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Distillery Effluent Melanoidin Decolorization Induced by a Yeast Strain *Candida tropicalis* (Y-2)

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Abstract

Molasses is used in the manufacturing of ethanol at sugarcane distilleries, which also produces a significant volume of effluent with melanoidin pigment and high BOD, COD, and pH. Melanoidin is a dark brown pigment that may be treated before disposal since it has a number of harmful consequences. This study's objective was to identify possible melanoidin pigment-decolorizing yeast from natural resources and optimize it for various physiological, chemical, and dietary factors. From the various samples taken from the neighbouring distillery site, a total of 15 yeasts were isolated. *Candida tropicalis* (Y-2) was the name of the yeast strain that had the most colour decolorization. Within 32 hours of incubation, this strain of yeast displayed maximal decolorization (83%) at 35°C with 0.5% glucose, 0.5% peptone, 0.05% $MgSO_4$, and 0.01% KH_2PO_4 pH-5. This yeast displayed maximal decolorization in the shortest amount of time while using the least quantity of carbon and nitrogen sources. This yeast strain may be used on an industrial scale to decolorize melanoidin since it is exceedingly successful. This is the first investigation of this unique strain of yeast that decolorizes spent wash.

Keywords: Decolorization, Melanoidin, Medium, Novel Yeast, Optimization

1. Introduction

Global population growth encourages the growth of industrial sectors, which cause contamination of the soil, water, and air. Environmental stress is increased when toxins from numerous businesses are released into the environment and harm living things. The distillery industry is one such sector that is growing quickly. In India, there are more than 295 distilleries that annually produce 40 billion litres of spent wash (distillery effluent) and roughly 2.7 billion litres of alcoholic beverages. The main reason why distillery spent wash is a dark brown colour is because melanoidin, an organic molecule, is present in it.

Melanoidin is the most important component of spent wash. It is produced by the Maillard reaction, which is a reaction that takes place involving an amino acid and a carbohydrate[1,2]. These brightly coloured compounds block sunlight from reaching rivers, lakes, or lagoons, which reduces the amount of photosynthetic activity and decreases the concentration of dissolved oxygen, both of which are harmful to life in these bodies of water. The dumping of used wash on land is another risky practice since it reduces the pH of the soil, which inhibits the germination of seedlings and the production of potable water[1]. Before being disposed of into the environment, the coloured molecule in spent wash must be handled because it has antioxidant characteristics and becomes hazardous to all living things, including microorganisms[3,4]. Melanoidin can be eliminated using a number of conventional physical and chemical techniques. However, these techniques produce a lot of sludge and call for high reagent doses[5,6]. Biological approaches provide a great alternative to chemical breakdown techniques for decolorization and degradation of spent wash because of their cheap cost, ecologically friendly treatment, socially acceptable treatment, and cost-competitive treatment[6,7]. It has been proposed that several biological processes, including biodegradation and bio-adsorption, may one day be used to remove colour from spent wash[8,9]. Melanoidin pigment can be discoloured by a wide range of aerobic microbes, including bacteria, fungus, cyanobacteria, and yeasts[10]. Several bacterial strains, which were obtained

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from sewage and subsequently adapted to escalating levels of distillery waste, demonstrated the capability to reduce the Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) by approximately 80% within a period of 4-5 days without the need for any aeration. This was accomplished by the bacteria after they were exposed to high levels of the distillery waste. The procedure resulted in the production of biomass, carbon dioxide, and volatile acids as its primary waste products. In the year 2001, Raghukumar and Rivonkar conducted a study wherein they observed that *Flavodon flavus*, a marine fungus, exhibited greater efficacy in the decolorization of raw molasses spent-wash compared to the molasses wastewater obtained after subjecting it to either aerobic or anaerobic treatment for the molasses. In 2006, Tondee and Sirianutapiboon were able to successfully extract *Issatchenkia orientalis* yeast from fruit samples that demonstrated 60% melanoidin decolorization when heated to 30°C for seven days in an aerobic environment. In the current study, an effort was undertaken to isolate a yeast strain with the capacity to decolorize spent-wash using minimum carbon and nitrogen sources and at minimum time.

2. Materials and Methods

The Masodha Sugarcane Distillery in Ayodhya, U.P., India, provided the distillery effluent, which was collected aseptically. Effluent was processed for further analysis, and the suspended particles were removed by settling them down using a centrifugation process at a speed of 10,000 rpm for 15 minutes. Then samples were stored at 4°C to test different parameters mentioned further in the section below. These physico-chemical properties that were analysed were colour, odour, pH, BOD, COD, total sugars, TDS, sulphates, phosphorus, and calcium. These physicochemical characteristics were studied using standard water and wastewater evaluation methods.

