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## Transglycosylation Reaction and Acceptor Specificity of Exo- and Endo-type Cellulases

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The possibility of transglycosylation and acceptor specificity of cellulases, CBH I, CBH II, EG II (*Trichoderma reesei*), Ex-1 (*Irpex lacteus*) and Exo-A (*Aspergillus niger*) was investigated by using cellotriose (G3) and *p*-nitrophenyl- $\beta$ -D-glucoside (pNPG1) as a donor and an acceptor, respectively. Among exo-type cellulases, CBH I effectively accumulated two transfer products, pNP- $\beta$ -D-cellotrioside and 3-*O*- $\beta$ -D-cellobiosyl-pNP- $\beta$ -D-glucoside. They were produced by the transfer of a cellobiosyl unit resulting in G3 hydrolysis to pNPG1 with  $\beta$ -1,4 or  $\beta$ -1,3 glycosidic bonds, respectively. On the other hand, endo-type cellulase EG II, produced pNP- $\beta$ -D-cellobioside, pNP- $\beta$ -D-gentiobioside and pNP- $\beta$ -D-laminaribioside. These might be synthesized by the glucosyl transfer produced from G3 or pNPG1 to pNPG1 with  $\beta$ -1,4,  $\beta$ -1,6 or  $\beta$ -1,3 glycosidic bonds. Furthermore, CBH I and EG II catalyzed transglycosylation to various pNP-glycosides. From the study of acceptor specificity for CBH I and EG II, pNP- $\alpha$ -D-galactoside in addition to pNP-glycosides with  $\beta$ -configuration was used as the acceptor.

**Key words:** cellulase, transglycosylation, acceptor specificity

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