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Clarification of cheese whey for microalgae cultivation [↗](#)

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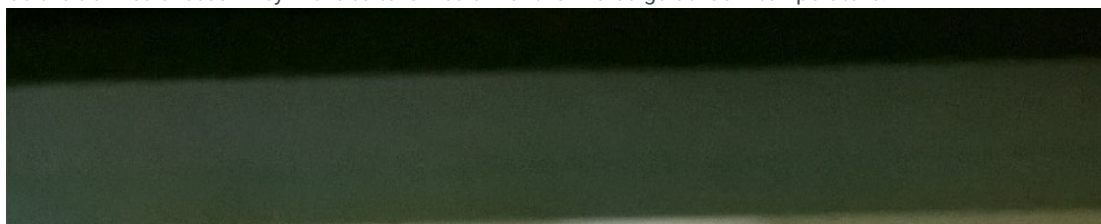
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- 1 Collect the cheese whey from dairy industry as a by-product of cheese production and put it in clean and dry bottles.
- 2 If the cheese whey is not be clarified after collect, it should be frozen in a freezer at -20 °C.
- 3 For clarification, defrost the cheese whey in a refrigerator at 5 °C.
- 4 Then sterilize the cheese whey by autoclaving at 121 °C for 15 minutes.
- 5 Filter the cheese whey using 20 µm sieve.
- 6 Then centrifuge the filtered material using a centrifuge at 1500 rpm for 15 minutes for the removal of the precipitated material.
- 7 Place the supernatant in a container and autoclave at 1500 rpm for 15 minutes again before use.
- 8 Add the clarified cheese whey in the culture medium of the microalga at room temperature.





Clarified cheese whey



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