2.1 Melanoidin-Decolorizing Yeast: Isolation, Screening, and Identification

A soil sample taken from a distillery was used to extract melanoidin-decolorizing yeast, which was then cultured on GPYE agar medium for between 24 and 48 hours. The initial pH of the growth medium was 5.5, and it included 0.2% K_2HPO_4, 0.1% KH_2PO_4, 0.01% $MgSO_4.12H_2O$, 0.5% glucose, and 0.1% yeast extract. The effluent had an initial OD of 3.5, and the medium had been prepared with the above-mentioned ingredients. In order to isolate the yeast that decolorizes molasses, the collected effluent was serially diluted up to 10-7. 100 l of dilutions of 10-5 and 10-6 were then spread on sterile plates of GPYE agar media. After that, the plates were incubated at 25-45 °C for 8-48 hours to look for yeast. After 8-48 hours of incubation, the efficiency of the decolorization process was visually assessed. The isolates that had higher melanoidin decolorization were chosen for further research, maintained at 4°C for further work, and subcultured every two weeks. CytoGene Labs, Lucknow, India, recognised the genus and species of these cultures.

2.2 Inoculum Preparation

A full loop of a 24-hour-grown culture was inoculated onto a basal agar plate with 50ml of basal nutrient broth to create the mother culture. This was then incubated at 35°C for 24 hours to produce an active phase of exponential growth with a population of 50 x 10^{-7} C.F.U. ml/l. Inoculum at 0.5% v/v was then introduced to the sterile media.

2.3 Decolorization Assay

Distillery After the GPYE broth had been inoculated with effluent decolorizing yeast and allowed to incubate for the required period of time, the broth was centrifuged at a speed of 10,000 rpm for ten minutes. This was done in order to remove any sediment from the broth. According to Ohmomo *et al.*'s research, a spectrophotometer set to 475nm was used to determine the melanoidin absorbance maximum (Amax)[11]. During this whole procedure, the composition of the supernatant was analysed for our purposes. We were able to determine the yield of decolorization by comparing the optical density change at 475nm to the absorbance that was present at the beginning of the experiment at the same wavelength. The group that functioned as the control group was composed of members of the media who had not been immunised. Every experiment was conducted in triplicate, and each set of findings was weighed against those obtained from a control group. The following equation was used to demonstrate the ability of the isolate to remove colour from the sample:

Decolorization (%) = I - F/I
I is the Initial absorbance (Control)
F is the absorbance of the medium broth that has been decoloured.

2.4 Biomass Determination

The dry weight of the yeast cells in the broth was separated by centrifuging them at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. This was done after first washing the yeast cells with DW and then drying them in an oven at 80°C until they reached a consistent weight, which was then recorded as the dry weight of cell mass (g/l). This allowed the dry weight of the yeast cells to be calculated.

2.5 Decolorization Media Selection

A study was carried out for the selection of an appropriate medium for the yeast strain's effective degradation of the dye. A medium containing different ratio of glucose, peptone, and effluent was employed to assess the isolate's capacity for decolorization. To evaluate this, three distinct nutritional medium types were combined in various ways.

2.6 Melanoidin Decolorization: Physicochemical and Nutrient Parameter Selection Experimental Setup Optimisation

The optimisation of various process variables that impact melanoidin decolorization and biomass generation through fermentation was conducted individually and independently. Subsequently, the optimised conditions obtained from these individual optimisations were sequentially applied to all of the tests. The basal medium, consisting of glucose, peptone, yeast extract, K_2HPO_4, $MgSO_4$, and 3.5 OD spent wash at pH 5.5, was used to inoculate the yeast. The yeast was then incubated for various lengths of time, including 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, and 48 h at different temperatures, namely 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 °C. All tests were conducted to decolorize melanoidin. The medium›s pH was altered to 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, and 7.0 using either 1 N HCl or 1 N NaOH since the initial pH is critical for both the decolorization of melanoidin and the development of biomass. It is possible that the strains will need additional carbon and nitrogen inputs of variable proportions in their growth environment in order to achieve the highest level of decolorization in melanoidin and biomass generation. As a consequence of this, supplemental nitrogen sources such as ammonium sulphate, yeast extract, peptone, beef extract, malt extract, and sodium nitrate were added to the culture medium at a concentration of 0.5% weight per volume. Additionally, additional carbon sources like glucose, fructose, sucrose, maltose, lactose, and starch were also added. The carbon and nitrogen sources that had already been adjusted were then optimised further at a range of concentrations (0.1 to 0.6 %, weight-per-volume). The temperature of the incubation was set at 45°C, the fermentation medium was sterilised, and all of the other parameters were kept at the optimal levels that had been planned.

2.7 Statistical Analysis

The findings of each experiment were carried out three times to ensure accuracy, and the results shown here are the average of the three individual readings. With the assistance of Microsoft Office, the standard deviation of each experimental outcome was calculated.

3. Results and Discussion

Using standard methods for assessing water and wastewater, physicochemical parameters including colour, smell, pH, BOD, COD, total sugars, TDS, sulphates, phosphorus, and calcium were assessed. Colour, aroma, BOD, COD, TDS, and sugars are these qualities. Table 1 below presents the findings.

