

## Microbial Production of Isobutanol from Lignocellulosic Biomass

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### Abstract

In the present investigation, simplistic approach is used to biosynthesize isobutanol from lignocellulosic plant products after microbial consumption. Isobutanol, which is considered as the second generation biofuel has a lot of properties whose attraction makes its usage as a fuel. Lignocellulose comprises of carbohydrate polymers linked with lignin is an important component of cell wall in plant cells. Different microbes produced synergistic efforts to produce isobutanol from lignin cellulosic biomass. These microbes comprise of several enzymatic schemes with diverse substrate specificities which have the ability to destroy synergistically the complex biomass into simpler saccharides like sugars, and then into isobutanol. In order to determine this, various species of cellulolytic bacteria and fungi were isolated from various sources. Identification of bacteria and fungi separately at specie level was performed with the help of biochemical profiling and characterization. Vogel's medium was used for preparing fungal hydrolysate for fu-

ngi in optimal conditions of temperature, pressure and pH etc. Fungi had degraded the complex compounds into simpler ones (sugars), after defined incubation time. Later, bacterial colonies were suspended in the hydrolysate at optimum conditions. Here bacteria metabolized the sugar into isobutanol. In the end, HPLC investigation was performed to evaluate the isobutanol production.

### Keywords

Antimicrobial activity, Isobutanol, Lignocellulosic, Congo red assay and HPLC analysis.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Biofuels are in progress being an innovative energy sources gained from (Jones DT & DR Woods, 2006). Biomass or plant matter can be defined as 'traditional biomass', which is utilized in pollutant ancient cooking stoves as not been effective, and 'modern biomasses represent the biomass designed as a reliable technique

used in the production of heat, electricity and transference of liquid fuels (Flores *et al.*, 2019; Promedonkoy *et al.*, 2019). There is a big need in questing and developing of the substitute of liquid fuel sources that were conventionally prepared from petroleum. This is due to many factors like imbalance in demand and supply, national security and ecological impact (da Conceição Gomes *et al.*, 2019; Singh *et al.*, 2000). Potential expansion in renewable fuels may require the advancement in first generation biofuels such as biodiesel and ethanol to another generation biofuels for example isobutanol (Angenent *et al.*, 2004). Isobutanol is used as solvent in different techniques. It is a natural organic compound found in many products of food, drinks and oils Huzir *et al.*, 2018; Jones *et al.*, 2000). Isobutanol is observed as next generation biofuel due to having absolute characteristics and considered as more significant biofuel than that of ethanol. Being a next generation biofuel, there is need that the newly formed product makes its effect on the current infrastructure as well as enhances the existing fuels value chain (Cascone, 2008). Isobutanol leads the traditional biofuel ethanol because it has numerous qualities like high octane value, low hygroscopicity, gasoline with blend properties, complete compatibility with engines, pipelines and with high energy content (Sarangi & Nanda, 2018; Connor and Liao, 2009). By the mutual action of common microbes, biofuel could be manufactured from waste products of plants (Cascone 2008).

Plant materials are chiefly consisting of lignocellulosic complex, including lignin, cellulose and hemi cellulose such as lignocellulosic material (Birgen *et al.*, 2019). On earth the most significant and abundantly found is cellulose which is a polysaccharide of glucose residues consisting of linear  $\alpha$ -1,4-glycosidic linkages. Many industrially

significant commodity products have been made available due to its large quantity (Sique-ira *et al.*, 2020; Datar *et al.*, 2004). Unluckily, most of the cellulosic residue is destroyed due to burning of biomass. This procedure is not only limited in the developing countries but also considered as world wide phenomenon (Hendriks and Zeeman, 2006). Transformation of Cellulose into the glucose is quite reasonable and promising technique which is attained with the help of cellulolytic system. Lignin is basically a non-polysaccharide in ligno cellulose which embeds the cellulose to safeguard against bacterial, fungal and chemical destruction. The degradation of cellulose into glucose becomes challenging in cellulosic isobutanol production techniques which could be improved with the help of microbes that are used in consolidated bioprocessing techniques (Himmel, 2007; Vivek *et al.*, 2019). In this technique a single microbe transforms the complex ligno celluloses in a simple sugar moiety which is then transforms into isobutanol (Olson *et al.*, 2012). Well-organized pre treatment of lignocellulosic biomass is essentially used in the improvement of the digestibility of lignocellulosic biomass (Li *et al.*, 2019; Luo *et al.*, 2020). Fungi have the capability to destroy composite cell wall structure present in plant cells (includes lignin) by the sequences of enzymes e.g., cellulases and hemi cellulases (Horn *et al.*, 2012).

