

Cellulase Production from Polychaete Associated Bacteria, *Lysinibacillus Sphaericus*

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Abstract: Background/Objectives: Cellulases have a wide scope of utilizations. The principle potential utilizations are in animal feed, textile industry, food applications, fuel and chemical industries. Different regions of utilization incorporate the paper and pulp industry; squander the board, medicinal/pharmaceutical industry, protoplast generation, genetic engineering and pollution treatment.

Methods/statistical analysis: The components like temperature, pH, saltiness, substrate, and substrate fixation numerous significant for the production of cellulolytic enzymes were advanced by receiving seek strategy (i.e) fluctuating parameter each one in turn.

Findings: The ideal pH for the development and the enzyme activity was observed to be at pH 7, at which growth was found to be 3.15 OD and enzyme activity was about 40U/ml/min. The optimum temperature for growth was found at 35°C. Growth at 600 nm found to be 3.42 OD which was observed at 36 hrs and the enzyme activity was endowed to be 35U/ml/min. The maximum growth and the activity was found in corn cobs and the enzyme activity were about 40U/ml/min. The 50% of ammonium sulfate gave the most extreme precipitation of protein (0.84g). The dialysis membrane is partially permeable and has a molecular weight cut off between 12,000-14000. Polyacrylamide gel analytic test was utilized to decide the molecular weight of the readied enzymes. The analysis was completed under non-denaturing conditions for cellulase assurance.

Application: Cellulases have an extensive scope of potential applications, however impressive future research exertion is important to misuse the business capability of cellulases to the furthest reaches. Hence the present study on bioprospecting of polychaete associated bacterium covering cellulase production.

Keywords: Polychaete, Bacteria, *Lysinibacillus sphaericus*, optimization, Substrate, Mass-culture, Cellulase enzyme, Enzyme activity, Enzyme purification, SDS – PAGE.

INTRODUCTION

Cellulose is the most unlimited sustainable natural product in the biosphere (Solomon *et al.*, 1997 and Whitaker, 1998). It is made out of long chains of D-Glucose molecule particles connected in beta-1, 4 configurations. Cellulase has the potential for production of a variety of useful compounds from cheaper and complex substrates. It is an important extra cellular microbial enzyme which hydrolyzes cellulose. From the inexpensive sources of valuable compounds such as sugar, protein and other chemicals are produced by enzymatic bioconversion. Yearly output of cellulose production is assessed to be 4.0×10⁷ tons (Singh and Hayashi, 1995). The extent of cellulose in plant tissues ranges from 20 to 45% of dry weight and over 90% in cotton fiber (Stephens and Hatchel, 1995). Squander paper is a significant wellspring of cellulose (Crueger and Crueger, 1990).

Cellulase is delivered mainly by bacteria, fungi and protozoan. Various biomass transformation strategies have been proposed and utilized running from direct chemical substance techniques like acid

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hydrolysis and pyrolysis to biological techniques, for example, use of cellulase enzyme protein (Cooney et al, 1978).

Cellulase production has been amassed for the most part in fungi yet there is an expanding enthusiasm for cellulose production by bacteria as of late (Crawford, 1986 and Li and Gao, 1996). Acid hydrolysis of cellulosic materials is less expensive than cellulase hydrolysis however previous strategic methods regularly need high temperature and pressure. In addition, it is profoundly destructive and prompts aggregation of offensive results (Fennington et al., 1982).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Optimization for Growth and Cellulase Production

Polychaete associated bacterium, *Lysinibacillus sphaericus* was isolated and recovered for cellulase enzyme studies. The factors like temperature, pH, saltiness, substrate, and substrate concentration many important for the production of cellulolytic enzymes were optimized by adopting search technique (i.e) fluctuating parameter each one in turn. The experimental tests were directed in 250ml Erlenmeyer flasks containing production medium. After sterilization via autoclaving, the flasks were cooled and immunized with cultures at 37°C for 72 hrs under different exploratory conditions as depicted below.

