


6. A method according to claim 4, wherein the enzymatic hydrolysis and the fermentation are performed simultaneously in a single step.
7. A method according to any one of claims 4-6, wherein said fermentation product(s) is including a fermentation product selected from the group consisting of ethanol, butanol and succinic acid.
8. A method according to claim 7, wherein said fermentation product is ethanol.
9. A method according to claim 3, wherein the target compound is levulinic acid.
10. A method according to any of the previous claims wherein the at least one reducing agent is selected from sulfite, dithionite and dithiothreitol.
11. Use of at least one reducing agent for decreasing the enzymatic hydrolysis inhibitory properties of a slurry of pretreated lignocellulosic material or the liquid fraction thereof wherein the at least one reducing agent is selected from sulfur oxyanions and sulfhydryl reagents
12. Use according to claim 11 for decreasing the enzymatic hydrolysis inhibitory properties of a slurry of pretreated lignocellulosic material.
13. Use according to claim 12, wherein the at least one reducing agent is selected from sulfite, dithionite and dithiothreitol.

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