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Microbial Production from Fruit and Floral Waste: A Review

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ABSTRACT:

The citrus peels contain cyclic monoterpene limonene. Limonene is the major component in the oil of citrus peel. In orange oil greater than 90% D-limonene are present. D-limonene extract by the distillation method from orange peel (Aman Panday et al., 2015). According to Rivas et al., the orange peel is in fact constituted by soluble sugars-16.9%, starch-3.75%, fiber (cellulose-9.21%, hemicelluloses-10.5%, lignin-0.84% and pectin-42.5%), ashes-3.50%, fats-1.95 % and proteins-6.50 % (Rivas et al., 2008). Citric acid is an intermediate of the tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA). The first patent for citric acid production by *Aspergillus niger* utilising sugar solutions was reported in 1913 (Tornado et al., 2011). Orange peels contain soluble sugars and pectin as the main components. According to Rivas et al. (2006). The large amount of this waste is still dumped every year, which causes both economic and environmental problems such as high transportation cost, lack of dumping site, and accumulation of high organic content material. Therefore, more effective and sustainable alternatives for using orange peel wastes (Wikandari et al., 2015; Grohmann and Baldwin, 1992; Marin et al., 2007).

Rose is well known plant for aroma production and has number of industrial uses. 2-phenylalcohols are one of the most important aromatic alcohols to give rose like aroma in food products. The higher alcohols are produced by microbes during fermentation from α -keto acids, by degrading amino acid via "Ehrlich pathway" (Styger et al., 2011). Natural flavours are important quality molecules in a wide range of products like food, cosmetics, beverages and pharmaceuticals. Nowadays, most of them originate from chemical synthesis or extraction from plants (Carlquist et al., 2014). The 2-phenylethanol (2-PE) aromatic alcohol, with a global production equaling about 10000 tons per year (Hua and Xu, 2011), is one of the most significant volatile substances. Natural flavours are important quality molecules in a wide range of products like food, cosmetics, beverages

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Key Words: Citrus, Orange peels, Limonene, 2-phenylethanol, Microbes, *Aspergillus niger*, Fermentation, Citric Acid, Aroma, Alcohol.

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I. INTRODUCTION:

Orange fruit contain 70% to 90% water concentration. Orange like citrus fruits are excellent source of vitamin C, A and B, fiber (pectin, cellulose, hemicelluloses & lignin.), minerals (like potassium and calcium) anti-

oxidant compounds like phenolic and carotenoids (Arnason, 2019). Citrus processing industry generate one of waste annually (salma and Ibrahim, 2018). India Produce 25 lakh tonnes of orange every year. Orange peel is a primary waste in production of orange juice so the waste is accumulated in bulk and make environmental problems. (Gotmare and Gade, 2018) The concentrations of total aldehydes increase with fruit maturity but declines with over-maturity. Citric acid is one of the most important organic acids. The citrus peels contain cyclic monoterpene limonene. Limonene is the major component in the oil of citrus peel. In orange oil greater

than 90% D-limonene are present. The D-limonene, occurring common in nature as the fragrance of orange, used as a flavoring agent in food manufacturing, in cosmetic, and in pharmaceutical they can hide the unpleasant taste of drug. Mantzouridou et al. (2015) used *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* for solid state fermentation of orange peel waste to produce yeast flavour and other valuable chemicals. They obtained maximum volatile aroma esters and total polyphenols, respectively, from fermented orange peel. The large amount of this waste is still dumped every year, which causes both economic and environmental problems such as high transportation cost, lack of dumping site, and accumulation of high organic content material. Therefore, more effective and sustainable alternatives for using orange peel wastes (Wikandari et al., 2015; Grohmann and Baldwin, 1992; Marin et al., 2007). Rose is well known plant for aroma production and has number of industrial uses. Roses have many industrial uses along with its antimicrobial properties. Mostly roses are used in cosmetic products. Rose has sweet, pleasurable smell, which is favourable by a lot of people most of the people prefer the smell of rose has most recognised and popular aroma in the world. Essential oil of rose is quite expensive, but has major uses in pharmaceutical and medical. It is also used to cure chronic insomnia (Jane, 2015). Quality of sleep is important during pregnancy and can be improved by changing sleep environment both internally and externally. Rose petals, stem, root, leaves all of them have their own properties and are useful in many ways. Many microorganisms are found from rose plant; they are known as endophytic organisms. Rose plant has been studied with respect to its endophytic fungi characteristics. (Catalina et al., 2007). There are many other products that can be produced by rose, such as dye, cosmetics, essential oils, perfumes, jam, aromatic products, and medicines. In many fermented food products, 2-phenylethanol and 2-phenyl acetate are responsible for rose like smell. 2-phenylethanol (2-PE) has highest industrial value for its rose like smell which is mostly used in cosmetic industries. Some microbial transformation processes are also able to produce 2-PE but its yield is limited due to stress of organic solvents on microorganisms. 2-PE can naturally obtain from flowers like rose, but the extraction method is costly. Market price of naturally produced 2-PE is 1000\$/kg whereas, chemically production of 2-PE cost 5\$/kg, therefore 2-PE bio-production has get more attention (Xinyao et al., 2016). There are number of microorganisms present which can produce 2-PE, such as bacteria, Fungi, and yeast (Masuo et al., 2015 and Gathins et al., 2015).

II. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

CHEMISTRY OF ORANGE PEELS:

Orange Peels are receiving great attention for their high concentration of limonene. This compound is a cyclic monoterpene (C₁₀H₁₆), presenting two different optical isomers: Limonene & L-limonene. An in-situ production of enzymes for recovery of oil from the orange peels is very attractive. The methods employ either submerged fermentation or solid-state fermentation (SSF), the latter being more common. In this study, solid state fermentation of fresh orange peels by *Aspergillus* sp. to extract extra-cellular enzymes and orange peel oil are noted and the effect of methods of orange peel sterilization, importance of selection of the fermentation strain, external nitrogen source, and particle size of the peels are also studied (Labrath & Gaikar, 2020).

CHEMISTRY OF ROSE PETALS:

In 1913, it was obtained the first patent in the United States for a method of producing citric acid by *Aspergillus niger* in sugar solutions (Socol et al., 2006). 2-Phenylethanol (2-PE) is an important flavor and fragrance compound with a rose-like odour. The natural 2-phenylethanol is mainly extracted from rose petals that involve a high-cost process. Specific strains of yeast like *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Hansenula anomala* are also capable of producing a compound by bioconversion of 2-phenylalanine into 2-phenylethanol (Stark et al., 2002).

SUBSTRATE:

Sweet oranges and red roses were used as a sample for the isolation of microorganisms, which was collected from the different regions. Yeast was isolated from slightly rotten sweet orange peels which was left in the airtight plastic bag for two days and then were soaked in sterile distilled water for 3 hours before used as primary sample. Fungi was isolated from rose petals which was left in the open for two days and then soaked in sterile distilled water for another 3 hours. Orange press was obtained from a citrus processing fruit using FMC juice extractors (FMC Corporation, Florida division, Lakeland FL, USA). The liquor was centrifuged at 2100 gm for 10 min and the supernatant was used as the fermentation medium.

CULTURES:

Orange peel and rose petals were cut into small pieces using sterile scalpel and placed into distilled water separately for three hours. After serial dilution of sample, it was then spread onto different agar plates such as GYE agar plate for yeast, sabouraud's agar plate for fungi. Orange peels a

Orange peel and rose petals sample were spread on GYE agar plate and sabouraud's agar plate respectively. All the plates were incubated for 24-Hours. The citric acid-producing strains of *Aspergillus niger* NRRL567 and NRRL599 were obtained from the CAB International Mycological Institute (Surrey, UK) and the strain NRRL567 from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD, USA). Each culture was grown on potato dextrose agar slants (Merck) for 5 days. A spore inoculum was prepared by adding 7 ml of sterilized distilled water to each slant and shaking vigorously for 1 min.

III. FERMENTATION MEDIUM

The pH of the OPL medium was adjusted to 3.0-6.2 with concentrated hydrochloric acid prior to sterilization. The medium 100g was dispensed into 250ml Erlenmeyer flasks. The flasks were autoclaved at 20 min. Each flask was inoculated with 0.4ml of the inoculum. Methanol (0, 20, 40, 60ml) was added and flasks were incubated at 200rpm. All samples were prepared in triplicate.

