New insight regarding mode of action of brown rot decay of modified wood based on DNA and gene expression studies



Alfredsen, Ringman, Pilgård & Fossdal, ECWM7, Lisbon March 1012, 2014











Aim

 review the work performed regarding DNA quantification and gene expression studies of brown rot decay related to modified wood

Method development



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Comparison of quantitative real-time PCR, chitin and ergosterol assays for monitoring colonization of *Trametes versicolor* in birch wood

Morten Eikenes*, Ari M. Hietala, Gry Alfredsen, Carl Gunnar Fossdal and Halvor Solheim Holzforschung, Vol. 65, pp. 889-895, 2011 • Copyright © by Walter de Gruyter • Berlin • Boston. DOI 10.1515/HF.2011.079

qPCR as a tool to study basidiomycete colonization in wooden field stakes

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Ari M. Hietala*, Emil Stefańczyk, Nina Elisabeth Nagy, Carl Gunnar Fossdal and Gry Alfredsen Influence of wood durability on the suppressive effect of increased temperature on wood decay by the brown-rot fungus *Postia placenta*

Fungal DNA and gene expression studies



Postia placenta gene expression during growth in furfurylated wood Alfredsen and Fossdal (2010), IRG/WP 10-10734

✓ Genes involved in oxidative degradation: furfurylated ≥ untreated

✓ Genes involved in enzymatic degradation: furfurylated ≤ untreated

✓ Wood moisture content : Pine > FA





Molecular investigation of *Postia placenta* growing in modified wood Schmöllerl *et al.* (2011), IRG/WP 11-10756

 $\checkmark\,$ DNA and gene expression measured even when no mass loss

- ✓ Genes involved in oxidative degradation: modified \geq untreated
- ✓ Wood moisture content : Pine > modified wood



Moisture

Effect of wood modification on gene expression during incipient *Postia placenta* decay

Ringman *et al.* (2014) Int. Biodeterior. Biodegrad (in press)

- \checkmark Gene expression measured even when no mass loss
- ✓ Genes involved in oxidative degradation: modified ≥ untreated
- ✓ Genes involved in enzymatic degradation: modified ≤ untreated



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The effects of acetylation level on the growth of *Postia placenta* over 36 weeks Pilgård *et al.* (2012), IRG/WP 12-40589

- $\checkmark\,$ DNA and gene expression measured even when no mass loss
- ✓ Genes involved in oxidative degradation: acetylated \geq untreated
- ✓ Wood moisture content : Pine > acetylated



Postia placenta decay of acetic anhydride modified wood – effect of leaching

Alfredsen and Pilgård (2014), Wood Material Science & Engineering, in press

- $\checkmark\,$ DNA and gene expression measured even when no mass loss
- ✓ Genes involved in oxidative degradation: acetylated ≥ untreated
- ✓ Wood moisture content : Pine > acetylated wood
- The high acetylation level expressed higher levels of genes involved in oxidative degradation at week 28 compared to untreated wood at 4 weeks even if no mass loss was detected.



Conclusion











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