CARVACROL AS DISINFECTANT AGAINST LEGIONELLA

A research group from CIBER, IGTP and UAB has patented a new use for a natural molecule

The Need
There is a need of finding strategies able to control Legionella growth which do not generate toxic and carcinogenic by-products (such as it occurs for instance when chlorine is used).

The Solution
The invention probes the efficient use of Carvacrol natural essential oil, with same or more efficacy that currently used alternatives that generate toxic and carcinogenic products. The molecule is effective for all Legionella subpopulations even the harboured in protozoa cysts, protozoa trophozoites and/or Legionella embedded within a biofilm.

Innovative Aspects
This product would bring the opportunity to:
1. Use a natural product instead of toxic or carcinogenic ones against all Legionella subpopulations.
2. Reducing water temperature heating in biocide treatments, having energy savings.
3. It can be used in food industry.
4. The use of 50 degrees water temperature heating, loosing only a 10% of the molecule.
5. Have a good effectivity even in Legionella harboured in protozoa cysts, protozoa trophozoites and in Legionella embedded in biofilms.

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Aims
Looking for companies or groups for collaboration in a new molecule development and licence agreements for commercialisation.

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