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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A	-	Absorbance
BSA	-	Bovine Serum Albumin
CaCl ₂	-	Calcium Chloride
FFA	-	Free Fatty Acid
g	-	Gram
H ₂ S	-	Hydrogen Sulfide
M	-	Molar
mg	-	milligram
ml	-	milliliter
NaOH	-	Sodium hydroxide
nm	-	nanometer
OD	-	Optical Density
rpm	-	rotation per minute

ABSTRACT

This study was carried out to investigate the production of lipase by MD031 bacteria isolated from coral mucus at Bidong Island, Terengganu. The identification of MD031 bacteria was confirmed by several biochemical tests based on the morphological and phenotypic characteristics. The results suggested that MD031 bacteria is *Brucella* sp. The best medium for lipase induction has been determined between three different media: Zobell modified medium, nutrient broth in sea water and nutrient broth in distilled water. Zobell modified medium has been chosen as the best medium for culture growth. For the pre-inoculum preparation, it was determined that MD031 bacteria took five hours to achieve OD reading of 0.5 at 600nm, which indicates the mid-log phase of bacteria. Different parameters were determined to find the optimum reaction conditions for lipase production: incubation time, temperature, and amount of substrate. The assays were done using 48.05 μ g of crude enzyme as it is the suitable amount of enzyme to optimize the amount of fatty acids released. The results obtained showed that there were no significant differences ($P>0.05$) in the incubation time between 6 and 12 hours and also between 18 and 24 hours, but there was significant difference ($P<0.05$) observed between range of 6–12 hours and 18 hours. No significant difference ($P>0.05$) was observed between 27°C and 37°C but 27°C was significantly higher ($P<0.05$) compared to 15°C. Furthermore, there was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) observed in the amount of substrates between 1% and 2% but 2% was significantly different ($P<0.05$) compared to 3%. The optimum conditions chosen for MD031 bacteria to produce lipase was in the range of 18-24 hour, at 27°C-37°C and 3% of substrate, using 43.05 μ g of enzyme in the lipase assay. The results indicate that the MD031 bacteria is capable of producing lipase.

SARINGAN AKTIVITI LIPASE DARIPADA BAKTERIA MD031 YANG DIASINGKAN DARIPADA MUKUS BATU KARANG.

ABSTRAK

Kajian ini dilakukan untuk menentukan penghasilan enzim lipase oleh bakteria MD031 yang dipencarkan daripada mukus batu karang dari Pulau Bidong, Terengganu. Identiti bakteria MD031 telah disahkan dengan beberapa ujian biokimia berdasarkan ciri-ciri morfologi dan fenotipik. Keputusan yang diperolehi mencadangkan bahawa bakteria MD031 adalah *Brucella* sp. Medium kultur terbaik untuk digunakan bagi proses induksi lipase telah diuji pada tiga jenis medium berbeza: Zobell, broth nutrien dalam air laut and broth nutrien dalam air suling; medium Zobell telah didapati sebagai medium terbaik bagi proses pertumbuhan kultur. Bagi persediaan pre-inokulum, bakteria MD031 didapati memerlukan lima jam bagi mencapai bacaan OD=0.5 pada 600nm, iaitu fasa eksponen bagi bakteria. Parameter yang berbeza diuji bagi menentukan takat optimum kadar penghasilan lipase: masa pengaraman, suhu dan jumlah substrat. Pengujian ini dibuat dengan menggunakan $48.05\mu\text{g}$ enzim mentah kerana ia adalah amaun enzim yang sesuai untuk memaksimumkan amaun asid lemak yang dibebaskan. Keputusan menunjukkan tiada perbezaan bererti ($P>0.05$) dalam masa pengaraman antara 6 dan 12 jam dan juga antara 18 dan 24 jam, tetapi terdapat perbezaan bererti ($P<0.05$) diperhatikan antara julat 6 – 12 jam dan 18 jam. Didapati tiada perbezaan bererti ($P>0.05$) dalam suhu pengaraman antara 27°C dan 37°C , sebaliknya 27°C adalah lebih bererti ($P<0.05$) berbanding dengan 15°C . Tambahan lagi, tiada perbezaan bererti ($P>0.05$) diperhatikan dalam amaun substrat antara 1% dan 2%, tetapi 2% adalah berbeza dengan bererti ($P<0.05$) berbanding dengan 3%. Keadaan optimum yang dipilih bagi penghasilan lipase oleh bakteria MD031 adalah di antara 18-24 jam, pada suhu 27°C - 37°C dan 3% substrat, menggunakan $43.05\mu\text{g}$ enzim dalam asai lipase. Keputusan kajian menunjukkan bahawa bakteria MD031 mampu untuk menghasilkan lipase.