

## Supplementary Information

### Improving alkaline pretreatment method for preparation of whole rice waste biomass feedstock and bioethanol production

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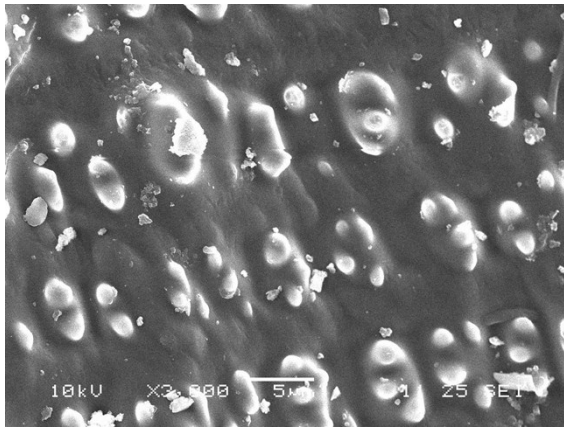
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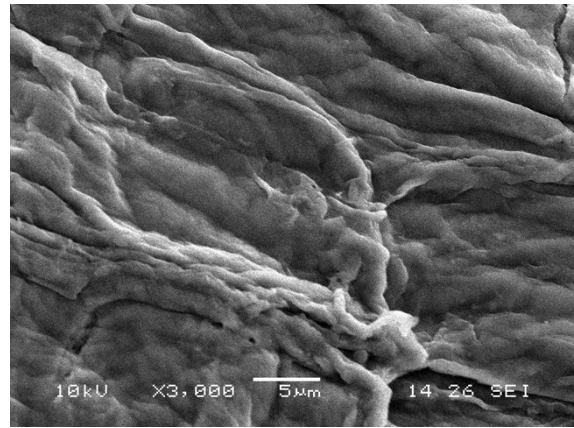
**Fig. S1.** SEM of RWB biomass (A) control, (B) NaOH (C) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (D) ASC, (E) SB, (F) NaOH+H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (G) NaOH+ASC, (H) NaOH+SB,(I) NaOH+ASC+SB.

**Fig. S2.** Effects of (A) different alkali concentration (0.5–3.0%), (B) incubation temperature (30, 100 and 121°C) and (C) incubation time (0-60 min) on the hydrolysis yield and reducing sugar production.

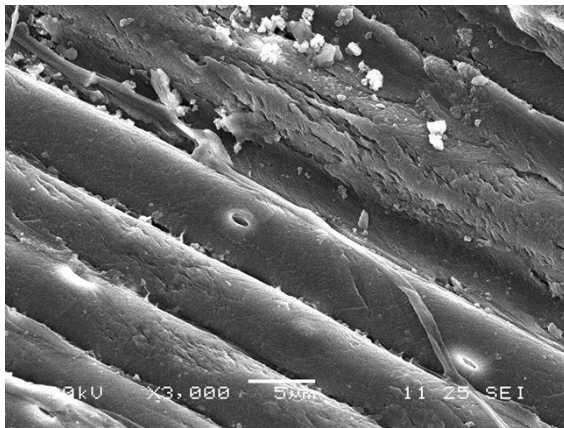
**Fig. S3.** Effects of (A) increasing substrate concentration (5–25 g L<sup>-1</sup>) and (B) increasing enzyme concentration (5–25 FPU g<sup>-1</sup> of the substrate) on the hydrolysis yield and reducing sugar production.



