

## Bioconversion of Municipal Solid Wastes for Bioethanol Production

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The use of dilute acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 3%) and alkali (NaOH, 3%) pretreatment methods has some potential how ever to date, these methods effectively increase ethanol production of municipal solid waste (MSW). Enzymatic hydrolysis was carried out with *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Trichoderma reesei*. Finally, the fermentation was done by sugar three ethanologenic yeasts, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *pichia stipitis*, *canida shehatae* for bioethanol production. The highest ethanol yield (22.32%) v/v. was obtained with a pre-hydrolysis treatment consisting of NaOH at 3% concentration, followed by *Pichia stipitis* and enzymatic hydrolysis with *Aspergillus niger*. Pre-hydrolysis treatment consisted Enzymatic hydrolysis was carried out with Alkali pretreated wastes yield more sugar as compared to acid treatment using produced more ethanol than others at each time point. The experimental results observed that 80% of the cellulose converted to glucose from the waste which can be easily fermented to production. of ethanol. The ability focus on related environmental issues, such as sustainable waste management, climate change, land use and biodiversity, are discussed.

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As perturbed about grows of climate change, there is more interest regarding energy production from waste materials (i.e., bioethanol from waste) as a Method which reduce GHG emissions, as well as of Providing a fuel source for the transport industry. Consequently, the recent RED amendment imposes a cap on the use of food crops and clearly enhance the waste and residue feedstocks are used<sup>1</sup>. Nonetheless, ability of environmental risks which clearly related to bioethanol production from wastes and residues have been raised in the literature<sup>2-9</sup>. Regarding GHG emissions, literature is still scarce<sup>2-6</sup>. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is one of the waste

materials acts as a viable source for bioethanol production in both the RED and the literature. The replacement of biomass with Municipal Solid Waste can bring in environmental advantages, particularly in waste management<sup>1</sup>. Bioethanol production depends on three consecutive stages: pre-treatment, hydrolysis, and fermentation. Forestry and municipal solid waste reduces are abundant, renewable energy sources. When hydrolyzed, these enzymes materials release carbohydrates (D-glucose, D-galactose, D-xylose, D-mannose, D-Fructose, L- arabinose) and several compounds derived from sugar and lignin estimation<sup>2</sup>. The presented experimental work indicated that various municipal solid waste fraction has vast potential for the production of sugar that eventually can be used for producing bio- ethanol. MSW also analysis favorably with

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forestry waste, agricultural waste, other waste and residue feedstocks since it is accessible throughout the year, it is concentrated (supply locations), and it is complimentary or even a direct source of proceeds due to the negative cost paid for its wastes, e.g. landfill gate fee.<sup>10</sup> MSW is a heterogeneous mixture of different waste materials, such as food scraps, plastics, paper and cardboard, wood, textiles and inert materials. The configuration of MSW be dependent on the waste management system, feeding habits and economic development of the region considered.<sup>7</sup>

Municipal solid waste comprises of waste generated from residential, commercial and institutional. Ethanol use as a transportation fuel has long been a near term additive and substitute for gasoline. Anaerobic digestion (AD) is often considered one of the more economically, and environmentally sound technologies currently used in the treatment of MSW.<sup>11</sup> As researchers<sup>12</sup> pointed out that the most appropriate pre-treatment method depends upon the type of biomass used, it is unclear whether current pre-treatment technologies can be used for MSW. For these reasons, it is clear that further research is needed in these areas to develop an effective and low-cost MSW-based bioconversion technique. Mechanical pretreatment has been successful in reducing particle size and disrupting the crystalline structure of LMSW.<sup>13</sup> However, these pretreatment Method often require significant energy inputs, and therefore may not be the most economically and environmentally sound technologies.<sup>14-15</sup>

Biological pretreatment, which is a safe and environmentally friendly method of using microbes, offers same conceptually important advantages such as low chemical energy used.<sup>14</sup> The sustainable development and economic growth pose a big challenge to the environment such as greenhouse gas emissions, resource consumption, and massive waste generation.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The municipal solid waste (MSW) was obtained by mixing official paper waste, newspaper, and cardboard, all of which were collected from a trash collection point at CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Material Technology of Bhubaneswar, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar,

India. The mass-mixing ratio of paper, cardboard and kitchen waste was 1:1:1. All paper waste was first cut into 20 × 20 mm squares, and oven dried at 80°C for 48 h and stored in air tight container at room temperature till further use.

