

Synthetic Biology Tools for Biotransformation of C1 Compounds to High Value-Added Products

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Natural gas is a mixture of low molecular weight hydrocarbon gases that can be generated from either fossil or anthropogenic resources. Although natural gas is used as a transportation fuel, constraints in storage, relatively low energy content (MJ/L), and delivery have limited widespread adoption. In recent years, advanced utilization of natural gas has been explored for the production of various value-added chemicals such as platform chemicals and fine chemicals by microorganisms. However, naturally occurring microorganisms which is capable to covert C1 gas to the value-added products are not easy to be engineered due to lack of molecular biological tools. In addition, transplant of C1 gas assimilation pathways into the industrial microorganisms including *Escherichia coli* has not been succeeded thus far. In this presentation, recent efforts to develop synthetic biology tools to convert C1 gas to the value-added products efficiently.