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(54) POLYPEPTIDES HAVING GLUCOAMYLASE ACTIVITY AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SAME

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## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity and isolated polynucleotides encoding said polypeptides. The invention also relates to nucleic acid constructs, vectors, and host cells comprising the polynucleotides as well as methods for producing and using the polypeptides. The invention also relates to the composition comprising a glucoamylase of the invention as well as the use such compositions for starch conversion processes, brewing, including processes for producing fermentation products or syrups.



Figure 1

## POLYPEPTIDES HAVING GLUCOAMYLASE ACTIVITY AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SAME

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 11/315,730 filed Dec. 22, 2005, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119 of U.S. provisional application Nos. 60/638,614 and 60/650,612 filed Dec. 22, 2004 and Feb. 7, 2005, respectively, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO A SEQUENCE LISTING

[0002] This application contains a Sequence Listing in computer readable form. The computer readable form is incorporated herein by reference.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] 1. Field of the Invention
[0004] The present invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity and polynucleotides encoding the polypeptides. The invention also relates to nucleic acid constructs, vectors, and host cells comprising the polynucleotides as well as methods for producing and using the polypeptides, and to the use of glucoamylases of the invention for starch conversion to producing fermentation products, such as ethanol, and syrups, such as glucose. The invention also relates to a composition comprising a glucoamylase of the invention.

## [0005] 2. Description of the Related Art

[0006] Glucoamylase (1,4-alpha-D-glucan glucohydrolase, EC 3.2.1.3) is an enzyme, which catalyzes the release of D-glucose from the non-reducing ends of starch or related oligo and polysaccharide molecules. Glucoamylases are produced by several filamentous fungi and yeast, with those from Aspergillus being commercially most important.
[0007] Commercially, glucoamylases are used to convert starchy material, which is already partially hydrolyzed by an alpha-amylase, to glucose. The glucose may then be converted directly or indirectly into a fermentation product using a fermenting organism. Examples of commercial fermentation products include alcohols (e.g., ethanol, methanol, butanol, 1,3-propanediol); organic acids (e.g., citric acid, acetic acid, itaconic acid, lactic acid, gluconic acid, gluconate, lactic acid, succinic acid, 2,5-diketo-Dgluconic acid); ketones (e.g., acetone); amino acids (e.g., glutamic acid); gases (e.g., $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ), and more complex compounds, including, for example, antibiotics (e.g., penicillin and tetracycline); enzymes; vitamins (e.g., riboflavin, $\mathrm{B}_{12}$, beta-carotene); hormones, and other compounds which are difficult to produce synthetically. Fermentation processes are also commonly used in the consumable alcohol (e.g., beer and wine), dairy (e.g., in the production of yoghurt and cheese), leather, and tobacco industries.
[0008] The end product may also be syrup. For instance, the end product may be glucose, but may also be converted, e.g., by glucose isomerase to fructose or a mixture composed almost equally of glucose and fructose. This mixture, or a
mixture further enriched with fructose, is the most commonly used high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) commercialized throughout the world.
[0009] Boel et al., 1984, EMBO J. 3(5): 1097-1102 disclose Aspergillus niger G1 or G2 glucoamylase.
[0010] U.S. Pat. No. 4,727,046 discloses a glucoamylase derived from Corticium rolfsii which is also referred to as Athelia rolfsii.
[0011] WO 84/02921 discloses a glucoamylase derived from Aspergillus awamori.
[0012] WO 99/28248 discloses a glucoamylase derived from Talaromyces emersonii.
[0013] WO 00/75296 discloses a glucoamylase derived from Thermoascus crustaceus.
[0014] It is an object of the present invention to provide polypeptides having glucoamylase activity and polynucleotides encoding the polypeptides and which provide a high yield in fermentation product production processes, such as ethanol production processes, including one-step ethanol fermentation processes from un-gelatinized raw (or uncooked) starch.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0015] The present invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity selected from the group consisting of:
[0016] (a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2; or
[0017] (a1) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37;
[0018] (b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or
[0019] (b1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and
[0020] (c) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or
[0021] (c1) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37, The present invention also relates to polynucleotides encoding polypeptides having glucoamylase activity, selected from the group consisting of:
[0022] (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
[0023] (a1) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37;
[0024] (b) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1; or
[0025] (b1) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36;
[0026] (c) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3; or
[0027] (cl) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38;
[0028] (d) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii), or
[0029] (d1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii).
[0030] In a preferred embodiment the polypeptide is derivable from a strain of the genus Trametes, preferably Trametes cingulata or the E. coli strain deposited at DSMZ and given the no. DSM 17106. Deposited strain DSM 17106 harbors plasmid HUda595 comprising a sequence identical to SEQ ID NO: 1. A specific polypeptide of the invention is the mature polypeptide obtained when expressing plasmid pHUda440 in a suitable fungal host cell such as Aspergillus oryzae as described in Example 7.
[0031] In a second aspect the present invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity selected from the group consisting of:
[0032] (a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $70 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5; or
[0033] (a1) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $70 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40;
[0034] (b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or
[0035] (b1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39 , or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and
[0036] (c) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5, or
[0037] (c1) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40.
[0038] The present invention also relates to polynucleotides encoding polypeptides having glucoamylase activity, selected from the group consisting of:
[0039] (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5; or
[0040] (a1) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $75 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40;
[0041] (b) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4 ; or
[0042] (b1) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39;
[0043] (c) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6; or
[0044] (c1) a polynucleotide having at least 60\% identity with nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41;
[0045] (d) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the CDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or
[0046] (d1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii).
[0047] In a preferred embodiment the polypeptide is derivable from a strain of the genus Pachylytospora, preferably Pachykytospora papyracea or the E. coli strain deposited at DSMZ and given the no. DSM 17105. Deposited strain DSM 17105 harbors plasmid HUda594 comprising a sequence identical to SEQ ID NO: 4. A specific polypeptide of the invention is the mature polypeptide obtained when expressing plasmid pHUda 450 in a suitable fungal host cell such as Aspergillus oryzae as described in Example 7.
[0048] In a third aspect the invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity selected from the group consisting of:
[0049] (a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or
[0050] (a1) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24; or
[0051] (a2) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids for mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43;
[0052] (b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii);
[0053] (b1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42 or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and
[0054] (c) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26, or
[0055] (c1) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24;
[0056] (c2) a variant comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids of amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43.
[0057] The present invention also relates to polynucleotides encoding polypeptides having glucoamylase activity, selected from the group consisting of:
[0058] (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26; or
[0059] (a1) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24; or
[0060] (a2) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with the mature polypeptide amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43;
[0061] (b) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23; or
[0062] (c) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25; or
[0063] (cl) a polynucleotide having at least $60 \%$ identity with nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42;
[0064] (d) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23, or (ii) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii), or
[0065] (d1) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii).
[0066] In a preferred embodiment the polypeptide is derivable from a strain of the genus Leucopaxillus, preferably Leucopaxillus giganteus or the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 26. A specific polypeptide of the invention is the mature polypeptide obtained when expressing plasmid pENL3372 in a suitable fungal host cell such as Aspergillus niger as described in Example 12.
[0067] The present invention also relates to nucleic acid constructs, recombinant expression vectors, and recombinant host cells comprising the polynucleotides in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3 (cDNA) or 36 or 38 (cDNA); or SEQ ID NO: 4 or 6 (cDNA) or 39 or 41 (cDNA), or SEQ ID NO: 23 or 25 (cDNA) or 42 (cDNA), respectively.
[0068] Clones that, to the best of the inventors belief, are identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 and 4 was deposited on 2 Feb. 2005 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure at Deutshe Sammmlung von Microorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ), Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig DE. The clones were giving the deposit nos. DSM 17106 and DSM 17105 , respectively.
[0069] The present invention also relates to methods for producing such polypeptides having glucoamylase activity comprising (a) cultivating a recombinant host cell comprising a nucleic acid construct comprising a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide under conditions conducive for production of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the polypeptide
[0070] The present invention also relates to processes of producing a fermentation product or syrup.

## DEFINITIONS

[0071] Glucoamylase activity: The term glucoamylase (1,4-alpha-D-glucan glucohydrolase, EC 3.2.1.3) is defined as an enzyme, which catalyzes the release of D-glucose from the non-reducing ends of starch or related oligo- and polysaccharide molecules. For purposes of the present invention, glucoamylase activity is determined according to the procedure described in the 'Materials \& Methods'section below.
[0072] The polypeptides of the present invention have at least $20 \%$, preferably at least $40 \%$, more preferably at least $50 \%$, more preferably at least $60 \%$, more preferably at least $70 \%$, more preferably at least $80 \%$, even more preferably at least $90 \%$, most preferably at least $95 \%$, and even most preferably at least $100 \%$ of the glucoamylase activity of the polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence shown as amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37; or amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40; or amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43 , respectively
[0073] Polypeptide: The term "polypeptide" as used herein refers to a isolated polypeptide which is at least 20\% pure, preferably at least $40 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $60 \%$ pure, even more preferably at least $80 \%$ pure, most preferably at least $90 \%$ pure, and even most preferably at least $95 \%$ pure, as determined by SDS-PAGE
[0074] Substantially pure polypeptide: The term "substantially pure polypeptide" denotes herein a polypeptide preparation which contains at most $10 \%$, preferably at most $8 \%$, more preferably at most $6 \%$, more preferably at most $5 \%$, more preferably at most $4 \%$, at most $3 \%$, even more preferably at most $2 \%$, most preferably at most $1 \%$, and even most preferably at most $0.5 \%$ by weight of other polypeptide material with which it is natively associated. It is, therefore, preferred that the substantially pure polypeptide is at least $92 \%$ pure, preferably at least $94 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $95 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $96 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $96 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $97 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $98 \%$ pure, even more preferably at least $99 \%$, most preferably at least $99.5 \%$ pure, and even most preferably $100 \%$ pure by weight of the total polypeptide material present in the preparation.
[0075] The polypeptides of the present invention are preferably in a substantially pure form. In particular, it is preferred that the polypeptides are in "essentially pure form", i.e., that the polypeptide preparation is essentially free of other polypeptide material with which it is natively associated. This can be accomplished, for example, by preparing the polypeptide by means of well-known recombinant methods or by classical purification methods.
[0076] Herein, the term "substantially pure polypeptide" is synonymous with the terms "isolated polypeptide" and "polypeptide in isolated form".
[0077] Identity: The relatedness between two amino acid sequences or between two nucleotide sequences is described by the parameter "identity".
[0078] For purposes of the present invention, the degree of identity between two amino acid sequences is determined by the Clustal method (Higgins, 1989, CABIOS 5: 151-153) using the LASERGENETM MEGALIGN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ software (DNASTAR, Inc., Madison, Wis.) with an identity table and the following multiple alignment parameters: Gap penalty of 10 and gap length penalty of 10 . Pairwise alignment parameters are Ktuple $=1$, gap penalty $=3$, windows $=5$, and diagonals=5.
[0079] For purposes of the present invention, the degree of identity between two nucleotide sequences is determined by the Wilbur-Lipman method (Wilbur and Lipman, 1983, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science USA 80: 726-730) using the LASERGENE ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ MEGALIGN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ software (DNASTAR, Inc., Madison, Wis.) with an identity table and the following multiple alignment parameters: Gap penalty of 10 and gap length penalty of 10 . Pairwise alignment parameters are Ktuple=3, gap penalty $=3$, and windows $=20$.
[0080] Polypeptide Fragment: The term "polypeptide fragment" is defined herein as a polypeptide having one or more amino acids deleted from the amino and/or carboxyl terminus of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 37 ; or SEQ ID NO: 5 or 40; or SEQ ID NO: 24, 26, or 43, respectively, or homologous sequences thereof, wherein the fragment has glucoamylase activity.
[0081] Subsequence: The term "subsequence" is defined herein as a nucleotide sequence having one or more nucleotides deleted from the $5^{\prime}$ and/or $3^{\prime}$ end of SEQ ID NO: 1, 36 , or 38 , respectively; or SEQ ID NO: 4,39 , or 41 , or SEQ ID NO: 23, 25 , or 42 , respectively, or homologous sequences
thereof, wherein the subsequence encodes a polypeptide fragment having glucoamylase activity.
[0082] Allelic variant: The term "allelic variant" denotes herein any of two or more alternative forms of a gene occupying the same chromosomal locus. Allelic variation arises naturally through mutation, and may result in polymorphism within populations. Gene mutations can be silent (no change in the encoded polypeptide) or may encode polypeptides having altered amino acid sequences. An allelic variant of a polypeptide is a polypeptide encoded by an allelic variant of a gene.
[0083] Substantially pure polynucleotide: The term "substantially pure polynucleotide" as used herein refers to a polynucleotide preparation free of other extraneous or unwanted nucleotides and in a form suitable for use within genetically engineered protein production systems. Thus, a substantially pure polynucleotide contains at most $10 \%$, preferably at most $8 \%$, more preferably at most $6 \%$, more preferably at most $5 \%$, more preferably at most $4 \%$, more preferably at most $3 \%$, even more preferably at most $2 \%$, most preferably at most $1 \%$, and even most preferably at most $0.5 \%$ by weight of other polynucleotide material with which it is natively associated. A substantially pure polynucleotide may, however, include naturally occurring $5^{\prime}$ and $3^{\prime}$ untranslated regions, such as promoters and terminators. It is preferred that the substantially pure polynucleotide is at least $90 \%$ pure, preferably at least $92 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $94 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $95 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $96 \%$ pure, more preferably at least $97 \%$ pure, even more preferably at least $98 \%$ pure, most preferably at least $99 \%$, and even most preferably at least $99.5 \%$ pure by weight. The polynucleofides of the present invention are preferably in a substantially pure form. In particular, it is preferred that the polynucleotides disclosed herein are in "essentially pure form", i.e., that the polynucleotide preparation is essentially free of other polynucleotide material with which it is natively associated. Herein, the term "substantially pure polynucleotide" is synonymous with the terms "isolated polynucleotide" and "polynucleotide in isolated form." The polynucleotides may be of genomic, cDNA, RNA, semi-synthetic, synthetic origin, or any combinations thereof.
[0084] cDNA: The term "cDNA" is defined herein as a DNA molecule which can be prepared by reverse transcription from a mature, spliced, mRNA molecule obtained from a eukaryotic cell. cDNA lacks intron sequences that are usually present in the corresponding genomic DNA. The initial, primary RNA transcript is a precursor to mRNA which is processed through a series of steps before appearing as mature spliced mRNA. These steps include the removal of intron sequences by a process called splicing. cDNA derived from mRNA lacks, therefore, any intron sequences.
[0085] Nucleic acid construct: The term "nucleic acid construct" as used herein refers to a nucleic acid molecule, either single- or double-stranded, which is isolated from a naturally occurring gene or which is modified to contain segments of nucleic acids in a manner that would not otherwise exist in nature. The term nucleic acid construct is synonymous with the term "expression cassette" when the nucleic acid construct contains the control sequences required for expression of a coding sequence of the present invention.
[0086] Control sequence: The term "control sequences" is defined herein to include all components, which are necessary or advantageous for the expression of a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention. Each control sequence may be native or foreign to the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide. Such control sequences include, but are not limited to, a leader, polyadenylation sequence, pro-peptide sequence, promoter, signal peptide sequence, and transcription terminator. At a minimum, the control sequences include a promoter, and transcriptional and translational stop signals. The control sequences may be provided with linkers for the purpose of introducing specific restriction sites facilitating ligation of the control sequences with the coding region of the nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide.
[0087] Operably linked: The term "operably linked" denotes herein a configuration in which a control sequence is placed at an appropriate position relative to the coding sequence of the polynucleotide sequence such that the control sequence directs the expression of the coding sequence of a polypeptide.
[0088] Coding sequence: When used herein the term "coding sequence" means a nucleotide sequence, which directly specifies the amino acid sequence of its protein product. The boundaries of the coding sequence are generally determined by an open reading frame, which usually begins with the ATG start codon or alternative start codons such as GTG and TTG. The coding sequence may a DNA, cDNA, or recombinant nucleotide sequence.
[0089] Expression: The term "expression" includes any step involved in the production of the polypeptide including, but not limited to, transcription, post-transcriptional modification, translation, post-translational modification, and secretion.
[0090] Expression vector: The term "expression vector" is defined herein as a linear or circular DNA molecule that comprises a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the invention, and which is operably linked to additional nucleotides that provide for its expression.
[0091] Host cell: The term "host cell", as used herein, includes any cell type which is susceptible to transformation, transfection, transduction, and the like with a nucleic acid construct comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention.
[0092] Modification: The term "modification" means herein any chemical modification of the polypeptide consisting of the amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37; or amino acids 1 to 675 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40; or amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or SEQ ID NO: 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or SEQ ID NO: 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively, as well as genetic manipulation of the DNA encoding the polypeptides. The modification(s) can be substitution(s), deletion(s) and/or insertions(s) of the amino acid(s) as well as replacement(s) of amino acid side chain(s).
[0093] Artificial variant: When used herein, the term "artificial variant" means a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity produced by an organism expressing a modified nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3 (cDNA) or SEQ ID NO: 36 or 38 (cDNA); or SEQ ID NO: 4 or 6 (cDNA),
or SEQ ID NO: 39 or 41 (cDNA); or SEQ ID NO: 23 or 25 (cDNA) or 42 (cDNA). The modified nucleotide sequence is obtained through human intervention by modification of the nucleotide sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, or SEQ ID NO: 36 or 38 ; or SEQ ID NO: 4 or 6 , or SEQ ID NO: 39 or 41; or SEQ ID NO: 23 or 25 or 42 , respectively.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

[0094] FIG. 1 shows the debranching activity toward pullulan of Trametes cingulata glucoamylase compared to glucoamylases from Athelia rolfsii, Aspergillus niger, and Talaromyces emersonii.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

## Polypeptides Having Glucoamylase Activity

[0095] In a first aspect, the present invention relates to polypeptides having an amino acid sequence which has a degree of identity to amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acids 1-561 of SEQ ID NO: 37; or amino acids 1-575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1-565 of SEQ ID NO: 40; or amino acids 1-556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1-548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1-523 of SEQ ID NO: 43 (i.e., mature polypeptide), respectively.
[0096] In an embodiment the amino acid sequence has glucoamylase activity and is at least $75 \%$, preferably at least $80 \%$, more preferably at least $85 \%$, even more preferably at least $90 \%$, most preferably at least $95 \%$, more preferred at least $96 \%$, even more preferred at least $97 \%$, even more preferred at least $98 \%$, even more preferably at least $99 \%$ identical to the mature part of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 37 (hereinafter "homologous polypeptides").
[0097] In another embodiment the amino acid sequence has glucoamylase activity and has at least $70 \%$, more preferably at least $75 \%$, more preferably at least $80 \%$, more preferably at least $85 \%$, even more preferably at least $90 \%$, most preferably at least $95 \%$, more preferred at least $96 \%$, even more preferred at least $97 \%$, even more preferred at least $98 \%$, even more preferably at least $99 \%$ identity to the mature part of SEQ ID NO: 5 or SEQ ID NO: 40 (hereinafter "homologous polypeptides").
[0098] In an embodiment the amino acid sequence has glucoamylase activity and is at least $60 \%$, at least $65 \%$, at least $70 \%$, at least $75 \%$, preferably at least $80 \%$, more preferably at least $85 \%$, even more preferably at least $90 \%$, most preferably at least $95 \%$, more preferred at least $96 \%$, even more preferred at least $97 \%$, even more preferred at least $98 \%$, even more preferably at least $99 \%$ identical to the mature part of SEQ ID NO: 26,24 or 43 , respectively (hereinafter "homologous polypeptides").
[0099] In a preferred aspect, the homologous polypeptides have an amino acid sequence which differs by ten amino acids, preferably by five amino acids, more preferably by four amino acids, even more preferably by three amino acids, most preferably by two amino acids, and even most preferably by one amino acid from amino acids 1-556 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or amino acids 1-561 of SEQ ID NO: 37; or amino acids 1-575 of SEQ ID NO: 5, or amino acids 1-565 of SEQ ID NO: 40; or amino acids 1-556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1-548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1-523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively.
[0100] A polypeptide of the present invention preferably comprises the mature amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 37 ; or SEQ ID NO: 5 or 40 ; or SEQ ID NO: 2624 or 43 , respectively, or allelic variants thereof; or fragments thereof that have glucoamylase activity, e.g., the catalytic domain.