MEDIUM COMPOSITION (g/100ml)

MgSO ₄	- 0.01
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	- 0.02
KH ₂ PO ₄	- 0.7
K ₂ HPO ₄	- 0.05
Cellulose	- 0.1
Agar	- 1.5
pH	- 7.1 ± 0.2 at 25°C

Optimization of Physical Parameter for Growth and Cellulase Production

The fermentation was completed at various temperatures like 25°C, 30°C, 35°C, 40°C and 45°C to think about their impact on growth and enzyme production. All of the above examinations were completed and normal qualities were calculated. Optimization of pH, basal medium was varied from 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 with 1N HCl and 1N NaOH. Every one of the analyses was done and normal qualities were determined. The medium was prepared with different salt concentration in the range of 1%, 2%, 3%, 4% and 5%. Each of the examinations was done and normal qualities were determined.

Effect of Different Substrate on Cellulase Production

The impact of different substrate on cellulose production was studied with different substrate like corn cobs, rice bran, wheat bran, cellulose and carboxymethylcellulose. Every one of the analyses was done and the normal qualities were reported. The impact of different substrate concentration on cellulase production was studied for maximum enzyme activity ranging from 1% to 5%. Every one of the investigations was completed and normal qualities were calculated. The optimum substrate concentration accomplished by this progression was fixed in consequent investigations.

Mass Culture of Cellulase Producing Bacteria, *Lysinibacillus Sphaericus*

In light of the outcomes acquired through the enhancement, the mass scale culture of the cellulase producing from *Lysinibacillus sphaericus* was done dependent on the outcomes got. The copy 500ml of production media was inoculated with 5% of inoculums. The fermentation was completed in 1000 ml Erlenmeyer flasks on a rotational shaker (300 rpm). The biomass and the protein enzyme activity were tried at each 6 hrs interim. Toward the finish of the 36th hour the way of culture was harvested for the recuperation of cellulase enzyme.

Enzyme Activity

Cellulase activity was estimated by DNS technique, through assurance of decreasing sugars freed (Krootdilaganandh, 2000). 0.5 ml of CMC solution, 0.5 ml of rough enzyme and 0.5 ml of 0.05 M citrate buffer pH 4.8 were incubated for 30 min at 50°C before including 2 ml of DNS solution. The treated examples were boiled for 15 min. before chill off in cold water for color adjustment. The optical density was perused at 540 nm against reagent clear by a spectrophotometer (Thermo Spectronic, USA).

Extraction and Partial Purification of Cellulase Enzyme

The various steps were followed for enzyme purification, was done at 4°C except if generally expressed. In the underlying decontamination step, the supernatant containing the extracellular enzyme

enzyme was treated with different saturation levels of solid ammonium sulphate (40%, 60% and 80% saturation level), with continuous overnight stirring (Wang et al., 2006). The precipitated enzyme was collected by centrifugation (10,000 rpm for 15 min) and diffused in 0.1M citrate phosphate buffer (pH 5.0). The enzyme solution was dialyzed in a dialysis membrane No.150 (HIMEDIA) against the same buffer for 48hrs with several intermitter buffer changes. The partially purified enzyme obtained was lyophilized in to a powder and the cellulase activity was assayed.

Determination of Molecular Weight by Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE)

Electrophoresis of protein tests in the polyacrylamide gel is an imperative scientific and now and again, preparative apparatus for the protein researcher. Electrophoresis can be utilized to separate and analyze complex protein blends, assessed immaculateness of a protein over the span of its isolation, and give appraisals of physical attributes, for example, subunit composition, isoelectric point, size and charge. Each kind of electrophoretic separation can be led in an assortment of gel sizes extending from micro gels just marginally bigger than a postage stamp to monster gels a lot bigger than this page. SDS-based gel separations are vigorous as most yet not all proteins are promptly solubilized in SDS solutions. Most proteins tie a uniform measure of SDS per microgram of protein which gives a uniform charge density for each unit mass to give a partition dependent on the mass of the polypeptide chain.

After electrophoretic separation, proteins are typically identified utilizing general protein staining techniques, for example, coomassie blue staining or the more sensitive silver staining. These staining strategies fix the proteins in the gel matrix by either chemical cross-linking or denaturation to forestall resulting dissemination of the protein bands. Electrophoresis is utilized to isolate complex blends of proteins to examine subunit structure to check homogeneity of protein tests and to filter proteins for use in further applications in polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE), proteins migrate because of an electric field through pores in the gel matrix. The migrate rate of protein is dictated by the gel pore size and the protein charge, size and shape in Sodium-dodecylsulphate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

1. SDS-PAGE of proteins

Acrylamide and N, N-methylene bisacrylamide. A stock solution containing 29 % (w/v) acrylamide and 1% (w/v) N,N-methylene bis acrylamide was prepared in deionized water.