### Pre-hydrolysis treatment

The biomass was pretreated with using 3% of 200ml of dilute sulfuric and sodium hydroxide autoclaved it at 121 lb inch<sup>2</sup> 15psi for 20 minutes. After autoclaving the sample was filtered and dried at 60°C for overnight. The time and temperature of pretreatment are strongly dependent on the concentration of the used acid and alkali on the wanted outcomes.

### Enzymatic hydrolysis

Enzymatic hydrolysis of the pre-hydrolyzed substrate was carried out within the study temperature range in vials (50 ml) placed in an orbital agitator at 120 rpm for 72 h. The liquor pH was adjusted using 0.1 M citrate acid-sodium citrate buffer. Enzymes, Then 1ml of enzyme extract of *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, and *Trichoderma reesei* was added to the sample, and then the sample was kept on shaker incubator for 72nd hours, followed by sugar estimation. The quantities of reducing sugars produced by the enzymatic hydrolysis was calculated by dinitrosalicylic acid (DNS) method.<sup>20</sup> The sample (1.0 mL) was added with 3 mL of DNSA reagent. All tubes placed on boiling water bath for 5 min for heating, after cooling at room temperature the absorbance was measured at 640 nm.

### Fermentation

The hydrolysate (produced after enzymatic saccharification) was inoculated with one ml of yeast extract *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *pichiastipitis*, *canidashehatae* was inoculated in both control and treated sample at 28°C for 72 hours on a shaker at 120rpm. Ethanol was calculated using UV-visible spectrophotometer (Systonics-2203) at 600nm from the distilled sample by adding dichromate reagent. More information about the set-up can be found elsewhere.<sup>16</sup>

### SEM - Analysis

The general study regulated overall analysis determined both untreated and pretreated dehydrated samples were air dried at 600 C for overnight. For SEM, samples were ascended in

SEM stubs and coated with gold, following the standard protocol. The mounted specimens were analyzed with a JEOL JSM 6510 (Jeol Ltd, Tokyo, Japan) SEM.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Percentage of chemical composition of lignocellulosic Municipal solid waste after pretreatment:

Bioethanol production from Municipal solid waste using both acid pretreatment and alkali pretreatment was studied in this work. Cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin content of both acid and alkali pretreatment results shown in Fig 1.

The results showed that the MSW contained significant levels of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. The cellulose content of the MSW (63.4 g/56.9) was similar to that reported by <sup>17-18</sup> which were 28.8 and 25.6 g/100 g, respectively. The hemicellulose content (23.1 g/21.2 g) was again similar to the 11.9 g/100 g reported by Jones et al. However, these are higher than several other values for example 5.14, 5.8 and 6.6 g/100 g as reported by <sup>19</sup> respectively. Lignin content of our MSW (14.5 g/9.9) was close to the values reported by <sup>18-19</sup>, these being 12.67; 15.7 and 15.2 g/100 g, respectively.

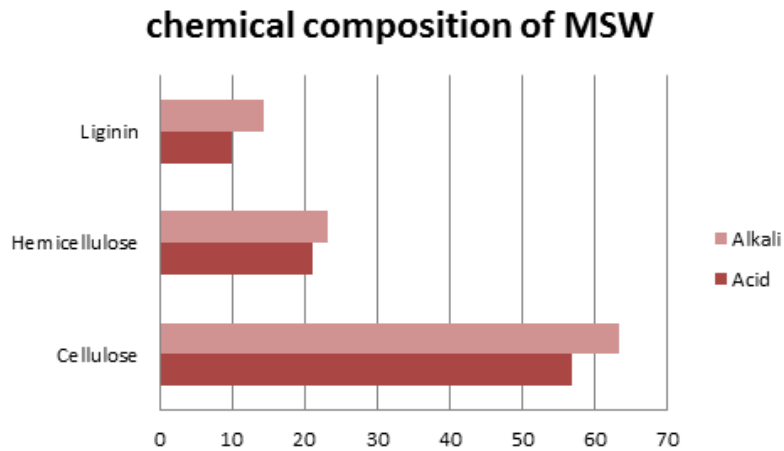


Fig. 1. Percentage of cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin after pretreatment