Catalytic Domain
[0101] In an aspect, the invention relates to polypeptides that comprise the catalytic region/domain of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 37 ; or SEQ ID NO: 5 or 40 or SEQ ID NO: 26,24 , or 43 , respectively.
[0102] The catalytic region/domain of the Trametes cingulata glucoamylase is located at amino acids 1-455 in SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1-460 of SEQ ID NO: 37. In one embodiment the region may be considered to include the linker region at amino acids 456-465 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 461-470 of SEQ ID NO: 37, respectively, or part thereof. The binding domain is encoded by polynucleotides 1423-1725 in SEQ ID NO: 3 or polynucleotides 1774-2163 of SEQ ID NO: 36 or polynucleotides 1465-1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively.
[0103] The catalytic region/domain of the Pachykytospora papyracea glucoamylase is located at amino acids 1-475 in SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1-465 of SEQ ID NO: 40. In one embodiment the region may be considered to include the linker region at amino acids 476-484 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 466-474 of SEQ ID NO: 40, respectively, or part thereof. The binding domain is encoded by polynucleotides 1420-1725 in SEQ ID NO: 6 or polynucleotides 1763-2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39 or polynucleotides 1477-1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, respectively.
[0104] The catalytic region/domain of the Leucopaxillus giganteus glucoamylase is located at amino acids 1-451 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1-455 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids $1-418$ of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively. In one embodiment the region may be considered to include the linker region at amino acids 452-461 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids $456-466$ of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 419-429 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively, or part thereof. The binding domain (CBM) is encoded by polynucleotides 1438-1719 in SEQ ID NO: 25 or polynucleotides 1854-2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23 or polynucleotides 1339-1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively.
[0105] In a preferred embodiment the invention relates to a catalytic region which has at least $60 \%$ identity, preferably at least $65 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $70 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $75 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $80 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $85 \%$ identity, even more preferably at least $90 \%$ identity, most preferably at least $95 \%$ identity, more preferred at least $96 \%$ identity, even more preferred at least $97 \%$ identity, even more preferred at least $98 \%$ identity, even more preferably at least $99 \%$ identity, especially $100 \%$ identity to amino acids 1-455 in SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1-460 of SEQ ID NO: 37 (Trametes); or amino acids 1-475 in SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1-465 of SEQ ID NO: 40 (Pachykytospora); or amino acids 1-451 in SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1-455 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1-418 in SEQ ID NO: 43 (Leucopaxillus), respectively, and which have glucoamylase activity (hereinafter "homologous polypeptides"). In a preferred aspect, the homologous catalytic regions have amino
acid sequences which differs by ten amino acids, preferably by five amino acids, more preferably by four amino acids, even more preferably by three amino acids, most preferably by two amino acids, and even most preferably by one amino acid from amino acids 1-455 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1460 of SEQ ID NO: 37 (Trametes cingulata); or amino acids 1-475 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1-465 of SEQ ID NO: 40 (Pachykytospora) or amino acids 1-451 in SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1-455 of SEQ ID NO: 2424 or amino acids 1-418 in SEQ ID NO: 43 (Leucopaxillus giganteus), respectively.

## Binding Domain

[0106] In another aspect, the invention relates to polypeptides having carbohydrate-binding affinity, preferably starch-binding affinity.
[0107] The binding domain in Trametes glucoamylase is located at amino acid $466-556$ of SEQ ID NO: 2 and is encoded by polynucleotides 1420-1725 in SEQ ID NO: 3 or is located at amino acids 471-561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 and is encoded by polynucleotides 1465-1737 in SEQ ID NO: 38.
[0108] The binding domain in Pachykytospora glucoamylase is located at amino acids $485-575$ is SEQ ID NO: 5 (Pachykytspora) and is encoded by polynucleotides 14231725 in SEQ ID NO: 6 or is located at amino acids 475-565 of SEQ ID NO: 40 and is encoded by polynucleotides 1477-1749 in SEQ ID NO: 41.
[0109] The binding domain in Leucopaxillus glucoamylase is located at amino acids 463-556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids $467-548$ of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 430-523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively, and is encoded by polynucleotides 1854-2249 in SEQ ID NO: 23 or polynucleotides 1438-1719 in SEQ ID NO: 25 or polynucleotides 1339-1620 in SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively.
[0110] Consequently, in this aspect the invention relates to a polypeptide having carbohydrate binding affinity, selected from the group consisting of:
(a) i) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids 466 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37, respectively; or
[0111] ii) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids 485 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 475 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40, respectively; or
[0112] iii) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least $60 \%$ identity with amino acids 463 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 467 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24, or amino acids 430 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively;
(b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under low stringency conditions with a polynucleotide probe selected from the group consisting of
[0113] (i) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1420 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 1465 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively;
[0114] (ii) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1423 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 1477 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, respectively;
[0115] (iii) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1438 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or nucleotides 1854 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23 or nucleotides 1339 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively;
(c) a fragment of (a) or (b) that has carbohydrate binding affinity.
[0116] In a preferred embodiment the carbohydrate binding affinity is starch-binding affinity.
[0117] In a preferred embodiment the invention relates to a polypeptide having carbohydrate binding affinity which has at least $60 \%$ identity, preferably at least $70 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $75 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $80 \%$ identity, more preferably at least $85 \%$ identity, even more preferably at least $90 \%$ identity, most preferably at least $95 \%$ identity, more preferred at least $96 \%$ identity, even more preferred at least $97 \%$ identity, even more preferred at least $98 \%$ identity, even more preferably at least $99 \%$ identity, especially $100 \%$ identity to amino acids 466 to 556 in SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37, respectively, (Trametes), or amino acids 485 to 575 in SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 475 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40, respectively, (Pachykytospora), or amino acids 463 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 467 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 430 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively (Leucopaxillus), respectively.
[0118] In a preferred aspect, homologous binding domains have amino acid sequences which differs by ten amino acids, preferably by five amino acids, more preferably by four amino acids, even more preferably by three amino acids, most preferably by two amino acids, and even most preferably by one amino acid from amino acids 466 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 , respectively, (Trametes cingulata) or amino acids 485 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 475 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40, respectively, (Pachykytospora) or amino acids 463 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 467 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 430 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43 , respectively (Leucopaxillus), respectively.
[0119] In another embodiment the invention relates to a polypeptide having carbohydrate-binding affinity, selected from the group consisting of:
[0120] (a) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under low stringency conditions, preferably under medium, more preferably under high stringency conditions with a polynucleotide probe selected from the group consisting of
[0121] (i) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1420 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 1465 to 1737 in SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively;
[0122] (ii) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1423 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 1477 to 1749 in SEQ ID NO: 41, respectively;
[0123] (iii) the complementary strand of nucleotides 1438 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or nucleotides 1854 to 2249 in SEQ ID NO: 23 or nucleotides 1339 to 1620 in SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively;
(b) a fragment of (a) that has carbohydrate-binding affinity.
[0124] The invention also relates to a polypeptide having carbohydrate-binding affinity, where the polypeptide is an
artificial variant which comprises an amino acid sequence that has at least one substitution, deletion and/or insertion of an amino acid as compared to amino acids 466 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 (Trametes); or amino acids 485 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 475 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40 (Pachykytospora); or amino acids 463 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 467 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 430 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43 (Leucopaxillus), respectively.
[0125] The invention also relates to a polypeptide having carbohydrate-binding affinity, where the polypeptide is an artificial variant which comprises an amino acid sequence that has at least one substitution, deletion and/or insertion of an amino acid as compared to the amino acid sequence encoded by the carbohydrate-binding domain encoding part of the polynucleotide sequences shown in position 1420 to 1725 in SEQ ID NO: 3 or position 1465 to 1737 in SEQ ID NO: 38; or position 1423 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or position 1477 to 1749 in SEQ ID NO: 41; or position 1438 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or position 1854 to 2249 in SEQ ID NO: 23 or nucleotides 1339 to 1620 in SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively.
Hybrids
[0126] The glucoamylases or catalytic regions of the invention may be linked, via a linker sequence or directly, to one or more foreign binding domains (also referred to as binding modules (CBM)). A "foreign" binding domain is a binding-domain that is not derived from the wild-type glucoamylases of the invention in question. The bindingdomain is preferably a carbohydrate-binding domain (i.e., having affinity for binding to a carbohydrate), especially a starch-binding domain or a cellulose-binding domain. Preferred binding domains are of fungal or bacterial origin. Examples of specifically contemplated starch-binding domains are disclosed in WO 2005/003311 which is hereby incorporated by reference.
[0127] In a preferred embodiment the linker in a glucoamylase of the invention is replaced with a more stable linker, i.e., a linker that is more difficult to cut than the parent linker. This is done to avoid that the binding-domain is cleaved off. Specifically contemplated stable linkers include the Aspergillus kawachli linker:

TTTTTTAAAT STSKATTSSSSSSAAATTSSS (SEQ ID NO: 22)
[0128] Thus, in a preferred embodiment the invention relates to a hybrid glucoamylase having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 or 37 , respectively, wherein the native linker located from amino acids 456 to 465 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or from amino acids 461 to 470 in SEQ ID NO: 37, respectively, or part thereof, is replaced with the Aspergillus kawachii linker shown in SEQ ID NO: 22.
[0129] Thus, in another preferred embodiment the invention relates to a hybrid glucoamylase having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 5 or 40, respectively, wherein the native linker located from 476 to 484 in SEQ ID NO: 5 or from amino acids 466 to 474 in SEQ ID NO: 40 , respectively, or part thereof is replaced with the Aspergillus kawachii linker shown in SEQ ID NO: 22.
[0130] Thus, in another preferred embodiment the invention relates to a hybrid glucoamylase having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 26 or 24, respectively, wherein the native linker located from 452 to 462 in SEQ ID NO: 26 or from amino acids 456466 in SEQ ID NO: 24 or from amino acids 419 to 429 in SEQ ID NO: 24, respectively, or part thereof is replaced with the Aspergillus kawachii linker shown in SEQ ID NO: 22.
[0131] Thus, the invention also relates to hybrids consisting of a glucoamylase of the invention or catalytic domain of the invention having glucoamylase activity fused to a stable linker (e.g., Aspergillus kawachii linker) and one or more carbohydrate-binding domains, e.g., a carbohydratebinding module (CBM) disclosed in WO 2005/003311 on page 5 , line 30 to page 8 , line 12 , hereby incorporated by reference.

## Hybridization

[0132] In another aspect, the present invention relates to polypeptides having glucoamylase activity which are encoded by polynucleotides (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions, preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, respectively (Trametes genomic DNA), or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions, preferably medium-high stringency conditions, more preferably high stringency conditions, and more preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively (Trametes cDNA), or (iii) a subsequence of (i) or (ii), or (iv) a complementary strand of (i), (ii), or (iii) (J. Sambrook, E. F. Fritsch, and T. Maniatis, 1989, Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, 2d edition, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.). A subsequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1 or 3, or SEQ ID NOS: 36 or 38 (Trametes) contains at least 100 contiguous nucleotides or preferably at least 200 continguous nucleotides. Moreover, the subsequence may encode a polypeptide fragment which has glucoamylase activity.
[0133] The invention also relates to isolated polypeptides having glucoamylase activity which are encoded by polynucleotides (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions, preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4 or nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39, respectively (Pachykytospora genomic DNA), or (ii) which hybridizes under at least medium stringency conditions, preferably medium-high stringency conditions, more preferably high stringency conditions, and even more preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, respectively (Pachykytospora cDNA), or (iii) a subsequence of (i) or (ii), or (iv) a complementary strand of (i), (ii), or (iii).
[0134] The invention also relates to isolated polypeptides having glucoamylase activity which are encoded by poly-
nucleotides (i) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions, preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23 (Leucopaxillus genomic DNA), or (ii) which hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions, preferably medium, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, more preferably high stringency conditions, and even more preferably very high stringency conditions with a nucleotide sequence with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42 (Leucopaxillus cDNA), or (iii) a subsequence of (i) or (ii), or (iv) a complementary strand of (i), (ii), or (iii)
[0135] The nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: $1,3,36$, or 38 , respectively, or a subsequence thereof, or the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: $4,6,39$, or 41 , respectively, or a subsequence thereof, or the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23,25 or 42 , respectively, or a subsequence thereof, as well as the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 37, respectively, or a fragment thereof, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 or 40, respectively, or a fragment thereof, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26,24 , or 43 , respectively, or a fragment thereof, may be used to design a nucleic acid probe to identify and clone DNA encoding polypeptides having glucoamylase activity from strains of different genera or species according to methods well known in the art. In particular, such probes can be used for hybridization with the genomic or cDNA of the genus or species of interest, following standard Southern blotting procedures, in order to identify and isolate the corresponding gene therein. Such probes can be considerably shorter than the entire sequence, but should be at least 14, preferably at least 25 , more preferably at least 35 , and most preferably at least 70 nucleotides in length. It is however, preferred that the nucleic acid probe is at least 100 nucleotides in length. For example, the nucleic acid probe may be at least 200 nucleotides, preferably at least 300 nucleotides, more preferably at least 400 nucleotides, or most preferably at least 500 nucleotides in length. Even longer probes may be used, e.g., nucleic acid probes which are at least 600 nucleotides, at least preferably at least 700 nucleotides, more preferably at least 800 nucleotides, or most preferably at least 900 nucleotides in length. Both DNA and RNA probes can be used. The probes are typically labeled for detecting the corresponding gene (for example, with ${ }^{32} \mathrm{P},{ }^{3} \mathrm{H},{ }^{35} \mathrm{~S}$, biotin, or avidin). Such probes are encompassed by the present invention.
[0136] A genomic DNA or cDNA library prepared from such other organisms may, therefore, be screened for DNA which hybridizes with the probes described above and which encodes a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity. Genomic or other DNA from such other organisms may be separated by agarose or polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, or other separation techniques. DNA from the libraries or the separated DNA may be transferred to and immobilized on nitrocellulose or other suitable carrier material. In order to identify a clone or DNA which is homologous with SEQ ID NO: $1,3,36$, or 38 , respectively, or a subsequence thereof, or SEQ ID NO: 4, 6,39 or 41, respectively, or a subsequence
thereof, or SEQ ID NO: 23,25 , or 42 , respectively, or a subsequence thereof, the carrier material is used in a Southern blot.
[0137] For purposes of the present invention, hybridization indicates that the nucleotide sequences hybridize to labeled nucleic acid probes corresponding to the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 36 or 38, respectively, or SEQ ID NO: 4, 6, 39, or 41, respectively, or SEQ ID NO: 23,25 , or 42 , respectively, its complementary strands, or subsequences thereof, under low or medium to very high stringency conditions. Molecules to which the nucleic acid probe hybridizes under these conditions can be detected using X-ray film.
[0138] In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe is nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, or nucleotides 1 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38 (Trametes cDNA). In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe is nucleotides 55 to 2186 of SEQ ID NO: 4 or nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39 or nucleotides 1 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41 (Pachykytospora cDNA). In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe is nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23 or nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 (Leucopaxillus cDNA) or nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42 (Leucopaxillus cDNA). In other preferred aspect, the nucleic acid probe is a polynucleotide sequence which encodes the catalytic region between amino acids 1 and 455 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 460 of SEQ ID NO: 37 (Trametes) or between amino acids 1 and 475 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1 to 465 of SEQ ID NO: 40 (Pachykytospora) or between amino acids 1 and 455 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1 to 451 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1 to 418 of SEQ ID NO: 43 (Leucopaxillus).
[0139] In another aspect the invention relates to nucleic acid probes that encode the binding domain in amino acids 466 to 456 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37, respectively, or amino acids 485 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 475 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40 , respectively, or amino acids 463 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 467 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 430 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively
[0140] In another preferred aspect, the nucleic acid probe is the mature polypeptide coding region of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 36 or 38, respectively (Trametes). In another preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe is the mature polypeptide coding region of SEQ ID NO: 4, 6, 39 or 41 (Pachykytospora). In another preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid probe is the mature polypeptide coding region of SEQ ID NOS: 23, 25 , or 42 (Leucopaxillus). In another preferred aspect, the nucleic acid probe is the part of the sequences in plasmids $\mathrm{pHUda595}$ and $\mathrm{pHUda594}$, respectively, coding for the mature polypeptides of the invention Plasmids pHUda595 and pHUda594, which are contained in Escherichia coli DSM 17106 and Escherichia coli DSM 17105 , respectively, encode polypeptides having glucoamylase activity.
[0141] For long probes of at least 100 nucleotides in length, low to very high stringency conditions are defined as prehybridization and hybridization at $42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. in $5 \times$ SSPE, $0.3 \%$ SDS, 200 micro $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{ml}$ sheared and denatured salmon sperm DNA, and either $25 \%$ formamide for low stringen-
cies, $35 \%$ formamide for medium and medium-high stringencies, or $50 \%$ formamide for high and very high stringencies, following standard Southern blotting procedures for 12 to 24 hours optimally.
[0142] For long probes of at least 100 nucleotides in length, the carrier material is finally washed three times each for 15 minutes using $2 \times$ SSC, $0.2 \%$ SDS preferably at least at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. (low stringency), more preferably at least at $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. (medium stringency), more preferably at least at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. (medium-high stringency), even more preferably at least at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. (high stringency), and most preferably at least at $70^{\circ}$ C. (very high stringency).
[0143] For short probes which are about 15 nucleotides to about 70 nucleotides in length, stringency conditions are defined as prehybridization, hybridization, and washing post-hybridization at about $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to about $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. below the calculated $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$ using the calculation according to Bolton and McCarthy (1962, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA 48:1390) in $0.9 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}, 0.09 \mathrm{M}$ Tris- HCl pH $7.6,6 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $0.5 \% \mathrm{NP}-40,1 \times$ Denhardt's solution, 1 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM sodium monobasic phosphate, 0.1 mM ATP, and 0.2 mg of yeast RNA per ml following standard Southern blotting procedures.
[0144] For short probes which are about 15 nucleotides to about 70 nucleotides in length, the carrier material is washed once in $6 \times$ SCC plus $0.1 \%$ SDS for 15 minutes and twice each for 15 minutes using $6 \times \operatorname{SSC}$ at $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. below the calculated $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$.
[0145] Under salt-containing hybridization conditions, the effective $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$ is what controls the degree of identity required between the probe and the filter bound DNA for successful hybridization. The effective $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$ may be determined using the formula below to determine the degree of identity required for two DNAs to hybridize under various stringency conditions.

Effective $T_{\mathrm{m}}=81.5+16.6\left(\log M\left[\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right]\right)+0.41(\% G+C)-$ 0.72 (\% formamide)
[0146] (See www.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/mccleanlp1sc731/dna/dna6.htm)
[0147] The G+C content of SEQ ID NO: 1 or nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1 is $60.5 \%$.
[0148] The G+C content of SEQ ID NO: 3 (cDNA) or nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 is $62.3 \%$.
[0149] The G + C content of SEQ ID NO: 4 or nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4 is $60.7 \%$.
[0150] The G+C content of SEQ ID NO: 6 (cDNA) or nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 is $63.7 \%$.
[0151] For medium stringency, the formamide is $35 \%$ and the $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$concentration for $5 \times \mathrm{SSPE}$ is 0.75 M . Applying this formula to these values, the Effective $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$ is $79.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0152] Another relevant relationship is that a $1 \%$ mismatch of two DNAs lowers the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{m}}$ by $1.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. To determine the degree of identity required for two DNAs to hybridize under medium stringency conditions at $42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., the following formula is used:

## \% Homology=100-[(Effective $\quad T_{\mathrm{m}}$-Hybridization <br> Temperature)/1.4]

[0153] (See ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/mcelean/plsc731/ dna/dna6.htm)
[0154] Applying this formula to the values, the degree of identity required for two DNAs to hybridize under medium stringency conditions at $42^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. is $100-[(79.0-42) / 1.4]=$ 51\%.