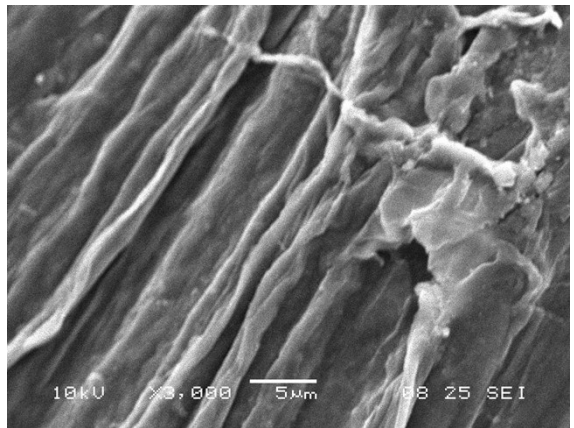
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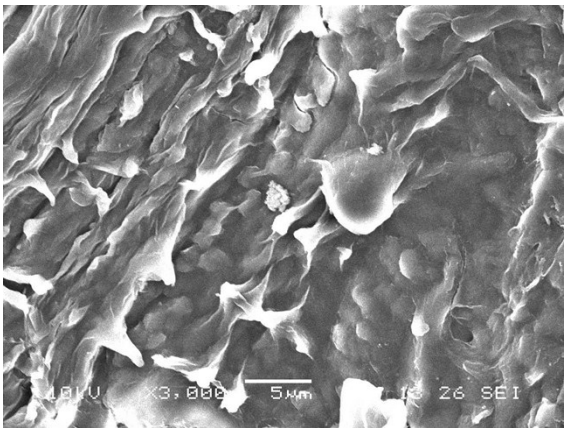
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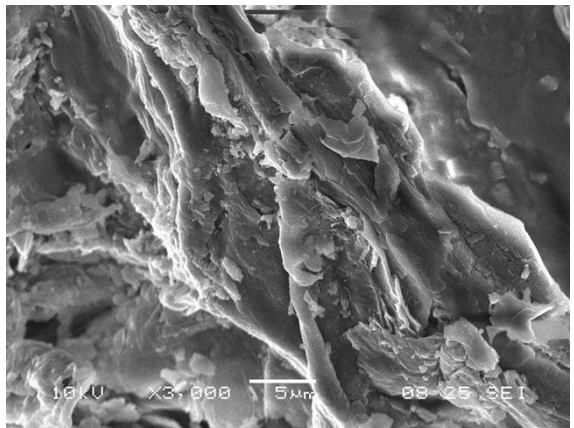
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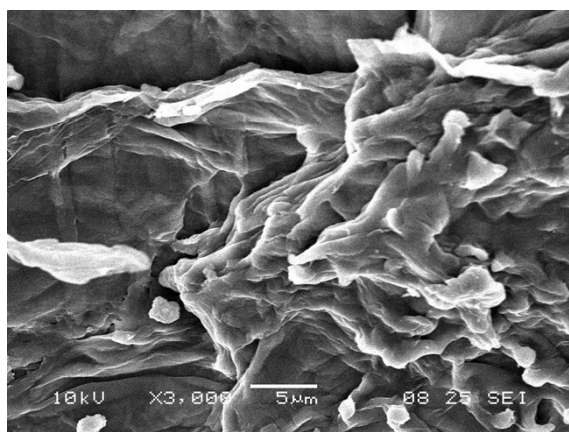