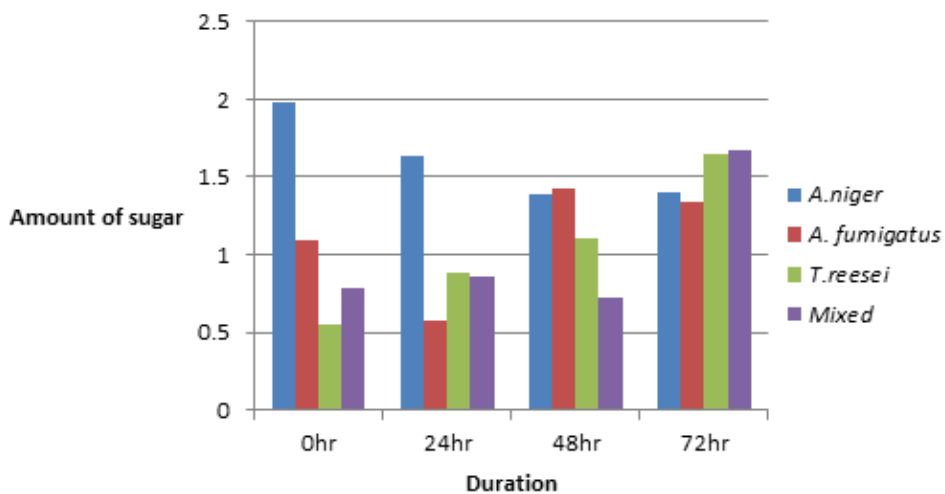


Fig. 2. Acid pretreatment of Municipal solid wastes

The reducing sugar yields from the MSW using Acid and Alkali treatment method are shown in Fig 2&3

The hydrolysis was done with three different fungus like *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Trichoderma reesei*, and mixed all microbes respectively at the different period in acid and alkali pretreatment. Determined sugar at 0, 24, 48 and 72 h. This resulted shown at Fig-2&3.. *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus* given better results in both acid and alkali pretreatment of than others. As observed in Fig 2& 3, the relative low glucose yield from MSW at the 0th hour to 72nd hour can be explained because of the highest

crystallinity structures which are difficult to be broken down by the enzyme.

**Percentage of ethanol yield after fermentation  
Ethanol yield by samples (Using Acid pretreatment)**

Due to develop cost of fermentation process for bioethanol, cellulase production is one of the important steps for hydrolysis of the lignocellulosic materials. Several different strains have been advanced since then to higher the production of cellulase from the fungal strain QM6a <sup>21</sup> Finally, the fermentation was done by three ethanologenic yeasts, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *pichia stipitis*, *canida shehatae* were