## Variants

[0155] In a further aspect, the present invention relates to artificial variants comprising a conservative substitution, deletion, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids in SEQ ID NOS: $2,5,24,26,37,40$, and 43, respectively, or the mature polypeptide thereof. Preferably, amino acid changes are of a minor nature, that is conservative amino acid substitutions or insertions that do not significantly affect the folding and/or activity of the protein; small deletions, typically of one to about 30 amino acids; small amino- or carboxyl-terminal extensions, such as an amino-terminal methionine residue; a small linker peptide of up to about 20-25 residues; or a small extension that facilitates purification by changing net charge or another function, such as a poly-histidine tract, an antigenic epitope or a binding domain.
[0156] Examples of conservative substitutions are within the group of basic amino acids (arginine, lysine and histidine), acidic amino acids (glutamic acid and aspartic acid), polar amino acids (glutamine and asparagine), hydrophobic amino acids (leucine, isoleucine and valine), aromatic amino acids (phenylalanine, tryptophan and tyrosine), and small amino acids (glycine, alanine, serine, threonine and methionine). Amino acid substitutions which do not generally alter specific activity are known in the art and are described, for example, by H. Neurath and R. L. Hill, 1979, In, The Proteins, Academic Press, New York. The most commonly occurring exchanges are Ala/Ser, Val/Ile, Asp/ Glu, Thr/Ser, Ala/Gly, Ala/Thr, Ser/Asn, Ala/Val, Ser/Gly, Tyr/Phe, Ala/Pro, Lys/Arg, Asp/Asn, Leu/Ile, Leu/Val, Ala/ Glu, and Asp/Gly.
[0157] In addition to the 20 standard amino acids, nonstandard amino acids (such as 4-hydroxyproline, 6-N-methyl lysine, 2 -aminoisobutyric acid, isovaline, and alphamethyl serine) may be substituted for amino acid residues of a wild-type polypeptide. A limited number of non-conservative amino acids, amino acids that are not encoded by the genetic code, and unnatural amino acids may be substituted for amino acid residues. "Unnatural amino acids" have been modified after protein synthesis, and/or have a chemical structure in their side chain(s) different from that of the standard amino acids. Unnatural amino acids can be chemically synthesized, and preferably, are commercially available, and include pipecolic acid, thiazolidine carboxylic acid, dehydroproline, 3- and 4-methylproline, and 3,3-dimethylproline.
[0158] Alternatively, the amino acid changes are of such a nature that the physico-chemical properties of the polypeptides are altered. For example, amino acid changes may improve the thermal stability of the polypeptide, alter the substrate specificity, change the pH optimum, and the like.
[0159] Essential amino acids in the parent polypeptides can be identified according to procedures known in the art,
such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (Cunningham and Wells, 1989, Science 244: 1081-1085). In the latter technique, single alanine mutations are introduced at every residue in the molecule, and the resultant mutant molecules are tested for biological activity (i.e., glucoamylase activity) to identify amino acid residues that are critical to the activity of the molecule. See also, Hilton et al., 1996, J. Biol. Chem. 271: 4699-4708. The active site of the enzymes or other biological interaction can also be determined by physical analysis of structure, as determined by such techniques as nuclear magnetic resonance, crystallography, electron diffraction, or photoaffinity labeling, in conjunction with mutation of putative contact site amino acids. See, for example, de Vos et al., 1992, Science 255: 306-312; Smith et al., 1992, J. Mol. Biol. 224 899-904; Wlodaver et al., 1992, FEBS Lett. 309:59-64. The identities of essential amino acids can also be inferred from analysis of identities with polypeptides which are related to a polypeptide according to the invention.
[0160] Single or multiple amino acid substitutions can be made and tested using known methods of mutagenesis, recombination, and/or shuffling, followed by a relevant screening procedure, such as those disclosed by ReidhaarOlson and Sauer, 1988, Science 241: 53-57; Bowie and Sauer, 1989, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86: 2152-2156; WO 95/17413; or WO 95/22625. Other methods that can be used include error-prone PCR, phage display (e.g., Lowman et al., 1991, Biochem. 30:10832-10837; U.S. Pat. No. 5,223, 409; WO 92/06204), and region-directed mutagenesis (Derbyshire et al., 1986, Gene 46:145; Ner et al., 1988, DNA 7:127).
[0161] Mutagenesis/shuffling methods can be combined with high-throughput, automated screening methods to detect activity of cloned, mutagenized polypeptides expressed by host cells. Mutagenized DNA molecules that encode active polypeptides can be recovered from the host cells and rapidly sequenced using standard methods in the art. These methods allow the rapid determination of the importance of individual amino acid residues in a polypeptide of interest, and can be applied to polypeptides of unknown structure.
[0162] The total number of amino acid substitutions, deletions and/or insertions of amino acids in position 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or position 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 (Trametes glucoamylase); or in position 1 to 575 in SEQ ID $\mathrm{NO}: 5$ or position 1 to 565 in SEQ ID NO: 40 (Pachykytospora glucoamylase) or position 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or position 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or position 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43 (Leucopaxilus glucoamylase), respectively, is 10 , preferably 9 , more preferably 8 , more preferably 7 , more preferably at most 6 , more preferably at most 5 , more preferably 4 , even more preferably 3 , most preferably 2 , and even most preferably 1
Sources of Polypeptides Having Glucoamylase Activity
[0163] A polypeptide of the present invention may be obtained from microorganisms of any genus. For purposes of the present invention, the term "obtained from" as used herein in connection with a given source shall mean that the polypeptide encoded by a nucleotide sequence is produced by the source or by a strain in which the nucleotide sequence from the source has been inserted. In a preferred aspect, the polypeptide obtained from a given source is secreted extracellularly.
[0164] In a preferred embodiment, the glucoamylase of the invention derived from the class Basidiomycetes. In a more preferred embodiment a glucoamylase of the invention is derived from a strain of the genus Trametes, more preferably from a strain of the species Trametes cingulata, or deposited clone DSM 17106, or a strain of the genus Pachykytospora more preferably a strain of the species Pachykytospora papyracea, or the deposited clone DSM 17105, or a strain of the genus Leucopaxililus, more preferably a strain of the species Leucopaxillus giganteus.
[0165] It will be understood that for the aforementioned species, the invention encompasses both the perfect and imperfect states, and other taxonomic equivalents, e.g., anamorphs, regardless of the species name by which they are known. Those skilled in the art will readily recognize the identity of appropriate equivalents.
[0166] The Trametes cingulata strain was collected in Zimbabwe in the period from 1995 to 1997.
[0167] The Pachykytospora papyracea strain was collected in Zimbabwe in the period from 1995 to 1997.
[0168] The Leucopaxillus giganteus strain was collected in Denmark in 2003.
[0169] Furthermore, such polypeptides may be identified and obtained from other sources including microorganisms isolated from nature (e.g., soil, composts, water, etc.) using the above-mentioned probes. Techniques for isolating microorganisms from natural habitats are well known in the art. The polynucleotide may then be obtained by similarly screening a genomic or cDNA library of another microorganism. Once a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide has been detected with the probe(s), the polynucleotide can be isolated or cloned by utilizing techniques which are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art (see, e.g., Sambrook et al., 1989, supra).
[0170] Polypeptides of the present invention also include fused polypeptides or cleavable fusion polypeptides in which another polypeptide is fused at the N -terminus or the C-terminus of the polypeptide or fragment thereof. A fused polypeptide is produced by fusing a nucleotide sequence (or a portion thereof) encoding another polypeptide to a nucleotide sequence (or a portion thereof) of the present invention. Techniques for producing fusion polypeptides are known in the art, and include ligating the coding sequences encoding the polypeptides so that they are in frame and that expression of the fused polypeptide is under control of the same promoter(s) and terminator.

## Polynucleotides

[0171] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides having a nucleotide sequence which encode a polypeptide of the present invention. In a preferred aspect, the nucleotide sequence is set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: $1,3,4,6,23,25,36,38,39,41$, or 42 , respectively. In another more preferred aspect, the nucleotide sequence is the sequence contained in plasmid pHuda595 or pHuda594 that is contained in Escherichia coli DSM 17106 and Escherichia coli DSM 17105, respectively. In another preferred aspect, the nucleotide sequence is the mature polypeptide coding region of any of SEQ ID NO: $1,3,4,6,23,25,36$, $38,39,41$, or 42 , respectively. The present invention also encompasses nucleotide sequences which encode a polypep-
tide having the amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: $2,5,24,26,37,40$, or 43 , respectively, or the mature polypeptide thereof, which differs from SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 4, $6,23,25,36,38,39,41$, or 42 respectively, by virtue of the degeneracy of the genetic code. The present invention also relates to subsequences of any of SEQ ID $\mathrm{NO}: 1,3,4,6,23$, $26,36,38,39,41$, or 42 , respectively, which encode fragments of SEQ ID NO: $2,5,24,26,37,39,40$, or 43 respectively, that have glucoamylase activity.
[0172] The present invention also relates to mutant polynucleotides comprising at least one mutation in the mature polypeptide coding sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 4, $6,23,25,36,38,39,41$, or 42 , respectively, in which the mutant nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide which consists of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2, amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5, amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24, amino acid 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26, amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37, amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40 , or amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively.
[0173] The techniques used to isolate or clone a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide are known in the art and include isolation from genomic DNA, preparation from cDNA, or a combination thereof. The cloning of the polynucleotides of the present invention from such genomic DNA can be effected, e.g., by using the well known polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antibody screening of expression libraries to detect cloned DNA fragments with shared structural features. See, e.g., Innis et al., 1990, PCR: A Guide to Methods and Application, Academic Press, New York. Other nucleic acid amplification procedures such as ligase chain reaction (LCR), ligated activated transcription (LAT) and nucleotide sequence-based amplification (NASBA) may be used. The polynucleotides may be cloned from a strain of the genera Trametes, Pachykytospora, Leucopaxillus or other or related organisms and thus, for example, may be an allelic or species variant of the polypeptide encoding region of the nucleotide sequences.
[0174] The present invention also relates to polynucleotides having nucleotide sequences which have a degree of identity to the mature polypeptide coding sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 (i.e., nucleotides 55 to 2166), or SEQ ID NO: 3 (i.e., nucleotides 55 to 1725), or SEQ ID NO: 4 (i.e., nucleotides 55 to 2182 ), or SEQ ID NO: 6 (i.e., nucleotides 55 to 1725), or SEQ ID NO: 25 (i.e., nucleotides 52 to 1719), or SEQ ID NO: 38 (i.e., nucleotide 55 to 1737), or SEQ ID NO: 41 (i.e., nucleotide 55 to 1749), or SEQ ID NO: 42 (i.e., nucleotide 55 to 1620 ), respectively, of at least $60 \%$, preferably at least $65 \%$, more preferably at least $70 \%$, more preferably at least $75 \%$, more preferably at least $80 \%$, more preferably at least $85 \%$, more preferably at least $90 \%$, even more preferably at least $95 \%$, even more prefer ably $96 \%$, even more $97 \%$, even more $98 \%$, and most preferably at least $99 \%$ identity, which encode an active polypeptide.
[0175] Modification of a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of the present invention may be necessary for the synthesis of polypeptides substantially similar to the polypeptide. The term "substantially similar" to the polypeptide refers to non-naturally occurring forms of the polypeptide. These polypeptides may differ in some engineered way from the polypeptide isolated from its native source, e.g., artificial variants that differ in specific activity,
thermostability, pH optimum, or the like. The variant sequence may be constructed on the basis of the nucleotide sequence presented as the mature polypeptide encoding region of any of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 4, 6, 23, 25, 36, 38, 39, 41 , or 42 , respectively, e.g., subsequences thereof, and/or by introduction of nucleotide substitutions, which do not give rise to another amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence, but which correspond to the codon usage of the host organism intended for production of the enzyme, or by introduction of nucleotide substitutions which may give rise to a different amino acid sequence. For a general description of nucleotide substitution, see, e.g., Ford et al., 1991, Protein Expression and Purification 2: 95-107.
[0176] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that such substitutions can be made outside the regions critical to the function of the molecule and still result in an active polypeptide. Amino acid residues essential to the activity of the polypeptide encoded by an isolated polynucleotide of the invention, and therefore preferably not subject to substitution, may be identified according to procedures known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis (see, e.g., Cunningham and Wells, 1989, Science 244: 1081-1085). In the latter technique, mutations are introduced at every positively charged residue in the molecule, and the resultant mutant molecules are tested for glucoamylase activity to identify amino acid residues that are critical to the activity of the molecule. Sites of substrateenzyme interaction can also be determined by analysis of the three-dimensional structure as determined by such techniques as nuclear magnetic resonance analysis, crystallography or photoaffinity labelling (see, e.g., de Vos et al., 1992, Science 255: 306-312; Smith et al., 1992, Journal of Molecular Biology 224: 899-904; Wlodaver et al., 1992, FEBS Letters 309: 59-64).
[0177] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of the present invention, (i) which hybridize under low stringency conditions, more preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, respectively, or (ii) which hybridize under medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or allelic variants and subsequences thereof (Sambrook et al., 1989, supra), as defined herein.
[0178] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of the present invention, (i) which hybridize under low stringency conditions, more preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4 or nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39, respectively, or (ii) which hybridize under medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency condi-
tions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or allelic variants and subsequences thereof (Sambrook et al., 1989, supra), as defined herein.
[0179] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of the present invention, (i) which hybridize under low stringency conditions, more preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23, or (ii) which hybridize under low stringency conditions, preferably medium stringency conditions, more preferably medium-high stringency conditions, even more preferably high stringency conditions, and most preferably very high stringency conditions with nucleotides the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); or allelic variants and subsequences thereof (Sambrook et al., 1989, supra), as defined herein.
[0180] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides obtained by (a) hybridizing a population of DNA under low, medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with (i) nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or nucleotides 55 to 2166 of SEQ ID NO: 36, respectively, or (ii) hybridizing a population of DNA under medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 3 or nucleotides 55 to 1737 of SEQ ID NO: 38, respectively, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and (b) isolating the hybridizing polynucleotide, which encodes a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity.
[0181] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides obtained by (a) hybridizing a population of DNA under low, medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with (i) nucleotides 55 to 2189 of SEQ ID NO: 4 or nucleotides 55 to 2182 of SEQ ID NO: 39, respectively, or (ii) hybridizing a population of DNA under medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 55 to 1725 of SEQ ID NO: 6 or nucleotides 55 to 1749 of SEQ ID NO: 41, respectively, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and (b) isolating the hybridizing polynucleotide, which encodes a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity.
[0182] The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides obtained by (a) hybridizing a population of DNA under low, medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with (i) nucleotides 117 to 2249 of SEQ ID NO: 23, or (ii) hybridizing a population of DNA under medium, medium-high, high, or very high stringency conditions with the cDNA sequence contained in nucleotides 52 to 1719 of SEQ ID NO: 25 or nucleotides 52 to 1620 of SEQ ID NO: 42, respectively, or (iii) a complementary strand of (i) or (ii); and (b) isolating the hybridizing polynucleotide, which encodes a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity.

## Nucleic Acid Constructs

[0183] The present invention also relates to nucleic acid constructs comprising an isolated polynucleotide of the
present invention operably linked to one or more control sequences which direct the expression of the coding sequence in a suitable host cell under conditions compatible with the control sequences.
[0184] An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention may be manipulated in a variety of ways to provide for expression of the polypeptide. Manipulation of the polynucleotide's sequence prior to its insertion into a vector may be desirable or necessary depending on the expression vector. The techniques for modifying polynucleotide sequences utilizing recombinant DNA methods are well known in the art.
[0185] The control sequence may be an appropriate promoter sequence, a nucleotide sequence which is recognized by a host cell for expression of a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention. The promoter sequence contains transcriptional control sequences which mediate the expression of the polypeptide. The promoter may be any nucleotide sequence which shows transcriptional activity in the host cell of choice including mutant, truncated, and hybrid promoters, and may be obtained from genes encoding extracellular or intracellular polypeptides either homologous or heterologous to the host cell.
[0186] Examples of suitable promoters for directing the transcription of the nucleic acid constructs of the present invention in a filamentous fungal host cell are promoters obtained from the genes for Aspergillus oryzae TAKA amylase, Rhizomucor miehei aspartic proteinase, Aspergillus niger neutral alpha-amylase, Aspergillus niger acid stable alpha-amylase, Aspergillus niger or Aspergillus awamori glucoamylase (glaA), Rhizomucor miehei lipase, Aspergillus oryzae alkaline protease, Aspergillus oryzae triose phosphate isomerase, Aspergillus nidulans acetamidase, Fusarium venenatum glucoamylase (WO 00/56900), Fusarium venenatum Daria (WO 00/56900), Fusarium venenatum Quinn (WO 00/56900), Fusarium oxysporum trypsin-like protease (WO 96/00787), Trichoderma reesei beta-glucosidase, Trichoderma reesei cellobiohydrolase I, Trichoderma reesei endoglucanase I, Trichoderma reesei endoglucanase II, Trichoderma reesei endoglucanase III, Trichoderma reesei endoglucanase IV, Trichoderma reesei endoglucanase V, Trichoderma reesei xylanase I, Trichoderma reesei xylanase II, Trichoderma reesei beta-xylosidase, as well as the NA2-tpi promoter (a hybrid of the promoters from the genes for Aspergillus niger neutral alpha-amylase and Aspergillus oryzae triose phosphate isomerase); and mutant, truncated, and hybrid promoters thereof.
[0187] In a yeast host, useful promoters are obtained from the genes for Saccharomyces cerevisiae enolase (ENO-1), Saccharomyces cerevisiae galactokinase (GAL1), Saccharomyces cerevisiae alcohol dehydrogenase/glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (ADH1, ADH2/GAP), Saccharomyces cerevisiae triose phosphate isomerase (TPI), Saccharomyces cerevisiae metallothionine (CUP1), and Saccharomyces cerevisiae 3-phosphoglycerate kinase. Other useful promoters for yeast host cells are described by Romanos et al., 1992, Yeast 8: 423-488.
[0188] The control sequence may also be a suitable transcription terminator sequence, a sequence recognized by a host cell to terminate transcription. The terminator sequence is operably linked to the $3^{\prime}$ terminus of the nucleotide
sequence encoding the polypeptide. Any terminator which is functional in the host cell of choice may be used in the present invention.
[0189] Preferred terminators for filamentous fungal host cells are obtained from the genes for Aspergillus oryzae TAKA amylase, Aspergillus niger glucoamylase, Aspergillus nidulans anthranilate synthase, Aspergillus niger alphaglucosidase, and Fusarium oxysporum trypsin-like protease.
[0190] Preferred terminators for yeast host cells are obtained from the genes for Saccharomyces cerevisiae enolase, Saccharomyces cerevisiae cytochrome C(CYC1), and Saccharomyces cerevisiae glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Other useful terminators for yeast host cells are described by Romanos et al., 1992, supra.
[0191] The control sequence may also be a suitable leader sequence, a nontranslated region of an mRNA which is important for translation by the host cell. The leader sequence is operably linked to the $5^{\prime}$ terminus of the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide. Any leader sequence that is functional in the host cell of choice may be used in the present invention
[0192] Preferred leaders for filamentous fungal host cells are obtained from the genes for Aspergillus oryzae TAKA amylase and Aspergillus nidulans triose phosphate isomerase.
[0193] Suitable leaders for yeast host cells are obtained from the genes for Saccharomyces cerevisiae enolase (ENO1), Saccharomyces cerevisiae 3-phosphoglycerate kinase, Saccharomyces cerevisiae alpha-factor, and Saccharomyces cerevisiae alcohol dehydrogenase/glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (ADH2/GAP).
[0194] The control sequence may also be a polyadenylation sequence, a sequence operably linked to the $3^{\prime}$ terminus of the nucleotide sequence and which, when transcribed, is recognized by the host cell as a signal to add polyadenosine residues to transcribed mRNA. Any polyadenylation sequence which is functional in the host cell of choice may be used in the present invention.
[0195] Preferred polyadenylation sequences for filamentous fungal host cells are obtained from the genes for Aspergillus oryzae TAKA amylase, Aspergillus niger glucoamylase, Aspergillus nidulans anthranilate synthase, Fusarium oxysporum trypsin-like protease, and Aspergillus niger alpha-glucosidase.
[0196] Useful polyadenylation sequences for yeast host cells are described by Guo and Sherman, 1995, Molecular Cellular Biology 15: 5983-5990.
[0197] The control sequence may also be a signal peptide coding region that codes for an amino acid sequence linked to the amino terminus of a polypeptide and directs the encoded polypeptide into the cell's secretory pathway. The 5 ' end of the coding sequence of the nucleotide sequence may inherently contain a signal peptide coding region naturally linked in translation reading frame with the segment of the coding region which encodes the secreted polypeptide. Alternatively, the $5^{\prime}$ end of the coding sequence may contain a signal peptide coding region which is foreign to the coding sequence. The foreign signal peptide coding region may be required where the coding sequence does not naturally contain a signal peptide coding region. Alternatively, the
foreign signal peptide coding region may simply replace the natural signal peptide coding region in order to enhance secretion of the polypeptide. However, any signal peptide coding region which directs the expressed polypeptide into the secretory pathway of a host cell of choice may be used in the present invention.
[0198] Effective signal peptide coding regions for filamentous fungal host cells are the signal peptide coding regions obtained from the genes for Aspergillus oryzae TAKA amylase, Aspergillus niger neutral amylase, Aspergillus niger glucoamylase, Rhizomucor miehei aspartic proteinase, Humicola insolens cellulase, and Humicola lanuginosa lipase.
[0199] Useful signal peptides for yeast host cells are obtained from the genes for Saccharomyces cerevisiae alpha-factor and Saccharomyces cerevisiae invertase. Other useful signal peptide coding regions are described by Romanos et al., 1992, supra.
[0200] The control sequence may also be a propeptide coding region that codes for an amino acid sequence positioned at the amino terminus of a polypeptide. The resultant polypeptide is known as a proenzyme or propolypeptide (or a zymogen in some cases). A propolypeptide is generally inactive and can be converted to a mature active polypeptide by catalytic or autocatalytic cleavage of the propeptide from the propolypeptide. The propeptide coding region may be obtained from the genes for Bacillus subtilis alkaline protease (aprE), Bacillus subtilis neutral protease (nprT), Saccharomyces cerevisiae alpha-factor, Rhizomucor miehei aspartic proteinase, and Myceliophthora thermophila laccase (WO 95/33836).
[0201] Where both signal peptide and propeptide regions are present at the amino terminus of a polypeptide, the propeptide region is positioned next to the amino terminus of a polypeptide and the signal peptide region is positioned next to the amino terminus of the propeptide region.
[0202] It may also be desirable to add regulatory sequences which allow the regulation of the expression of the polypeptide relative to the growth of the host cell. Examples of regulatory systems are those which cause the expression of the gene to be turned on or off in response to a chemical or physical stimulus, including the presence of a regulatory compound. In yeast, the ADH2 system or GAL1 system may be used. In filamentous fungi, the TAKA alpha-amylase promoter, Aspergillus niger glucoamylase promoter, and Aspergillus oryzae glucoamylase promoter may be used as regulatory sequences. Other examples of regulatory sequences are those which allow for gene amplification. In eukaryotic systems, these include the dihydrofolate reductase gene which is amplified in the presence of methotrexate, and the metallothionein genes which are amplified with heavy metals. In these cases, the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide would be operably linked with the regulatory sequence.