However, alcohols with extended chains of carbon, as butanols (isobutanol) certainly have numerous appropriate features which are suitable with the current biofuel distribution structure. Moreover, ethical concerns refute the practice of fodders as a biofuel source. Lignocellulosic biomass, when considered as a waste product also proposes a smart substitute. The present study was done to investigate the biosynthesis of isobutanol from microbial consumption of lignoc-

ellulose biomass.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1. Location, Sample Size, Collection and Processing

The experiment was performed in microbiological laboratory of Institute of Microbiology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The media used for antimicrobial analysis were Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), Nutrient Agar, Nutrient Broth, MacConkey Agar, MacConkey Broth, Sabouraud Dextrose agar, Sabouraud Dextrose broth and Vogel's Medium.

Sterilization of all the culture media using autoclave was done at 121°C for 15-20 min/15lb. (Ibraheem and Ndimba, 2013). A Total of 20 soil samples were collected from different localities of Faisalabad and its vicinity. Soils samples subsequently after assortment were appropriately wrapped, labeled and referred to research laboratory and were reserved at 4°C. For dilutions, 1g of soil sample was mixed in 9 mL of saline and shook thoroughly. Further dilutions were made from it up to 10. (Behera *et al.*, 2014).

### 2.2. Isolation of Bacteria and Fungi

Pour plate method was done in which dilutions of 0.1 ml were poured on the center of the plates. With the help of L-shape glass spreader or sterilized swab, the dilutions were spread thoroughly on nutrient agar plates and Sabouraud agar plates for bacteria and fungi respectively. The plates were tagged properly and incubated at 37°C for 24 hours in case of bacteria and 30°C for 4-7 days for the growth of fungi. There was mixed growth of different colonies of bacteria and fungi on separate plates.

Further, each colony on the separate nutrient agar and Sabouraud agar plate was purified followed by the same method.

### 2.3. Identification of Bacterial Isolates and their Biochemical Profiling

Bacterial isolates were apparently recognized by macroscopic examination of colony morphology such as size, margins, shape and surface pigmentation on nutrient agar plates. Microscopic investigation includes Gram's staining technique in which arrangement of cells, their shape, staining behavior and granulation was identified. Spore staining was done to examine the spore producing bacterial isolates (Muhammad *et al.*, 2012). Biochemical characteristics were investigated using motility, catalase production, Voges Proskauer (V-P) reaction, Indole production, Methyl Red production, citrate utilization, carbohydrate metabolism (acid-gas production), Oxidative fermentation tests following the standard procedures mentioned in Bergey's Guide of Determinative Bacteria (Jahangeer *et al.*, 2005).

### 2.4. Identification of Fungal Strains and their Microscopic Examination

Fungal identification was done by lactophenol cotton blue (LPCB) wet mount preparation technique which have been considered as the most extensively used technique for staining and detecting fungi. To identify the species of most fungi in precise manner, it is crucial to note the accurate arrangement of the conidiophores and propagation of their spores (conidial ontogeny). In Riddell's technique to culture fungi on the slide was examined virtually in situ by causing very less disturbance (Nakamura and Kappamura, 2011). Colony morphology was evaluated at first to che-

ck the groups of isolates having broad range. After completing preliminary examinations, microscopic observations were used to identify fungal isolates at species level. After observing hyphae, their structure was determined by checking either they are septate or aseptate, branches are present or absent, Pigmented or non-pigmented, even or uneven and composed of arthroconidia or pseudohyphae. In case of conidiation, the shape and size of conidia or spores, their pattern of being arranged and the presence of specific diagnostic structures such as pycnidia, cleistothecia, Hulle cells was observed (Atchara *et al.*, 2008).

### 2.5. Detection of Cellulase Producing Activity of Bacterial and fungal Species by Congo red assay

The growth of cultures took place in a batches circular in shape to determine the zones over CMC agar media plates for 4-7 days. A Congo red dye (0.2% w/v) was poured on the plates for 20 minutes then discarded the dye. In the next step 1M NaCl was poured on plates for 20 minutes and also discarded after the required time. Hydrolyzing activity of a cellulose was assessed by the presence of clear zones in the culture batches, selected with the maximum zone (diameter) to colony diameter and were designated for quantitative investigation of enzyme (cellulose) (Mane *et al.*, 2007).

#### 2.5.1. Hydrolysate preparation and Isobutanol production

Fungal culture was inoculated into Vogel's medium (containing salts and lignocellulosic products) supplemented at room temperature for 96 hours at 200 rpm, (Cherry & Fidants, 2-

003). After the 96 hour incubation, the degradation by fungus was started. This hydrolysate was then filtered over a 0.22  $\mu$ m mesh for the cells to be removed. After that bacterial culture was suspended in 10 mL of hydrolysate (pH7) with 0.1 mM IPTG and incubated at 30°C, 250 rpm for the period of the experiment to produce isobutanol.