3.1 Isolation, Screening, and Identification of the Isolates

In all, 15 yeast isolates were obtained from the soil and water oxidising pond next to the Masodha distillery in Ayodhya, India, and they were all capable of effluent decolorization. The

Table 1. Composition of the media used

S.No.	Name	Composition
1	Medium A	Distillery effluent without carbon and nitrogen supplemented medium with 3.5 OD.
2	Medium B	0.5%, glucose; 0.2%, yeast extract; 0.3%, peptone; 0.05%, $MgSO_4$; 0.05%, K_2HPO_4 with 3.5 OD effluent.
3	Medium C	0.6%, glucose; 0.5%, peptone; 0.05%, $MnSO_4$ 0.05%, K_2HPO_4 with 3.5 OD effluent respectively

isolates chosen for further investigation (pH5, 24-48 h, and 25 °C) on GPYE agar, those with a larger halo zone surrounding the colony, were sub-cultured. The isolates that were most successful in decolorizing the colony had clear zones that were at least one cm in diameter (data not shown). Isolates were individually chosen for thermotolerant melanoidin decolorizing yeast by incubation at 25°C and 50°C for 8-48 h before being used in the study that followed. *Candida tropicalis* was identified as yeast isolate Y2, which had the highest level of decolorization (83%) among the yeast isolates. For identification, the strain was transferred to CytoGene Labs in Lucknow, India. But this yeast isolate was improved for more efficient decolorization in different mediums with varied nitrogen and carbon source supplies and their diverse concentrations. According to Tiwari *et al*., medium B (containing 0.5% glucose, 0.2% yeast extract, 0.3% peptone, 0.05% $MnSO_4$, 0.05% K_2HPO_4, and 3.5 OD effluent) may decolorize to a maximum of 75%[12]. According to Table 1, the influence of medium composition on yeast decolorization in our investigation is evident. In comparison to mediums A and B, the yeast strain displayed more melanoidin decolorization (83%) in medium C (0.5% glucose, 0.5% peptone, 0.05% $MnSO_4$, 0.05% K_2HPO_4, and 3.5 OD effluent). Medium C was found to be the most suitable composition, as it promoted the growth of the isolates by supplying more organic nitrogen. The isolate thus required additional nitrogen for enhanced decolorization. This might be done by boosting biomass or improving metabolic processes for enzyme secretion. Medium C was used to optimise the physico-chemical and dietary elements for the degradation of melanoidin by yeast strain Y2 (Table 2).

3.2 Decolorization of Melanoidin as a Function of Temperature

The investigation involved assessing the impact of temperature variation, specifically within the range of 25°C to 50°C, on both melanoidin decolorization and biomass production. All other variables were held constant throughout the experiment.

Table 2. Physico-chemical properties of distillery effluent

S.No.	Parameters	Properties of Distillery Effluent
1	Temperature (°C)	82
2	Odour	Like Molasses
3	Color	Dark Brown
4	pH	4.2
5	Alkalinity	1360
6	Hardness	2390
7	Total solid	87900
8	Total Dissolve Solid	81800
9	Total Suspended Solid	5965
10	Dissolve Oxygen	0
11	Biological Oxygen Demand	47000
12	Chemical Oxygen Demand	104230
13	Total Nitrogen	1645
14	Ammonical Nitrogen	433
15	Nitrate Nitrogen	960
16	Phosphorus	165
17	Potassium	8770
18	Sodium	215
19	Chloride	4848
20	Calcium	1819
21	Sulphate	1738

Table 3. The process of selecting an optimal culture medium for the efficient decolorization of melanoidin

Media	Isolate	R1	R2	R3	Mean ± SD
Media A (WWEM)	Y1	20.8	20.9	19.1	20.27 ± 1.01
	Y2	16.12	16.3	15.11	15.84 ± 0.64
	Y3	14.9	13.56	13.53	14.00 ± 0.78
Media B(GYPEM)	Y1	67.41	66.32	67.00	66.91 ± 0.55
	Y2	65.00	65.21	65.06	65.09 ± 0.11
	Y3	62.87	62.00	62.2	62.36 ± 0.46
Media C (GPEM)	Y1	80.27	79.45	80.66	80.13 ± 0.62
	Y2	83.14	83.86	83.07	83.36 ± 0.44
	Y3	76.45	75.94	75.83	76.07 ± 0.33

Figure 1 showed that yeast strain Y2 was capable of decolorizing melanoidin at all temperatures, with 35°C showing the greatest decolorization. With 0.21 g of biomass produced per litre, it showed a decolorization of 64.76 percent. Our strain showed better decolorization potential at 350°C than Tondee and Sirianutapiboon, who reported that Issatchenkia oriental shows maximum 60% spent-wash decolorization at 30°C. Additionally, a temperature increase had no impact on the effectiveness of the Y2 yeast strain's decolorization processes or the creation of biomass. High temperatures may reduce cell viability or deactivate the decolorizing enzymes, which would result in decreased decolorizing activity[13]. As a result, our strain Y2, melanoidin decolorization, and biomass production efficiency were undoubtedly higher than those noted by other studies.

