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CHAPTER 1

DEVELOPMENT OF FOLLICLES: BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

Ovarian follicle growth and development need a coordinated series of actions that cause morphological and functional changes within the follicle, which then result in cell differentiation and egg formation. The shift between the preantral and early antral follicle stages is when the follicle begins to expand or atresize and when gonadotropin dependency is achieved. During this time, interactions between oocytes and granulosa cells strictly control follicular growth. Normal folliculogenesis requires a group of early expressed genes. Theca cells are recruited from cortical stromal cells by granulosa cell factors. Thecal factors inhibit granulosa cell death and enhance granulosa cell growth. In the various follicular compartments (oocyte, granulosa, and theca cells), interactions between cells and between cells and extracellular matrix affect the synthesis of growth factors. Many autocrine and paracrine substances play a role in follicular growth and differentiation; they are active even during ovulation, reducing gap junction communication and promoting the proliferation of theca cells. Additionally, figuring out what influences follicular development from the preantral stage to the tiny antral stage may be crucial for developing assisted reproductive procedures. The maturation of the ovarian follicle, a tightly packed shell of somatic cells that houses an immature egg, is known in biology as folliculogenesis. Folliculogenesis, which takes place in part during the menstrual cycle, is the process by which numerous small primordial follicles develop into big preovulatory follicles. Contrary to male spermatogenesis, which can continue indefinitely, folliculogenesis comes to an end when the remaining ovaries' follicles become unable to react to the hormonal signals that formerly encouraged some of them to mature. Menopause starts when the supply of follicles decreases.

KEYWORDS

Coordinated, development, formation, follicular.

INTRODUCTION

The ability to collect oocytes during their early follicular stage in vivo is revealed by studying the development of oocytes in vitro. The production of intrafollicular estradiol, the key indicator of follicular function, and the expression of key genes crucial for thecal, granulosa, and cumulus cell differentiation, function, and survival in the largest three follicles growing during follicular waves have recently been shown to be significantly altered by the naturally high variation in follicle numbers during follicular waves. The follicle is an ovarian structure that serves two primary purposes: producing hormones and developing fertile oocytes. These tasks are performed by antral follicles, which have separate basal laminae and an inner wall made of granulosa cells. The proliferation and development of the granulosa cells are impacted by this specific extracellular matrix, which also divides the epithelial layer from the connective tissue.

Mammalian oocytes grow and attain ovulatory maturity within the follicles. The oocyte is the component of a follicle, which is made up of pregranulosa or granulosa cells. Between three and six weeks after conception, the embryo begins to develop its ovary. During this time, a number of cellular processes occur, including massive mesonephric cell colonization of the ovary, which is thought to be one of the precursors of the follicle cells [4, 5], migration of the primordial germ cells into the genital ridge, gonadal sex differentiation, mitosis, and apoptosis of the germ cells. In domestic animals and primates, follicular development and atresia already start during fetal life. The oocyte is currently thought to be crucial to follicular organization throughout the events leading to ovulation. It is believed that the oocyte regulates the growth of granulosa cells and, eventually, their differentiation into cells that secrete hormones and proteins. Granulosa cells, on the other hand, are crucial for oocyte development, differentiation, meiosis, cytoplasmic maturation, and the regulation of transcriptional activity inside the oocyte. The oocyte secretes substances that prevent granulosa cells from promoting oocyte growth after it reaches a particular size threshold. This suggests that the oocyte indirectly controls both its own growth and the growth of the follicle in addition to the former.

In both human and bovine species, the formation of primordial follicles takes place throughout fetal life. Pregranulosa cells, which are flattened cells, surround an egg at the beginning of the process. During gastrulation, as the embryo divides into the germ cell layers ectoderm, mesoderm, and endoderm, primordial germ cells (PGCs), the forerunners of the oocytes, form. At gastrulation, the posterior margin of the embryonic disc is when these cells first become visible. They then proceed into the freshly developed endoderm and mesoderm from this point. The PGCs are discovered a few days later in the visceral mesoderm, encircling the yolk sac, and the allantois likely to shield them from the differentiation signals that cause gastrulation inside the embryo itself. Here, they multiply and move into the developing but yet undifferentiated gonad via the primitive mesentery. The PGC can be identified during their migration by using specialized staining methods, such as those for alkaline phosphatase activity and expression of the transcription factor OCT4, which is important for preserving cellular pluripotency in the developing embryo. It is still unclear whether the PGCs' active cytoskeleton movements or the gradual pressure brought on by the expanding motions of the surrounding tissue are to blame for this migration. PGCs change their morphological and biochemical properties during the start of the active phase of their migration because they take on an elongated shape and significantly increase alkaline phosphatase activity.

The PGCs divide by mitoses both before and after their migration. The surface epithelium of the developing gonads and/or cells that invade from the mesonephros are likely the sources of the somatic cells that surround germ cells in females. The PGCs are known as oogonia when they are now surrounded by presumed follicle cells. Meiosis-stimulating substances from the mesonephros may encourage the oogonia to enter meiosis and are now known as primary oocytes, albeit this has not yet been demonstrated. Recent research has demonstrated that RSPO1-catenin signaling is essential for oogonial differentiation because it controls XX germ cell proliferation and meiosis initiation. They create primordial follicles along with pregranulosa cells (follicle cells).

Primary follicles range in size from 23 millimeters to 53 millimeters in the ovary of sheep and bovine fetuses. It was suggested that the germ cell growth starts before, continues during, and extends after the conclusion of follicular development because the oocytes' diameter ranges from 17 to 22 micrometers and the oogonium's from 13 to 17 micrometers.

In the ovary of cows and women, the maximum number of nonfollicular germ cells ranges from several. The number of primordial follicles unexpectedly declines near birth and following the degeneration of numerous oocytes during the initial meiotic division at 60% in sows at 80% in rodents, at 90% in women and even more in sheep and cows. The number of them varies based on the species and is strongly related to the animal's In fact, in young females in good physical condition, the weight of the ovary may have a positive association with the number of follicle a finding that may be used for biotechnological applications in animal husbandry. Calves have between 100 and 150 103 follicles before birth. This figure certainly falls off pretty quickly throughout the postnatal period. A calf in good condition has 20 to 50 antral follicles, 200 to 500 secondary follicles, and 120,000 to 150,000 primordial and primary follicles. Recently, it has been hypothesized that the ovarian surface contains a population of stem cells . According to this study, primordial follicles in adult females may constantly form thanks to germinal stem cells. The biological assumption that the follicular pool in mammals suggests a finite, nonrenewable number is in conflict with this. It also defies a long-held belief that most mammalian species experience a decline in the number of primordial follicles, as determined by a number of scientists Additionally, the beginning and end of the first meiotic prophase and the encircling of the diplotene oocyte by a chain of cells that will eventually become the primordial follicle are both critical events in the development of a functioning In the investigation of Johnson etBecause of this, some authors believe it would be premature to abandon the idea that adult mammals do not undergo neo-oogenesis or folliculogenesis.

As previously mentioned, the capacity of oocytes to separate from "nests" and associate with precursor cells of the granulosa layer is necessary for the development of primordial follicles. Once isolated, the oocytes in these nests randomly apoptose until they join with flat pregranulosa cells to create the primordial follicle The meiotic arrest of the oocyte, which is dependent on high cAMP levels inside the oocyte, is often maintained by antral follicles. After the oocyte is released (ovulation) or fertilized, the second meiotic division of the oocyte resumes. This process is halted during follicular growth. In the absence of the conditions that cause meiotic arrest, second meiotic division can continue spontaneously in vitro after the egg has exited the follicle. Theca cells create these substances, which are then secreted into the follicular fluid. They are polar nonpeptidic compounds known as inhibitors of mitotic factors (IMFs), which are resistant to heat and proteolytic enzymes.

DISCUSSION

Glucophage Cells

It has been determined that granulosa cells are the first cell type in the ovary to offer suitable chemical and physical conditions for oocyte formation. The female gametes are encircled by a layer of flattened, inactive granulosa cells in primordial follicles. *Sohlh2*, *AMH*, and *Pten* are a few factors that have been demonstrated to effectively block follicular activation. *AMH* reduces the follicles' sensitivity to *FHS*, *Pten* inhibits the phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (*PI3-K*) pathway and *Sohlh* appears to be crucial for oogenesis. Pregranulosa cells differentiate into mature granulosa cells throughout the process of folliculogenesis, and after ovulation, they are changed into granulosa-lutein cells, which make a considerable contribution to the corpus luteum. According to morphological and physiological properties, cumulus cells are a subtype of granulosa cells. Continual interaction exists between cumulus cells and the oocyte oolemma. The granulosa cells and the theca cells are also in close touch. Long cytoplasmic extensions on the granulosa cells next to the oocyte pierce the zona pellucida (ZP) and create

gap junctions with the oocyte cell membrane. Since the oocytes lack some of the chemicals required for germ-cell growth and metabolism, the granulosa cells can help with the metabolic processes of oocyte development and maturation [1]–[3].

Numerous growth factors and hormones must work together to control the cytodifferentiation of granulosa cells. Additionally, there are distinct receptors for the gonadotrophic hormones FSH and LH as well as for substances like the epidermal growth factor (EGF), insulin-like growth factors (IGFs), and the Mullerian inhibiting substance (MIS), also known as the anti-Mullerian hormone (AMH), which can be used as a fertility marker depending on the stage of differentiation. Granulosa cells (GCs) of the murine, bovine, and human species are primarily responsible for the manufacture of hormones like estradiol (E2) and progesterone (P). The GCs differentiate as the follicle develops and boost the synthesis of E2 as they do so. Theca cells, which are not present throughout primordial development but are recruited as nonsteroidogenic precursors during the transition to primary follicle, are another significant cell type. Primordial follicle GCs are not dependent on gonadotropins or steroid hormones, in contrast to secondary, preantral, and antral follicles. The idea that progesterone inhibits tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF), which interacts to the cell death receptor, is related to its potential to prevent oocyte apoptosis. Other research revealed that GCs might keep the oocyte in meiotic arrest on their own.

Gap Junctions or Cell Bridges

A network of gap junctions (GJs) that connects the mammalian follicle's cell population creates a high exchange of ions, electrical impulses, and tiny molecules (1 kD) with the oocyte. A structure known as an electrophysiological syncytium is produced by the ionic and electrotonic connection of cells found underneath the basal membrane, granulosa cells of the cumulus oophorus, and the oocyte. The GJs are molecular weight-based areas that are specialized as transmembrane channels and made up primarily of connexin family proteins. The connexin family and have been found in the ovarian tissue of many species. Connexin43 (Cx43), which is found in the granulosa cell channels of the corona radiata of bovine oocytes and in the theca, is the most prevalent one in the follicle. Rats and cows have primordial and primary follicles that contain the protein Cx43, and it appears to be required for the growth of granulosa cells throughout follicular development. Cx26 was found in the blood arteries and connective tissue of sheep and cow oocytes. The oocyte's health may be preserved by this connexin during the follicular development phase in cows. However, the oocyte-cumulus complex from antral follicles was not the focus of previous studies. During CL function, and particularly during CL regression, Cx26 appears to be crucial. Finally, cow oocytes, luteal blood vessels, and stromal blood vessels all contain Cx32 [4]–[7].

Connexins have a role in the control and synchronization of metabolic and cellular processes during oocyte development and growth. Through the transport of chemicals from follicular cells to oocytes and the electrical impulses that summarize the signals of development, it has been discovered that the GJs enhance nourishment. Additionally, the patterns of connexin expression in the ovary suggest that GJ proteins may be crucial for the development of the oocyte as well as the hormonally regulated processes of follicular development, follicular atresia, and luteal body development. This property is crucial for the oocyte membrane's impermeability to light compounds including choline, uridine, and inositol. Transferring amino acids, nucleotides, and glucose metabolites to the developing oocyte is made possible by the granulosa cells' ability to communicate with one another in both directions. A regulatory loop between granulosa cells and oocytes has been theorized to exist, allowing the

essential signaling and metabolic pathways to drive growth and development in both compartments.

During the establishment of the primordial and primary follicles, gonadotropins (FSH and LH) are not involved in the network construction of the gap junction protein Cx43 between the oocyte and granulosa cells. Cell-cell communication in *in vivo* or *in vitro* cultures is shown to gradually decline over time by ultrastructural studies. It is understood that the rise in LH pulses causes the decline in cell bridges. By reducing the amount of meiosis inhibitory factors transported by GJs from the GC to the oocyte, meiosis would resume as a result. Another indicator of follicular atresia is the increasing decrease in Cx43. The removal of the GJs from the oocyte's oolemma is momentarily associated with the rupture or disappearance of the germinal confirming the role of the GJ in the control of oocyte meiotic maturation. Other research on cattle, however, proposed that GVBD occurs prior to a discernible decline in the transfer of tiny radioactively labelled molecules between the oocyte and GCs. Mr. 139.5, Mr. 244.2, Mr. 3H-coline, and Mr. 3H-uridine can all be seen [69]. It is possible to show this gradual decline up until meiosis II (MII). When meiotic division begins, the cellular bridges for molecules up to 1 kDa may be broken. However, a second channel would remain permeable to molecules smaller than 400 Da after the end of gap junction communication. Oocyte survival, development, and bidirectional communication with their cumulus cells via GJs appear to be essential for oocyte growth. To generate ovarian developmental competence and to aid in the ensuing embryonic and fetal development, this interdependency and its persistence are critical during oocyte

Regulatory Elements that Are Autocrine and Paracrine

Proteins and hormones are autocrine and paracrine factors involved in follicle growth and. Although it is known that neurotrophins (NTs) are involved in the creation of the primordial as evidenced by the presence of 4 of the 5 known NTs, the mechanisms by which they do so have not yet been fully understood. The central and peripheral nervous systems' neurons depend on this group of neuronal growth factors (NGFs) to survive and differentiate. NGFs exhibit a strong affinity for the ovarian tissue as well, promoting differentiation and growth of the mesenchymal primordial follicles and granulosa cells as well as the synthesis of FSH receptors. These nonneuronal tissues include those of the immune and cardiovascular systems. Their activity is still present during ovulation, increasing prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) release, decreasing gap junction communication, and stimulating the proliferation of theca cells. Product of granulosa cells Kit ligand (KL), which supports theca and oocyte cell activity, increases the production of Smads 2 and 4. Additionally, it phosphorylates Smads 2 and 4, which are TGF- α (transforming growth factor- α) mediators that control follicular growth. Smad 3 and TGF, keratinocyte growth factor (KGF), and hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) are all produced by theca cells. Since it aids in the formation of the primordial follicle and its transformation into a primary follicle, the bone morphogenetic protein-4 (BMP-4) produced by theca and stroma cells is crucial. The pregranulosa cells' Kit ligand (KL) factor, which initiates the transition from primordial to primary follicle and promotes differentiation in stem cells (Figure is also known as the stem cell factor. Basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) is found in the oocytes of primordial and primary follicles and affects the granulosa and theca cells to affect the development and transition of primordial follicles. The leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), which is secreted by the pregranulosa and granulosa cells, stimulates the growth of the primordial follicle both autonomically and. Theca cells secrete KGF, which promotes the transformation of the primordial follicle into the primary follicle. It is regarded as the earliest sign indicating the emergence of the theca cell precursor population.

A member of the TGF- (transforming growth factor-) class, which also includes activin and bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs), the growth differentiation factor-9 (GDF-9) is an oocyte factor. The suppression of the GDF-9 gene prevents development beyond primary follicles reduces granulosa cell proliferation, and results in abnormal oocyte growth suggesting that GDF-9 is crucial for follicle development, likely by increasing androgen production in theca cells. Additionally, it stops granulosa cells from apoptosing. Because of how powerful the antiapoptotic effect is, apoptosis can be seen in follicles as large as 200 μ m. Additionally, GDF-9 increases blastocyst development, ICM cell counts and the follicle's transition from the preantral to early antral stage [8]–[11].

CONCLUSION

Given that EGF activity was discovered to be promoted by FSH and that atresia is prevented by FSH in the culture media of preantral hamster follicles, it is possible that at least one mechanism of action of the gonadotrophic hormone may be induced by these growth factors. In bovine and porcine species, the growth factor IGF-I (Insulin-like growth factor I) is crucial for promoting the development of granulosa cells and affects the number of follicles. Because of a block in folliculogenesis at a late preantral or early antral stage, deletion of the IGF-I gene in mice prevents ovarian follicles from ovulating [80]. The IGF-binding proteins (IGFBPs), which depend on species, follicular stage, as well as in vivo or in vitro developmental conditions only begin to grow in the late preantral stage, despite the fact that the effects of the IGF family (IGF-I-II) and the binding proteins of the insulin-like growth factor are not well understood. Additionally, IGF-I stimulates the growth of the antral follicles by making the granulosa cells more sensitive to the effects of FSH. The IGFBPs lengthen IGF's half-life and maintain a constant level of IGF in bodily tissues. There are 6 IGFBPs (IGFBP1-6), and they can both enhance and inhibit the effects of IGFs on cells. Cumulus oophorus cells surround the oocytes removed from follicles with a diameter of 2 to 8 μ m. They are known as cumulus-oocyte complexes (COC) for this reason. The capacity of follicular development is correlated in vivo with the size of the bovine oocyte. Oocytes with the capacity for development must have a minimum diameter of 110 μ m. The ability of the oocyte to progress to the stage of germinal vesicle dissolution, fertilization, and later development increases with follicle size. Throughout the process of follicular development, these skills are developed sequentially.

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CHAPTER 2

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MICROBIAL REPORT CELL GENETIC TECHNIQUE AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN CELL ARRAYS

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ABSTRACT

Microbial cell arrays have drawn attention repeatedly for their capacity to multiplex via the incorporation of molecularly tailored reporter cells, their ability to readily detectable and robust cell growth in a variety of environments, and their capacity to provide unique global data on target analytes at low cost. This review discusses studies on cellular immobilization in various polymers, technologies for patterning live cells on solid surfaces, genetic engineering of reporter cells, studies on their application in environmental monitoring, disease diagnostics, and other related fields in order to highlight recent advancements in the field of microbial cell arrays. These findings serve as the foundation for our discussion of the difficulties now facing innovative microbial cell arrays and their potential for use as powerful tools for understanding intricate biological processes. The scientific study of microorganisms, whether they are unicellular (single-celled), multicellular (composed of complex cells), or acellular (lacking cells), derives from the Ancient Greek words "micro" (mkros) for "small," "bos" for "life," and "-loga" for "study of." Numerous subfields of microbiology are included, such as virology, bacteriology, protistology, mycology, immunology, and parasitology.

KEYWORDS

Arrays, attention, environmental, findings.

INTRODUCTION

Due to their numerous uses in biotechnology and allied sectors, such as disease diagnostics, environmental monitoring, drug development, and food processing, biosensors—which have long been used to detect target molecules—are becoming more and more significant. As physiologically active molecules such as nucleic acids, enzymes, antibodies, antigens, receptors, and cells have a high degree of specificity, they are essential for the precise detection of target molecules by biosensors. Because they may directly assess the global actions of test substances, such as their toxicity, genotoxicity, or bioavailability, on live cells, cell-based or whole-cell biosensors have attracted particular interest among biosensors. Additionally, the use of live cells dispenses with the necessity for pre- or posttreatment processes typically necessary for conventional chemistry-based analytical methods and enables reagent-free, nondestructive real-time monitoring of the biological effects as they emerge. So, although the relative insufficiency of their selectivity is unavoidable given the nature of living systems, using whole cells as sensing entities can conveniently provide a varied array of data on integrated biological impacts that cannot be done with other biosensors.

In the past, cell-based biosensors typically used a single type of cell, with a single function, to analyze a single sample. More recent methods, however, have concentrated on the

development of arrays made up of numerous cells on a mapped solid surface that are then exposed to mixtures containing multicomponent analytes and can produce multiplexed output signals corresponding to the amount of each target in the sample mixture. Cell arrays allow for the simultaneous detection of many samples with multiple output signals, which can be utilized to quickly evaluate a large number of samples. This is in contrast to singleplex cell-based biosensors. Cell array approaches have recently drawn a lot of attention because multiplex, high-throughput analytical capabilities are becoming more and more necessary

Cell arrays of various sorts have been reported. Particularly, the development of miniature cell-based test platforms, such as microfluidic and microarray biochips that replicate human metabolism, has made substantial use of human cells. In order to assess toxicity and other metabolic processes throughout the adsorption, distribution, metabolism, and removal of drug candidates in the human body, these biochips have been widely employed in the drug development process. Array platforms created using various microfabrication techniques, such as photolithography, inkjet printing, or microcontact printing, have also been used to examine other eukaryotic cells, including yeast, in applications for gene function analysis, microphysiometry, and the identification of therapeutic agents. Cell arrays based on eukaryotic cells have become widely used as a result of the urgent demand for high-throughput techniques for examining the bioactivity of eukaryotic cells.

Prokaryotic cell arrays, however, have many unique advantages. Prokaryotic cells are simple to grow and keep in viability, are inexpensive to produce in large and homogeneous populations, are resistant to a wide range of physical and chemical conditions, and exhibit little vulnerability to biological contamination. Prokaryotic cells can also be physically or chemically altered, especially those needed for patterning in an array arrangement. According to recent advancements in genetic engineering technology, prokaryotic cells can be molecularly modified to respond to predetermined targets like chemicals, biomolecules, or biological effects in a dose-dependent manner, yielding easily quantifiable optical (colorimetric, fluorescent, or luminescent) or electrochemical signals. A sensing element, a selective promoter, and its regulatory components are typically combined with a suitable molecular reporter system to achieve this. Additionally, two separate reporter systems may now be expressed in a single microorganism thanks to genetic engineering advancements, which makes it easier to do multiplex analysis and specific logic operations on microbial cell arrays

For uses in environmental monitoring, illness diagnosis, and other areas, these genetically modified sensor cells are printed on a solid surface, integrated into a single hardware platform, and concurrently exposed to a sample. This cutting-edge technology has attracted increasing public interest due to its importance and broad applicability, and a sensible research strategy has to be established to greatly increase its use for both laboratory and field use. Fungi and protists are examples of microorganisms that have membrane-bound organelles, whereas bacteria and archaea are examples of prokaryotic organisms that do not have membrane-bound organelles. Microbiologists have historically isolated and identified microbes using culture, staining, and microscopy. However, current technology only allows for the isolation cultivation of less than 1% of the microorganisms found in typical habitats. Since the advent of biotechnology, microbiologists now rely on molecular biology tools such as DNA sequence-based identification, such as the sequence of the 16S rRNA gene used to identify bacteria.

Because they have been categorized as either very simple microbes or extremely complicated molecules, viruses have undergone a variety of classifications as organisms. However, because the clinical consequences linked to prions were initially thought to be caused by chronic viral infections, virologists conducted a search and discovered "infectious proteins." Prions were never thought of as germs. Before microorganisms were even discovered, they were anticipated to exist, for instance, by the Jains in India and Marcus Terentius Varro in ancient Rome. Although Athanasius Kircher, a Jesuit priest, recalled finding microorganisms in milk and other rotten materials in 1658, it is likely that he was the first to notice them. Robert Hooke made the first known microscope observation of mould fruiting structures in 1666. Because of his observations and experiments with tiny creatures in the 1670s using straightforward microscopes of his own construction, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is regarded as the father of microbiology. Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch contributed to the advancement of scientific microbiology in the 19th century, particularly in the field of medical microbiology. Before they were ever discovered, microbes had been theorized to exist for many centuries. As early as the sixth century BCE (599–527 BC), Jainism, which is rooted on the teachings of Mahavira, proposed the existence of invisible microbiological life. According to Paul Dundas, Mahavira said that microscopic organisms living in the elements of air, water, and fire exist. According to Jain scriptures, nigodas are sub-microscopic beings with a very short lifespan who live in enormous clusters and are supposed to be present everywhere in the universe, including in plant tissues and animal flesh. When Marcus Terentius Varro, a Roman, advised against establishing a settlement near swamps because "there are bred certain minute creatures which cannot be seen by the eyes, which float in the air and enter the body through the mouth and nose and thereby cause serious diseases," he made reference to microbes. The earliest documented description of smallpox in his book *The Virtuous Life* (al-Hawi), and other Persian experts all proposed the existence of microbes.

DISCUSSION

Genetically Modified Microbiological Reporter Cells

Although genetic engineering of microbial cells is often utilized to deliberately manufacture dose-dependent signals to specified environmental stimuli, unmodified bacteria have also been used as biosensors based on variations in natural bioluminescence as cells grow. A reporter gene system is typically fused to promoters from specific stress-response areas, which produces specific cell growth and easily observable signals that are proportional to the concentration of the target analytes, such as chemicals, nutrients, or heavy metals. Until far, the activity of matching reporter genes that express fluorescent protein and bacterial luciferase (lux), respectively, has traditionally been responsible for producing fluorescence- and luminescence-based signals in microbial cell arrays. Recent attempts to enhance the functionality of reporter cells have included the further engineering of regulatory areas, the splitting of the lux operon, raising cellular permeability, and the rearranging of gene components.

The ability of another type of genetic engineering to specifically and sensitively detect various types of metabolites present in the metabolic pathways of the microbial cells on the array has recently attracted attention. This class of genetic engineering is based on the creation of mutant bacteria with auxotrophic characteristics. Auxotrophic bacteria have been created using a variety of techniques, including transposons, N-methyl-N'-nitro-N-nitrosoguanidine (NTG-) induced mutagenesis, and chromosomal gene deletion based on linear cassettes. Using fluorescent protein or firefly luciferase reporter genes, matching optical responses that are

proportional to the quantities of target analytes have also been achieved. It has been demonstrated that these cell arrays make it possible to analyze several targets from complex biological fluids quickly (4 h) and simultaneously [1], [2]

As previously mentioned, proteins or the activity of an enzyme synthesized via a reporter gene system have predominantly been responsible for the signals created by the arrays. The signals released have either been detected optically or electrochemically, depending on the type of reporter gene. For the diversification of cell array detection mechanisms, additional signaling techniques based on commercially available Live/Dead staining or surface plasmon resonance analyses have also been published.

Microbial Cell Patterning on Solid Surfaces

Target microbial cells can be patterned on solid surfaces as well as in the wells of premade microtiter plates to increase the number of cell spots per unit area while allowing each spot's activity to be distinguished from that of its neighbors, without cross-contamination. Patterned cell arrays have been created using a variety of microfabrication techniques, including photolithography, soft lithography, and noncontact printing, on a variety of materials, including silicon, glass, different polymers, and gold. Patterns of immobilized bacterial cells have been generated using photography-based techniques on a large scale. By simply exposing a water-soluble photoresist polymer to UV light, a three-dimensional matrix is often created on the targeted region, which may then accommodate target cells and culture material. Based on the creation of *Escherichia coli* microspots on a planar array, this method has successfully been used to manufacture silicon chips with microfluidic channels, microchambers, valves, and other structures for toxicity monitoring [3]–[6]

By applying anchor molecules with a polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) stamp, microcontact printing—one of the most widely used soft lithography techniques to make patterns with a chemical moiety—has been used to produce cellular patterns on both planar and nonplanar surfaces. A protein that directs a cell to the pattern forms covalent bonds with self-assembled monolayers, which can adsorb to patterned gold surfaces, using this stamp. This method has been used to print high-resolution images of large arrays of different microorganisms, including *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *E. coli*, *Candida albicans*, and fungal spores of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. Another bacterial array utilizing micromolded poly(ethylene glycol)-poly(lactide) diblock copolymers and self-assembled polyelectrolyte multilayers to support target cell adhesion has also been reported. Piezoelectric inkjet printers have been utilized to create high-density live cell arrays for testing antimicrobial activity as a noncontact printing example. Piezo tips were used to detect *E. coli* at predetermined locations, according to Flickinger et al.'s article on the development of reactive microbial inks. *E. coli* arrays with several nanoliter-volume patches were also created using a noncontact robotic printer on chemically altered glass.

