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ABSTRACT

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Four strains of *Trichoderma* (T1 , T2, T3 and T4) Belong to two species *Trichoderma harzianum* (T1) and *Trichoderma viride* (T2, T3 and T4) were tested against plant pathogenic fungus (*Rhizoctonia solani* , *Pythium* sp and *Fusarium oxysporum*). *In vitro* Test of the previous isolates that the T1 and T2 is most efficient strains. All isolates were evaluated for production of chitinases and β -1,3-glucanase. Using colloidal chitin as a substrate, *Trichoderma harzianum* (T1) strain was the most efficient in chitinase activity (160 ± 0.64 u/ml/min) , while *Trichoderma viride*2 (T2) strain was the most efficient in (225 ± 2.20 u/ml/min).

The selected strains have been mutagenize to obtain variants capable to producing high levels of chitinase and β -1,3-glucanase by using UV (ultraviolet irradiation) 254 nm, CAMAG light, type TL-9001) in two steps mutagenize. Six mutants from strain (T1) and five from parental strain (T2).

The best strain in antagonism on the three pathogens after mutation was *Trichoderma harzianum* (T112). This improvement in extracellular enzyme production by mutant *Trichoderma harizanum*.

KEYWORDS: Genetic improvement, *Trichoderma*, biocontrol, chitinase, β -1,3-glucanase,UV irradiation, ISSR-PCR.

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