

Table 5. Effect on electron acceptor on the threshold of H₂ in different hydrogenophilic bacteria growing on organic substrates or H₂. Values given are means of at least duplicate experiments. Reproducibility was about $\pm 50\%$

Electron acceptor oxidized/reduced	Microorganism	Substrate	H ₂ [ppm]
CO ₂ /acetate	<i>Sporomusa acidovorans</i>	methanol	430
	<i>Sporomusa termitida</i>	H ₂	830
	<i>Acetobacterium woodii</i>	H ₂	520
	<i>Acetobacterium carbinolicum</i>	H ₂	950
Sulfur/sulfide	<i>Desulfovibrio fructosovorans</i> JJ	lactate	24
	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i> Essex	lactate	10
	<i>Wolinella succinogenes</i>	H ₂	5
CO ₂ /CH ₄	<i>Methanospirillum hungatei</i>	formate	25
	<i>Methanospirillum hungatei</i>	H ₂	30
	<i>Methanobrevibacter smithii</i>	H ₂	100
	<i>Methanobrevibacter arboriphilus</i>	H ₂	90
	<i>Methanobacterium formicum</i>	H ₂	28
	<i>Methanococcus vannielii</i>	H ₂	75
Sulfate/sulfide	<i>Desulfovibrio fructosovorans</i> JJ	lactate	12
	<i>Desulfovibrio vulgaris</i> Hildenborough	lactate	19
	<i>Desulfovibrio vulgaris</i> G6	lactate	16
	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i> Essex	lactate	8
	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i> Essex	H ₂	9
	<i>Desulfovulbus elongatus</i>	lactate	13
Sulfite/sulfide	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i> Essex	lactate	6
Thiosulfate/sulfide	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i> Essex	lactate	7
Caffeate/hydrocaffeate	<i>Acetobacterium woodii</i>	H ₂	3
Fumarate/succinate	<i>Wolinella succinogenes</i>	H ₂	0.02
	<i>Desulfovibrio fructosovorans</i> JJ	fumarate	0.9 ^a
Nitrate/ammonia	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i>	lactate	0.03
	<i>Desulfovibrio desulfuricans</i>	H ₂	0.03
	<i>Wolinella succinogenes</i>	H ₂	0.02

^a *D. fructosovorans* disproportionates fumarate to acetate and succinate, so that fumarate as electron acceptor may become limiting at the end of growth rather than H₂