## Expression Vectors

[0203] The present invention also relates to recombinant expression vectors comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention, a promoter, and transcriptional and translational stop signals. The various nucleic acids and control sequences described above may be joined together to produce a recombinant expression vector which may include
one or more convenient restriction sites to allow for insertion or substitution of the nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide at such sites. Alternatively, a nucleotide sequence of the present invention may be expressed by inserting the nucleotide sequence or a nucleic acid construct comprising the sequence into an appropriate vector for expression. In creating the expression vector, the coding sequence is located in the vector so that the coding sequence is operably linked with the appropriate control sequences for expression.
[0204] The recombinant expression vector may be any vector (e.g., a plasmid or virus) which can be conveniently subjected to recombinant DNA procedures and can bring about expression of the nucleotide sequence. The choice of the vector will typically depend on the compatibility of the vector with the host cell into which the vector is to be introduced. The vectors may be linear or closed circular plasmids.
[0205] The vector may be an autonomously replicating vector, i.e., a vector which exists as an extrachromosomal entity, the replication of which is independent of chromosomal replication, e.g., a plasmid, an extrachromosomal element, a minichromosome, or an artificial chromosome. The vector may contain any means for assuring self-replication. Alternatively, the vector may be one which, when introduced into the host cell, is integrated into the genome and replicated together with the chromosome(s) into which it has been integrated. Furthermore, a single vector or plasmid or two or more vectors or plasmids which together contain the total DNA to be introduced into the genome of the host cell, or a transposon may be used.
[0206] The vectors of the present invention preferably contain one or more selectable markers which permit easy selection of transformed cells. A selectable marker is a gene the product of which provides for biocide or viral resistance, resistance to heavy metals, prototrophy to auxotrophs, and the like.
[0207] Examples of suitable markers for yeast host cells are ADE2, HIS3, LEU2, LYS2, MET3, TRP1, and URA3. Selectable markers for use in a filamentous fungal host cell include, but are not limited to, amdS (acetamidase), argB (ornithine carbamoyltransferase), bar (phosphinothricin acetyltransferase), hph (hygromycin phosphotransferase), niaD (nitrate reductase), pyrG (orotidine-5'-phosphate decarboxylase), sC (sulfate adenyltransferase), and trpC (anthranilate synthase), as well as equivalents thereof. Preferred for use in an Aspergillus cell are the amdS and pyrG genes of Aspergillus nidulans or Aspergillus oryzae and the bar gene of Streptomyces hygroscopicus.
[0208] The vectors of the present invention preferably contain an element(s) that permits integration of the vector into the host cell's genome or autonomous replication of the vector in the cell independent of the genome.
[0209] For integration into the host cell genome, the vector may rely on the polynucleotide's sequence encoding the polypeptide or any other element of the vector for integration into the genome by homologous or non-homologous recombination. Alternatively, the vector may contain additional nucleotide sequences for directing integration by homologous recombination into the genome of the host cell at a precise location(s) in the chromosome(s). To increase
the likelihood of integration at a precise location, the integrational elements should preferably contain a sufficient number of nucleic acids, such as 100 to 10,000 base pairs, preferably 400 to 10,000 base pairs, and most preferably 800 to 10,000 base pairs, which have a high degree of identity with the corresponding target sequence to enhance the probability of homologous recombination. The integrational elements may be any sequence that is homologous with the target sequence in the genome of the host cell. Furthermore, the integrational elements may be non-encoding or encoding nucleotide sequences. On the other hand, the vector may be integrated into the genome of the host cell by non-homologous recombination.
[0210] For autonomous replication, the vector may further comprise an origin of replication enabling the vector to replicate autonomously in the host cell in question. The origin of replication may be any plasmid replicator mediating autonomous replication which functions in a cell. The term "origin of replication" or "plasmid replicator" is defined herein as a nucleotide sequence that enables a plasmid or vector to replicate in vivo.
[0211] Examples of origins of replication for use in a yeast host cell are the 2 micron origin of replication, ARS1, ARS4, the combination of ARS1 and CEN3, and the combination of ARS4 and CEN6.
[0212] Examples of origins of replication useful in a filamentous fungal cell are AMA1 and ANS1 (Gems et al., 1991, Gene 98:61-67; Cullen et al., 1987, Nucleic Acids Research 15: 9163-9175; WO 00/24883). Isolation of the AMA1 gene and construction of plasmids or vectors comprising the gene can be accomplished according to the methods disclosed in WO 00/24883.
[0213] More than one copy of a polynucleotide of the present invention may be inserted into the host cell to increase production of the gene product. An increase in the copy number of the polynucleotide can be obtained by integrating at least one additional copy of the sequence into the host cell genome or by including an amplifiable selectable marker gene with the polynucleotide where cells containing amplified copies of the selectable marker gene, and thereby additional copies of the polynucleotide, can be selected for by cultivating the cells in the presence of the appropriate selectable agent.
[0214] The procedures used to ligate the elements described above to construct the recombinant expression vectors of the present invention are well known to one skilled in the art (see, e.g., Sambrook et al., 1989, supra).

## Host Cells

[0215] The present invention also relates to recombinant host cells, comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention, which are advantageously used in the recombinant production of the polypeptides. A vector comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention is introduced into a host cell so that the vector is maintained as a chromosomal integrant or as a self-replicating extra-chromosomal vector as described earlier. The term "host cell" encompasses any progeny of a parent cell that is not identical to the parent cell due to mutations that occur during replication. The choice of a host cell will to a large extent depend upon the gene encoding the polypeptide and its source.
[0216] The host cell may be a eukaryote, such as a mammalian, insect, plant, or fungal cell.
[0217] In a preferred aspect, the host cell is a fungal cell. "Fungi" as used herein includes the phyla Ascomycota, Basidiomycota, Chytridiomycota, and Zygomycota (as defined by Hawksworth et al., In, Ainsworth and Bisby's Dictionary of The Fungi, 8th edition, 1995, CAB International, University Press, Cambridge, UK) as well as the Oomycota (as cited in Hawksworth et al., 1995, supra, page 171) and all mitosporic fungi (Hawksworth et al., 1995, supra).
[0218] In a more preferred aspect, the fungal host cell is a yeast cell. 'Yeast' as used herein includes ascosporogenous yeast (Endomycetales), basidiosporogenous yeast, and yeast belonging to the Fungi Imperfecti (Blastomycetes). Since the classification of yeast may change in the future, for the purposes of this invention, yeast shall be defined as described in Biology and Activities of Yeast (Skinner, F. A., Passmore, S. M., and Davenport, R. R., eds, Soc. App. Bacteriol. Symposium Series No. 9, 1980).
[0219] In an even more preferred aspect, the yeast host cell is a Candida, Hansenula, Kluyveromyces, Pichia, Saccharomyces, Schizosaccharomyces, or Yarrowia cell.
[0220] In a most preferred aspect, the yeast host cell is a Saccharomyces carlsbergensis, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Saccharomyces diastaticus, Saccharomyces douglasii, Saccharomyces kluyveri, Saccharomyces norbensis or Saccharomyces oviformis cell. In another most preferred aspect, the yeast host cell is a Kluyveromyces lactis cell. In another most preferred aspect, the yeast host cell is a Yarrowia lipolytica cell.
[0221] In another more preferred aspect, the fungal host cell is a filamentous fungal cell. "Filamentous fungi" include all filamentous forms of the subdivision Eumycota and Oomycota (as defined by Hawksworth et al., 1995, supra). The filamentous fungi are generally characterized by a mycelial wall composed of chitin, cellulose, glucan, chitosan, mannan, and other complex polysaccharides. Vegetative growth is by hyphal elongation and carbon catabolism is obligately aerobic. In contrast, vegetative growth by yeasts such as Saccharomyces cerevisiae is by budding of a unicellular thallus and carbon catabolism may be fermentative.
[0222] In an even more preferred aspect, the filamentous fungal host cell is an Acremonium, Aspergillus, Aureobasidium, Bjerkandera, Ceriporiopsis, Coprinus, Coriolus, Cryptococcus, Filobasidium, Fusarium, Humicola, Magnaporthe, Mucor, Myceliophthora, Neocallimastix, Neurospora, Paecilomyces, Penicillium, Phanerochaete, Phlebia, Piromyces, Pleurotus, Schizophyllum, Talaromyces, Thermoascus, Thielavia, Tolypocladium, Trametes, or Trichoderma cell.
[0223] In a most preferred aspect, the filamentous fungal host cell is an Aspergillus awamori, Aspergillus fumigatus, Aspergillus foetidus, Aspergillus japonicus, Aspergillus nidulans, Aspergillus niger or Aspergillus oryzae cell. In another most preferred aspect, the filamentous fungal host cell is a Fusarium bactridioides, Fusarium cerealis, Fusarium crookwellense, Fusarium culmorum, Fusarium graminearum, Fusarium graminum, Fusarium heterosporum, Fusarium negundi, Fusarium oxysporum, Fusarium reticulatum, Fusarium roseum, Fusarium sam-
bucinum, Fusarium sarcochroum, Fusarium sporotrichioides, Fusarium sulphureum, Fusarium torulosum, Fusarium trichothecioides, or Fusarium venenatum cell. In another most preferred aspect, the filamentous fungal host cell is a Bjerkandera adusta, Ceriporiopsis aneirina, Ceriporiopsis aneirina, Ceriporiopsis caregiea, Ceriporiopsis gilvescens, Ceeiporiopsis pannocinta, Ceriporiopsis rivulosa, Ceriporiopsis subrufa, or Ceriporiopsis subvermispora, Coprinus cinereus, Coriolus hirsutus, Humicola insolens, Humicola lanuginosa, Mucor miehei, Myceliophthora thermophila, Neurospora crassa, Penicillium purpurogenum, Phanerochaete chrysosporium, Phlebia radiata, Pleurotus eryngii, Thielavia terrestris, Trametes villosa, Trametes versicolor, Trichodermna harzianum, Trichoderma koningii, Trichoderma longibrachiatum, Trichoderma reesei, or Trichoderma viride strain cell.
[0224] Fungal cells may be transformed by a process involving protoplast formation, transformation of the protoplasts, and regeneration of the cell wall in a manner known per se. Suitable procedures for transformation of Aspergillus and Trichoderma host cells are described in EP 238023 and Yelton et al., 1984, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA 81: 1470-1474. Suitable methods for transforming Fusarium species are described by Malardier et al., 1989, Gene 78: 147-156, and WO 96/00787. Yeast may be transformed using the procedures described by Becker and Guarente, In Abelson, J. N. and Simon, M. I., editors, Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology, Methods in Enzymology, Volume 194, pp 182-187, Academic Press, Inc., New York; Ito et al., 1983, Journal of Bacteriology 153: 163; and Hinnen et al., 1978, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA 75: 1920.

## Methods of Production

[0225] The present invention also relates to methods for producing a polypeptide of the present invention, comprising (a) cultivating a cell, which in its wild-type form is capable of producing the polypeptide, under conditions conducive for production of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the polypeptide. Preferably, the cell is of the genus Trametes, Pachykytospora, or Leucopaxillus, and more preferably Trametes cingulata, Pachykytospora papyracea, or Leucopaxillus giganteus.
[0226] The present invention also relates to methods for producing a polypeptide of the present invention, comprising (a) cultivating a host cell under conditions conducive for production of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the polypeptide.
[0227] The present invention also relates to methods for producing a polypeptide of the present invention, comprising (a) cultivating a host cell under conditions conducive for production of the polypeptide, wherein the host cell comprises a nucleotide sequence having the mature polypeptide coding region of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 4, 6, 23, 25, 36, 38, 39, 41 , or 42 , respectively, wherein the nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide which consists of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 , respectively; or amino acids 1 to 575 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1 to 565 of SEQ ID NO: 40, respectively; or amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1 to 548 of SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1 to 523 of SEQ ID NO: 43, respectively, and (b) recovering the polypeptide.
[0228] In the production methods of the present invention, the cells are cultivated in a nutrient medium suitable for production of the polypeptide using methods well known in the art. For example, the cell may be cultivated by shake flask cultivation, and small-scale or large-scale fermentation (including continuous, batch, fed-batch, or solid state fermentations) in laboratory or industrial fermentors performed in a suitable medium and under conditions allowing the polypeptide to be expressed and/or isolated. The cultivation takes place in a suitable nutrient medium comprising carbon and nitrogen sources and inorganic salts, using procedures known in the art. Suitable media are available from commercial suppliers or may be prepared according to published compositions (e.g., in catalogues of the American Type Culture Collection). If the polypeptide is secreted into the nutrient medium, the polypeptide can be recovered directly from the medium. If the polypeptide is not secreted, it can be recovered from cell lysates.
[0229] The polypeptides may be detected using methods known in the art that are specific for the polypeptides. These detection methods may include use of specific antibodies, formation of an enzyme product, or disappearance of an enzyme substrate. For example, an enzyme assay may be used to determine the activity of the polypeptide as described herein.
[0230] The resulting polypeptide may be recovered using methods known in the art. For example, the polypeptide may be recovered from the nutrient medium by conventional procedures including, but not limited to, centrifugation, filtration, extraction, spray-drying, evaporation, or precipitation.
[0231] The polypeptides of the present invention may be purified by a variety of procedures known in the art including, but not limited to, chromatography (e.g., ion exchange, affinity, hydrophobic, chromatofocusing, and size exclusion), electrophoretic procedures (e.g., preparative isoelectric focusing), differential solubility (e.g., ammonium sulfate precipitation), SDS-PAGE, or extraction (see, e.g., Protein Purification, J.-C. Janson and Lars Ryden, editors, VCH Publishers, New York, 1989).

## Plants

[0232] The present invention also relates to a transgenic plant, plant part, or plant cell which has been transformed with a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity of the present invention so as to express and produce the polypeptide in recoverable quantities. The polypeptide may be recovered from the plant or plant part. Alternatively, the plant or plant part containing the recombinant polypeptide may be used as such for improving the quality of a food or feed, e.g., improving nutritional value, palatability, and rheological properties, or to destroy an antinutritive factor.
[0233] The transgenic plant can be dicotyledonous (a dicot) or monocotyledonous (a monocot). Examples of monocot plants are grasses, such as meadow grass (blue grass, Poa), forage grass such as Festuca, Lolium, temperate grass, such as Agrostis, and cereals, e.g., wheat, oats, rye, barley, rice, sorghum, and maize (corn).
[0234] Examples of dicot plants are tobacco, legumes, such as lupins, potato, sugar beet, pea, bean and soybean,
and cruciferous plants (family Brassicaceae), such as cauliflower, rape seed, and the closely related model organism Arabidopsis thaliana.
[0235] Examples of plant parts are stem, callus, leaves, root, fruits, seeds, and tubers as well as the individual tissues comprising these parts, e.g., epidermis, mesophyll, parenchyme, vascular tissues, meristems. Specific plant cell compartments, such as chloroplasts, apoplasts, mitochondria, vacuoles, peroxisomes and cytoplasm are also considered to be a plant part. Furthermore, any plant cell, whatever the tissue origin, is considered to be a plant part. Likewise, plant parts such as specific tissues and cells isolated to facilitate the utilisation of the invention are also considered plant parts, e.g., embryos, endosperms, aleurone and seeds coats.
[0236] Also included within the scope of the present invention are the progeny of such plants, plant parts, and plant cells.
[0237] The transgenic plant or plant cell expressing a polypeptide of the present invention may be constructed in accordance with methods known in the art. In short, the plant or plant cell is constructed by incorporating one or more expression constructs encoding a polypeptide of the present invention into the plant host genome and propagating the resulting modified plant or plant cell into a transgenic plant or plant cell.
[0238] The expression construct is conveniently a nucleic acid construct which comprises a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of the present invention operably linked with appropriate regulatory sequences required for expression of the nucleotide sequence in the plant or plant part of choice. Furthermore, the expression construct may comprise a selectable marker useful for identifying host cells into which the expression construct has been integrated and DNA sequences necessary for introduction of the construct into the plant in question (the latter depends on the DNA introduction method to be used).
[0239] The choice of regulatory sequences, such as promoter and terminator sequences and optionally signal or transit sequences, is determined, for example, on the basis of when, where, and how the polypeptide is desired to be expressed. For instance, the expression of the gene encoding a polypeptide of the present invention may be constitutive or inducible, or may be developmental, stage or tissue specific, and the gene product may be targeted to a specific tissue or plant part such as seeds or leaves. Regulatory sequences are, for example, described by Tague et al., 1988, Plant Physiology 86: 506.
[0240] For constitutive expression, the 35S-CaMV, the maize ubiquitin 1 , and the rice actin 1 promoter may be used (Franck et al., 1980, Cell 21: 285-294, Christensen et al., 1992, Plant Mo. Biol. 18: 675-689; Zhang et al., 1991, Plant Cell 3: 1155-1165). Organ-specific promoters may be, for example, a promoter from storage sink tissues such as seeds, potato tubers, and fruits (Edwards \& Coruzzi, 1990, Ann. Rev. Genet. 24: 275-303), or from metabolic sink tissues such as meristems (Ito et al., 1994, Plant Mol. Biol. 24: 863-878), a seed specific promoter such as the glutelin, prolamin, globulin, or albumin promoter from rice (Wu at al., 1998, Plant and Cell Physiology 39: 885-889), a Vicia faba promoter from the legumin B4 and the unknown seed protein gene from Vicia faba (Conrad et al., 1998, Journal
of Plant Physiology 152: 708-711), a promoter from a seed oil body protein (Chen et al., 1998, Plant and Cell Physiology 39: 935-941), the storage protein napA promoter from Brassica napus, or any other seed specific promoter known in the art, e.g., as described in WO 91/14772. Furthermore, the promoter may be a leaf specific promoter such as the rbcs promoter from rice or tomato (Kyozuka et al., 1993, Plant Physiology 102: 991-1000, the chlorella virus adenine methyltransferase gene promoter (Mitra and Higgins, 1994, Plant Molecular Biology 26: 85-93), or the aldP gene promoter from rice (Kagaya et a1., 1995, Molecular and General Genetics 248: 668-674), or a wound inducible promoter such as the potato pin2 promoter (Xu et al., 1993, Plant Molecular Biology 22: 573-588). Likewise, the promoter may inducible by abiotic treatments such as temperature, drought, or alterations in salinity or induced by exogenously applied substances that activate the promoter, e.g., ethanol, oestrogens, plant hormones such as ethylene, abscisic acid, and gibberellic acid, and heavy metals.
[0241] A promoter enhancer element may also be used to achieve higher expression of a polypeptide of the present invention in the plant. For instance, the promoter enhancer element may be an intron which is placed between the promoter and the nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide of the present invention. For instance, Xu et al., 1993, supra, disclose the use of the first intron of the rice actin 1 gene to enhance expression.
[0242] The selectable marker gene and any other parts of the expression construct may be chosen from those available in the art.
[0243] The nucleic acid construct is incorporated into the plant genome according to conventional techniques known in the art, including Agrobacterium-mediated transformation, virus-mediated transformation, microinjection, particle bombardment, biolistic transformation, and electroporation (Gasser et al., 1990, Science 244: 1293; Potrykus, 1990, Bio/Technology 8: 535; Shimamoto et al., 1989, Nature 338: 274).
[0244] Presently, Agrobacterium tumefaciens-mediated gene transfer is the method of choice for generating transgenic dicots (for a review, see Hooykas and Schilperoort, 1992, Plant Molecular Biology 19: 1538) and can also be used for transforming monocots, although other transformation methods are often used for these plants. Presently, the method of choice for generating transgenic monocots is particle bombardment (microscopic gold or tungsten particles coated with the transforming DNA) of embryonic calli or developing embryos (Christou, 1992, Plant Journal 2: 275-281; Shimamoto, 1994, Current Opinion Biotechnology 5: 158-162; Vasil et al., 1992, Bio/Technology 10: 667-674). An alternative method for transformation of monocots is based on protoplast transformation as described by Omirulleh et al., 1993, Plant Molecular Biology 21: 415-428.
[0245] Following transformation, the transformants having incorporated the expression construct are selected and regenerated into whole plants according to methods wellknown in the art. Often the transformation procedure is designed for the selective elimination of selection genes either during regeneration or in the following generations by using, for example, co-transformation with two separate T-DNA constructs or site specific excision of the selection gene by a specific recombinase.
[0246] The present invention also relates to methods for producing a polypeptide of the present invention comprising (a) cultivating a transgenic plant or a plant cell comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having glucoamylase activity of the present invention under conditions conducive for production of the polypeptide; and (b) recovering the polypeptide.

