

B323 The Characterization and Isolation of Nitrate Reducing Bacteria and Denitrifying Bacteria Isolated from Activated Sludge in Plant

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Thirteen bacteria were isolated from activated sludge in plant A devised for removing nitrate. In the isolated 13 bacteria, 10 strains were isolated from sludge medium cultured under aerobic condition, and 3 strains were isolated from sludge medium cultured under anaerobic condition. In the result of nitrate reduction and denitrification test, AA7S4, AA8S2, and AAN2S29 were nitrate reducing ($\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-$) bacteria, AA1S43 and AAN1S35 were denitrifying ($\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{N}_2$) bacteria. The isolated strains were identified by the VITEK system and the Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology. This study investigated for the characterization and the distribution of nitrate reducing bacteria and denitrifying bacteria in activated sludge of plant A.

B324 Waste Water Microcosms for Assessing Survival and Detection of Catechol-Biodegrading Strains

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Catechol-degrading bacteria, pIB1343 and KH1, were chosen as a model bacteria to estimate introduction of a catechol degrading ability into waste water microcosms. Prior to introduction into ecosystem, catechol degrading strains were experimented for their survival and catechol biodegradability in waste water microcosms. It was found that pIB1343 adapted and degraded more fastly in Namdong samples, on the other hand, KH1 more fastly in Sihwa samples. When catechol was added to microcosms, indigenous microorganisms in Sihwa samples used well catechol as a carbon and energy sources more than in Namdong samples. Under nonsterile conditions of microcosms, catechol was more fastly degraded than under sterile conditions because of existence of indigenous catechol-degrading microorganisms. A modified filter extraction technique was used for the high-yield extraction of purified DNA from 50ml of waste water samples and the extracted DNA (polymorphic DNA (20-23kb)) was of a sufficient quantity and quality for PCR amplification. PCR was used to detect the *catA* gene encoding catechol 1,2-dioxygenase in waste water microcosms. PCR was performed with *catA* gene specific primer, C12U and C12L, and produced 320bp PCR products. PCR products were quantified of their intensities by densitometer, assumed CFU according to that intensity, and compared with CFU from plating counts. These results were correlated with the counts of microbes enumerated in the plates. The dominant strains of indigenous catechol-degrading bacteria in waste water environment were identified and classified into four groups based on the results of 16-23s rRNA intergenic spacer PCR (ITS PCR).