2. SDS (Sodium-dodecylsulphate)

A 10% (w/v) stock solution was prepared in deionized water and kept in room temperature

3. SDS Discontinuous buffer stock 6g of Tris was dissolved in 40ml of deionized water and then titrate to pH 6.8 with 1M HCl and made upto 100ml with deionized water.

4. TEMED (N, N, N, N-Tetramethylethylenediamine) Used as supplied.

5. APS (Ammonium per sulphate) A 10% (w/v) stock solution was prepared freshly in deionized water and kept at 4°C until use.

6. Reservoir buffer or Tris glycine electrophoresis buffer. This buffer includes: 25mM Tris base, 250mM glycine pH8.3 (electrophoresis grade), 0.1% SDS water. At that point, 50ml of 10% (w/v) stock solution of SDS was filled and the volume was fine-tuned to 1000ml with water.

7. SDS Reducing sample buffer

SDS	1g
0.5M Tris HCl (pH6.8)	2.5ml
Sucrose	3g
B-Mercaptoethanol	1ml

This was made upto 10ml with deionized and stored at 4°C.

8. Staining Solution

Coomassie Brilliant Blue Stain	100mg
Methanol	40ml
Glacial acetic acid	10ml
Water	50ml

9. Destaining Solution

Methanol	40ml
Glacial acetic acid	10ml
Water	50ml

The samples were solubilized in reducing sample buffer and equivalent measure of protein was stacked into 12% SDS-Polyacrylamide gel and electrophoresis was completed at consistent current (30 mA).

RESULTS

*Lysinibacillusphaericus*strain showed a 12mmclearance in cellulose agar medium.



Fig. 1: Zone of clearance in the Cellulose Agar medium
Optimization of Growth and cellulase Production pH

Among the various pH studied the optimum pH for the growth and the enzyme activity was found to be at pH 7, at which growth was found to be 3.15 OD and the enzyme activity was about 40U/ml/min.

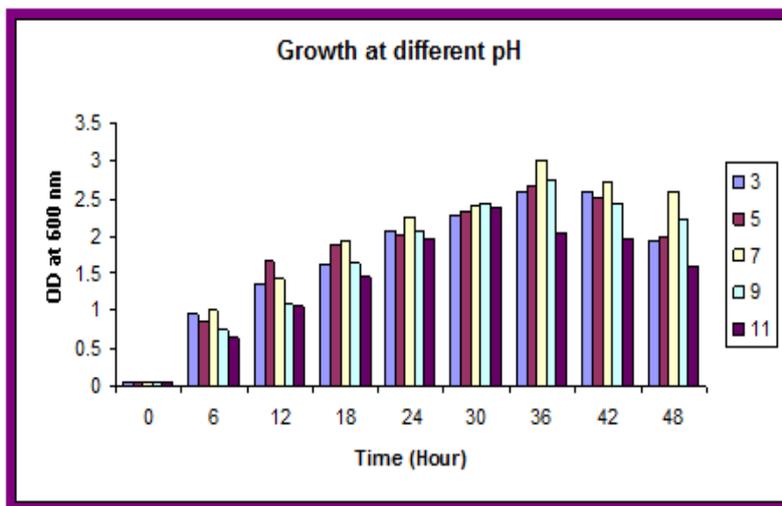


Fig.2: Bacterial growth at different pH

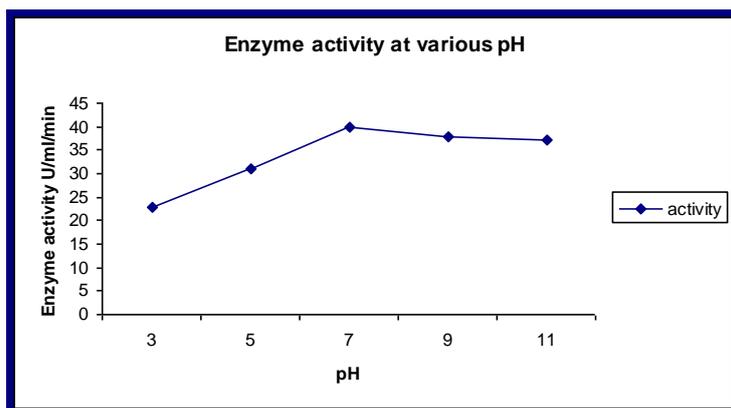


Fig.3: Enzyme activity at various pH

Optimum Temperature for Growth and Cellulase Production

Among the different temperature studied, the optimum temperature for growth was found at 35°C. Growth at 600 nm found to be 3.42 OD which was observed at 36 hrs. The enzyme activity was observed to be 35U/ml/min.

