 13]. Naturally have the ability to degrade the environment-polluting substances that enter into it through biological and chemical processes. However, often times the pollution load on the environment is greater than the speed of degradation of the natural contaminants. As a result, pollutants will accumulate to form sedimentary [14, 15].

The oil sludge much biodegradation studies utilizing cells from potential material degradation such as mangroves, algae, jellyfish, and the material at the site of the oil sludge contamination [13, 16], but it can only touch on certain areas, such as the material of mangrove generally found in coastal areas, algae live in shallow ocean surface area, and the material isolated from the location of hydrocarbon contamination [7, 13, 17, 18, 19].

Oil sludge contamination can occur in almost all marine waters, thus research on biodegradation of oil sludge can be directly to the search of potential materials that can be found in most areas of the sea [12, 20].

Sponges are scattered marine life in shallow and deep marine areas. Sponges are multicellular metazoan animals, which are filter feeders porous, so that it becomes a habitat for microorganisms to nest in the body [20, 21]. Sponges know to be symbiotic with some types of bacteria, so it is assumed that microsymbiont and sponge biomass is potentially material to degrade oil sludge. This thinking based on several facts that some types of sponges can be symbiotic with many microorganisms such as symbiosis sponge *Callyspongia sp* with *Bacillus subthilis* strain BAB-1684 and *Bacillus FLEXUS* strain PHCDB20, 136 isolates of bacterial symbionts sponge *Jaspis sp*, symbionts sponge *Theonella sp*, *Melophlus surassinu* *Callyspongia sp* by *Bacillus subthilis* and vibrio bacteria eltor [4, 7, 11, 22]. Structure consists of sponge biomass fraction skeleton, debris and bacteria pellets which all potential as a material to degrade petroleum sludge [23, 24]. Sponges are multicellular organisms that have full body pores and channels that allow water to circulate through them, consisting of jelly-like mesohyl sandwiched between two thin layers of cells. Sponges specialized form of cell can change into another kind,

often migrate between the main cell layers and mesohyl [25, 26].

## METHODS

### Material and tools

Materials consisting of a sponge, the fraction of biomass sponge *Callyspongia sp* extracted, sewage petroleum sludge waste (PSW), NPK 5 % (5 g/100 mL aquabidesh), (composition N: 25 %, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 12 %, and K<sub>2</sub>O: 12 %), dichloromethane GR merck, iso-octane standard of 691 ug/mL (CA540-84-1), TCL PAH standard mix 16 2000 µg/mL, CRM 48905 Supelco, Stone Mineral Salt Solution (SMSS): composition 1.8 g K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; 1.2 g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; 4.0 g NH<sub>4</sub>Cl; 0.2 g, MgSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.1 g NaCl; 0.01 g FeSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O; and 1.000 mL of distilled water), 0.9 % NaCl physiological.

Tools consist of GC-MS [Agilent 7890], the operating conditions (maximum temperature 350 °C, the increase in temperature of 10 °C every 5 minutes, pressure 18.406 psi, a carrier gas Helium, a speed of 150 mL/min, capillary column [Agilent 19019S-436HP-5 ms], dimensions of 60 mx 250 µm x 0.25 µm, the pressure 18,406 psi, separation 26,128 cm/sec., a retention time of maximum 30 minutes), spectronik 20 D \* [Thermo E. Corp]. a wavelength of 600 nm, set centrifugasi [DKC-1006T] 6 tube, blender [Philips AE105], filter of 0.2 µm [millex-LH], shaker incubator [Enviro-Genie], micro pipette [Dragon Onemed], set sheet analytic [Mettler PM-200], spoit, Universal pH paper Brands.

Characteristic sponge sampling location: the coordinate point 16.010 36'8 " LS and 116<sup>0</sup> 48.23'6" BT, temperature 29 °C, 30 ‰ salinity, pH 7, and a depth of 2.7 m, while WPS results obtained from the storage tank processing number B 05, PT. Chevron Pacific, Dumai Riau, Indonesia [20, 22].

