

Engineering of lipase-catalysed conversions in organic solvents containing ammonium salts

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Description

This work aimed to contribute to a quantitative understanding of lipase-catalyzed reactions in organic solvents containing amines or ammonia. The main focus was on the thermodynamic possibilities, using Novozym 435, an immobilized preparation of *Candida antarctica* lipase B (CALB).

vapor	WATER ↑↓	AMMONIA ↑↓
liquid	WATER	AMMONIA
	CALB ESTER + WATER ⇌ ALCOHOL + ACID	
	CALB ESTER + AMMONIA ⇌ ALCOHOL + AMIDE	
solid	ACID + AMMONIA ↑↓	SALT

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