Preservation of Cell Viability

Cells on the array must remain viable and be able to be preserved for sufficiently long periods of time for microbial cell arrays to be used in practice. As a result, the creation of effective solid-phase arrays by suitable cell immobilization has consistently attracted interest, especially in industry. It has been observed that a variety of polymers, including agar, agarose, alginate, collagen, latex, polyacrylamide, polyethylene glycol diacrylate, and carrageenan, as well as freeze/vacuum drying, can immobilize cells while yet preserving sufficient. More specifically, it was demonstrated that the addition of components like

glycerol or trehalose successfully provided extracellular or intracellular protection, increasing the long-term survival rate. When As(III) reporter bacteria were vacuum dried with 34% trehalose and 1.5% polyvinylpyrrolidone, initial activity was extremely well preserved for up to 12 weeks of storage at 4°C. Long-term (up to 2 years) preservation of sensing cells at room temperature has also been described using an inventive method based on the development of bacterial [7]–[10].

Environmental Surveillance

Although there are many potential uses for microbial cell arrays, they have primarily been used in the field of the environment. Microbial cells have undergone complex modifications that enable them to generate both qualitative and quantitative outputs in response to a single or a variety of environmental stimuli. These modifications have been used to build cell arrays that can assess a variety of test samples. Microbiological cell arrays can serve as a powerful analytical technique to replace the conventional but time-consuming methods now in use since they have the ability to display the distinct responses of live cells. It has been created to test for heavy metals, which are important hazardous elements, using a variety of microbial cell arrays. An *E. coli* strain that has been genetically altered to have the *lacZ* reporter gene, which can express β -galactosidase, linked to the promoter of a heavy metal-responsive gene, has been employed in a microbial cell array, according to Biran et al. The enhanced cyan fluorescent protein gene was later inserted into this sensor strain through a plasmid to produce simultaneous optical signals proportional to the concentration of the target heavy metal, mercury. Only 1 hour of incubation was enough to detect levels of Hg^{2+} as low as 100 nM. A multichannel bioluminescent *E. coli* array method was also used to quantify arsenic and cadmium, albeit cross-reactivity was noted when the two metals were combined.

Microbial cell arrays have also been used to monitor other environmental contaminants. Gou et al. measured real-time gene expression profiles to determine the mechanistic toxicity of silver and titanium oxide nanoparticles using a recombinant *E. coli* array coupled with green fluorescent protein. Several endocrine disruptors, including androgens and estrogens, have been shown to be detectable by a portable biosensor device based on modified yeast and bacterial cells linked to a reporter gene producing luciferase. For broad-range toxicity monitoring, Ahn et al. presented an *E. coli* array made up of optically coded functional microbeads containing both fluorescent microspheres and bioluminescent reporter bacterial cell. A genome-wide analysis of the toxic processes of naphthenic acids, compounds that represent major environmental risks and are prevalent in effluents from petrochemical production, was similarly conducted using a bacterial cell array using recombinant *E. coli* in 384-well plates. Using a bacterial cell array based on bioluminescent *E. coli*, three distinct compounds that either produce superoxide damage (paraquat), DNA damage (mitomycin C), or protein/membrane damage (salicylic acid), were also successfully detected within 2 hours [11], [12].

Diagnostics of diseases

Recently, it has been demonstrated that several target compounds pertinent to human disorders can be quickly, conveniently, and simultaneously detected using cell-based assays that use fast-growing auxotrophic bacteria augmented with bioluminescent or fluorescent reporter genes. Bacterial auxotroph-based arrays demonstrate quick, selective, and sensitive cell growth in direct response to the concentration of the appropriate chemicals, in contrast to conventional diagnostic approaches, which frequently call for extensive experimental stages or complex and expensive gear. Due to the abundance of pertinent metabolites in the

metabolic pathways of microbial cells, this approach can also be used to assess or track nutritional status a number of cell-based methods for diagnosing human diseases that have been reported. Based on the quick and targeted development of amino acid-auxotrophic *E. coli*, a multiplexed amino acid array for simultaneously quantifying 16 distinct amino acids was published. By monitoring the bioluminescent signals from immobilized cells and using this array, it was possible to quantitatively determine many amino acids in biological fluids in less than 4 hours without the use of any pre- or posttreatment. By detecting luminescence values from phenylalanine and methionine auxotrophs incubated with an eluted mixture from clinical blood paper specimens, this approach was successfully used to diagnose two distinct types of metabolic disorders of newborn neonates, phenylketonuria and homocystinuria. Another bioluminescent *E. coli* array was used to measure homocysteine, which is a crucial marker for cardiovascular disease as well as other syndromes like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, neural tube defects, pregnancy complications, and osteoporosis. This array demonstrated high specificity, sensitivity, excellent levels of precision, and reproducibility. GalT-knockout *E. coli* was also used to successfully diagnose galactosemia, a serious metabolic condition of neonates [66]. Additionally, it was described and used in the multiplexed diagnosis of three major metabolic disorders of newborn newborns. This involved the simultaneous quantification of numerous amino acids in a single biological sample. The experiment made use of three different fluorescent reporter plasmid-carrying *E. coli* auxotrophs, which only grow when their respective target amino acids are present. These plasmids each emit distinct fluorescence signals (red, green, and cyan) in tandem with cell growth. In a 96-well plate, the three auxotrophs were combined and immobilized in the same well, producing three distinct fluorescence signals that were related to the three individual reporter plasmids. The measurement of phenylalanine, methionine, and leucine in clinically generated dried blood specimens was used to demonstrate the clinical value of this assay technique in identifying metabolic disorders of infants.

CONCLUSION

Microbial cell arrays, as previously mentioned, have received a great deal of interest as a powerful analytical paradigm because of their ability to offer distinctive global data for live systems. The arrays give researchers the previously unattainable option of analyzing biological reactions through real-time observation of the responses of an infinite number of genetically modified sensor strains that quickly and easily produce easily quantifiable, dose-dependent optical or electrical signals. Insufficient specificity, a lack of available target analytes, difficulties with genetically engineering sensor strains, and limited viability and biological function after extended storage are some issues that continue to significantly impede the widespread use of microbial cell arrays. Microbial cell arrays, on the other hand, hold great promise for a growing number of applications in diverse fields like environmental monitoring, disease diagnostics, and drug discovery. However, significant progress is continuously being made to overcome these limitations, as demonstrated in some of the approaches reviewed here..

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CHAPTER 3

BIOTECHNOLOGY, FOOD, WATER, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ENERGY ELECTRO SPUN NANOMATERIALS

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Abstract

Growing numbers of students, researchers, academics, and businesses worldwide are using electrospinning and electrospraying techniques as economical platform approaches to produce organic and inorganic nanofibers and nanoparticles for a variety of uses. This overview demonstrates significant developments in electrospun nanomaterial science and engineering and how they might be used to meet the expanding demands in five important industries: clean water, the environment, energy, healthcare, and food. Although synthetic polymer systems still dominate the majority of these industries, the development of natural polymer and hybrid natural-synthetic electrospun polymer systems has certain distinct advantages. Modern advances in science and materials engineering have produced highly competitive nanofibre, electrospun products that provide reliable answers for practical applications. A technique for creating fibers called electrospinning uses electric force to extract charged threads from polymer melts or solutions up to fiber sizes of a few hundred nanometers. Electrospinning and traditional solution dry spinning of fibers share properties with electrospraying. The method can create solid threads from solutions without the use of coagulation chemicals or high temperatures. Because of this, the method is especially well suited for the manufacture of fibers from large, complicated compounds. Additionally, electrospinning from molten precursors is used to assure that no solvent enters the finished product.

KEYWORDS

Academics, electro spraying, polymer, solution.

INTRODUCTION

As a flexible method that can be used to many different organic and inorganic systems and produce a finely regulated size distribution of nanomaterials, electrospinning has gained more attention. The resulting nanosystem is characterized by a highly porous network structure with a high surface area to volume ratio, and its dimensions are amenable to easy customization and production optimization. It is widely acknowledged that a substance must have at least one dimension that is 100 nm or smaller in order to be considered nano in size. Nanomaterials can be created from natural or synthetic material precursors in the form of tubes, wires, or particles. Chemical synthesis, electrodeposition templating, catalytic growth chemical vapour deposition, and, more recently, electrospinning techniques are just a few of the approaches used to prepare greater volumes of nanomaterials.

The electrospinning technique enables the mass manufacture of thin, nanoscale, highly functional mesh-like structures. Similar to electrospinning, which electrostatically accelerates solution droplets into a target to create evenly sized particles or thin film coatings, electrospraying accelerates solution droplets onto a target. The charged accelerated droplets can also self-disperse when collected at the target. These electrohydrodynamic methods

produce a porous structure, which can take the shape of a multidimensional network structure or a film as a coating. By optimizing electrostatic forces on a jet of polymer solution, the incredibly flexible electrospinning process enables the selective production of micron to nanoscale fibrous systems. A pipette containing a polymer solution is placed between two electrodes that can produce a voltage difference in the kV range in the simplest variant of the electrospinning process. The polymer solution is then electrostatically drawn in a narrow, continuous jet toward a grounded target, resulting in the deposition of a fibrous web. By adjusting factors such as the jet height, voltage, target type (static or turned dynamically), and jet spindle speed, it is possible to regulate the pore size and distribution that results inside the web. The development of greater throughput electrospinning system designs is ongoing, in addition to the optimization of system parameters.

The earliest patent application based on an electrostatically controlled deposition technique for plastics was made in 1934 even though it is acknowledged that the subject of electrospinning has its origins in early investigations. More than 700 related patents have now been submitted, citing Formals' primary invention. A total of over 2,500 electrospinning-related patent applications have been made. An extraordinary rise in the number of journal publications on electrospinning over the past 20 years, shown in Figure 1 with the number of citations inset, has been in line with this patent trend. This growth has been ascribed to market and industrial demands as well as developments in the nanotechnology sector. It is not surprising that the current exponential growth in the number of patents awarded in the same term has continued.) shows a graphic representation of the number of patents recently awarded, shows an analysis of the global distribution of those patents, showing the development of electrospinning as a genuine answer to present commercial and industrial needs. A liquid droplet is stretched when a sufficiently high voltage is given to it; at a critical point, a stream of liquid bursts from the surface as a result of the liquid's body becoming charged and electrostatic repulsion counteracting surface tension. The Taylor cone is the name of this eruption site. If the liquid's molecular cohesion is high enough, stream breakage won't happen (if it does, droplets will be electrosprayed), and a charged liquid jet will instead form.

As the jet dries while in flight, the charge moves to the fiber's surface, and the current flow mode switches from ohmic to convective. The jet is then stretched out by an electrostatic repulsion mechanism that begins at tiny bends in the fiber and continues until it is eventually deposited on the grounded collector. This bending instability causes the fiber to elongate and thin, culminating in the production of homogenous fibers with nanometer-scale diameters. A spinneret (usually a hypodermic syringe needle) linked to a high-voltage (5 to 50 kV) direct current power source, a syringe pump, and a grounded collector make up the conventional electrospinning setup in a lab. A syringe pump forces a liquid, such as a polymer solution, sol-gel, particle suspension, or melt, out of the needle tip at a consistent rate. As an alternative, a header tank with a consistent feed pressure can be used to feed the droplet at the tip of the spinneret. Lower viscosity feedstocks perform better when fed at a steady pressure. As previously mentioned, electrospraying and electrospinning both use straightforward electrohydrodynamic processes to create thin films, particles, or fiber sheets from host fluids. Under various experimental conditions, the type of solvent and polymer have an impact on the final nanomaterial's shape. Any soluble polymer with a high enough molecular weight can be electrospun using this method. Systems with high surface area to volume ratio, low weight, high pore density, and high permeability with regulated, small fiber diameters will be produced by electrospinning nanofibres. In order to create electrospun

fibers that are specifically suited to the demands of particular functional requirements, a wide range of materials have been used. These materials include both natural and synthetic polymers, polymer blends, hybrid polymer systems, ceramics and metal compounds. Applications in high performance air filters, sensors, textiles, medical wound treatment, solar cells, fuel cells, batteries, capacitors, and scaffolds for tissue engineering are just a few of the several real-world fields that have seen steady growth in recent years. This illustrates some of the many and varied prospective applications as well as the potential uses for which natural polymers might be able to offer a workable answer.

DISCUSSION

Focus has recently shifted away from the manufacturing of pure materials and toward end-use applications and suitable functionality. In the field of electrospinning, numerous overview studies have recently been published. The current developments in electrospinning with diverse polymeric materials will be the main subject of this article, with a special emphasis on the utilization of natural polymers relevant to five main research areas: biotechnology, food, water, environment, and energy. We observe the growth of coaxial, composite, and core-shell nanofibre systems with increased functionality through ongoing advancements in electrospinning processes as well as the introduction of natural polymer systems as a response to meet industrial needs [1]–[4].

Natural polymers may have important advantages over their synthetic counterparts, including biocompatibility, low toxicity, renewable source materials, controlled biodegradation, and, with increased output, the potential for lower production costs, regardless of how difficult the fabrication process may be for real-world applications. For example, in the field of biotechnology, the production of electrospun, naturally occurring proteins can offer cells a platform that is physiologically relevant and encourage a state of differentiation of the cellular components. To date, a number of natural proteins, including silk, collagen, gelatin, and fibrinogen, have been electrospun successfully. Polysaccharides and other complex carbohydrate biopolymers have also been electrospun. However, the poor mechanical and thermal characteristics of many natural polymers restrict their use. Hybrid synthetic-natural, electrospun copolymer systems have emerged as potential competitors to address current commercial demands in order to overcome this constraint.

Biotechnology

Biomedical applications and products using polymers must adhere strictly to the resulting chemical and physical qualities. The mid-1990s saw the start of research focusing on the fusion of tissue engineering with nanotechnology. The main, practical applications of today include medicine delivery, wound healing, tissue and cell regeneration, and surgical implants. Biodegradable synthetic polymers like polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, and polyglycolic acid, nonbiodegradable synthetic polymers like polyurethane, and natural polymers like cellulose, collagen, and chitosan are a few common materials that have been electrospun. Some common electrospun synthetic and natural polymers that are currently being researched in this field are shown in Table 2. The main goal of the nanofibre scaffold for tissue engineering and cell development is to imitate the extracellular matrix. It has been demonstrated that the usage of such scaffolds results in a cellular response that is significantly different from that of conventional smooth-surfaced substrates.

a recent review, Ramakrishna et al. highlighted one such study in which electrospun scaffolds made from naturally existing extracellular matrix proteins, like collagen, enabled for

substantially greater cell infiltration. They also cited studies on stromal cells that have been effectively cultivated on nanofibre meshes, including haemopoietic stem cell embryonic stem cells and brain progenitor cells. Comparing the development of human dermal fibroblasts on Memecylonedule polycaprolactone nanofibres to that of other plant extracts with wound-healing capabilities as *Indigofera aspalathoides*, *Azadirachta indica*, and *Myristica andamanica*, Jin et al. recently reported a significant proliferation of human dermal fibroblast growth. Between days 3 and 9 of the study, the rate of cell proliferation was increased by 394% as a result of the newly created hydrophilic, memecylonedule polycaprolactone nanofibre scaffolds, which have an average nanofibre diameter of 487 nm.

Recent research has focused on alternative materials and biotechnology applications, such as nylon-6/lactic acid core-shell nanofibres, which are made utilizing a two-step electrospinning and surface neutralization method. The osteoblast cell development on the calcium lactate-coated nanofibre scaffold was clearly visible. Sheng et al. looked at the electrospinning of brand-new silk fibroin nanofibrous mats laden with vitamin E for applications in regenerating skin tissue. A review of the recent work comparing five different methods for developing composite scaffolds in electrospun nanofibre/hydrogel composite systems has also just been published. Numerous material characteristics of collagen make it appealing for use in biotechnology, including biocompatibility, low antigenicity, biodegradability, low inflammatory and cytotoxic responses, high water affinity, and availability from a number of sources. What has become abundantly clear is that effective nanofibre scaffolds must also encourage a natural state of differentiation of the cellular components; they cannot just duplicate the mechanical structure of the extracellular matrix. To control and promote cell growth, a customized, composite, nanofibre scaffold system with the addition of proteins may be required. However, electrospun collagen's inherent instability needs to be addressed [5]–[8].

Alginate, chitosan, collagen, and hydroxyapatite composite systems made by electrospinning are only a few examples of the composite materials that have been extensively researched as prospective uses for bone tissue engineering. Comparing this composite system to a collagen film, it was found to reduce scaffold disintegration in 300–800 nm diameter nanofibres for 10 days in collagenase solution by 35%. Layer-by-layer coating of premade polyacrylonitrile and poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) microfibre bases was suggested as an alternate method of creating collagen-based microfibre constructions. This study investigated the intrinsic instability of collagen as a result of avoiding volatile solvents during preparation. In addition to these more modern composite materials, McClure et al. published research on electrospun silk fibroin, collagen, elastin, and polycaprolactone created using a 3-1 input-output nozzle resulting in a trilayered structure. They looked at the impact of altering the medial and/or adventitial layer composition in the electrospun system, which was designed to aesthetically resemble the vascular wall and offer a good mechanical fit for artery replacement.

Gelatin is a biocompatible, biodegradable, nonimmunogenic protein that exhibits several integrin binding sites for cell adhesion and differentiation. It is a developing, cost-effective replacement for collagen. For usage as vascular scaffold systems, a variety of silk fibroin/gelatin nanofibre composites with diameters ranging from 99 to 244 nm have recently been developed. For a 70:30 ratio (silk:gelatin), a homogenous bead-free nanofibre system was produced. good cell proliferation and expansion followed by good biocompatibility were found to support long-term cell attachment. In order to successfully create a biocomposite, nanofibrous scaffold on a rotating cylinder, Francis et al concurrently used electrospinning

(of gelatin) and electrospraying (of nanohydroxyapatite). These scaffolds were crosslinked to boost stability.

The coaxial electrospinning approach can create core-shell structured nanofibres, resulting in enhanced material functionality, by simultaneously electrospinning two distinct polymer solutions. The ability to coaxially prepare water-soluble bioactive compounds into biodegradable core-shell nanofibres using polycaprolactone (PCL) as the shell and protein containing polyethylene glycol (PEG) as the core was successfully proven by Jiang et al. The flexibility, biodegradability, and relative hydrophobicity of PCL have all been extensively researched. A dual scaffold system made of poly(l-lactide)/collagen and poly(-caprolactone)/collagen was created by Ladd et al. They described a noncytotoxic, continuous, 452–549 nm nanofibre system with three distinctly different mechanical characteristics for use in tissue engineering at the muscle–tendon junction. In a manner similar to that described above, Gluck et al. created core-polyurethane nanofibre scaffolds with a shell composite of poly(-caprolactone) and gelatin, where the surface functionality promoted cellular migration to the scaffold's interior. By electrospinning, functional photosensitive poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT) containing PCL nanofibrous scaffolds were created, on which human fibroblasts cells rapidly proliferate when exposed to artificial light. It was determined that by converting the optical energy from the light into electrical energy, combining the photosensitive polymer P3HT with PCL would promote fibroblast proliferation and morphology under light simulation. Figure 5 shows the proliferation and cell density of human dermal fibroblasts using different polymer blend combinations.

Food

By electrospinning synthetic and natural polymers to create the nanofibres and unique structures, a wide range of applications, including new food ingredients, food additives, novel packaging, food sensors, and additive encapsulations, are made possible. Since the majority of the produced nanofibres are often made of nonfood grade polymers, the application of electrospun nanofibres in the food industry is quite low. However, because they are biocompatible and biodegradable, nanofibers made from natural polymers have prospective uses in the development of high performance food packaging, food coatings, flavor improvement, additive encapsulation, and nutraceutical applications.

The fastest-growing industry is food packaging, which is essential to the supply and processing of food. The major goal is to keep the product's quality high and to keep it safe from numerous risks throughout transportation and until it reaches the consumer. Electrospun nanofibres have numerous applications in the food business. To increase shelf life and preserve flavor, food packaging materials made of biobased and natural polymers can be employed. By embedding biosensors into the fibers to indicate the food products' expiration date, this method can also develop intelligent active packaging materials. Recently, electrospun zein nanofibres were used to make biobased polyester multilayer structure packaging films with a high barrier interlayer for food packaging applications. The oxygen barrier characteristics were greatly enhanced by compression moulding the zein electrospun nanofibre into the multilayer framework.

The industry of confectionery may be able to reduce costs by using nanoparticles created by electrospraying. Less chocolate sauce is used in the electrospinning process, and the fibers and particles that are created have a different mouthfeel and texture from bulk chocolates. This might aid in the creation of new food products and the expansion of oversaturated confectionery markets. The most widely used nanofibre use is undoubtedly rapid responding

biosensors, which offer quicker response times, more sensitivity, and greater selectivity than existing technologies. Tyrosinase enzyme immobilization on a glassy carbon electrode coated by a polyamidic nanofibrous membrane demonstrated quick detection of phenolic chemicals as a result of the electrode's nanofibre coating. The migration of phenolic chemicals from food, such as cooking oils and mineral water, is detected using nylon-6 electrospun nanofibres in a similar manner. The active packaging material will substantially help regulators and improve health and safety measures by adding electrospun nanofibres.

Food packaging uses will be found for electrospun nanofibres made from natural polymers like cellulose and proteins. Due to their biodegradability and biocompatibility, these nanofibres may be used to deliver medications to the gastrointestinal tract in a regulated manner. Poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) (PNIPAAm) is used to make smart electrospun nanofibres, which may react to external stimuli like temperature changes. Numerous applications, including tissue engineering, controlled drug delivery, and smart food packaging, may make use of these materials. Smart electrospun fibers that are responsive to temperature changes are shown in as an example [9], [10].

CONCLUSION

The electrospun fibers are appealing for a variety of applications, including high performance filters, energy generation, water filtration, and scaffolds in tissue engineering, due to their high surface to volume ratio. The number of applications using diverse synthetic and natural polymers is growing at an exponential rate in numerous disciplines, which is a result of the electrospinning method' flexibility. However, compared to synthetic polymers, the utilization of natural polymers is very low due to incompatibility of the polymer chosen for a given application and, in some cases, due to subpar chemical and mechanical qualities. New hybrid polymer systems based on synthetic and natural polymers that are appropriate for electrospinning with improved functionalities suitable for a wide range of applications, especially in the food and biotechnology sectors, need to be developed further. They seek to take advantage of the key material benefits of both systems while overcoming some of the individual constraints that have so far prevented the full potential of electrospun systems from being realized. The resulting nanofibre-based goods will develop into highly competitive alternatives to present, frequently outdated market solutions as fabrication prices continue to fall and higher volume electrospinning equipment are brought online. According to recent studies, it should come as no surprise that electrospun nanofibres will likely play a crucial part in the years to come in a number of key application areas, including water purification, renewable energy, and environmental protection.

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CHAPTER 4

COMBINING STUDIES ON LARGE-SCALE MICROBIAL CELLULASE PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION, IN SILICO MODELING, AND GENETIC MODIFICATION

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Abstract

For its uses, cellulase, a biocatalyst that hydrolyzes cellulosic biomass, is regarded as a significant group of industrial enzymes. Numerous studies have been conducted on microbial cellulase, however because of their high cellulase production, fungi are thought to represent a unique strain. Major obstacles to its advancement include production costs and new microbial strains, while inexpensive agricultural wastes might be vital sources of cellulose as substrates. The production level of isolated strains is quite modest, which limits the researcher's hunt for further cellulolytic microorganisms in natural sources. Therefore, before optimization, large-scale cellulase production can be accomplished through genetic modification or mutation. Following genetic alteration, the binding affinity of the substrate molecule can be assessed by in silico molecular modeling. By sequentially examining common cellulase-producing microbes, modified microbes, culture media, carbon sources, substrate pretreatment process, and the significance of optimal pH and temperature on fermentation, this review focuses not only on the traditional methods of cellulase production but also on modern biotechnological approaches applied to cellulase production. In this paper, we contrast various approaches to determining cellulase activity. As a result, this review offers insights into the interactions between the traits of genetic modification, in silico enzyme modeling, and the optimization of various culture conditions for the production of cellulase enzymes, which may help advance large-scale integrated enzyme manufacturing of substrate-specific enzymes.

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INTRODUCTION

Cellulose, a linear polysaccharide made of D-glucose subunits, is the biomass that is most prevalent on the earth. One of the main elements of the plant cell wall and individual glucose residues are linked together by this cellulose polymer through 1, 4-glycosidic connections. Cellulase, also known as carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) is a family of enzymes that hydrolyzes cellulose and has biotechnology potential in a number of industries, including food, textile, animal feed, brewing, agriculture, biomass refining, pulp, and paper [5-8]. It ranks third in terms of industrial enzyme importance on the global market (i.e., 15%), after amylase; exoglucanase, 4-D-glucanase, are the three different forms of cellulase enzymes. For industrial applications, their high production costs and poor yielding capacity pose the most but an efficient and lucrative enzymatic hydrolysis method must be cost-effective]. The formation of cellulase is mostly fueled by renewable carbon sources and noble For this enzyme, the lignocellulosic materials such as wood, waste paper, corn cob, wheat bran, waste paper, sugar cane bagasse wheat straw], aspen wood, willow and waste are efficient carbon

sources. Thus, accessible biomass resources at low cost may considerably aid in the synthesis of cellulase and lower production costs.

The majority of enzymes are produced by microbes that can be cultivated quickly and in great numbers. Therefore, the industry is currently paying a lot of attention to the employment of eco-friendly microbes for the processing of lignocellulosic material. Cellulosic materials are capable of being hydrolyzed by bacteria, fungus, and actinomycetes. *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Chaetomium*, *Trichoderma*, *Fusarium*, and *Alternaria* are only a few of the genera that belong to the kingdom fungus. *Cellulomonas*, *Cellvibrio*, *Pseudomonas* sp. *Bacillus*, and *Micrococcus* are some examples of cellulolytic bacteria. Fungi are active decomposers and probably account for 80% of the degradation of polysaccharides worldwide. Therefore, because they release a lot of cellulase into the culture medium, these fungi can be the preferable source of cellulase for commercial uses. Even though a large variety of fungi produce cellulase enzymes, only a small number have been thoroughly studied since they produce large quantities of these extracellular enzymes. While *Trichoderma reesei* is a frequently mentioned mesophilic filamentous Ascomycota fungus with commercial enzyme titers, the fungal cellulases are less complex extracellular enzymes that were once more quickly cloned. Modifying the strains using random mutagenesis is essential to improve the production of enzymes and cellulose hydrolysis. A considerable number of exceptional mutants have been created by heavy ion irradiation, which has been successfully used for the mutation breeding of microorganisms to create novel strains with potential for industrial application.