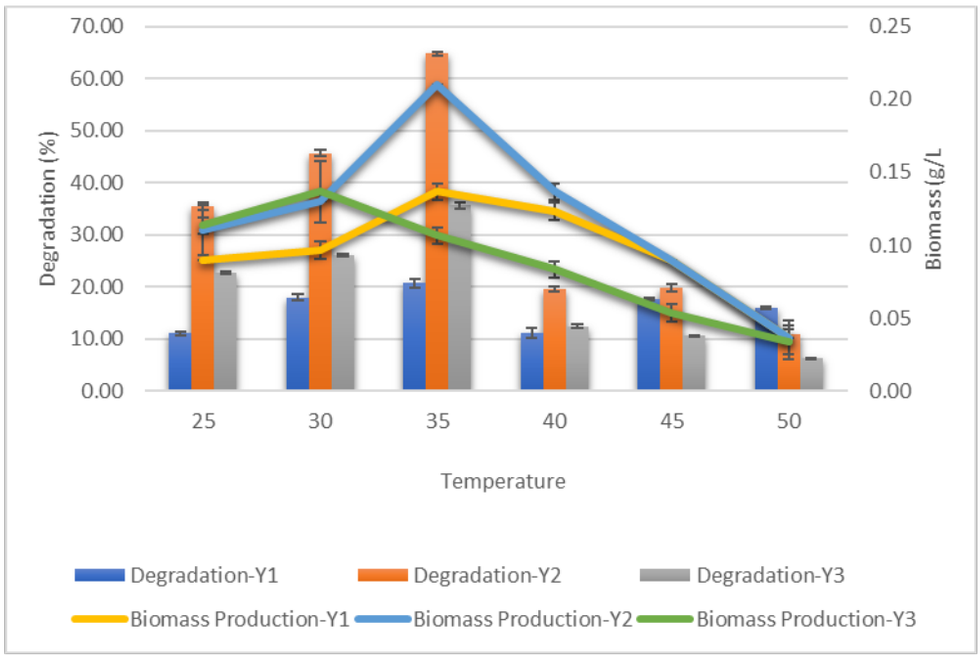

Figure 1. Effect of temperature on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

3.3 Changes in the Temporal Profile of Melanoidin Decolorization

The melanoidin decolorization time course and yeast strain Y2 biomass generation were both investigated. With 0.5 g/l biomass output, maximum decolorization (70.33%) was accomplished in 32 hours (Figure 2). Decolorization did not become more apparent as the incubation period was extended. On the other hand, Tondee and Sirianutapiboon observed that *Issatchenkia orientalis* caused 60% decolorization, but only after 7 days of incubation. Using Citeromyces sp. WR-43-6, Sirianuntapiboon *et al*., observed a maximum 68% decolorization after 7 days of incubation. As a result, our strain Y2's melanoidin decolorization and growth efficiency are undoubtedly better than what other researchers have found.

3.4 Decolorization of Melanoidin as a Function of pH

pH ranges from 4.0 to 7.0 at their ideal temperature and incubation time were optimised to obtain higher melanoidin decolorization as well as its biomass production. At pH 5, 0.21 g/l biomass production resulted in a maximum 81% decolorization (Figure 3). Any pH level outside of the optimal range, which was 5, decreased the melanoidin decolorization activity of strain Y2. Higher acidic pH values resulted in a considerable drop in decolorization activity, with pH 3.0-4.0 exhibiting the least amount of activity. Several studies have observed melanoidin decolorization from additional yeast strains, with the greatest decolorization activity in the ideal pH range of 5.0-6.0[14,15]. Researchers have found that the enzymes released by microbes during the decolorization process are only useful in acidic environments. The increase in coloration that occurred at higher pH levels was the result of the polymerization of melanodin and increased rates of nutrient absorption[16,17]. Similar findings have been documented when soil was utilised as an inoculum in place of isolated organisms[17-19]. Due to the reduction of both enzyme activity and synthesis at pH levels above and below this, melanoidin decolorization was reduced. Since all enzymes are proteins by nature, some proteins denature at different pH levels. Every microbe requires a particular pH for development and enzyme activity in its surrounding environment. As a result of this, each strain of yeast has a different physiological function.

3.5 Decolourization of Melanoidin by Various Carbon Sources

Figure 4 shows the results of an alternative method that looked at how different carbon sources (0.5%, w/v) affected the growth of biomass and the loss of colour of melanoidin over a 24-hour incubation period. The yeast strain Y2 employed

