

# Study on the production of prodigiosin by isolated *Serratia marcescens* DYU

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## ABSTRACT

The structure of prodigiosin is a linear tripyrrole which is a typical secondary metabolite produced by *Serratia marcescens*, *Vibrio psychroerythrus*, *Pseudomonas magnesorubra*, and *Streptomyces* spp. The characteristics of prodigiosin families were reported characteristics of having not only having antibiotics and immunosuppressant activities, but also given anticancer activity recently. A bacterial strain which had higher prodigiosin producing was isolated, and designated as *Serratia marcescens* DYU according to its 16S rDNA sequences. The optimization of submerged culture conditions was studied for the production of prodigiosin by *Serratia marcescens* DYU in a shake culture. Maximum biomass and prodigiosin production of *Serratia marcescens* DYU were both observed at 30 °C and pH range of 5.5-7. Experimental results suggest that the effect of pH may be related to the amount of prodigiosin. The maximum prodigiosin productivity by *Serratia marcescens* DYU was about 580 mg/L when medium containing sucrose (5 g/L) and peptone (15 g/L) as carbon and nitrogen source, respectively. Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) analysis indicated that the red product may be a prodigiosin derivative. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) analysis indicated that the red product was prodigiosin. All the stability analysis of prodigiosin indicated that Prodigiosin needs preservation at -20 ~ -25 °C, it's sensitizing to light, so the production of prodigiosin needs prevent the light; at the same time, prodigiosin was sensitizing to pH, too, the prodigiosin will change it's color by various pH value, but won't effect the concentration of the prodigiosin.

Keywords : Pigment、Prodigiosin、*Serratia marcescens*

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