

EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTATION OF *EMBELICA OFFICINALIS* ON MUSHROOM NUTRACEUTICALS

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ABSTRACT: In present scenario malnutrition is a biggest problem of India. Increasing population and non judicial uses of natural resources have great concern. Present study deals with the production of nutraceuticals from mushroom (*Pleurotus sajor-caju* (Fr.) Singer) grown on different substrates and enhancement in these nutraceuticals by supplementation of *Embelica officinalis*. Results reveal that among all the used substrates viz. soybean straw, wheat straw, paddy straw, sunflower stalks, sugarcane bagasses and maize stalks, soybean straw was proved best in terms of nutraceuticals and there was increase in nutritive as well as mineral contents after supplementation. Thus *Embelica officinalis* should be preferred for the supplementation of *Pleurotus sajor-caju*.

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Introduction:

The role of dietary active compounds in human nutrition is one of the most important areas of investigation with the findings having wide-ranging implications for consumers, healthcare providers, regulators and industry (Bagchi, 2006). A nutraceutical is any substance that is a food or a part of a food and provides medical or health benefits, including the prevention and treatment of disease. Such products may range from isolated nutrients, dietary supplements and specific diets to genetically engineered designer foods, herbal products, and processed foods such as cereals, soups and beverages (Hardy, 2000).

Oyster mushroom (i.e. *Pleurotus spp.*) is commonly called as Dhingri in India because of its oyster like shape. Genus *Pleurotus* belongs to family Tricholomataceae and has about 40 well-recognized species, out of which 12 species are cultivated in different parts of country. *Pleurotus* is an efficient lignin-degrading mushroom and can grow well on different types of lignocellulosic materials. Mushroom has been recognized as food contributing to ameliorate the protein malnutrition of the countries which are largely depending upon cereals (Pandey, 2010; Dehariya *et al.*, 2010). Different substrates affected the nutritional composition of mushroom. Protein is one of the most important food factors. The sufficiency of protein in a diet is an important measure of its adequacy and quality. (Geda and Joshi 2006). Minerals in the diet are essential for metabolic reactions, healthy bone formation, transmission of nerve impulses, regulation of water and salt balance (Kalac and Svoboda, 2000).

Mushroom normally ranges between 20 and 40% protein which is better than many legume sources

like soybeans and peanuts, and protein-yielding vegetable foods (Chang and Buswell, 1996; Chang and Mshigeni, 2001). Moreover, mushroom proteins contain all the essential amino acids needed in the human diet and are especially rich in lysine and leucine which are lacking in most staple cereal foods (Chang and Buswell, 1996; Sadler, 2003). Mushrooms are low in total fat content and have a high proportion of polyunsaturated fatty acids (72 to 85%) relative to total fat content, mainly due to linoleic acid. The high content of linoleic acids is one of the reasons why mushrooms are considered a health food (Chang and Mshigeni, 2001; Sadler, 2003). Furthermore, they contain significant amounts of carbohydrates and fibers (Crisan and Sands, 1978; Chang and Buswell, 1996). The objective of this study was to determine and compare the nutritive value of oyster mushroom *Pleurotus sajor caju* cultivated on soybean straw, wheat straw, paddy straw, sunflower stalks, sugarcane bagasses and maize stalks.

Materials and Method:

In the present study *Pleurotus sajor-caju* was used for the purpose. *Pleurotus sajor-caju* was cultivated on different conventional substrates viz. Soybean straw, wheat straw, paddy straw, sunflower stalks, sugarcane bagasses, maize straw. For supplementation, powder of *Embelica officinalis* was used. Supplementation was done at the time of cultivation. The supplementary was properly treated with 25 ppm bavistin (half gram thoroughly mixed with pre-treated substrates while spawning).

