

# Circular and innovative protein produced from grass protein residues

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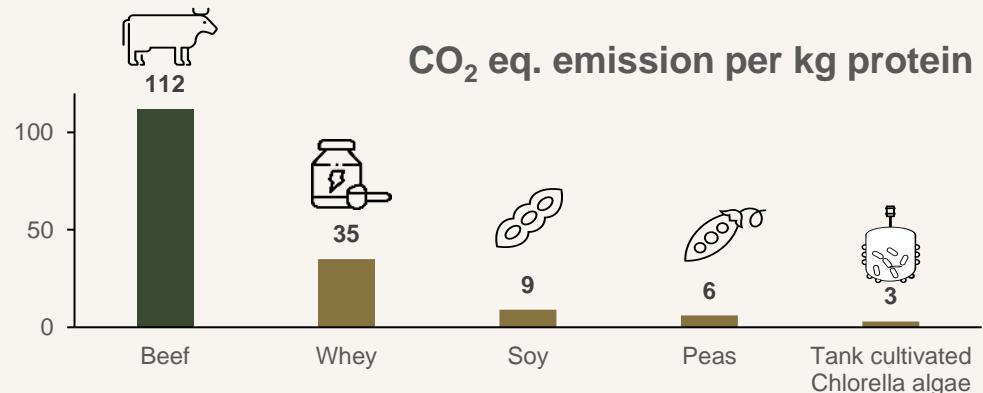
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# The EXTEND project

Sustainable food ingredients from Chlorella micro algae grown on substrate from grass protein side streams.

Huge CO<sub>2</sub> reduction potential in proteins from tank cultivated algae.



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# Pictures from Asumgaard



Harvest



Loading



Refining



Screw press  
separation



Heating of  
green juice



Protein  
concentrate



Brown juice

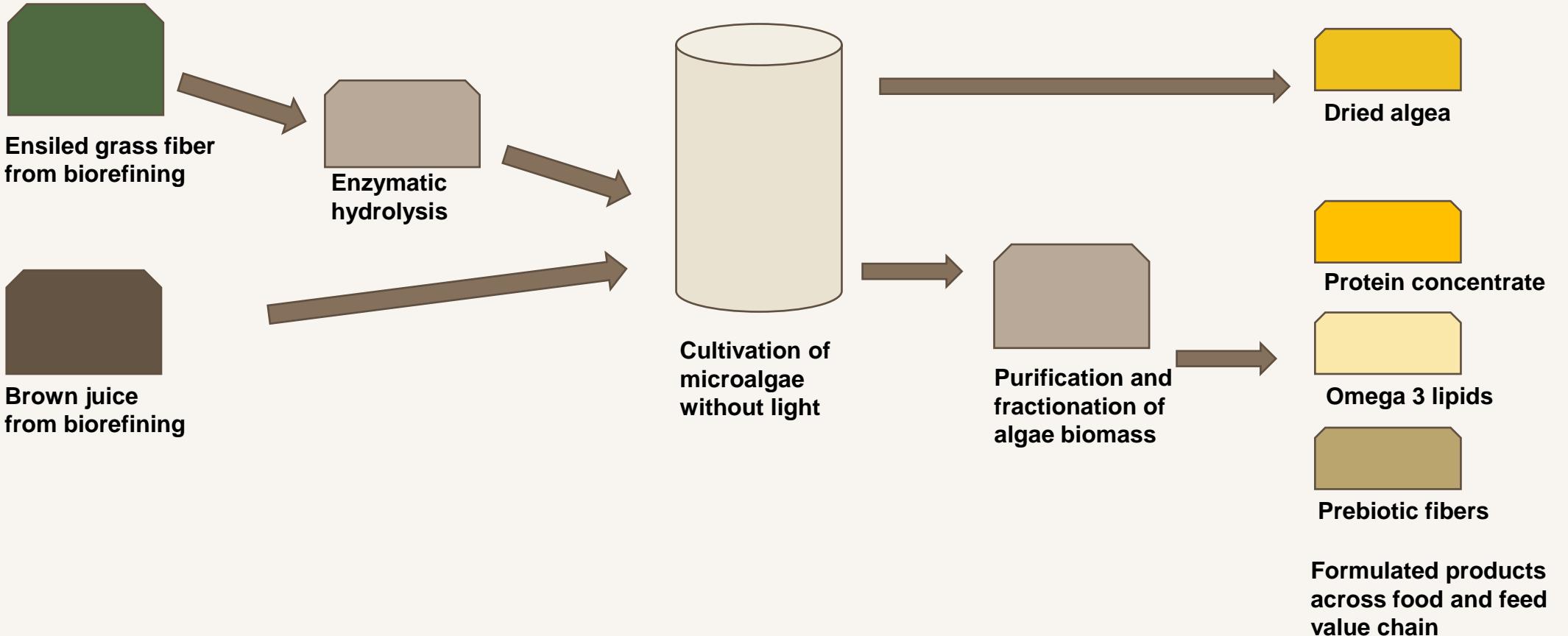


Grass pulp



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# The EXTEND process



# Nutritiunal value of Chlorella vulgaris – composition and fatty acids

## Composition

Dry matter (g/100 g fw)	93.25
Ash (g/100 g dm)	7.85
Carbohydrate (g/100 g dm)	28.25
Protein (g/100 g dm)	38.85
Fat (g/100 g dm)	24.50
Energy (kcal/100 g)	489.30
Digestibility (g/100 g)	55.50