Cellulase enzyme was produced by solid-state fermentation, batch fermentation, and submerged fermentation. In order to bioconvert lignocellulosic material using cellulolytic bacteria, solid-state fermentation (SSF) is becoming more and more well-liked. Cellulase production in microbial cultures is heavily dependant on growth, and productivity is affected by a number of factors. Temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen in liquid broth, carbon and nitrogen supply, and other factors are thought to be the primary determining factors for cellulase synthesis. Enzyme design is a prominent area of ongoing study with numerous applications in protein treatments, biocatalysts, bioengineering, and other biomedical domains. By increasing and completing experimental results, experimental and computational approaches can be coupled to create more effective commercial enzymes. But our understanding of this family of enzymes' structure, kinetics, and enzymatic activity is still somewhat limited. The potential use of microorganisms for the manufacture of cellulase, strain improvement through mutagenesis to increase enzyme production, molecular modeling, factors influencing enzyme production, and its applications in many industries are highlighted in this review. Carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) are any enzymes involved in the production, degradation, or modification of carbohydrates and their derivatives.

Carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) are now categorized into several hundred different enzyme protein families after 25 years of ongoing research. The glycosyl transferases (GTs), polysaccharide lyases (PLs), carbohydrate esterases (CEs), glycoside hydrolases (GHs), and auxiliary activities (AAs) are the classifications into which all known CAZymes are divided by the CAZy database and associated bioinformatics tools. By using CAZymes like cellulases and xylanases, lignocellulosic plant biomass can be broken down into simple sugars and subsequently converted into biofuels and other products. CAZymes produced by

microorganisms, notably fungus, are used in a number of industries. However, selecting the ideal fungal candidate is an expensive and time-consuming process. In order to classify and choose the best potential fungal species based on their genome-wide distribution of CAZymes, the "CAZymes Based Ranking of Fungi (CBRF)" web database was developed. The current CAZy database (CAZymes), which mostly lists the catalytic domains of enzymes that metabolize carbohydrates, is related physically. Initially created in 1991 as a classification for glycoside hydrolases (GH), it currently makes up the majority of CAZy, with 172 GH families. The three primary duties of the CAZy curators are to preserve and update the family classification of this class of enzymes, classify newly available sequences from GenBank and the Protein Data Bank, and collect and provide functional information for each family [4]. Lipids and proteins cannot be used by cellulolytic bacteria as energy sources for metabolism and growth; they predominantly consume carbs. Cellulases can be produced by a number of microorganisms from a broad spectrum of carbohydrates. Cellulosic materials can be broken down by bacteria to produce cellulase enzymes under the right fermentation.

These microbes represented the groups of fungus, bacteria, and actinomycetes. Aerobic bacterial species like *Cytophaga*, *Cellulomonas*, and *Cellovibrio* can break down cellulosic materials and produce this vital enzyme, according to Mawadza et al. and], while *Trichoderma*, *Penicillium*, *Fusarium*, *Alternaria*, *Aspergillus*, and *Cladosporium* are effective cellulase-producing fungi species. The breakdown of cellulose is caused by fungi to an extent of 80%, and there are two kinds of fungi that produce cellulase: aerobic and anaerobic fungi. The majority of the cellulases used in industry can be produced by aerobic fungi because of their adaptable nature and extracellular traits. The most thoroughly studied fungus, *Trichoderma reesei*, is capable of converting both native and desired cellulose to glucose. Due to research suggesting that *T. reesei*, which has the strongest capacity to hydrolyze local cellulose and other bacteria, is the most expensively intentional aerobic fungus. Table 1 lists the previously discovered fungi, bacteria, and actinomycetes that produce cellulase, and Figure 1 depicts a typical process for microbial cellulase production. However, genetically modified strains are able to produce cellulase in significantly higher amounts.

DISCUSSION

Gene-Modified Microorganisms

Microbes that have been genetically altered have been employed in industrial production since 1990. The selection of a good strain is based on specific physiological characteristics and functioning, which should be capable of producing a high product yield and be resilient to environmental stress. Several genetic techniques have been used to overexpress the cellulase gene. Numerous microbial strains have undergone genetic modification to enhance gene expression, including *Trichoderma reesei*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and *Bacillus subtilis*. Cellulolytic activity of modified *L. plantarum* cultivated in a bioreactor was 33.4 U/mg. At Rutgers University, *T. reesei* was randomly modified to produce the strain RUT-C30, which showed a 20-fold increase in cellulase secretion. Mutant *T. reesei* RUT-C30 is one of the most often utilized fungi strains for manufacturing commercial cellulase, according to Adsul et al. Cellulase yields from *Bacillus pumilus* were randomly changed and were four times higher than those from the wild-type strain [84]. Co60 and UV treatments were used to irradiate the *aspergillus*. The XTG-4 mutant of the *aspergillus* sp. produced 19 times as much as the wild-type strain. Site-directed mutagenesis was employed to alter conserved regions of this enzyme family to produce enzymes that required novel substrates even though EG was produced by the fungus *Macrophomina phaseolina*. Microorganisms can

be genetically modified to produce high levels of metabolites, however this may not be as easy as one might imagine given the complexity of the organism. Cre1 may be a useful target gene in altering *T. reesei* to boost enzyme synthesis, according to Nakari-Setälä et al. [87], who found that it was either abolished or replaced by enhanced enzyme production [1]–[3].

Molecular Simulation

Using various *in silico* methodologies, including docking, molecular dynamics simulation, protein modeling, genetic engineering, metagenomics, and protein engineering on cellulase enzymes, researchers are currently concentrating on the bulk production of industrially relevant enzymes with significant biotechnological applications. Computer-assisted modeling, a critical tactic for assessing a small molecule's binding affinity at the binding site of its macromolecular target, is the subject of the current work. Due to its commercial applications, the protein-ligand interaction is the most fascinating example. The protein structure between the ligands is utilized to score them using the energy scoring function, and the posture with the lowest energy score is thought to be the best match.

The binding effectiveness of the *Acinetobacter* cellulase enzyme was reported by Selvam et al. Cellobiose, cellotetraose, cellotetrisose, and laminaribiose each have binding energies of 6.15 kJ/mol, 7.88 kJ/mol, 6.16 kJ/mol, and 6.6.72 kJ/mol, respectively. According to these docking experiments, cellulase has a greater promise as a substrate for high ethanol yields than cellotetraose. An *in silico* structural, function, and phylogenetic investigation of *Ruminococcus albus* cellulase was carried out by Hoda et al. The UniProt database was used to retrieve the *R. albus* cellulase protein sequence, and homology modeling was used to estimate the 3D structure. According to Tamboli et al. *Trichoderma* and *Aspergillus* cellulase enzymes underwent *in silico* physicochemical study. They discovered that the 3D shape of these fungal cellulases is dominated by secondary structures like alpha helices and random coils. *A. Niger* cellulase residues, as well as *T. longibrachiatum* Tyr168, Tyr192, Gln196, and Asp220, were discovered to be involved in the interaction with substrate cellulose according to the molecular docking investigation carried out in their work. Numerous *Bacillus* spp. were revealed by Lugani (2017) in their study. Cellulase's amino acid composition was also examined

The structure of the enzyme affects the catalytic process. The dynamics of protein structure, particularly the loops or domains involved in the catalytic activity of enzymes, can be determined using the key technique of molecular dynamics. Based on the projected structures using molecular modeling techniques, Paul et al. investigated the structural characteristics of several microbial cellulases. Additionally, they displayed molecular interactions with substrate molecules and their networks via molecular docking between receptor proteins and ligands. The bond energy between the enzyme and the substrate was calculated in order to compare the catalytic activity of wild-type and mutant enzymes created utilizing *in silico* technologies. According to their research, cellulose hydrolysis can be enhanced for higher bioethanol outputs. Additionally, Ali et al. discovered that *Thermobifida fusca* Cel6A variants were discovered using protein domain engineering and molecular dynamics studies, which increased their enzymatic activity. Figure 2 displays many computer-based microbial cellulase enzymes [4], [5].

Making Microbial Culture Media

The generation of enzymes and microbial growth depend heavily on media. Most studies indicated that Sabouraud Dextrose Agar (SDA) and Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) were

commonly utilized for preparing bacterial cultures, while LB broth and LB agar media were predominantly employed for fungus cultures. Cellulase is still produced using the Mandel and Weber media, which established a cellulolytic fungus enzyme production medium Tween 80, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$, K_2HPO_4 , $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and tween 80 are ingredients in the Mandel's and Weber medium. The ideal pH was 4.8. Microcrystalline cellulose, which includes different salts as microelements, serves as the medium's carbon supply. Vogel's nutritional medium was reportedly used for the inoculum production of fungi under SSF, according to Iqbal. Accordingly, research on the ideal inoculum medium compositions as well as nutrition, pH, temperature, and incubation durations is crucial for inoculum growth and microbial fermentation [6]–[8]

Materials and the Pretreatment Procedure

While lignocellulose biomass is a cheap source for cellulase production, cellulosic materials make up the majority of cellulose. Aspen wood, wheat straw, corn cobs, and sugarcane bagasse are examples of materials that are inexpensive sources of carbon for the manufacture of cellulase. Corn cobs are used as a residue for cellulase production that the fungus can effectively utilize, according to Liming and Xueliang. In contrast to vegetable fibers, which can be utilized as a renewable source for cellulase enzyme, weeds can also be employed as a low-cost substrate because they grow naturally and are readily available in nature. Cellulase synthesis has also been carried out using the peels of *Luffa cylindrica* and *Litchi chinensis*. Prior to employing these substrates as an energy source, pretreatment was required to accelerate enzyme hydrolysis and boost sugar yields that could be fermented. Cellulase enzyme availability is increased and cellulosic biomass structures are altered by pretreatment. Pretreatment methods for substrates can be classified into four categories: physical, chemical, physicochemical, and biological. The lignocellulosic biomass's surface, area, and pore size are all raised by the physical technique, but cellulose's polymerization and crystallinity are both reduced. The usage of chemical substances including sulfuric acids, hydrochloric acids, ammonium, sodium, calcium, potassium, methanol, acetone, ethanol, ethylene glycol, and chloride makes chemical pretreatment a less desirable procedure. High temperature and equipment are required for the physicochemical approach, which uses ammonia fiber, steam, carbon dioxide, and SPORL. Biological pretreatment is environmentally friendly and uses less energy where necessary living microorganisms such as fungi genera *Pleurotus*, *Ceriporiopsis*, *Ceriporia*, *Pycnoporus*, *Cyathus*, and *Basidiomycetes*. These conventional methods required high energy, nonpolluting equipment, and expensive reagents [9]–[11].

Fermentation

A key step in the creation of enzymes is fermentation, which is significantly impacted by the chemical makeup of the organic substrate and chemical changes brought about by the activity of microorganisms. For microbial growth and enzyme production during fermentation, substrate mass, heat, and oxygen transport are crucial. According to Saqib et al., state fermentation (SSF). To produce desired products, such as amylases and proteases, SmF uses a microbial culture in a liquid medium.

SmF operations do not experience heat mass transfer and are simple to automate. This strategy has considerable limits, according to Babbar and Oberoi because of the medium's expensive manufacturing costs and complexity. For the synthesis of cellulase, solid-state fermentation (SSF) is a competitive process due to its high productivity, relatively high product concentrations, enhanced monitoring, handling, and reduced wealthy generation. The cost of producing cellulase in SSF is ten times lower than in SmF, according to Tengerdy and

Szakacs whereas John et al. claim that SSF is directly important to industrial enzymes and their direct agro-biotechnological applications as silage or feed additives, lignocellulosic hydrolysis, and natural fiber processing. According to Silva et al., *Theroascus aurantiacus* produced xylanase and CMCase on SSF in different residues.

Sources of Carbon and Nitrogen

According to the researchers' hypotheses a significant portion of cellulase production is dependent on a variety of carbon sources. According to González et al. carbon sources are not only a source of energy for microorganisms but also a crucial inducer for the formation of cellulase, and different carbon sources have a disparate impact on an organism's ability to thrive in various conditions. Cellobiose, lactose, and sophorose are efficient carbon sources for controlling the production of cellulase in fungi, according to Tangnu et al. The maximum cellulase synthesis, according to Cheng et al. and Bhat and Bhat, was attained on carbon sources that contained cellulose. Dextrose is the best carbon source for fungus, according to Margolles-Clark et al. who employed sugar, glucose, fructose, dextrose, and carboxy methyl cellulose to influence cellulase production in microorganisms. While sophorose is a powerful inducer of cellulase expression, trans-glycosylation of sophorose in the medium may be the cause of the high levels of cellulase expression.

pH optimization

pH has a significant impact on both microbial growth and the ability of the microbial population to generate enzymes. Firestone et al. reported pH effects on numerous metrics and altered a number of difficult-to-separate components. Numerous studies have concentrated on pH optimization, which is crucial for fungus growth and enzyme synthesis. As a result, much effort has been made to enhance cellulase production by maintaining an ideal pH. Controlling the medium's pH is the main challenge in the manufacture of the cellulase enzyme by various strains. While Tangnu et al. showed that microorganisms produce cellulase in the pH range of 4.0-6.0, Prasetyo et al. discovered that *A. cellulolyticus* has an optimal pH range for glucosidase of 5.5-6.0 and endoglucanase of 4.0. *T. reesei*, on the other hand, produced more glucosidase when the pH was maintained at 6.0. On the other hand, Hendy et al. discovered that fermentation carried out at pH 5.0 resulted in a significant reduction of cellulase synthesis. These results imply that different species require different pH levels for optimal performance. To improve overall cellulase production, a targeted strain is needed, and a method for precise pH control based on the characteristics of specific cellulase components must be established.

Temperature Optimization

A number of factors affect the development of enzymes, and one of those factors is ideal temperature. According to Rojey and Monot [136], one of the most important parameters for the formation of cellulase enzyme is appropriate temperature. According to Silva et al. cellulase production by microorganisms ranged from 30 to 80 degrees Celsius, with the maximum production occurring between 30 and 40 degrees Celsius. The highest cellulose production while using cow dung as a substrate occurs at 25.5°C. In solid-state fermentation, the mutant *T. reesei* RUT-C30 produced the most cellulase at a temperature of 30°C while *T. reesei* HY07, isolated from maize stalk, also produced cellulase at this temperature.

CONCLUSION

Cellulase is increasingly being used in textiles. This enzyme doesn't harm the environment and is environmentally friendly. Cellulases used in biotechnological applications have the potential to be produced in excess by genetically altering bacterial and fungal strains. To achieve high degradable yields, thermo-stable, alkaline-resistant cellulases will be developed for industrial applications. A high volume of enzyme synthesis is required since the cellulase enzyme has uses in several sectors. Optimization of various factors during bulk processing used to be crucial because it had an impact on microbial growth and output. Chemicals that harm the ecosystem are ubiquitous in the world. Despite the availability of lignocellulosic biomass, the pretreatment and manufacturing processes are fairly expensive. In order to safeguard both the environment and humanity, researchers are working to identify the most affordable method of producing cellulase enzymes. The Bangladesh Reference Institute for Chemical Measurements (BRiCM) staff, especially Junior Technician Satya Ranjan Roy, was a great help and support to the writers.

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CHAPTER 5

THE POTENTIAL OF ARCHAEOAL NUCLEIC ACID LIGASES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

In many molecular biology and biotechnology techniques, DNA ligases and RNA ligases are crucial tools because they can catalyze the production of phosphodiester links. Currently, these procedures make heavy use of the bacteriophage T4 nucleic acid ligases. In this review, we contend that the nucleic acid ligases from Archaea provide an essentially unexplored reservoir of enzymes with a variety of potentially advantageous characteristics for novel and developing biotechnological applications. We summarize the current state of knowledge on archaeal DNA and RNA ligases, highlighting the relative lack of knowledge on in vitro activities that are most important to biotechnologists (such the capacity to bind double-stranded DNA fragments with blunt- or cohesive-ended ends). We emphasize the biotechnological uses for archaeal DNA and RNA ligases now in use. The promise for additional research in this field is illustrated by recent experiments in which the activities of the DNA ligases from *Pyrococcus furiosus* and *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus* were altered through the use of protein engineering.

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INTRODUCTION

The creation of phosphodiester bonds between nucleic acids' opposing 5'-phosphate and 3'-hydroxyl termini is catalyzed by DNA and RNA ligases, which are present in all living things. Their actions are crucial for fundamental biological processes such RNA editing and repair, immunoglobulin gene rearrangement, and DNA replication and recombination. They are essential instruments for contemporary biotechnology because several molecular biology techniques have taken advantage of their in vitro activities. The nucleotidyl transferase superfamily is made up of DNA and RNA ligases, RNA capping enzymes, and tRNA ligases. This superfamily of enzymes all catalyze the creation of phosphodiester bonds in a three-step, conserved method that uses either ATP, GTP, or NAD⁺ as a high-energy cofactor. A ligase-AMP intermediate is produced in the first step by the active site lysine's nucleophilic attack on the cofactor's -phosphate. Second, an adenylated nucleic acid intermediate is created when the AMP is transferred to the 5'-phosphate of one polynucleotide strand (with the active site lysine serving as the leaving group). Finally, the 3'-hydroxyl group of the second polynucleotide strand attacks the 5'-phosphate of the opposing strand, joining the two strands with a new phosphodiester bond and liberating AMP.

Archaeal species not only endure harsh temperatures, salinities, pH levels, and pressure, but also thrive in them. Archaeal proteins have evolved in these severe habitats to have qualities that are useful to biotechnologists, such as stability and activity under a variety of quite harsh in vitro conditions. The common use of *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA polymerase in PCR, where its thermostability and processivity also make it useful for related techniques like

QuikChange mutagenesis is a well-known example. We focus on archaeal nucleic acid ligases in this review. We provide a summary of our present understanding of these enzymes, including how they are already used in biotechnology, and we make the case that they provide a sizable untapped resource of activities for "next generation" molecular biology methods.

At single-stranded nicks in double-stranded DNA, DNA ligases catalyze the creation of phosphodiester linkages *in vivo*. DNA replication, DNA recombination, and DNA excision repair depend on this activity to maintain genomic integrity. According to their cofactor specificity, they are typically divided into two categories and are necessary for all species. While NAD⁺-dependent DNA are commonly found in bacteria and some eukaryotic viruses, ATP-dependent ligases are typically found in Eukarya, Archaea, and viruses (including bacteriophages). But there are certain exceptions to this generalization. The archaeal species *Haloferax volcanii* is notable for having two active DNA ligases, one of which is ATP-dependent (LigA) and the other of which is NAD⁺-dependent.

Numerous applications in molecular biology and biotechnology require DNA ligases. DNA ligases have been utilized for many years in the cloning process as well as the ligation chain reaction, which is used to identify genetic diseases. *Thermus aquaticus* (Taq) bacterium's DNA ligase has lately grown in significance for Gibson assembly. Without the use of restriction enzymes, overlapping DNA molecules can be assembled using this isothermal, one-pot technique. Numerous next-generation sequencing techniques also rely on DNA ligases either for the sequencing reaction itself (SOLiD sequencing) or for adapter ligation during sample preparation. The most widely employed DNA ligase in biotechnology is the ATP-dependent enzyme from bacteriophage T4, which can ligate both cohesive- and blunt-ended, double-stranded DNA molecules. Although it is irreversibly inactivated at 65°C, it is only sporadically active for the ligation of blunt-ended fragments. Additionally, it is inert at NaCl values greater than 150 mM. We suggest that some or all of the aforementioned uses may be suitable for thermostable archaeal DNA ligases. For instance, the ligation chain reaction needs a ligase that is stable beyond 90 °C, and Archaea may offer biotechnologists better Gibson assembly ligase substitutes than Taq ligase.

As previously mentioned, DNA ligases are typically categorized according to how strictly they are cofactor selective for either ATP or NAD⁺. It's interesting to note that some archaeal DNA ligases are capable of using several cofactors. Sequence homology suggested that the DNA ligases from *Thermococcus kodakaraensis*, *T. fumicolans*, and *T. onnurineus* belong to the ATP-dependent family (EC 6.5.1.1); however, *in vitro* characterisation of each has shown that they are able to use either ATP or NAD⁺ as their cofactor. The ATP-dependent DNA ligase from *Sulfolobus solfataricus* also shows relative activity of 63% when the cofactor is switched from ATP to GTP. Other than the *S. solfataricus* DNA ligase, activity with GTP has only been described for RNA capping enzymes. A number of archaeal DNA ligases, including the *S. solfataricus* enzyme, are also able to use ADP. One hypothesis for the undifferentiated nucleotide specificities of archaeal DNA ligases is that they have retained a trait from the ancient common ancestor of the ATP- and NAD⁺-dependent enzymes. This ancestor may have used ADP as a cofactor, as the ADP moiety is common to both ATP and NAD⁺. However, it has also been noted that direct evidence of ADP utilisation by DNA ligases is minimal. Another proposal is that ATP is comparatively unstable at high temperatures, and this provided the selection pressure for evolution of thermophilic ligases with specificity for alternative cofactors such as ADP and GTP.

DNA ligases employ multidomain architectures in order to catalyse phosphodiester bond formation; however, there is variation in the number and identity of the domains they possess. To date, the structures of six archaeal DNA ligases have been solved, from *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, *Pyrococcus furiosus*, *Sulfolobus solfataricus*, *S. zilligii*, *Thermococcus sibiricus* and *Thermococcus* sp. Each enzyme comprises three domains: the adenylation domain (AdD), the oligonucleotide-binding domain (OBD), and the N-terminal DNA-binding domain (DBD). The AdD contains the six motifs (I, III, IIIb, IV, V, and VI) that are characteristic of the nucleotidyl transferase superfamily. The AdD and OBD are minimally required for activity and together they are referred to as the catalytic core. The N-terminal DBD is unique to the eukaryotic and archaeal DNA ligases and is thought to play roles in maintaining an active conformation of the catalytic core, as well as distorting the DNA.

Elucidation of the unbound and DNA-bound structures of the ATP-dependent ligase from *Chlorella* virus has highlighted the importance of large conformational changes during the catalytic cycle of DNA ligases. During DNA binding the OBD translocates by >60 Å and rotates nearly 180° around a swivel point, in order to fit into the minor groove of the DNA substrate. No archaeal DNA ligases have had their structures solved in complex with DNA; however, OBDs have been captured adopting three different conformations (Figure 1). The *S. solfataricus* enzyme exhibited an open and extended conformation in which the OBD was turned away from the AdD (Figure 1(a)); the overall structure resembled that of the DNA ligase from bacteriophage T7. In contrast, the *Thermococcus* sp. 1519 ligase structure (Figure 1(b)) adopted an intermediate conformation in which the OBD was rotated anticlockwise around the AdD by $\sim 90^\circ$ compared to the open extended conformation, although this rotation was insufficient to introduce any hydrogen bonds or salt bridges between the OBD and the other domains. A further 120° rotation of the OBD yields a closed conformation, as observed in the structures of the DNA ligases from *P. furiosus*, *A. fulgidus*, and *T. sibiricus*. In these structures a C-terminal helix found after conserved motif VI, stabilises the closed conformation by mediating several ionic interactions between the OBD and the AdD. This additional helix occupies the cleft between the AdD and OBD in the archaeal unbound structures, but it is displaced in the DNA-bound structure of human DNA ligase I.

DISCUSSION

Applications of Archaeal DNA Ligases in Biotechnology

It is not unexpected that the majority of archaeal DNA ligases have only been tested for their capacity to seal single-stranded nicks in double-stranded DNA given their primary physiological role in DNA repair. Possessing the ability to ligate double-stranded, cohesive-, or blunt-ended fragments is more intriguing for biotechnological applications. Four archaeal DNA ligases have been reported to engage in these activities. *Thermococcus* sp. 1519, *Aeropyrum pernix*, *Staphylothermus marinus*, and *T. fumicolans* all have enzymes that have been demonstrated to ligate cohesive-ended fragments. Additionally, blunt-ended fragments may be joined by the DNA ligases from *S. marinus* and *T. fumicolans*. Therefore, it seems likely that further characterizing archaeal DNA ligases will produce a pool of enzymes that could be useful in molecular biology and biotechnology [1]–[3].

Applications for archaeal DNA ligases that take advantage of their high temperature optimum are expected to be the most practical right away. *Thermococcus* sp. 1519's DNA ligase, for instance, is most active between 60 and 70 degrees Celsius and can ligate DNA fragments

with long cohesive ends but not fragments with shorter cohesive ends (4 nucleotides) or blunt ends. This combination of characteristics would seem to make it a suitable tool for Gibson assembly, while further testing is necessary. This process, which is currently carried out at 50°C, has quickly become the standard technique for restriction enzyme-free assembly of DNA fragments in synthetic biology. We hypothesize that the promise of ligation at higher temperatures (60–70°C) would reduce the number of incorrect ligation events brought on by misannealing of fragments with short overhangs may be what motivates the development of new techniques.

Similar to this, the DNA ligase from *Staphylothermus marinus* catalyzes a number of ligation processes with cohesive- and blunt-ended fragments and has a half-life of almost 3 h at 100°C. Due to its exceptional thermostability and ability to withstand the high temperature denaturation steps (95°C) in the thermal cycling methodology, this enzyme may be useful in the ligase chain reaction (LCR) for the detection of single nucleotide polymorphisms. More generally, it has been demonstrated that thermostable proteins are excellent building blocks for protein engineering because they are more mutation-tolerant than their mesophilic homologues and produce more functional variations as a result.

Developing a More Effective Archaeal DNA Ligase

Although DNA ligases are common in molecular biology, very few attempts have been undertaken to modify them through protein engineering. Only one archaeal DNA ligase, from *Pyrococcus furiosus* and one bacteriophage T4 ligase have been addressed thus far. Through structure-guided mutagenesis, Nishida and colleagues have successfully improved the activity of the *P. furiosus* DNA ligase using their structural insights. In order to stabilize the closed conformation of the enzyme, they have focused on the C-terminal helix that interacts with the OBD and the AdD. First, alanine was substituted for each of the five polar OBD residues (Asp540, Arg544, Gln547, Lys554, and Lys558) that were involved in interactions with the AdD. The idea was that by "unlocking" the enzyme, destabilizing the interdomain connection would enable more motion of the OBD and hence increase activity. The mutation of Asp540, which is found near the N-terminus of the helical extension, had the biggest impact among the five chosen residues. The Asp540Arg (D540R) mutation had the best activity over a wider temperature range (20–80°C), according to further mutagenesis at this site [4], [5].

The authors demonstrated that the designed ligase (with the D540R mutation) behaved better than the wild type at two temperatures in proof-of-concept ligation-amplification studies. Maximum amplification of the ligated DNA product at 60°C was accomplished with the mutant enzyme in just 3 cycles whereas the wild type enzyme required 10 cycles. The wild type ligase's product yield was only around 30% as high even after 10 cycles of ligation-amplification at 30°C as compared to the modified enzyme's maximal output after 5 cycles. Asp540 was negatively charged, and a series of sophisticated biophysics studies revealed that adding a positively charged arginine residue sped up the creation of the covalent ligase-AMP intermediate as well as the binding of the nicked DNA substrate. The invention described in this book is also the subject of US Patent No. 8,137,943.