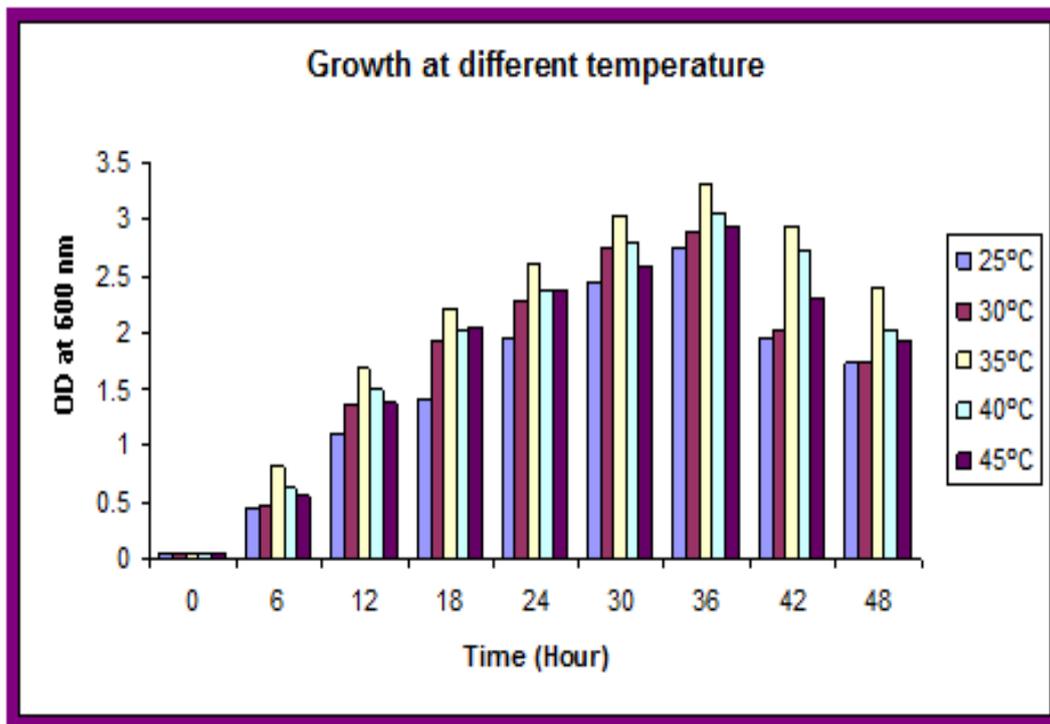


Fig.4: Bacterial growth at different temperature

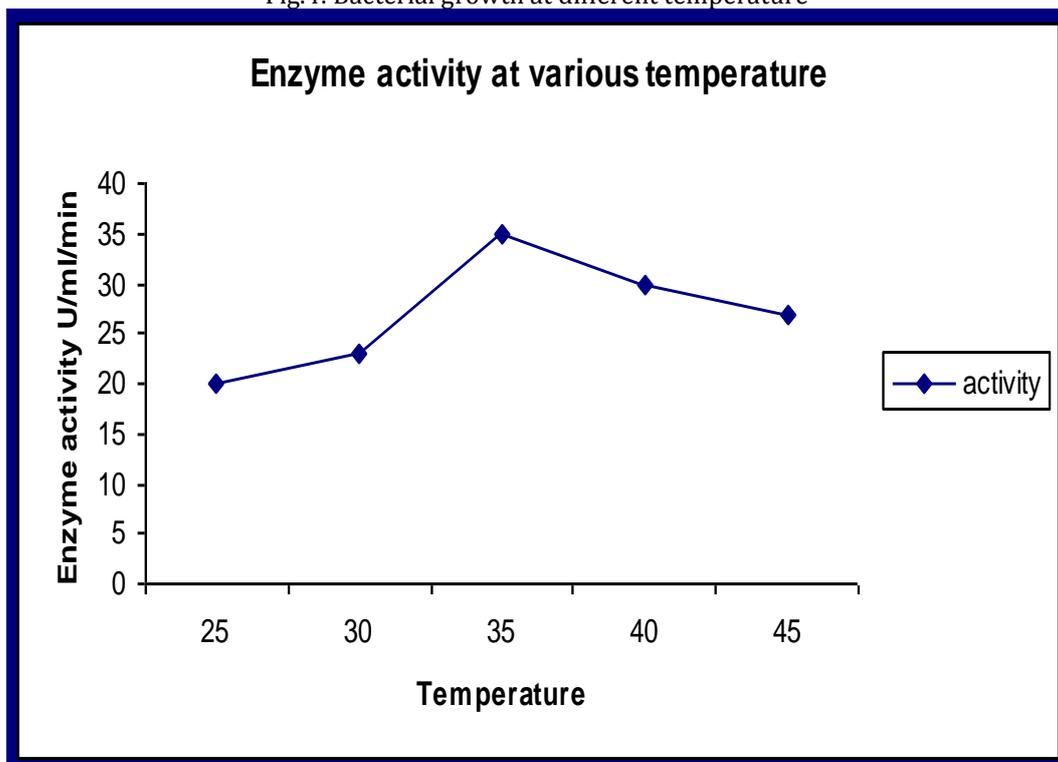


Fig.5: Enzyme activity at Various Temperature
Optimum Salinity for Cellulase Production

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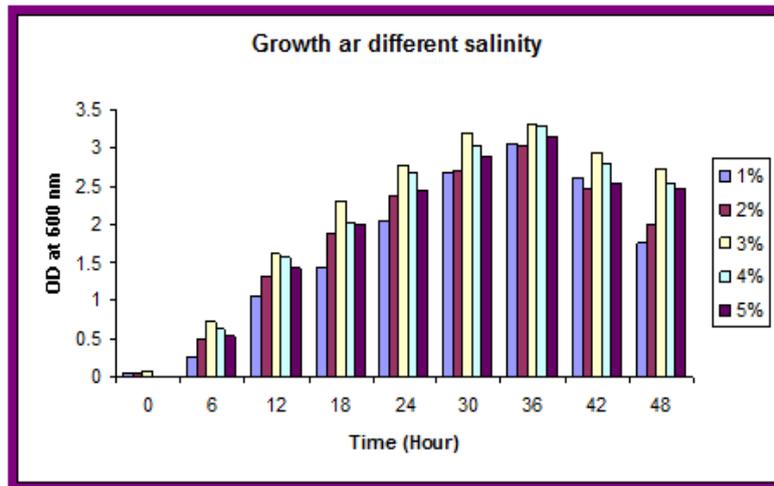


