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## PECTIC ENZYEMES AND EFFECT OF PECTIC ENZYEMES ON VARIOUS PECTIC SUBSTANCES

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### Abstract

*The pectic substances are carbohydrates or more exalty carbohydrates derivatives of polyuronide compounds mostly of anhydrogalacturonic acids. The carboxyl groups in pecticpolygalacturonides are either free or parallelly esterified with methyl alcohol or form salts with various cations.*

**Key Words:***PecticEnzymes, Pectic substances.*

### 1. Introduction

Pectic substances are distinguished from polysaccharides by the possession of carboxyl groups. These carboxyl groups are part of anhydrogalacturonic acid. Units characteristic of all pectic substances. The carboxyl group of polygalacturonic acids may be party esterified by methyl groups and partly or completely neutralized by one or more bases.

It is believed that galacturonic acid in plants is derived by oxidation of galactose and so the galacturonicacid as well as the peotic substances areregistered as carbohydrate derivatives. According to Kerteen (1939) the simple drain like poly galacturonic acid molecules are aggregated into a complex substances tofrom the pectic substances. The postulated the structure (h)mn for pectin in which (G)m is polygalalacturonic acid and n is units of polygalacturonic acid white to form a secondary aggregate.

The following shows the structure of galacturonic acid and the suggested structure of polygalacturonic acid (Pectic acid).



Chain of polygalacturonic acid (Pectic acid) without end groups.

The following are the pectic substances which have been distinguished by Kertesz (1951).

**1. Protopectin** : Protopectin is the water insoluble parent pectic substances which occur in plants and which, upon restricted hydrolysis, yield pectinic acids.

**2. Pectinic acids** : The term pectinic acid is used for colloidal polygalacturonic acids, containing more than a negligible proportions of methyl ester groups. Pectinic acids, under suitable conditions are capable of forming gels (jellies) with sugar and acid or if suitably low in methoxyl content, with contain metallic ions. The results of pectinic acids are either normal or acid pectinates.

**3. Pectic** : The general term pectin for pectins designates those water soluble pectinic acids of varying methyl ester content and degree of neutralization. Which are capable of forming gels with sugar and acid under suitable condition.

**4. Pectic Acid** : The term pectic acid is applied to pectic substances mostly composed of colloidal galacturonic acids and essentially free from methyl ester groups. The salts of pectic acid are either normal or acid pectates.

## 2. Material and Method

There different Indian plant pathogens have been used

*Ozonium taxanum* Neal and wister var. *Parasitium Thirumalachar* cultures of former two pathogens were obtained from stock cultures of Botany Department, J.S. University, Shikohabad (Firozabad). The strain of *O. taxanum* was an isolate from wilted plants of tomato. The culture of the pathogen was maintained on potato

dextrose agar (20% potato, 2.0% dextrose and 2.0% agar) medium at 25°C and were renewed weekly.

In the preliminary experiments a number of synthetic liquid culture media were studied for preparing the active enzyme preparations. In case of *O. texanum* pectin asparagin medium (1% pectin, 0.2% asparagin, 0.3% potassium dihydrogen phosphate and 0.05% magnesium sulphate) was found to be most suitable for active enzyme preparation.

Only 15ml of each liquid medium was taken in 300ml bottles, autoclaved at 15 lbs. pressure for 15 minutes and then inoculated with definite amount of inoculums.

In the case of *O. Texanum* 20ml liquid culture medium was taken in each bottle and inoculated with 10 pieces of 4mm. diameter cut radially from petri dish of 4 days old culture.

After inoculations the bottles were thoroughly shaken to mix the inoculums homogeneously and then were stacked on their flat sides in an incubator at required temperatures. At the end of the required incubation period, the fungal mat was carefully removed from the culture bottle, washed with warm distilled water, dried at 70°C in an electric oven for 48 hours and then its dry weight was determined.

The filtrate was centrifuged at 5000 r.p.m. for 5 minutes and the clear transparent liquid was used as enzyme preparation for assaying various pectic enzymes.

### **3. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS:**

Effect of pectic enzymes on various pectic substances.

The effect of enzyme solutions obtained from *O. texanum* on pectin, sodium poly pectate and sodium pectate solution was examined by the various methods mentioned below.

Effect of enzyme preparations from the three pathogens on different pectic substances.

Pectic Substances	% fall in viscosity after 1 minute Ozoniumtexanum	Fast detection of galacturonic acid after hours ozonium+	Amount of galacturonic acid in mg formed * 0+
Pectin	97	½	970.0
Sodium Polypectate	98	½	987.0
Sodium Peotate	17	8	97.0

- Galacturonic acid formed in 12 hours. Per 1 gm of pectic substance.

### 3.1 Viscosity Method

It was evident from the results that enzymes of all the three pathogens reduced the viscosity of the pectate solution more rapidly than the pectin solution.

Enzyme from *O. texanum* reduced the viscosity of pectin solution by 95% in 1 minute. It reacted rapidly with both the solutions as 97% and 98% fall in the viscosity of the pectin and pectate solutions respectively was recorded in one minute reaction time. The enzyme of *O. texanum* was recorded to be most active.

From the above observation it was clear that PG is present in all the three fungi, but whether pectin depolymerase is also present in *O. texanum* is not sure.

### 3.2 Chromatographic Method

First detection of galacturonic acid was observed in sodium polypectate solution after half an hour by the reaction of the enzyme from all the three pathogens when pectin was used as a substrate, first detection of galacturonic acid was found after half an hour in the case of *O. texanum*. When sodium pectate was used as a substrate first detection of galacturonic acid was recorded after 8 hours in case of *O. texanum*.

### 3.3 Quantitative method

The amount of galacturonic acid formation in the solutions of pectin, sodium polypeotate and sodium pectate was measured after the rection of enzyme preparation. It was observed that greater amount of galacturonic acid was formed in the case of sodium polypectate solution. Enzyme preparations of all the three fungi produced very little galacturonicacidwhen sodium pectate solution was used.

The result obtained by the three methods give the same interference that sodium polypectate is most readily attacked by the pectolytic enzymes secreted by the three pathogens.

### 4. Discussion

Ozoniumtexanum were formed tobe very adoptive for pectin. Both the pathogens produced more active. Enzymes in the complete absence of any sugar in the medium.

It is now a well established fact that pectolytic enzymes are produced by almost all the facultative parapathogenests of plant diseases. In this connection it has been reported by a number of workers that different pathogens have got different cultural requirements for the production of pectic enzymes (fasta, 1949; Wood 1955, Gupta 1956 and 1960) Gupta and Gupta 1986; Pandey and Gupta, 1966; Kaur and Gupta, 2017). A large number of fungi have been reported tobe adaptive to various pectic substances for the secretion of pectic enzymes (Gaumann and Bohni, 1947 a.b.; Palf 1947; and wood 1960), while others serets these enzymes even in the absence of such pectic substance (Gupta, 1953). In certain cases it has been found that enzyme sereation is restricted of either a pasticularcanpomd or an ion (Wora 1955p and Gupta 1956) but on the other hand a pathogen like Botryliscinerea secretes active enzymes an any cultural meoly on which they can grow without having any special requirements.

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