

Sugar Utilization Potential of *Micropolyspora* Isolated from Extreme Environment

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Abstract: Problem statement: Waste water of various industries contain large amount of organic compounds which are continuously added in sea via river which causes water pollution. There is need to degrade the organic content to abate water pollution. **Approach:** To stabilize the organic content in sea water, there was need to search such an organism which was efficient to degrade organic content. We had screened the actinomycetes having potential to degrade organic compounds. **Results:** Total six isolates of *Micropolyspora* were obtained, from which all isolates were found to utilize galactose, 50% isolates were able to utilize arabinose, fructose and xylose. 83% of isolates showed mannitol utilization while 67% isolates uses lactose as carbon source and 33% isolates utilizes rhamnose. **Conclusion/Recommendation:** From the study performed, we conclude that, obtained most of *Micropolyspora* isolate may be used for the stabilization of organic content and hence in abatement of pollution.

Key words: Marine environment, *Micropolyspora*, sugar utilization, waste water, abatement

INTRODUCTION

The hydrosphere marine environment represents the major component of Earth biosphere. Ocean represents a vast and exhaustive source of natural products in the globe, harboring the most diverse group of flora and fauna. Marine microorganisms have developed unique metabolic and physiological capabilities to thrive in extreme habitats and produce novel metabolites which are not often present in microbes of terrestrial origin (Mincer *et al.*, 2002). Ocean is largely unexploited or underexploited source of new potentially bioactive substances having great diversity.

There is tremendous diversity and novelty among the marine actinomycetes present in marine environments. As marine environmental conditions are extremely different from terrestrial ones, it is surmised that marine actinomycetes have different characteristics from those of terrestrial counterparts. Because of extraordinary conditions like extremely high pressure, low light and anaerobic conditions in deep sea and high salinity, alkalinity and low nutrient content, generic and metabolic diversity is different in marine actinomycetes; which remains largely unknown (Lam, 2006).

However, distribution of actinomycetes in the sea is largely unknown or unexplored. This is partly caused by lack of efforts spent in exploring marine actinomycetes.

Pollution of marine water is major problem because of shipping and presence of large number of textile industries nearby to seashore. Along with this sea water is polluted by mixing polluted river water with it.

Waste of Sugar industry, paper industry, textile industry, starchy product based industrial wastes; distilleries contain higher concentration of organic compound. This waste water is released in river and through which it get mixed into sea water this results into water pollution of marine ecosystem.

Pollution of oceans by the effluents released from these industries is proving a great problem for the marine life. Therefore, there is need to degrade the pollutants or reduce the pollution by biological control.

Actinomycetes have ability to degrade the complex substances. Bensultana *et al.* (2010) used actinomycetes for the preparation of waste water sand filters. Their findings indicate that antagonistic actinomycetes have potential involvement in removal of waste water associated pathogen.

Nocardia are interesting environmental organisms since, they are able to metabolise sterols and steroids found in animal wastes. They are also able to decompose rubber and other complex hydrocarbons found in many industrial wastes. In recent years, *Nocardia* have been implicated in the production of

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heavy scum on the surface of activated sludge aeration tanks, treating domestic sewage and various industrial wastes (McKinney, 2004).

Various carbohydrates utilization like mellibiose, raffinose, stachyose, lactose, sucrose. was tested to study the extent of degradation of oligosaccharides by Lyons *et al.* (1969).

Proser and Palleroni (1978) studied nutritional characterization of actinomycetes. They found that there are number of actinomycetes which utilizes variety of sugars for their growth. D-arabinose, L-fucose, sucrose and quinate are substrates used by the four strains of *Nocardia mediterranei* and by relatively few of *Streptomyces* strain.

