

defined as glue which binds to different subunits in 3-D structure and holds them against each other.

**Keywords:** Camel Albumin, Thermal Denaturation, Thermal Stability, Differential Scanning Calorimetry.

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#### Abstract No.182

##### The Comparative Study of the Antioxidant Influence and $\alpha$ -Glucosidase Inhibitory Effect of Aloin

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Oxidative stress happens during normal metabolic process in the body and it is induced by a variety of environmental factors and chemicals. It has been investigated that oxidative stress plays significant role in the etiology of diabetes in humans as well as in diabetes related complications. Diabetes mellitus is responsible for about 5% of global deaths. The  $\alpha$ -glucosidase has been recognized as a therapeutic target for the modulation of postprandial hyperglycemia. Therefore the inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase activity has a positive effect on prevention of hyperglycemia. Nutrition is the gold key to good health. Studies have shown that regular consumption of natural antioxidants that show  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory that reduces the risk of hyperglycemia. Aloe vera is a commercial and medicinal important plant. Many active components have been isolated from aloe vera and studied for their biological activities. In this report the antioxidant influence and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitory effect of active aloe vera component "aloin" was investigated. The total antioxidant capacity of aloin was investigated using spectrophotometry ABTS-based method (reduction of the cation radical of 2,20-azinobis(3-ethylenebenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid(ABTS)). The mode of inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase by aloin was determined using Lineweaver-Burk equation. The result of this study indicated that aloin has a good antioxidant and  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitor. The mechanism of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibition by aloin is a mix inhibition with a value of 3.6 ( $\alpha > 1$ , showing anti-cooperativity between substrate and inhibitor binding sites) and a KI value of 1.36 mM (better inhibitor relative to reference drug, acarbose (KI =9.11±0.25 mM)). From the result of this study it can be concluded that aloin can be considered as a natural medication for the diabetes patient.

**Keywords:**  $\alpha$ -Glucosidase, Aloin, Inhibition, Enzyme Kinetics, Diabetes, Nutrition.

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#### Abstract No.183

##### The Effect of Intramolecular and Intermolecular Disulfide Bonds on Tau Protein Aggregation

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Tau protein is a microtubule-associated protein (MAPs) that is mainly present in neurons and is involved in neurite extension and maintenance. There are two known isoforms for tau protein: 3R and 4R. As tau aggregation likely plays role in a number of neurodegenerative diseases (taupathy), understanding tau aggregation process is of considerable importance. One of the hallmarks of the Alzheimer's disease is the pathological aggregation of tau protein into paired helical filaments (PHFs) and neurofibrillary tangles. Several studies suggest that interdisulfide bonds can promote tau aggregation in vitro. By contrast, some believe that intramolecular disulfide bond formation retards tau aggregation in vitro. But the precise mechanism still remains unclear. We suggest that tau aggregation depends on disulfide bridges formed by the Cys291 and Cys322. In our work, the assembly of PHFs from 4R tau protein was tested in the presence of heparin and aggregation of oxidized tau was analyzed. Our initial results argue that the main effect of intramolecular disulfide bond formation accelerates tau aggregation. However definite result needs further work and studies.

**Keywords:** Tau, Aggregation, Oxidation, Disulfide Bond.

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#### Abstract No.184

##### Production and Characterization of a Thermostable Polymethyl Galacturonase From Bacillus Licheniformis BR1

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Pectinases are biotechnologically important enzymes that involved in depolymerisation of the heterogeneous polysaccharide, pectin. A

bacterium was isolated from fruit waste soil based on the potential degradation of the highly methylated pectin. According to the 16S rDNA sequence analysis, it was identified as *Bacillus licheniformis* BR1 which produces an extracellular polymethyl galacturonase PMG (EC 3.2.1.64) when cultured in medium containing citrus pectin 0.1 %, peptone 1%, yeast extract 1%, pH 7.0. PMG production was optimized (6.22 U/ml) and the enzyme was purified to homogeneity in two steps column chromatography. The enzyme was a dimeric protein and exhibited an apparent molecular mass of 104 kDa by gel filtration chromatography and 56 kDa while running on SDS-PAGE. The enzyme exhibited maximum activity at 60 °C, pH 6 with 49% of total activity at 90 °C for 30 minutes and extends range of pH stability (5.0-9.0).  $K_{m}$  and  $V_{max}$  of the PMG were determined 0.066  $\mu$ mol/min and 2.51mg/ml respectively, using pectin as substrate. PMG activity significantly enhanced in the presence of 5 mM  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$  and  $Co^{2+}$ , although  $Hg^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{2+}$  served as strong inhibitor. The enzyme was identified as a metal-dependent pectinase, which was inhibited by 5 mM of EDTA and showed suitable stability in the presence of 0.1% SDS and Tween 80. In overall, regarding to acidic properties and high operational stability of the purified pectinase, it seems that PMG can be an ideal functional substitute for applications in fruit juice industry, especially in citrus fruits extraction and clarification.

**Keywords:** Pectinase, *Bacillus licheniformis*, Purification, Polymethyl galacturonase, Thermostability.

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#### Abstract No.185

##### Effect of Chemical Modification on Thermal Stability, Structure and Function of Horseradish Peroxidase

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Biocatalysts are increasingly employed in chemical processing because of their selectivity as well as their potential as a greener alternative to chemical catalysis but, they are not usually tolerant to the presence of organic solvents, extremes of pH or high temperatures. Consequently, there is great interest in developing strategies to improve protein stability in desired reaction media. Compared with the strategies for obtaining stable enzymes, chemical modification is a simple and effective technique. Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) has achieved a prominent position in the pharmaceutical, chemical, and

biotechnological industries therefore, methods improving the stability and functionality of HRP will clearly broaden the range of its present and future applications. In the present study, chemical modification of HRP was carried out with 2,3-dichloromaleic anhydride and 2,3-dimethylmaleic anhydride. Thermoinactivation, kinetic parameters and activation energy of catalysis and structural changes of HRP upon the modification were studied using spectroscopic techniques. The results indicated that 2,3-dichloromaleic anhydride increases thermal stability of HRP but 2,3-dimethylmaleic is not a stabilizer modifier for HRP. Catalytic efficiency and activation energy did not change remarkably following reaction of the enzyme with the carboxylic anhydrides. Fluorescence measurements indicated that the intensity of protein emission decreases slightly upon the modification with both modifiers. A decrease in the distance between the heme and the tryptophan residue or decrease in compactness of the structure and therefore exposure of trp residue to solvent may lead to this change. On the whole, comparing the effect of 2,3-dichloromaleic with 2,3-dimethylmaleic implies that hydrophilization of the protein surface results in thermal stability of the protein.

**Keywords:** Horseradish Peroxidase, Thermal Stability, Chemical Modification, Spectroscopy.

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#### Abstract No.186

##### Design and Construction of Antagonistic VEGF Variant for Inhibition of Angiogenesis

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Because of its central role in pathological angiogenesis, vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) has become a major target for anti-angiogenic therapies. We report here the construction of a heterodimeric antagonistic VEGF variant (HD-VEGF). In this antagonist, binding domains for the VEGF-receptor KDR/Fik-1 is present at one