### Experiments

*Callyspongia sp* sponge biomass (CSB) extractionis done in a manner: 5 g sample prepared sponge *Callyspongia sp* in 3.5 %

formalin, diluted with sea water that has been filtered by the filter of 0.2 µL. Samples *Callyspongia sp* crushed in a blender, then the cell suspension of biomass was centrifuged for 5 minutes speed of 1,000 rpm to separate cell biomass sponge of residue formed supernatant, and the supernatant was centrifuged again at 4,000 rpm for 10 minutes obtained pellet bacteria, fractions result centrifugation weighed to get weight (%) each cell fraction [11, 23, 24]. Sponge biomass fractions mixed together in a 500 mL volumetric flask, diluted with 0.9 % NaCl physiological to the limit mark [20, 23].

The degradation process done in a way prepared 32 pieces of volume 40 mL vial of sterile and divided into four groups each consisting of 8 pieces vial. Treatment I: no added NPK and not in a shaker; Broadcaster II: no plus NPK and shaker; Broadcaster III: NPK plus and not in the shaker and treatment IV: plus NPK and shaker. Each vial filled: 10 mL SMSS, 10 suspension CSB of suspension media degradation, added ± 1 g sample of the PSW, and each vial on treatment III and IV plus 5 mL of NPK 5 %, resulting in contact between the suspension CSB with PSW in media degradation, a contact time of 35 days [16, 27].

Measurements parameters degradation (formation of gas, the smell of fermentation, pH, and absorbent media degradation) is performed every 5 days by taking 1 piece vial each treatment, suspension of media degradation and residual PSW not degraded separated by a separating funnel, suspension media degradation accommodated in the vial another absorbance measurement at  $\lambda = 600$  nm, while the rest of the PSW dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane GR, shaken until all dissolved, allowed to stand ± 3 minutes to ensure all PSW soluble. Analysis of hydrocarbon components making up the waste petroleum sludge

done by taking 50 mL of solution, waste petroleum sludge, diluted with 10 mL dichloromethane and samples must free of water before it analyzed by GC-MS [2, 27, 28, 29].

Measurement parameter degradation (formation of gas, the smell of fermentation, pH, and the determination of the level of biodegradation is done by PSW diluted with dikloromethana, evaporated until all the solvent evaporates, and then weighed using the analytical balance Mettler AE-100. Note: All treatments carried out at a temperature 32 °C, shaker with a speed of 100 rpm [2, 28, 29].

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Sample characteristics WPS types of chemical waste sludge is the result of chemical coagulation and flocculation, black, semi-solid embodiment, the water content: 4.4769 % insoluble material: 0.7847 %, aliphatic components: 85.98 %, aromatic components; 3.03 %, and other components: 10.99 %.

BSC components and composition of the fractions in the form of skeleton (spicules and cell debris): 69.8 %; sponge cell fraction (choanosome): 18.8 %; and pellet bacteria: 11.3 %. Previous research reported that the sponge biomass components contain at least skeleton, degris, choanosome and bacterial cells [23, 24].

Parameter analysis of petroleum sludge waste degradation, as follows:

### Analysis of the formation of gas and odor degrade media fermentation suspension

Gas formation and the smell of fermentation in media degradation at all treatments, as an indicator of the degradation of waste components petroleum sludge by CSB suspension. The formation of gas and smell of fermentation in media degradation identified in the contact time is different between treatments, indicating cell responses biomass sponge *Callyspongia sp* against media degradation is different, due to differences in treatment, but generally concluded that it has CSB can adapt and be

able to reduce the composition of the PSW. Observation the formation of gas and odor degradation fermentation media have been previously reported [8, 27, 28].

### Measurement of the pH of the suspension media degradation by contact time each treatment

Change in pH is an indicator that shows the degradation of the hydrocarbon components in the PSW. Change in media of pH degradation occurs in treatment II, III and IV, while the first treatment does not change the pH. Range longest time change indicated a pH of 7 to 6 on IV treatment at 15-30 days of contact. shows that there has been a reform of the hydrocarbon component to form an acidic organic compounds that contribute to the acidification of media degradation. pH decrease was also seen in treatments II and III, but a decrease in the pH range is shorter than the IV treatment.