ANALYTICAL METHODS:

GC MS assay method for 2-phenylethanol headspace was analyzed using a gas chromatography with Agilent technologies technology with a capillary column HP-5. Citric acid and phenyl ethanol levels in the experiments were determined by studying the kinetic profile of citric acid production using a HPLC and Thin layer chromatography. Sweet oranges and red roses were used as a sample for the isolation of microorganisms. Orange peel sample and rose petals sample were spread on GYE agar plate and sabouraud's agar plate respectively. All the plates were incubated for 24-hour at 37°C. After incubation for 24 hours at 37°C all the plates were observed carefully for their colony characteristics. After identification of microorganisms two different fermentation broths were prepared. Fruit waste fermentation broth with yeast extract in 100 ml water with orange peel powder as raw material was prepared for the fermentation of citric acid and limonene. Floral waste fermentation broth with yeast extract in 100 ml water with fresh rose petals as raw material was prepared for the fermentation of β -phenyl ethanol. Isolated yeast, fungi and cyanobacteria were inoculated in both kind of fermentation broths separately and were incubated at 37°C for five days. Determination of different product was performed after every 24 hours and result were noted. Titration method is used to determine the amount of alcohol in fermentation broth. This is widely used method. Citric acid estimation was carried out using acid-based titration method. The reason we used titrimetric method was because it is simple, accurate, rapid and cost-effective method and can be carried out in any simple laboratory. Oil recovery and estimation is quite difficult method and limonene is a terpenoid which makes it more difficult to analyse. Bromatometric method is very easy to handle and give accurate results. β -phenyl ethanol can easily vaporize in the air and difficult to keep without a little cold temperature. We used ice-bath to keep it cool during the estimation process. For standard, extract of rose petals was used. Estimation and extraction of products in alcohol, phenol, citric acid, limonene. Phytochemical analysis in Carbohydrate test in blue precipitate, Tannins test in greenish blue, Saponins test foam production, Glycoside test red and blue separate layers, Flavonoid test yellowish orange, Alkaloid test in red-brown color.

IV. DETERMINATION

ALCOHOL:

Alcohol is one of the main contents produced during fermentation. Titration method is used to determine the amount of alcohol in fermentation broth. This is widely used method. Alcohol is calculated using alcohol standard curve. The process starts with 1ml aliquot taken in test tube. 4ml distilled water was added with 10ml of 0.2N $K_2Cr_2O_7$. Tubes were incubated in boiling water-bath for 30 min. After incubation and cooling it down to the room temperature 20% KI (4 ml) was added and mixed thoroughly. Solution was titrated against 0.1N $Na_2S_2O_3$ till the colour changes to wine red, then few drops of 1% starch was added and colour turned to bluish-green which was again titrated against 0.1N $Na_2S_2O_3$ till the colour change to light blue. Value of B-E was calculated and plotted in graph (Shinde and Patil, 2016).

PHENOL:

The Folin-Ciocalteu method is described in various pharmacopeia for determination of phenolic compounds. Blue colour is formed during the reaction because of phosphotungstic-phosphomolibdenum complex, where the maximum absorption depends on the concentration of phenolic compound. The Folin-Ciocalteu reagent was used to perform phenol estimation test. For the reference chemical standard, stock solution of gallic acid (20 μ g/ml) prepared in distilled water was used, and for the test sample, incubated fermentation broths were used with undiluted and 1:10 diluted sample. 1 mL of each solution was transferred to separate tubes containing 1 mL Folin-Ciocalteu reagent. All the tubes were kept at room temperature for 3 min and then 10% Na_2CO_3 (10 mL) was added. Tubes

were incubated for 30 min at room temperature. After incubation samples were analysed in UV-Vis spectrophotometer for absorbance at 740 nm, water was used as blank. (Mello et al., 2013)

CITRIC ACID:

Citric acid estimation was carried out using acid-based titration method. The reason we used titrimetric method was because it is simple, accurate, rapid and cost-effective method and can be carried out in any simple laboratory. Sample was collected from fermentation broth by directly filter it and then centrifuge the sample at 1000 rpm for 5 min. For standard, citric acid was directly extracted out from orange peel, and different concentrations were prepared and analyzed. First 20 mL sample was taken in flask and few drops of phenolphthalein indicator was added. Solution was titrated using 0.1 N NaOH solution. Final observation was colour change from colorless to pink indicates the presence of citric acid. Final volume of NaOH was noted down. (Eid et al., 2014)

LIMONENE:

Oil recovery and estimation is quite a difficult method and limonene is a terpenoid which makes it more difficult to analyse. Bromate titration method is very easy to handle and give accurate results. Titration method: An empty glass bottle was weighed on weighing machine. 5 mL fermentation broth was taken in bottle and weighed again, then 15 mL 2-propanol was added and weighed again, and the solution transferred into flask. Then 10 mL methyl orange indicator prepared in HCl was added and titrated against 0.1 N potassium bromate solution till the colour changed to yellowish-orange. Standard was performed using extract from orange peel. Amount of limonene was calculated using simple formula as follows:

Amount of limonene = $(0.0034)(Bn)(100)(An + En) / (W)(En)$ Where,
 $0.0034 = 0.1 N KBrO_3 / KBr$
 $Bn = \text{Volume of titrant used} (B - E \text{ value})$

$En = \text{Weight of emulsion} (Eg - Ag)$

$Eg = \text{Weight of bottle + alcohol + sample}$
 $Ag = \text{Weight of bottle + alcohol}$

$An = \text{Weight of alcohol}$
 $(Ag - T) / T = \text{weight of bottle}$

$W = \text{Weight of alcohol emulsion} (Eg - T)$ (Scott et al., 1966)

β-PHENYLETHANOL:

β-phenyl ethanol can easily vaporize in the air and difficult to keep without a little cold temperature. We used ice-bath to keep it cool during the estimation process. For standard, extract of rose petals was used. In this colorimetric method 5 mL fermentation broth was taken into the flask with 10% solution of KNO_3 in H_2SO_4 (2 mL). Flask was then placed into ice-bath for 30 min and then transferred into water-bath for another 30 min. Let it cool and 4 mL NH_4OH and 9 mL H_2O was added, mixed well. Absorbance was measured at 540 nm (McFarlane and Thompson., 1964)

V. APPLICATION

Traditionally, (+)-limonene is used as a flavoring compound in citrus-flavored products such as soft drinks and candy and as a fragrance ingredient in household cleaning products and perfumes (Duetz et al., 2003). As a flavour and fragrance ingredient, limonene has a relatively high price because of the quality requirements in this field. For this application, chirality is important. (+) Limonene (also called R- or d-limonene) has a pleasant, orange-like odor whereas the (−) form (also called S- or l-limonene) has a harsher turpentine-like odor (Friedman and Miller, 1971). Limonene has minor applications in other products. For example, it is used as an insecticide (Cirimina et al., 2014) and is being investigated for medical applications due to its antimicrobial and anti-cancer properties (Inouye et al., 2001; Miller et al., 2010)

Citric acid mainly used in food industry, pharmaceuticals, chemical industry, cosmetics, printings, food preservative, electro pickling, copper plating, beverage & others. Some specific applications are given below (Soccol, 2003; Pandey et al., 2001; Vandenberghe, 1999; Grewal, 1995).

1. Citric acid monohydrate is widely used as an organic acid & pH control agent, flavouring and preservative in food production like candy, cookies, biscuits, jams, jellies, snacks, instant foods and sauces.
2. It is used as acidity regulator and antioxidant in beverage such as alcoholic beverage, carbonated soft drink, syrups, juice drinks, tea & coffee, ice-cream, sports & energy drink.
3. It can be used in thrombin inhibitor and fungicide in pharmaceutical.

Anti-Infective Agents, 2-phenylethanol on humans and other animals that destroy harmful microorganisms or inhibit their activity. They are distinguished from disinfectants, which are used on inanimate objects. Used as preservatives, in pharmaceutical preparation to protect them from chemical change or microbial action. They include anti-bacterial agents and antioxidants (Corre, 1990).

VI. CONCLUSION

In 1913, it was obtained the first patent in the United States for a method of producing citric acid by *Aspergillus niger* in sugar solutions (Soccol et al., 2006). Orange peel was employed in this work as raw material for the production of citric acid (CA) by solid-state fermentation (SSF) of *Aspergillus niger* CECT-2090 (ATCC9142, NRRL599) in Erlenmeyer flasks (Tornado et al., 2011). Microbial production of citric acid and limonene using orange peel powder and β -phenylethanol using rose petals has shown a great amount of production by yeast *Saccharomyces* sp., fungi *Aspergillus* sp. Microbial production of citric acid, limonene, 2-phenylethanol has been carried out successfully using various methods, still confirm analysis using GC-MS or FTIR or TLC is necessary. Even though, it is quite difficult to work the microorganisms we used gave quite the satisfactory results. Microbial production of citric acid, limonene, 2-phenylethanol has been carried out successfully using various methods. In future aspects genetic analysis of microorganisms, anti-fungal & anti-bacterial. The medium used throughout this study contained total sugars as glucose: fructose: sucrose ratio of 1.0:0.8:0.7, respectively.

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