Fig.6: Bacterial growth at different salinity

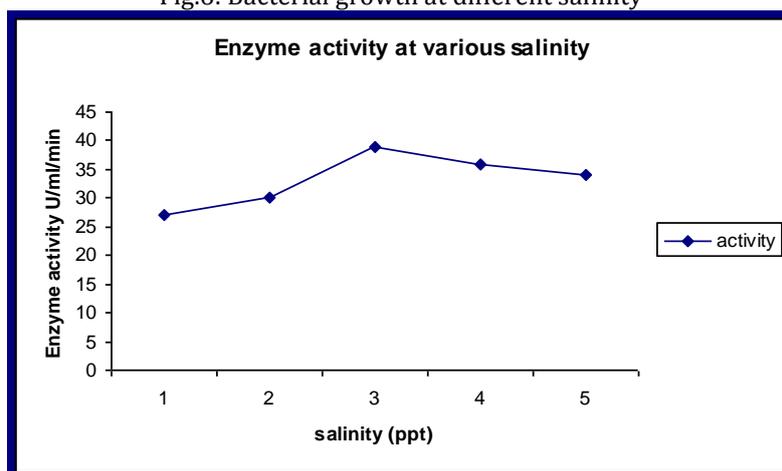


Fig. 7: Enzyme activity at various Salinity

Optimum Substrate for Cellulase Production

Among the different substrates used the maximum growth and the activity was found in corn cobs. The enzyme activity was about 40U/ml/min. and the maximum growth was found to be 3.63 OD.

