Supporting Information

Full conversion of Grass Biomass into Sustainable Functional Antimicrobial Bioplastics

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Table S1. Material and energy inventory for "*GPL20*" processing. Energy is highlighted in yellow. Wastes are highlighted in light orange. Outputs are highlighted in blue.

Comment	ltem	Amount (g)	Source/provider	
Step 1: washing				
Biomass source	Grass	0.8888	Burden free according to cut-off	
10 km to the processing site	Transport	0.0089 kg×km	transport, freight, lorry, 3.5-7.5 metric ton, diesel, EURO 5 transport, freight, lorry, 3.5-7.5 metric ton, diesel, EURO 5 Cutoff, U - RER	
For washing	Water	10.0000	market for water, deionised water, deionised Cutoff, U - Europe without Switzerland	
-	Wastewater	9.0000	treatment of wastewater, unpolluted, wastewater treatment wastewater, unpolluted Cutoff, U - CH	
Step 2: drying				
At 60 ºC for 24h	Energy ^a	37.60 Wh	market for electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products Cutoff, U - CH	
	Evaporated H ₂ O	1.0000	Emission to air / unspecified	
Step 3: grinding				
5 min blender	Energy ^b	0.12 Wh	market for electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products Cutoff, U - CH	
Step 4: sieving				
2 h sieving	Energy ^c	1.12 Wh	market for electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products Cutoff, U - CH	
10 wt% is lost during sieving	Waste	0.0888	treatment of biowaste, industrial composting biowaste Cutoff, U - CH	
Step 5: hydrolysis				
1 M NH ₃	Ammonia	0.3406	ammonia production, steam reforming, liquid ammonia, anhydrous, liquid Cutoff, U - Europe without Russia	

(20 mL)	Water	19.3000	water production, deionised water, deionised Cutoff, U - Europe without Switzerland	
Plasticizer	ε-polylysine	0.2000	From Agrybalise v3.1.1	
For stirring, 24 h at 40 ºC	Energy ^d	50.82 Wh	market for electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products Cutoff, U - CH	
Step 6: casting				
48 h at the fume hood	Energy ^e	82.20 Wh	market for electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products electricity, medium voltage, renewable energy products Cutoff, U - CH	
	Evaporated NH ₃	0.3406	Emission to air / unspecified	
	Evaporated H ₂ O	19.3000	Emission to air / unspecified	
	Bioplastic	1.0000	Process output	

^a: An oven with a power of 1400 W with capacity to dry 0.5 kg (ONH 60). Estimated workload of 70%.

^b: AMZCHEF blender with a power of 2000 W with capacity of 2 L. Estimated workload of 70%.

^c: sieve shaker with 350 W (<u>https://www.mrclab.com/sieve-shaker-for-200mm-sieves</u>). It can hold approximately 0.350 kg of grass at a time. Estimated workload of 70%.

^d: Instrument power: 605 W (Fisherbrand[™] Isotemp[™] Hot Plate Stirrer). 4 L capacity. Estimated workload of 70%.

^e: considering that a conventional laboratory fume hood consumes 30000 kWh anualy (<u>https://fumehoodcalculator.lbl.gov/</u>). It has room to dry 2 kg of material in 2 days.



Figure S1. Grass-derived bioplastic films obtained at different hydrolysis time and NH_3 concentration.



Figure S2. Cross section of grass biofilms obtained after alkaline hydrolysis and cryofracture.







Figure S4. TGA and DTGA of grass-derived bioplastic films obtained at different concentration of NH₃ (0.1, 0.5, 2 M) and different hydrolytic times (8, 24, and 43 h). A) TGA of films obtained

with 0.1M NH₃, **B)** DTGA of films obtained with 0.1M NH₃; **C)** TGA of films obtained with 0.5M NH₃, **D)** DTGA of films obtained with 0.5M NH₃; **E)** TGA of films obtained at 2M NH₃; F) DTGA of films obtained at 2M NH₃.



Figure S5. FTIR spectra of PL-grass bioplastics containing different PL content.



Figure S6. DTGA curves of PL-grass bioplastics containing different PL content.



Figure S7. Antimicrobial assay of PL-grass bioplastics against gram positive *Staphylococcus aureus.* Agar diffusion test using 2 replicates (top right and top left in disc), antibiotic control (bottom left) and positive control (bottom right).







Figure S9. Cradle-to-gate environmental impacts of "Grass bioplastic" and its packaging plastic

films competitors.