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**Effect of C: N sources on the activity of Alkaline
-Amylase from *B. horikhoshi***

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ABSTRACT

Enzymes from microbial sources generally meet industrial demands. Alkaline -amylase is used in the starch, textile industries and ingredient in detergents. Collected water samples from Lonar crater are analyzed for isolation of bacteria. Bacteria are isolated on the nutrient agar which directly prepared in Lonar lake water. An isolated bacterium was identified on the basis of cultural, morphological and biochemical characterization. The results are found that the *B. horikhoshi* is produced efficient zone of starch hydrolysis on the starch agar by synthesizing the alkaline -amylase. Alpha amylase enzyme was produced by using different six carbon and six nitrogen sources. Enzyme alkaline amylase assay was done by DNSA method. The optimum alkaline amylase production was observed in the 1% starch as a carbon source and 0.5% peptone and 0.5% meat extracts as a nitrogen source.

Keywords: Alkaline -amylase, *B. horikhoshi*, Lonar Crater and DNSA method.

INTRODUCTION

The enzyme -amylase have been derived from several fungi, yeasts, bacteria and actinomycetes. The source enzymes from fungal and bacteria have dominated applications in industrial sectors¹. Almost all species of the genus *Bacillus* synthesize -amylase, thus this genus has the potential to dominate the enzyme industry². The -amylases enzymes are used in textile and garments, paper industries, starch liquefaction, food, adhesive, sugar production and pharmaceuticals and starch processing in the food industry^{3,4}.

Amylases are among the most important enzymes and are of great significance in present day biotechnology. Enzymes from microbial sources were generally meet industrial demands. The spectrum of amylase application was widened in many other fields, such as clinical, medical and analytical chemistry, separate applications in starch saccharification, textile industry, and the food, brewing and distilling industries^{1,5}.

Alkaline amylases that have optimum pH values higher than 8.0 have potential applications for

hydrolyzing starch under high pH conditions in the starch and textile industries and as an ingredient in detergents for automatic dishwashers and laundries⁶⁻⁸. Alkaline amylases also retain activity at the pH at which detergents function⁹. This work reports the influence of media composition on alkaline -amylase production from *Bacillus subtilis* CB-18 isolated from the soil¹⁰.

The objectives of the study are to isolate of alkaline -amylases producing *Bacillus horikhoshi* from the Lonar crater of Buldana district. Also study the effect of different carbon and organic and inorganic nitrogen sources on the activity of alkaline -amylases.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Water samples are collected from Lonar crater and analyzed for isolation of bacteria. Bacteria are isolated on the nutrient agar which directly prepared in Lonar lake water. The standard Hi- Medias are used for the works. The bacterial isolate is screened for -amylase activity by amylase assay on starch

agar with pH 10.5. The isolate of bacteria is characterized and identified according to Bergey's manual of determinative bacteriology^{11,12}.

Effect of Carbon and Nitrogen sources on alkaline -amylase production:

Certain carbon and nitrogen sources of the growth medium were used in this investigation. However, different carbon sources of growth were used in 1% concentration such as Starch, Maltose, Lactose, Dextrose, Sucrose, and Mannitol. Different the nitrogen sources were used in 0.5% concentration as inorganic nitrogen sources such as Ammonium chloride, Ammonium sulfate and organic nitrogen sources such as Peptone, Tryptone, Meat extract and Yeast extract. By using different sources of carbon and nitrogen, the optimum productions of alkaline -amylase production were studied from *Bacillus horikoshii*. The isolate is grown in basal media on laboratory scale and cells are removed by centrifugation, the supernatant is used as crude enzyme preparation¹³. The routine enzyme assay is used for alkaline amylase activity involved measuring the reducing sugars resulting from the hydrolysis of soluble starch. The Di-Nitro-Salicylic acid (DNSA) reagent method is used for assay¹⁴.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Water samples are collected from Lonar crater and analyzed for isolation of bacteria. *Bacillus horikoshii* is identified on the basis of cultural, morphological and biochemical characterization. The results are found that the *Bacillus horikoshii* is produced efficient zone of starch hydrolysis on the starch agar by flooding the plates with iodine. The production of the alkaline -amylase is shown Figure 1.

