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COMPARATIVE STUDIES ON L-GLUTAMINASE PRODUCTION BY SOLID STATE FERMENTATION

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ABSTRACT:

L-Glutaminase is an amidohydrolase enzyme that catalysis the deamidation of L-glutamine to L-glutamic acid and ammonia. This is an essential enzyme for the synthesis of various metabolic intermediates. Recently glutaminase has received attention owing to its potential application in medicine as an anticancer agent. Lglutaminase is extensively used as anti-leukemic agent. In the present study, L-glutaminase was produced from the bacterial species *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* KRS7. Solid state fermentation was followed in this study for the enzyme production using different agro-industrial and fishery byproducts. At optimum pH and temperature, maximum yield of L-glutaminase was obtained. Then, the enzyme was subjected to partial purification by aqueous two-phase extraction using polymer-salt system.

Keywords: L-Glutaminase; Pseudomonas aeruginosa KRS7; Solid state fermentation; polymer-salt system