The same team recently employed additional mutagenesis in a follow-up investigation to completely eradicate the ionic connections between the AdD and the OBD. *P. furiosus* DNA ligase with either D540R with deletion of the last four amino acids of the C-terminal helix or D540R plus three point mutations (K554A/K558A) demonstrated improved nick-joining abilities. This design strategy, which releases the connections of the C-terminal helix with the

Add and OBD domains, looks to be a potentially useful one for boosting activity, however it has not yet been tried with other archaeal DNA ligases.

RNA Ligases

RNA end-joining enzymes known as RNA ligases are utilized in the splicing, editing, and repair of RNA. The evolutionary distribution of RNA ligases is more restricted than that of the widely distributed DNA ligases. RNA ligases have been discovered using sequence similarity searches in all three domains of life, but only in a small number of species. Typically, RNA ligases are divided into two large groups. The eponymous RNA ligase 1 (Rnl1) from the bacteriophage T4 and the tRNA ligases from fungi, yeasts, and plants are all members of the Rnl1 family. These enzymes fix breaks that site-specific nucleases have caused in single-stranded RNA. The RNA-editing ligases from the protozoans *Trypanosoma* and *Leishmania*, as well as the bacteriophage T4 RNA ligase 2 (Rnl2), are all members of the Rnl2 family. The main function of these enzymes is to close nicks in RNA that have been made duplex by the presence of a bridge complementary strand. Despite having six conserved nucleotidyl transferase motifs in common with DNA ligases, RNA ligases have poor levels of sequence conservation as a whole. This generally makes family classification more challenging and less significant [6]–[9].

RNA ligases are crucial in molecular biology, just like DNA ligases. T4 RNA ligases 1 and 2 are now required for the creation of microRNA (miRNA) sequencing libraries, as well as a subset of rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE) techniques, 3' RNA labeling, and other processes. The following sections will concentrate on ATP-dependent RNA ligases that can create phosphodiester linkages between 5'-phosphate and 3'-hydroxyl termini because they are the most useful in these processes. For completeness' sake, we should also include that *Pyrococcus horikoshii*, an archaeal species, has been reported to produce two noncanonical RNA ligases. A putative 2'–5' RNA ligase is the first, and its structure has been determined. The second ligase, RtcB, binds either 3'-phosphate or 2',3'-cyclic phosphate termini to 5'-hydroxyl termini. Recent detailed characterizations of its structure, mechanism, and interaction with a new protein cofactor (Archease) have been published.

Archaeal RNA Ligases

When it was discovered that an open reading frame from *Pyrococcus abyssi*, which had previously been designated as encoding a DNA ligase, really encoded an RNA ligase the first thorough biochemical characterization of an archaeal RNA ligase was described in 2008. Archaeal RNA ligases previously were thought to be Rnl2-like enzymes because they displayed similar variant nucleotidyl transferase motifs to T4 Rnl2. However, compared to T4 Rnl2 the *P. abyssi* RNA ligase structure was only slightly more structurally homologous to T4 Rnl1 (secondary structure matching -score of 6.4, and RMSD of 2.78 over 200 aligned residues) Similar to T4 Rnl1, the *P. abyssi* RNA ligase was also active with single-stranded RNA substrates but not with double-stranded RNA.

The homodimeric structure of the *P. abyssi* RNA ligase was discovered using X-ray crystallography, in contrast to the monomeric mesophilic ligases. An N-terminal domain, a catalytic domain, a dimerization domain, and a C-terminal domain made up each monomer. Structure-wise, the catalytic domain resembled those of other nucleotidyl transferase superfamily members. Only these two enzymes have the N-terminal domain that was similar to T4 Rnl1 so far. There were no structural homologues and no assigned functions for the C-terminal domain, which was entirely α -helical. Although the metal-binding residues are

lacking in the ligase, the dimerization domain shares structural similarities with the copper-binding domain of the amyloid precursor protein [8], [10], [11].

Ligases for RNA in Biotechnology

RNA ligases play crucial roles in molecular biology in addition to their roles in vivo. The fast amplification of cDNA ends (RLM-RACE), oligonucleotide synthesis, 3'-end biotin and fluorophore labeling, and 5' nucleotide alterations of both RNA and DNA were all developed shortly after the identification of T4 Rnl1. In more recent times, RNA ligases have become crucial for building sequencing libraries of tiny RNAs like microRNAs (miRNAs). In order to employ the adaptor sequences for priming during reverse transcription and PCR, T4 RNA ligases are used to link the 5'- and 3'-adaptors to the RNA substrates during library preparation. High-throughput screening has evolved into a crucial tool for both the discovery and profiling of miRNA expression as a result of the growing understanding that miRNAs, small regulatory RNAs involved in posttranscriptional regulation have a variety of biological functions, and their dysregulation has been linked to a number of diseases. Thus, RNA ligases that can generate high-quality sequencing libraries that are reflective of the initial miRNA population in a sample are highly sought-after.

Sadly, it is becoming more and more clear that the adaptor ligation process plays a significant role in the severe biases that miRNA sequencing datasets are susceptible to. Unwanted cyclic by-product production is one restriction. RNA ligases have a function that has been conserved throughout evolution: they seal nicks in RNA hairpin loops (such those found in cleaved tRNA molecules). This causes a tendency for the RNA substrates to circularize in vitro, impeding adaptor ligation. The T4 RNA ligases also have a bias towards ligating specific RNA sequences, which can result in an error in the estimation of miRNA abundance of up to 4 orders of magnitude. This ligation bias, rather than being caused by a preference for primary sequences, is a bias towards RNA secondary structure. As a result, characterizing thermostable RNA ligases that are active at temperatures high enough to denature RNA secondary structures is becoming more and more important.

CONCLUSION

We have summarized the most recent research on archaeal nucleic acid ligases in this review. We have discussed features that are expected to make these enzymes significant additions to the biotechnologist's toolkit in the future while also highlighting the relative lack of understanding on them. Enzymes from archaea, in particular, are often thermostable. For developing technologies like Gibson assembly (which is the foundation of synthetic biology), DNA ligases that are stable and active at high temperatures are becoming essential while thermostable RNA ligases hold the potential of creating unbiased miRNA sequencing libraries. Archaeal enzymes are also excellent starting places for protein engineering due to their thermostability. The huge potential for more research in this field is shown by recent efforts to create the *Pyrococcus furiosus* DNA ligase and the *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus* RNA ligase. Although currently undersampled, the pool of archaeal nucleic acid ligases is diversified overall. We believe that additional research will uncover novel enzymes with beneficial traits for molecular biology and biotechnology, which will in turn spur the creation of fresh approaches.

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CHAPTER 6

USING PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO ENHANCE BIOTECHNOLOGY COURSE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) major enrollment is declining, so teachers must find ways to engage a younger audience without compromising the quality of their instruction. Project-based learning (PBL) is one of the educational strategies that evidence suggests can help to mitigate this issue. PBL tackles the core issue of boosting students' motivation, their understanding of the subject matter, and their capacity to put what they have learned to use in a variety of contexts. The results of this study show the advantages of restructuring a typical lab-based molecular biology course to produce a more productive learning environment. Students enrolled in Harold Washington College's Bio-251 course in Chicago were tasked with using PBL to clone a bacterial gene from one species into a new host species. They were then given the assignment to express and purify the resulting protein for use in upcoming research at the renowned University of Illinois-Chicago, a 4-year research institution. Students that used the PBL method demonstrated increased self-confidence, technical lab skills, interest in STEM-related subjects, and, most importantly, a high level of performance and pleasure.

KEYWORDS

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INTRODUCTION

Project-based laboratory courses may provide opportunity for students to develop a deeper grasp of science, according to a 2003 National Research Council report. With the help of project-based learning (PBL), students can actively engage with the laboratory's applied methodologies while developing their critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities within the framework of subject-specific knowledge that affects comprehension and academic self-confidence. Students who are given responsibility for lab work under this method have a deeper grasp of how scientists do science through problem-solving and the creation and testing of hypothesis-based research. The project-based learning approach directly results in this essential understanding.

In this study, we want to show how project-based learning made a typical molecular biology course at a community college into a more productive learning environment. This is simply due to the fact that project-based learning makes use of both the tactile and visual senses to produce a more holistic learning experience, which is essential in fostering the expansion of STEM program enrollments. A system like this would enable a larger proportion of students who are already enrolled in STEM courses to support its success. STEM professions will require even more highly skilled graduates to keep up with demand because career opportunities are predicted to expand 22% by 2014. To develop an optimal curriculum and pedagogy that better matches today's students and helps meet the demands of today's society,

educators must accept the challenge of identifying and correcting the weaknesses of traditional teaching approaches. Fortunately, the rising body of data on how pupils learn is helping with this transformation. This study offers fresh perspectives on how to train researchers of the future for both their academic and professional advancement.

After instance, as Cox et al. pointed out, teaching facts does not automatically result in pupils who are literate in science. For today's science students, "a better window on what science is and how it is done, a clear presentation of key concepts that rises above the recitation of details, an articulation of the philosophical underpinnings of the scientific discipline at hand, exercises that demand analysis of real data, and an appreciation for the contributions of science to the well-being of humans throughout the world" are all necessary (p. xxi). We think that PBL, by its very nature, can give kids the chance to do precisely that. It is the philosophy of project-based learning (PBL), a dynamic classroom method, that students gain a deeper understanding of subjects by actively exploring issues and difficulties from the real world. Students gain knowledge in a subject by spending a lot of time researching and solving a challenging question, challenge, or issue. It is an approach to inquiry-based learning and active learning. PBL differs from teacher-led instruction or paper-based, rote memorization that presents established facts or suggests a simple path to knowledge by posing questions, problems, or scenarios as an alternative. John Dewey is credited with being one of the early proponents of project-based learning, or at least its principles, through his idea of "learning by doing." Dewey listed his principles in *My Pedagogical Creed* (1897), among which was the idea that "the teacher is not in the school to impose certain ideas or to form certain habits in the child, but is there as a member of the community to select the influences which shall affect the child and to assist him in appropriately responding to these." He supported the so-called expressive or constructive acts as the focal point of correlation as a result. This concept of teaching and learning has been developed via educational research into the "project-based learning" methodology. His teacher, William Heard Kilpatrick, expanded on Dewey's philosophy and popularized the project method as a part of Dewey's problem-based approach to instruction.

Project-based learning has also been linked by some academics (like James G. Greeno) to constructivist ideas and Jean Piaget's "situated learning" perspective. Piaget promoted a theory of education that places less emphasis on memorizing. According to his thesis, project-based learning is a technique that encourages students to see and view learning as a process with a purpose rather than simply absorbing knowledge. Later, experience- and perception-based theories on education put forth by theorists like Jan Comenius, Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, and Maria Montessori, among others, influenced the further development of project-based education as a pedagogy. Project-based learning (PBL), according to Thomas Markham (2011), "integrates knowledge with doing. The basic curriculum is covered in class, but students also apply what they have learned to real-world situations and meaningful outcomes. PBL students use digital technologies to create collaborative, high-quality projects. PBL shifts the emphasis of education back to the student rather than the curriculum—a change required by a global economy that values intangible qualities like drive, passion, creativity, empathy, and resilience. These need to be awakened through experience rather than being taught from a book.

According to Blumenfeld et al., PBL procedures are as follows: "Project-based learning is an all-encompassing perspective focused on teaching by involving students in inquiry. Through questioning and refining, debating ideas, making predictions, designing plans and/or experiments, gathering and analyzing data, drawing conclusions, communicating their ideas

and findings to others, asking new questions, and producing artifacts, students seek solutions to nontrivial problems within this framework. The legitimacy or practical applicability of the research forms the foundation of PBL. Teams of students are given a "driving question" to respond to or answer before being told to produce an artifact (or artifacts) to demonstrate their learned material. A wide range of media, including writings, artwork, drawings, three-dimensional representations, movies, photographs, or presentations based on technology, might be considered artifacts. The use of project-based learning strategies in the classroom is said to have a variety of advantages, such as deeper conceptual understanding, a broader knowledge base, improved communication and interpersonal/social skills, improved leadership skills, increased creativity, and improved writing abilities. One further definition of project-based learning refers to a style of instruction in which students collaborate to find solutions to issues that are relevant to their schools and communities. In order to solve problems effectively, students frequently need to combine and apply knowledge from a variety of academic fields. Learning becomes motivating when there is the possibility of witnessing a very concrete impact.

DISCUSSION

Techniques and Resources

One of the core classes of Harold Washington College's (HWC) Chicago biotechnology certificate program is Bio-251, an introductory molecular biology course. Since the course only met once a week on Fridays from 4:15 to 9 p.m., which is not a time that many students desire to spend in class, enrolment and retention rates have been poor. Typical topic-based lectures and varied weekly laboratory projects are common in beginning molecular biology courses at 2-year colleges. The guidebook containing a general set of assignments designed to teach multiple, frequently unrelated approaches frequently serves as the guide for the assignment-based laboratories. Even though they can appreciate picking up new skills, students often struggle to comprehend how such skills are used in actual scientific research. Furthermore, the relationship between knowledge and applications is frequently not articulated explicitly.

Based on such insights, a single term-long group laboratory project was used to establish the project-based learning approach in the Bio-251 course, which now offers students hands-on experience that is clearly made to be seen and implemented. The concept-map illustrating the connections between the concepts that have been learnt, the weekly lab assignments, and the one term-long laboratory project is shown in Figure 1. Numerous tests, three exams, homework assignments, a weekly lab report, and numerous debates and presentations were all revamped. With regard to the project, lectures were created in a way that would impart theoretical knowledge and pertinent data that students could use right away in laboratory learning and lab activities. When the new Bio-251 course was first offered, fourteen students participated in this unusual project [1]–[3].

Pedagogical Plan and Justification

Students typically follow a process in a standard biology lab, with or without a deep comprehension of the ideas. Personal attachment is uncommon, and boredom soon follows, as the lab task they are working on is simply one of many they must finish throughout the semester. The primary goal may be easily overlooked as the students' attention switches to completing the lab assignment as soon as possible. Students were shocked to see that there was no special lab manual for the lab project in the revised Bio-251 course. Instead, the

students had access to a variety of lab manuals that they could consult at any moment before, during, or after a lab session. These guides were both available in the classroom or lab and online. Instead of reading a cookbook-style lab book with the answers clearly written out, students had to work together and rely on one another for support in solving problems. Each week, they were asked to write a lab report summarizing their learnings that included a brief introduction, materials and procedures, results, and a conclusion. Students were to explain how their results linked to those of earlier laboratories and how they might be used to complete future tasks in the discussion part of each lab's conclusion. Students also discussed all of the difficulties they ran across while carrying out the lab experiments and how they overcame them. Some of the pupils would go so far as to forecast our next step in their conclusions after a few sessions. This was yet another sign that they were learning the ideas more thoroughly. The students' happiness and confidence increased as they succeeded in each phase, which fueled their passion for the course. Students frequently said they were looking forward to the following class meeting [4]–[6].

Weekly laboratory tasks

A laboratory is a setting that offers controlled circumstances for scientific or technological research, experiments, and measurement (UK: /lbrtri/; US: /laebrtri/; informally lab). Schools, universities, privately owned research institutions, corporate research and testing facilities, government regulatory and forensic investigation centers, doctor's offices, clinics, hospitals, regional and national referral centers, and occasionally even private residences are places where laboratories can be found. The various needs of the professionals working there dictate how laboratories are set up and what they contain. A particle accelerator or vacuum chamber might be found in a physics lab, but a metallurgy lab might have equipment for casting, refining, or testing metals for strength. A wet laboratory might be used by a biologist or chemical, while a psychologist might utilize a room with one-way mirrors and covert cameras to study behavior in their lab. Computers (and occasionally supercomputers) are sometimes used in laboratories, such as those that computer scientists frequently work in, for either simulations or data processing. Various types of laboratories will continue to be used by scientists in various fields. Engineers create, construct, and test technical items in laboratories as well. business, government, or military buildings as well as on ships and spacecraft [7]–[9].

Brecon County School for Girls laboratory

The term "laboratory" is increasingly used to refer to workshop spaces like Living Labs, Fab Labs, or Hackerspaces, where people gather to work on societal problems or make prototypes while collaborating or sharing resources, despite the underlying notion of the lab as a confined space for experts. This invention is based on user-centered design methodologies and ideas like open innovation or user innovation, and it is motivated by innovative, participatory approaches to science and innovation phenomena of translation, which is influenced by the many backgrounds and degrees of competence of the participants, is one distinctive aspect of the work done in Open Labs.

Safety

Hazards can be found in many laboratories. Poisons, infectious diseases, flammable, explosive, or radioactive chemicals, moving machinery, extremely high or low temperatures, lasers, powerful magnetic fields, or high voltage are a few examples of laboratory risks. As a result, safety measures are absolutely crucial. Safety equipment is used to safeguard lab users

from harm or to help respond to emergencies. Rules are in place to reduce individual risk. Recognizing the special features of the laboratory workplace, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the United States has created a standard for workplace exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories. The "Laboratory Standard" is another name for this standard. According to this regulation, a laboratory must create a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) that details the unique dangers present in the area and how it intends to deal with them.

Understanding the requirements of the standard, review of the present safety, health, and environmental practices, and assessment of the hazards are important in creating the suitable Chemical Hygiene Plan for a specific business or laboratory. Every year, the CHP must be evaluated. To design, administer, and assess their CHP, many schools and organizations use safety, health, and environmental specialists like a Chemical Hygiene Officer (CHO). An objective "outside view" that offers a fresh look at regions and issues that may be taken for granted or neglected due to habit is also provided by third-party reviews.

Regular inspections and audits should be carried out to evaluate the risks associated with the handling and storage of chemicals, electrical equipment, biohazards, the management of hazardous waste, chemical waste, housekeeping, emergency preparedness, radiation safety, ventilation, respiratory testing, and indoor air quality. The examination of regulatory compliance and the training of those who have access to or operate in the laboratory are key components of such audits. The continuing safe operation of the laboratory facility depends on training. To lessen the likelihood of accidents, injuries, and potential legal action, educators, employees, and management must be actively involved. The videos for laboratory safety are meant to be interesting and pertinent.

Laboratory for Project-Based Learning

We introduced project-based learning to the students on the first day of class, explaining its definition, purposes, and guidelines as well as the reasons they would be actively participating in PBL rather of performing the standard labs for a class like this. The first two weeks of the course were devoted to safety precautions, fundamental understanding of bacterial culture, preparing media and solutions, and appropriate equipment usage. We talked about the philosophy and ideas underlying the weekly laboratory technique at the start of each session. Students received an optional bonus question each week of the semester, such as "What is the G/C ratio in the human genome?" We set aside time at the conclusion of each class period to talk about the connections between the concepts covered in class and the lab exercises, as well as to pinpoint any genuine contributions that the learned material might make to the project-based lab.

After a few sessions, students started to initiate conversations concerning the topics, protocols, and lab procedures that they had learnt. Nearly everyone's comprehension improved as a result of these open debates, which enabled students to integrate their many viewpoints into a single, coherent understanding through the pursuit of an actual goal. The kids had the chance to get any questions they might have had answered using this manner, which helped to boost their confidence. Students were able to connect the subject matter, the lab project, and their personal experiences thanks to the method's assistance in making the material offered to them relevant to their own way of thinking. Each class ended with a 15-minute lab briefing where we discussed how the lab experiments went, the kinds of issues that came up (technical knowledge, conceptual understanding, etc.), how we handled them, and how we could apply the results of the lab experiments and the lab techniques to future lab

experiments. Students reported that this experience was highly beneficial for their cognitive growth and helped them increase and strengthen their self-confidence.

On a few occasions, in order to finish on time, we had to begin some processes that took a long time to complete at the beginning of class. The students were simply following protocols, which is fairly comparable to a typical lab course, without receiving the appropriate lectures. In contrast to a typical lab, the kids were really curious about what they were doing and how it related to the bigger picture. They would ask so many questions that it was difficult not to limit the conversation in order to meet the deadline. The fact that this assignment served as the centerpiece of the entire course and that the students made a point of demonstrating their understanding of it suggested that the strategy was effective [7]–[9].

CONCLUSION

Numerous educators concur that the traditional approaches to teaching science are today hampered by ineffective artifacts and therefore urgently require upgrading. The audience changes, even though the facts presented using the conventional techniques rarely do. The rest of the students are too frequently weeded out, regardless of their inherent talents, even though some pupils in each class can benefit from the existing teaching techniques. For today's students, particularly those studying STEM subjects, new teaching strategies are required. The goal of encouraging more students to participate in STEM programs is changing from a benefit to a need in the contemporary society. Through the acquisition of subject-matter expertise and academic abilities, students participate in intellectually demanding tasks that serve as the basis for inquiry questions. They then solve complicated problems and persuasively explain their solutions through project-based learning. The Bio-251 students at HWC were able to practice real-world lab techniques used in biotechnology, comprehend the method of scientific inquiry employed by practicing scientists, gain information, and present accomplishment evidence thanks to project-based learning. One of the key goals of the project-based learning approach, which has received funding from the NSF and the NRC is to develop research skills through actual experience. The personal experience of working in a lab fosters a rise in enthusiasm, expertise, and self-assurance for carrying out applied scientific operations. Through student learning on particularly created projects, significant conceptual links between critical thinking and practical applications are developed. By working through and troubleshooting laboratories together, the class was able to progress through the semester and transform the instructor's position from teacher to mentor. One student noted that the students consistently cooperated to solve problems in the classroom, many of which are problems faced by scientists in the field.

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CHAPTER 7

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND POLLUTION REDUCTION USING BIOTECHNOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

Increased discharges of harmful chemicals and nutrients into water bodies are the result of rapid industrial growth. The amount of a specific contaminant released into water bodies is influenced by nearby industrial operations. Other businesses that significantly contribute to soil, sediment, air, and water pollution issues include textile, mining, tannery, metal plating, fertilizer and agroindustries, batteries, pesticides, ore refineries, petrochemical, and paper making. Because some of the compounds cannot be broken down by the body, they have a tendency to build up in tissues and bioaccumulate in the food chain. Human health issues and aquatic organism deaths occur from this. Nitrogen and phosphorus in water bodies cause aquatic systems to produce more biomass, which degrades the water quality and jeopardizes the ecosystems' ability to maintain their natural balance. Although many nations have set strict rules for the nitrogen and phosphorus discharge from wastewater, businesses frequently struggle to comply with them. From a regulatory standpoint, it is essential to create new wastewater treatment technologies or improve the ones that already exist in order to meet the most recent discharge criteria.

Due to pressure from the economy, the general public, and the law, demand for the adoption of sustainable and environmentally friendly environmental processes is fast increasing. Numerous opportunities are presented by biotechnology for efficiently addressing problems relating to the observation, evaluation, modeling, and remediation of contaminated soil, sediment, air, and water streams. The various biotechnologies that are currently available are both well-established and novel (bio)technologies, though many aspects of their performance still need to be investigated. These include the use of novel biocatalysts and reactor designs, a fundamental comprehension of the dynamics and mechanisms that affect the microbial community inside a (bio)reactor, the evaluation of the performance of (bio)reactors over time, and its modeling. Novel biotechniques may alter how users rebuild technology for the sustainable use of various biological processes for the treatment of soil, sediment, air, and wastewater if these mechanisms are understood and the knowledge gap is closed.

KEYWORDS

Chemicals, compounds, improve, technologies.

INTRODUCTION

Typical examples of businesses that contribute to nutrient contamination include agricultural runoff, livestock activities, aquaculture, food processing facilities, pulp and paper mills, sewage treatment plants, and the burning of fossil fuels. N, P, and K compounds are easily carried to important water resources in agricultural areas by surface water and field drainage, which degrades the quality of the water. The C/N ratio is a crucial consideration when designing biological wastewater treatment systems, especially when treating wastewater with a high N content. Exogenous carbon sources can occasionally be added to the effluent to

correct imbalanced C/N ratios. As potential carbon donors, low-cost biological matrices like woodchips, peanut shells, and barley grains can be included. Sequencing batch reactors (SBRs) can be utilized to perform nitrification under aerobic conditions and denitrification under anoxic conditions when using bioreactors to remove nitrogen. The activities of both nitrification and denitrification should be investigated throughout long-term system operation in order to achieve increased nitrogen removal in SBRs. The papers accepted in this category are listed in along with their authors.

Environmental monitoring is defined in Table 1 as the procedures and actions required to assess and keep track of the environmental quality. Environmental monitoring is utilized while creating environmental impact assessments and in many other situations when there is a possibility that human activity will have a negative impact on the environment. Every monitoring strategy and program has a purpose, and these purposes are frequently intended to determine the current state of an ecosystem or to identify trends in environmental parameters. The outcomes of the monitoring will always be examined, statistically analyzed, and published. Therefore, before monitoring begins, the design of a monitoring program must take into account the intended use of the data. atmospheric compounds that could potentially harm the environment and the health of living things, both naturally occurring and anthropogenically produced. The need for air quality monitoring has increased as a result of environmental studies and laws, new industrial processes, and the introduction or augmentation of pollutants in the atmosphere.

Implementing air quality monitoring is difficult because it necessitates the efficient integration of numerous environmental data sources, many of which come from various environmental networks and institutions. In order to address these difficulties, specialized observational methods and equipment are needed, such as sensor networks, geographic information system (GIS) models, and the Sensor Observation Service (SOS), a web service for accessing real-time sensor data. Air monitoring data are frequently useful in evaluating air dispersion models, which incorporate topography, emissions, and meteorological data to forecast air pollution concentrations. Additionally, taking into account anemometer data in the vicinity of the sources and the monitor typically sheds light on where the air pollutants detected by an air pollution monitor originated.

In order to study air quality and the impacts of air pollution, people, regulatory bodies, researchers, and the public all maintain air quality monitors. The spatial and temporal representativeness of the data collected, as well as the health impacts connected to exposure to the monitored levels, are frequently taken into account when interpreting ambient air monitoring data. If the interpretation reveals concentrations of several different chemical components, the data analysis may reveal a distinct "chemical fingerprint" of a specific source of air pollution. The ability of passive or "diffusive" air sampling to transfer air contaminants to a sorbent medium depends on meteorological factors like wind. Diffusion tubes are one type of passive sampler that has the advantage of typically being tiny, quiet, and simple to deploy. They are especially helpful in air quality studies that identify the most important sites for future continuous monitoring.

By using organisms that bioaccumulate air pollutants, such as lichens, mosses, fungi, and other biomass, biomonitoring can also be used to measure air pollution. One advantage of this kind of sampling is the ability to quantify accumulated molecules that are typical of the environment from which they came in order to gain quantitative information. However, the

exact organism chosen, its dissemination method, and its applicability to the contaminant must all be carefully taken into account

Other approaches for collecting samples include using a denuder, needle traps, and microextraction procedures. In order to ascertain or guarantee the soil's suitability for use, soil monitoring entails the collection and/or analysis of the soil and its related quality, components, and physical status. Compaction, pollution, organic material loss, biodiversity loss, problems with slope stability, erosion, salinization, and acidification are just a few of the hazards that soil faces. These and other possible concerns to the soil, surrounding habitats, animal health, and human health are characterized by soil monitoring.