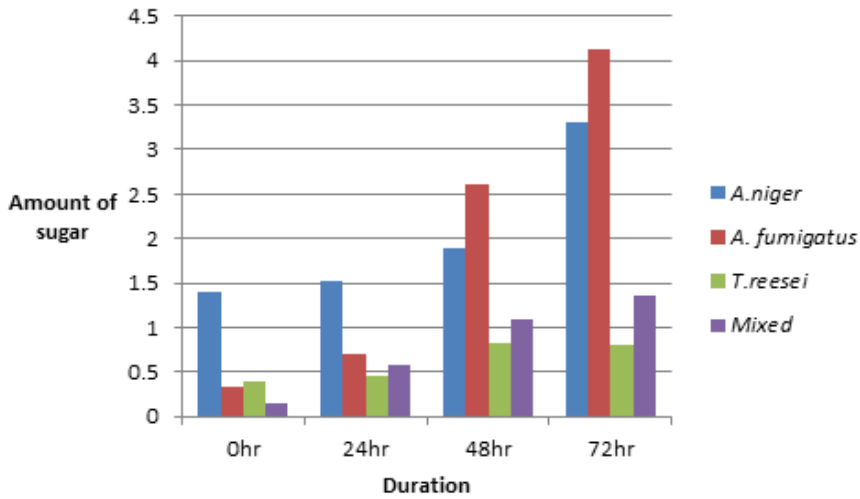


Fig. 3. Alkali pretreatment of Municipal solid wastes

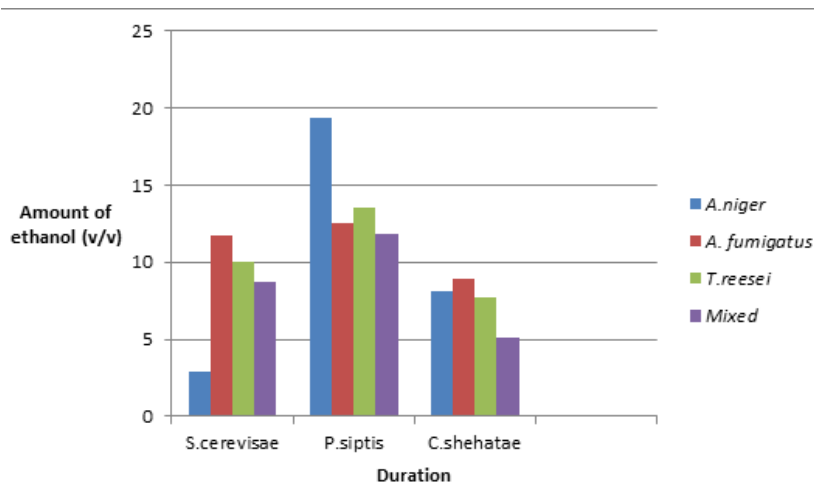


Fig. 4. Ethanol estimation of Acid treatment of Municipal solid wastes

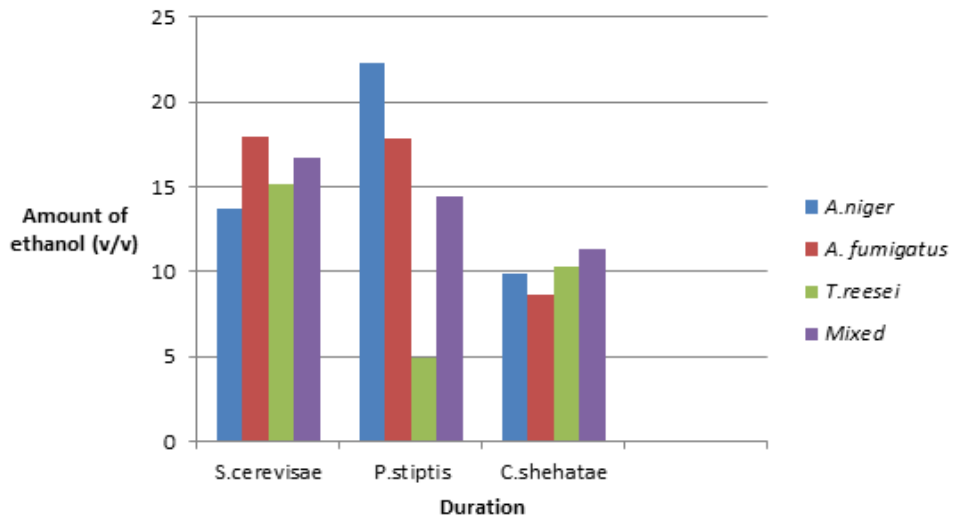


Fig. 5. Ethanol Estimation Of Alkali pretreatment of Municipal solid wastes

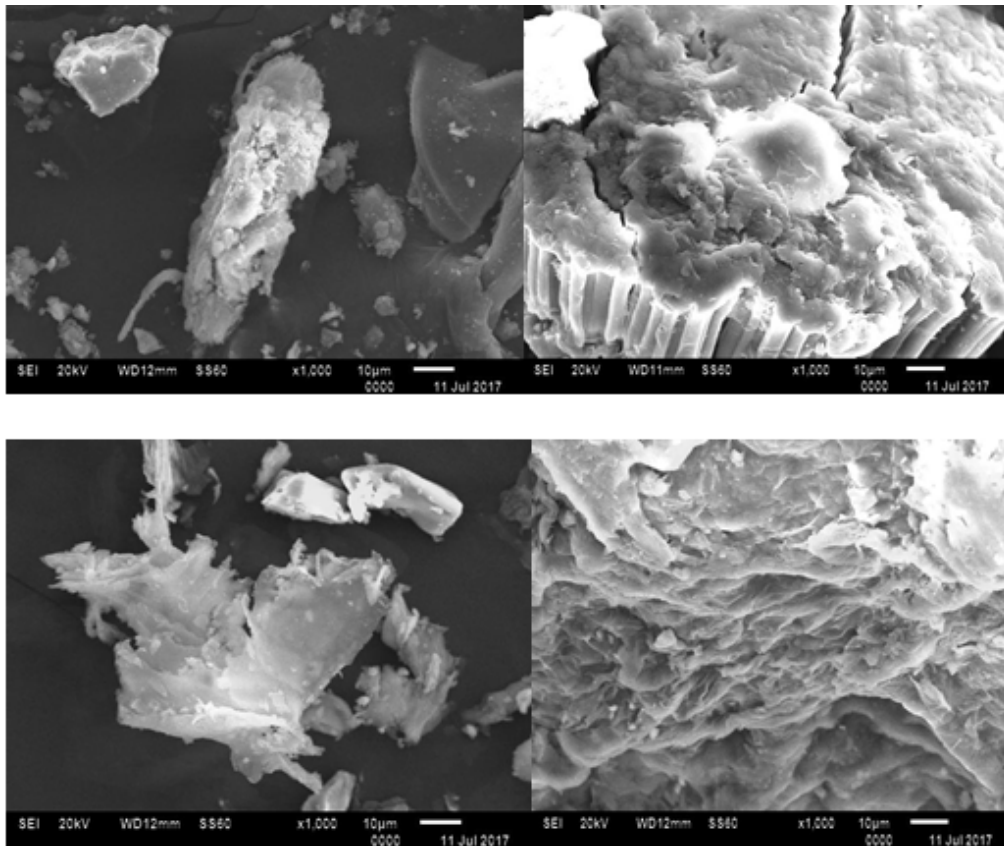


Fig. 6. SEM Analysis of Municipal solid wastes

applied to ferment sugar solutions. Ethanol yields are shown in Fig.4 at (2.9, 11.7, 10.4 8.6%), (19.37, 12.5, 13.58, 11.84%) and (8.99, 8.92, 7.76, 8.06%) v/v respectively. *Pichia stipitis* using *Aspergillus niger* produced more ethanol than others at each time point.

#### Ethanol yield by samples (Using Alkali pretreatment)

After hydrolysis was done with three different fungus like *Aspergillusniger*, *Aspergillusfumigatus* and *Trichodermareesei* and mixed culture. Finally, the fermentation was done by sugar three ethanologenic yeasts, *Saccharomycescerevisiae*, *pichiastipitis*, *canidashehatae* were applied to ferment sugar solutions. Ethanol yields for different fermented yeast are shown in Fig.5 at (13.73, 17.98, 15.15, 16.66 %), (22.32, 17.85, 4.93, 14.45) and (9.84, 8.62, 10.28, 11.31) v/v. *pichiastipitis* using *Aspergillusniger* produced more ethanol than others at each time point.

#### SEM Analysis

Scanning electron microscope images also confirm that both acid and alkali treatment is very effective in disrupting the plant cell wall structure. SEM images show that very little damage to cell walls compared to the untreated sample, while acid and alkali treatment has destroyed most of the cell walls and exposed cellulose fibers both untreated and pretreated sample of MSW. The morphological changes that take place during pretreatment were analyzed, and it is found that the inhibitory hydrocarbons were separate; crack development on the lignocellulosic fiber and increase in porosity could be seen resulting in enhanced exposure of cellulosic material for effective bioconversion.

#### CONCLUSION

Alkali pre-treatment was given better result in comparison to acid pre-treatment as it is non-toxic as well as cost effective. After pretreatment, the hydrolysis was done by different fungus *A.niger*, *A.fumigatus*, *T.reesei* and mixed culture followed by the fermentation was done by normal *Saccharomyce scerevisiae*. After fermentation, distillation was done and percentage of ethanol was calculated. Bioconversion of municipal solid wastes to bio-ethanol production has its economic and environmental advantages compared with the

traditional process with municipal solid wastes product. It can be used as an alternative sustainable wastes management option. Sustainable wastes management needs to involve the different type of waste management methods in order to minimize the waste produced, and maximize and to meet the needs of environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

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