

Production of Animal Feed Protein from *Vigna unguiculata* and *Cicer arietinum*

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ABSTRACT--- Single cell proteins are rich essential nutritive amino acids, the building blocks of protein are highly essential for the maintenance of the living system. SCP is used as animal feed and dietary rich food for humans. Many raw materials are used for the production of SCP. This work was carried out to extract a single cell protein from yeast using *Vigna unguiculata* and *Cicer arietinum* substrate. The maximum yield of crude protein was observed in 15 days of fermentation.

Keywords— single cell protein, nitrogen, carbon, fermentation.

INTRODUCTION

The rapid increase of population and rapidly declining natural resources have showed drought, infertile soil and food scarcity, specifically protein shortages in world countries since the latter half of 20th century. Single Cell Protein production has evolved as a good alternative. The dried cells of microbes produced commercially as source of essential amino acids and used as human food or animal feed which are collectively known as SCP [1-4].

Yeasts, unicellular microbes readily suitable to cultivation of protein rich food and to manipulate process needs [4-8]. Thus in a considerable advancement in biotechnology to make yeast based food and animal feed products. The production stands as the good alternative to supplement the requirements of protein rich food and feed-grade protein, vitamins and amino acids [10,11]. Pulse husks are rich source of protein which increases the quality of proteins.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cowpea and chick pea husk waste were collected from dal processing industry. This was used as substrate for submerged fermentation using yeast to extract single cell protein. Isolation of yeast and subculturing procedures was carried out as described by Kreger-Vanrij [12,13].

MEDIA PREPARATION

Production of SCP was carried out in a fermented medium with different carbon and nitrogen sources at a pH of 5. Each medium was poured into 250 ml flask and autoclaved for 15 minutes. Take few ml of inoculum of yeast from main culture was poured into each medium. The process was kept at 25-28°C under good static conditions. The determination of product and its different parameters were carried out in 6-10 day intervals [14-16]. Protein and carbohydrate content of the sample were analyzed [17-21].

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Protein rich in legumes were subjected to submerged fermentation for production of SCP from yeast using cowpea and chick pea husk substrate [23,24]. The different carbon sources used were glucose, fructose, lactose and maltose. Production of SCP is enhanced on a nitrogen source of urea and peptone [25,26].

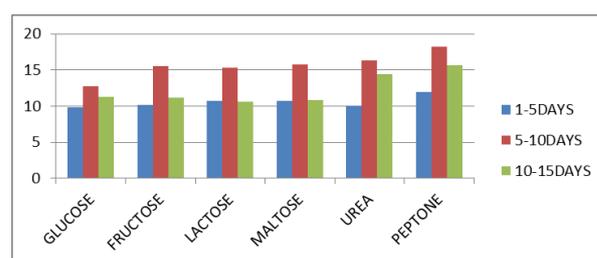


Figure 1: Protein profile in different carbon and nitrogen sources

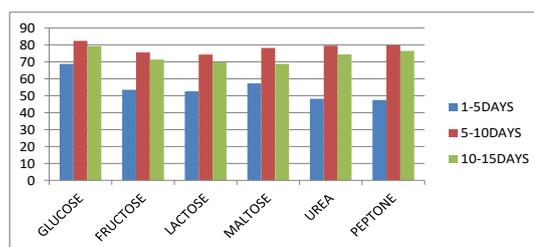


Figure 2: Carbohydrate profile in SCP yield at carbon and nitrogen sources

The nutritive source of cowpea husk and chick pea husk were analyzed by various biochemical assays. The nutritive value of pulses husk were changed when treated with anaerobic fungi. The protein concentration in cowpea husk was found to be rapid increase in fructose substituted medium (8.2mg). It attained good product of 9.2mg in 6-10 days of fermentation, but rapidly reduced to 4.4mg of protein (Fig 1,2). The nitrogen source of peptone was found to be rapid yield of 7.5mg in last stages of fermentation. Similar results were also observed in green gram and Bengal gram husk [27,28].

The carbohydrate was found to be better in fructose enriched medium (51.8mg) in final stage of fermentation. The sugar was gradually raised from 6-10 days and slow rate of reduction at 15 days of fermentation. The sugar content

was found to be low in nitrogen rich of urea and peptone at starting stage of fermentation but rapidly raised to 57.5/100mg in final fermentation (Fig 2). These changes indicated the rapid uptake of carbon and nitrogen sources for stimulation of protein enriched product [29,30].

Glucose enriched medium showed maximum amount of carbohydrate (84.4mg) in 6-10days of process. The carbohydrate was found to be higher in lactose substituted medium. The nitrogen sources of peptone and urea enriched medium showed 41mg of carbohydrates than carbon enriched medium

CONCLUSION

The product of SCP in an yeast medium along with nutrient source of husk of *unguriculata* and *Cicer* were possible by submerged fermentation. The quality of SCP depends on the nutritive source of waste used and stages of product. The supplementation of sugar and ammonium rich constituents were utilized by microbes to stimulate SCP production.

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