Due to a number of issues, including soil's heterogeneity and complexity, lack of toxicology data, lack of knowledge of a contaminant's destiny, and variation in soil screening levels, evaluating these hazards and other risks to soil can be difficult. This calls for the use of risk assessment methodologies and analysis procedures that put the preservation of the environment, mitigation of risks, and, if necessary, remediation strategies, first. In that risk assessment, soil monitoring is crucial since it not only helps identify at-risk and afflicted areas but also establishes baseline background values for soil. In the past, persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and hazardous elements (such as mercury, lead, and arsenic) have been the main subjects of soil monitoring. However, historically, testing for these and other characteristics of soil has presented its own set of difficulties because, in most situations, sampling is destructive in nature and necessitates multiple samples over time. Additionally, variations in references and procedures, especially over time, may generate procedural and analytical errors. However, as analytical methods advance and new information on ecological processes and pollutant effects spreads, the monitoring's scope is likely to enlarge over time and its quality to continue to rise. Grab sampling and composite sampling are the two main forms of soil sampling. Grab sampling entails taking a single sample at a particular time and location, whereas composite sampling entails taking a homogenized combination of numerous individual samples at either a single location over a period of time or multiple sites at a single time. Both shallow ground levels and deep ground can be sampled for soil, with different levels requiring different collecting techniques. In deep ground, split-tube, solid-tube, or hydraulic methods may be employed, as opposed to scoops, augers, core barrel samplers, and other equipment that are used at shallow ground levels.

DISCUSSION

Pollution Assessment and Control for the Environment

It is common knowledge that sewage water is dumped into urban rivers and streams from a variety of sources. Traditionally, one of the best methods for assessing the water quality of water bodies is the water quality index methodology. Ingenious and creative solutions for the rehabilitation of urban water bodies and to raise their quality have been presented by recent studies. Urbanized water bodies including lakes, rivers, and streams can be restored using bacterial technology (BT). The benefits of BT include: (i) sustainability and dependability for public health; (ii) ease of upkeep; (iii) cheap operational expenses; and (iv) reproducibility at any scale of operation. The authors and titles of the papers that were approved under this category are shown in Table 1. Since phenolic compounds are the most prevalent plant metabolites in soils, they are thought to decay more slowly than other organic soil materials. One of the studies chosen for this special issue examines the quantity and turnover rate of phenolics in soils, as well as their control over decomposition. The following topics were covered in detail by the authors: (i) different phenolic structures and forms in soils; (ii) extraction and analysis

of phenolics from soil samples; (iii) phenolics biodegradation; (iv) the impact of phenolics on the decomposition of soil organic matter; (v) the impact of environmental changes, such as elevated CO₂, global warming, N deposition, and drought; and (vi) recommendations for future phenolics studies [1].

The guest editors are adamant that the collection of papers included in this special issue will pique curiosity within the international research community and support colleagues in their academic endeavors. Additionally, it is critical to convert the majority of laboratory-based research into field-based research in order to see long-term solutions to enduring environmental issues. The development of new biocatalysts (bacteria, fungi, and algae) for environmental applications, (iii) biosensors for environmental monitoring, (iv) clean practices and the development of technologies for pollution prevention, (v) and studies on life cycle assessment (LCA), risk assessment, health impact assessment, and (vi) should all be key topics for future research.

monitoring initiatives

Researchers can spot patterns and trends in the deposition, transport, and effects of contaminants by studying soil contamination. Construction work, urban sprawl, tourism, industrial activity, and poor agricultural and forestry practices are just a few examples of human-based pressures that can exacerbate soil contamination and render soil unfit for its intended purpose. Both organic and inorganic contaminants may end up in the soil, where they can have a wide range of negative impacts. Therefore, it's crucial to monitor soil contamination in order to establish baselines, identify polluted areas, and identify risk areas. Monitoring activities can range from small-scale farming to large-scale initiatives, like those undertaken by China in the late 2000s, providing information on the types of pollutants present, their quantities, effects, concentration patterns, and the viability of remediation. The desirable characteristics of monitoring and analytical equipment include rapid response times, high degrees of automation and resolution, and a certain amount of self-sufficiency. Geophysical methods can evaluate the physical characteristics of vast terrains, chemical methods can measure toxic elements and POPs using chromatography and spectrometry, and biological methods can assess contaminant levels as well as byproducts of contaminant biodegradation using specific organisms. These methods, as well as others, are getting more effective, and laboratory equipment is growing more accurate, leading to more useful monitoring outcomes [2]–[5].

soil salinity measurement

Researchers can spot patterns and trends in the salt concentration of the soil by monitoring soil salinity. Salinity issues in soil can be caused by both natural seawater intrusion and human-induced processes of improper soil and water management, with up to one billion hectares of land affected globally. Local salinity monitoring may focus on the root zone to assess the impact of salinity and propose management alternatives, whereas regional and national salinity monitoring may help identify at-risk areas and support policymakers in addressing the problem before it spreads. Utilizing technologies like remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS), the monitoring procedure itself can be carried out to detect salinity at the surface by measuring its greenness, brightness, and whiteness. It is also possible to monitor soil salinity through direct examination of the soil up close, including the use of electromagnetic induction techniques [6]–[8].

designing programs for environmental monitoring

Without a precise and explicit statement of the purposes for the monitoring and the goals it will achieve, water quality monitoring is of limited utility. A danger of environmental deterioration exists with extensive and poorly designed monitoring, which is why almost all monitoring (with the possible exception of remote sensing) involves some degree of invasiveness of the environment being studied. This might be a crucial factor to take into account when monitoring incredibly uncommon organisms, wilderness areas, or organisms that are sensitive to human presence. Some monitoring methods, such as gill netting fish to assess numbers, can be extremely harmful, at least to the local population, and they can also erode public confidence in the monitoring's practitioners.

Nearly all mainstream environmental monitoring programs are a component of a larger monitoring strategy or study area, and both of these areas and strategies are drawn from an organization's high-level goals or aspirations. The results of individual monitoring initiatives won't likely be publicized unless they are integrated into a larger strategic framework, and the knowledge gained via the monitoring of the environment will be lost [9]–[11].

Biological

In ecological monitoring, each particular study-specific monitoring method and effort is focused on the plants and animals in the environment under examination. However, many animals serve as reliable indicators of the caliber of the environment they are currently experiencing or have recently encountered in more generalized environmental monitoring. The monitoring of salmonid fish populations, such as brown trout or Atlantic salmon, in river systems and lakes to identify slow trends in unfavorable environmental effects, is one of the most well-known instances. One of the earliest signs of the issue that subsequently came to be recognized as acid rain was the sharp fall in numbers of salmonid fish. A more comprehensive strategy, in which the ecosystem's health is evaluated and employed as the monitoring tool itself, has received a lot of attention in recent years. This methodology serves as the foundation for the Water Framework Directive monitoring methods in the European Union.

Radiological

For purposes of assessing or controlling exposure to ionizing radiation or radioactive substances, radiation monitoring entails the measurement of radiation dosage or radionuclide contamination and the interpretation of the results. When a dosage is "measured," it is frequently meant that a dose equivalent quantity was measured in place of a dose quantity that could not be physically measured. Additionally, sampling might be used as a first step in measuring the amount of radionuclides in environmental media. IAEA Safety Guide RS-G-1.8 and IAEA Safety Report No. 64 provide methodological and technical information on the design and operation of monitoring programs and systems for various radionuclides, environmental media, and facility types.

Networks of deployable and fixed sensors, like the SPEEDI network in Japan and Radnet from the US Environmental Protection Agency, are frequently used for radiation monitoring. Organizations like the Nuclear Emergency Support Team also conduct airborne assessments.

Microbiological

The most frequently observed kinds of microbiological organisms are bacteria and viruses, but even these are only significantly relevant in aquatic environments where water will be utilized for drinking or for activities like swimming or canoeing. The main monitoring effort is usually always focused on far more widespread indicator species like *Escherichia coli* supplemented by total coliform bacteria counts, even though pathogens are the main focus of attention. The majority of human viruses come from other humans through the sewage stream, which is the justification for this surveillance technique. The effluent from many sewage treatment facilities, despite looking clean, still includes many millions of bacteria per litre, the majority of which are relatively harmless coliform bacteria. This is because these facilities often lack a final stage of sterilization. An assessment of the likelihood that considerable numbers of pathogenic bacteria or viruses are present can be determined by counting the quantity of safe (or less hazardous) sewage bacteria. When coliform or *E. coli* concentrations reach preset trigger thresholds, more thorough monitoring, including targeted surveillance for harmful species, is then started.

monitoring initiatives

All environmental monitoring that is done in a way that is scientifically valid follows a set program. The program may include references to the organization's broad objectives, information about the precise strategies used to achieve those objectives, and specifics about the projects or tasks that made up those strategies. The list of what is being monitored, how that monitoring is to be conducted, and the timeframe during which it should all occur is the essential component of any program. A monitoring program would typically include a table of planned sites, dates, and sample techniques that, if followed to the letter, will produce the monitoring programme as stated. This table is frequently included as an appendix. There are a variety of commercial software programs that can help with the program's implementation, track its development, and highlight contradictions or omissions, but none of these can supply the program itself, which is the primary building piece.

grid sampling that is both systematic

In systematic sampling and grid sampling, samples are taken over time or space at regular intervals. The remaining sampling locations are defined so that all locations are at regular intervals over an area (grid) or time (systematic) after the initial location or time is selected at random. Examples Square Grid Systematic Grid Sampling Triangular Systematic Grid Sampling Grids of systematic grids might be radial, square, rectangular, or triangular. 1993's Cressie. In random systematic sampling, the initial sample site (or time) is selected at random, and the subsequent sampling sites are designated so that they are distributed in a predictable manner. In order to identify hotspots, infer means, percentiles, or other parameters, random systematic sampling is performed. It is also helpful for determining spatial patterns or trends over time. This design ensures uniform coverage of a site, unit, or process and offers a useful and simple approach for indicating sample sites.

By explicitly incorporating the expert judgment of a field investigator or a field screening measurement method to choose specific sampling locations in the field, ranked set sampling is an innovative design that can be very beneficial and cost-effective in obtaining better estimates of mean concentration levels in soil and other environmental media. Ranked set sampling is a two-phase sampling method that identifies sets of field sites, ranks locations

within each set using cheap measurements, and then chooses one spot for sample from each set. In ranked set sampling, field locations are selected using simple random sampling from m sets (each of size r). Each set's locations are ranked individually using expert judgment, cheap, quick, or substitute measurements. Then, based on the observed ranks, one sampling unit from each group is chosen for future measurement of the target contaminant using a more precise and reliable (hence more expensive) approach. This design yields more representative samples than simply random sampling, which results in more accurate estimations of the population parameters. When the cost of locating and ranking locations in the field is less than the cost of laboratory measurements, ranked set sampling is beneficial. It is also appropriate when ranking population units in relation to the variable of interest is possible using a cheap auxiliary variable (based on measurement or knowledge from experts). It's crucial that the ranking method and analytical method have a good correlation for this design to work.

CONCLUSION

Grab samples are taken of a homogeneous substance in a single vessel, typically water. A typical example is using river water to fill a clean bottle. Grab samples offer a clear snapshot of the condition of the sampled environment at the time and place of the sampling. The results cannot be extended to other periods or regions of the river, lake, or groundwater without additional monitoring. Repeat transverse and longitudinal transect surveys done at various times of day and seasons are necessary to confirm that the grab-sample location is as representative as is practically achievable before grab samples or rivers may be treated as representative. For major rivers, such surveys should take into account the sample depth and the best way to maintain the sampling sites during periods of flood and drought. Using depth samplers, which can be lowered to a predetermined depth and then closed to catch a defined volume of water from the desired depth, grab samples of lakes can be taken very easily. The chemical makeup of lake water varies significantly depending on depth in all but the shallowest lakes, especially in the summer when many lakes stratify into a warm, well-oxygenated upper layer (epilimnion) and a cool, de-oxygenated lower layer.

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CHAPTER 8

REVIEW OF MICROBIAL INOCULANTS AND THEIR EFFECT ON SOIL MICROBIOME

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Abstract

Since the development of the practical use of particular natural or genetically altered microorganisms, the knowledge of the survival of inoculation fungal and bacterial strains in the field and the effects of their release on the native microbial communities has been of great interest. When it comes to the security of introducing microorganisms into the environment, changes in the structure of the native microbial communities may result from soil inoculation or seed bacterization. Numerous research suggest that the use of microbial inoculants may have an impact on the local microbial ecosystems, if only momentarily. The key issue, however, continues to be how the effects on taxonomic groups can affect the functional capacities of the soil microbial communities. These alterations may be caused directly by trophic competitions and antagonistic or synergistic interactions with the local microbial communities, or indirectly by increased root development and exudation. Combining inoculants will likely result in a competitive process rather than an additive or synergic effect. Future study should concentrate on determining the amount of the inoculation influence on the succeeding crops in relation to the ability of the plant-soil-biota to act as a buffer.

KEYWORDS

Development, genetically, microorganism, synergistic.

INTRODUCTION

Since using inoculants would significantly minimize the need for chemical pesticides and fertilizers, it is seen to be very attractive to do so, and more and more inoculants are being sold for different crops. Particularly plant growth-promoting microorganisms (PGPMs) have a significant role in agricultural systems. Benefits to plant growth can be mainly attributable to the following three methods. (i) By supplying fixed nitrogen or other nutrients, PGPMs acting as biofertilizers (such as nitrogen-fixing bacteria and phosphate-solubilizing bacteria) aid plant nutrient uptake. (ii) Plant development can be directly stimulated by phytoestrogens, which are microorganisms that express phytohormones such as *Azospirillum*. (iii) Biological control agents that defend plants from phytopathogenic organisms include *Trichoderma*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Bacillus*. Numerous evaluations have covered many facets of PGPMs' growth promotion. However, vaccination-related possible environmental effects were never taken into consideration. Since inoculation involves providing high concentrations of effective and viable microorganisms for a quick colonization of the host rhizosphere, it would at least temporarily disturb the equilibrium of soil microbial communities. If significant native species are lost, the makeup of the microbes may change in an unfavorable way that will have an impact on future crops. However, ecosystem resilience, which is influenced by the degree of diversity and interactions of the plant-soil-biota, may be able to buffer an alteration in the bacterial community structure brought on by inoculation.

However, due to bacterial redundancy, where different bacterial species may perform the same functions, the loss of some bacterial species may not affect how the system functions.

A significant problem for soil ecology is the complexity and dynamic nature of the soil microbial community, whose composition differs between different compartments and layers. The representativeness of the sample is one of the major issues that must be addressed in this kind of research. Major problems still exist about the number of duplicates, sample size, randomness of sampling, frequency of sampling, spatial scaling, and microsite variation. The majority of studies employed rhizospheric soil, although even here, it is practically very challenging to characterize it exactly. To address a more widespread response, the side-distance effect on bulk soil would be more trustworthy. Time-course studies would also be required to track the effectiveness of the vaccination in relation to the ecosystem's ability to act as a buffer. However, the methods employed to examine the taxonomic and functional diversity of soil microbial communities are time-consuming and prevent the utilization of extensive samplings. The analysis is typically limited to small samples when using culture-dependent methodologies, and a biased picture is created as a result. The culture-independent approaches, however, typically do not allow for the clear identification of taxonomic groups

The high-throughput sequencing techniques, despite being more informative are still not economically feasible for inoculation impact analysis due to the large number of samples and replicates involved. These limitations are in addition to the bias caused by DNA extraction and PCR amplification. The genes and transcripts that code for metabolic enzymes have attracted increasing attention in recent years. Redundancy and diversity issues aside, the prevalence of particular DNA and mRNA in various ecosystems is receiving more and more attention. Microbial inoculants are agricultural additives that utilise advantageous rhizospheric or endophytic microbes to boost plant health. They are often referred to as soil inoculants or bioinoculants. Many of the participating microorganisms develop mutualistic connections with the target crops that are beneficial to both parties. Microbial inoculants are used to enhance plant nutrition, but they can also be utilized to encourage plant growth by increasing the synthesis of plant hormones. Inoculation with archaea to encourage plant development is being actively researched, despite the prevalence of bacterial and fungal inoculants.

The advantages of inoculants in agriculture go beyond their use as biofertilizers, according to research. Microbial inoculants have the ability to cause crop species to develop systemic acquired resistance (SAR) to a number of prevalent crop diseases (providing resistance to infections). *Gaeumannomyces graminis* var. *tritici*, Khaosaad et al. 2007, take-all (*Pseudomonas syringae*, Ramos Solano et al. 2008), leaf spot (*Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *hordei*, Heitefuss, 2001), root rot (*Fusarium culmorum*, Waller et al. But it is becoming more widely acknowledged that microbial inoculants frequently alter the soil microbial ecology. *Rhizobium* and its associated genera are the rhizobacteria that are used the most frequently. *Rhizobium* are nitrogen-fixing bacteria that collaborate with legume roots to generate nodules. This improves host nitrogen nutrition and is crucial for the growth of many other leguminous crops, including soybeans and chickpeas. *Azospirillum* has been shown to be helpful in some situations for nitrogen fixation and plant nutrition in non-leguminous crops.

For cereal crops, diazotrophic rhizobacteria have increased plant growth, grain yield, nitrogen and phosphorus uptake. Associations describe symbiotic interactions between fungi and plant roots. Nearly all land plants have symbiotic interactions, which benefit both the plant and the

fungi in terms of survival. In exchange for the fungi enlarging the root absorptive area with hyphae, which provides the plant access to nutrients it would not otherwise be able to obtain, the plant can give up to 5–30% of its energy production. Arbuscular mycorrhizae and ectomycorrhizae are the two types of mycorrhiza that are most prevalent. Woody species are more likely to have ectomycorrhizae connections, which have fewer effects on agricultural systems. [has drawn interest as a potential agriculture amendment due to its capacity to access and supply phosphorus to the host plant. Tomato yields from a greenhouse system with reduced fertilization that was inoculated with a mixture of AM fungus and rhizobacteria were reached at 70% fertility.] [8] This 30% decrease in fertilizer use can help prevent nutrient pollution and extend the useful life of finite mineral resources like phosphorus (Peak phosphorus). Increases in saline tolerance, drought tolerance, and resistance to the toxicity of trace metals are further impacts. The host plants can benefit from fungus inoculation alone. Combining vaccination with other changes can further enhance the situation. Compost and arbuscular mycorrhizal inoculation are typical home gardening, agricultural, and nursery amendments. In mining-affected soils, it has been discovered that this combination can also encourage microbiological activities. Certain fungal partners work effectively with particular crops or in particular ecotones. In highland rice paddies, arbuscular mycorrhizal inoculation in combination with microorganisms that encourage plant growth led to a greater yield and quicker maturation. Following the addition of charcoal and arbuscular mycorrhizae, maize growth enhanced. Additionally, this modification may reduce crops' uptake of cadmium.

DISCUSSION

The Unknown World: The Rhizosphere

The operation of ecosystems depends heavily on the rhizosphere, one of the planet's most diversified habitats. This underground environment is most likely being shaped by an infinite number of dynamic interactions between root exudates, microbial activity, genetic exchange, nutrient transformation, and gradient diffusion (for a review, see [34]). Because of this, it is becoming increasingly important to comprehend how it works in order to manage the ecosystem and reap its potential benefits. Particularly, the manipulation of the rhizosphere is increasingly seen as a crucial method for resolving important global concerns, such as the sustainability of agriculture and forests, improved water quality, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity preservation. Plants engage in a variety of interactions and complicated trophic cascades with various members of the soil microbial community in order to adapt to a variety of biotic and abiotic challenges. These relationships involve both favorable and unfavorable feedbacks between plants, soil organisms, and their chemical surroundings. Rhizobacteria use dispersed compounds for intraspecies communication. Various Gram-negative bacteria frequently use N-acylhomoserine lactones (N-AHLs) as bacterial communication signals. Quorum sensing (QS) often controls plant-microbe interactions in a population-dependent manner. A tritrophic belowground chemical interaction is suggested by Crépin et al.'s demonstration that the rhizosphere bacterium *Rhodococcus erythropolis* catabolizes the N-AHLs produced by the pathogenic bacterium *Pectobacterium atrosepticum*, therefore attenuating its virulence. In order to cause pathogenicity in the host, pathogens use N-AHLs to exploit QS and create microcolonies (and biofilm) in the rhizosphere. Instead, helpful or nonpathogenic bacteria biosynthesize N-AHLs that degrade lactonases in order to disrupt QS by quenching the quorum. By establishing microorganisms that break down N-AHLs in the rhizosphere, the presence of biostimulating compounds or QS-mimics may further lessen the pathogenicity of infections. Another example demonstrates how root volatiles may act as foraging cues for parasitic entomopathogenic nematodes and how worms may graze on

phytase-producing bacteria to release poorly accessible organic phosphorus. Root volatiles and CO₂ may work together synergistically to attract nematodes. According to Kawasaki et al.'s research, some legumes use root-colonizing bacteria to defend themselves against specific contaminants in a systemic way. These plants may also actively promote the growth of these microorganisms in the rhizosphere by adjusting exudate flux and composition. The solubility of the pollutant is increased and its bioavailability to microorganisms that colonize roots is increased by surfactant-active chemicals in the root exudates. Without ruling out the possibility of a direct impact on the microbial equilibrium leading to the selection of beneficial populations, the production of plant growth regulators by PGPMs, including auxin, cytokinin, and gibberellin, may also have an adverse impact on soil microbial communities through enhanced root growth and an increased exudation rate. These few instances show the complexity of rhizospheric interactions and demonstrate how little we actually know about the interactions between plants and soil microbes [1]–[3].

Rhizobia Immunizations

Different pathways have been suggested by rhizobia to affect crop growth, yield, and nutrient uptake. They fix nitrogen, aid in the promotion of naturally occurring nitrogen-fixing bacteria, boost the availability of other nutrients like phosphate and iron, generate plant hormones, encourage the growth of other beneficial bacteria or fungi, combat bacterial and fungal illnesses, and aid in the management of insect pests. Field release of a *Rhizobium etli* strain containing genes encoding trifolitoxin (an antibiotic peptide active against members of a specific group of α -proteobacteria that enhances the ability to compete trifolitoxin-sensitive strains) strongly reduced the diversity of trifolitoxin-sensitive members of α -proteobacteria in bean rhizosphere as shown by ribosomal intergenic spacer analysis (RISA), with little apparent effect on most microbes. Schwieger and demonstrated that the field release of *Sinorhizobium meliloti* strain L33 had an impact on bacterial diversity in the rhizosphere of alfalfa by decreasing the number of α -proteobacteria and increasing the number of β -proteobacteria using a cultivation-dependent approach and a cultivation-independent PCR-single-strand conformation polymorphism (SSCP). Rhizobia were thought to have taken the role of more specialized bacteria (*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus* and *Pseudomonas* sp.) in the transition. The naturally occurring microbial communities in the rhizosphere of *S.* By contrasting the temperature-gradient gel electrophoresis fingerprints (TGGE) and restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) of 16S rDNA genes amplified directly from soil DNA, strains of the *meliloti* bacterium M401 (a control strain carrying the same plasmid without the modified gene) and M403 (a strain with enhanced competitiveness for nodule occupancy) were compared. Only when α - and/or β -proteobacteria-specific primers were employed were seasonal changes in RFLP patterns visible. According to RFLP analysis, inoculation allowed specific β -proteobacterial populations to be maintained and persist for a longer period of time in the rhizosphere of alfalfa. TGGE using β -proteobacterial primers, but not α -proteobacterial primers, was able to identify seasonal changes. This led to the appearance of two bands in the TGGE patterns that were directly connected to the inoculation with M403, respectively displaying sequence similarity to *Rahnella aquatilis* and *Kluyvera georgiana*. The microbial population was significantly more affected by the seasonal changes brought on by the environment and alfalfa plants than by the inoculation-dependent effects.

In the alfalfa rhizosphere treated with *S.*, measurements were made of the bacterial genes encoding the nitrogenase reductase (*nifH*), ammonia monooxygenase (*amoA*), and nitrite reductase (*nirK* and *nirS*), as well as archaeal *amoA* genes within the nitrogen cycle. S26 and OS6 strains of *meliloti* [26]. The number of *nifH* genes and the efficacy of inoculation as

measured by nitrogen and carbon levels were clearly correlated in the late flowering stage. Moreover, after the more powerful strain was inoculated, the quantity of archaeal amoA copies increased [4]–[6].

The terminal restriction fragment cluster analysis and redundancy analysis were used to show the impact of growth stage, intercropping, and rhizobial inoculation on the diversity of soybean endophytic bacteria *Bradyrhizobium liaoningense* had a greater relative abundance in roots than *Sinorhizobium americanum*, indicating that the introduced strain may be suppressing the endophytic *Sinorhizobium*. The nodulation autoregulation system of legumes, which is capable of sensing and responding to the presence of inefficient rhizobia by applying sanctions to inactive strains via active control of the permeability of root cortical cells to oxygen, may be related to the variation in abundance of endophytic *Sinorhizobium*, *Bradyrhizobium*, and *Rhizobium* in the roots of Inoculated soybeans displayed a higher abundance of a 517 bp TRF belonging to the Comamonadaceae and Burkholderiales families Mycorrhization has been linked to the prevalence of Comamonadaceae bacteria in the rhizosphere in previous studies while the latter may be induced by the rhizobial inoculation of soybean

The impact of on-field inoculation of *Phaseolus vulgaris* with two regional rhizobial strains was investigated in our lab employing similarity analysis of T-RFLP profiles to examine community structure and diversity. Within 25 cm of the roots, changes in the organization and diversity of the bacterial population were evident in the bulk soil Firmicutes, Actinobacteria, and both α - and β -proteobacteria were all improved by inoculation. *Rahnella*, *Bacillus*, *Azospirillum*, *Mesorhizobium*, *Pseudomonas*, *Streptomyces*, and *Sinorhizobium*, among other bacterial communities, proliferated as a result of the mono- and dual inoculation with *Rhizobium gallicum* strain 8a3 and *Ensifer meliloti* strain 4H41 The 32% increase in potato yield and the 56% decrease in potato wireworm infection in the next rotation crop both demonstrate the degree of these During the flowering and harvesting stages, the number of TRFs is much larger in the inoculated treatments than it is in the nitrogen-fertilized treatments. Similar to the inoculation treatment, there was a definite tendency toward increased intersample variability of bacterial populations up until the harvesting stage. These findings suggest that the introduction of exogenous bacteria into a community is likely to produce more long-term unpredictable effects than organic nitrogen supply. They also suggest that the evolution of the community in response to inoculants is in some way more stochastic than the evolution of the community in response to chemical fertilization.