Preparation of sample: Mushroom samples were prepared by Extraction Technique (Mizuno, 1999). In this method, the mushroom fruiting bodies were first dried at 45-50°C in oven for at least one hour and after complete dryness were being crushed in a sterile pestle

and mortar to form a sharp powder. About 20gm/ 200 gm of powder of these mushrooms were taken into 200ml /400ml of 95% methanol/ethanol for extraction. The extraction was carried out by a special extraction plant called as Soxhlet extraction Plant. The whole instrument is operated upon electric current and has special staplers to maintain the temperature. The extraction process is carried out for about 16-18 hours in Soxhlet unit at 65 °C/79 °C. After complete extraction, the extract is filtered through whatman number 1 filter paper. The filtered extract was kept in 10-20 ml glass vials and kept in refrigerator or deep freezer at 1-4°C for further use.

Analysis of nutrients:

Protein estimation: The protein content of crude filtrate homogenate was assayed by the method of Lowry *et al.*, (1951), using BSA (bovine serum albumin) as standard. The method was based on the principle that different proteins contain different amount of aromatic residues which react with Folin Cicalteu's Reagent (Phenol reagent) and values are expressed as mg/ml of culture filtrate.

Carbohydrate analysis: Using the dinitralsalicylic acid as reagent, 25 g of 2,5 dinitralsalicylic acid and 75g sodium potassium tartrate were dissolved in 50 ml sodium suspension of each of the crushed oven dried mushroom species was added with 1.01 ml of reagent and mixed thoroughly. The mixture boiled in a water bath for ten minutes. After rapid cooling to room temperature, the absorbance was determined at 570 λmax. The values of component ingredients of carbohydrate determined from a glucose standard curve (AOAC, 1984).

Fat analysis: Mushroom materials were placed on extraction tube. And 1 ml 0.88% ammonia solution was added and mixed thoroughly; 10 ml of alcohol was added and mixed to dissolve the protein. The tube was then immersed in boiling water and liberated component fat rose to the surface. When the tube cooled the fat extracted by shaking with 1:1 mixtures of diethyl-ether and petroleum spirit (20 ml). The bulked solution was distilled from the extract and sample dried and weighed to determine weight and fat components (AOAC, 1984).

Minerals analysis: An aliquots of the digest was taken for determination of Ca, Na, K, P and Mg using spectronic at 430 λmax and EDTA complex metric titrations, these minerals were determined by flame emission after appropriate dilution, using a plan photometer equipped with optical filter (AOAC, 1984).

Crude fibre determination: Crude fiber was determined using a Hennenberg- Stohmann method. A 2 g sample from mushroom species was boiled in antifoaming solution (1-octanol) for 30 min. Pyrex glasses were used to filter the solution where the residues were thoroughly washed with boiling water (3

times) to remove hydrochloric acid. The Pyrex glasses containing the residues were dried at 100°C for five hours, cooled to room temperature and then weighed. The crucibles were then placed in a muffle furnace at 555°C for 5 hrs. cooled to room temperature and then reweighed to find the fiber content percentage.

Moisture content determination: A 2 g sample from each of the mushroom sp. used in the study was oven dried at 105°C to constant weights. The difference between the weight of the sample before drying and after drying was used to calculate the percentage moisture content (Masamba and Kazombo-Mwale, 2010).

Ash determination: A 2 g sample from the finely ground mushroom was placed in a crucible and converted into ash at 550 - 600°C for 5 hrs. in a carbolite muffle furnace after which it was allowed to cool in a dessicator. The difference in the weight of the crucible without the sample before and after ashing was used to calculate the ash content (Masamba and Kazombo-Mwale, 2010).

Result and discussion:

The Protein, fat, carbohydrate, crude fibre, moisture and ash contents of mature fruiting bodies of *Pleurotus sajor caju* cultivated on different lignocellulosic substrates alone or in supplementation with *Embelica officinalis* are shown in Table 1 and 2. Table 1 shows that *P. sajor caju* fruiting bodies produced on soybean straw possessed the highest protein content of 29.5 % on a dry weight basis followed by sunflower stalks (29.0%), wheat straw (28.0%), maize stalks (27.5%) and paddy straw (26.16%). Least protein contents was found in sugarcane bagasses (25.5%). The fat content of *P. sajor caju* was 2.69 % grown on sunflower stalks being the highest followed by paddy straw (2.62%), sugar cane bagasses (2.54), wheat straw (2.53%), soybean straw (2.48%) and least in maize stalks (1.89%). The % of protein and fat content were similar as reported in earlier studies (Patil *et al.*, 2008, Patil and Dakore, 2007).