### 2.6. HPLC analysis

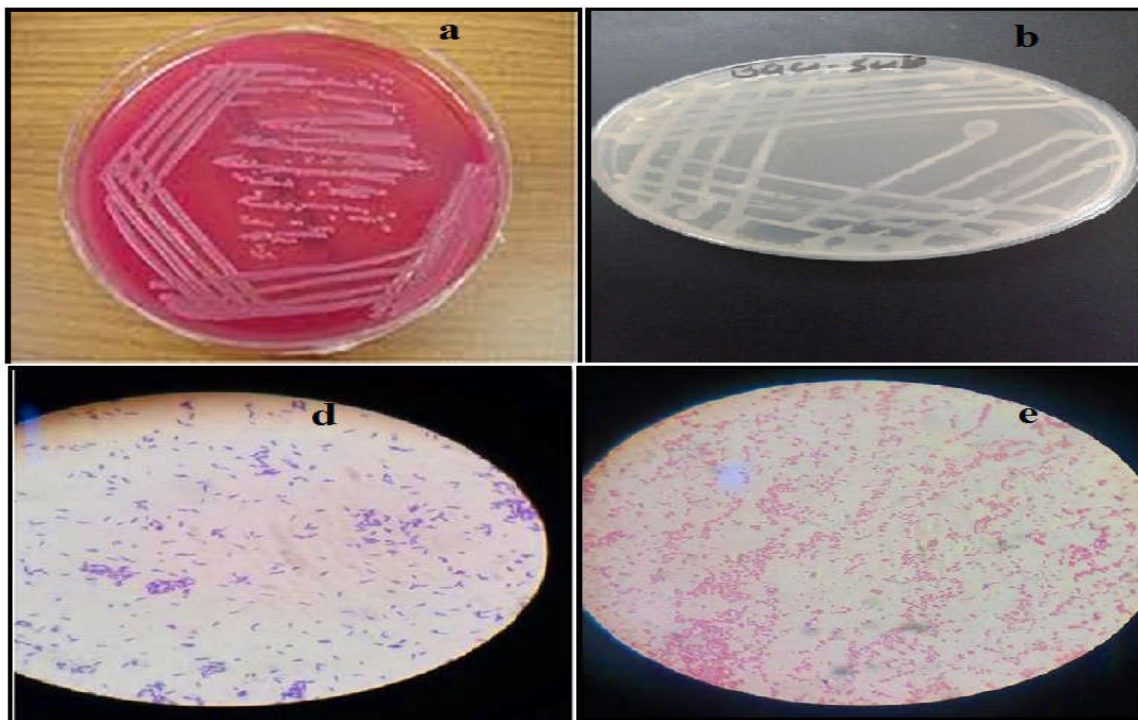
Shimadzu 20A HPLC (Columbia, MD) was used for the measurement of Glucose consumption which consisted of differential refractive index detector (RID) 10A and a Bio-Rad (Hercules, CA, USA) Aminex fast acid analysis column. Mobile phase of 5 mM H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with flow rate of 0.6 mL/min at 65°C for 12.5 minutes is used.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Macroscopic and Microscopic Identification of Bacterial isolates

MacConkey Agar was used for isolation of *E.coli* in 24 hours at 37 degrees by Streak plate method. They showed lactose fermentation specified by the pink halo, bile precipitant around the colonies as well as pink colony growth. In case of *Bacillus subtilis* colonies were produced by spore forming rodson nutrient agar which are dry, flat, and unequal, with lobate margins. Microscopically Gram positive (*B. subtilis*) was typically rod-shaped with 4-10 microns long. This bacterium made a hard, shielding endospore that permitted it to bear life threatening ecological circumstances.

Gram negative (*E.coli*) cells were typically rod shaped with 2 micrometers ( $\mu$ m) long and about 0.5 $\mu$ m in diameter as shown in Fig. 1 (a), (b), (d) and (e).



**Fig. 1:** (a) *E. coli*, (b) *Bacillus subtilis* (Macroscopic Identification of Bacterial isolates) and (d) *E. coli*, (e) *Bacillus subtilis* (Microscopic Identification of Bacterial isolates)

### 3.2. Biochemical Profiling of Bacterial isolates

#### 3.2.1. Catalase Test

There was the quick evolution of oxygen (within 5-10 sec.) in positive result which showed through bubbling while no bubble the change of a red color after the addition of the reagents representing the occurrence of diacetyl due to the oxidation product of acetoin, in 15 minutes or more or merely a little dispersed bubbles in negative result.

#### 3.2.2. MR (Methyl red) and VP (Voges-Proskauer) Test

At pH 4.4, culture medium turned red due to addition of methyl red, which showed that MR is positive due to fermentation of glucose. However, when less acid is produced from the fermentation of glucose then culture medium remained yellow. It represented the negative result. In case of VP test, positive result showed the test was not noted for Voges-Proskauer cultures after standing over 1 hour which yield a copper like color as negative. Possibly it could result in a wrong positive interpretation.

#### 3.2.3. Indole Test

A ring of Pink color was formed after the

addition of appropriate chemical showed positive result and if no color variation was noted even after the addition of appropriate chemical indicated negative result.