***Azospirillum* vaccines**

Azospirillum has numerous known agronomic advantages Numerous mechanisms of action are thought to be involved particularly the production of phytohormones like indole-3-acetic acid Since *Azospirillum* inoculation can have a significant impact on root growth and exudation it is expected that the usage of these phytoestimulatory PGPMs will change the organization of the rhizosphere's resident microbial community. By using the automated ribosomal intergenic spacer analysis (ARISA), it was discovered that inoculating maize with *Azospirillum lipoferum* CRT1 increased the genetic diversity of the rhizobacterial communities without changing the overall number of root bacteria between individual field-grown maize plants and between sampling times In other experiments, *Azospirillum brasilense* Sp245 increased plant growth development by producing auxins, cytokinins, and gibberellins The physiology and architecture of the roots changed, and more root hairs were produced, resulting in an increase in root surface area and mineral uptake. However, as

demonstrated by DGGE and no significant effects were seen on the bacterial populations of maize grown in two distinct soils and in various growth regimes. Additionally, Naiman et al. demonstrated that the amount of particular subgroups of cultivable bacteria in the rhizosphere of wheat may be affected differently by inoculation with *Azospirillum* and *Pseudomonas*. The soil microflora's profiles of carbon source (CS) use at the stages of tillering and grain-filling were altered by immunization. On the one hand, the CS usage is correlated with the number of bacteria that can utilize each CS as their sole source of carbon. On the other hand, the significance of growth reflects the community's capacity for function [7], [8].

injection of two A. The community-level physiological profiles (CLPPs) of the cultivable microbial populations linked to rice were also altered by the brasilense strains (40M and 42M) isolated from maize roots. Despite the fact that the microbial communities associated with inoculated and control plants had significantly different average arginine absorbance values, a moderate impact on the physiological and genetic traits of microbial communities associated with specific rice cultivars was discovered under field conditions. The diazotrophic communities linked to rice roots by *nifH* T-RFLP patterns revealed that some restriction fragments allowed for the differentiation of inoculation treatments, such as the 66 bp fragment that might be related to the methanotrophic bacterium *Methylogaea oryzae*. These findings imply that *Azospirillum*'s hormonal activity enhances the efficiency of nitrogen absorption, resulting in higher biomass yields. Instead of the direct result of inoculation, the shift in residual nitrogen is most likely what influences the overall rhizosphere diversity, mostly of certain functional groups. The precise mechanisms underlying these alterations, however, are still unclear and require further research.

Inoculants for Mycorrhizal Fungi

AMF, which are included in the phylum Glomeromycota, have the capacity to establish mutualistic symbioses with the majority of terrestrial plants and colonize a larger soil area. By utilizing resources and returning minerals and water, they obtain carbon from their host, promoting plant growth. An area of soil known as the mycorrhizosphere is formed when AMF have an impact on the soil microorganisms connected to their extraradical mycelium. The microbial biomass and growth of particular microbial taxa may be impacted negatively, indicating a high degree of specificity between the bacteria linked to specific AMF. As a result, the particular bacteria and AMF may have a greater indirect synergism for plant growth, including improved nutrient uptake and root branching. Through the development of a bacterial community that restricts pathogen invasion, AMF may suppress pathogen. In a sand environment devoid of roots, *Glomus intraradices* has been found to have a favorable impact on the biomass of bacteria and saprotrophic fungi. Wamberg et al. demonstrated that the DGGE patterns between the AMF-inoculated and AMF-uninoculated treatments were generally similar using DGGE of 16S rRNA amplicons from total DNA extracts of pea rhizosphere. Though G.

Treatments with intraradices inoculation revealed suppression of four to five distinct brilliant bands. The harsh conditions typical of mine tailings were also used to study these kinds of. After two months, canonical correspondence analysis of DGGE profiles revealed that AMF inoculation had a significant impact on the growth of both bacterial and fungal rhizosphere community structures. According to a report, the AMF employed may have had either a direct or indirect impact on the alterations in the microbial community structure of the mesquite rhizosphere. The stimulation or repression of one or more susceptible populations is one sort of direct interaction between the AMF and bacterial populations in the rhizosphere.

The G. extraradical mycelium's exudates were demonstrated to contain radiation. In converted carrot roots, intraradices may dramatically reduce the conidial germination of the plant disease *Fusarium*. The PGPM *Pseudomonas chlororaphis*, on the other hand, was highly activated. G's indirect impacts of one kind. Banana plants are subjected to intraradices, which induces systemic resistance against the parasitic worms *Radopholus similis* and *Pratylenchus coffeae*. As demonstrated by Lioussanne et al. direct root colonization with either G. the mosseae or G. The organization of the DGGE bacterial community in the tomato rhizosphere was considerably altered by intraradices. After four weeks, the bacterial populations of the two AMF species were comparable. The bacterial species that live in tomato plants that have received G. *Pseudomonas*, *Herbaspirillum*, and *Acidobacterium* were recognized as mosseae, while a *Bacillus simplex* (clone TR03) was discovered to be connected only to G. intraradices. G has been connected to one clone (TR2) that was ambiguously connected to *Pseudomonas entomophila*, *Pseudomonas plecoglossicida*, or *Pseudomonas putida*. G. and intraradices. mosseae. Together, these studies demonstrated that AMF can support changes in the composition of microbial communities inside the mycorrhizosphere. Understanding the function of the microbial community in promoting plant growth, inhibiting plant pathogen invasion, and other AMF functional abilities will be made easier with the identification of important microbial populations that are connected with increased biomass output. [9]–[11].

CONCLUSION

The number and make-up of the taxonomic groups might alter dramatically as a result of microbial inoculation. However, the methods employed to address the dynamics of soil microbial communities have a significant impact on the impacts that have been reported. Some works demonstrated no effect or a brief effect, while others demonstrated a long-lasting effect. These modifications may have an impact on the soil and plants, resulting in unanticipated feedback reactions. Effects on plant development and defense may be due to the induction or repression of local microbial populations rather than necessarily being a direct result of the inoculation strain. Target and nontarget effects may interact synergistically or antagonistically. These modifications may affect beneficial soil processes like nitrogen fixation or microbes that cycle nitrogen. The impact of these changes on soil biology is still not fully understood, thus more research is necessary. The fundamental issue still relates to how changes in taxonomic groups may have an impact on how well the soil microbial communities function. Further research is required to fully understand the dynamics of these impacts in respect to the host crop, the side-distance effect, the mid- and long-term effects, the crop-rotation effect, and site variation. Unfavorable growing conditions, such as biotic and abiotic stressors, most likely contribute to inconsistent results and add to the difficulty, although they are to be anticipated as part of how agriculture normally operates. More information will be revealed about the complexity of the metabolic potentials of soil microbial communities and their significance to the soil ecosystem as a result of the development of DNA-sequencing technology and their accessibility to many working groups.

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CHAPTER 9

A NEW SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO CONTROL DENGUE INFECTION: GREEN NANO-BIOTECHNOLOGY

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Abstract

Dengue is an expanding virus spread by mosquitoes that is present in 128 countries and poses a serious risk of illness to 3.9 billion people worldwide. Since there is no specific treatment for dengue, eliminating the vector *Aedes aegypti* is the only strategy to reduce the risk of infection. For the control of dengue fever, nanotechnology-based techniques such as biopesticides with nanoformulation are currently gaining popularity. Potential uses for metal nanoparticles (NPs) produced using an environmentally benign method using plant extracts have been suggested as an anti-dengue treatment. Metal NPs can be made sustainably in a quick, inexpensive, and waste-free manner. We are reviewing the literature and mechanistic aspects of the dengue control utilizing green-synthesized NPs in light of the current advancements in phyto-synthesized multifunctional metal NPs for anti-dengue applications. The molecular underpinnings of viral suppression by NPs as well as the nontarget effects or risks with regard to environmental integrity are thoroughly examined. The green production of silver and gold nanoparticles has received the majority of attention up to this point; nevertheless, other creative composite nanomaterials need to be added. To critically assess the molecular insights gained during the synthesis of the biogenic NPs, additional in-depth mechanistic studies are needed. The toxicological properties of NPs and their long-term effects on the environment should also be carefully examined.

Keywords

Countries, currently, multifunctional, nanomaterials.

INTRODUCTION

Holistic approaches are required in the age of reemerging and reemerging infections, resistant bugs, lethal malignancies, and neglected tropical diseases like dengue. Given that mosquitoes act as a vector for illnesses like yellow fever, malaria, filariasis, dengue, etc. that can be fatal, mosquito-borne diseases have gained enormous significance in this regard. Due to its life-threatening nature, significant disease burden, climatic conditions, vector expansion, urbanization, and other socio-demographic factors, dengue fever has drawn the attention of researchers, epidemiologists, health, and social workers. *Aedes albopictus* has exposed billions of people to the danger of contracting the dengue virus, posing a particular hazard to the tropical and subtropical regions. The dengue virus is spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. An estimated 50 to 100 million cases of the illness are recorded each year. The real incidence of dengue is further estimated to be over 390 million, with 96 million symptomatic infections and 25,000 projected annual fatalities. Currently, dengue is endemic in 128 nations. The issue is made worse by the resistant dengue strains, which are thought to be the main factor in the widespread dissemination. The primary factor causing the spread of dengue infections and its effects on human health is the emergence of dengue virus resistant strains. There are four main serotypes of the dengue virus, designated DENV 1-4, and there

are significant genotypic differences between each serotype. The dengue virus' fifth serotype (DENV-5) was also discovered recently. Similar symptoms are seen in infections caused by all. When a patient recovers from one specific serotype, a lifetime immunity is conferred; however, the recovered patient is not shielded from a subsequent infection with a different serotype. More severe instances, such as dengue shock syndrome (DSS) and dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), may result from the secondary infection. DSS and DHF are brought on by antibody-mediated disease enhancement (ADM), which can be brought on by an earlier illness or by a vaccine. The only available treatments for dengue illness are supportive care and symptomatic relief. Therefore, prevention of dengue fever requires early diagnosis and effective vector management.

Despite extensive research into antiviral medications or moieties, there has as of yet been little progress against the DENV, and most of the time, infected people only receive symptomatic care. For children older than 9 years, the WHO now only suggests one dengue vaccination. The immunizations are only advised for dengue seropositive cases, and the vaccine is only used in nations with a sero-prevalence of the virus greater than 70%. To create synthetic chemical entities that can block the virus, much study is needed. E-gene, NS-1 gene, and NS-3 gene are all thought to be potential therapeutic targets. According to earlier research, bromocriptine has the ability to fight viruses by preventing their replication. In clinical trials, other medications such as balapiravir, chloroquine, prednisolone, and celgosivir did not produce any notable outcomes. Other medications including ribavirin, ketotifen, and ivermectin are also undergoing clinical studies. The hunt for anti-dengue phytochemicals that can aid in dengue management has been a top priority for other researchers. Scientists are searching for novel treatments, antiviral medications, and nanotechnology-based breakthroughs due to the incidence of dengue disease. This work intends to enhance researchers' understanding of the usage of natural products-mediated synthesis of biogenic NPs and their potential significance in the control of dengue infection and biogenic NP anti-dengue processes.

The dengue virus is a member of the Flaviviridae family and is around 50 nm in size. Ten proteins make up the dengue virus, of which three are structural proteins and seven are nonstructural proteins (NS). These nonstructural proteins are crucial for the virus's ability to evade the immune system, replicate, and assemble. Since nonstructural proteins like NS-1, NS-3, and NS-5 are absolutely necessary for the development of viral particles, they also present a design opportunity for potent antiviral medications. For the developing world, dengue prevalence is a serious issue that highlights the urgent need for cutting-edge methods of treating the illness or reducing its spread. New anti-dengue medications are required in addition to those that target the viral phases of the virus through transcription or protease activity. Fusion and entrance inhibitors are both promising strategies for limiting dengue entry into the target cell, suppressing the virus's proliferation, and neutralizing it.

The many vector control methods that are currently on hand are divided into four categories: physical control using GIS mapping to find dengue foci, efficient surveillance, identification of oviposition sites, and community-driven control initiatives. Insecticides, plant-derived compounds, insect growth regulators, and the "attract and kill" method using pheromones are examples of chemical control strategies, while biological control includes paratransgenesis, vector genetic modifications, sterile insects techniques, and use of crustaceans and larvivorous fish. Others include using vaccinations as part of immunotherapy methods. These strategies include biological, chemical, and environmental techniques to stop the development and expansion of *Aedes aegypti*, the insect that serves as the dengue virus's

vector. In impoverished nations, vector control is more difficult because of a lack of awareness, inadequate sanitation practices, and other socioeconomic factors. Worldwide, effective and efficient chemical or biological vector control techniques are utilized. However, substances like synthetic lead have a significant negative influence on public health and lead to the development of resistance in certain mosquito species. We need extremely effective eco-friendly mosquito vector control methods. Typically, organophosphates and other growth inhibitors target mosquitoes. To reduce the transmission, bed netting and indoor spraying are utilized. In vector control efforts, phytochemicals are viewed as an alternative to synthetic insecticides because of their potent mosquitocidal and insecticidal properties. Larvicidal, pupicidal, and adulticidal characteristics define these plant-derived bioactive substances. Additionally, both naturally occurring and man-made compounds have been shown to affect mosquito oviposition behavior, have ovicidal characteristics, or can serve as mosquito repellents.

In order to stop DENV from spreading to humans, other genetic techniques have also been suggested by scientists. This is accomplished by introducing the genes in the vector that are in charge of disease resistance. To transmit disease-resistant genes into mosquitoes, one of the endosymbiotic bacteria (*Wolbachia*) is widely utilized. An *Aedes aegypti* transfected line with *Wolbachia* showed that DENV was suppressed by raising basal immunity in the insect, which inhibited transmission. Female *A. aegypti* mosquitoes that have been *Wolbachia* transfected have an additional reproductive advantage over uninfected mosquitoes [30]. Other researchers have attempted to abbreviate the lifespan of the mosquito using the *Wolbachia* strain, in an effort to lessen the burden of vector-borne diseases conveyed by *A. aegypti* [31]. However, these genetic techniques are rudimentary and largely effective in the lab; for them to be implemented in the real world, further study and understanding of the underlying mechanisms are needed.

DISCUSSION

An Emerging Interface: Nano-Biotechnology

Nanotechnology may now be used in a cost-effective, ecologically friendly, and compatible manner thanks to the successful capture and manipulation of nanomaterials using resources that are benign for the environment, such as plant extracts or chemical entities produced from them. Treatment of plant extracts with various metal salt mixtures results in the reduction of metal salt, which is followed by capping and stabilization of NPs. Exciting findings for many applications in health-hygiene, nanomedicine, environmental protection, and industry have been produced by the convergence of nanotechnology and biotechnology [37–39]. These applications have made it possible for nanobiology or nanotechnology to take shape. Due to their distinct surface area to volume ratio, metal NPs including silver, gold, zinc, etc., are known to have multifunctional capabilities. Numerous physical, chemical, or biological procedures can be used to build these NPs. Chemical techniques can produce hazardous wastes, whilst physical means are frequently characterized by significant energy inputs making the total process expensive [1]–[3].

Recently, it has been revealed that medicinal plants are effective against a number of illnesses, including cancer, infectious diseases, diabetes, and neurological problems. By interfering with the genome or by preventing the entry of viral particles, they prevent the dengue virus from replicating. Destabilization of NS proteins results in the anti-dengue effect. It has been observed that natural compounds derived from plants can halt viral replication either by interfering with the enzymes, such as inhibiting polymerases, binding with

glycoproteins, or by blocking the RNA synthesis pathway. Due to the heterotypic dengue infections, no such medicines have been licensed despite progress in screening putative inhibitors

The biological approaches that utilise extracts from medicinal plants as an eco-friendly, straightforward, and affordable method of constructing nanomaterials or composite nanomaterials are the subject of a sizable amount of study nowadays. Other biological forms, such as microbes, can also be used to synthesize metal NPs although they have additional needs such as maintaining sterile conditions for the culture. Plants, on the other hand, don't need expensive care and are simple to manage. NPs can be reduced and stabilized by phytochemicals. These biogenic NPs have excellent biological potential in addition to their industrial applications. The biogenic NPs may be employed to combat the dengue virus and control its vectors, according to convergent experimental results. The phyto-fabricated NPs offer a fantastic chance to stop the dengue virus. This section summarizes the plant employed, the type of metal nanoparticles used, their size, and their usage in vector control. It also provides a full evaluation of the literature.

Biogenic nanoparticles' anti-Dengue properties; molecular aspects

The phyto-genic silver NPs' anti-dengue impact against DENV-2 has only been partially studied. Recently, the potential for using green-synthesised NPs in the fight against dengue (serotype DEN-2) has come to light. One study examined the production of silver nanoparticles from *Bruguiera cylindrica* (L.) Blume and assessed their impact on the dengue virus as well as the vector's toxicity. Intriguingly, dengue virus E-gene expression was shown to be downregulated after treatment with silver nanoparticles. The western blot and RT-PCR validated these findings. It was discovered that a dose-dependent down-regulation of the viral E-gene caused a considerable reduction in envelope proteins compared to the control. At 30 g/mL, a significant downregulation was seen. The *A. aegypti* larvae and pupae were found to be poisonous to the synthesized silver NPs. Similar conclusions are reached for the silver NPs generated by *Moringa oleifera* for anti-dengue applications. The Viral E-protein was significantly reduced when silver nanoparticles from *Sonneratia alba* Sm. were examined at concentrations between 5 and 15 g/mL, suggesting a potential anti-dengue effect. The aforementioned results support the theory that silver NPs' inhibition of the E gene and consequent decrease in the number of ineffective units may be the cause of the decrease in the production of E protein. When evaluated at 50 mg/ml, silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) made by *Centrocercus clavulatum* (C. Agardh) Montagne revealed no toxicity that is relevant to Vero cells, but more than 80% of the DEN-2 virus growth was inhibited. These research findings, which might investigate strategies for the manufacture of novel and safer nano medicines producing NPs with distinct properties, have made clear the value of screening various biosynthetic processes. Because diverse paths frequently lead us to several distinct properties of NPs and characteristics of biological toxicity, research currently available demonstrates the significance of screening various plants that serve as sources of reducing molecules for nanosynthesis [4]–[6].

Interfacing Phyto-Nano for Vector Control

Because of the risks to the environment and the eradication of nontarget organisms, the use of synthetic pesticides for possible vector control is undesirable. In addition, the recognition that these synthetic chemicals would not be trustworthy in the long run has been brought on by environmental challenges, health issues, and developing insect resistance to insecticides. If these insecticides are handled carelessly, they pose an immediate threat to human health.

Estimates indicate that synthetic pesticides cause 222,000 fatalities and 3 million poisoning incidents each year. Similar to this, the escape of pesticide residues and their buildup in the food chain provide an unanticipated risk. Thankfully, because of their effective insecticidal nature, mobility, solubility, and durability, nanotechnology-based therapies have become a potential and alternative supply of pesticides. Green-synthesized NPs have a promising future, and new vector control methods are now possible. It is well known that several arthropod pests and vectors, particularly mosquitoes, are harmful to them. There is a sizable body of research on the toxicity of biogenic NPs on mosquitoes, but little is known about the particular mechanistic details. Investigating the toxicological effects resulting from the usage of NPs as pesticides requires a thorough understanding of the underlying process.

Some stress responses brought on by NPs may be connected to the harmful effect of NPs. Although the specific process is not fully understood, scientific research has shown that NPs may cause morphological changes as lateral hair loss and damaged gills and brushes. Given that larvae only have gills for breathing throughout the larval stages, this may have an impact on their respiratory activity. As NPs easily pass through the membrane at the cellular level, substantial membrane breakdown is seen. NPs may build up in the midgut, which can reduce the abdomen and harm the epithelium or cortex. Another theory for the origin of NP-mediated insecticidal activity is trypsin enzyme activity inhibition. Because it controls the production of a second gene, the late trypsin gene, this digesting protease's activity is connected to the signal transduction system. The mosquito's ability to assess the quality of the food and alter the late trypsin levels for a specific meal with amazing flexibility is made possible by the presence of two trypsin. When trypsin activation is stopped, feeding activity is disrupted and meal quality cannot be. Because of their small size, NPs are also toxic because they can easily penetrate the cuticle, act on epidermal cells, and prevent the production of enzymes required for tanning and cuticle oxidation. This ultimately affects the entire molting process.

As an alternative, they might suppress neurosecretory cells, which would cause cuticular shrinking. Some NPs are also linked to the disruption of the muscle layers that results in the loss of the difference between the endocuticle and exocuticle, which makes the insect inactive. The body wall desiccation, de-pigmentation, abrasion, spiracle blockage, and insect dehydration caused by NPs binding to the cuticle may lead to the insect's eventual demise. This aspect makes it possible to use NPs against pupae and early instars, stopping their maturation into adults and making them effective larvicidal agents. The activity of acetylcholinesterase by NPs has been reported to be interrupted by authors. Acetylcholine is a substance that is involved in the transmission of nerve impulses from neuron to nerve cell or involuntarily contracted muscles, and acetylcholinesterase (AChE) controls this action [63, 76]. The disruption of nerve impulse transmission across cholinergic synapses caused by the NPs' interference with AChE has been documented. This may therefore be helpful to evaluate the probable neurotoxic potential of some NPs. Also documented are hormonal abnormalities in insects that show themselves as NPs. Additionally, cytochrome P450, which is involved in insects molting, is said to be interfered with by NPs. There is also evidence that gonadotropin production is downregulated, which results in decreased fitness and reproductive failure, which has a significant impact on development and reproduction. Because NPs interfere with oogenesis and cause ovaries to develop defects that impair their ability to deposit eggs, reduced female fertility is seen. Additionally, NPs harm the organism by piercing the exoskeleton entering the intracellular space, and then the nanoscale substance attaches to sulfur in proteins or phosphorus in DNA, which causes the organelles and enzymes to quickly

denature. Loss of cellular function and cell death occur as a result of the decrease in membrane permeability and disruption of the proton motive force [80, 81]. NPs can enter the cytosol of cells and alter cellular signaling pathways, which disrupts ion exchange and neuromuscular coordination [7]–[9].

Enhancing Predation Efficiency with Nanoparticles

Another potential option involves biological control of dengue vectors. Fish, tadpoles in their first instars, copepods, and water bugs are examples of natural predators that can be used for the potential biological control of dengue vectors. For biological mosquito control, fish were mostly considered. Predatory fish abound in areas that could support mosquito breeding, including dams, marshes, canals, ponds, etc. According to reports, the cyclopoids are among the most effective predators of mosquito larvae that spread dengue. In urban and semiurban environments, copepods are another cheap and cost-effective biological control for culicidae. Mesocyclops, including *Mesocyclops pericornis*, *Mesocyclops longisetus*, *Mesocyclops guangxiensis*, and *Mesocyclops thermocyclopoides*, are the copepods that biologically regulate mosquitoes that are most common. Recent research has examined how NPs affect these natural predators' predation behavior. The rise in predation efficiency is one of the most notable discoveries. It has been unequivocally shown that giving NPs causes an increase in predatory behaviour, although the precise mechanism causing this has not yet been investigated. Investigations on the nontarget effects of NPs on predatory copepods, however, have largely been limited. [10], [11].

CONCLUSION

The green synthesis process, which is sustainable and eco-friendly, is unique in the synthesis of metal nanoparticles. Based on the information now available, it can be said that biogenic nanoparticles hold great promise for addressing today's most important healthcare issues, such as reducing dengue infections. The dengue virus is now viewed as a global concern that needs to be controlled using creative methods. Interventions based on nano-biotechnology may be useful in lowering the burden of disease in a sustainable and affordable way. Through either direct or indirect interaction with the vector, biological nanoparticles can lessen the spread of the dengue virus. The possibility that biogenic NPs could have an anti-dengue effect by interfering with and downregulating the crucial structural genes required for viral assembly has been supported by a number of studies. These biogenic NPs have also successfully proved their ability to regulate vectors, which is evidenced by their biocidal character. Application-wise, the manufacturing of these biogenic NPs is free of any potentially harmful compounds, requires no particular energy, and has a simple scale-up potential. Implementing these nano-biotechnology-based solutions on the ground presents a problem. However, these research should be expanded to additional cutting-edge composite nanomaterials. The main focus of the green synthesis is on the synthesis of silver and gold nanoparticles. Few investigations have been done to critically analyze the mechanistic insights made during the synthesis of the biogenic nanoparticles because there is little literature on the mechanistic insights of green synthesis. Similar to this, thorough research should be done to determine the toxicity of the nanoparticles and to analyze their long-term effects on the environment.

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CHAPTER 10

USE OF MICROBIOLOGICAL BIO ENZYMES FOR SOIL STABILIZATION

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ABSTRACT

In order to generate an enhanced soil material with the appropriate engineering properties, one or more soil properties must be mechanically or chemically altered. This article's goal was to evaluate bioenzyme-based soil stabilization methods with a focus on bioenzyme synthesis, soil stabilization mechanisms, and upcoming industry difficulties and prospects. Stabilization of soils is done to make it stronger and more resilient, or to stop erosion and dust production. Any construction must use cost-effective soil stabilization technology, which is crucial for any nation's economic development. Construction has occasionally proved difficult because soil stabilizing procedures are expensive. Additionally, popular stabilizing chemicals are becoming more and more expensive to use in stabilization techniques. There is currently a growing desire in finding innovative, environmentally friendly technology to advance building methods and expand the road system. In order to process the local materials, more attention has been paid to the search for new materials and better processing methods. Bioenzymes are now giving developing nations the chance to significantly increase soil stability throughout the soil stabilization process. Bioenzymes have been employed in numerous projects around the world for a number of years. They are often private goods with patented formulations that necessitate extensive field testing. By saving time, energy, and money, the utilization and manufacturing of bioenzymes is currently emerging as the most promising strategy for national advancement. Additionally, it lessens environmental pollution brought on by the carbon emissions of traditional stabilizers. Therefore, it is crucial to comprehend this new technology in order to take advantage of any improvements it may bring to soil stability. It is possible to make soil-stabilizing bioenzymes using locally available raw materials with minimal study and expertise. Therefore, research and academic institutions in any nation should be interested in producing low-cost, simply and broadly applicable, and environmentally friendly enzymatic formulations from locally accessible raw ingredients.

KEYWORDS

Comprehend, environmental, improvements, enzymatic.

INTRODUCTION

The permanent physical and chemical modification of soils for the purpose of improving their physical qualities is known as soil stabilization. In its broadest sense, it encompasses a variety of similar processes, including compaction, preconsolidation, and drainage. The process of altering the soil material itself to improve its properties is typically considered to be stabilization. It is the collective word for any physical, chemical, biological, or combination of these processes used to alter some characteristics of natural soil in order to make it useful for planned engineering goals. Increased dry unit weight, bearing capacity, volume changes, the

effectiveness of in situ subsoils, sands, and other waste materials to enhance road surfaces, and other geotechnical applications are all examples of improvements. It is necessary when the soil that is readily available for construction is unfit for the intended use and primarily aims to increase resistance to water softening by binding soil particles together, water proofing soil particles, or combining the two.

Stabilization theory dates back 5,000 years and is regarded as being as old as the history of construction. Different methods of soil stabilization were used in the buildings and roads constructed by the ancient Chinese, Romans, and Incas, which are still in existence today. Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia employed stabilized earth roads, and the Greeks and Romans used lime as a stabilizer. Construction of the pyramids began 5,000 years ago when lime and clay were combined and compressed to create bricks, and the Romans first employed lime to improve the quality of their roads some 2,000 years ago. In the United States, the first soil stabilization tests were conducted in 1904. When aggregate and fuel resources became generally scarce in the 1960s and 1970s, engineers were forced to consider alternatives to the traditional methods of replacing poor soils at construction sites with aggregates that had better engineering properties and were shipped in. The goal of contemporary stabilization procedures is to ensure appropriate subgrade stability, particularly for brittle soils.