Another factor that contributed to the increased acidity of media degradation is an increase in cell size and increasing the number of cell colonies in the sponge biomass *Callyspongia sp*, causes increased cell performance, is directly proportional to the increase in the ability of microbes remodel hydrocarbon components in the PSW. An increase in cell size and number of colonies is estimated to occur in 2 phases (phase of growth), and phase 3 (stationary phase) bacterial growth usually occurs after a period of adaptation for several days [30, 31].

### Turbidity suspension through the media degradation absorbance measurements

The maximum biodegradation process takes place or not can also be see in the value of the optical density (OD) suspension. Suspension absorbance change is one of the parameter which indicate the occurrence of biodegradation

of the PSW. There are two factors that contribute to increase the absorbent suspension, first: the number of bacterial colonies increased and enlarged cell size causing the turbidity of the suspension increase consequently increases the absorbance value; The second increase in absorbance due to some of the products of biodegradation included in the suspension of media degradation. Absorbant media degradation suspension after contact between the sponge biomass waste *Callyspongia sp* with PSW, shown in Figure 1.

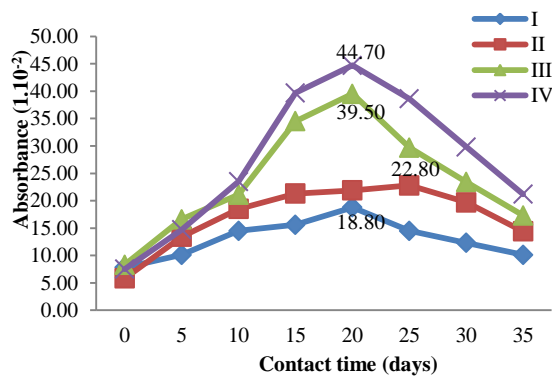


Figure 1 The relationship between the absorbance suspension degradation media with treatment based on contact time, measured at  $\lambda_{max} = 600 \text{ nm}$

Figure 1 shows the optimum absorption occurs for IV treatment at days 20 contacts (absorbance: 0.447) and decreased on days 25-35 of contacts. Similarly, treatment of first and second optimum uptake occurrence at the contact days to 20, except for third treatment, optimum uptake occurs at the contact days to 25. The decline in uptake on day 25 of contact for treatment of IV, II, I, and III treatment on day 30 contact indicates that the performance of bacteria in degrading hydrocarbon component decreases with the development of bacteria enter the death phase. Low absorbance value indicates the degradation process lasts less than the maximum, which is affected by a lack of nutrients and  $O_2$  supply, so that bacteria can not survive in extreme media.

The response of bacteria to PSW, to different treatment, resulting in a life time durability and degradation of bacteria in different media, because bacterial growth is influenced by food and environmental [32, 33].

**Determination of the extent of degradation by gravimetric methods**

Based on data absorbant, can be predicted that the rate of degradation hydrocarbons in the PSW by sponge *Callyspongia sp* highest sp successive treatments indicated by IV, III, II and I. It was evident after analysis of the level of biodegradation that occurs as shown in Figure 2.

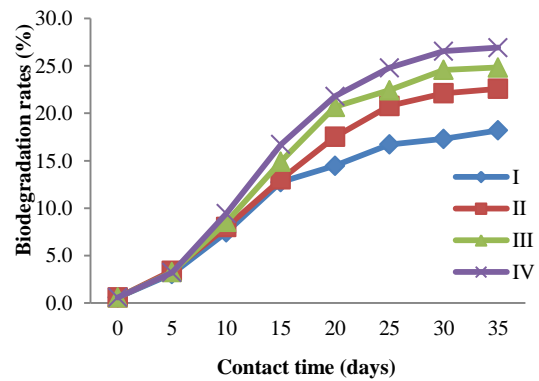


Figure 2 The relationship between the rate of biodegradation (%) at the time of contact based treatment

Sequence maximum biodegradation rates in percent, namely IV treatment: (26.93), III (24.84), II (22.59), and I (18.20). The dominant biodegradation rates on IV treatment than other treatments began to appear on the contact day 10 to day 35 contacts. At the time of the contact of bacteria in a growth phase after a period of adaptation in contact day to 0-10. Work bacteria in degrading hydrocarbon components PSW maximum waste occurs at the contact 15-25 days, and is still going on contact 30-35 days, but less than the maximum because the bacteria at that time already in the phase of death, the time when the number of colonies and size bacterial

cells is reduced until finally all colonies die.