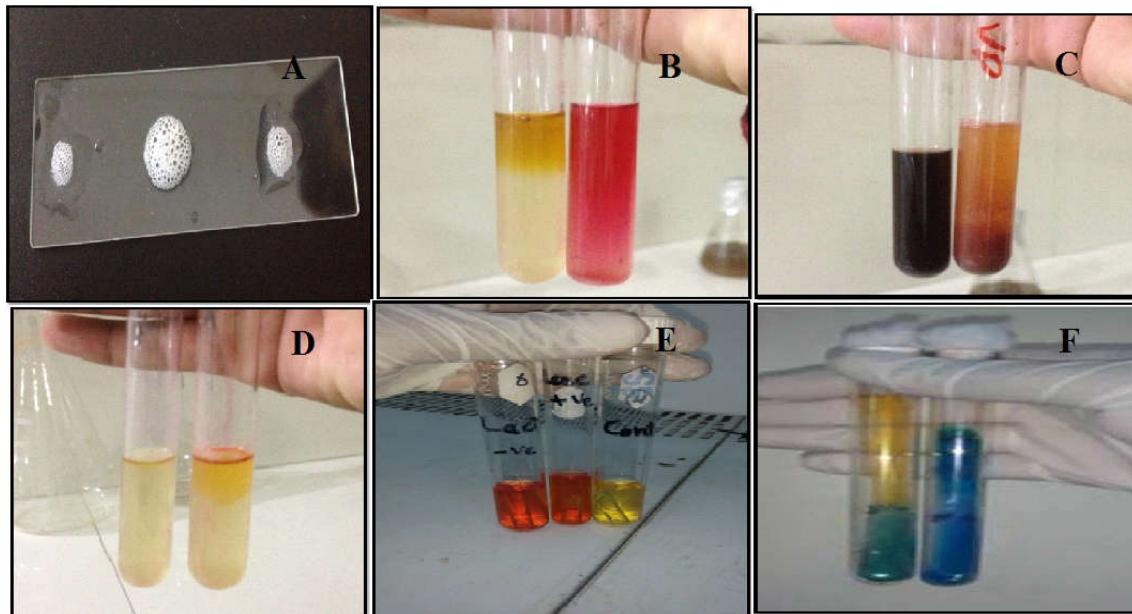
### 3.2.4. Carbohydrate Fermentation Test

The presence of yellow color in the medium was represented by acid production. For oxidative organisms, firstly color production may be observed near the surface of the medium.

### 3.2.5. Citrate Test

When growth was noticed on the slant surface positive result was indicated and medium turned into deep Prussian blue color. PH of the medium

was raised above 7.6 as a result of citrate catabolism due to the production of by-products of carbonates and bicarbonates that are alkaline in nature which caused bromothymol blue conversion from its green color to blue. Trace or no growth showed the negative result. If there was no color change; the medium remained in the color of deep forest green of un-inoculated agar. Simply bacteria which consume citrate for their only carbon and energy source would show their growth on the Simmons citrate medium. Thus, a citrate negative test culture was not distinguished from an un-inoculated slant as shown in Fig. 2 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F).



**Fig. 2:** Biochemical profiling of *E.coli* Here (A) Catalase +ve, (B) MR +ve, (C) VP -ve, (D) Indole +ve, (E) Carbohydrate fermenter +ve and (F) Citrate -ve.

### 3.3. Biochemical profiling of *Bacillus subtilis*

#### 3.3.1. Catalase reduction test

The quick development of oxygen within 5-10 second showed by bubbling was sign of positive result while no bubbles or only a few dispersed bubbles was noted in negative result.

#### 3.3.2. Indole Test

Here the pink colored ring was shown after adding appropriate chemical reagent which indicated positive result while no color change even after the addition of appropriate chemical showed the negative result.

#### 3.3.3. MR and VP

Positive result occurred if the culture medium became red because of the addition of methyl red and due to the pH at 4.4 or lower after the fermentation of glucose. When culture medium gained its color yellow that was happened due to less acid production after the fermentation of glucose which proposed the negative result. In VP test positive test was shown by the red color development in 15 minutes or more subsequently adding the chemicals representing the occurrence of diacetyl, the oxidation product of acetoin. This test was not noted for Voges-Proskauer cultures after standing over 1 hour which yield a copper like color as negative, possibly it could result in a wrong positive interpretation.

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#### 3.3.5. Oxidative Fermentation

Acid production was noticed in the medium through the advent of yellow coloration. In oxidative organisms, firstly color production was observed nearby the surface of the medium as shown in Fig. 3 (G), (H), (I), (G), (K) and (L).