Generally speaking, soil stabilization is expensive and demands substantial investments. Due to the high expense of soil stabilization methods and the depletion of stabilizing minerals, construction has occasionally been hampered. For years, any construction has depended heavily on the development of affordable materials and methods. Cost-effective road construction methods are therefore essential for economic development in any nation. In order to advance construction methods and extend road networks, it is necessary to find new, affordable materials. Recently, there has been a rise in interest in the quest for new materials and better methods of processing the indigenous materials. Numerous common soil stabilizers, including hydrated lime, Portland cement, and bitumen, as well as a variety of organic and inorganic chemical additives have been created globally during the past few decades. However, the utilization of bioenzymes as soil stabilizers has recently received greater attention. The study of soil microorganisms, their roles, and how they impact soil characteristics is known as soil microbiology.

The first known bacteria and microbes on Earth are thought to have originated in the waters between two and four billion years ago. These bacteria had the ability to fix nitrogen, and as they grew over time, they released oxygen into the environment. This resulted in more sophisticated microorganisms which are crucial because they impact soil fertility and structure. The several types of soil microorganisms include bacteria, actinomycetes, fungus, algae, and protozoa. Each of these groupings has traits that characterize them and define their roles in the soil. Each gram of soil around and surrounding plant roots, or the rhizosphere, contains up to 10 billion bacteria. On the roots of sugar beets, a researcher found more than 33,000 different bacterial and archaeal species in 2011.

In reaction to alterations in the environment, the rhizobiome's makeup can quickly change. The ability of actinomycetes to manufacture antibiotics is one of their most recognized traits. These antibiotics include streptomycin, neomycin, erythromycin, and tetracycline, to name just a few. Neomycin is used to lower the risk of bacterial infection during surgery, while streptomycin is used to treat infections brought on by certain bacteria and tuberculosis. The antibiotic erythromycin is used to treat several bacterial infections.

include bronchitis, pneumonia, whooping cough, ear, intestinal, lung, urinary tract, and skin infections. In soil, fungi are common, but bacteria are more prevalent. As pathogens, beneficial symbiotic connections with plants or other species, food sources for other, larger organisms, and maintainers of soil health, fungi play a vital role in the soil. The size, shape, and color of the reproductive spores, which are utilized by fungi to reproduce, are the primary factors used to classify them into different species. The majority of environmental conditions that affect bacterial and actinomycete growth and spread also affect fungus. Since most fungi rely on organic matter for nourishment, the quality and quantity of organic matter in the soil directly affect the growth of fungi. Fungi are more benefited by acidic soils than bacteria are. Due to the fact that fungi are aerobic, or oxygen-dependent, and that their needs decrease with increasing soil moisture content, they may also thrive in dry, desert soils. Fungi are essential plant leaf regulators of innate immunity. While mutants impaired in jasmonic acid and ethylene synthesis and signaling are hypersusceptible to herbivorous insects and microbes that kill host cells to extract nutrients, mutants impaired in salicylic acid synthesis and signaling are hypersusceptible to microbes that colonize the host plant to obtain nutrients. It is more difficult to control a diverse population of bacteria in plant roots than it is to get rid of a few pathogens from a plant leaf. Therefore, immunological mechanisms different than those that regulate foliar microorganisms may be needed to regulate the makeup of the root microbiome.

A 2015 study examined a group of *Arabidopsis* hormone mutants that were deficient in the manufacturing or signaling of specific plant hormones or combinations of hormones, the microbial community around the root in the soil, and the bacteria that reside inside the root tissue. A repeatable shift in the relative abundance of bacterial phyla in the endophytic compartment was induced by changes in salicylic acid signaling. Salicylic acid may be a significant regulator of microbiome community structure based on these alterations, which were uniform across numerous families within the phyla in question. The specific mechanism by which salicylic acid controls this microbiome is obscured by the fact that traditional plant defense hormones also play a role in plant growth, metabolism, and abiotic stress responses.

Humans did not select for plant associations with a helpful microbiome throughout the domestication of plants; instead, they did so for features relevant to plant improvement. With only little effects on the structure of the microbiome as a whole, even small changes in the abundance of some bacteria can have a significant impact on plant defenses and physiology. In addition to producing hormones that promote development, activating the plant immune system, and triggering or inhibiting stress reactions, microbes can also make nutrients and minerals in the soil available to plants. In general, fewer plant illnesses and higher yield are brought on by a more diversified soil microbiome. By employing soil additions like fertilizer and pesticides without balancing their effects, farming can harm the microbial ecosystem of the soil. While using less water and other inputs, healthy soil can boost fertility in a variety of ways, including by delivering nutrients like nitrogen and warding off pests and disease. Some methods might even permit cultivation in soils that weren't previously thought to be suitable.

Rhizobia, a class of bacteria that inhabits the roots of legume plants, fix nitrogen from the atmosphere into a form that is valuable to living things. As extensions of the plant roots they live on or in, mycorrhizae, also known as root fungus, create a dense network of thin filaments that extend far into the soil. These fungi help plants absorb water and a variety of nutrients. Exudates, which include sugars, amino acids, flavonoids, aliphatic acids, and fatty acids, are secreted from the roots of plants that fix up to 30% of the carbon. These exudates draw in and nourish helpful microbial species while repelling and eradicating detrimental ones..

DISCUSSION

Bienzymes produced by microorganisms as a Soil Stabilize

Enzymes are the biological systems' catalysts that not only regulate reaction rates but can also minimize the activation energy required to generate one product from another by favoring particular transition state geometries. In order to produce a cementing link that stabilizes the soil structure and lowers the soil's affinity for water, bioenzymes, which are protein molecules, accelerate chemical reactions in the soil. The application of enzyme products used to treat soil to improve horticulture applications gave rise to the concept of using enzyme stabilization for soil pavement. A process change led to the creation of a material that can stabilize unstable ground for vehicular traffic.

As long as there are just a small number of clay particles present, bioenzymes can be used on a range of soils. Enzymes may be effective for soils with 12–24% clay fraction and an index of plasticity between 8 and 35, according to Khan and Taha. Enzymatic emulsions work well for dust control when applied at low application rates to the unbound road surface. Enzymatic emulsions can be applied more frequently to stabilize paved and unpaved roads, paths and shoulders, access roads, paved and unpaved parking lots, orchard and crop roads, mining haul roads, access roads, parking areas, airfields, small country roads, property driveways, and other areas. The treated soils can be stabilized to form a dense, firm-to-hard, water-resistant bonded layer that can be utilized as a road pavement when appropriately applied and compacted [1].

Evaluation of Traditional Stabilizers and Bioenzymes

When carried over long distances to low-volume road building sites because they are bulky, traditional stabilizers like cement and lime become even more expensive, often up to three times as expensive as bioenzymes. Contrarily, bioenzymes are typically sold as concentrated solutions that are diluted with water on the job site before being spread over the soil to treat deeper soil layers or pressure injected. This makes it possible to transport for a relatively low cost. Concentrated bioenzymes are a viable choice for stabilizing initiatives due to the decreased shipping costs. Bioenzymes are the least expensive, nontoxic, ecologically friendly, and organic technology, in contrast to conventional soil stabilizing methods. As a result, the use of bioenzymes as soil stabilizers has received increased attention recently. This is because enzymes have a greater capacity for production, are less expensive, and have a wider range of applications than traditional stabilizers, which must be used in large quantities to stabilize soils and consequently have a higher manufacturing cost [2], [3].

The Interaction of Clay and Water

The type of the clay that makes up the soil mass is the main issue for soil stability during any construction. Some clays, known as expansive soils, experience considerable volume changes as a result of variations in the water content of the soil mass in response to climatic factors and the activity of plants. The term "expansive soil" refers to soils that swell up in the presence of water and contract when they become dry. The soil is of the swelling lattice type, montmorillonite, and is often clayey with a high specific surface area and cation exchange capacity. They typically include more than 30% clay to a minimum depth of 50 cm.

Due to their tiny particle size and strong surface activity, clayey soils have a high affinity for water. As a result, the particles are virtually always hydrated, or covered in water molecules that have been adsorbed onto the clay particles. According to hydrogen bonding (oxygen or

hydroxyl molecules attract the hydrogen in water), van der Waals attractions, and charged surface-dipole attractions, water has an affinity for these molecules. All soil characteristics, such as flexibility, compaction, strength, and water mobility in the soil, are influenced by this water layer. The strongest sort of connection among these is hydrogen bonding, which is thought to be the main cause of the expansion of expansive soils brought on by water absorption. As a result, montmorillonite clays experience volume fluctuations due to variations in moisture content, which cause swelling and shrinking. Numerous clay characteristics, such as the specific surface area, cation exchange capacity, organic matter content, and accessibility of soil stabilizing agents, have an impact on this occurrence. By enhancing the strength of the soil material, soil stabilizers inhibit swelling by binding soil minerals together [4]–[7].

Bioenzyme Soil Stabilization Mechanism

Contrary to standard stabilizers, there have been few attempts to pinpoint the stabilization processes of atypical stabilizers like bioenzymes. Several articles on bioenzyme experiments conducted in the lab and outdoors have been published. Many of these papers put more emphasis on performance assessment than mechanism identification. As a result, research on the stabilizing mechanisms of bioenzymes in soil stability is relatively scarce. Researchers proposed two pathways for bioenzyme soil stabilization. According to the initial stabilizing mechanism that was put out, the enzymes in the treated soil are adsorbable by the clay lattice, and as a result, cations are exchanged and released in a manner akin to cation exchange. This causes the clay's diffuse double layer to be thinner according to Scholen in 1995. Scholen put out the other largely recognized theory of the bioenzyme soil stabilizing mechanism. According to Scholen, when bioenzyme formulations are combined with soil, the enzymes react with the earth's large organic molecules to create a reactant mediator. In order to neutralize the negative charge and lessen the clay's affinity for moisture, the huge organic molecules can blanket the clay minerals with large flat structures that are similar in size to little clay particles. As a result, there is a covering effect that prevents further water absorption and density loss. This reaction permits the process to repeat again by renewing the enzymes.

After being treated with various bioenzymatic formulations, clay developed a stable lattice structure and had a decreased attraction for moisture, according to several researchers. Through a variety of chemical and physical tests, Rauch et al. supported Scholen's hypothesis that enzymes join forces with large organic molecules and cling to clay surfaces, blocking potential cation exchange sites and preventing moisture absorption and subsequent swelling. Additionally, in their individual studies, Tingle et al., Tingle et al., Tingle and Santoni, Santoni et al., and Tingle et al. all reported on a series of laboratory tests with various bioenzymatic stabilizers evaluating the performance effects in terms of increased strength improvement in both granular and fine-grained subgrade materials. These tests, however, did not provide any information about the hypothesized physicochemical changes; instead, they only classified the proposed stabilization mechanisms as either a mechanical bonding or a chemical reaction mechanism.

However, it was indicated by John et al., Stan and Lindenbaum, Rauch et al., and John et al. that soil ideal for bioenzyme stabilization should have chemical elements such as clay minerals that may interact with other chemicals. Enzymes should only be used with clay materials that have an affinity for water, especially high-plasticity clays with some organic content, according to their recommendations. As a result, substances like silts and granular soils

wouldn't have a strong attraction for water and wouldn't be good candidates for stabilization by enzyme products. The utilization of enzymes will also be highly dependent on the environmental circumstances and may take a long time to occur, according to the research. Through a variety of chemical and physical tests, Rauch et al. supported hypothesis that enzymes join forces with large organic molecules and cling to clay surfaces, blocking potential cation exchange sites and preventing moisture absorption and subsequent swelling [8]–[10].

In his patent publication, Lindenbaum also described the mechanism by which bioenzyme breaks down the electric double layer between the clay and static (adsorbed) water during soil stabilization. As a result, the clay particles lose their natural charge and the adhering layer of static water. The clay particles separate in this manner and become crystallographically locked, which precludes any additional volume changes when exposed to water. Additionally, he noted that the organic cations produced by microbial and plant growth will have the ability to swap places with other ions drawn to the clay particle in the soil. The organic cations, in contrast to metal cations, have broad, flat structures that resemble tiny clay particles in size. These organic cations can cover the clay particle and quickly neutralize its negative charge, significantly lowering the thickness of the double layer. A hydroxyl (–) and a hydrogen (+) ion are formed as a result of the enzyme's reduction of the water molecule's dipole moment, according to Lindenbaum. By doing this, the water molecules will be removed from the clay minerals' intermolecular gaps.

Production of Bioenzymes from Microorganisms

Road construction projects have used a variety of commercial bioenzyme compositions that are sold on the market globally. The product formulae are not made public while being produced in vast quantities in several nations due to commercial proprietary concerns. Additionally, there is no published material accessible that outlines the precise steps and necessary recipe for the manufacturing process. The sole publication is a Lindenbaum patent publication. According to Lindenbaum, one of the enzymes utilized to stabilize soil was expressed by microorganisms that were created by fermentation. He also mentioned that urololytic groups are chosen from these microorganisms, which also comprise bacteria and fungi. He suggested that biomass from crop plants could be used as a fermentation substrate. Enzymatic formulations for soil stabilizations are produced by fermenting sugar molasses, a byproduct of the sugar industry, according to Cuisinier and According to Khan and Taha soil stabilizing bioenzymes are organic, nontoxic formulations that are typically derived by the fermentation of vegetables and sugar canes. As a result, they are degradable, meaning that they quickly disintegrate over time.

All creatures, including single-celled bacteria, naturally have enzymes. Each strain of microbe has the capacity to synthesize a sizable number of enzymes that are metabolic, hydrolyzing, oxidizing, or reducing in nature. Subsurface bacteria have been shown to support a number of biogeochemical reaction networks, including urea hydrolysis, nitrate reduction, sulfate-reduction, and iron reduction, according to DeJong et al. However, there are differences across species and even strains of the same species in the absolute and relative amounts of the many specific enzymes produced. Therefore, it is common practice to choose strains for the commercial production of particular enzymes that have the ability to produce the maximum levels of the desired enzymes. According to Fujita et al. urololytic bacteria are frequently found in the subsurface and are known to hydrolyze urea to cause calcium carbonate to precipitate.

CONCLUSION

The application of enzyme products used to treat soil to improve horticultural applications gave rise to the concept of using enzyme for stability in pavement construction. The source of the other idea was likewise thought to be the stabilizing method used by termites and ants. According to a survey, termites and ants utilize their enzyme-rich saliva to create meters-high, rock-hard earth constructions. It is well known that these buildings can withstand intense tropical rain seasons. This fundamental idea has been altered and applied to create a number of commercial solutions, mostly for the stabilization of difficult soils in road construction. There are currently a sizable number of commercial enzymatic products on the market. For many years, these formulations have been applied to many tasks. They are typically private products, frequently with patented formulations, that do not adhere to any applicable official standard specification (such as ASTM or AASHTO), and they are not mentioned in any design guidelines or specifications paperwork from a country road authority. Since the 1960s, these goods have been under development, and numerous studies and initiatives have been done on the subject. Despite the abundance of information available, these stabilization devices have not gained widespread acceptance. Several reasons have been put out for this by Rauch et al. [46], but they are primarily from the standpoint of road agencies and do not take into account potential internal hurdles experienced by product providers. According to reports, these items made by fermentation are nontoxic and safe for the environment. The following is a list of frequently used commercial bioenzyme products for soil stabilization and maintenance.

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CHAPTER 11

AN OVERVIEW OF MICROBIAL BIOSENSORS AS PESTICIDE DETECTORS

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Abstract

Agrochemicals are heavily reliant on by farmers to increase crop output through soil fertilization and management of insect pests, diseases, parasites, and weeds. But controversial pesticide use on farms has worsened residue buildup and become a concern for environmental safety in addition to spreading disease to people and other animals. For this reason, environmental chemical residue analysis is essential for communities and policymakers. The majority of chemists' time was spent utilizing extremely advanced chromatographic equipment to analyze the pollutants that already existed from various sources, even though this was a time-consuming, difficult, expensive process that called for qualified experts. However, employing diverse bioreporters linked with electrochemical and optical transducers, biosensors are more crucial for analyzing chemical pollutants from various samples. Microbes are adaptable to various environmental situations, have a wide range of metabolic processes, and are accessible to genetic engineering. As a result, microbial biosensors are gaining popularity and improving their ability to monitor the environment. This review evaluated the application of microbial biosensors for pesticide detection as well as the function of genetic engineering for strain improvement. A biosensor is an analytical tool that combines a biological element with a physicochemical detector and is used to identify chemicals. The sensitive biological element is a biologically derived substance or biomimetic component that interacts with, binds to, or recognizes the analyte under investigation. Examples include tissue, bacteria, organelles, cell receptors, enzymes, antibodies, nucleic acids, etc. Biological engineering can also be used to produce the physiologically sensitive components. Physicochemical principles govern how the transducer or detector element, which converts one signal into another, operates. piezoelectric, optical

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INTRODUCTION

To boost crop yield, farmers are using large amounts of various agrochemicals. These agrochemicals are purposefully added to the soil to fertilize it in order to control rodents, nematodes, weeds, and insect pests as well as bacterial and fungal diseases. These agrochemicals' leftovers subsequently either directly or indirectly enter the ecology and food chain. This ongoing introduction of agrochemicals into the ecosystem results in an increase in residue accumulation and has an impact on all living things, including people. The most significant kinds of pesticides are mostly organochlorine, organophosphate, organonitrate, and their derivatives, which are hazardous to a variety of environmental living things. This might call for a thorough comprehension of the current levels of pesticide residue accumulation, the processes that the pesticides have undergone, the mechanisms by which they interact with the soil, and the biota present in a particular area. Therefore, to identify

chemical residues in environmental samples, researchers have created the most advanced, sensitive, trustworthy, and effective chromatographic procedures. These techniques need expensive equipment, skilled personnel, and a lot of time and effort. Since they are the simplest approach and best alternative for chemical analysis, biosensors have received a lot of attention in an effort to address these issues over the past nine years. As a result, bioreporters, such as entire cells, enzymes, antibodies, DNA, and RNA, have been employed to build biosensors and have proven to be effective materials. These elements are easily capable of being improved through evolution to carry out particular functions.

Therefore, microbial biosensors use entire cells as bioreporters by connecting with physiochemical transducers to provide signals for a particular analyte (or analytes) [10]. Depending on the type of microbial metabolic processes taking place with respect to a particular compound(s), signal creation may take the form of changes in proton concentration, gas liberation or absorption, light emission, etc. Indirectly or directly, the intensity of the signals produced throughout the procedure reveals the concentration of the target analyte(s) in a certain sample volume. This phenomena is transformed into a quantifiable response by a signal-sensing transducer employing electrochemical or optical energy converters, such as a current, potential, or light absorption. As a result, many types of biosensors are created and applied for various pollution analysis applications. For the purpose of detecting pesticides, whole-cell, enzymatic, immunochemical, and DNA-based biosensors have all been studied.

A microbial biosensor, which combines microorganisms with a transducer to enable quick, precise, and sensitive detection of analytes from various sources, is one of the promising technologies for evaluating specific pollutants. To detect a material that was either a substrate or an inhibitor of their metabolic activities, the earlier microbial biosensors relied simply on the metabolic operations of live cells and their respiration. The latest generation of microbial biosensors, however, uses transducers in association with immobilized, viable or nonviable microbial cells, including those that have undergone genetic modification. It is less expensive to use nonviable microorganisms that target periplasmic enzymes present in permeable cells or entire cells than cellular enzymes. For high-throughput pollution monitoring, portable cell arrays of biosensors have also been developed from freeze-dried biosensing microbe strains.

As a result, microbial biosensors are more useful for pesticide detection because microorganisms have a great capacity for utilising a variety of chemical substrates due to their metabolic diversity, adaptability to genetic, and wide range of environmental factor tolerance. In order to use microbial biosensors as potentiometers, calorimeters, conductometers, transducers, luminescent and fluorescent biosensors, many microbial biosensor devices were created. While luminescent and fluorescent biosensors may detect light-emitting pesticides during microbial metabolic processes, conductometric, amperometric, and potentiometric biosensors can only detect electroactive pesticides. Therefore, this method holds promise for analyzing a variety of pesticides in the environment. As a result, the primary goal of this review was to evaluate the state of microbial biosensor development and their application to the detection of pesticides in environmental monitoring.

To conveniently test and quantify, use electrochemical, electrochemiluminescence, etc., which are produced when the analyte interacts with the biological element. The biosensor reader device interfaces with the supporting electronics or signal processors that are largely in charge of the user-friendly display of the results. This is occasionally the most expensive component of the sensor device, but a user-friendly display that also incorporates a transducer

and sensitive element (holographic sensor) is technically feasible. The readers are typically produced and custom-designed to fit the various biosensor operating principles. An immunosensor makes use of the antibodies' highly specialized affinity for a given substance or antigen. In that the antigen will only attach to the antibody if it is in the proper conformation, the specificity of the antibody-antigen interaction is comparable to a lock and key fit. When binding takes place, a physicochemical change occurs that, when combined with a tracer like an enzyme, a fluorescent molecule, or a radioactive isotope, can provide a signal. The use of antibodies in sensors has some restrictions: The antibody-antigen interaction is often robust; but, binding can be disturbed by chaotropic chemicals, organic solvents, or even ultrasonic radiation.

Serological testing, or the identification of circulating antibodies in response to a particular disease, can also make advantage of antibody-antigen interactions. Importantly, the use of antibodies as the bio-recognition component of biosensors has several limitations, and serology tests have emerged as a crucial component of the global response to the pandemic. They are expensive to make, have high molecular weights, little stability, and crucial disulfide links. Recombinant binding portions (Fab, Fv, or scFv) or domains (VH, VHH) of antibodies have been produced as one method to get around these restrictions. Another method involves creating artificial families of Antigen Binding Proteins (AgBP) from tiny protein scaffolds with advantageous physicochemical features. These AgBP can specifically attach to various target proteins while keeping the advantages of the parent molecule. In vitro display techniques such as phage display, ribosome display, yeast display, or mRNA display are frequently used to identify family members that precisely bind to a given target antigen. Contrary to antibodies and their derivatives, artificial binding proteins can be synthesized in high yield in reducing biological settings like the bacterial cytoplasm, are significantly smaller than antibodies (often less than 100 amino-acid residues), have good stability, and do not include disulfide linkages. They are thus particularly suited to the development of biosensors..

DISCUSSION

Biosensor for Microbial Whole-Cells

Microorganisms are extremely adaptable by nature and can try to survive in a variety of unfavorable situations, including settings with a variety of harmful substances, harsh temperatures, and variable salinity. Then, starting in the 1990s, microbial biosensors were developed and employed as bioreporters of environmental pollution. Utilizing various transducers and microbial strains, microbial biosensor construction has evolved through time. The intimate interaction between the sense-reporting transducers and the detecting microbial cells was crucial to its creation. As a result, it is imperative that the microbial cells be immobilized on the transducer, which calls for careful consideration of the microbial cell immobilization techniques available today.

When building a biosensor, the immobilization of bioreporter components on the transducer was frequently accomplished via chemical and physical methods. Similar to this, these techniques were used to immobilize microbial cells on the transducer or support matrices. Covalent bonding and cross-linking were chemical immobilization methods derived from these. Between functional groups of biological components, which are primarily present on microbial cell walls, such as amine, carboxylic, or sulphydryl groups, and the transducer,

such as amine, carboxylic, epoxy, or tosyl components, covalent bonding creates a stable covalent link. Avivin-biotin interactions were employed to attach biotinylated bio-components to the electrode surface while covalent bonding was used to create disposable biosensors for the detection of various analytes.

Another method of chemical immobilization used to attach molecules between functional groups on the outer membrane of microbial cells is cross-linking. In order to create the networked molecular contacts, cross-linking requires multifunctional chemicals like glutaraldehyde and cyanuric chloride. The method was quick, easy, and commonly used to immobilize bacteria. On a removable support membrane that can be placed on the transducer surface, cells can be fastened directly to the electrode surface. Because cell viability is not crucial and only intracellular enzymes are needed for analyte detection, cross-linking is appropriate for building microbial biosensors [1]–[4].

In contrast, physical immobilization in the creation of microbial biosensors encompasses both adsorption and cell encapsulation methods. The simplest technique for immobilizing biological elements is adsorption. The growth of a microbial suspension on the electrode or an immobilization matrix, such as alumina and glass beads, was used to build disposable microbial biosensors. In order to get rid of nonadsorbed microbial cells from the surface/matrix, further buffer washing is necessary. Ionic, polar, or hydrogen bonds as well as hydrophobic adsorptive interactions immobilized. Another physical immobilization technique is cell encapsulation. It calls for the binding enzymes that block the biocomponent while allowing the substrate and products to pass through semipermeable membranes. Agar/agarose, carrageenan, alginate, polyurethane-polycarbonyl sulfonate (PCS), and polyacrylamide were frequently utilized as reagents in cell encapsulation procedures. Microbial biosensors that are encapsulated are shielded from harmful circumstances such as changes in humidity, pH, and ionic force. However, because analytes must cross the membrane to reach the biocomponent, the rate of the biochemical reaction is low, implying a less thorough analysis.

Due to the availability of nutrients within the matrix, the agar method of the strain immobilization approach was anticipated to increase the sensing effectiveness and viability of microorganisms. Accordingly, a report on the immobilization of 20 sensor bacterial cell arrays on agar using various promoters and a transducer-based biosensor is available. This method enables living microorganisms to act simultaneously as biocatalytic agents for a variety of contaminants. A microbial biosensor's key benefit is that it is simple to create and doesn't need isolating subcellular elements like enzymes, antibodies, and By decomposing halogenated hydrocarbons, gram-positive actinomycetes are described as a broad-spectrum sensor in other investigations. This demonstrated the existence of a broad-spectrum microbial biosensor manufacturing for halogenated compounds that may be inciting

Utilization of Reporter Genes in Microbial Biosensors

The basic idea behind a reporter gene is that it encodes signals that are simple to detect and indicate the presence of or exposure to particular analytes. As a result, reporter genes that are specifically designed to display the creation of specific biomolecules that can affect gene expression are typically present in microbial cells. With a straightforward and uncomplicated sensor technology, reporter gene expression under the control of a particular regulatory network increases sensitivity. Enzymes are commonly utilized as reporter gene result indicators to find contaminants using colorimetric, fluorescent, or luminescent readouts. The *lacZ* gene encodes a commonly utilized enzyme called β -galactosidase (β -gal), which may quickly and easily identify contaminants based on their colorimetric or fluorescence.

properties. Because there are chemiluminescent and electrochemical substrates for β -gal, the sensitivity is improved and the detection range is broad and dynamic.

The popular enzyme luciferase is coded for by the bioluminescence gene *lux*, which was cloned in *Vibrio fischeri* and *Photobacterium luminescens*. This enzyme catalyzes the light-emitting process and acts as the light reporter gene. The development of whole-cell microbial biosensors to track environmental pollution frequently exploited this gene. Bacterial luciferase is useful because of its wide dynamic ranges, sensitivity, and simplicity. It catalyzes the oxidation of a long-chain fatty aldehyde in the presence of molecular oxygen, producing a blue-green light. Using sensitive instruments such as fiber optic probes and integrated circuit chips to detect generated light, bioluminescence proved successful in identifying contaminants [5].