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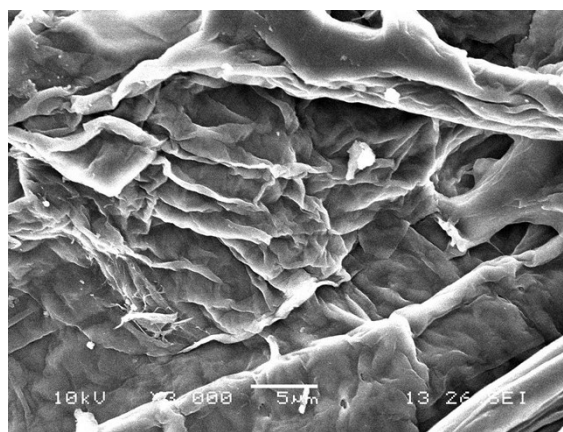
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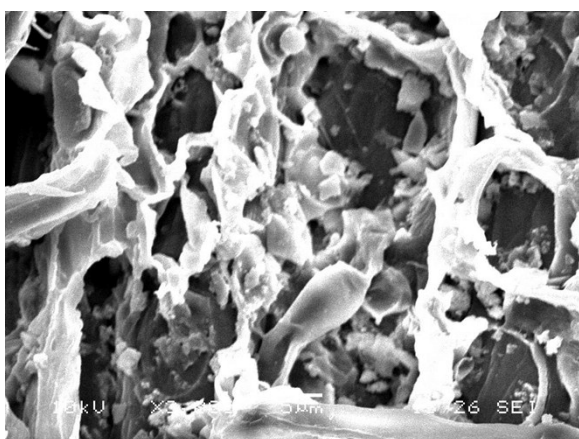
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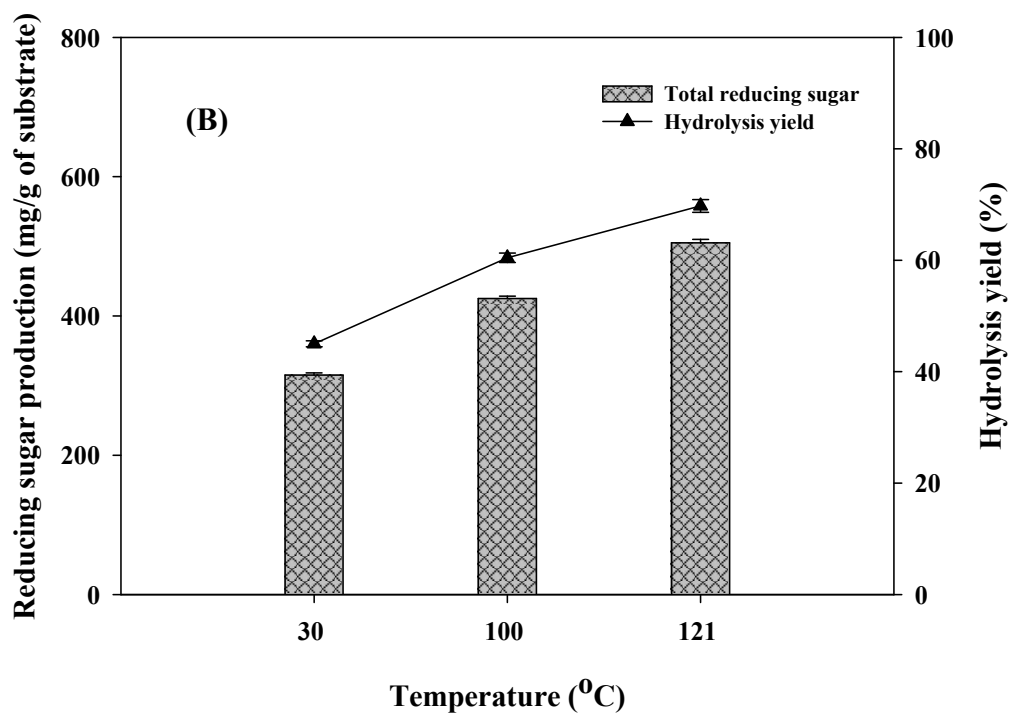
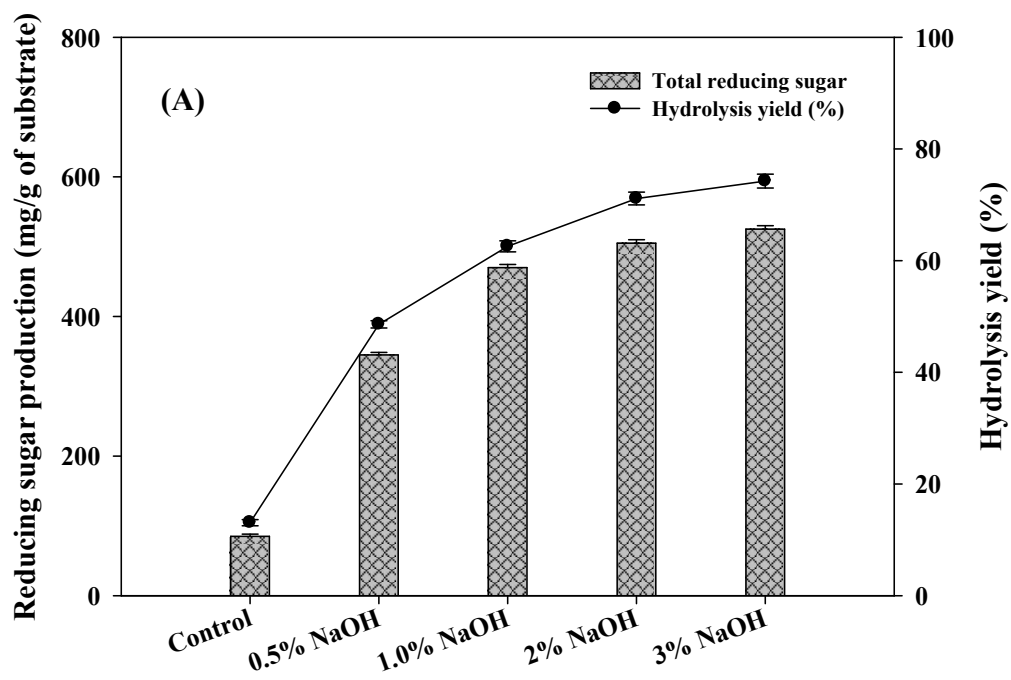


