

Study on Enzymatic Activity of Pectinase for Degrading Methoxyl-Pectin

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ABSTRACT

In this study, pectinase (pectolytic enzymes; PLEs including pectinlyase, polygalacturonase, pectinesterase) was used to study its enzymatic activity for degrading methoxyl-pectin. For both high and low methoxyl-group pectins (HMGP and LMGP, respectively), the optimal reaction temperature and time for PLEs was 60 and first 30 min, respectively. For HMGP and LMGP, the optimal reaction pH of PLEs was 5.0 and 4.0, respectively. The enzymatic activity of PLEs decreased significantly when the reaction pH was above pH 6.0 and the temperature was above 70. This result may be due to its acidity and denaturation. For the stability test, the optimal temperature of PLEs thermostability was at 30~40, while the PLEs was stable at the pH range of the buffer solution from 3.0 to 5.0 at room temperature and its activity retained about 80~90% after 120 min incubation at this temperature. The storage temperature (4 and 30) of PLEs was also investigated. PLEs still conserved about 80% activity during 7 days at 4, but the activity of PLEs after 4-day storage at 30 decreased significantly from about 95% to below 40%. For HMGP and LMGP gels, the K_m and V_m constants of PLEs were 0.16mg/mL HMGP gel and 2.31mg/mL reducing sugar per min and 1.53mg/mL LMGP gel and 7.71mg/mL reducing sugar per min, respectively.

Keywords : pectinase, pectin, enzymatic activity, reducing sugar

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