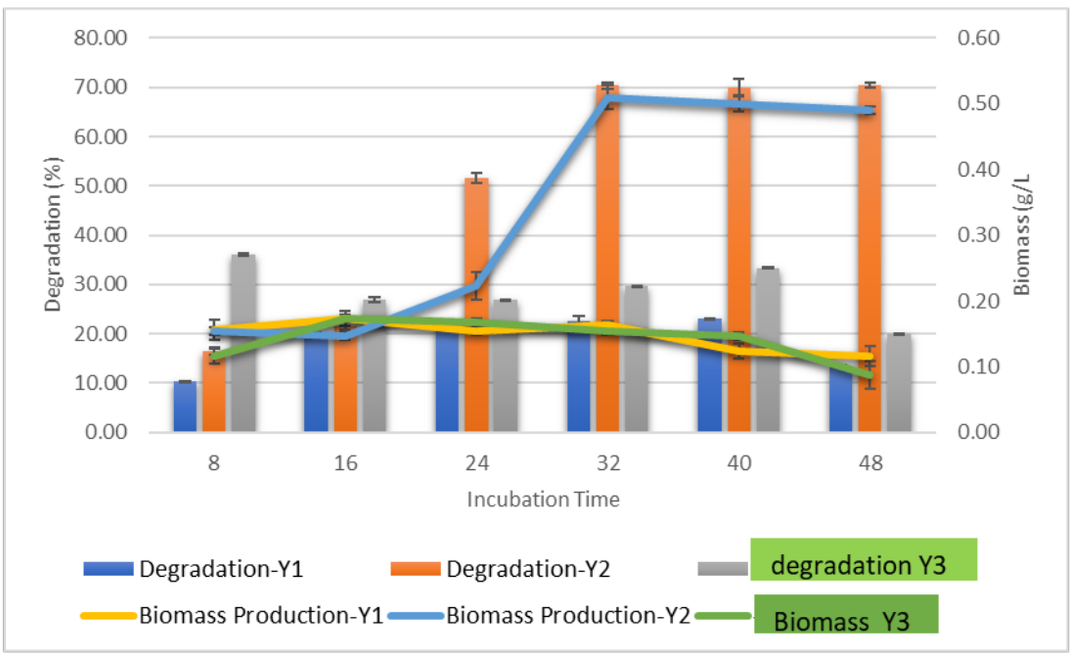

Figure 2. Effect of different time course on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

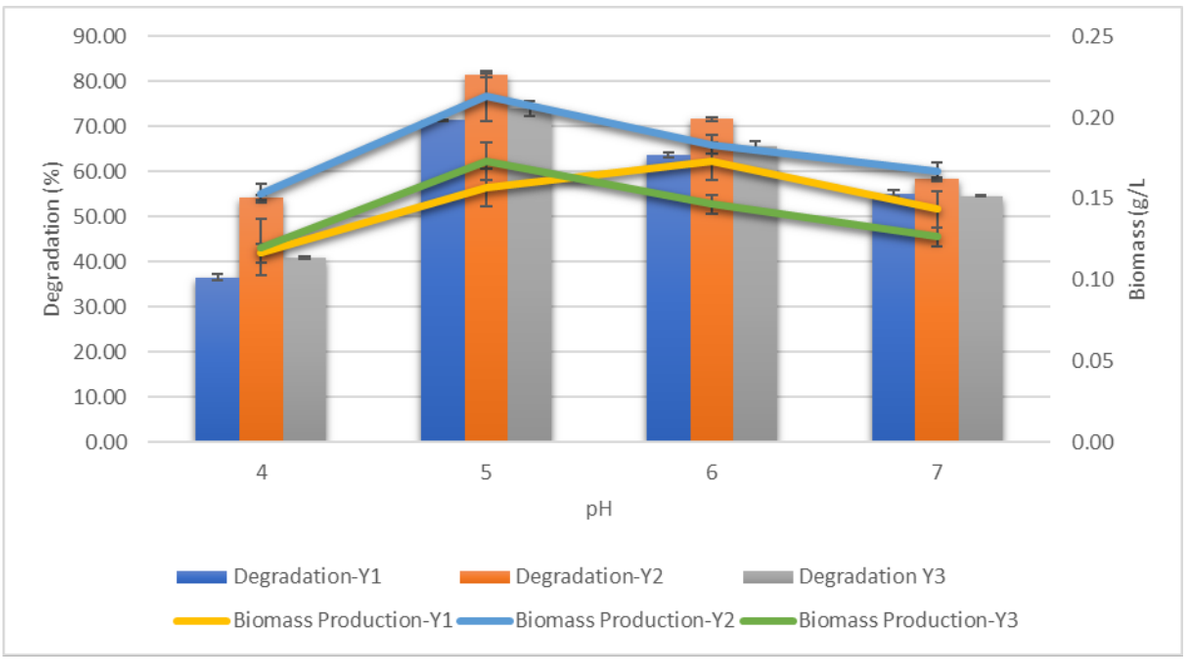

Figure 3. Showing effect of pH on decolorization potential with biomass production.

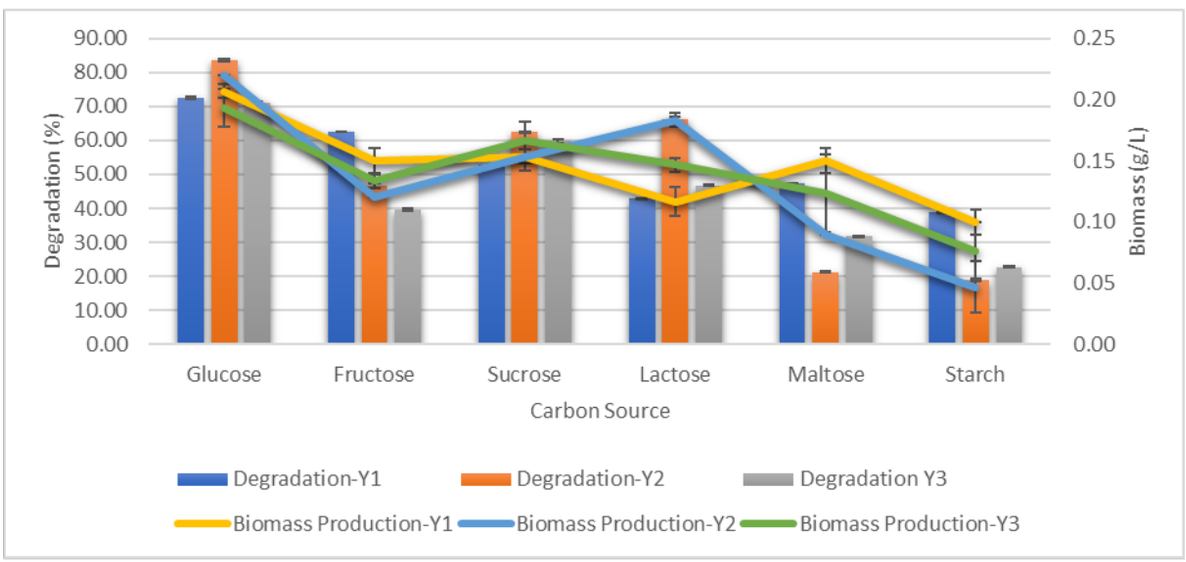

Figure 4. Effect of different carbon sources on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

