

ISOLATION AND ANALYSIS OF PLANT GROWTH HORMONE AUXIN - IAA FROM *RHIZOBIUM* SPP.

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Plant Growth hormone auxin - IAA synthesized by Rhizobium Spp, which is a symbiotic nitrogen fixer present in root nodules of leguminous plants. IAA from Rhizobium isolated by using physiological precursor Tryptophan. Tryptophan with varying concentration is used for synthesis of Auxin. The produced IAA can be confirmed by xylene, Kovac's reagent and Salkowski reagent. Further FTIR analysis of produced IAA is carried out. The two main benefits of this study is that Rhizobium Spp capable of producing Auxin can be used as a Biofertilizer and the synthesized Auxin is applied in Plant Tissue culture.

Key words:- Auxin, Kovac's reagent, precursor, pleomorphism, FTIR

Introduction:-

Plant hormones are signal molecules acting as a chemical messengers that control plant growth and development. In addition numerous soil bacteria and fungi produce plant growth hormones. These hormones are very similar to plant hormones in their physiological activities. Now these microbial origin plant hormones are used in plant tissue culture. It is now well established that there are two sources of phytohormones one as endogenous production by the plant tissues and exogenous production by associated microorganisms. The ability to synthesize plant growth hormone is wide spread among soil and plant associated bacteria responsible for plant growth promotion & symbiotic association.

Material and Methods:-

1. Isolation of Rhizobium:-

For isolation of Rhizobium root nodules of leguminous plants *Trigonella Spp* were selected, the root nodules were washed with tap water to remove the soil. The nodules were surface sterilized by dipping in 0.2% HgCl₂ solution for 3 to 5 minutes, then followed by washing with D/W. The surface sterilized root nodules were crushed in minimum volume of 0.85% Saline (NaCl) with help of sterilized glass rod to obtain uniform suspension.

The prepared Suspension was subjected for Gram's Staining for presence of Gram negative Bacterioids, as rhizobia are pleomorphic in nature, when they are present in root nodules they looks like chinese letter . the morphological forms resembles to different letters like, L,T,V,Y,X these forms are called as Bacterioids.

A loopfull of suspension was streak inoculated on Congored yeast extract mannitol agar plate. The colony characteristics of well isolated colourless colony were recorded and confirmed for Gram negative short rods . such colourless colony was again restreaked on fresh CRYEMA medium to maintain pure culture on Plate as well as Slant.

2. Enrichment of Rhizobium And Biosynthesis of Auxin:-

Sterilized CRYEMA broth with tryptophan was inoculated with isolated rhizobium. The 3 different flasks were prepared containing CRYEMA broth with varying concentrations of tryptophan in each flask as 2mg/ml, 4mg/ml, 6mg/ml . the flasks were incubated at 37° C for 48 hrs in shaking incubator at 100 rpm.

After incubation broth was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 min and the contentes were filtered through whatman's filter paper . the filtrate were stored at 20° C and used for further studies.

3. Determination of Auxin biosynthesis:- The Auxin-IAA produced by Rhizobium was confirmed by Qualitative as well as Quantitative Test.

i) Qualitative Test by using Xylene & Kovac's reagent:-

In 3 different test tubes samples obtained from filtrate is taken ,followed by addition of xylene to form a separate layer, then addition of Kovac's reagent from the sides of the test tube and observed for formation of pink colour ring.

Xylene extracts the indole which further react with Kovac's reagent to form pink colour.

ii) Confirmation of IAA by TLC using xylene and Kovac's reagent:-

In this method xylene is used as a mobile phase . 4 Silica gel TLC plates were prepared one for std and other for sample. After spotting the plates were allowed to run in TLC chamber containing xylene. After running the plates were sprayed with kovac's reagent and observed for formation of pink colour spot and R.F.values were calculated.

Distance travelled by Solute (Std & samples)	Distance travelled by Solvent:- (xylene)- 10 cm	
		R.F. Value
Std IIA	8 cm	0.8
Sample-1	7.8 cm	0.78
Sample-2	8.0 cm	0.8
Sample-3	8.0 cm	0.8

The TLC of the samples and Std IIA showed almost same R.F. values.

iii) TLC by using Salkowaski's reagent:-

In this benzene, butanol, acetic acid was used as a mobile phase, the 4 plates one for Std and 3 for samples were spotted separately and allowed to run. After this the plates were sprayed with salkowask's reagent and observed for formation of pink colour spot, R.F.values were calculated.

Distance travelled by Solute (Std & samples)	Distance travelled by Solvent:- (xylene)- 11.5 cm	
		R.F. Value
Std IIA	7.8 cm	0.67
Sample-1	7.8 cm	0.67
Sample-2	7.8 cm	0.67
Sample-3	7.8 cm	0.67

The TLC of the samples and Std IIA showed almost same R.F. values.