## Compositions

[0247] The present invention also relates to compositions comprising a polypeptide of the present invention. Preferably, the compositions are enriched in such a polypeptide. The term "enriched" indicates that the glucoamylase activity of the composition has been increased, e.g., by an enrichment factor of 1.1.
[0248] The composition may comprise a polypeptide of the present invention as the major enzymatic component, e.g., a mono-component composition. Alternatively, the composition may comprise multiple enzymatic activities, such as an aminopeptidase, amylase, carbohydrase, carboxypeptidase, catalase, cellulase, chitinase, cutinase, cycliodextrin glycosyltransferase, deoxyribonuclease, esterase, alpha-galactosidase, beta-galactosidase, glucoamylase, alpha-glucosidase, beta-glucosidase, haloperoxidase, invertase, laccase, lipase, mannosidase, oxidase, pectinolytic enzyme, peptidoglutaminase, peroxidase, phytase, polyphenoloxidase, proteolytic enzyme, ribonuclease, transglutaminase, or xylanase. The additional enzyme(s) may be produced, for example, by a microorganism belonging to the genus Aspergillus, preferably Aspergillus aculeatus, Aspertgillus awamori, Aspergillus fumigatus, Aspergillus foetidus, Aspergillus japonicus, Aspergillus nidulans, Aspergillus niger, or Aspergillus oryzae; Fusarium, preferably Fusarium bactridioides, Fusarium cerealis, Fusarium crookwellense, Fusarium culmorum, Fusarium graminearum, Fusarium graminum, Fusarium heterosporum, Fusarium negundi, Fusarium oxysporum, Fusarium reticulatum, Fusarium roseum, Fusarium sambucinum, Fusarium sarcochroum, Fusarium sulphureum, Fusarium toruiloseum, Fusarium trichothecioides, or Fusarium venenatum; Humicola, preferably Humicola insolens or Humicola lanuginosa; or Trichoderma, preferably Trichoderma harzianum, Trichoderma koningli, Trichoderma longibrachiatum, Trichoderma reesei, or Trichoderma viride.
[0249] The polypeptide compositions may be prepared in accordance with methods known in the art and may be in the form of a liquid or a dry composition. For instance, the polypeptide composition may be in the form of a granulate or a microgranulate. The polypeptide to be included in the composition may be stabilized in accordance with methods known in the art.

## Combination of Glucoamylase and Acid Alpha-Amylase

[0250] According to this aspect of the invention a glucoamylase of the invention may be combined with an acid alpha-amylase in a ratio of between 0.3 and $5.0 \mathrm{AFAU} /$ AGU. More preferably the ratio between acid alpha-amylase activity and glucoamylase activity is at least 0.35 , at least 0.40 , at least 0.50 , at least 0.60 , at least 0.7 , at least 0.8 , at least 0.9 , at least 1.0 , at least 1.1 , at least 1.2 , at least 1.3 , at least 1.4 , at least 1.5 , at least 1.6 , at least 1.7 , at least 1.8 , at least 1.85 , or even at least $1.9 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{AGU}$. However, the
ratio between acid alpha-amylase activity and glucoamylase activity should preferably be less than 4.5 , less than 4.0 , less than 3.5 , less than 3.0 , less than 2.5 , or even less than 2.25 AFAU/AGU. In AUU/AGI the activities of acid alphaamylase and glucoamylase are preferably present in a ratio of between 0.4 and $6.5 \mathrm{AUU} / \mathrm{AGI}$. More preferably the ratio between acid alpha-amylase activity and glucoamylase activity is at least 0.45 , at least 0.50 , at least 0.60 , at least 0.7 , at least 0.8 , at least 0.9 , at least 1.0 , at least 1.1 , at least 1.2 , at least 1.3 , at least 1.4 , at least 1.5 , at least 1.6, at least 1.7 , at least 1.8 , at least 1.9, at least 2.0 , at least 2.1, at least 2.2 , at least 2.3 , at least 2.4 , or even at least $2.5 \mathrm{AUU} / \mathrm{AGI}$. However, the ratio between acid alpha-amylase activity and glucoamylase activity is preferably less than 6.0 , less than 5.5 , less than 4.5 , less than 4.0 , less than 3.5 , or even less than $3.0 \mathrm{AUU} / \mathrm{AGI}$.
[0251] Above composition is suitable for use in a starch conversion process mentioned below for producing syrup and fermentation products such as ethanol.
[0252] Examples are given below of preferred uses of the polypeptide compositions of the invention. The dosage of the polypeptide composition of the invention and other conditions under which the composition is used may be determined on the basis of methods known in the art.
[0253] Combination of Trametes cingulata Glucoamylase with Another Glucoamylase and an Acid Alpha-Amylase
[0254] The Trametes cingulata glucoamylase of the invention have been found to have a 4-7 fold higher alpha-1,6debranching activity than other glucoamylases, such as Athelia rolfsii, Aspergillus niger and Talaromyces emersonii (see Example 13).
[0255] Therefore, according to the invention the Trametes cingulata glucoamylase may be combined with acid alphaamylase and further another glucoamylase. Such combination of enzymes would be suitable in processes comprises starch conversion, include ethanol production, including one step fermentation processes.
[0256] The alpha-amylase may be any alpha-amylase. In a preferred embodiment the alpha-amylase is any of those listed in the "Alpha-Amylase"-section below. In a preferred embodiment the alpha-amylase is a fungal alpha-amylase, especially those disclosed below in the "Fungal Alpha-Amylases"-section, especially the Aspergillus kawachii alpha-amylase. Preferred are also hybrid alpha-amylases disclosed below in the "Fungal hybrid alpha-amylase"section below, including hybrids disclosed in U.S. Patent Publication no. 2005/0054071 (hybrids listed in Table 3 is especially contemplated), and further the hybrids disclosed in co-pending U.S. application No. 60/638,614, including especially the Fungamyl variant with catalytic domain JA118 and Athelia rolfsii SBD (SEQ ID NO: 28 herein and SEQ ID NO: 100 in U.S. 60/638,614); Rhizomucor pusillus alpha-amylase with Athelia rolfsii AMG linker and SBD (SEQ ID NO: 29 herein and SEQ ID NO: 101 in U.S. application No. 60/638,614); and Meripilus giganteus alphaamylase with Athelia rolfsii glucoamylase linker and SBD (SEQ ID NO: 30 herein and SEQ ID NO: 102 in U.S. application No. 60/638,614).
[0257] The glucoamylase may be any glucoamylase, including glucoamylases of fungal or bacterial origin selected from the group consisting of Aspergillus glucoamy-
lases, in particular A. niger G1 or G2 glucoamylase (Boel et al., 1984, EMBO J. 3 (5): 1097-1102), or variants thereof, such as disclosed in WO 92/00381, WO 00/04136 add WO 01/04273 (from Novozymes, Denmark); the A. awamori glucoamylase (WO 84/02921), A. oryzae (Agric. Biol. Chem., 1991, 55 (4): 941-949), or variants or fragments thereof. Other Aspergillus glucoamylase variants include variants to enhance the thermal stability: G137A and G139A (Chen et al., 1996, Prot. Eng. 9: 499-505); D257E and D293E/Q (Chen et al., 1995, Prot. Engng. 8: 575-582); N182 (Chen et al., 1994, Biochem. J. 301: 275-281); disulphide bonds, A246C (Fierobe et al., 1996, Biochemistry, 35: 8698-8704; and introduction of Pro residues in position A435 and S436 (Li et al., 1997, Protein Engng. 10: 11991204. Other glucoamylases include Corticium rolfsii glucoamylase (U.S. Pat. No. $4,727,046$ ) also referred to as Athelia rolfsii, Talaromyces glucoamylases, in particular, derived from Talaromyces emersonii (WO 99/28448), Talaromyces leycettanus (U.S. Pat. No. Re. 32,153), Talaromyces duponti, Talaromyces thermophilus (U.S. Pat. No. 4,587,215), Rhizopus nivius (e.g., the enzyme available from Shin Nihon Chemicals, Japan, under the tradename "CU CONC"), Humicola grisea var. thermoidea (e.g., ATCC 16453, NRRL 15222, NRRL 15223, NRRL 15224, NRRL 15225).
[0258] Bacterial glucoamylases contemplated include glucoamylases from the genus Clostridium, in particular C. thermoamylolyticum (EP 135,138), and C. thermohydrosulfuricum (WO 86/01831).
[0259] Examples of commercially available compositions comprising other glucoamylase include AMG 200L; AMG 300 L; SAN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ SUPER, SAN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ EXTRA L, SPIRIZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PLUS, SPIRIZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ FUEL, SPIRIZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ B4U and AMG ${ }^{\text {TM }} \mathrm{E}$ (from Novozymes A/S); OPTIDEX ${ }^{\text {TM }} 300$ (from Genencor Int.); AMIGASETM and AMIGASETM PLUS (from DSM); G-ZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ G900, G-ZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ and G990 ZR (from Genencor Int.).
[0260] In a specific embodiment the Trametes cingulata glucoamylase of the invention is combined with glucoamylase derived from one of Aspergillus niger, Athea rolfsii, or Talaromyces emersonii and the Rhizomucor pusillus alphaamylase with Athelia rolfsii AMG linker and SBD (SEQ ID NO: 29 herein and SEQ ID NO: 101 in U.S. application No. 60/638,614).

## Uses

[0261] The present invention is also directed to process/ methods for using the polypeptides having glucoamylase activity of the invention.
[0262] Uses according to the invention include starch conversion of starch to e.g., syrup and fermentation products, including ethanol and beverages. Examples of processes where a glucoamylase of the invention may be used include the ones described in: WO 2004/081193, WO 2004/ 080923 , WO $2003 / 66816$, WO 2003166826 , and WO 92/20777 which are hereby all incorporated by reference.

## Production of Fermentation Products

Processes for Producing Fermentation Products from Gelatinized Starch-Containing Material
[0263] In this aspect the present invention relates to a process for producing a fermentation product, especially
ethanol, from starch-containing material, which process includes a liquefaction step and separately or simultaneously performed saccharification and fermentation step(s).
[0264] The invention relates to a process for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material comprising the steps of:
[0265] (a) liquefying starch-containing material in the presence of an alpha-amylase;
[0266] (b) saccharifying the liquefied material obtained in step (a) using a glucoamylase of the invention;
[0267] (c) fermenting the saccharified material using a fermenting organism.
[0268] The fermentation product, such as especially ethanol, may optionally be recovered after fermentation, e.g., by distillation. Suitable starch-containing starting materials are listed in the section "Starch-containing materials"-section below. Contemplated enzymes are listed in the "Enzymes"section below. The fermentation is preferably carried out in the presence of yeast, preferably a strain of Saccharomyces. Suitable fermenting organisms are listed in the "Fermenting Organisms"-section below. In a preferred embodiment step (b) and (c) are carried out simultaneously (SSF process).
[0269] In a particular embodiment, the process of the invention further comprises, prior to the step (a), the steps of:
[0270] x) reducing the particle size of the starch-containing material, preferably by milling;
[0271] y) forming a slurry comprising the starch-containing material and water.
[0272] The aqueous slurry may contain from 10-40 wt- $\%$, preferably $25-35 \mathrm{wt}-\%$ starch-containing material. The slurry is heated to above the gelatinization temperature and alpha-amylase, preferably bacterial and/or acid fungal alpha-amylase, may be added to initiate liquefaction (thinning). The slurry may in an embodiment be jet-cooked to further gelatinize the slurry before being subjected to an alpha-amylase in step (a) of the invention.
[0273] More specifically liquefaction may be carried out as a three-step hot slurry process. The slurry is heated to between $60-95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., preferably $80-85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., and alpha-amylase is added to initiate liquefaction (thinning). Then the slurry may be jet-cooked at a temperature between $95-140^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., preferably $105-125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., for $1-15$ minutes, preferably for 3-10 minutes, especially around 5 minutes. The slurry is cooled to $60-95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and more alpha-amylase is added to finalize hydrolysis (secondary liquefaction). The liquefaction process is usually carried out at $\mathrm{pH} 4.5-6.5$, in particular at a pH between 5 and 6 . Milled and liquefied whole grains are known as mash.
[0274] The saccharification in step (b) may be carried out using conditions well know in the art. For instance, a full saccharification process may lasts up to from about 24 to about 72 hours, however, it is common only to do a pre-saccharification of typically 40-90 minutes at a temperature between $30-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., typically about $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., followed by complete saccharification during fermentation in a simultaneous saccharification and fermentation process (SSF).
[0275] Saccharification is typically carried out at temperatures from $30-65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., typically around $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., and at a pH between 4 and 5 , normally at about pH 4.5 .
[0276] The most widely used process in ethanol production is the simultaneous saccharification and fermentation (SSF) process, in which there is no holding stage for the saccharification, meaning that fermenting organism, such as yeast, and enzyme(s) may be added together.
[0277] When doing SSF it is common to introduce a pre-saccharification step at a temperature above $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., just prior to the fermentation.
[0278] In accordance with the present invention the fermentation step (c) includes, without limitation, fermentation processes used to produce alcohols (e.g., ethanol, methanol, butanol); organic acids (e.g., citric acid, acetic acid, itaconic acid, lactic acid, gluconic acid); ketones (e.g., acetone); amino acids (e.g., glutamic acid); gases (e.g., $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ); antibiotics (e.g., penicillin and tetracycline); enzymes; vitamins (e.g., riboflavin, B12, beta-carotene); and hormones. Preferred fermentation processes include alcohol fermentation processes, as are well known in the art. Preferred fermentation processes are anaerobic fermentation processes, as are well known in the art.

Processes for Producing Fermentation Products from UnGelatinized Starch-Containing
[0279] In this aspect the invention relates to processes for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material without gelatinization of the starch-containing material. In one embodiment only a glucoamylase of the invention is used during saccharification and fermentation. According to the invention the desired fermentation product, such as ethanol, can be produced without liquefying the aqueous slurry containing the starch-containing material. In one embodiment a process of the invention includes saccharifying milled starch-containing material below the gelatinization temperature in the presence of a glucoamylase of the invention to produce sugars that can be fermented into the desired fermentation product by a suitable fermenting organism.
[0280] Examples 8 and 9 below disclose production of ethanol from un-gelatinized (uncooked) milled corn using glucoamylases of the invention derived from Trametes cingulata and Pachykytospora papyracea. Both glucoamylases show significantly higher ethanol yields compared to corresponding processes carried out using glucoamylases derived from Aspergillus niger or Talaromyces emersonii, respectively.
[0281] Accordingly, in this aspect the invention relates to a process for producing a fermentation product from starchcontaining material comprising
[0282] (a) saccharifying starch-containing material with a glucoamylase having
[0283] i) the sequence shown as amino acids 1 to 556 in SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 in SEQ ID NO: 37 , or a glucoamylase having at least $75 \%$ identity thereto, and/or
[0284] ii) the sequence shown as amino acids 1 to 575 in SEQ ID NO: 5 or amino acids 1 to 565 in SEQ ID NO: 40 , or a glucoamylase having at least $70 \%$ identity thereto, and/or
[0285] iii) the sequence shown as amino acids 1 to 548 in SEQ ID NO: 24 or amino acids 1 to 556 in SEQ ID NO: 26 or amino acids 1 to 523 in SEQ ID NO: 43, or a glucoamylase having at least $60 \%$ identity thereto,
at a temperature below the initial gelatinization temperature of said starch-containing material,
[0286] (b) fermenting using a fermenting organism.
[0287] Steps (a) and (b) of the process of the invention may be carried out sequentially or simultaneously.
[0288] The term "initial gelatinization temperature" means the lowest temperature at which gelatinization of the starch commences. Starch heated in water begins to gelatinize between $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and $75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.; the exact temperature of gelatinization depends on the specific starch, and can readily be determined by the skilled artisan. Thus, the initial gelatinization temperature may vary according to the plant species, to the particular variety of the plant species as well as with the growth conditions. In the context of this invention the initial gelatinization temperature of a given starchcontaining material is the temperature at which birefringence is lost in $5 \%$ of the starch granules using the method described by Gorinstein and Lii, 1992, Starch/Stärke 44 (12): 461-466.
[0289] Before step (a) a slurry of starch-containing material, such as granular starch, having $20-55 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$ dry solids, preferably $25-40 \mathrm{wt}$. $\%$ dry solids, more preferably $30-35 \%$ dry solids of starch-containing material may be prepared. The slurry may include water and/or process waters, such as stillage (backset), scrubber water, evaporator condensate or distillate, side stripper water from distillation, or other fermentation product plant process water. Because the process of the invention is carried out below the gelatinization temperature and thus no significant viscosity increase takes place, high levels of stillage may be used if desired. In an embodiment the aqueous slurry contains from about 1 to about 70 vol. $-\%$ stillage, preferably $15-60 \%$ vol. $-\%$ stillage, especially from about 30 to 50 vol. $\%$ stillage.
[0290] The starch-containing material may be prepared by reducing the particle size, preferably by milling, to 0.05 to 3.0 mm , preferably $0.1-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. After being subjected to a process of the invention at least $85 \%$, at least $86 \%$, at least $87 \%$, at least $88 \%$, at least $89 \%$, at least $90 \%$, at least $91 \%$, at least $92 \%$, at least $93 \%$, at least $94 \%$, at least $95 \%$, at least $96 \%$, at least $97 \%$, at least $98 \%$, or preferably at least $99 \%$ of the dry solids of the starch-containing material is converted into a soluble starch hydrolysate.
[0291] The process of the invention is conducted at a temperature below the initial gelatinization temperature. Preferably the temperature at which step (a) is carried out is between $30-75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., preferably between $45-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0292] In a preferred embodiment step (a) and step (b) are carried out as a simultaneous saccharification and fermentation process. In such preferred embodiment the process is typically carried at a temperature between $28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and $36^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., such as between $29^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., such as between $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and $34^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., such as around $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. According to the invention the temperature may be adjusted up or down during fermentation.
[0293] In an embodiment simultaneous saccharification and fermentation is carried out so that the sugar level, such
as glucose level, is kept at a low level such as below $6 \mathrm{wt} . \%$, preferably below about $3 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$, preferably below about 2 wt. $-\%$, more preferred below about $1 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$, even more preferred below about $0.5 \%$, or even more preferred $0.25 \%$ wt. $-\%$, such as below about $0.1 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$. Such low levels of sugar can be accomplished by simply employing adjusted quantities of enzyme and fermenting organism. A skilled person in the art can easily determine which quantities of enzyme and fermenting organism to use. The employed quantities of enzyme and fermenting organism may also be selected to maintain low concentrations of maltose in the fermentation broth. For instance, the maltose level may be kept below about $0.5 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$ or below about $0.2 \mathrm{wt} .-\%$.
[0294] The process of the invention may be carried out at a pH in the range between 3 and 7, preferably from pH 3.5 to 6 , or more preferably from pH 4 to 5 .

## Starch-Containing Materials

[0295] Any suitable starch-containing starting material, including granular starch, may be used according to the present invention. The starting material is generally selected based on the desired fermentation product. Examples of starch-containing starting materials, suitable for use in a process of present invention, include tubers, roots, stems, whole grains, corms, cobs, wheat, barley, rye, milo, sago, cassaya, tapioca, sorghum, rice peas, beans, or sweet potatoes, or mixtures thereof, or cereals, sugar-containing raw materials, such as molasses, fruit materials, sugar cane or sugar beet, potatoes, and cellulose-containing materials, such as wood or plant residues, or mixtures thereof. Contemplated are both waxy and non-waxy types of corn and barley.
[0296] The term "granular starch" means raw uncooked starch, i.e., starch in its natural form found in cereal, tubers or grains. Starch is formed within plant cells as tiny granules insoluble in water. When put in cold water, the starch granules may absorb a small amount of the liquid and swell. At temperatures up to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to $75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. the swelling may be reversible. However, with higher temperatures an irreversible swelling called "gelatinization" begins. Granular starch to be processed may be a highly refined starch quality, preferably at least $90 \%$, at least $95 \%$, at least $97 \%$ or at least $99.5 \%$ pure or it may be a more crude starch containing material comprising milled whole grain including nonstarch fractions such as germ residues and fibers. The raw material, such as whole grain, is milled in order to open up the structure and allowing for further processing. Two milling processes are preferred according to the invention: wet and dry milling. In dry milling whole kernels are milled and used. Wet milling gives a good separation of germ and meal (starch granules and protein) and is often applied at locations where the starch hydrolysate is used in production of syrups. Both dry and wet milling is well known in the art of starch processing and is equally contemplated for the process of the invention.
[0297] The starch-containing material is reduced in size, preferably by milling, in order to expose more surface area. In an embodiment the particle size is between 0.05 to 3.0 mm , preferably $0.1-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$, or so that at least $30 \%$, preferably at least $50 \%$, more preferably at least $70 \%$, even more preferably at least $90 \%$ of the milled starch-containing material fit through a sieve with a 0.05 to 3.0 mm screen, preferably $0.1-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ screen.