for melanoidin decolorization was found to be stable in the presence of any carbon sources used for the study. It was discovered that, in contrast to the control, which lacked a carbon source, the addition of additional carbon sources-aside from lactose-accelerated the decolorization of melanoidin. With glucose, fructose, sucrose, lactose, maltose, and starch, yeast strain Y2 was decolored to 83.62, 46.60, 62.6, 66.09, 21.19, and 18.86, respectively. Maltose was a carbon source that marginally reduced decolorization. As shown in Figure 4, glucose reported greater biomass (0.2 g/l) and decolorization (83%) when compared to the control (absence of carbon source with no sugar). Sucrose and lactose also favour decolorization,

but not up to the level of Glucose. Different researchers have also noted that glucose increases melanoidin decolorization in different yeasts[20]. According to Watanabe *et al.*'s study, an internal enzyme in Coriolus sp. No. 20 required glucose and sorbose as well as active oxygen molecules in the reaction mixture. After some time, it was discovered that sorbose oxidase, an enzyme found within the cell that converts glucose to gluconic acid, was the culprit. According to the findings of our research, the yeast strain Y2 was discovered to be the best isolate in the presence of the diverse range of carbon sources employed in this investigation, with excellent stability.

3.6 Melanoidin Decolorization at Varying Glucose Concentrations

Figure 5 shows the outcomes of an additional set of experiments that looked at how different glucose levels (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, and 0.6%, w/v) affected the production of biomass and the decolorization of melanoidin. The Y2 yeast strain's melanoidin decolorization is very stable at all of the tested glucose doses. It has been shown that glucose concentrations greater than 0.5% (w/v) prevent melanoidin decolorization. Figure 5 demonstrates that a maximum of 85.62% decolorization and 0.5 gl-1 biomass production were achieved at a glucose concentration of 0.5% (w/v). Decolorization was reduced, and biomass marginally increased at this concentration. This effect may be explained by the fact that organisms utilise carbon sources that are readily accessible in the medium during the first phases of development before starting to breakdown spent-wash components as a carbon source[21]. According to Tondee and Sirianutapiboon, *Issatchenkia orientalis* required 2.5% glucose for the greatest amount of decolorization (60%), and the amount of decolorization decreased when the concentration of glucose was increased beyond this point. In 2004, Sirianunta Piboo *et al.*, discovered Citeromyces sp. WR-43-6 as the organism responsible for the 68% decolorization that took place in the presence of glucose concentrations of 2.0%. 24 According to Ohmo *et al.*, *Aspergillus fumigatus* G-2-6 employed glucose as the best carbon source to breakdown melanoidin as much as possible. However, mycelial biomass grew, but the decolorization yield did not when the glucose concentration was raised. Therefore, it is evident from our investigation that during 32 hours of incubation, yeast strain Y2 decolorizes melanoidin at a rate that is substantially greater (85%) in the presence of 0.5% (w/v) glucose than in the absence of 0.5% (w/v) glucose in previous studies.

3.7 Melanoidin Bleaching: The Role of Nitrogen Sources

Figure 6 shows the results of a 32-hour study that looked at the effects of both organic and inorganic nitrogen sources at a concentration of 0.5% weight per volume on the production of biomass and the loss of colour in melanoidin. Melanoidin