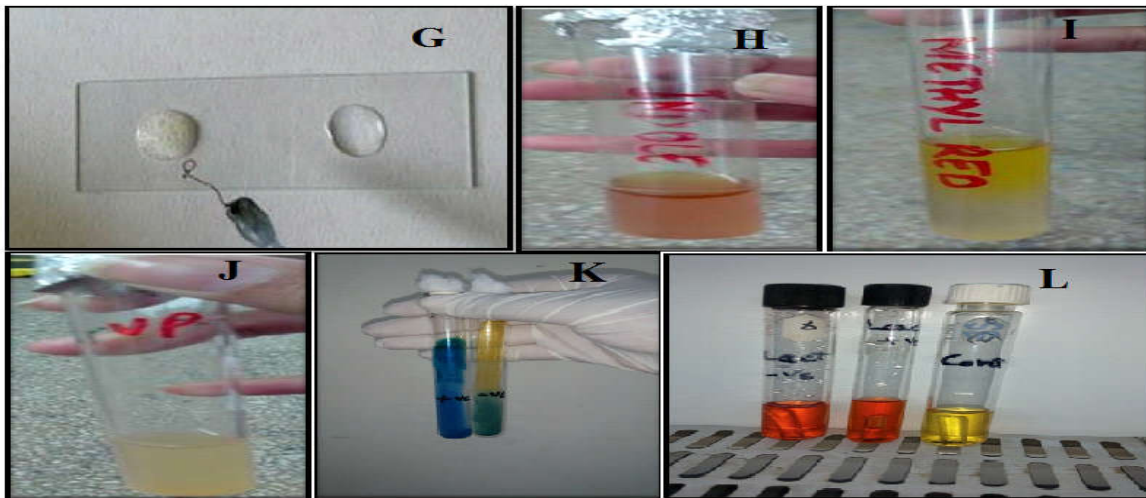
### 3.4. Macroscopic and Microscopic Features of fungal isolates

Colonies of *Aspergillus niger* were prepared as dense white or yellow basal which were enclosed by a thick layer of dark-brown to black conidial heads on Sabouraud Dextrose agar. Colonies of *Trichoderma harzianum* were frequently growing merely in lesser zones or in the form of concentric ring-like area at agar surface. Firstly appeared as white and downy, later emerging yellowish-green to profound green dense tufts. Conidial heads of *Aspergillus niger* were huge ranging about 3 mm by 15 to 20  $\mu$ m in a diameter and were globose. When observed under microscope

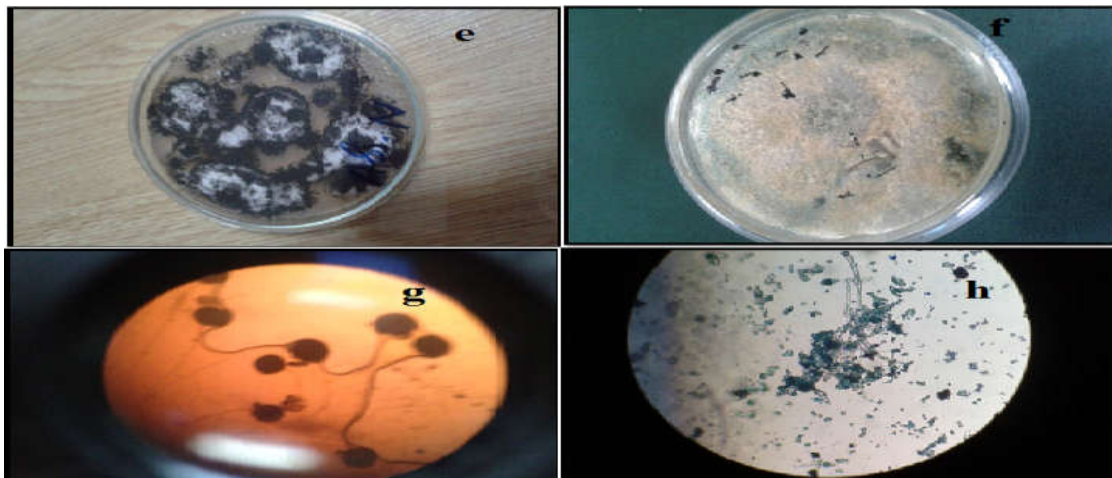


seemed as dark brown and radiate with tendency to divide into numerous loose columns with age. Conidiophore stipes was smooth-walled, hyaline or becoming dark near the vesicle. Conidial heads often septate metulae and were biseriate with the phialides borne on brown with conidia 3.5-5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter showing globose to subglobose, dark brown to black with rough-walled. Conidiophores

of *Trichoderma harzianum* were frequently branched, bearing clusters of different, frequently unevenly bent, flask-shaped phialides and an evenly verticillate. Conidia were typically green. Occasionally, hyaline with smooth or rough walls and were designed in slimy conidial heads (gloiospora) which were clustered at the tips of the phialides as shown in Fig. 4 (e), (f), (g) and (h).



