## OPTIMIZATION OF CULTURE CONDITIONS AND MEDIUM COMPONENTS FOR CARBOXYMETHYL CELLULASE (CMCASE) PRODUCTION BY A NOVEL BASIDIOMYCETE STRAIN PENIOPHORA SP. NDVN01

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Background: Cellulytic enzymes including Carboxymethyl cellulases play the key role in hydrolysis of cellulose, a huge organic carbonreservoir on earth, into monomeric sugars and their eventual conversion into valuable chemicals and energy sources.

Objectives: In this study, we described the identification of a basidiomycete isolate NDVN01 and optimization of culture conditions and medium components for CMCase production by this strain under liquid state fermentation. The CMCase was estimated as 32 - 33 kDa on a native Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE).

Materials and Methods: We used 5 basidiomycetes for screening CMCase production, internal transcribed spacer (ITS) sequence analysis in combination with morphology for strain identification, and liquid state fermentation for optimization of CMCase production.

Results: The maximum CMCase production by Peniophora sp. NDVN01 was obtained at 28 °C, with the initial medium pH of 7 and within 120 hours of cultivation in the optimum medium containing 80 % (v / v) of potato infusion, 0.6 % (w / v) straw rice as additional carbon source and 0.2 % (w / v) ammonium hydrogen phosphate as an additional nitrogen source, and 0.5 % (w / v) pulp as inducer.

Conclusions: Under optimal conditions, Peniophora sp. NDVN01 produced  $24.65 \pm 0.37$  units of CMCase per mL of culture supernatant, which was 8.6 times higher than the amount ( $2.87 \pm 0.28$  U.mL -1) before optimization.