Maximum Carbohydrate content of *P. sajor caju* was 56.36 % in fruiting bodies cultivated on soybean straw whereas least was 53.87% cultivated on paddy straw. The highest crude fiber was obtained on soybean straw (7.77%) followed by paddy straw (7.67%), sunflower stalks and wheat straw (7.70%), sugarcane bagasses (7.58%) and least in maize stalks (7.39%). These results were confirmed with findings of Bonatti *et al.* (2004), Khyadagi *et al.*, (1998), (Sharma & Madan 1993), Singh *et al.* (2003). From the present study it is evident that, *Pleurotus sajor caju* is the suitable species for nutritional contents. The protein contents of various lignocellulosic residues were compared and it was reported that the nitrogen content in

fruiting bodies was higher in leguminous plant substrates than non-leguminous ones (Sharma & Madan, 1993). These results were confirmed with the findings of Kadlag *et al.*, (1998) Mandhare (2000). The protein content usually ranges between 20–30% on a dry weight basis. The maximum ash content of *P. sajor caju* was found when grown on sugarcane bagasses (6.52%) followed by mushroom grown soybean straw (6.39%), paddy straw (6.28%), and least in maize stalks and sunflower stalks (6.18%). Similar results were reported by El –Kattan *et al.*, (1991).

Table 2 shows the nutritive content of *P. sajor-caju* on different conventional substrates supplemented with *Embelica officinalis*. Maximum protein (29.5%) reported from soybean straw and minimum (25.5 %) from sugarcane bagasses. Minimum carbohydrate (50.1%) reported from paddy straw and maximum (56.3%) from soybean straw. Fat content reported 1.90 % to 2.70 %. Moisture content reported 88.3% to 90.2% and ash from 6.4 % to 7.9%. Maximum fiber content (7.9%) from soy bean straw and sunflower stalks and minimum (7.4%) from maize stalks. The Ca, K, Na, Mg, P and Fe contents of mature fruiting bodies of *Pleurotus sajor caju* cultivated on different lignocellulosic substrates alone or in supplementation with *Embelica officinalis* are shown in Table 3 and 4. Table 3 shows that *P. sajor caju* fruiting bodies produced on soybean straw possessed the highest Ca (308.4) followed by sunflower stalks (300.0) and minimum (270.0) on wheat straw. Potassium (K) content was higher compared to other minerals in *P. sajor-caju*. The quantity of K was recorded from 1900 to 2687mg/100g. The highest value was recorded when cultivated on soybean straw (2687mg/100g) followed by the cultivation on paddy straw (2650mg/100g) and the least was recorded on the maize stalks (1900mg/100g). Sodium concentration varied significantly with different substrates. The highest sodium concentration was recorded on soybean straw (308.4 mg/100g) and minimum was obtained on

maize stalks (279.0mg/100g). The highest magnesium concentration was recorded on sunflower stalks (157.4 mg/100g) and minimum was obtained on maize stalks and paddy straw (151.4 mg/100g). Maximum phosphorus content of 1000 mg/100g was recorded on soybean straw and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (800.0 mg/100g). Same results were obtained in case of iron content. Maximum iron content of 130 mg/100g was recorded on soybean straw and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (100.0 mg/100g). These results coincided with those observed by Kikuchi *et al.*, (1884), Rathor and Thakore (2004), (Caglarirmak, 2007) (Patil *et al.*, 2010).

Table 4 shows the mineral contents of *P. sajor-caju* on different conventional substrates supplemented with *Embelica officinalis*. Maximum Ca (308.4) reported from sunflower stalks (315.0) and minimum (274.3) from wheat straw. The highest potassium content was recorded when cultivated on soybean straw (2689.7 mg/100g) followed by the cultivation on paddy straw (2689.0 mg/100g) and the least was recorded on the maize stalks (1946.7mg/100g). The highest sodium concentration was recorded on soybean straw (341.7 mg/100g) and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (284.0 mg/100g). The highest magnesium concentration was recorded on sunflower stalks (159.7 mg/100g) and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (154.0 mg/100g). Maximum phosphorus content of 1096.7 mg/100g was recorded on soybean straw and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (810.0 mg/100g). Maximum iron content of 130 mg/100g was recorded on soybean straw and minimum was obtained on maize stalks (100.0 mg/100g).