**Fig. 3:** Biochemical profiling of *B. subtilis* Here (G) Catalase -ve, (H) Indole -ve, (I) Methyl red -ve, (J) VP -ve, (K) Citrate -ve and (L) Oxidative fermenter +ve



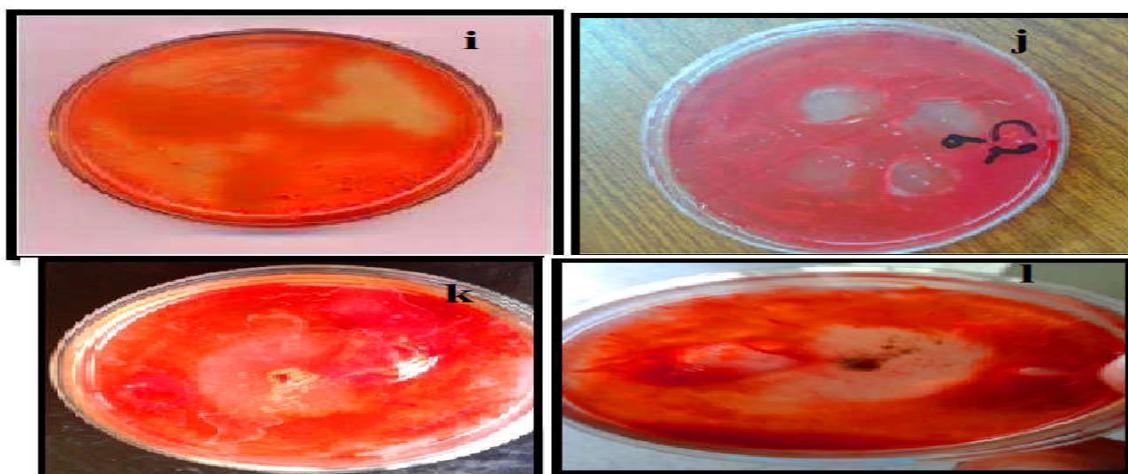
**Fig.4:** (e) Pure culture of *Aspergillus niger* (f) Pure culture of *Trichoderma Harzianum* (g) *Aspergillus niger* under microscope (h) *Trichoderma harzianum* under microscope



### 3.5. Zones of Hydrolysis Produced By Bacteria and Fungi

At CMC agar media plates, the growth of cultures took place in circular batches for 4-7 days. After that the plates were poured with 0.2 % (w/v) Congo red dye for 20 minutes. The dye was then discarded. In the next step 1 M NaCl was flooded in the same plates for 20 minutes and discarded. The clear zones were noted around

the bacterial and fungal growth having cellulose degrading activity. For the calculation of hydrolytic values and measurement of clear zones in cellulose Congo red media, Table 2 showed the evaluation of isolates of bacteria from organism for cellulose decomposition. Maximum clearing zone and HC value of 50 mm and 8.2 respectively were assessed for *T. harzianum* as shown in Fig. 5 (i), (j), (k) and (l).



**Fig5:** Positive strains of bacteria and fungi showing clearing zone having CMCase activity, (i) *Bacillus subtilis*, (j) *E. coli*, (k) *Trichoderma harzianum* and (l) *Aspergillus niger*

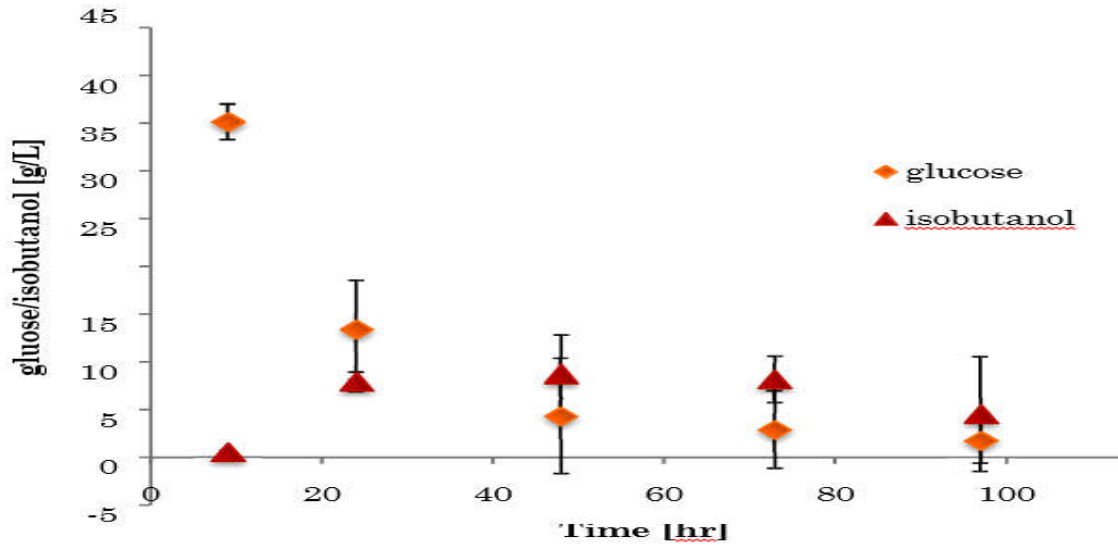
### 3.6. Special medium for isobutanol production and its incubation conditions

Bacteria and fungi were grown at 34°C in VM medium that had been modified to reduce precipitation. Shaking incubation setting was induced at 200 rpm for 96 hours at room temperature. The turbidity of medium was observed after the optimum period of time which