## Fermentation Products

[0298] The term "fermentation product" means a product produced by a process including a fermentation step using a fermenting organism. Fermentation products contemplated according to the invention include alcohols (e.g., ethanol, methanol, butanol); organic acids (e.g., citric acid, acetic acid, itaconic acid, lactic acid, gluconic acid); ketones (e.g., acetone); amino acids (e.g., glutamic acid); gases (e.g., $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ); antibiotics (e.g., penicillin and tetracydine); enzymes; vitamins (e.g., riboflavin, $\mathrm{B}_{12}$, beta-carotene); and hormones. In a preferred embodiment the fermentation product is ethanol, e.g., fuel ethanol; drinking ethanol, i.e., potable neutral spirits; or industrial ethanol or products used in the consumable alcohol industry (e.g., beer and wine), dairy industry (e.g., fermented dairy products), leather industry and tobacco industry. Preferred beer types comprise ales, stouts, porters, lagers, bitters, malt liquors, happoushu, high-alcohol beer, low-alcohol beer, low-calorie beer or light beer. Preferred fermentation processes used include alcohol fermentation processes, as are well known in the art. Preferred fermentation processes are anaerobic fermentation processes, as are well known in the art.

## Fermenting Organisms

[0299] "Fermenting organism" refers to any organism, including bacterial and fungal organisms, suitable for use in a fermentation process and capable of producing desired a fermentation product. Especially suitable fermenting organisms are able to ferment, i.e., convert, sugars, such as glucose or maltose, directly or indirectly into the desired fermentation product, Examples of fermenting organisms include fungal organisms, such as yeast. Preferred yeast includes strains of Saccharomyces spp., in particular, Saccharomyces cerevisiae. Commercially available yeast include, e.g., Red Star ${ }^{\text {TM } / L e s a f f r e ~ E t h a n o l ~ R e d ~(a v a i l a b l e ~}$ from Red Star/Lesaffre, USA) FALI (available from Fleischmann's Yeast, a division of Burns Philp Food Inc., USA), SUPERSTART (available from Alitech), GERT STRAND (available from Gert Strand AB, Sweden) and FERMIOL (available from DSM Specialties).

## Enzymes

## Glucoamylase

[0300] The glucoamylase is preferably a glucoamylase of the invention. However, as mentioned above a glucoamylase of the invention may also be combined with other glucoamylases.
[0301] The glucoamylase may added in an amount of 0.001 to $10 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS, preferably from 0.01 to $5 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS, such as around $0.1,0.3,0.5,1$ or $2 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS, especially 0.1 to $0.5 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS or $0.02-20 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{DS}$, preferably 0.1-10 AGU/g DS.

## [0302] Alpha-Amylase

[0303] The alpha-amylase may according to the invention be of any origin. Preferred are alpha-amylases of fungal or bacterial origin.
[0304] In a preferred embodiment the alpha-amylase is an acid alpha-amylase, e.g., fungal acid alpha-amylase or bacterial acid alpha-amylase. The term "acid alpha-amylase" means an alpha-amylase (E.C. 3.2.1.1) which added in an
effective amount has activity optimum at a pH in the range of 3 to 7 , preferably from 3.5 to 6 , or more preferably from 4-5.

## Bacterial Alpha-Amylases

[0305] According to the invention a bacterial alpha-amylase may preferably be derived from the genus Bacillus.
[0306] In a preferred embodiment the Bacillus alphaamylase is derived from a strain of $B$. licheniformis, $B$. amyloliquefaciens, B. subtilis or B. stearothermophilus, but may also be derived from other Bacillus sp. Specific examples of contemplated alpha-amylases include the Bacillus licheniformis alpha-amylase (BLA) shown in SEQ ID NO: 4 in WO 99/19467, the Bacillus amyloliquefaciens alpha-amylase (BAN) shown in SEQ ID NO: 5 in WO 99/19467, and the Bacillus stearothermophilus alpha-amylase (BSG) shown in SEQ ID NO: 3 in WO 99/19467. In an embodiment of the invention the alpha-amylase is an enzyme having a degree of identity of at least $60 \%$, preferably at least $70 \%$, more preferred at least $80 \%$, even more preferred at least $90 \%$, such as at least $95 \%$, at least $96 \%$, at least $97 \%$, at least $98 \%$ or at least $99 \%$ identity to any of the sequences shown as SEQ ID NOS: $1,2,3,4$, or 5 , respectively, in WO 99/19467.
[0307] The Bacillus alpha-amylase may also be a variant and/or hybrid, especially one described in any of WO 96/23873, WO 96/23874, WO 97/41213, WO 99/19467, WO 00/60059, and WO 02/10355 (all documents hereby incorporated by reference). Specifically contemplated alphaamylase variants are disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,093,562, 6,297,038 or U.S. Pat. No. 6,187,576 (hereby incorporated by reference) and include Bacillus stearothermophilus alpha-amylase (BSG alpha-amylase) variants having a deletion of one or two amino acids in position 179 to 182, preferably a double deletion disclosed in WO 1996/ 023873 -see e.g., page 20, lines 1-10 (hereby incorporated by reference), preferably corresponding to delta (181-182) compared to the wild-type BSG alpha-amylase amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 disclosed in WO 99/19467 or deletion of amino acids 179 and 180 using SEQ ID NO: 3 in WO 99/19467 for numbering (which reference is hereby incorporated by reference). Even more preferred are Bacillus alpha-amylases, especially Bacillus stearothermophilus alpha-amylase, which have a double deletion corresponding to delta (181-182) and further comprise a N193F substitution (also denoted I181*+G182*+N193F) compared to the wild-type BSG alpha-amylase amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 disclosed in WO 99/19467.
[0308] The alpha-amylase may also be a maltogenic alpha-amylase. A "maltogenic alpha-amylase" (glucan 1,4-alpha-maltohydrolase, E.C. 3.2.1.133) is able to hydrolyze amylose and amylopectin to maltose in the alpha-configuration. A maltogenic alpha-amylase from Bacillus stearothermophilus strain NCIB 11837 is commercially available from Novozymes A/S, Denmark. The maltogenic alphaamylase is described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,598,048, 4,604,355 and $6,162,628$, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

## Bacterial Hybrid Alpha-Amylases

[0309] A hybrid alpha-amylase specifically contemplated comprises 445 C-terminal amino acid residues of the Bacillus licheniformis alpha-amylase (shown as SEQ ID NO: 4 in

WO 99/19467) and the 37 N -terminal amino acid residues of the alpha-amylase derived from Bacillus amyloliquefaciens (shown as SEQ ID NO: 3 in WO 99/194676), with one or more, especially all, of the following substitutions:
[0310] G48A $+\mathrm{T} 49 \mathrm{I}+\mathrm{G} 107 \mathrm{~A}+\mathrm{H} 156 \mathrm{Y}+\mathrm{A} 181 \mathrm{~T}+\mathrm{N} 190 \mathrm{~F}+$ $\mathrm{I} 201 \mathrm{~F}+\mathrm{A} 209 \mathrm{~V}+\mathrm{Q} 264 \mathrm{~S}$ (using the Bacillus licheniformis numbering). Also preferred are variants having one or more of the following mutations (or corresponding mutations in other Bacillus alpha-amylase backbones): H154Y, A181T, N190F, A209V and Q264S and/or deletion of two residues between positions 176 and 179, preferably deletion of E178 and G179 (using the SEQ ID NO: 5 numbering of WO 99/19467).
[0311] The bacterial alpha-amylase may be added in amounts as are well-known in the art. When measured in KNU units (described below in the "Materials \& Methods"section) the alpha-amylase activity is preferably present in an amount of 0.5-5,000 NU/g of DS, in an amount of 1-500 $\mathrm{NU} / \mathrm{g}$ of DS, or more preferably in an amount of 51,000 $\mathrm{NU} / \mathrm{g}$ of DS, such as $10-100 \mathrm{NU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS.

## Fungal Alpha-Amylases

[0312] Fungal acid alpha-amylases include acid alphaamylases derived from a strain of the genus Aspergillus, such as Aspergillus oryzae, Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus kawachii alpha-amylases.
[0313] A preferred acid fungal alpha-amylase is a Fun-gamyl-like alpha-amylase which is preferably derived from a strain of Aspergillus oryzae. In the present disclosure, the term "Fungamyl-like alpha-amylase" indicates an alphaamylase which exhibits a high identity, i.e., more than $70 \%$, more than $75 \%$, more than $80 \%$, more than $85 \%$ more than $90 \%$, more than $95 \%$, more than $96 \%$, more than $97 \%$, more than $98 \%$, more than $99 \%$ or even $100 \%$ identity to the mature part of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 10 in WO 96/23874.
[0314] Another preferred acid alpha-amylase is derived from a strain Aspergillus niger. In a preferred embodiment the acid fungal alpha-amylase is the one from $A$. niger disclosed as "AMYA_ASPNG" in the Swiss-prot/TeEMBL database under the primary accession no. P56271 and described in more detail in WO 89/01969 (Example 3). The acid Aspergillus niger acid alpha-amylase is also shown as SEQ ID NO: 1 in WO 2004/080923 (Novozymes) which is hereby incorporated by reference. Also variants of said acid fungal amylase having at least $70 \%$ identity, such as at least $80 \%$ or even at least $90 \%$ identity, such as at least $95 \%$, at least $96 \%$, at least $97 \%$, at least $98 \%$, or at least $99 \%$ identity to SEQ ID NO: 1 in WO 2004/080923 are contemplated. A suitable commercially available acid fungal alpha-amylase derived from Aspergillus niger is SP288 (available from Novozymes A/S, Denmark).
[0315] In a preferred embodiment the alpha-amylase is derived from Aspergillus kawachii and disclosed by Kaneko et al., 1996, J. Ferment. Bioeng. 81: 292-298, "Molecularcloning and determination of the nucleotide-sequence of a gene encoding an acid-stable alpha-amylase from Aspergillus kawachii"; and further as EMBL:\#AB008370.
[0316] The fungal acid alpha-amylase may also be a wild-type enzyme comprising a carbohydrate-binding module (CBM) and an alpha-amylase catalytic domain (i.e., a
none-hybrid), or a variant thereof. In an embodiment the wild-type acid alpha-amylase is derived from a strain of Aspergillus kawachii.

Fungal Hybrid Alpha-Amylases
[0317] In a preferred embodiment the fungal acid alphaamylase is a hybrid alpha-amylase. Preferred examples of fungal hybrid alpha-amylases include the ones disclosed in WO 2005/003311 or U.S. Patent Publication no. 2005/ 0054071 (Novozymes) or U.S. patent application No. 60/638,614 (Novozymes) which is hereby incorporated by reference. A hybrid alpha-amylase may comprise an alphaamylase catalytic domain (CD) and a carbohydrate-binding domain/module (CBM) and optional a linker.
[0318] Specific examples of contemplated hybrid alphaamylases include those disclosed in U.S. patent application No. 60/638,614 including Fungamyl variant with catalytic domain JA118 and Athelia rolfsii SBD (SEQ ID NO: 28 herein and SEQ ID NO: 100 in U.S. application No. 60/638, 614), Rhizomucor pusillus alpha-amylase with Athelia rolfsii AMG linker and SBD (SEQ ID NO: 29 herein and SEQ ID NO: 101 in U.S. application No. 60/638,614) and Meripilus giganteus alpha-amylase with Athelia rolfsii glucoamylase linker and SBD (SEQ ID NO: 30 herein and SEQ ID NO: 102 in U.S. application No. 60/638,614).
[0319] Other specific examples of contemplated hybrid alpha-amylases include those disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Publication no. 2005/0054071, including those disclosed in Table 3 on page 15, such as Aspergillus niger alpha-amylase with Aspergillus kawachii linker and starch binding domain.

## Commercial Alpha-Amylase Products

[0320] Preferred commercial compositions comprising alpha-amylase include MYCOLASE from DSM (Gist Brocades), BAN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, TERMAMYL ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ SC, FUNGAMYL ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, LIQUOZYME ${ }^{T M}$ X and SAN ${ }^{T M}$ SUPER, SAN ${ }^{T M}$ EXTRA L (Novozymes A/S) and CLARASETM L-40,000, DEX-LOTM SPEZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ FRED, SPEZYME ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ AA, and SPEZYMETM DELTA M (Genencor Int.), and the acid fungal alphaamylase sold under the trade name SP288 (available from Novozymes A/S, Denmark).
[0321] An acid alpha-amylases may according to the invention be added in an amount of 0.1 to $10 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS, preferably 0.10 to $5 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS, especially 0.3 to $2 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{g}$ DS.

## Production of Syrup

[0322] The present invention also provides a process of using a glucoamylase of the invention for producing syrup, such as glucose and the like, from starch-containing material. Suitable starting materials are exemplified in the "Starch-containing materials"-section above. Generally, the process comprises the steps of partially hydrolyzing starchcontaining material (liquefaction) in the presence of alphaamylase and then further saccharifying the release of glucose from the non-reducing ends of the starch or related oligo- and polysaccharide molecules in the presence of glucoamylase of the invention.
[0323] Liquefaction and saccharification may be carried our as described above for fermentation product production.
[0324] The glucoamylase of the invention may also be used in immobilized form. This is suitable and often used for producing speciality syrups, such as maltose syrups, and further for the raffinate stream of oligosaccharides in connection with the production of fructose syrups, e.g., high fructose syrup (HFS).
[0325] Consequently, this aspect of the invention relates to a process of producing syrup from starch-containing material, comprising
[0326] (a) liquefying starch-containing material in the presence of an alpha-amylase,
[0327] (b) saccharifying the material obtained in step (a) using a glucoamylase of the invention.
[0328] A syrup may be recovered from the saccharified material obtained in step (b).
[0329] Details on suitable conditions can be found above.
Brewing
[0330] A glucoamylase of the invention can also be used in a brewing process. The glucoamylases of the invention is added in effective amounts which can be easily determined by the skilled person in the art. For instance, in the production of "low carb" or super attenuated beers, a higher proportion of alcohol and a lower amount of residual dextrin are desired. These beers are formulated using exogenous enzymes compositions comprising enzyme activities capable of debranching the limit dextrins. A glucoamylase of the invention, preferably Trametes cingulata, may be applied to reduce the content of limit dextrins as well as hydrolyzing the alpha- 1,4 bonds.
[0331] The invention described and claimed herein is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments herein disclosed, since these embodiments are intended as illustrations of several aspects of the invention. Any equivalent embodiments are intended to be within the scope of this invention. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and de-scribed herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description. Such modifications are also intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims. In the case of conflict, the present disclosure including definitions will control.
[0332] Various references are cited herein, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties. The present invention is further described by the following examples which should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention.

## Materials \& Methods

Glucoamylases:
[0333] Glucoamylase derived from Trametes cingulata disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 2 and available from Novozymes A/S.
[0334] Glucoamylase derived from Pachykytospora papyraceae disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 5 and available from Novozymes A/S.
[0335] Glucoamylase derived from Leucopaxillus giganteus disclosed in SEQ ID NO: 24 and available from Novozymes A/S.
[0336] Glucoamylase derived from Aspergillus niger disclosed in Boel et al., 1984, EMBO J. 3 (5): 1097-1102 and available from Novozymes A/S.
[0337] Glucoamylase derived from Talaromyces emersonii disclosed in WO 99/28448 and available from Novozymes A/S.
[0338] Enzymes for DNA manipulations (e.g., restriction endonucleases, ligases etc.) are obtainable from New England Biolabs, Inc. and were used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Alpha-Amylase:
[0339] Hybrid Alpha-Amylase A: Rhizomucor pusillus alpha-amylase with Athelia rolfsii glucoamylase linker and SBD disclosed in U.S. patent application No. 60/638,614 and SEQ ID NO: 29.
Yeast: Red Star ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ available from Red Star/Lesaffre, USA Microbial Strains
[0340] E. coli DH12alpha (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, USA)
[0341] Aspergillus oryzae IFO 4177 is available from Institute for Fermentation, Osaka (IFO) Culture Collection of Microorganisms, 17-85, Juso-honmachi, 2-chome, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka 532-8686, Japan.
[0342] Aspergillus oryzae BECh-2 is described in WO 2000/39322 (Novozymes). It is a mutant of JaL228 (described in WO 98/12300) which is a mutant of IFO 4177.
[0343] Aspergillus niger strain Mbin119 is described in WO 2004/090155 (see Example 12).
Other Materials
[0344] Pullulan available from Wako Pure Chemical (Japan).

## Deposit of Biological Material

[0345] The following biological material has been deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at Deutshe Sammmlung von Microorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ), Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig DE , and given the following accession number:

| Deposit | Accession Number | Date of Deposit |
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| Escherichia coli NN049798 | DSM 17106 | 2 Feb. 2005 |
| Escherichia coli NN049797 | DSM 17105 | 2 Feb. 2005 |

[0346] The strain has been deposited under conditions that assure that access to the culture will be available during the pendency of this patent application to one determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. $\S 1.14$ and 35 U.S.C. $\S 122$. The
deposit represents a substantially pure culture of the deposited strain. The deposit is available as required by foreign patent laws in countries wherein counterparts of the subject application, or its progeny are filed. However, it should be understood that the availability of a deposit does not constitute a license to practice the subject invention in derogation of patent rights granted by governmental action.

Media and Reagents:
[0347] Chemicals used as buffers and substrates were commercial products of at least reagent grade.

PDA2: $39 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Potato Dextrose Agar, $20 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ agar, 50 mL glycerol

Cove: $342.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Sucrose, $20 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{L}$ COVE salt solution, 10 mM Acetamide, $30 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ noble agar.
Cove salt solution: per liter $26 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{KCl}, 26 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{MgSO}_{4}-7 \mathrm{aq}, 76$ g $\mathrm{KH}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{4}, 50 \mathrm{ml}$ Cove trace metals.

Cove trace metals: per liter $0.04 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{NaB407-10} \mathrm{aq}$, CuSO4-5 aq, $1.2 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{FeSO}_{4}-7 \mathrm{aq}, 0.7 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{MnSO}_{4}-\mathrm{aq}, 0.7 \mathrm{~g}$ $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{MoO}_{2}-2$ aq, $0.7 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{ZnSO}_{4}-7$ aq.
YPG: $4 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Yeast extract, $1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{KH} 2 \mathrm{PO} 4,0.5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L} \mathrm{MgSO}_{4}-7$ aq, $5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Glucose, pH 6.0 .
STC: 0.8 M Sorbitol, 25 mM Tris $\mathrm{pH} 8,25 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$.
STPC: $40 \%$ PEG4000 in STC buffer.
Cove top agarose: $342.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ Sucrose, $20 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{L}$ COVE salt solution, 10 mM Acetamide, $10 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ low melt agarose.

MS-9: per liter 30 g soybean powder, 20 g glycerol, pH 6.0 .
MDU-pH5: per liter 45 g maltose-1 aq, 7 g yeast extract, 12 $\mathrm{g} \mathrm{KH}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{4}, 1 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{MgSO} 4-7 \mathrm{aq}, 2 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, 0.5 \mathrm{ml}$ AMG trace metal solution and 25 g 2-morpholinoethanesulfonic acid, pH 5.0.

## Methods

[0348] Unless otherwise stated, DNA manipulations and transformations were performed using standard methods of molecular biology as described in Sambrook et al., 1989, Molecular cloning: A laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbor lab., Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.; Ausubel, F. M. et al. (eds.) "Current protocols in Molecular Biology", John Wiley and Sons, 1995; Harwood, C. R., and Cutting, S. M. (eds.) "Molecular Biological Methods for Bacillus". John Wiley and Sons, 1990.

## Glucoamylase Activity

[0349] Glucoamylase activity may be measured in AGI units or in Glucoamylase Units (AGU).

Glucoamylase Activity (AGI)
[0350] Glucoamylase (equivalent to amyloglucosidase) converts starch into glucose. The amount of glucose is determined here by the glucose oxidase method for the activity determination. The method described in the section 76-11 Starch-Glucoamylase Method with Subsequent Measurement of Glucose with Glucose Oxidase in "Approved methods of the American Association of Cereal Chemists". Vol. 1-2 AACC, from American Association of Cereal Chemists, (2000); ISBN: 1-891127-12-8.
[0351] One glucoamylase unit (AGI) is the quantity of enzyme which will form 1 micro mole of glucose per minute under the standard conditions of the method.
[0352] Standard Conditions/Reaction Conditions:

| Substrate: | Soluble starch, concentration approx. |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 16 g dry matter $/ \mathrm{L}$. |
| Buffer: | Acetate, approx. $0.04 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=4.3$ |
| $\mathrm{pH}:$ | 4.3 |
| Incubation temperature: | $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| Reaction time: | 15 minutes |
| Termination of the reaction: | NaOH to a concentration of |
|  | approximately $0.2 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}(\mathrm{pH} \sim 9)$ |
| Enzyme concentration: | $0.15-0.55 \mathrm{AAU} / \mathrm{mL}$. |

[0353] The starch should be Lintner starch, which is a thin-boiling starch used in the laboratory as calorimetric indicator. Lintner starch is obtained by dilute hydrochloric acid treatment of native starch so that it retains the ability to color blue with iodine.

