

Investigation on Two Phase Aqueous Extraction of Bromelain from Pineapple

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ABSTRACT: It is possible to find bromelain in pineapple juice and its stems. Its properties include antibiotic, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and anti-thrombotic. Sometimes bromelain is used as a medicine. It is used for pain, treatment of sinusitis, surgical trauma, angina pectoris. Pineapple core has a tougher structure and is one of the most common waste products in the pineapple industry, from these wastes of pineapple bromelain is extracted. At the pH of 8, bromelain has its highest relative activity at the temperature of 60°C. The enzyme activity is 17 percent greater in the top phase. 20 percent MgSO₄ in PEG-5000. Here bromelain was extracted from pineapple core using an aqueous two-phase extraction method. It is a simple method for separating proteins from vast amounts of crude suspensions. After separating the two phases in an aqueous two-phase extraction, analyzed volumes of the top and bottom phases. Upper phase is polyethylene glycol enriched and lower base is salt enriched. Increase in protein concentration and molecular weight of protein decrease their separation in the upper phase.

KEYWORDS: Bromelain enzyme, Pineapple, Two phase aqueous extraction.

I. INTRODUCTION:

All fresh pineapples contain bromelain, an enzyme extracted from the pineapple stems, although it may be found in any part of the fruit. Bromelain is a natural remedy for lowering pain and swelling after surgery or injury, particularly in the nose and sinuses, gums, and other body regions. It's also used to treat osteoarthritis, cancer, digestive issues, and muscular pain. From pineapple only 40% is utilized as juice, jams, squash, pickles and jellies, the rest 60% of the fruit pineapple is waste which is

described as core, peel, crown and stems. These wastes have been discovered to have potential applications as valuable goods. In these wastes bromelain is extracted

By the technique of two phase aqueous extraction, bromelain is extracted from pineapple. Aqueous two phase extraction is an economically feasible and effective method for the separation of bromelain from pineapple. ATPs remove some of the system's unwanted byproducts, such as pigments, interfering proteins, and unidentified polysaccharides, which reduce enzyme function. When compared to other technologies, aqueous two phase extraction offers several advantages, including cheap cost, environmental friendliness, and continuous operation. In this present study protein determination and stability of the bromelain enzyme is studied.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Materials

The pineapples utilized in this investigation were bought from a local market. To reduce variance in fruit quality, there was just one supply of fruit that had fruit that was almost ripe at the same time. Prior to peeling the fruit, the crown and peel were properly washed in the tap. The core piece of the apple was scraped out and utilized in the experiments.

Methods

Sample Preparation:

To take off the dust particles from pineapple, it is washed with water. The wastes of the pineapple like core, peel were taken out and weighed. It is crushed using phosphate buffer and filtered twice. The filtrate is centrifuged for few minutes to remove suspended impurities. This extract is further used in two phase aqueous extraction.

Enzyme extraction:

Cold extraction buffer (0.1 M sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7, with 1% polyvinyl pyrrolidone) was used to homogenise the frozen pineapple chunks. At 10,000 rpm and 4 degrees Celsius, the filtrate was centrifuged for 20 minutes to obtain the "crude enzyme extract."

Two phase aqueous extraction:

Using Nitsawang's technique et al. With a little tweaking, centrifuge tubes of 50ml capacity were used for aqueous two-phase extraction. Different salt concentrations were used to study the effect of salts on Bromelain partitioning. (13,17,20 percent, w/w) of $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$, MgSO_4 , and K_2HPO_4 were mixed with 18 percent (w/w) of PEG 1000. To investigate the impact of Poly Ethylene Glycol concentrations (14,15, and 18 percent, w/w) of PEG (1000, 2000, and 3000 Da) Bromelain (10g), which was then blended with distilled water to produce a 20 g combination. The mixture was continuously blended for 3 minutes. Centrifugation at 7000xg for 20 minutes at 4°C achieved phase separation. Purification factor (PF), volume ratio (VR), protein partitioning coefficient (Kp), specific activity (SA), and Bromelain recovery were among the metrics calculated (percent yield). For characterisation, the phase with the maximum Bromelain recovery was chosen.