## Fatty acids

UFA/SFA	2.52
PUFA/MUFA	2.24
Omega-6/Omega-3	1.12
Atherogenicity index (AI)	0.38
Thrombogenicity index (TI)	0.27
Hypocholesterolemic index (HI)	2.04
Peroxidizability index (PI)	98.40
Nutritive value index (NVI)	0.84

## Nutritiunal value of Chlorella vulgaris – Amino acids

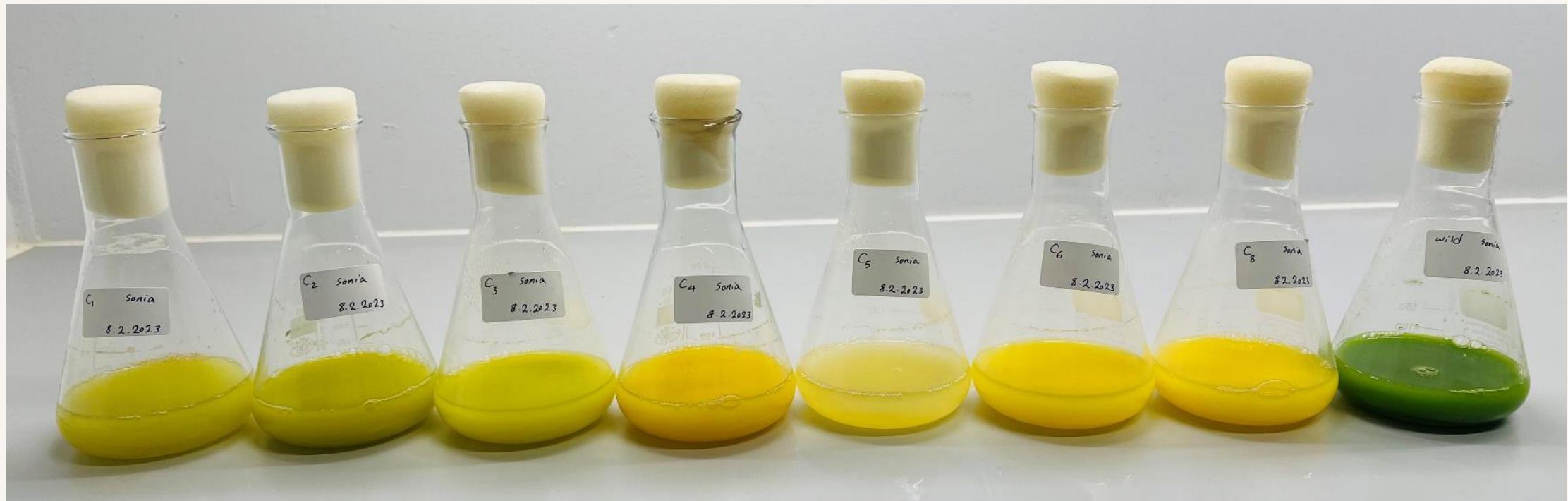
**Protein content:** 53 % of dry matter.

### Essential amino acids:

(as g to 100 g protein and % of the daily requirement)