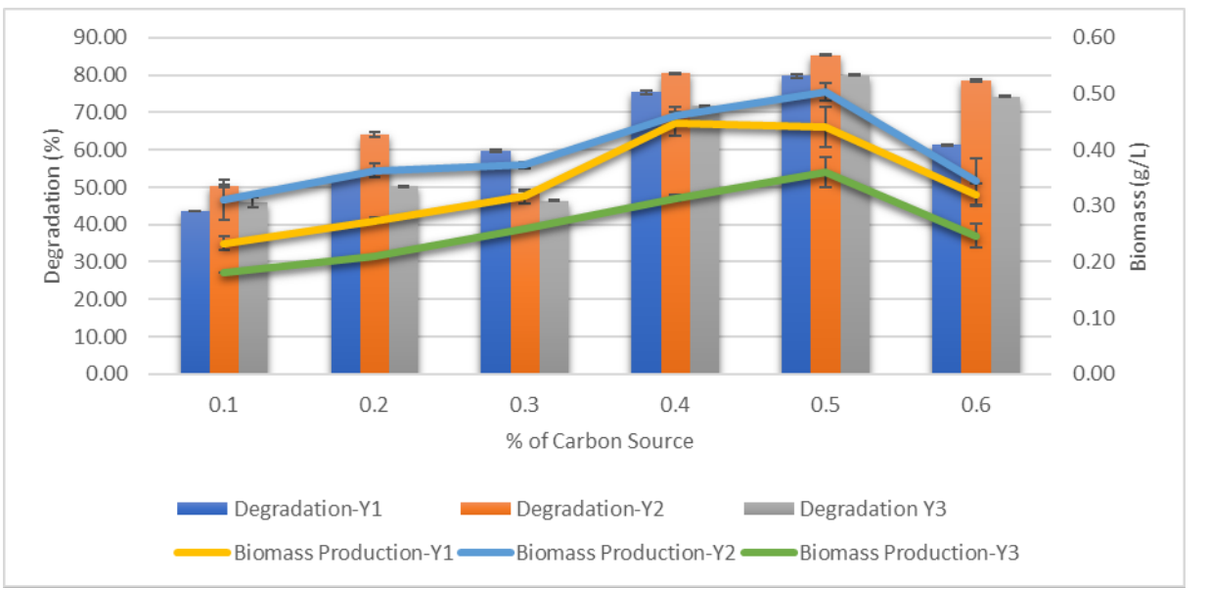

Figure 5. Effect of different concentration of glucose on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

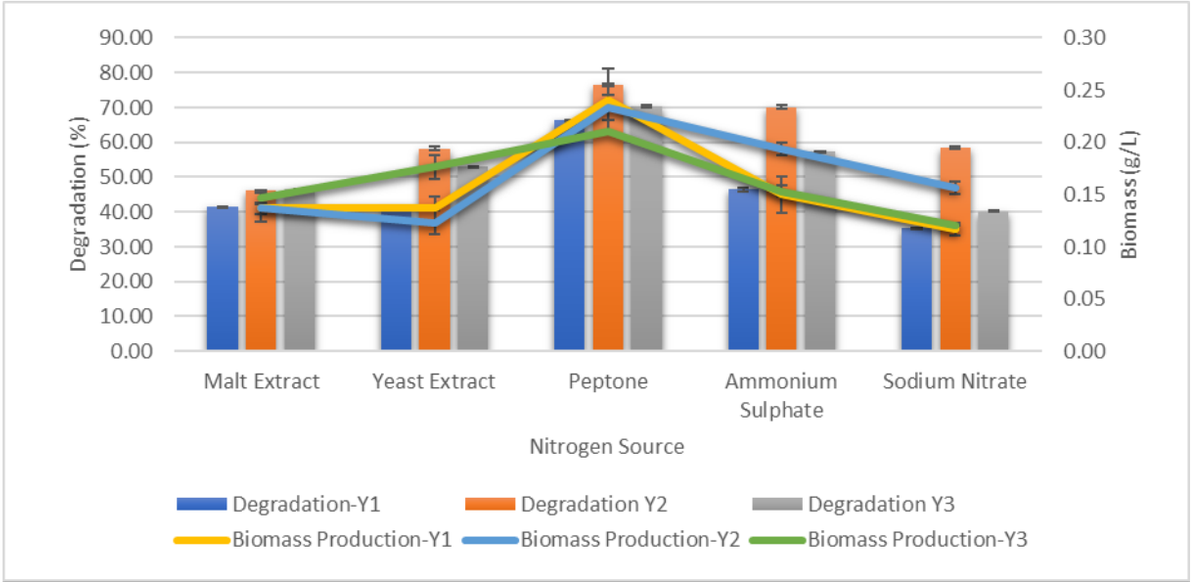

Figure 6. Effect of different nitrogen source on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

decolorization is very stubborn when yeast strain Y2 does it in the presence of the studied nitrogen sources. It was shown that the inclusion of various N-sources, e.g., sodium nitrate and beef extract, increased the rate of melanoidin decolorization in contrast to the control (which did not include a nitrogen source). When peptone was introduced, the yeast strain shown in Figure 7 generated 0.23 g l-1 of biomass at a faster rate of decolorization (76%) than when it was grown without peptone. However, the addition of 0.1% NH_4 Cl and 0.1% sodium nitrate resulted in the maximum degree of decolorization being shown by *Isatchenkia orientalis* and Citeromyces sp. WR-43-6. According to Kirk *et al*., in the secondary phase of metabolic development, enzyme systems that are present in the presence of peptone are said to be responsible for the destruction of lignin and compounds that are similar to lignin[22]. The production and secretion of enzymes like Lignin Peroxidase (LiP) and Manganese-dependent Peroxidase (MnP) start when there is an insufficient supply of nutrients like carbon and nitrogen. These enzymes are responsible for the breakdown of lignin, a component of the cell walls of plants.

