

Optimisation of lignin peroxidase production using locally isolated *Pycnoporus* sp. through factorial design

ABSTRACT

Lignin peroxidase has been extensively studied and has been reported to produce by white rot fungus. The highest lignin peroxidase producer from local isolates, identified as *Pycnoporus* sp. was selected for the optimisation study. Factorial design approach was significant to determine the optimum conditions that significantly influenced the production of lignin peroxidase by *Pycnoporus* sp. Several factors were selected in a range indicated by -1 and +1 for lower and upper level, respectively. The results of ANOVA were analysed to check for the significant factors. Optimum condition for the highest lignin peroxidase activity of 51.1 U L⁻¹ was obtained at 24 mM of nitrogen concentration, agitation speed at 110 rpm, pH 3.5, inoculum concentration of 6x10⁶ spores mL⁻¹ and with the addition of inducer (veratryl alcohol). Considering the results obtained, this statistical design was effective in improving the lignin peroxidase production from *Pycnoporus* sp.

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