(H)



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**Fig. S1.**



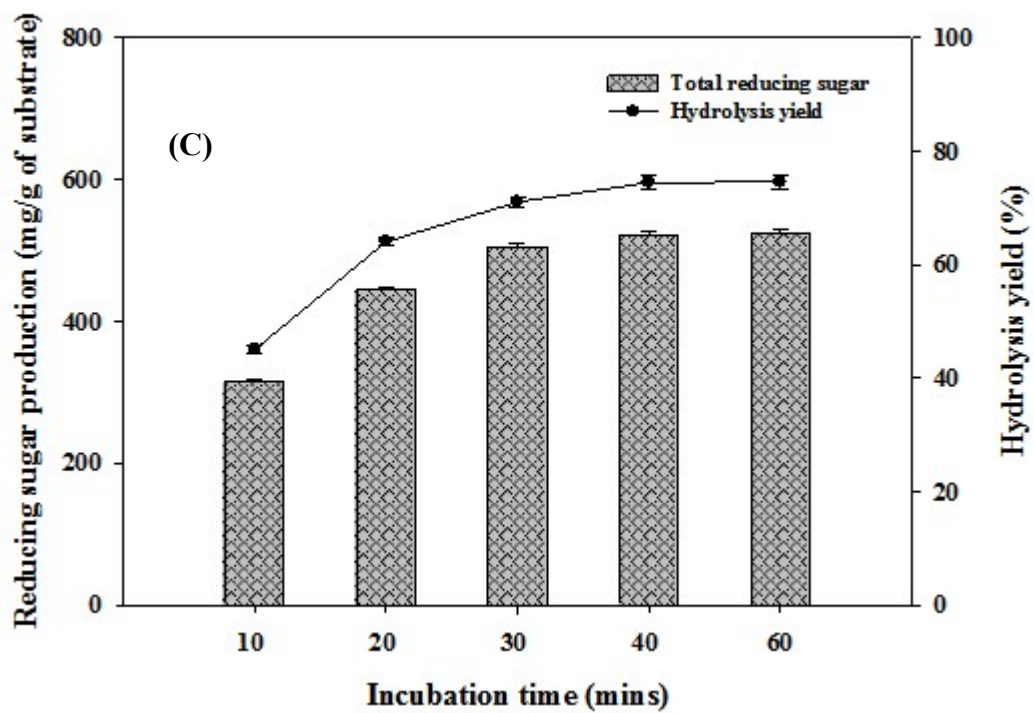