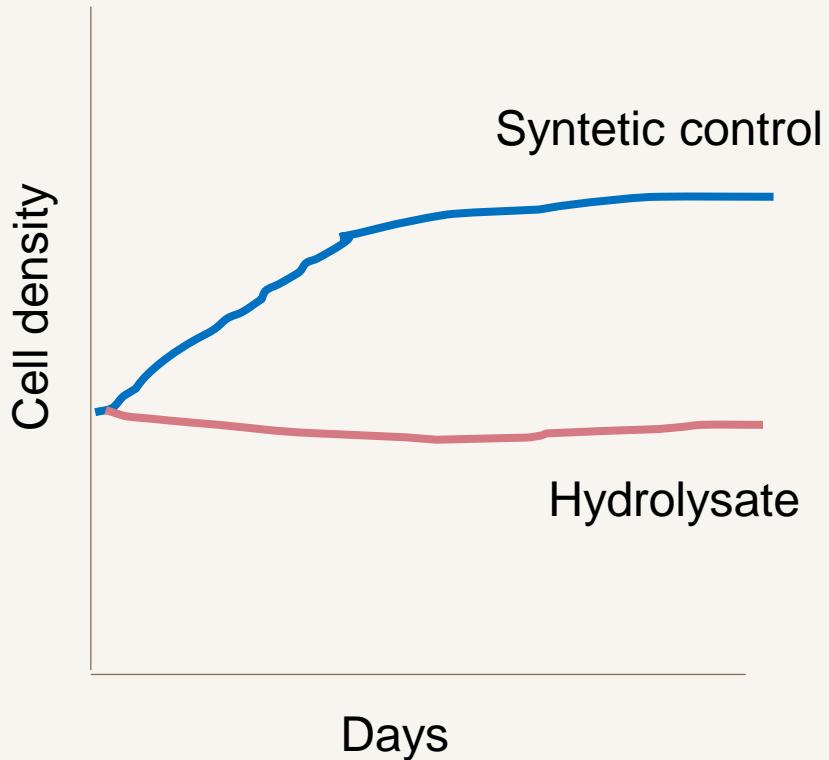
	Chlorella vulgaris	Soy-bean	Egg
Threonine	5,5 g (239%)	4,0 g (173%)	3,2 g (139%)
Valine	6,7 (171%)	5,3 g (135%)	4,5 g (115%)
Methionine + cysteine	2,6 g (118%)	1,3 g (59%)	3,5 g (159%)
Isoleucine	3,4 g (113%)	5,3 g (176%)	4,2 g (140%)
Leucine	8,2 g (138%)	7,7 g (130%)	5,5 g (93 %)
Phenylalanine + Tyrosine	6,0 g (158%)	5,0 g (131%)	6,3 g (165%)
Lysine	5,4 g (120%)	6,4 g (142%)	4,0 g (89%)
Tryptophan	0,2 g (33%)	1,2 g (233 %)	1,0 g (166 %)

# Selecting the best Chlorella mutant

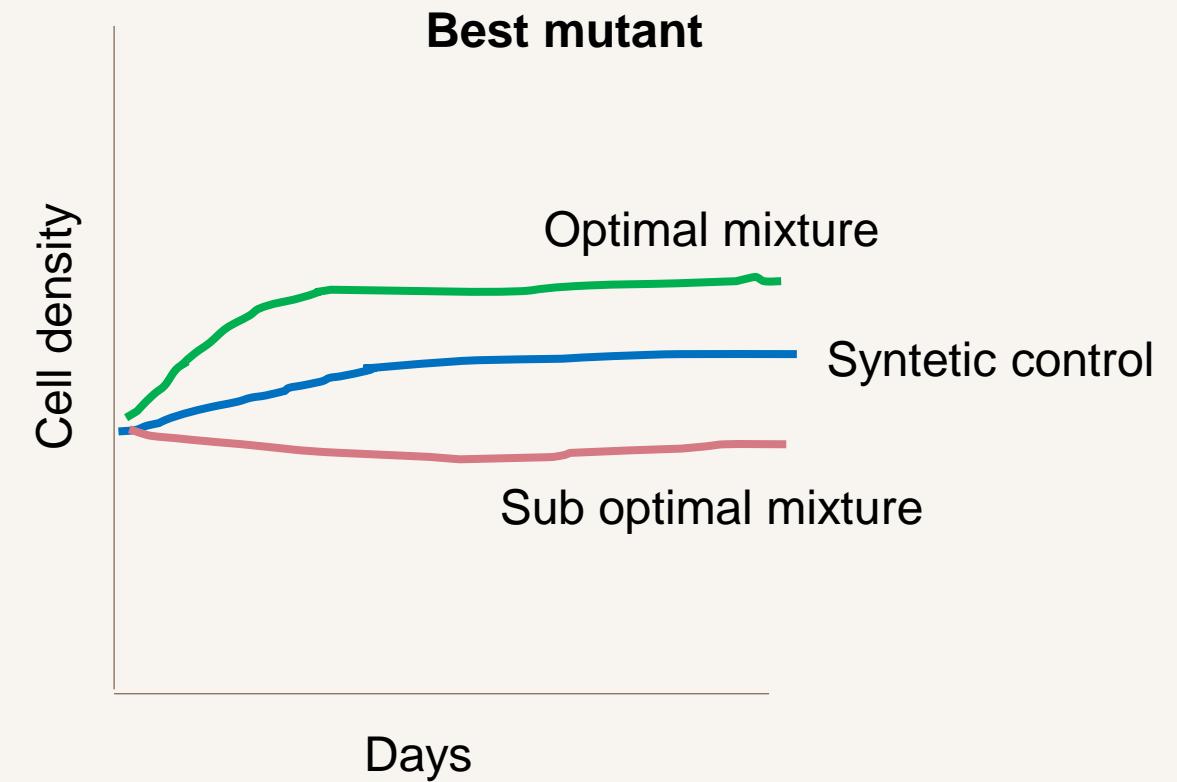


## Growth experiments (DTU)

Hydrolysate medium



Combined hydrolysate and brown juice medium



## Next step: Upscaling at FermHub Zealand



Photo: FermHub Zealand, Christian Kjølby

## Needed approvals

### Novel Food



Organic certification