The above results indicate that there is conformity between the absorbance, pH values, gas formation, fermentation odor degradation results obtained in each treatment. The combination of all parameters analyzed the degradation of the above it can be concluded that the most ideal IV treatment can improve the performance of bacteria to degrade the hydrocarbon components in the PSW. Analysis of the hydrocarbon components in the PSW are changing the measurement data interpretation GC-MS [13, 34].

**Determination of the components and the concentration of hydrocarbons before and after degradation**

Analysis of hydrocarbon components in the PSW before degrading can be seen on the chromatogram retention time Figure 3.

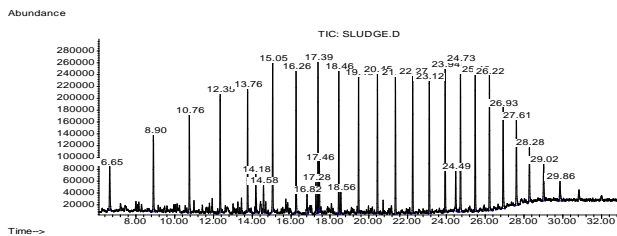


Figure 3 The relationship between the retention time (minutes) with an abundance of hydrocarbon component before it is PSW degraded.

Figure 3 showed the hydrocarbon components identified as many as 22, which consists of 20 kinds of components straight chain aliphatic hydrocarbons nC10 - nC30 and there are two aromatic components, namely 2,7-dimethyl naphtalena and 1,4-dimethyl azulena. Comparison of the data retention time and abundance of hydrocarbon components after degradation based treatment showed significant changes.

Figure 4 showed the relationship between the retention time (minutes) with an abundance of hydrocarbon component after

total degradation of the components contained in the PSW.

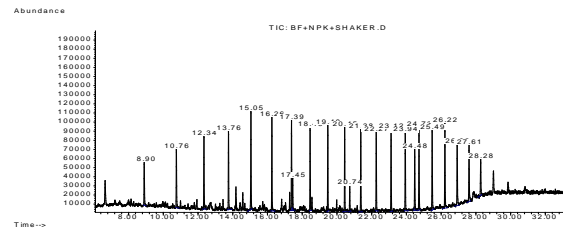


Figure 4. The relationship between the retention times (minutes) with an abundance of hydrocarbon components after degradation by CSB

GC chromatogram analysis based on the retention time of the relative abundance of hydrocarbon components showed changes on all treatments compared to the relative abundance of hydrocarbons before treatment. Figure 4 showed a decline in the abundance of hydrocarbon components in the PSW.

Changes in the composition the PSW before and after contact with a sponge biomass suspension *Callyspongia sp* can be seen in the results of the GC-MS data analysis and calculations based on peak areas of concentration changes and differences in the relative abundance of each component of the hydrocarbon at the same retention time, shown in figure 5.

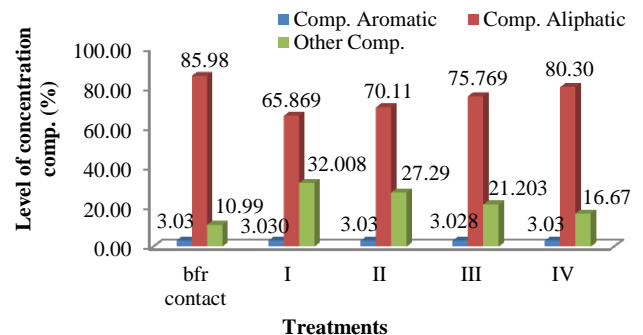


Figure 5 The relationship between treatment versus levels of concentrations component in petroleum sludge waste before and after contact 35 days with suspension *Callyspongia sp* sponge biomass

Petroleum sludge waste components of the composition of the waste prior to contact with the sponge biomass suspension *Callyspongia sp* based on peak area consists of three parts, namely aliphatic hydrocarbons (85.98 %), aromatic hydrocarbons (3.03 %) and other components (10.99 %), experienced changes in the composition after contact for 35 days. Data Figure 5 shows the components of the change in the composition of the waste occurs at the highest petroleum sludge IV treatment, ie, aliphatic components (80.30 %), aromatic components did not change and other components increased to (16.67 %), basic components based on the determination of peak area, previously been reported in several studies [4, 10, 35]. Other components in the PSW actually increased, probably derived from aliphatic components are degraded into simple organic component, it is proved that the percent reduction in component aliphatic almost the same as the percent increase in other components.