Protein determination:

By the method of Bradford method, the protein is determined. Firstly 100 microgram of protein extract was taken. Using extraction buffer, dilute two distinct strengths of the extract (20 microliter and 5 microliter) to a volume of 100 microlitre. 5mL colour reagent was added and well mixed. Bovine Serum Albumin should be prepared in separate tubes containing 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 100 µl at the same time. Fill each tube halfway with extraction buffer to get a total volume of 100 l. Add 5mL dye reagent to these tubes and mix well by vortexing. After 5 minutes and before 1 hour, compare the absorbance at 595nm to a reagent blank (100 l of extraction buffer with 1 ml of dye reagent). using the BSA standard curve to determine the protein content in the extract, calculate the protein concentration in the extract. Prepare a more appropriate dilution if the diluted extract is too high or too low. Different proteins have a wide range of dye-binding capabilities, resulting in a wide range of experiment results. Bovine serum albumin, in particular, has a high value and so is not completely representative of proteins. It's utilised with complete extract since it's more convenient.

SDS-PAGE:

SDS PAGE was used to evaluate the molecular weight distribution of the extracted materials using the Laemmli technique. In a 1: 1 ratio, The sample buffer was added to the sample (0.5 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 4 percent SDS and 20 percent glycerol). Adding 10% ME to the sample buffer solved the issue. Polyacrylamide gels were loaded with 20 g of protein and electrophoresed at 15 mA per gel. In order to identify the protein, a staining solution was used (0.02 percent Coomassie Brilliant Blue R-250) and washed with an acetic-methanol solution after separation of the extract sample.

Activity staining:

Using the Garcia Carreno approach, protein separated by electrophoresis was assayed for bromine using activity staining. For 45 minutes at 40°C, the gel was submerged in 50 ml of 2 percent (w/v) Casein in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer at pH 7.5 with steady stirring. For 30 minutes, the gel was incubated at 50°C with continual stirring. The clear zone on the blue background shows the action of bromelain, which can be seen.

pH Stability:

Samples were incubated at different pH levels to determine the stability of bromelain. There were five different buffers used: 0.05M Glycine HCl (pH 2.0-3.0), 0.05M Na acetate (4.0-5.0), 0.05M Na phosphate (6.0-7.0), and 0.05M tris HCl (8.0-10.0). (11.0-12.0). After incubation, the enzyme's proteolytic activity was evaluated.

Determination of thermal stability:

By the incubation of enzyme sample (200µl) at 90°C for 0-60 minutes, Studying the effect of temperature on bromelain's activity was done. Bromelain's residual activity was determined.

Measurement of salt stability:

Bromelain was incubated for 20 minutes at room temperature in the presence of NaCl varying from 0-3.0% (w/v) in a 1:1 (v/v) ratio. Bromelain's residual activity was assessed.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

Two-phase aqueous extraction may have certain negative effects on the extraction of Bromelain from Pineapples.

- **Protein Concentration:**

If there is a increase in protein concentration and molecular weight of protein decrease their separation in the upper phase. Because the viscosity of the phase is significant in this case, a high protein content is recommended for extreme partition.

- **Effect of Temperature:**

With a little concentration of Poly ethylene glycol (PEG) and salt, it is possible to generate a two-phase system at high temperatures. At lower temperature Poly ethylene glycol system will be formed.

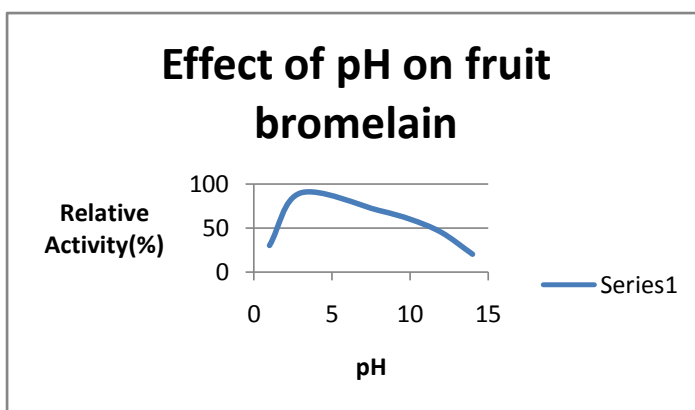
• **Effect of pH:**

In Poly ethylene glycol(PEG), protein's positive or negative charge changes when the pH changes from acidic to basic. Negative charge proteins prefer the top phase, i.e. the Poly ethylene glycol(PEG) layer, due to repulsion by salt anion.