Glucoamylase Activity (AGU)
[0354] The Novo Glucoamylase Unit (AGU) is defined as the amount of enzyme, which hydrolyzes 1 micromole maltose per minute under the standard conditions $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$., pH 4.3 , substrate: maltose 23.2 mM , buffer: acetate 0.1 M , reaction time 5 minutes.
[0355] An autoanalyzer system may be used. Mutarotase is added to the glucose dehydrogenase reagent so that any alpha-D-glucose present is turned into beta-D-glucose. Glucose dehydrogenase reacts specifically with beta-D-glucose in the reaction mentioned above, forming NADH which is determined using a photometer at 340 nm as a measure of the original glucose concentration.

| AMG incubation: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Substrate: | maltose 23.2 mM |
| Buffer: | acetate 0.1 M |
| pH: | $4.30 \pm 0.05$ |
| Incubation temperature: | $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \pm 1$ |
| Reaction time: | 5 minutes |
| Enzyme working range: | 0.5-4.0 AGU/mL |
| Color reaction: |  |
| GlucDH: | $430 \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{L}$ |
| Mutarotase: | $9 \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{L}$ |
| NAD: | 0.21 mM |
| Buffer: | phosphate $0.12 \mathrm{M} ; 0.15 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaCl}$ |
| pH : | $7.60 \pm 0.05$ |
| Incubation temperature: | $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \pm 1$ |
| Reaction time: | 5 minutes |
| Wavelength: | 340 nm |

[0356] A folder (EB-SM-0131.02/01) describing this analytical method in more detail is available on request from Novozymes A/S, Denmark, which folder is hereby included by reference.
Alpha-Amylase Activity (KNU)
[0357] The alpha-amylase activity may be determined using potato starch as substrate. This method is based on the break-down of modified potato starch by the enzyme, and
the reaction is followed by mixing samples of the starch/ enzyme solution with an iodine solution. Initially, a black-ish-blue color is formed, but during the break-down of the starch the blue color gets weaker and gradually turns into a reddish-brown, which is compared to a colored glass standard.
[0358] One Kilo Novo alpha amylase Unit (KNU) is defined as the amount of enzyme which, under standard conditions (i.e., at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .+/-0.05 ; 0.0003 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$; and pH 5.6) dextrinizes 5260 mg starch dry substance Merck Amylum solubile.
[0359] A folder EB-SM-0009.02/01 describing this analytical method in more detail is available upon request to Novozymes A/S, Denmark, which folder is hereby included by reference.

## Acid Alpha-Amylase Activity

[0360] When used according to the present invention the activity of any acid alpha-amylase may be measured in AFAU (Acid Fungal Alpha-amylase Units). Alternatively activity of acid alpha-amylase may be measured in MU (Acid Alpha-amylase Units).
Acid Alpha-Amylase Units (AAU)
[0361] The acid alpha-amylase activity can be measured in AAU (Acid Alpha-amylase Units), which is an absolute method. One Acid Amylase Unit (AAU) is the quantity of enzyme converting 1 g of starch ( $100 \%$ of dry matter) per hour under standardized conditions into a product having a transmission at 620 nm after reaction with an iodine solution of known strength equal to the one of a color reference.
[0362] Standard Conditions/Reaction Conditions:

| Substrate: | Soluble starch. Concentration approx. 20 g |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | DS/L. |
| Buffer: | Citrate, approx. $0.13 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=4.2$ |
| Iodine solution: | 40.176 g potassium iodide +0.088 g iodine $/ \mathrm{L}$ |
| City water | $15^{\circ}-20^{\circ} \mathrm{dH}$ (German degree hardness) |
| pH: | 4.2 |
| Incubation temperature: | $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| Reaction time: | 11 minutes |
| Wavelength: | 620 nm |
| Enzyme concentration: | $0.13-0.19 \mathrm{AAU} / \mathrm{mL}$ |
| Enzyme working range: | $0.13-0.19 \mathrm{AAU} / \mathrm{mL}$ |

[0363] The starch should be Lintner starch, which is a thin-boiling starch used in the laboratory as colorimetric indicator. Lintner starch is obtained by dilute hydrochloric acid treatment of native starch so that it retains the ability to color blue with iodine. Further details can be found in EP 0140410 B 2 , which disclosure is hereby included by reference.

Acid Alpha-Amylase Activity (AFAU)
[0364] Acid alpha-amylase activity may be measured in AFAU (Acid Fungal Alpha-amylase Units), which are determined relative to an enzyme standard. 1 AFAU is defined as the amount of enzyme which degrades 5.260 mg starch dry matter per hour under the below mentioned standard conditions.
[0365] Acid alpha-amylase, an endo-alpha-amylase (1,4-alpha-D-glucan-glucanohydrolase, E.C. 3.2.1.1) hydrolyzes
alpha-1,4-glucosidic bonds in the inner regions of the starch molecule to form dextrins and oligosaccharides with different chain lengths. The intensity of color formed with iodine is directly proportional to the concentration of starch. Amylase activity is determined using reverse colorimetry as a reduction in the concentration of starch under the specified analytical conditions.

blue/violet
DEXTRINS + OLIGOSACCHARIDES
decoloration
[0366] Standard Conditions/Reaction Conditions:

| Substrate: | Soluble starch, approx. $0.17 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Buffer: | Citrate, approx. 0.03 M |
| Iodine (I2): | $0.03 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ |
| CaCl |  |
| pH: | 1.85 mM |
| Incubation temperature: | $2.50 \pm 0.05$ |
| Reaction time: | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| Wavelength: | 23 seconds |
| Enzyme concentration: | 590 nm |
| Enzyme working range: | $0.025 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{mL}$ |
| $0.01-0.04 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{mL}$ |  |

[0367] A folder EB-SM-0259.02/01 describing this analytical method in more detail is available upon request to Novozymes A/S, Denmark, which folder is hereby included by reference.

## EXAMPLES

Example 1

## Molecular Screening of Glucoamylase Genes

[0368] Trametes cingulata was grown on PDA2 medium and genome DNA was isolated from 0.2 g mycelium using FastDNA SPIN Kit for Soil (Qbiogene, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0369] PCR reaction was done on genome DNA with the degenerated primers ArAF1 and ArAR3
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { ArAF1 } & 5^{\prime} \text {-CRTRCTYDVCAACATYGG- } 3^{\prime} & \text { (SEQ ID NO: 7) } \\ \text { ArAR3 } 5^{\prime} \text { ' GTCAGARCADGGYTGRRASGTG-3' } & \text { (SEQ ID NO: 8) }\end{array}$
wherein $\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{A}$ or G or $\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{A}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{S}=\mathrm{C}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{V}=\mathrm{A}$ or C or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{C}$ or T
[0370] The amplification reaction ( 13 microL ) was composed of 1 microL genome DNA solution, 1 micro M primer ArAF1, 1 micro M primer ArAR3, 11 microL Extensor Hi-Fidelity PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK). The reaction was incubated in a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 30 seconds, $65^{\circ}$ C. for 45 seconds, with an annealing temperature decline of
$1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. per cycle, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute 30 seconds; followed by 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 30 seconds, $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute 30 seconds; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The PCR product was purified using ExoSAP-IT (USB, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions and sequenced. The sequence was subsequently compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that the PCR product encoded a part of a glucoamylase.

## Example 2

## Molecular Screening of Glucoamylase Genes

[0371] Pachykytospora papyracea was grown on PDA2 medium and genome DNA was isolated from 0.2 g mycelium using FastDNA SPIN Kit for Soil (Qbiogene, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0372] PCR reaction (PCR 1) was done on genome DNA with the degenerated primers AM2F and AM4R2:

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AM2F
5'-TGGGGIMGNCCNCARMGNGAYGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 9)
AM4R2
5'-RTCYTCNGGRTANCKNCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 10)
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wherein $\mathrm{I}=$ inosine; $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{G}$ or T ; $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{A}$ or C ; $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{A}$ or C or G or $\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{A}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{C}$ or T
[0373] The amplification reaction ( 25 microL ) was composed of 1 microL genome DNA solution, 2 micro M primer AM2F, 2 micro M primer AM4R2, 22 microL Reddy PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK). The reaction was incubated in a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, with an annealing temperature decline of $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. per cycle, and $72^{\circ}$ C. for 1 minute; followed by 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0374] Subsequently a PCR reaction was done on an aliquot of the first PCR reaction (PCR 1) with the degenerated primers AM3F and AM4R2:

| AM3F | $5^{\prime}-$ TAYGAYYTNYGGGARGA-3' | (SEQ ID NO: 11) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AM4R2 | $5^{\prime}-$ RTCYTCNGGRTANCKNCC-3' | (SEQ ID NO: 10) |

wherein $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{G}$ or $\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{N}=\mathrm{A}$ or C or G or $\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{A}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{C}$ or T
[0375] The amplification reaction ( 13 microLI ) was composed of 1 microL of the first PCR reaction (PCR 1), 1 microM primer AM3F, 1 micro M primer AM4R2, 11 microL Reddy PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK). The reaction was incubated in a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 5 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds, $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute; followed by 30 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds, $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A 0.5 kb amplified PCR band was obtained. The reaction product was isolated on a $1.0 \%$ agarose gel
using TBE buffer and it was excised from the gel and purified using GFX PCR DNA and Gel band Purification Kit (Amersham Biosciences, UK). The excised band was sequenced and subsequently compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that the PCR product encoded a part of a glucoamylase.

## Example 3

## Cloning of Glucoamylase Gene from Trametes cingulata

[0376] From the partial sequence of the Trametes cingulata glucoamylase more gene sequence was obtained with PCR based gene walking using the Vectorette Kit from SIGMA-Genosys. The gene walking was basically done as described in the manufacturer's protocol. 0.15 micro g genomic DNA of Trametes cingulata was digested with EcoRI, BamHI and HindIII, independently. The digested DNA was ligated with the corresponding Vectorette units supplied by the manufacturer using a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes; 4 cycles each at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 20 minutes, $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes, $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; followed by 1 cycle at $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The ligation reactions were subsequent diluted 5 times with sterile water.
[0377] PCR reactions with linker-ligated genome DNA of the Trametes cingulata as template was performed with a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows. 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 40 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 15 seconds, $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $72^{\circ}$ C. for 1 minute, 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at 40 using the supplied Vectorette primer and primer TraF1 as shown below.

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TraF1:
5'- TAGTCGTACTGGAACCCCACC - 3' (SEQ ID NO: 12)
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[0378] The amplification reactions ( 12.5 microL) were composed of 0.5 microL of linker-ligated genome DNAs, 400 nM Vectorette primer, 400 nM TraF1 primer, 11 microL Extensor Hi-Fidelity PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK).
[0379] A 0.5 kb amplified band was obtained by the PCR reaction from HindIII digested genome DNA. The reaction product was isolated on a $1.0 \%$ agarose gel using TBE buffer and was excised from the gel. 100 microL sterile water was added to the excised agarose gel fragment and it was melted by incubation at $95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 5 minutes to release the DNA. The DNA band was reamplified by repeating the PCR reaction described above using 0.5 microL of the isolated DNA fragment instead of linker-ligated genome DNA.
[0380] After the PCR reaction the DNA was purified using ExoSAP-IT (USB, USA) according to the manufacturers instructions and sequenced and subsequently compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that it encoded a further 250 bp part of the glucoamylase gene.
[0381] In order to clone the missing parts of the glucoamylase gene from Trametes cingulata, PCR based gene walking was carried out using LA PCR ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ in vitro Cloning Kit (TAKARA, Japan) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0382] Five micro $g$ of genome DNA of Trametes cingulata was digested with BamHI, EcoRI, HindIII, PstI, SalI and XbaI, independently. 200 ml of ice-cold ethanol was added to the reaction mixture ( 50 microL) and then digested DNA was recovered by centrifugation at $15,000 \times \mathrm{g}$ for 30 minutes at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The recovered DNA was ligated with a corresponding artificial linkers supplied by manufactures. The linker ligated DNA was recovered by adding 200 ml of ice-cold ethanol to the reaction mixture ( 50 microL ) followed by centrifugation at $15,000 \times g$ for 30 minutes at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0383] PCR reactions with linker-ligated genome DNA of the Trametes cingulata as template was performed with a LA PCR system (TAKARA, Japan) using primer C1 and TC5' for cloning of missing $5^{\prime}$-glucoamylase gene and primer C1 and TC3' for cloning of missing 3'-glucoamylase gene, as shown below.
[0384] The amplification reactions ( 50 microL ) were composed of 1 ng of template DNA per microL, 250 mM dNTP each, 250 nM primer, 250 nM primer, 0.1 U of LA Taq polymerase per microL in $1 \times$ buffer (TAKARA, Japan). The reactions were incubated in a DNA Engine PTC-200 (MJResearch, Japan) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 30 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 0.5 minute, $55^{\circ}$ C. for 2 minutes, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0385] 0.4 kb and 1.0 kb amplified bands were obtained from Sall digested genome DNA with primer C1 and TC5' and XbaI digested genome DNA with primer C 1 and TC3', respectively. These reaction products were isolated on a 1.0\% agarose gel using TAE buffer and was excised from the gel and purified using a QIAquick ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0386] The amplified DNA fragments were ligated into pT7BIue (Invitrogen, Netherlands), independently. The ligation mixture was then transformed into E. coli DH12alpha (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, USA) to create pHUda438 and pHUda439 for a 0.4 kb amplified band and a 1.0 kb amplified band, respectively. The resultant plasmids were sequenced and compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that clones encode the missing parts of the glucoamylase.

## Example 4

## Construction of pHUda440 Expression Vector

[0387] Expression vector pHUda 440 was constructed for transcription of the glucoamylase gene from Trametes cingulata. A PCR reaction with the genome DNA of the Trametes cingulata as template was performed with an Expand ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PCR system (Roche Diagnostics, Japan) using primers TFF to introduce a BamH I site and primer TFR to introduce an Xho I site, as shown below.
(SEQ ID NO: 16)
TFF: 5'-tttggatccaccatgegtttcacgetcctcacctcc-3'
(SEQ ID NO: 17)
TFR: $5^{\prime}$-tttctcgagctaccgccaggtgtcattctg-3
[0388] The amplification reactions ( 50 microL) were composed of 1 ng of template DNA per microL, 250 mM dNTP each, 250 nM primer TFF, 250 nM primer TFR, 0.1 U of Taq polymerase per microL in $1 \times$ buffer (Roche Diagnostics, Japan). The reactions were incubated in a DNA Engine PTC-200 (MJ-Research, Japan) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 30 cycles each at $92^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0389] The reaction products were isolated on a $1.0 \%$ agarose gel using TAE buffer where a 2.2 kb product band was excised from the gel and purified using a QIAquick ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0390] The 2.2 kb amplified DNA fragment was digested with BamHI and XhoI, and ligated into the Aspergillus expression cassette pCaHj 483 digested with BamH I and XhoI. The ligation mixture was transformed into E. coli DH12alpha (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, USA) to create the expression plasmid pHUda 440 . The amplified plasmid was recovered using a QIAprep ${ }^{\circledR}$ Spin Miniprep kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0391] Plasmid pCaHj 483 comprised an expression cassette based on the Aspergillus niger neutral amylase II promoter fused to the Aspergillus nidulans triose phosphate isomerase non translated leader sequence ( $\mathrm{Na} 2 /$ tpi promoter) and the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase terminator (AMG terminator), the selective marker amdS from Aspergillus nidulans enabling growth on acetamide as sole nitrogen source.

## Example 5

Cloning of the glucoamylase gene from Pachykytospora Papyraceae
[0392] In order to clone the missing parts of the glucoamylase gene from Pachykytospora papyraceae, PCR based gene walking was carried out using LA PCR ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ in vitro Cloning Kit (TAKARA, Japan) according to the manufacturers instructions.
[0393] Five micro g of genome DNA of Pachykytospora papyraceae was digested with BamHI, EcoRI, HindIII, PstI, SalI and XbaI, independently. 200 mL of ice-cold ethanol was added to the reaction mixture ( 50 microL) and then digested DNA was recovered by centrifugation at $15,000 \times \mathrm{g}$ for 30 minutes at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The recovered DNA was ligated with a corresponding artificial linkers supplied by manufactures. The linker ligated DNA was recovered by adding 200 mL of ice-cold ethanol to the reaction mixture ( 50 microL followed by centrifugation at $15,000 \times \mathrm{g}$ for 30 minutes at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0394] PCR reactions with linker-ligated genome DNA of the Pachykytospora papyraceae as template was performed with a LA PCR system (TAKARA, Japan) using primer C1
and PP5' for cloning of missing $5^{\prime}$-glucoamylase gene and primer C 1 and PP3' for cloning of missing $3^{\prime}$-glucoamylase gene, as shown below.

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(SEQ ID NO: 13
C1: \(5^{\prime}\)-gtacatattgtcgttagaacgcgtaatacgactca-3'
(SEQ ID NO: 18
(SEQ ID NO: 19
PP3': 5'-caactccggcetctcctccagcg-3'
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[0395] The amplification reactions ( 50 microL) were composed of 1 ng of template DNA per microL, 250 mM dNTP each, 250 nM primer, 250 nM primer, 0.1 U of LA Taq polymerase per microL in $1 \times$ buffer (TAKARA, Japan). The reactions were incubated in a DNA Engine PTC-200 (MJResearch, Japan) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 30 cydes each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 0.5 minute, $55^{\circ}$ C. for 2 minutes, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0396] 0.5 kb and 0.9 kb amplified bands were obtained from XbaI digested genome DNA with primer C1 and PP5' and EcoRI digested genome DNA with primer C 1 and $\mathrm{PP} 3^{\prime}$, respectively. These reaction products were isolated on a $1.0 \%$ agarose gel using TAE buffer and was excised from the gel and purified using a QIAquick ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions
[0397] The amplified DNA fragments were ligated into pT7Blue (Invitrogen, Netherlands), independently. The ligation mixture was then transformed into E. coli DH12alpha (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, USA) to create pHUda448 and pHUda449 for a 0.5 kb amplified band and a 0.9 kb amplified band, respectively. The resultant plasmids were sequenced and compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that clones encode the missing parts of the glucoamylase

## Example 6

## Construction of pHUda450 Expression Vector

[0398] Expression vector pHUda 450 was constructed for transcription of the glucoamylase gene from Pachykytospora papyraceae. A PCR reaction with the genome DNA of the Pachykytospora papyraceae as template was performed with an Expand ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ PCR system (Roche Diagnostics, Japan) using primers PPF to introduce a BamH I site and primer PPR to to introduce an Xho I site, as shown below.
(SEQ ID NO: 20)
PPF: 5'-tttggatccaccatgcgcttcaccctcctctcctcc-3'
(SEQ ID NO: 21)
PPR: 5'-tttctcgagtcaccgccaggtgtcgttctg-3'
[0399] The amplification reactions ( 50 microL ) were composed of 1 ng of template DNA per microL, 250 mM dNTP each, 250 nM primer PPF, 250 nM primer PPR, 0.1 U of Taq polymerase per microL in $1 \times$ buffer (Roche Diagnostics, Japan). The reactions were incubated in a DNA Engine

PTC-200 (MJ-Research, Japan) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 30 cycles each at $92^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0400] The reaction products were isolated on a $1.0 \%$ agarose gel using TAE buffer where a 2.2 kb product band was excised from the gel and purified using a QIAquick ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0401] The 2.2 kb amplified DNA fragment was digested with BamHI and XhoI, and ligated into the Aspergillus expression cassette pCaHj 483 digested with BamH I and XhoI. The ligation mixture was transformed into E. coli DH12alpha (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, USA) to create the expression plasmid pHUda 450 . The amplified plasmid was recovered using a QIAprep $\begin{aligned} & \circledR \\ & \text { Spin Miniprep kit }\end{aligned}$ (QIAGEN Inc., Valencia, Calif.) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Example 7

Expression of Glucoamylase Genes Derived from Trametes cingulata and Pachykytospora papyraceae in Aspergillus oryzae
[0402] Aspergillus oryzae strain BECh-2 was inoculated to 100 mL of YPG medium and incubated for 16 hours at $32^{\circ}$ C. at 80 rpm . Pellets were collected and washed with 0.6 M KCl , and resuspended 20 ml 0.6 M KCl containing a commercial beta-glucanase product (GLUCANEXTM, Novozymes A/S, Bagsværd, Denmark) at a final concentration of 600 microL per mL . The suspension was incubated at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and 80 rpm until protoplasts were formed, and then washed twice with STC buffer. The protoplasts were counted with a hematometer and resuspended and adjusted in an 8:2:0.1 solution of STC:STPC:DMSO to a final concentration of $2.5 \times 10^{7}$ protoplasts $/ \mathrm{ml}$. Approximately 3 micro g of pHUda440 or pHUda450 was added to 100 microL of the protoplast suspension, mixed gently, and incubated on ice for 20 minutes. One mL of SPTC was added and the protoplast suspension was incubated for 30 minutes at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition of 10 mL of $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. COVE top agarose, the reaction was poured onto COVE agar plates and the plates were incubated at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 5 days transformants were selected from the COVE medium.
[0403] Four randomly selected transformants were inoculated into 100 mL of MS-9 medium and cultivated at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 day. Three ml of MS-9 medium was inoculated into 100 mL of MDU-pH5 medium and cultivated at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 3 days. Supernatants were obtained by centrifugation at $3,000 \times \mathrm{g}$ for 10 minutes.
[0404] Glucoamylase activity in the supernatant samples was determined as an increase in NADH production by glucose dehydrogenase and mutarotase reaction with generating glucose and measured the absorbance at 340 nm . Six microL of enzyme samples dissolved in 100 mM sodium acetate pH 4.3 buffer was mixed with 31 microL of 23.2 mM of maltose in 100 mM sodium acetate pH 4.3 buffer and incubated at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 5 minutes. Then, 313 microL of color reagent ( 430 U of glucose dehydrogenase per liter, 9 U mutarotase per liter, 0.21 mM NAD , and 0.15 M NaCl in 0.12 M phosphate pH 7.6 buffer) was added to the reaction mixture and incubated at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 5 minutes. Activity was measured at 340 nm on a spectrophotometer. Six microL of distilled water was used in place of the enzyme samples as controls.
[0405] Tables 1 and 2 show the glucoamylase activities of the selected transformants, relative to the activity of the host strain, Aspergillus oryzae BECh-2, which was normalized to 1.0 .