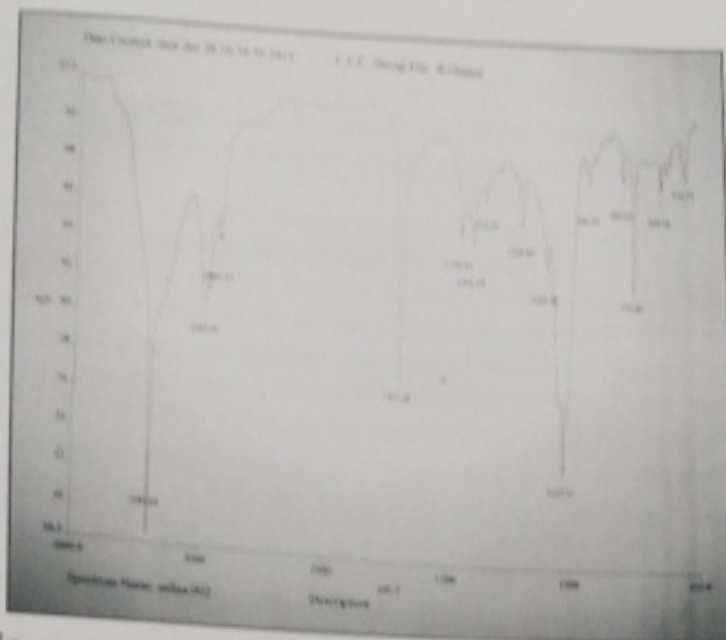
iv) Quantitative Analysis of IIA :- Colorimetrically the IIA can be estimated by Salkowaski's reagent. IIA react with Salkowaski's reagent to form pink colored complex intensity of color is directly proportional to concentration of IIA. the conc. Of IIA in sample determined by using(std IIA CONC 500µg/ml) Std graph. The conc of IIA is found to be increased in samples with increase in conc. Of tryptophan.

4. Extraction & Purification of IIA:- Filterates obtained from broth centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 30 min, supernatant acidified to 2.5 to 3.0 by using 0.1N HCl and made twice with ethyl acetate at double the volume of supernatant. Extracted ethyl acetate fraction was evaporated to dryness at 40 C. The extract was dissolved in methanol & kept at -20°C, used for further studies.

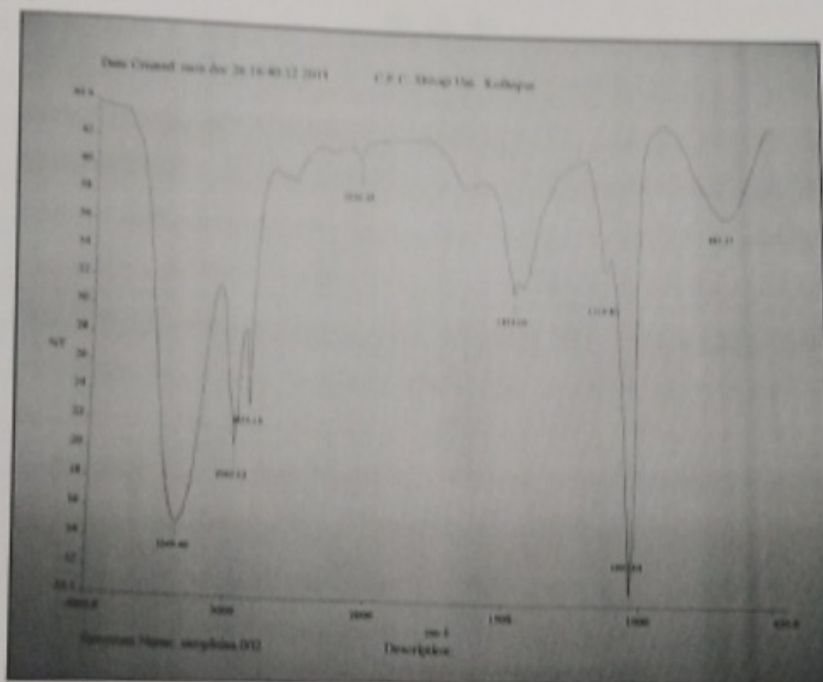
5. FTIR Analysis For detection of IIA:-

FTIR Can provide useful information about functional groups present in compound for this std IIA & samples were analysed, results were recorded.

For Std IIA



For Sample



Result and Discussion :-

Rhizobium Spp were isolated from the root nodules of Trigonella Spp . The Spp is tested for biosynthesis of auxin in presence of tryptophan. In this study rhizobium show utilization of different concentrations of l-tryptophan for IIA production. As the biological nitrogen fixation paly vital role in increasing the growth of leguminous plants by developing a symbiotic relationship between rhizobia and plant. At the same time the produced IIA responsible for growth of the plant.

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