The optimum production of alkaline -amylase production from *B. horikoshii* was seen at 72 h at 37°C. The zone of hydrolysis of alkaline -amylase was maximum shown 65 mm on starch agar. Akcan *et al.*, was shown to produce extracellular -amylase from bacterial strain *Bacillus subtilis* RSKK96 and optimum enzyme synthesis occurred at 72 h with an optimum of 37°C¹⁵. Effects of various carbon and nitrogen on -amylase production were examined. Alpha amylase enzyme production was done by using different six carbon and six nitrogen sources. Then assay the activity of alkaline amylase by DNSA method. The optimum alkaline amylase production is

observed in the 1% dextrose and 0.5% starch (control) as a carbon source and 0.5% peptone (control) and 0.5% meat extracts as a nitrogen source which shown Figure 2. Similar finding of Mrudula and Kokila is used different carbon, nitrogen, glucose, peptone and calcium chloride, respectively enhanced production of enzyme amylase¹⁶. Waghode and Garode observed that the results are found that the *Bacillus licheniformis* is produced efficient zone of starch hydrolysis on the starch agar by producing the enzyme alkaline -amylase¹⁸. The optimum -amylase was produced by using different carbon and nitrogen sources. Then assay of the activity of alkaline amylase performed by DNSA method. The optimum alkaline amylase production was observed in the 1% starch as a carbon source and 0.5% peptone and 0.5% meat extracts as a nitrogen source.

Bhutto and Umar reported that maximum production of -amylase was obtained on 0.5% Dextrose as carbon source¹⁷. The -amylase production was also optimized by using different nitrogen sources such as peptone (control), tryptone, yeast extract, corn steep liquor, casein hydrolyzed, casein soluble, urea, sodium nitrate, potassium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, ammonium chloride and ammonium sulphate and the maximum production of -amylase were found in the presence of 1.5% peptone.

CONCLUSION

The culture conditions and media components were optimized for better production of both the enzymes. The nature and relative concentration of carbon and nitrogen sources are important in formation of amylase. The lower levels of nitrogen are enhanced for the enzyme production and excess nitrogen is equally detrimental causing enzyme inhibition. The results obtained in this study show that there is appreciable high production. *B. horikoshii* is a potential producer of extracellular -amylase which could find applications in industry and biotechnology. The enzyme thus is produced presently under optimization. The amylase activity from the bacteria is comparable with the activity of maltohexaose producing amylases from other organisms. Hence amylase would have a potential application in the food and pharmaceutical industry for the production of maltohexaose.

