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Isolation & Identification of Catalase Producing *Bacillus spp*: A Comparative Study

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Catalase, an oxidoreductase enzyme, works as a detoxification system inside living cells against reactive oxygen species formed as a by-product of different metabolic reactions. This study was carried on 50 samples collected from different locations in Khartoum State for catalase production. Twenty nine out of fifty sample (58%) showed a typical characteristics of *Bacillus* species, fifteen out of twenty nine (51%) showed catalase positive reaction, Five out of fifteen (33%) gave highest catalase activity using hydrogen peroxide method. The strains with highest activity were identified as *B. subtilis*, *B. pasteurii*, *B. coagulans*, *B. sphaericus* and *B. alvei* according to chemical and morphological characteristic. The activity of the enzyme

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Abstract

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measuring spectrophotometrically according to the decrease in the absorbance of hydrogen peroxide. *B. subtilis* gave highest catalase activity of 135.2 $\mu\text{M}/\text{ml}$ in 48hr. incubation, which could be a promising isolate for catalase production for commercial scale.

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Introduction:-