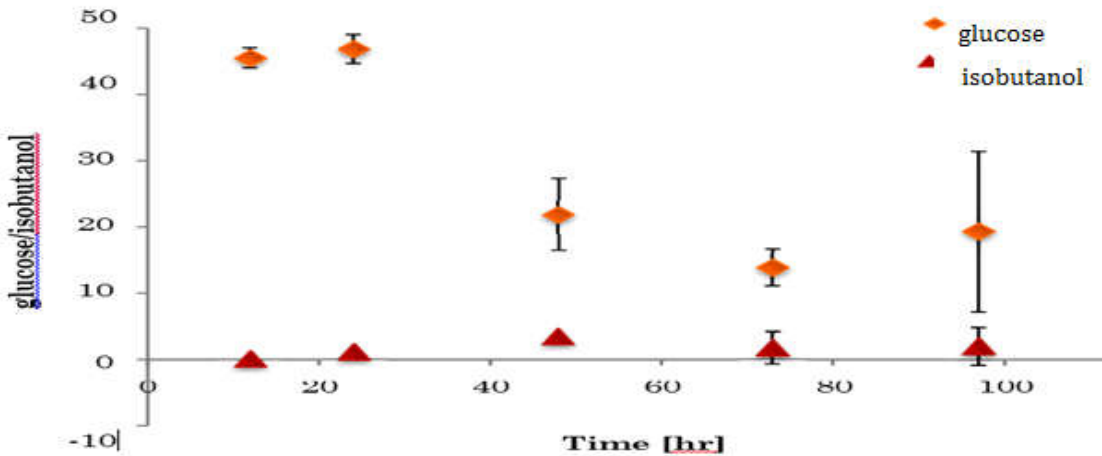
showed the positive growth of microorganism and their metabolic activity (Bacteria and Fungi).

### 3.7. HPLC Analysis

*T. harzianum*/*E. coli* consortium utilize more glucose compared with the consortium of *A. niger*/*B. subtilis* and produced cent amount of isobutanolas showed in Fig. 6 and 7.



**Fig. 6:** HPLC analysis showed glucose consumption and isobutanol production by the combined effect of *T.harzianum* and *E. coli*



**Figure 7:** HPLC analysis showed glucose consumption and isobutanol production by the combined effect of *A.niger* and *B.subtilis*

**Table 1. Gram's Reaction and Biochemical Profiling of Isolates**

Bacteria	Gram's Reaction	Motility	Catalase	MR	VP	Indole	Citrate	Oxidative Fermentation
<i>E. Coli</i>	-ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	-ve	+ve	-ve	+ve
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	+ve	+ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve

**Table 2. Maximum clearing zone and hydrolytic capacity (HC) value of cellulose degrading bacteria and fungi on CMC Congo red agar media**

Microorganism	Maximum clearing zone (mm)	Average HC value	Maximum HC value
<i>B. Sabtilis</i>	30	5.49	6.77
	42	4.29	8.4
<i>E. Coli</i>	40	3.45	6.45
	50	5.96	9.8
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	30	3.51	4.3
<i>Trichoderma harzianum</i>	50	5.35	8.2

Demand has been raised due to increasing population in all over the world. The non renewable fossil fuels such as petroleum, oil, natural gas and diesel have been expended frequently. Renewable product or any substitute if not exchanged by the natural products, these naturally produced fuels will rapidly be exhausted (Abramson *et al.*, 2010; Bhatia *et al.*, 2020; Li *et al.*, 2020). In order to improve this serious problem, various skills are used to produce renewable biofuels. Biofuels are comprise of biodiesel, ethanol and isobutanol and are converted to liquid fuels prepared from biomass. Biofuel is made from the biomass which can be attained from plants reserved energy obtained from the sun in the form

of chemical energy. With the help of numerous techniques, this dumped energy can be altered into liquid fuels. Sugars which naturally exist in plants like sugar cane, wheat, corn; we can change them into ethanol and isobutanol. EPCOT, EISA, Gevo etc. are various Government and pvt sectors. They are working seriously to examine new energy means and promoting the spirit of people as well to use biofuels as a substitute of natural fuels (Beringer *et al.*, 2011). Due to its value chain, four carbon alcohol (Isobutanol) has numerous features that assisted the fuel industry in transportation. In order to build novel facilities, Gevo has made more than 98% pure product from sugars into isobutanol at low cost with the

support of renewable method (Dixon, 2013). It is referred as upcoming renewable biofuel and a vibrant molecule preferred over the aforementioned biofuels ethanol, a building block of the imminent biofuels. Consequently, the requirement to produce isobutanol at its pure form that work more proficiently equated with others biofuels (Birgen *et al.*, 2019; Byrt *et al.*, 2011).