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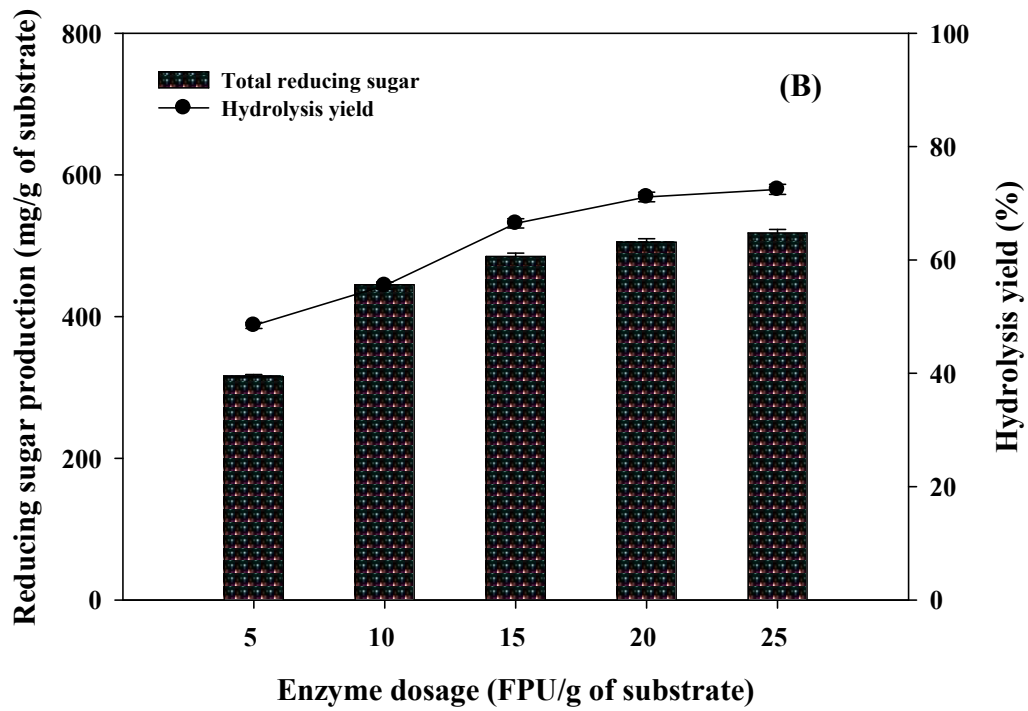
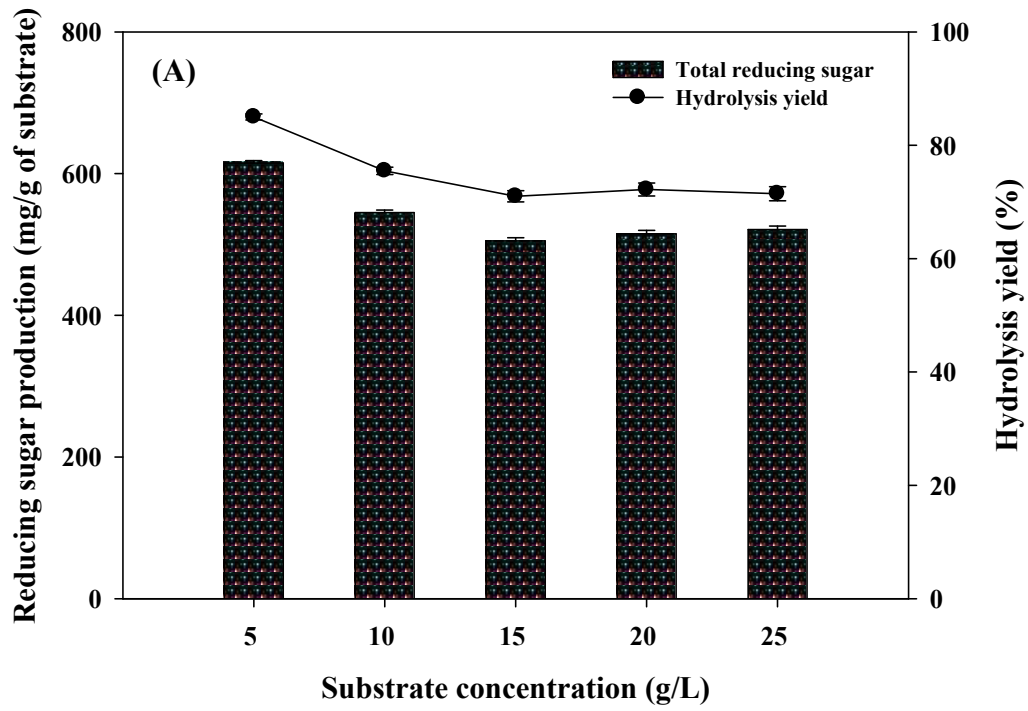


