Declaration

I hereby declare that due to the lack of proper facility at Tezpur University, following experiments/sample analyses were carried out at other institutes. Further, I declare that no part of this has been reproduced elsewhere for award of any other degree.

1. GC analyses of FAME of the bacterial strains was done by Dr. S. Mayil Raj at Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh, India.

2. MALDI-TOF mass spectra analyses of biosurfactants was done by Prof. Anil. K Lala Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and by Dr. P. Deepalakshmi, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

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