Due to their ability to autofluoresce, fluorescent proteins were also frequently used in microbial biosensors as reporters without the addition of any extra substrates. In order to detect pollutants, green fluorescent protein (GFP), for example, which is produced by the *Gfp* gene, emits light that is easily detected using a modern potentiometer with little to no harm to the host system. GFP worked as a fusion tag and a pH indicator in environmental contamination monitoring in addition to its function as a reporter gene in the biosensing process. It is obvious that dangerous chemicals present in the environment can cause stress in living cells by altering the balance of the metabolic process and other physiological functions. The process-sensitive green fluorescent protein, also known as the roGFP variant, was created to keep track of the redox status of cells in order to identify the current conditions. As a result, the reporter gene (roGFP2) was overexpressed in *E. coli*, immobilized on the α -carrageenan matrix, and developed into a more reliable and sensitive biosensor to quickly detect substances that cause oxidative stress.

The other reporter gene (*crtA*) was utilized to produce carotenoids via the spheroidene pathway and to detect environmental contaminants. It was isolated from the purple photosynthetic bacterium *Rhodovulum sulfidophilum*. Spheroidene builds up in the solution when the *crtA*-carrying bacteria is cultured in media containing a pollutant, changing the color of the solution. The benefit of employing such a gene is that color generation does not require the addition of a particular reagent or substrate. This gene's fluorescence detection method also does not need expensive equipment or chemiluminescence to identify the pollutant that is already there. Even in places without access to electricity, the resultant color was observed in the samples using only the naked eye and sunshine. Due to the presence of spheroidene, the *crtA* in these bacteria causes the color of the cultures to change from yellow to red.

Microbial Biosensor Gene Promoter and Regulator Elements

The region of a gene called the promoter is used to start the reporter gene, which reflects the host's continuous metabolic state. Based on the target molecules being monitored, choosing the proper promoter parts is essential for the creation of biosensors. Typically, a chosen promoter sequence is positioned at the fifth segment of the reporter scheme, where it can be activated in the presence of the target pollutant and start the expression reporter's activation. Their sensitivity and specificity should be taken into account while choosing promoters. The majority of promoters react to groupings of chemicals rather than a single one. It may occasionally act differently in certain bacteria. To monitor a specific process, some additional promoters are substrate- and host-specific.

Promoter quality and specification have recently increased thanks to many adjustments. For instance, there have been studies on the identification of metal-induced promoter regions and their arrangement in cassettes that can be utilized to quickly activate reporter systems like the lux or GFP reporter genes or the development of quickly observable outer membrane epitopes [18]. The presence of lead and cadmium ions has been reported using the great specificity of such induced gene expression [6], [7].

Additionally, a variety of well-characterized promoters are employed in the development of pesticide biosensors. Promoters can also be used to assess general toxicity. The primary disadvantage of developing microbial biosensors is the decreasing availability of potent promoters that only react to pertinent pollutants-derived products. More understanding of the gene regulation networks in microorganisms is required to solve this issue. Future microarray technology research that links metagenome data with metatranscriptome analysis of microbial communities has the potential to be a huge source of new regulatory components. Another technique is to create "super promoters" by synthesizing them using consensus sequences discovered from comparisons of several promoters in well-known regulatory networks.

The use of whole-cell microbial biosensors and genetic engineering

A change in reduction oxidation (redox) potential can be used to monitor a microbial biosensor that primarily uses nucleic acid oxidation properties based on the interaction of DNA molecules or its product with pesticides. As a result, researchers are spending effort creating genetically modified microorganisms that use reporter protein synthesis to detect certain chemical or physiological stresses. To create a whole-cell biosensor for Ni²⁺ and Co²⁺ detection in the soil, Tibazarwa et al. created *Ralstonia eutropha* AE2515 by transcriptionally connecting *cnrYXH* regulatory genes to the bioluminescent *luxCDABE* as reporter. In order to detect the quantitative response of Hg²⁺ buildup, the reporter *luxCDABE* and the regulatory region of the *mer* operon (*merR*) are fused to create optical biosensors from bacteria. When Hg²⁺ binds to *merR*, the *mer* promoter is activated, which triggers the transcription of the lux reporter gene and subsequent light emission. Using Tn5::luxAB promoter probe transposition and engineered *P. fluorescens* with copper-induced genes, it is also possible to monitor the presence of copper in soil [8]–[10].

Recently, utilizing microbial gene modification, highly sensitive, selective, and quick whole-cell electrochemical biosensors were also created to identify the persistent organochlorine pesticide (-hexachlorocyclohexane), also known as lindane. The first stages of lindane biotransformation involved the enzyme (-hexachlorocyclohexane dehydrochlorinase), which is encoded by the gene *linA2*. Following that, *E. coli* was used to overexpress the cloned *linA2* gene. On a polyaniline film, the *E. coli* cells that biodegrade lindane were immobilized. The conductivity of polyaniline changed as a result of the quick and selective lindane breakdown and concurrent hydrochloric acid production by recombinant *E. coli* cells in its microenvironment, which was tracked by pulsed amperometry. In contrast to other aliphatic and aromatic chlorides as well as the end products of lindane (trichlorobenzene) isomers, the sensor was shown to be selective to all isomers of hexachlorocyclohexane and pentachlorocyclohexane.

CONCLUSION

Online toxicity and pollution detection using bioluminescence is typically thought to be more effective, sensitive, and trustworthy. Then, to assess the induced stress of specific pollutants, Lux-marked rhizobacterium *P. fluorescens* was created using gene transfer. This bacteria affects carbon flow within the cell and produces bioluminescence. A study on carbon flow in root exudates and metabolic activity are directly related to this. In order to evaluate the interaction toxicity of chlorophenol and the level of toxicity of a wastewater treatment facility handling phenolic-containing waste in a quick and efficient manner the Lux-marked whole-cell biosensor was developed. According to reports, the cloning of a promoter upstream of a reporter gene cassette by subsequent transfer of the plasmid constructions into particular strains is associated to promoter-reporter biosensor alterations. The application of biosensors under in vivo circumstances was hindered by the loss of these plasmids as a result of malnutrition and the reduction in reporter gene expression as a result of many copies of the promoter binding region on the plasmid. However, the production of biosensors made through the chromosomal insertion of the promoter reporter gene is more reliable and effective for the analysis of pollutants.

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CHAPTER 12

BIOLUMINESCENCE-SENSING ASSAY FOR RECOGNIZING MICROBIAL GROWTH

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Abstract

The time-consuming and labor-intensive conventional methods for quantifying microbial viability need culture. Therefore, there is a great need for cultivation-free techniques. Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) is the energy currency of all living bacteria and can be used as a quick indicator of microbial viability. The ATP bioluminescence-sensing assay is regarded as an incredibly effective biosensor. We created an ATP bioluminescence-sensing assay to find out whether or not a microbe is viable. The luciferase was taken from bacteria that had been transformed and combined with a bioluminescent recombinant *E. coli* strain. The ATP bioluminescence-sensing assay's bioluminescence intensity and microbiological viability were found to be directly correlated by the results. The created sensing assay was used to identify the number of bacteria in food samples, and the results were confirmed using the conventional plate-counting technique. The ATP bioluminescence-sensing test is a quicker and more accurate method for determining microbiological viability than the plate-counting method. The generation and emission of light by living things is known as bioluminescence. This type of chemiluminescence exists. Marine vertebrates and invertebrates frequently exhibit bioluminescence, as do some fungi, microorganisms, including some bioluminescent bacteria, and terrestrial arthropods like fireflies. In certain creatures, such as those from the genus *Vibrio*, the light is bacteriogenic, created by symbiotic bacteria; in other animals, it is autogenic, produced by the animals themselves.

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INTRODUCTION

Globally, outbreaks of microbial pathogen-caused food-borne diseases are relatively frequent. Traditional methods for the detection of food-borne infections mainly rely on cell counts, staining, and fermentation testing. These approaches have a number of drawbacks, including the complexity of the procedure and the time and high skill levels that are needed. Therefore, the creation of alternative methods that could identify food-borne viruses quickly, precisely, and with great sensitivity is urgently needed. The standard pathogen detection methods now in use have recently been compared favorably to optical. Based on measuring the photons involved in the process, optical biosensors can detect the interaction of microbes with the analytes and connect the detected optical signal to the concentration of the microbial population. Measurement of luminescence, fluorescence emissions, or absorbance are the main components of optical detection.

An exceptionally efficient biosensor that offers a sensitive, non-destructive, and real-time test is adenosine triphosphate (ATP) bioluminescence. Because ATP is a significant biological energy source found in many different microbes, the ATP bioluminescence-sensing test is based on the idea that it reflects the presence of living microbes. Since years, biological and

environmental systems have been subjected to quantitative observations of ATP bioluminescence

By delivering information that is physiologically significant in reaction to a pollutant, ATP bioluminescence helps to clarify the situation. Real-time data are produced through the quick and convenient measurement of bioluminescence. Whole-cell bioluminescent sensors are quicker, less expensive, and less time-consuming than conventional techniques. The current study's objective is to create a quick, accurate, and reasonably priced ATP bioluminescence-sensing method to identify the existence or viability of food-borne bacteria. In general, an enzyme and a light-emitting molecule known as luciferin and luciferase, respectively, are involved in the main chemical reaction in bioluminescence. Luciferins and luciferases are frequently distinguished by the species or group, for example, firefly luciferin, because these are generic names. The oxidation of the luciferin is catalyzed by the enzyme in each of the characterized circumstances.

The energy-carrying molecule adenosine triphosphate (ATP), as well as other cofactors like calcium or magnesium ions, are occasionally needed by some species of luciferase. The evolution of luciferins has been quite uniform; one in particular, coelenterazine, is present in 11 different animal phyla, but in some cases the animals consume it. On the other hand, luciferases differ greatly among species, which shows that bioluminescence has evolved more than 40 times throughout evolutionary history. Aristotle and Pliny the Elder both reported that sometimes moist wood emits a glow. Robert Boyle demonstrated several decades later that oxygen had a role in the process, in both wood and glowworms. The study of bioluminescence did not begin until the late eighteenth century. Several animal species are affected by the phenomena, particularly those that live in maritime habitats. On land, it is found in several types of invertebrates, including insects, fungi, and bacteria.

Animals employ bioluminescence for a variety of purposes, such as counterillumination camouflage, mimicking other species to entice prey, and signaling to members of the same species, such as to attract mates. Luciferase-based systems are employed in genetic engineering and biomedical research in the laboratory. A bioluminescent plant has been developed, and researchers are looking at the idea of employing bioluminescent systems for aesthetic and public lighting. Dried fish skins were employed in Britain and other parts of Europe as a flimsy source of light prior to the invention of the safety lamp for use in coal mines. By employing an experimental kind of lighting, candles, which run the risk of igniting fireamp explosions, were not required. Firefly-filled bottles made for a secure source of lighting in mines. *The Nature of Animal Light*, a monograph by American naturalist E. Newton Harvey, summarized earlier research on bioluminescence. Harvey points out that both Aristotle and Pliny the Elder (in his *Natural History*) mention the light that is created by dead fish and flesh, as well as the light that is produced by moist wood. He also mentions Robert Boyle's experiments with these light sources, which demonstrated that both of them and glowworms need air to create light. Harvey mentions that in 1753, J. Baker named the flagellate *Noctiluca* "as a luminous animal" that was "just visible to the naked eye" and in 1854, Johann Florian Heller named strands of fungi (hyphae) as the source of light in dead wood.

In his posthumous 1818 *Narrative of the Expedition to the Zaire*, Tuckey mentioned capturing the luminescent animals. He makes reference to pellucids, crustaceans (which he attributes for the water's milky whiteness), and malignancies (shrimps and crabs). Under the microscope, he said that the brain's "luminous property" resembled "a most brilliant amethyst

about the size of a large pin's head" and was located there. Charles Darwin observed marine bioluminescence and wrote about it in his journal:

One very dark night when sailing in these latitudes, the sea provided a fantastic and most gorgeous spectacle. Fresh air was blowing, and the entire surface, which is typically seen as foam during the day, was now glowing with a soft light. The ship generated two liquid phosphorous billows in front of her bows and a milky train behind her. The crest of every wave was dazzling as far as the eye could see, yet the sky above the horizon was not completely obscured by the glare of these raging flames as it was over the rest of the skies.

When the waves scintillate with dazzling green sparks, I believe it is typically caused by tiny crustacea, according to Darwin, who also spotted a glowing "jelly-fish of the genus *Dianaea*. However, it is undeniable that a large number of other pelagic animals are phosphorescent when alive. He made the assumption that the cause was presumably "a disturbed electrical condition of the atmosphere. Darwin "was lucky with most of his guesses, but not here says Daniel Pauly, pointing out that biochemistry was too poorly understood and that the complicated evolution of the involved marine species "would have been too much for comfort."

From the crystal jelly *Aequorea victoria*, Osamu Shimomura identified the photoprotein aequorin and its cofactor coelenterazine in 1961. The United States Navy was interested in bioluminescence during the Cold War because submarines in some waters can leave a wake that is bright enough to be seen; a German submarine was sunk in the First World War after being seen. In order to steer their own submarines to escape detection, the navy was interested in anticipating when such discovery might be possible. One of the instances of bioluminescence navigation was related by Jim Lovell, an astronaut on Apollo 13 who, as a navy pilot, had managed to return to his aircraft carrier USS *Shangri-La* after his navigational equipment failed. He was able to fly to the ship and land safely after turning out the lights in his cabin. Raphael Dubois, a French pharmacologist, studied bioluminescence in the late nineteenth century. He researched the marine bivalve mollusk *Pholas dactylus* and click beetles (*Pyrophorus*).

He disproved the conventional wisdom that phosphorus was the source of bioluminescence and showed that the phenomenon was caused by an enzyme oxidizing a particular substance, which he termed luciferin. Harvey was given siphons from the sugar-preserved snail. Harvey's interest in bioluminescence was sparked by his travels to the South Pacific and Japan, where he saw phosphorescent creatures. He spent a long time researching the topic. In order to prove that all bioluminescent organisms descended from a single ancestor, his research sought to establish that luciferin and the enzymes that act on it to produce light were interchangeable between species. He discovered, nonetheless, that this theory was incorrect since the proteins that produce light in various organisms differ significantly from one another. The young Japanese chemist Osamu Shimomura was the first to obtain crystalline luciferin after spending the following 30 years purifying and researching the constituent parts. It took him ten more years to figure out the chemical's structure and publish his 1957 study, *Crystalline Cypridina Luciferin*, even though he utilized the marine firefly *Vargula hilgendorffii*. For discovering the green fluorescent protein in 1961 and developing it into a tool

for biological research, Shimomura, Martin Chalfie, and Roger Y. Tsien shared the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. In 1957, Harvey provided a thorough historical history of all types of luminescence. Recently, a revised book about bioluminescence was released that included information from the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

DISCUSSION

Reagents, chemicals, and organisms

A substance that either eliminates bacteria (a microbicide) or prevents their growth (bacteriostatic agent) is an antimicrobial. Antimicrobial drugs can be categorized based on the microorganisms they are most effective against. Antibiotics are used to treat bacteria, whereas antifungals are used to treat fungi. They can also be categorized based on how they are used. Antimicrobial prophylaxis and antimicrobial chemotherapy are the terms used to describe the use of antimicrobial medications to treat and prevent infections, respectively. [1]–[4]

Antiseptics, which are applied to living tissue and help prevent infection during surgery, disinfectants (non-selective agents, such as bleach), and antibiotics are the three main categories of antimicrobial agents. Disinfectants kill a wide variety of microbes on non-living surfaces to stop the spread of disease. The term "antibiotic" used to refer exclusively to preparations made from living microbes, but it is now widely used to denote synthetic substances like sulfonamides or fluoroquinolones. Although the term was once only used to refer to antibacterials (and is frequently used as a synonym for them by medical experts and in medical publications), its usage has since expanded to refer to all antimicrobials. Bacteriostatic agents, which inhibit or stop bacterial growth, and bactericidal agents, which kill bacteria, are two other categories of antibacterial agents. Further developments in antimicrobial technologies have led to systems that can do more than only prevent bacteria growth in response. Instead, some forms of porous medium have been created that can kill microorganisms immediately upon contact. Antimicrobial resistance may arise as a result of excessive or improper usage of antimicrobials. Use of antibiotics has been widespread for at least 2000 years. Specific molds and plant extracts were employed by the ancient Greeks and Egyptians to heal infections. [3]

Microbiologists like Louis Pasteur and Jules Francois Joubert studied bacterial rivalry in the 19th century and debated the benefits of regulating these interactions in medicine. The distinction between anaerobic and aerobic bacteria was first made thanks to Louis Pasteur's research on spontaneous growth and fermentation. Joseph Lister introduced antiseptic techniques, such as sterilizing surgical instruments and debriding wounds, into surgical processes as a result of the knowledge gained by Pasteur. The number of infections and subsequent mortality linked to surgical procedures were significantly decreased by the application of these antiseptic treatments. The microbiology research of Louis Pasteur also contributed to the creation of numerous vaccinations against serious illnesses including rabies and anthrax. [5] When Alexander Fleming returned from vacation on September 3, 1928, he found that the antibiotic fungus *Penicillium rubens* had caused a Petri dish of *Staphylococcus* to be divided into colonies. Despite their struggles to isolate the antibiotic, Fleming and his colleagues discussed its medicinal potential in the British Journal of Experimental Pathology in 1929. Using Fleming's discovery, Howard Florey, Ernst Chain, and Edward Abraham purified and extracted penicillin in 1942 for medical use, winning them the 1945 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Standard Method for Determining ATP

Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) is an organic molecule that supplies energy for various biological functions, including chemical production, condensate dissolving, nerve signal transmission, and muscular contraction. ATP is frequently referred to as the "molecular unit of currency" of intracellular energy transfer and is present in all known forms of life. It transforms into either adenosine monophosphate (AMP) or adenosine diphosphate (ADP) when used in metabolic processes. ATP is replenished by other processes. Every day, the human body recycles the equivalent amount of ATP to its own body weight. Additionally, it serves as a coenzyme and a precursor to DNA and RNA [5]–[7].

Adenine, the sugar ribose, and the triphosphate are the three elements that make up ATP from the standpoint of biochemistry, which is why it is referred to as a nucleoside triphosphate. The 1' carbon atom of a sugar (ribose) is bonded by the 9-nitrogen atom of an adenine, which is then joined to a triphosphate group at the sugar's 5' carbon atom. The adenine and sugar groups are unaltered in its numerous metabolic processes, however the triphosphate is transformed into di- and monophosphate, yielding respectively the derivatives ADP and AMP. Alpha (), beta (), and gamma (for the terminal phosphate) are the three phosphoryl groups. The breakdown of glucose and glycerol into pyruvate occurs during glycolysis. Through substrate phosphorylation, which is performed by the enzymes phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK) and pyruvate kinase, glycolysis produces two equivalents of ATP. Additionally, two equivalents of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH) are created, which can then be oxidized by ATP synthase and the electron transport chain to produce more ATP. The Krebs Cycle uses the pyruvate produced as a byproduct of glycolysis as a substrate.

The two phases of glycolysis are thought to have five steps each. The process of converting glucose to 2 d-glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (g3p) is called phase 1, or "the preparatory phase." Step 1 involves investing one ATP, while Step 3 involves investing a second ATP. The "Priming Steps" of glycolysis are Steps 1 and 3. Phase 2 involves converting two g3p equivalents into two pyruvates. Two ATP are created in Step 7. Additionally, two additional ATP equivalents are created in Step 10 as well. ADP is converted into ATP in steps 7 and 10. In the glycolysis cycle, a net of two ATPs are created. Later on, the glycolysis pathway is connected to the citric acid cycle, which generates more ATP equivalents.

Regulation

Pyruvate kinase is inhibited by ATP itself but hexokinase is directly inhibited by its end product, glucose-6-phosphate. Phosphofructokinase (PFK), which is allosterically inhibited by high ATP concentrations and activated by high AMP concentrations, is the primary regulator of the glycolytic process. Since ATP is a substrate in the reaction that PFK catalyzes, the inhibition of PFK by ATP is rare. The active form of the enzyme is a tetramer that exists in two conformations, but only one of them binds the second substrate fructose-6-phosphate (F6P). The protein contains two ATP binding sites; the active site is accessible in either protein shape, but stabilization of the weakly F6P-binding conformation occurs when ATP binds to the inhibitor site.[19] Other small molecules, including as cyclic AMP, ammonium ions, inorganic phosphate, and fructose-1,6- and -2,6-biphosphate, can offset the ATP-induced shift in equilibrium conformation and reactivate PFK. The Krebs cycle and the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex in the mitochondrion convert pyruvate into the acetyl group, which is then completely oxidized to carbon dioxide by the citric acid cycle. Every "turn" of the citric acid cycle generates two molecules of carbon dioxide, three equivalents of

NADH, one equivalent of FADH₂, three equivalents of succinate, and one equivalent of ATP guanosine triphosphate (GTP) through substrate-level phosphorylation catalyzed by succinyl-CoA synthetase. By recycling NADH and FADH₂ (into NAD⁺ and FAD, respectively), oxidative phosphorylation creates more ATP. 2-3 equivalents of ATP are produced when NADH is oxidized, and 1-2 equivalents of ATP are produced when FADH₂ is oxidized.[17] This method produces the majority of cellular ATP. O₂ is utilized to recycle the NADH and FADH₂, making the citric acid cycle an obligately aerobic process even if it does not itself include molecular oxygen. The citric acid cycle comes to an end in the absence of oxygen.[8]

Because NADH and NAD⁺ cannot pass through the inner mitochondrial membrane, the production of ATP by the mitochondrion from cytosolic NADH is dependent on the malate-aspartate shuttle (and to a lesser extent, the glycerol-phosphate shuttle). A malate dehydrogenase enzyme transforms oxaloacetate into malate, which is transported to the mitochondrial matrix, rather than transporting the produced NADH. The freshly transported malate and the internal store of NAD⁺ in the mitochondrion are combined in an additional malate dehydrogenase-catalyzed process to produce oxaloacetate and NADH. Oxaloacetate is changed into aspartate by a transaminase and then transported back across the membrane and into the intermembrane gap.

When protons are pumped out of the mitochondrial matrix and into the intermembrane space during oxidative phosphorylation, energy is released as a result of the passage of electrons from NADH and FADH₂ through the electron transport chain. A pH gradient and an electric potential gradient across the inner mitochondrial membrane combine during this pumping to produce a proton motive force. ATP synthase produces ATP when protons flow down this potential gradient, or from the intermembrane space to the matrix. Per turn, three ATP are generated.

Application of the Standard Procedure for Microbial Growth Detection

The scientific study of microorganisms, whether they are unicellular (single-celled), multicellular (composed of complex cells), or acellular (lacking cells), derives from the Ancient Greek words "micro" (mkros) for "small," "bos" for "life," and "-loga" for "study of." Numerous subfields of microbiology are included, such as virology, bacteriology, protistology, mycology, immunology, and parasitology. Prokaryotic organisms—all of which are microorganisms—are generally categorized as lacking membrane-bound organelles and include Bacteria and Archaea. Eukaryotic microorganisms—which include fungi and protists—possess membrane-bound organelles. Microbiologists have historically isolated and identified microbes using culture, staining, and microscopy. However, current technology only allows for the isolation cultivation of less than 1% of the microorganisms found in typical habitats. Since the advent of biotechnology, microbiologists now rely on molecular biology tools such DNA sequence-based identification, such as the sequence of the 16S rRNA gene used to identify bacteria.

Because they have been categorized as either very simple microbes or extremely complicated molecules,[6] viruses have undergone a variety of classifications as organisms. However, because the clinical consequences linked to prions were initially thought to be caused by chronic viral infections, virologists conducted a search and discovered "infectious proteins." Prions were never thought of as germs [9]–[11].

Before microorganisms were even discovered, they were anticipated to exist, for instance, by the Jains in India and Marcus Terentius Varro in ancient Rome. Although Athanasius

Kircher, a Jesuit priest, recalled finding microorganisms in milk and other rotten materials in 1658, it is likely that he was the first to notice them. Robert Hooke made the first known microscope observation of mould fruiting structures in 1666. Because of his observations and experiments with tiny creatures in the 1670s using straightforward microscopes of his own construction, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is regarded as the father of microbiology. Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch contributed to the advancement of scientific microbiology in the 19th century, particularly in the field of medical microbiology. Before they were ever discovered, microbes had been theorized to exist for many centuries. As early as the sixth century BCE (599–527 BC), Jainism, which is rooted on the teachings of Mahavira, proposed the existence of invisible microbiological life. According to Paul Dundas, Mahavira said that microscopic organisms living in the elements of air, water, and fire exist. According to Jain scriptures, nigodas are sub-microscopic beings with a very short lifespan who live in enormous clusters and are supposed to be present everywhere in the universe, including in plant tissues and animal flesh. When Marcus Terentius Varro, a Roman, advised against establishing a settlement near swamps because "there are bred certain minute creatures which cannot be seen by the eyes, which float in the air and enter the body through the mouth and nose and thereby cause serious diseases," he made reference to microbes.

Avicenna, who wrote *The Canon of Medicine*, Ibn Zuhr (also known as Avenzoar), who found scabies mites, and Al-Razi, who provided the earliest documented description of smallpox in his work *The Virtuous Life* (al-Hawi), were among the Persian scholars who proposed the presence of microbes. Girolamo Fracastoro proposed in 1546 that infectious agents with the ability to spread via direct or indirect touch, as well as vehicle transmission, were the root cause of epidemic disorders.[11]

Schematic illustrations

Using a single-lens microscope he created himself, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, who spent the majority of his life in Delft, the Netherlands, examined bacteria and other microbes. Because he employed straightforward, single-lens microscopes that he invented himself, he is regarded as the founder of microbiology. While Van Leeuwenhoek is frequently credited as being the first to observe microbes, Robert Hooke actually made the first known sighting of a tiny object in 1665 while studying the fruiting bodies of molds. However, it has been asserted that Athanasius Kircher, a Jesuit priest, was the first to observe microbes. Kircher was one of the pioneers in creating magic lanterns for projection, therefore he was familiar with the characteristics of lenses. Who would imagine that vinegar and milk abound, he said in his 1646 essay "Concerning the wonderful structure of things in nature, investigated by Microscope."

CONCLUSION

Public health has always been endangered by food-borne diseases, and conventional methods for detecting microbial viability have several limitations. The use of the ATP bioluminescence-sensing test is a trustworthy, quick detection method for keeping track of the development of food-borne infections. The ATP bioluminescence-sensing assay immediately determines whether the bacteria are viable. In comparison to traditional methods, this technique requires little to no sample pretreatment. In general, our research is a first step toward creating an excellent tool for the nonspecific detection of bacterial contamination using ATP bioluminescent test. Many microbes are also responsible for a number of advantageous processes, such as industrial fermentation (e.g., the production of alcohol, vinegar, and dairy products), the production of antibiotics, and act as molecular

vehicles to transfer DNA to complex organisms such as plants and animals, despite the fact that some people have a fear of microbes because some microbes have been linked to a variety of human diseases. Researchers have also used their understanding of microorganisms to create novel molecular biology approaches, such as the yeast two-hybrid system, as well as biotechnologically significant enzymes, such as Taq polymerase and reporter genes for use in other genetic systems.

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