When we compare table 2 with table 1, it is clearly evident from the data that after supplementation all the substrates shows increase in amount and same results obtained when table 4 compared with table 3. Thus supplementation of *Embelica officinalis* was proved better for enhancement in the amount of nutraceuticals..

Observation:

Table: 1 Nutritive content of *P. sajor-caju* on different substrates.

Substrates	Protein (%)	Carbohydrate (%)	Fat (%)	Moisture (%)	Ash (%)	Fiber (%)
Soybean straw	29.5	56.36	2.48	90.89	6.52	7.77
Wheat straw	28.0	55.46	2.53	86.23	6.39	7.70
Paddy straw	26.16	35.25	2.62	90.13	6.28	7.67
Sun flower stalks	29.0	54.0	2.69	86.26	6.18	7.70
Sugarcane bagasses	25.5	49.76	2.54	85.13	6.31	7.58
Maize stalks	27.5	50.80	1.89	88.23	6.18	7.39
CD (0.05%)	0.85	0.89	0.52	0.28	0.05	0.07
Sem (±)	0.27	0.29	0.17	0.09	0.01	0.02

Values are given in average of three replicates

Table: 2 Nutritive content of *P. sajor-caju* on different conventional substrates supplemented with *Embolica officinalis*:

Substrates	Protein (%)	Carbohydrate (%)	Fat (%)	Moisture (%)	Ash (%)	Fibre (%)
SS	29.5	56.3	2.48	90.0	6.7	7.9
WS	28.2	55.6	2.53	86.6	6.6	7.8
PS	26.5	50.4	2.63	90.2	6.4	7.8
SB	25.5	50.1	2.54	88.4	7.7	7.7
MS	27.7	51.0	1.90	85.3	7.9	7.4
SFS	29.1	54.7	2.70	88.3	7.8	7.9
CD (0.05%)	0.63	0.50	0.53	0.30	0.34	17.53
Sem (±)	0.20	0.16	1.72	0.1	0.11	5.69

Values are given in average of three replicates

Table: 3 Mineral contents of *P. sajor-caju* on different conventional substrates.

Substrates	Ca (mg/100g)	K (mg/100g)	Na (mg/100g)	Mg (mg/100g)	P (mg/100g)	Fe (mg/100g)
SS	308.33	2687	308.4	156.4	1000	130.0
WS	270.0	2650	300.0	157.0	800.7	108.4
PS	292.7	2266.7	290.0	151.4	915.0	120.0
SFS	300.0	2320	299.4	157.4	897.4	110.0
SB	275.0	2071.7	282.4	152.7	874.0	120.0
MS	292.4	1900	279.0	151.4	800.0	100.0
CD (0.05%)	13.98	56.23	10.03	4.39	11.72	16.50
Sem (±)	4.53	18.25	3.25	1.42	3.80	5.35

Values are given in average of three replicates

Table: 4: Mineral contents of *P. sajor-caju* on different conventional substrates supplemented with *Embolica officinalis*.

Substrates	Ca (mg/100g)	K (mg/100g)	Na (mg/100g)	Mg (mg/100g)	P (mg/100g)	Fe (mg/100g)
SS	311	2689.7	341.7	157.0	1096.7	130.0
WS	274.3	2663.4	316.7	156.0	908.0	126.7
PS	295.3	2269.0	301.7	156.7	925.0	111.7
SB	281.7	2079.4	200.0	158.4	888.4	111.7
MS	305.4	1946.7	284.0	154.0	810.0	110.0
SFS	315.0	2356.7	323.4	159.7	821.7	128.4
CD (0.05%)	9.05	40.15	35.59	3.97	70.99	17.53
Sem (±)	2.93	13.03	11.55	1.29	23.04	5.69

Values are given in average of three replicates

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