• **Salt effects:**

The distribution of salt ions across the phases is uneven, resulting in a variation in electrical potential across the phases of the system. This electrical potential difference would be independent of salt content, but linearly dependent on ion partition behaviour. Poly

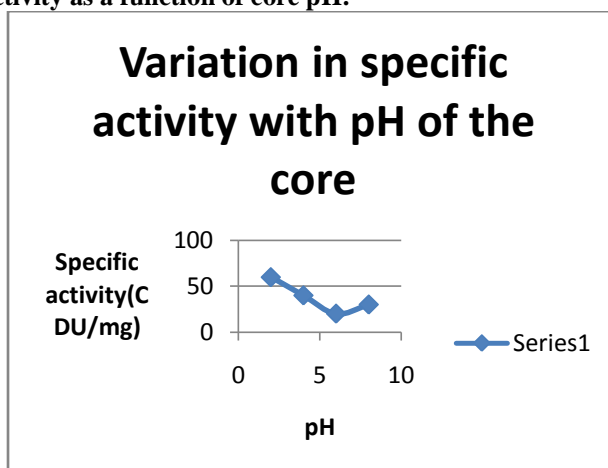
Effect of pH on fruit Bromelain:



The graph above depicts the impact of pH on fruit bromelain, with the horizontal axis representing pH and the vertical axis representing

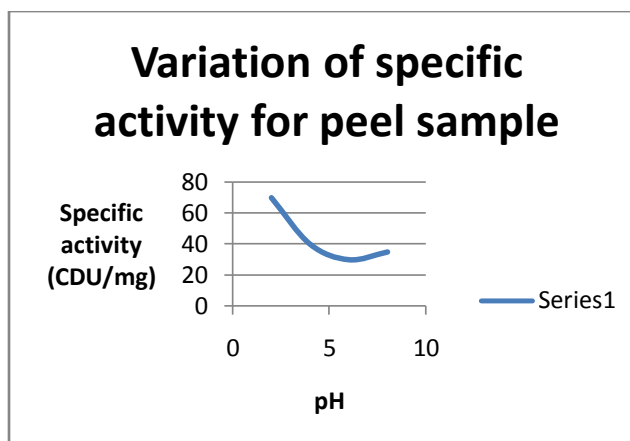
relative activity (percent).The maximum Relative activity attains at a pH of 2.9,the enzyme is less active at a range of 2.7-3.1 pH

Variation in particular activity as a function of core pH:



This graph depicts the fluctuation in specific activity of the core extract as a function of pH. If the enzyme is stored for a longer period, it loses its specific activity. The minimum specific activity is at a pH of 5.8

Variation of specific activity for peel sample:



The above graph shows the Variation of specific activity for peel sample. The bromelain enzyme is mostly found in the fruit's crown and peel. The minimum specific activity for peel sample is at a pH of 6.

Bromelain extraction using an aqueous two-phase system:

Effect of salts on ATP partitioning of bromelain:

Bromelain was separated from nangle pineapple peel in numerous bypass systems using 18 percent PEG-1000 and several salts ((NH₄)₂SO₄, MgSO₄, and K₂HPO₄) at varied concentrations (14, 17, and 20 percent). Salts are often used in ATPs in order to enhance the dispersion of the target molecules between the

stages. The PEG-rich top grid and saline bottom grid were obtained after grid separation. Bromelain was the most easily broken down of all the ATPs examined in the polymer phase, owing to the hydrophobic features of enzymes. The distribution of biomolecules in PEG-saline systems is influenced by the polymer's polymerization phase impact and the salinity in the saline phase. Separation variables (VR, K_p, SA, PF, and yield) are affected by salt and enrichment. With the exception of K₂HPO₄, the VR of the examined systems decreases as salinity rises. With just a modest quantity of PEG molecule, a water layer developed around the cation, generating an extremely compact structure.

Table 1 shows the effect of salts on bromelain partitioning from pineapple peel.

Phase Composition	VR	K _p	SA	PF	Yield %
18% PEG1000-14%(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	2.22	7.51	2.22	11.95	66.35
18% PEG1000-17%(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	1.53	8.34	2.31	12.43	71.98
18% PEG1000-20%(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	1.33	8.57	2.50	13.55	80.30
18% PEG1000-14%K ₂ HPO ₄	1.38	7.15	2.56	13.97	72.97
18% PEG1000-17%K ₂ HPO ₄	0.93	6.41	2.66	14.45	20.65
18% PEG1000-20%K ₂ HPO ₄	1.07	10.75	2.82	15.12	77.50
18% PEG1000-14% MgSO ₄	4.25	8.37	2.85	15.50	51
18% PEG1000-17% MgSO ₄	3.05	8.52	3.67	19.77	59.03
18% PEG1000-20% MgSO ₄	1.42	4.93	4.55	24.67	74.15

VR: volume ratio ; KP: partition coefficient of protein; SA: specific activity (unit/mg protein); PF:Purification factor.

