

# Morphogenesis, fermentation and active ingredient analysis of *Cordyceps* spp. for functional foods.

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## ABSTRACT

The object of the research is the differences about the morphology development of *C. sinensis* cultured in the different medium. In the different cultured situation among the selected species of the *C. memorabilis*, *C. militaris*, *C. sinensis*, establishes the basic information about the species in the artificial cultures, for qualifying the industrial species by the API-ZYM kit. By the different liquid fermentation culture of *C. sinensis* and *C. militaris*, mycelium and fermentation supernatant could be detected and analyzed by HPLC as Adenosine, Cordycepin and N-2-hydroxyethyl adenosine. There are obviously different in the morphology in the different culture situations, in the API-ZYM kit system obey repeatedly produced the same enzymes, including phosphatase alkaline, Esterase, Esterase lipase, Leucine arylamidase, phosphatase acid, Naphthol-AS-BI-phosphohydrolyse, and N- acetyl- -glucosa- minidase. It would be found that *C. militaris* cultured in the submerged YM broth produced cordycepin best, over 880 ppm. The dry weight of mycelium and the quantity of cordycepin have correlation. We could get more high quantity of cordycepin in the submerged culture than that in the shake culture; mycelium grown would be repressed in the submerged culture than that in the shake culture.

Keywords : *Cordyceps* spp. ; fermentation culture ; morphogenesis ; functional foods

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