Lignocellulolytic biomass is converted into simpler sugars and then isobutanol with the help of different microbes, which have the capability to destroy them. Inoculation of soil samples were done on all-purpose media to segregate diverse bacteria which were collected from various places of Faisalabad. Characterizations of the isolated strains were done, such as morphological, colonial and biochemical as discussed (Achtman and Wanger, 2008). Segregation of genus *Bacillus* on the basis of spore staining, gram staining, catalase, starch hydrolysis and MR examination from other isolates was done. All the *Bacillus* species were comprising of dense pepti-doglycan and enzyme, Catalase and amylase. Few strains of bacilli were variable for MR tests as mentioned by Achtman and Wanger. Enteric isolates such as *E.coli* were scanned by MR, VP, Indole, citrate, oxidase and sugar fermentation test while biochemical tests were completed in laboratory as accomplished by (Dixon, 2013).

Likewise, isolation of fungal strains was prudently performed with the help of different morphological features including colony color and growth pattern. Certain microscopic features were investigated under the microscope including formation of spore and color. Recognition and purification of *Trichoderma harzianum* was done on pure culture Sabouraud Dextrose agar. Identification of *Aspergillus niger* was done easily when equated to *T. harzianum* due to hav-

ing easily recognized microscopic and macroscopic characteristics.

Growth on Carboxymethylcellulose agar was tracked by congo red dye by calculating nearby their zone of clearance in order to separate cellulolytic capability of isolate. For mixing of CMC agar in water several difficulties were encountered. After autoclaving temperature the clumps were made even by keeping media not to dissolve well. This problem was fixed in by adding of tween 80 and mixed all the substances with great ease which is operated by instance emulsifier. Congo red dye assay was effectively done and then the outcomes were established (Maki *et al.*, 2009).

*E.coli* and *B. subtilis* displayed extreme zones of clearance at 40 mm to 50 mm; and 30 mm to 42 mm respectively. Here *E.coli* showed the greater capability of cellulose deprivation than that of *B. subtilis*. Likewise in example of fungi *T. harzianum* and *A. niger* made extreme clearing zone of 50mm and 30 mm respectively. Here *T. harzianum* showed had greater cellulose degrading capability as equated to *A. niger*. Here *T. Harzianum* displayed chief outcomes of cellulolytic action amongst all the pure bacterial and fungal isolates.

After measuring their OD at regular intervals 1 ml of overnight cell of bacteria and algae were cultured. Continuously their OD was assessed till these cultures were attained immobile stage. After incubation at 4°C cells were approximately 0.1 OD was achieved which was prerequisite (Cook and Devoto, 2011). All trials were performed with at least three replicates.

With complex chemical composition Vogel's media was organized. It comprised of heat sensitive vitamins and chemicals that could not tolerate the autoclave temperature. Consequently,

sterilization and purification of these solutions became difficult. For the eradication of bacteria, their spores and other contamination producing particles, sterilization of these heat sensitive solutions were performed at 0.2 to 0.5 micron filters. The sterilized media was inoculated with 1 % fungal broths of *A. niger* and *T. harzianum* in hydrolysate preparation. At 200 rpm for 96 hours at room temperature the shaking incubation settings were provided. These settings were a challenging assignment in a public research laboratory. Although these settings were not entirely proficient according to the protocol suggested by (Hildebr and *et al.*, 2014). Conversely their outcomes were to some degree alike. Next step of filtration was completed by 0.2 $\mu$  filter paper. Media with transparent appearance was used after filtration and was inoculated by the broth cultures of bacteria for the production of isobutanol. Same incubation settings were delivered for the next 24-48 hours. Subsequently once more filtration of the media was done and filtrate was exposed to HPLC for identification of glucose depletion and isobutanol manufacture.

The microbes that have the ability of consolidated bioprocessing; a gigantic research has been directed for their microbial engineering. To skillfully hydrolyze the cellulose as well as to modify the residual sugars to biofuels at greater harvests, these microorganisms are projected (Berlinger *et al.*, 2011). In order to supervise this aim, with the mutual effect of cellulolytic bacteria and fungi the production of isobutanol from cellulose has exposed. Glitches and the achievements had been likewise confronted by rewarding this objective. The genetic engineering of plants permits genetic alterations of the cell wall of plant's function and structure. It also sug-

est solutions to lessen this difficulty in using trees and energy yields (Lal, 2005). The demand for renewable liquid fuels has aggravated the researchers to discover advanced resolutions and applied technologies, irrespective of the current technological glitches linked with the handling of the complex polymers of plant cell wall into fermented sugars (Lee *et al.*, 2009).

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The confrontation of these crops and inability of microbes to efficiently ferment lignocellulosic hydrolysates still has stopped the treatment of bio-alcohols from these plentiful sources. Apparently, no recognized microbe could be originated with all these mutual qualities which are essential for a maintainable isobutanol manufacturer. Therefore, the hunt to undercover a microorganism displaying greater isobutanol harvests different techniques are used like species and their propagation techniques and genetic engineering for translating all the lignocellulosic saccharides or even accomplished to the usage of carbon monoxide or dioxide, and thus being significantly resilient to inhibitors and cultivatable with great ease in large fermenters.

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