In the present study, actinomycetes were isolated from marine water, mud and sand samples to test their potential of sugar utilization. So that, these actinomycetes may have major role in degradation of waste which is carbohydrate in nature.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Marine water sample, mud sample and sand sample from Goa and Janjira beach (M.S, India)
- Glycerol asparagine agar
- Shirling and Gottlieb medium with 1% sugar like arabinose, fructose, rhamnose, mannitol, galactose, xylose, lactose. separately

Isolation and identification: Different marine samples were streak inoculated on glycerol asparagine agar (Glycerol- 1 g, L-asparagine-0.1 g, K₂ HPO₄-0.1 g, Trace salt solution-0.1mL, agar powder-2.5 g, distilled water-100 mL, pH-7.4) and incubated at room temperature for 4-7 days.

Isolated organisms were identified as actinomycetes on the basis of morphological and cultural characteristics.

Morphological studies were carried out by coverslip culture technique and slide culture technique (Mycelium Pattern e.g., Aerial, Submerged and Surface mycelia and Structure of spore chain).

The organisms were identified on the basis of cultural characteristics grown on different growth media *viz.* Bennet's agar and Dextrose agar and spore

chain morphology; they were further studied for their sugar utilization potential.

Sugar utilization pattern: The isolates were spot inoculated on Shirling and Gottlieb medium [(NH₄)₂ SO₄ - 2.64 g, KH₂PO₄ -2.38 g, K₂HPO₄ -5.65 g, MgSO₄.7 H₂O -1.0 g, Trace salt solution-1.0 mL, agar- 20g, Distilled Water 1000 mL, pH-7.2] having 1% of various sugars like arabinose, fructose, rhamnose, mannitol, galactose, xylose, lactose. separately (Shirling and Gottlieb, 1966). These plates were incubated at room temperature for 4-7 days.

Results were recorded on the basis of presence or absence of growth.

RESULTS

Isolation and identification: The organisms were isolated on glycerol asparagine agar and identified as *Micropolyspora* on the basis of morphological and cultural characteristics by using Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology vol. 4 (Bergey *et al.*, 1989) and MICRO-IS Software.

Sugar utilization pattern: Result of sugar utilization pattern was recorded in Table 1.

All *Micropolyspora* species utilizes galactose, 83% of isolates found to utilize mannitol, 67% isolates were showed growth on lactose while 50% of *Micropolyspora* species were able to utilize arabinose, fructose and xylose. Remaining 33% isolates utilizes rhamnose as carbon source.

DISCUSSION

Garcia-Dominguez *et al.* (1989) reported that the wild type isolate of *Streptomyces clavuligerus* and gut-1 mutant have ability to utilize hexoses (glucose, mannose, galactose and fructose), pentose (xylose), deoxysugars (rhamnose), sugar alcohols (glycerol, inositol, mannitol and sorbitol), disaccharides (maltose, sucrose and lactose) and polysaccharide (starch) of which glycerol, maltose and starch were used efficiently as carbon sources by the wild type isolate.

Table 1: Pattern of sugar utilization of *Micropolyspora*

Isolate No.	Arabinose	Fructose	Lactose	Rhamnose	Mannitol	Xylose	Galactose
BMA ₂	-	+	?	-	+	-	+
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CMA ₂	+	+	+	?	+	+	+
JWA ₁	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
JWA ₂	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
JSA ₂	?	-	+	?	+	?	+

Where: + = Positive; BMA = Baga Mud Actinomycetes; - = Negative; CMA = Calangut Mud Actinomycetes; + = Slight utilization; JWA = Janjira Water Actinomycetes; ? = May be; JSA = Janjira Sand Actinomycetes

It have been reported that the strains of *Streptomyces coalicolor* were grown on medium containing glucose, mannose, fructose, maltose, lactose, starch, mannitol. separately while other strains were not able to use D-fucose and inulin (Proser and Palleroni, 1978).

In comparison to these findings, we have also reported the potential of sugar utilization in *Micropolyspora* species isolated from marine environment. These sugars include galactose, mannitol, lactose, arabinose, fructose, xylose and rhamnose.

CONCLUSION

The *Micropolyspora* species were having potential to stabilize organic content in sea water hence, denote their role in abatement of pollution, in terms of organic content.

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