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Production of Psychrophilic Chitinase from Antarctic Microorganism by Recombinant Escherichia coli

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In order to enhance the production of psychrophilic chitinase, recombinant *Escherichia coli* Top 10 harboring chitinase gene from Antarctic microorganism KOPRI 22718 was cultivated using flask and jar fermentor. Expression of target protein was performed by L-arabinose addition and confirmed by SDS-PAGE and activity test with p-nitrophenyl-N-acetyl-β-D-glucosaminide as a substrate.

To increase the cell density and production of enzyme, modified R-medium was tested as a fermentation medium and effect of L-arabinose concentration was also observed. About 28 times higher enzyme production was obtained by using modified R-medium with lactose and 2.5g/L of L-arabinose in fermentor culture than that by using LB medium in flask culture.

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