Kp reports on the protein distribution in ATPs. According to the findings, the Kp of all ATPs varied between 4.9 and 10.77, with an average of 8. KB maximum (10.77) In the K₂HPO₄ system, 18 percent PEG-1000-20 percent was identified. High Kp values suggest that the majority of the protein in the sample was only separated at the lower or higher stages. The Kp of an 18 percent PEG-1000-20 percent MgSO₄ phase compound is low (4.93). It was pointed out that it causes the contaminating protein nucleic acid and other undesired components to be converted to a lower stage. Thus, the extraction conditions used led to the enrichment of SA and PA.

A phase with 18% PEG-1000 and 20% MgSO₄ gave the maximum SA (4.53 units / μg Protein) and PF (24.67). The percentage of bromine recovered using ATPs in the research ranged from 52 to 80 percent. The system produced a maximum output of 80.30 percent, which included 18 percent PEG-1000 and 20 percent (NH₄)₂SO₄. This means that it is not just too much Bromelain is portioned in upper phase, but other proteins also. 18% PEG-1500 and 20% K₂HPO₄ provided maximum activity recovery. 20% PEG-1000 with 20% MgSO₄ provided maximum SA and PF.

In addition, the data demonstrate an increase in salt content (14 to 20%), which leads to an increase in Kp, SA, and Bromelain recovery. Solubility during the salinity phase of the biological molecules decrease with increasing salt concentration, which results in a reduced distribution to the upper phase of these molecules. As a result, the specific activity can be seen to increase with increasing salt concentration.

However, in terms of maximum SA and PF of 20% MgSO₄, this condition is selected for the study of the impact of PEG on bromine partitions.

Effect of PEG on ATP partitioning of bromelain:

At 20 percent MgSO₄, bromelain dispersion was investigated in ATPs with various molecular weights (MW) and PEG concentrations. The distribution of bromine is strongly dependent on the concentration of molecular weight and Polyethyleneglycol. The VR varies from 0.7 and 1.7. The majority of systems have a VR value close to 1.0, indicating that the volume fraction is divided into two stages. All of the Kp values were larger than 1, showing that the bromine was separated preferentially for the upper phase. Exclusion from the protein domain caused Polyethyleneglycol's molecular weight to rise, reducing the intended connection between PEG and protein. Low quantities of bromine salt might result as a result of this. The primary impact of block exclusion, rather than salting, is responsible for the rise in Bromelain content. In ATP testing, the composition of 15% PEG-3000 and 20% MgSO₄ efficiently separated the bromine from the PEG-rich phase and the salt from the bottom phase beneath the undesired proteins.

In the upper phase, 108.45 percent of the enzyme is recovered at this stage.

Bromelain enzyme activity recovery increased as the molecular weight of Polyethyleneglycol rose. This resulted in an increase in PF because bromelain was less distributed in the lower phase than other proteins. PWG-3000 (15%) MW with a high concentration of MGSO₄ (20%) gave the best purity and recovery of bromelain from pineapple peel, according to these findings.

Table 2. PEG's influence on Bromelain partitioning

Phase Composition	VR	Kp	SA	PF	Yield %
12% PEG1000-20% MgSO ₄	0.74	2.06	1.42	7.58	43.66
15% PEG1000-20% MgSO ₄	1.17	2.93	1.03	5.43	30.06
18% PEG1000-20% MgSO ₄	1.41	4.92	4.55	24.66	74.12
12% PEG2000-20% MgSO ₄	1.05	1.95	2.65	14.44	86.05
15% PEG2000-20% MgSO ₄	1.09	2.45	2.87	15.25	91.53

18%PEG2000-20%MgSO4	1.72	2.75	1.91	10.23	50.15
12%PEG3000-20%MgSO4	1.03	2.13	2.72	14.92	94.81
15%PEG3000-20%MgSO4	1.60	2.93	5.25	28.25	108.42
18%PEG3000-20%MgSO4	0.85	1.22	4.77	25.92	45.22

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

Bromelain enzyme was extracted from the fruit Pineapple by aqueous two phase extraction method. The highest Specific activity and Bromelain is 15% PEG3000-20%MgSO4 from top phase. It also gives high stability at neutral Ph. Upper phase is Poly ethylene glycol enriched and lower base is Salt enriched. Bromelain activity is reduced by 50% when it is incubated at 90°C for 5 minutes.

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