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Abbreviations

PDA Potato Dextrose Agar

ISP International Streptomyces Project

no. number medium temp. temperature min. number minute

rpm. round/minute v/v volume/volume w/v weight/volume

g/l gram/liter ml milliliter mg milligram

U unit hour

C.b.F.o Cell biomass of Fusarium oxysporum

F.oxysporum Fusarium oxysporum Fusarium solani

M.phaseolinae Macrophomina phaseolinae S.griseolus Streptomyces griseolus

O.D optical density
Sp.gr specific gravity
coll.chitin colloidal chitin
malt ext. malt extract
yeast ext. yeast extract
CSW cotton seed waste

Chi chitin

GPI glucophosphatidylinositol PPE partially purified enzyme NAGA N-acetylglucosamine

fig. figure

C-additives carbon additives N-additives nitrogen additives

cm centimeter

Abstract

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Microorganisms play an enormously important role in plant disease control, as naturally occurring resident antagonists. Also they can be exploited to achieve the desired results. Forty one soil microorganisms belonging to genus *Streptomyces* and bacteria were isolated from the rhizosphere of healthy and infected plants in a *Fusarium* wilt-infected crop field.

The different isolates were screened for their mycolytic capacity against *Fusarium oxysporum*, the causal agent of wilt disease which can cause major yield losses in economic crops. The best isolate for lytic capacity was identified to be *Streptomyces griseolus*. Due to the increasing importance of chitinolytic enzymes, *S.griseolus* was further tested for its chitinolytic productivity and the optimum cultural conditions for maximum production. The produced chitinases were partially purified and examined for the optimal activity conditions. The partially purified enzyme was tested for its lytic capacity against different phytopathogenic fungi.

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