Aromatic components did not change the concentration after contact between PSW with biomass sponge *Callyspongia sp* in media degradation, meaning biomass sponge *Callyspongia sp* in the fourth treatment can degrade aromatic components, (2.7-dimethyl naphthalene and 1.4-dimethyl azulene) in PSW.

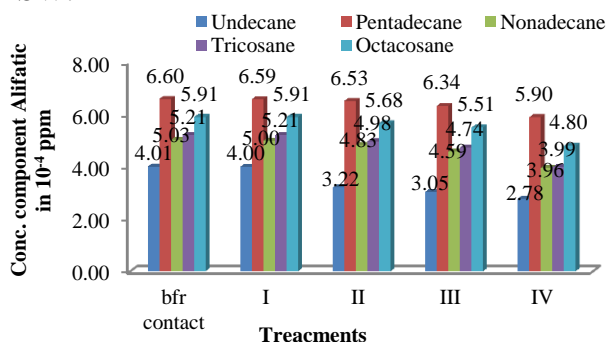


Figure 6 The relationship between treatment versus aliphatic hydrocarbons concentration in petroleum sludge was before and after contact 35 days with suspension *Callyspongia sp* sponge biomass.

Figure 6 showed the changes in the concentration of component aliphatic n-normal alkanes (C11, C15, C19, C23, C27) after contact for 35 days.

GC-MS data analysis, showing changes in the concentration of component aliphatic hydrocarbon based waste treatment after contact between CSB which PSW suspension for 35 days. There five components of normal alkanes alkanes represent 20 components identified in the PSW. It appears that the decline observed at the highest concentration of IV treatment, namely: undecane (4.01 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm) to (2.78 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm); pentadecane (6.60x10<sup>4</sup> ppm) to (5,90 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm), nonadecane (5,03x10<sup>4</sup> ppm) to (3.96 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm), tricosane (5.21 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm) to (3.99 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm) and octacosane (5.91x10<sup>4</sup> ppm) to (4.80 x 10<sup>4</sup> ppm). Treatments I, II, and III, also showed a decrease in the concentration of aliphatic hydrocarbons, but in narrower range than the decrease in IV treatment, so it is concluded that the treatment IV has the highest performance followed by treatment of III, II and I. Degrading aliphatic components in the PSW, The same results have been reported by some previous studies [4, 33, 35]

Petroleum sludge waste degradation mechanisms by *Callyspongia sp* sponge biomass, begins breaking hydrocarbon components contained in petroleum by microbes as subtrak through oxidation processes involving oxygen as an electron acceptor. Oxygen plays a role in cellular metabolism as a reactant involved monooksige-nase enzyme, the enzyme catalyzing the subsequent entry of one oxygen atom into organic compounds. The O<sub>2</sub> which joined the organic compounds in the form of hydroxyl ions (OH) and the other oxygen atom to form a water molecule [16, 31, 34].

**CONCLUSION**

Conclusions of study prove that the biomass sponge *Callyspongia sp* can degrade components of aliphatic hydrocarbons but not degrading aromatic components in petroleum sludge waste. Unidentified gas, the smell of fermentation and changes in media of pH on average degradation occurs on the 15 days of contact for all treatments. Data showed degradation occur absorbance maximum at 20-25 days of contact. Based on the highest performing degrading treatment in sewage sludge component aliphatic petroleum consecutive IV treatment: (26.93 %), III (24.84 %), II (22.59 %), and I (18.20 %). There are 20 kinds of components identified in the aliphatic petroleum waste sludge to form a homologous series nC10-nC30, and two aromatic components, namely the 2,7-dimethyl naphthalene and 1,4-dimethyl azulene.

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