TABLE 1

| Shake flask results of the selected transformants expressing <br> Trametes cingulata glucoamylase |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | T. cingulata glucoamylase |
| (AGU/ml) |  |
| Relative activities |  |

[0406]
TABLE 2

| Shake flask results of the selected transformants expressing <br> Pachykytospora papyraceae glucaoamylase |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |
| P. papyraceae glucoamylase |
| (AGU/ml) |
| Relative activities |

## Example 8

Evaluation of Trametes cingulata Glucoamylase in One-Step Fuel Ethanol Fermentations
[0407] The relative performance of Trametes cingulata glucoamylase to Aspergillus niger glucoamylase and Talaromyces emersonii glucoamylase was evaluated via mini-scale fermentations. About 380 g of milled corn (ground in a pilot scale hammer mill through a 1.65 mm screen) was added to about 620 g tap water. This mixture was supplemented with $3 \mathrm{~mL} 1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ penicillin. The pH of this slurry was adjusted to 5.0 with $40 \% \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The dry solid (DS) level was determined in triplicate to be about $32 \%$. Approximately 5 g of this slurry was added to 15 mL tubes.
[0408] A two dose dose-response was conducted with each enzyme. Dosages used were 0.3 and $0.6 \mathrm{nmol} / \mathrm{g}$ DS. Six replicates of each treatment were run.
[0409] After dosing the tubes were inoculated with 0.04 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{g}$ mash of yeast propagate (RED STAR ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ yeast) that had been grown for 22.5 hours on corn mash. Tubes were capped with a screw on top which had been punctured with a small needle to allow gas release and vortexed briefly before weighing and incubation at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .70$ hour fermentations were carried out and ethanol yields were determined by weighing the tubes. Tubes were vortexed briefly before weighing. The result of the experiment is shown in Table 1.
[0410] It can be seen from Table 1 the ethanol yield per gram DS is significantly higher when using the Trametes cingulata glucoamylase compared to yields for the wild-type Aspergillus niger and Talaromyces emersonii glucoamy-
lases.
TABLE 1

| Glucoamylase | $\mathrm{nmol} / \mathrm{g}$ DS | Ethanol yields |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Trametes cingulata | 0.3 | 56.2 |
| Aspergillus niger |  | 47.2 |
| Talaromyces emersonii |  | 30.5 |
| Trametes cingulata | 0.6 | 100.8 |
| Aspergillus niger |  | 87.2 |
| Talaromyces emersonii |  | 43.4 |

## Example 9

Evaluation of Pachykytospora papyracea Glucoamylase in One Step Fuel Ethanol Fermentations
[0411] The relative performance of Pachykytospora papyracea glucoamylase to Aspergillus niger glucoamylase and Talaromyces emersonii glucoamylase was evaluated via mini-scale fermentations. About 380 g of milled corn (ground in a pilot scale hammer mill through a 1.65 mm screen) was added to about 620 g tap water. This mixture was supplemented with $3 \mathrm{~mL} 1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ penicillin. The pH of this slurry was adjusted to 5.0 with $40 \% \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The dry solid (DS) level was determined in triplicate to be about $32 \%$. Approximately 5 g of this slurry was added to 15 mL tubes.
[0412] A two dose dose-response was conducted with each enzyme. Dosages used were 0.3 and $0.6 \mathrm{nmol} / \mathrm{g}$ DS. Six replicates of each treatment were run.
[0413] After dosing the tubes were inoculated with 0.04 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{g}$ mash of yeast propagate (RED STAR ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ yeast) that had been grown for 22.5 hours on corn mash. Tubes were capped with a screw on top which had been punctured with a small needle to allow gas release and vortexed briefly before weighing and incubation at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .70$ hour fermentations were carried out and ethanol yields were determined by weighing the tubes. Tubes were vortexed briefly before weighing. The result of the experiment is shown in Table 2.
[0414] It can be seen from Table 2 the ethanol yield per gram DS is significantly higher when using the

Pachykytospora papyracea glucoamylase compared to yields for the wild-type Aspergillus niger and Talaromyces emersonii glucoamylases.

TABLE 2

| Glucoamylase | $\mathrm{Nmol} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{DS}$ | Ethanol yields |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Pachykytospora papyracea | 0.3 | 76.3 |
| Aspergillus niger |  | 47.2 |
| Talaromyces emersonii |  | 30.5 |
| Pachykytospora papyracea | 0.6 | 102.0 |
| Aspergillus niger |  | 87.2 |
| Talaromyces emersonii |  | 43.4 |

## Example 10

Trametes cingulata Glucoamylase in Combination with Hybrid Alpha-Amylase A from Rhizomucor pusillus for One Step Fermentation
[0415] All treatments were evaluated via mini-scale fermentations. 410 g of ground corn was added to 590 g tap water. This mixture was supplemented with $3.0 \mathrm{ml} 1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{L}$ penicillin and 1 g of urea. The pH of this slurry was adjusted to 4.5 with 5 N NaOH (initial pH , before adjustment was about 3.8). Dry Solid (DS) level was determined to be $35 \%$. Approximately 5 g of this slurry was added to 20 ml vials. Each vial was dosed with the appropriate amount of enzyme followed by addition of 200 micro liter yeast propagate $/ 5 \mathrm{~g}$ fermentation. Actual dosages were based on the exact weight of corn slurry in each vial. Vials were incubated at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .9$ replicate fermentations of each treatment were run. Three replicates were selected for 24 hour, 48 hour and 70 hour time point analysis. Vials were vortexed at 24, 48 and 70 hours. The time point analysis consisted of weighing the vials and prepping the sample for HPLC. The HPLC preparation consisted of stopping the reaction by addition of 50 micro liters of $40 \% \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, centrifuging, and filtering through a 0.45 micro m filter. Samples awaiting HPLC analysis were stored at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0416] Enzymes used in this study:


Note:
T. cingulata glucoamylase, $49 \mathrm{AGU} / \mathrm{ml}$ ) and hybrid Alpha-Amylase A from Rhizomucor pusillus ( $17 \mathrm{AFAU} / \mathrm{ml}$ ) are purified enzymes from Novozymes Japan.
DS $=$ dry solid.

Results
[0417] The synergistic effect of alpha-amylase and glucoamylase is presented in a table below. When T. cingulata glucoamylase was used alone in one step fermentation, it produced $54.1,81.2$ and $99.0 \mathrm{~g} / 1$ ethanol after 24,48 , and 70 hours fermentation, respectively. When the hybrid alphaamylase A from Rhizomucor pusillus is used alone in fermentation, it produced 90.5, 124.6, and $138.1 \mathrm{~g} / 1$ ethanol after 24,48 , and 70 hour fermentation, respectively.
for 1 minute 30 seconds; followed by 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ}$ C. for 30 seconds, $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute 30 seconds; 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The PCR product was purified using ExoSAPIT (USB, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions and sequenced using the primers as used in the amplification reaction. The sequence was subsequently compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene, showing that the PCR product encoded a part of a glucoamylase.

| Trial \# | T. cingulata glucoamylase AGU/g DS | Hybrid AlphaAmylase A AFAU/g DS | Ethanol (g/f) |  |  | Ratio <br> AGU/AFAU |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 24 hrs | 48 hrs | 70 hrs |  |
| 1 | 0.430 | 0.000 | 54.1 | 81.2 | 99.0 | N/A |
| 2 | 0.387 | 0.010 | 88.5 | 130.7 | 145.0 | 38.70 |
| 3 | 0.344 | 0.020 | 92.9 | 132.1 | 145.9 | 17.20 |
| 4 | 0.301 | 0.030 | 96.7 | 135.3 | 146.6 | 10.03 |
| 5 | 0.258 | 0.040 | 96.1 | 136.6 | 147.1 | 6.45 |
| 6 | 0.194 | 0.055 | 97.1 | 135.5 | 145.6 | 3.52 |
| 7 | 0.129 | 0.070 | 95.4 | 132.9 | 144.6 | 1.84 |
| 8 | 0.065 | 0.085 | 93.3 | 130.4 | 142.9 | 0.76 |
| 9 | 0.000 | 0.100 | 90.5 | 124.6 | 138.1 | 0.00 |

[0418] The optimal ratio of T. cingulata glucoamylase to hybrid Alpha-Amylase A from Rhizomucor pusillus alphaamylase is about 6.5 AGU/AFAU (Table above). Essentially similar performance in term of ethanol yield after 70 hours fermentation was observed in the range of 0.76-38.7 AGU/ AFAU ratio, indicating robust performance for a broad activity ration range of the mixtures of T. cingulata glucoamylase to hybrid Alpha-Amylase A.

## Example 11

## DNA Extraction and PCR Amplification of Leucopaxillus giganteus

[0419] 0.2-2 g of the spore forming layer (lamellas) of the fresh fruit-bodies of Leucopaxillus giganteus were used for genomic DNA extraction using FastDNA SPIN Kit for Soil (Qbiogene, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
[0420] PCR reaction was done on genome DNA with the degenerated primers ArAF1 and ArAR3

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ArAF1 5'-CRTRCTYDVCAACATYGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 7)
ArAR3 5' GTCAGARCADGGYTGRRASGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 8)
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wherein $\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{A}$ or G or $\mathrm{T} ; \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{A}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{S}=\mathrm{C}$ or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{V}=\mathrm{A}$ or C or $\mathrm{G} ; \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{C}$ or T
[0421] The amplification reaction ( 13 microL) was composed of 1 microL genome DNA solution, 1 micro M primer ArAF1 ( $25 \mu \mathrm{~mol} / \mathrm{microL}$ ), 1 micro M primer ArAR3 (25 $\mu \mathrm{mol} / \mathrm{microL}), 11 \mathrm{microL}$ Extensor Hi-Fidelity PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK). The reaction was incubated in a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 20 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 30 seconds, $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 45 seconds, with an annealing temperature decline of $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. per cycle, and $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
[0422] From the partial sequence of the Leucopaxillus giganteus glucoamylase more gene sequence was obtained with PCR based gene walking using the Vectorette Kit from SIGMA-Genosys. The gene walking was performed as described in the manufacturer's protocol. 0.15 micro 9 genomic DNA of Leucopaxillus giganteus was digested with EcoRI, BamHI and HindIII, independently. The digested DNA was ligated with the corresponding Vectorette units supplied by the manufacture using a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes; 4 cycles each at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 20 minutes, $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes, $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 10 minutes; followed by 1 cycle at $16^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 minutes and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The ligation reactions were subsequent diluted 5 times with sterile water.
[0423] PCR reactions with linker-ligated genome DNA of the Leucopaxillus giganteus as template was performed with a DNA Engine Dyad PTC-0220 (MJ Research, USA) programmed as follows: 1 cycle at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 2 minutes; 40 cycles each at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 15 seconds, $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 1 minute, $72^{\circ}$ C. for 1 minute, 1 cycle at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 7 minutes; and a hold at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. using the supplied Vectorette primer and the specific Leucopaxillus giganteus AMG primers Nc1R2 and NC1F0, respectively, as shown below.

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5'-GGTAGACTAGTTACCTCGTTGG-3
Nc1F0:
(SEQ ID NO:32)
5'-GCTTCCCTAGCCACTGCCATTGG-3
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[0424] The amplification reactions ( 12.5 microL ) were composed of 0.5 microL of linker-ligated genome DNAs, 400 nM Vectorette primer, 400 nM Leucopaxillus giganteus specific primer, 11 microL Extensor Hi-Fidelity PCR Master Mix (ABgene, UK).
[0425] After the PCR reaction the PCR products were purified using ExoSAP-IT (USB, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions and sequenced and subsequently compared to the Aspergillus niger glucoamylase gene.
[0426] A 1.7 kb amplified band was obtained by the PCR reaction from HindIII digested genome DNA amplified with the primer Nc 1 R 2 . Sequencing of the PCR product using this primer showed that it encoded the remaining 600 base pairs of the glucoamylase gene in the 5 direction.
[0427] A 1.8 amplified band was obtained by the PCR reaction from HindIII digested genome DNA amplified with the primer Nc1F0. Sequencing of the PCR product using this primer showed that it encoded further approximately 530 base pairs of the glucoamylase gene, however not reaching the end of the gene. Therefore, an additional sequencing primer Nc1F2, were designed based on the newly obtained additional sequence of the glucoamylase gene. Using Nc1F2 as a downstream primer of Nc1F0 on the same PCR product showed that it encoded the remaining approximately 520 base pairs of the glucoamylase gene in the $3^{\prime}$ direction.

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## Example 12

## Cloning and Expression of Leucopaxillus giganteus Glucoamylase

[0428] From the partial sequence of Leucopaxillus giganteus glucoamylase more gene sequence was obtained.
[0429] The following PCR cloning primers were used:

> Forward primer:
(SEQ ID NO: 34)
5. TCCCTTGGATCCAGGATGCATTTCTCTGTCCTCTC $3^{\prime}$ BamHI

Reverse primer:
(SEQ ID NO: 35)
5. CTTATCCTCGAGCTACTTCCACGAGTCATTCTGG 3' Xhol
[0430] PCR was made with gDNA from Leucopaxillus giganteus as template using Phusion as polymerase and the above primers introducing respectively BamHI and XhoI. 5
micro $L$ of the PCR product was tested in a $1 \%$ agarose gel, and showed a band at about 2.2 kb . The PCR product was purified on a QIAquick column.
[0431] The purified product and Aspergillus vector pEN12516 Leucopaxillus giganteus (see WO 2004/069872) were digested with BamHI and XhoI. The vector and insert fragments were purified from a $1 \%$ preparative agarose gel using the QIAquick method. The 2.2 kb fragment was ligated into the vector pEN12516 and transformed into TOP10 E. coli competent cells. The resulting plasmid was termed as pEN13372.
Transformation in Aspergillus niger
[0432] Protoplasts of the Aspergillus niger strain Mbin119 (see WO 2004/090155) were made. About 5 micro g of pEN13372 was transformed into the protoplasts. The resulting Aspergillus niger transformants were tested for glucoamylase activity.

Example 13
Debranching Activity Toward Pullulan of Trametes cingulata Glucoamylase
[0433] The alpha-1,6-debranching activity of glucoamylases derived from Trametes cingulata, Athelia rolfsii, Aspergillus niger and Talaromyces emersonii was investigated.
[0434] Pullulan (MW 50,000~100,000) was dissolved in MilliQ water and added into a reaction mixture to a $3 \%$ final concentration containing 50 mM NaAc buffer, pH 4.0 , with enzyme dosage of 0.42 micro 9 enzyme $/ \mathrm{mg}$ pullulan at $37^{\circ}$ C. Oligosaccharide profile was analyzed periodically by HPLC.
[0435] The result of the test is displayed in FIG. 1.
[0436] The invention described and claimed herein is not to be limited in scope by the specific aspects herein disclosed, since these aspects are intended as illustrations of several aspects of the invention. Any equivalent aspects are intended to be within the scope of this invention. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description. Such modifications are also intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims. In the case of conflict, the present disclosure including definitions will control.
[0437] Various references are cited herein, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties.

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    \(20 \quad 25 \quad 30\)
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act atc atc aac cag ttc acg ttg gga cac gac aat agt ttg agg cct \(\quad 288\)
Thr
65
gag att gac aat ttt gtt gat tcc caa agg aag atc caa caa gtc tca
Glu Ile Asp Asn Phe Val Asp Ser Gln Arg Lys Ile Gln Gln Val Ser
\(\begin{array}{lll}\text { Glu Ile Asp Asn Phe val Asp Ser Gln Arg Lys Ile Gln Gln val } \\ 80 & 85 & 90\end{array}\)
aac cct tcg gga act gtt agt tct ggc ggc ctt ggc gag ccc aag ttc144\(\begin{array}{cc}\text { Ala Lys Ala Gly Leu Leu Ala Asn Ile Gly Pro Ser Gly Ser Lys Ser } \\ 20 & 25 \\ 20\end{array}\)336\(\begin{array}{ll}\text { Glu } \\ 80 & \text { Ile Asp Asn Phe Val Asp Ser Gln Arg Lys Ile Gln Gln Val Ser } \\ 85 & 90 \\ 95\end{array}\)384
Asn Pro Ser Gly Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Gly Leu Gly Glu Pro Lys Phe 100105110
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80
Asn Pro Ser Gly Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Gly Leu Gly Glu Pro Lys Phe
Asn Ile Asp Glu Thr Ala Phe Thr Gly Ala Trp Gly Asp Gly Pro Ala
Leu Arg Ser Thr Ala Leu Ile Thr Trp Ala Asn Tyr Leu Ile Ala Asn \begin{tabular}{r}
135 \\
130
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{rl} 
Ser Asn Thr Ser Tyr Val Thr Asn Thr Leu Trp Pro Ile Ile Lys Leu \\
145 & 150
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Asp Leu Asp Tyr Val Ala Ser Asn Trp Asn Gln Thr Ser Phe Asp Leu
160
165
\begin{tabular}{rr} 
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180 & 185
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215\(225 \quad 230\) 235
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45
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305
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325
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1-91. (canceled)
92. An isolated polypeptide having glucoamylase activity, selected from the group consisting of:
(a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and
(b) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 .
93. A fusion polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 92 and a second polypeptide.
94. A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 92 and an alpha-amylase.
95. The composition of claim 94, wherein the alphaamylase is a fungal alpha-amylase.
96. The composition of claim 94, wherein the alphaamylase is obtained from Aspergillus, Meriplus, or Rhizomисо.
97. The composition of claim 94, wherein the alphaamylase is obtained from Aspergillus awamori, Aspergillus kawachii, Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus oryzae, Meripilus giganteus, or Rhizomucor pusillus.
98. The composition of claim 94, wherein the alphaamylase comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, and SEQ ID NO: 30.
99. A process for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material comprising the steps of:
(a) liquefying the starch-containing material in the presence of an alpha-amylase;
(b) saccharifying the liquefied material obtained in step (a) using a polypeptide of claim 92 ; and
(c) fermenting the saccharified material using a fermenting organism.
100. A process for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material comprising
(a) saccharifying starch-containing material with a polypeptide of claim 92 at a temperature below the initial gelatinization temperature of said starch-containing material, and
(b) fermenting using a fermenting organism.
101. The process of claim 100 , wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence which has at least \(95 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 or is a fragment of the sequence of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or of amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 which has glucoamylase activity.
102. The process of claim 100 , which comprises the sequence of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37.
103. The process of claim 100 , which is a fragment of the sequence of amino acids 1 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a fragment of the sequence of amino acids 1 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37 which has glucoamylase activity.
104. An isolated polypeptide having glucoamylase activity, selected from the group consisting of:
(a) a polypeptide comprising a catalytic domain having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 1 to 455 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and
(b) a polypeptide comprising a catalytic domain having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 1 to 460 of SEQ ID NO: 37.
105. The isolated polypeptide of claim 104, which comprises a foreign binding domain.
106. A fusion polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of claim 104 and a second polypeptide.
107. A composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 104 and an alpha-amylase.
108. A process for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material comprising the steps of:
(a) liquefying the starch-containing material in the presence of an alpha-amylase;
(b) saccharifying the liquefied material obtained in step (a) using a polypeptide of claim 104; and
(c) fermenting the saccharified material using a fermenting organism.
109. A process for producing a fermentation product from starch-containing material comprising:
(a) saccharifying starch-containing material with a polypeptide of claim 104 at a temperature below the initial gelatinization temperature of said starch-containing material, and
(b) fermenting using a fermenting organism.
110. An isolated polypeptide having carbohydrate binding activity, selected from the group consisting of:
(a) a polypeptide comprising a binding domain having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 466 to 556 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and
(b) a polypeptide comprising a binding domain having an amino acid sequence which has at least \(90 \%\) sequence identity with amino acids 471 to 561 of SEQ ID NO: 37.
111. The polypeptide of claim 110, which further comprises a catalytic domain obtained from a glucoamylase polypeptide.```