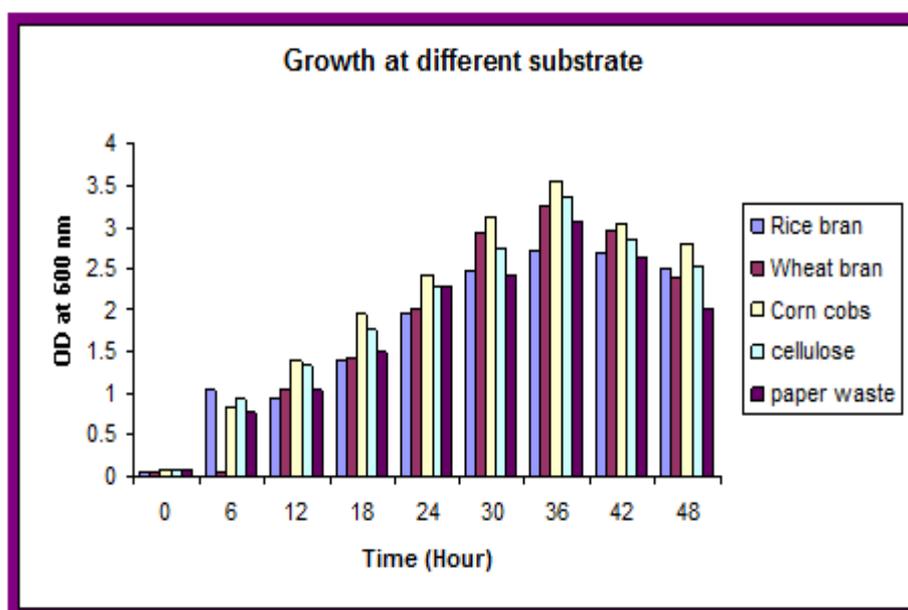


Fig.8: Bacterial growth at different substrates

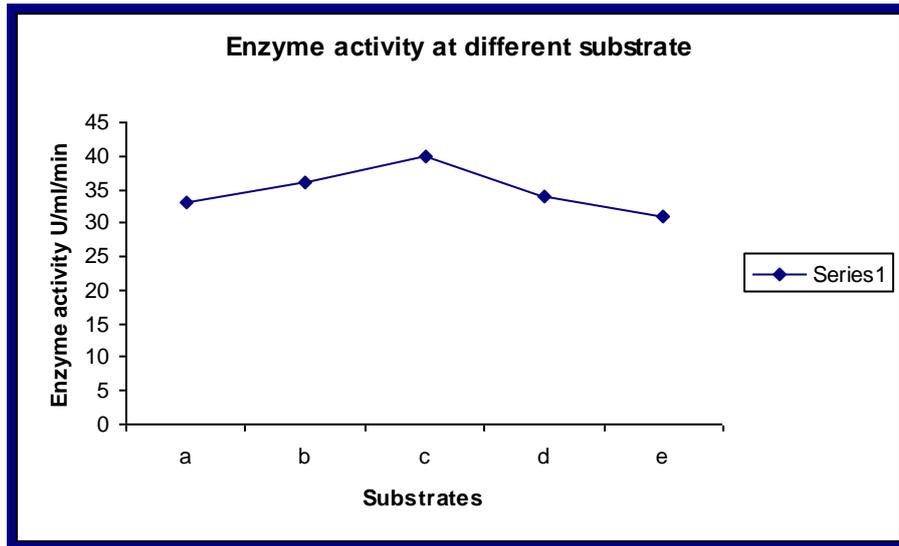


Fig.9: Enzyme activity at different substrates

Optimum Substrate Concentration for Cellulase Production

Among the different substrate concentration used the maximum growth (3.75 OD) and the enzyme activity was found at 3%. The Enzyme activity was observed to be 43U/ml/min.