Fig. S3.

**Table S1.** Comparative evaluation of sugar release from pretreatment of conventional lignocellulosic biomass and *RWB*

| Lignocellulosic biomass                 | Pretreatment condition   | Enzymes used  | TRS yield after EH (mg/g) | References                    |
|---|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Lantana camara</i>                   | 3% v/v H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , 120 °C for 45 min, further delignification by Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> and NaClO <sub>2</sub> before enzymatic hydrolysis | Cellulase from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (60 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass) + $\beta$ -glucosidase (Novozyme 188) (180 U g <sup>-1</sup> biomass) | 695                       | Kuhad et al., 2010            |
| Switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> ) | AFEX (0.9 g g <sup>-1</sup> ammonia, 0.4 g g <sup>-1</sup> water, 80 °C, 20 min)   | Accelerase® (3.2 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass)   | 385                       | Bals et al., 2010             |
| Water hyacinth                          | 4% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + autoclaving at 121°C, 75 min   | Commercial cellulase (Zytex) 70 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass   | 723                       | Satyanagalakshmi et al., 2011 |
| Shea tree sawdust                       | Alkaline wet air oxidation   | Cellulase (25 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> ) (Zytex) + $\beta$ -glucosidase (12.5 U g <sup>-1</sup> )  | 131                       | Ayeni et al., 2013            |
| Shea tree sawdust                       | Alkaline peroxide assisted wet air oxidation   | Cellulase (25 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> ) (Zytex) + $\beta$ -glucosidase (12.5 U g <sup>-1</sup> of biomass)  | 274                       | Ayeni et al., 2013            |
| <i>Lantana camara</i>                   | Chlorite treatment, 4% (w/v), 30 min   | Cellulase (60 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass) + $\beta$ -glucosidase (Novozyme 188) (180 U g <sup>-1</sup> biomass)                                | 925                       | Gupta et al., 2011            |
| <i>Prosopis juliflora</i>               | Chlorite treatment, 4% (w/v), 30 min   | Cellulase (60 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass) + $\beta$ -glucosidase (Novozyme 188) (180 U g <sup>-1</sup> biomass)                                | 864                       | Gupta et al., 2011            |
| Switch grass                            | Microwave treatment, 0.1% alkali, 190°C, 30 min  | Celluclast 1.5 L (12 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass) + $\beta$ -gluco-sidase (Novozyme 188) (21 U g <sup>-1</sup> biomass)                         | 209                       | Hu and Wen, 2008              |
| Whole rice waste biomass                | 2% (v/v) NaOH +ASC+ SB, 121°C, 30 min  | Commercial cellulase (Sigma) 10 FPU g <sup>-1</sup> biomass   | 725                       | This study                    |



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