

# Optimization of Cultivation Conditions for Iturin A Production by *Bacillus subtilis* Using Solid State Fermentation

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## ABSTRACT

Strains of *Bacillus subtilis* have been studied as biological control agents against plant pathogens. The production of antibiotics may play an important role in their biocontrol activity. Iturin A, a lipopeptide which was originally isolated from the culture medium of a strain of *B. subtilis*, presents a number of very interesting biological activities and therefore, a great deal of attention has been devoted to it. The purpose of this research was studying the optimization of cultivation conditions for Iturin A production under solid state fermentation from *B. subtilis*. Response surface methodology (RSM) was employed to study the optimization and best, production of Iturin A in solid state fermentation by *B. subtilis*, respectively. The better oxygen was obtained by using bread flour 10 g and rice husk 50 g under circulation relatively to produce high yield. 50% moisture content, 20% (v/w) inoculum, glucose 1 %, air area 4.15 cm<sup>2</sup>, can get 9.26 mg/g-substrate Iturin A after five days incubation. Reach supreme Iturin A production 9.99 mg/g-substrate while adding the span 80 as 1% in surfactants. And add with 1% peanut oil can reach the largest production of the Iturin A (10.23mg/g-substrate). The optimal medium of solid state fermentation from the RSM was including glucose 1.15%, KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1.27 mM, MgSO<sub>4</sub> 5.08 mM, peanut oil 1.01%, inoculum 19.49%, moisture content 44.97% and the Iturin A production was 11.435 mg/g-substrate.

Keywords : *Bacillus subtilis* ; Iturin A ; Response surface Methodology ; solid state fermentation

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