3.8 Decolorization of Melanoidin as a Function of Peptone Concentration

Another set of experiments also looked at how different peptone concentrations (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, and 0.6 %, w/v) affected the generation of biomass and the decolorization of melanoidin, and the outcomes are shown in Figure 7. All of the investigated peptone concentrations do not significantly affect the stability of melanoidin decolorization by yeast strain Y2. It demonstrated that melanoidin decolorization was inhibited by peptone concentrations higher than 0.5% (w/v). From Figure 8, it was observed that at 0.5% (w/v) peptone concentration, maximum 80.76% decolorization with 0.26 g/l biomass production was attained; decolorization below this concentration was reduced. Similar to what Ravikumar *et al*., indicated, *Cladosporium cladosporioides* showed maximum decolorization at low peptone concentrations (1.0 g/l), while decolorization was not significant at high concentrations owing to an excess of peptone from nitrogen supplementation that inhibited development. In order to decolorize the melanoidin pigment found in spent wash, *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* employed a little quantity of peptone as a nitrogen source; a similar result was seen by Dahiya *et al*. Therefore, it is clear from our investigation that after 32 hours of incubation, melanoidin decolorization by yeast strain Y2 is noticeably more accelerated with the addition of 0.5% (w/v) peptone. The amount of peptone used in this culture was considerably lower than what other researchers have ever reported, leading to increased melanoidin decolorization. The use of microbial activity as a means of decolorizing molasses effluent has garnered an increasing amount of interest in recent years. There have been several reports that point to some fungi, in particular, as having such potential. *Aspergillus fumigatus* G-2-6, *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus niveus*, and *Aspergillus fumigatus* UB260 brought about an average of 69–75% decolorization combined with

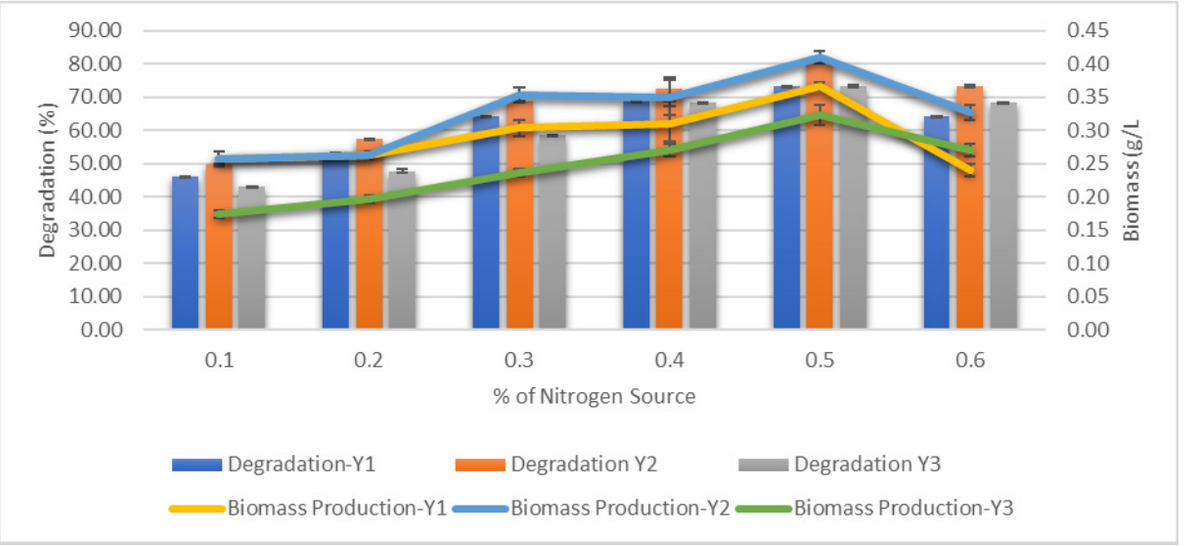

Figure 7. Effect of different concentration of peptone on melanoidin decolorization with biomass production.

70-90 % COD reduction, making it one of the fungi with the potential to breakdown and decolorise distillery effluent that has been examined the most[23-25].

In more recent times, lactic acid bacteria (*Lactobacillus coryniformis*, *Lactobacillus sakei*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Weisella soli, Pediococcus parvulus*, and *Pediococcus pentosaceus*) have been used in order to decolonize the melanoidins. The melanoidins in the isolation of *Lactobacillus plantarum* were decolorized by a percentage of 44%. In addition, an attempt to decolorize the melanoidins was conducted by the Kryzwonos, employing consortiums of Bacillus species. The capacity to remove colour was evaluated using two different mixed bacterial cultures of the species *Bacillus*. In a similar fashion[25], established the consortium of *Proteus mirabilis*, *Bacillus sp.*, *Raoultella planticola*, and *Enterobacter sakazakii* in the ratio of 4:3:2:1. Within a period of ten days, this consortium was responsible for 75% of the melanoidins losing their pigmentation[26,27]. In the few decades that have passed, there has been a rise in interest in the topic of bioremediation, which makes use of bacteria. The effluent from melanoidin-based distilleries may be decolored by a number of different microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi, which show a strong capacity to do so. Therefore, an improved knowledge of the microbial processes that are responsible for the breakdown of melanoidins would lead to an increase in the effectiveness of the treatment system as a whole.

4. Conclusion

Candida tropicalis, a yeast strain, has the efficient capacity to decolorize complex melanoidin compounds in the presence of tiny quantities of carbon and nitrogen sources throughout a 32 hour incubation period at temperatures ranging from 35°C to 5 pH. By effectively and environmentally friendly decolorizing melanoidin pigment, this strain has the potential to minimise environmental pollution.

5. Future Scope

Further studies can be concentrated on other microorganisms like bacteria and fungi that have the capability of melanoidin decolorization. Work can be carried out on a single strain or a consortia strain of more than two microorganisms. Mutational work can also be carried out to improve the strains for better results in singles and combinations.

6. Authors Contributions

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