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STUDIES ON BIOENERGETIC TRANSFORMATION OF MOLASSES POLLUTANT TO ETHANOL BY SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE NCIM-2086 EXPOSED TO DIHYDROCOUMARIN



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ABSTRACT

Coumarins owe their class name to 'coumarou', the vernacular name of the tonka bean (Dipteryx odorata Wild, Fabaceae); From Which coumarin itself was isolated in 1820. Coumarin is classified as a member of the benzopyrone family of compounds, all of which consist of a benzene ring joined to a pyrone ring. The benzopyrones can be subdivided into the benzo-a-pyrones to which the coumarins belong and the benzo-g-pyrones, of which the flavonoids are principal members. Coumarin is a chemical compound which is found naturally in some plants; although it can be synthetically produced as well. It has a distinctive odour. Which has led people to use it as a food additive and ingredient in perfume. Due to concerns about coumarin as a potential liver and kidney toxin; its use as a food additive is heavily restricted, although it is perfectly safe to eat foods which naturally contain the compound.1-5The distinctive sweet odour reminds many people of freshly cut grass or hay and it has been used in perfumes since the late 1800s. In a pure form, this compound has a crystalline structure, and it is said to taste faintly like vanilla. When ingested, it acts as a blood thinner and it also appears to be effective in trelating some tumors.

The efficacy of dihydrocoumarin on bioenergetic transformation of molasses pollutant to ethanol by Saccharomyces cerevisiae NCIM- 2086 has been assessed. It has been found that the coumarin i.e dihydrocoumarin under trial has stimulatory effect on bioenergetic transformation of molasses pollutant to ethanol by Saccharomyces cerevisiae NCIM-2086 and enhances the yield of ethanol to an extent of 7.93103% higher in comparison to control fermentor flasks i.e, 5.35ml/100ml in 46 hours of optimum incubation period 4.8 pH and 320C temperature with 16% (W/V) molasses solution

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