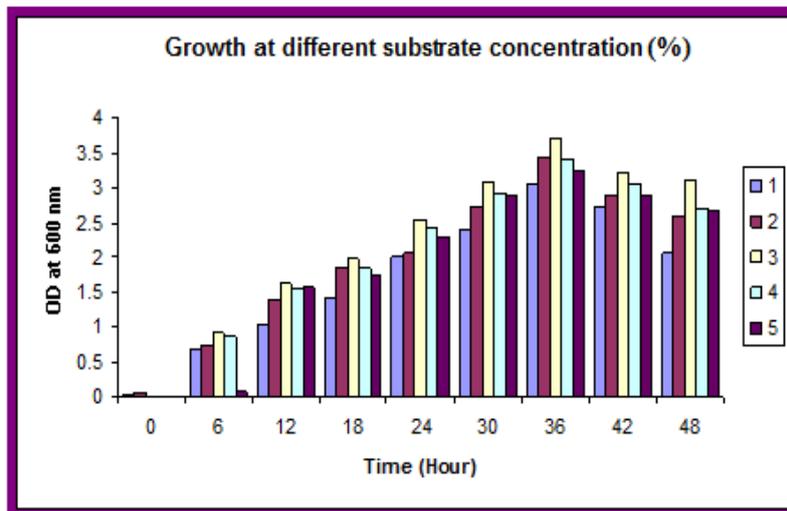


Fig.10; Bacterial growth at different corn cobs concentration (%) as substrate

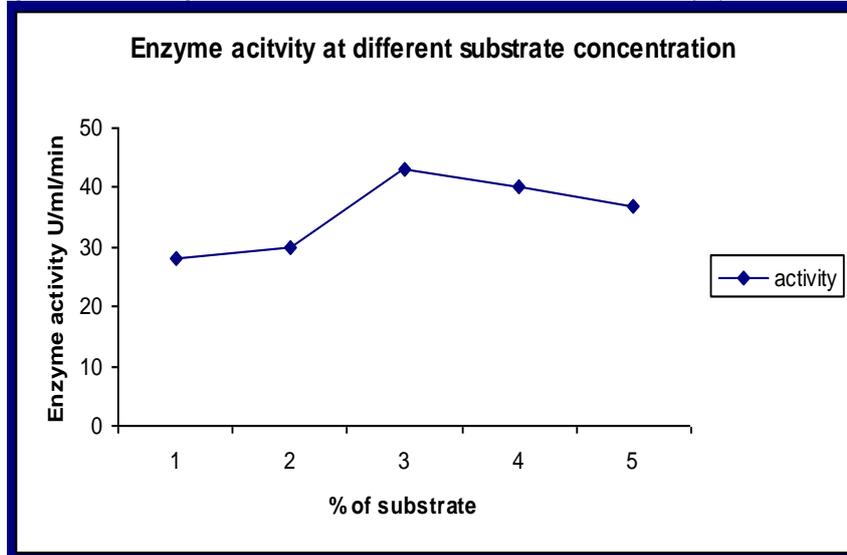


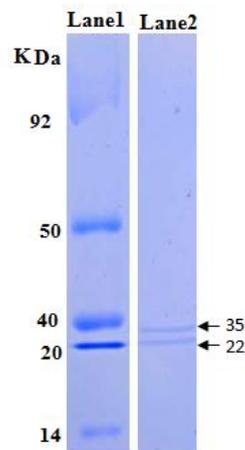
Fig.11: Enzyme activity at Different substrate concentration

Ammonium Sulphate Precipitation for the Partial Purification of Extracellular Cellulase Enzyme

The most potential strain *Lysinibacillusphaericus* was selected for mass culture using the optimized condition. The 500ml of cell free supernatant was obtained. The extracellular cellulase enzyme was precipitated with changing measure of ammonium sulphate (30%, 40%, half, 60% and 70%). The half of ammonium sulphate gave the greatest precipitation of protein (0.84g) pursued 40% (0.56g) and 30% (0.17g). The purification began with the dialysis in a recovered consistent cellulose tube against phosphate buffer for 24-48 hours. The dialysis membrane is in part porous and has a molecular weight cut off between 12,000-14000.

Molecular Weight Determination by Sds-Page Analysis

Polyacrylamide gel analysis test was utilized to decide the molecular weight of the readied enzymes. The analytic test was completed under non-denaturing conditions for cellulase assurance.



Lane 1: Molecular weight markers
Lane 2: purified cellulase.

Fig. 12: SDS-PAGE of purified cellulase

The outcomes displayed that the purified cellulase enzyme has a molecular weight range from 22 to 35 kDa.