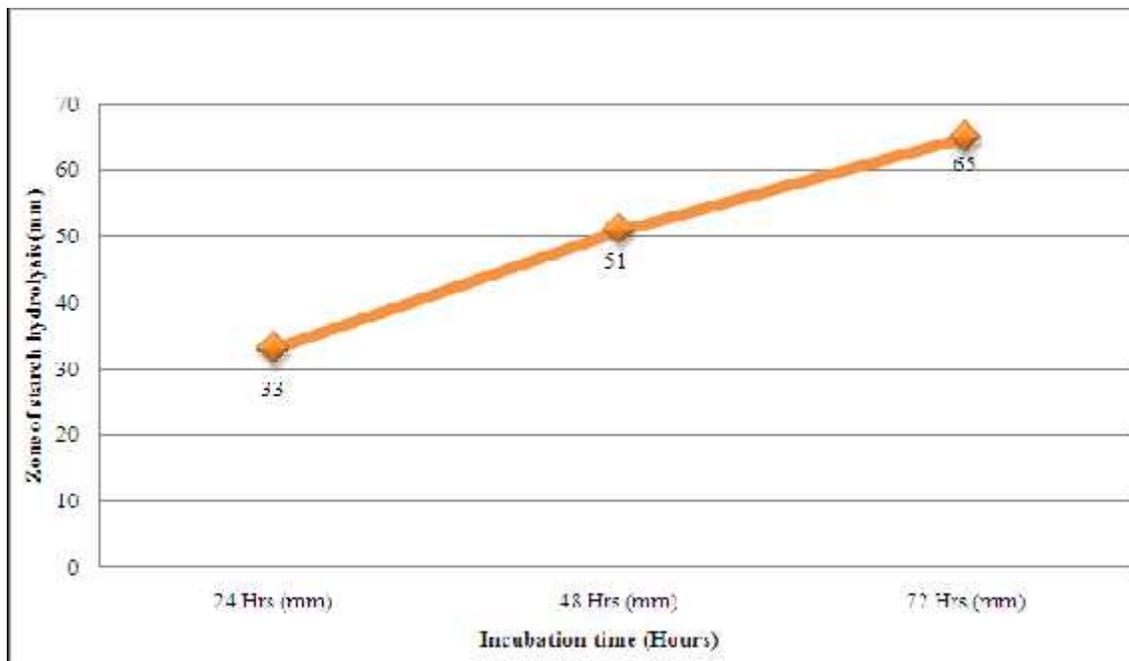


Fig. 1
isolation of maximum yield of alkaline - amylase enzyme producing *B. horikoshii*

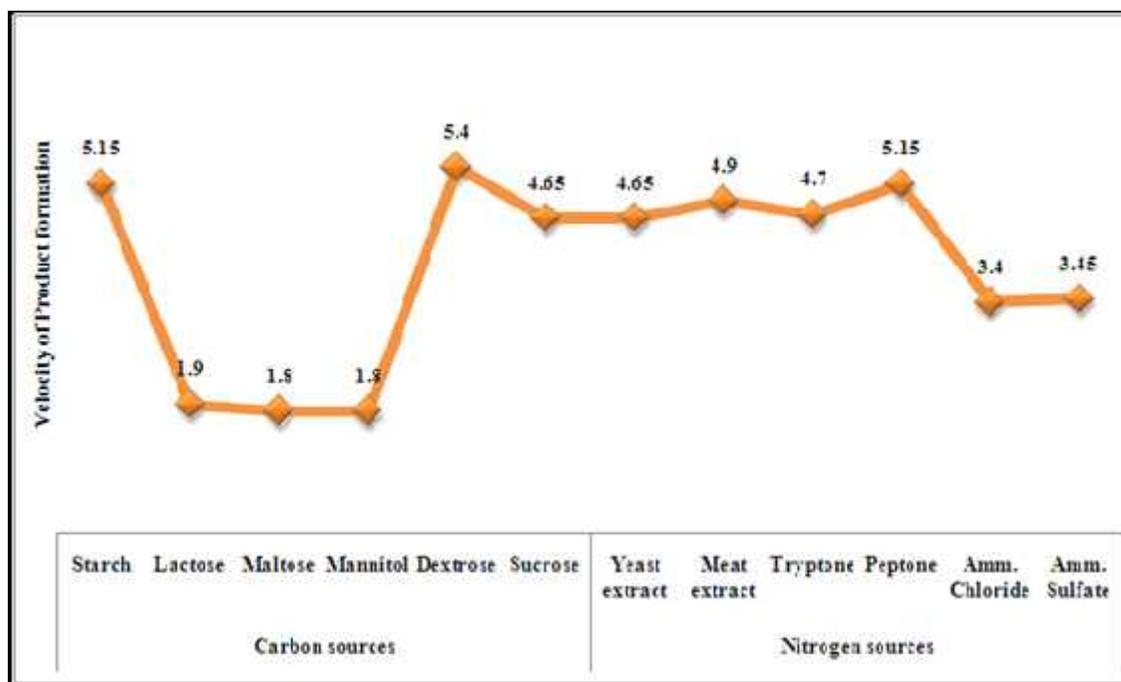


Fig. 2
Effect of C: N sources on production of alkaline - amylase from *B. horikoshii*

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