DISCUSSION

In the present study *Lysinibacillusphaericus* strain showed 12mm of zone of clearance in congo red test. Screening of bacterial microbes was led by utilizing the Congo red test as a primer report for choosing cellulase producers. In another study about 9 bacterial strains (EB1-EB9) showed positive result in congo red test, of which EB3 demonstrated the most elevated proportion of clear zone diameter to colony diameter across showing more cellulase debasement in CMC agar plates (Ariffin,2006). *Salinivibriosp.* NTU-05, detached from *Szutsausaltern* showed apparent clear zones around the colonies on CMC agar plates following staining with 1% Congo red solution, demonstrating that it secretes conspicuous quantity of cellulase (Wang, 2009).

In the present research medium optimization for cellulase production was completed utilizing diverse parameters like pH, temperature, saltiness, substrate and substrate concentration. The ideal pH for cellulase production was observed to be pH 7, and the equivalent was seen in purification and portrayal of a novel halostablecellulase from *Salinivibriosp.* strain NTU-05 which held the most extreme enzyme activity at pH 7 (Wang,2009). In the purification and portrayal of CMC isolated from a marine bacterium, *Bacillus subtilis subsp.subtilisA-53* the ideal pH for the CM Case activity was observed to be at 6.5 (Kim,2009).

Among the different substrates used corncobs showed increased enzyme activity and the optimum substrate concentration was found to be 3%. *Bacillus subtilis* showed the maximum enzyme activity when grown on the increased pineapple peel substrate concentration (10%) (Sunitha,2006). Molecular weight determination of cellulase was carried out using SDS-PAGE analysis. In the present research study the outcomes displayed that the purified cellulase protein enzyme had a molecular weight scope of 22-35 kDa. Purified CM Case from *Bacillus spp* has a molecular weight range of 30-65 kDa (Ariffin, 2006). The molecular mass of the bacterial strains, CH43 and HR68 estimated from SDS-PAGE was 40kDa

(Mawadza,2000). A halostablecellulase with an atomic mass of 29 kDa was purified utilizing SDS-PAGE (Wang, 2009).

The *Lysinibacillus sphaericus* used in this research study delivered promising amount of cellulase and can consequently expand the cellulase maker families into the genus *Bacillus*. In another study mutant of *Bacillus* (BpCRI 6) exhibited a few preferences, for example, high activity in nearness of substrates like CMC and cellobiose (Kotchoni, 2003). Two bacterial species, *Acinetobacter anitratus* and *Branhamella* sp., were confined from the haemolymph of the goliath African snail, *Archachatina marginata*. The endocellulase activity of the way of culture broth was resolved amid bacterial development by estimating the arrival of decreasing sugar from carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC)(Ekperigin, 2007). Vetriselvi (2007) isolated five species of bacteria namely *Pseudomonas*, *Proteus*, *Micrococcus*, *Serratia* and *Bacillus* and five species of fungi viz., *Aspergillus niger*, *Trichoderma reesei*, *Myrothecium roridum*, *Curvularia lunata* and *Fusarium oxysporum* isolated from agricultural crop and their cellulolytic activity was studied.

A total of 15 isolates were obtained during the course of investigation from biodegraded leaf litter compost of which *Bacillus*, *Cellulomonas* and *Pseudomonas* revealed as fast growing bacterial isolates. Three species of *Bacillus* namely *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis* and *B. polymyxa* degrading cellulose were reported by Majumdar (2001). Making of cellulase from *Aspergillus niger* and *Bacillus subtilis* using pine apple strip as substrate by strong state fermentation. was carried out in which the maximum enzyme yield was obtained in *B. subtilis* when compared to *A. niger* (Sunitha,2006). A study on examination of oxygen consuming cellulolytic microorganisms in some north timberland and cultivating soils was conducted and found that the level of cellulolytic microscopic bacterial organisms in woods soil was more when contrasted with cultivating soil tests (Hatami, 2008). Nitrogen fixing *Paenibacillus* strains were isolated from soil in N-free media. Three of these cellulase positive detaches with CMC case were distinguished as *Paenibacillus* strain E, H and SH (Emtiazi, 2007).

CONCLUSION

Cellulases have a wide scope of prospective applications, however significant future research exertion is important to abuse the commercial capability of cellulases to the furthest reaches. In this present study the strain was used produced maximum activity of 45U/ml/min. which seemed to be in appreciable range. The physiochemical parameters optimum for the growth and enzyme production showed that the strain used was ideal for industrial scale production.

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