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2 **Comparative Studies on Synthetic and Agricultural Product on Lysine**  
3 **Production by *Alcaligenes aquatilis***

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6 **ABSTRACT-** Production of lysine by *Alcaligenes aquatilis* from agricultural **sub**-products  
7 (banana and soyabean) was compared to glucose and ammonium sulphate as carbon and  
8 nitrogen source. Ammonium sulphate was constant as nitrogen source when the two carbon  
9 sources were investigated and glucose constant as carbon source when the nitrogen sources  
10 where investigated. The production of lysine was examined quantitatively by acidic ninhydrin  
11 method. The results showed that banana and soyabean **improved gave** the maximum lysine  
12 yield (1.158mg/mL and 1.279mg/mL) for the fermentation period of 96h.

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14 **INTRODUCTION**

15 L-lysine, 2, 6 diamino hexanoic acid ( $C_6H_{14}N_2O_2$ ) is a basic amino acid having two amino  
16 groups, one, on  $\alpha$ - position and other at  $\epsilon$ - position (Tome and Bos, 2007; Rao *et al.*, 2011;  
17 Malothu *et al.*, 2012). L-Lysine is generally deficient in the food supply of man and meat  
18 producing animals (Pellett and Ghosh, 2004). Since animal feeds such as grain and defatted oil  
19 seeds contain only a small quantity of lysine, poultry, cattle and other livestock are unable to  
20 synthesize these amino acids. It must be added in feed to provide a balanced diet (Nasab *et al.*,  
21 2007). Agricultural **subby**-products may be used as low-cost carbohydrate sources for  
22 microbial production of high value added products such as amino acids (Buzzini and Martini,  
23 1999). Microbial fermentation provides 100% L-amino acids whereas by chemical method  
24 50% D and 50% L- amino acids are obtained (Khan *et al.*, 2006). Anastassiadis (2007) revealed  
25 that fermentation process is more economical, optical active and the  
26 **stereospecificitystereospecificity** (the L-isomer) make it more advantageous compared with  
27 synthetic processes. The present report demonstrated a comparative studies between synthetic  
28 and agricultural products on lysine production which **demonstrated show that** that banana and  
29 soyabean gave the maximum lysine yield (1.158mg/mL and 1.279mg/mL) for the fermentation  
30 period of 96h.

31 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

32 **Microorganism**

33 *Alcaligenes aquatilis* was isolated from soil in Unizik Awka, Nigeria. It was maintained on  
34 starch casein agar slants at 4°C. The medium for seed culture consisted of peptone, 10.0g; yeast  
35 extract, 10.0g; NaCl, 5.0g; distilled water, 1L; pH adjusted to 7.2 with 1N NaOH. The medium  
36 was sterilized at 121°C. Two loopful of a 24h culture of the isolate on nutrient agar was  
37 inoculated into 2ml of the sterile seed medium in a test tube and incubated on a Searchtech  
38 HY-2A orbital shaker at 160rpm and 30°C for 48h.

### 39 **Fermentation**

40 The basal medium for fermentation experiments was composed of KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 0.5g; K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>,  
41 0.5g; MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.001g; MnSO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.001g; FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.001g; CaCO<sub>3</sub>, 0.02g;  
42 (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 10g; glucose, 20g; water, 1 ~~litre~~ liter while the pH was adjusted to 7.2, was used  
43 for lysine production. After sterilization the flask was cooled to room temperature and 1mL (ca  
44 1.8 x 10<sup>7</sup>) of a 24h seed inoculum of the isolate was inoculated into the fermentation medium.  
45 The experiment was performed in duplicate, with uninoculated flask serving as control. The  
46 flask was incubated on a rotary shaker (160 rpm) at 30°C for 96h. Bacterial growth and lysine  
47 production were determined from the broth culture.

### 49 **Comparative difference between Glucose and Banana**

50 Two carbon sources [glucose and banana (*Musa acuminata*)] were studied for their effects on  
51 lysine accumulation by the isolate. Fermentation was carried out in a medium consisting of  
52 KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 0.05g; K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.05g; MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1g; MnSO<sub>4</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.001g; FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O,  
53 0.001g; CaCO<sub>3</sub>, 2.0g; carbon source, 20g; (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 10g; distilled water, 1L, pH 7.2. A 100  
54 ml Erlenmeyer flask containing 20ml of the fermentation medium was inoculated with 2ml of  
55 seed inoculum (two loopful) and the flask incubated on an orbital shaker (160rpm) at 30°C.  
56 Duplicate flasks were used and uninoculated flasks served as control. After 96h fermentation,  
57 lysine production was determined as previously described. Thus, sorghum gave the maximum  
58 lysine accumulation.

### 61 **Comparative difference between ammonium sulphate and soyabean**

62 Two nitrogen sources [NH<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and soyabean (*Glycine max*)] were examined for their effects  
63 on lysine production by the isolate. Fermentation was carried out in a medium consisting of  
64 KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 0.05g; K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.05g; MgSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1g; MnSO<sub>4</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.001g; FeSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O,  
65 0.001g; CaCO<sub>3</sub>, 2.0g; glucose, 20g; nitrogen source, 10g; distilled water, 1L, pH 7.2. A 100ml

66 Erlenmeyer flask containing 20ml of the fermentation medium was inoculated with 2ml of the  
67 inoculums (two loopful) and the flask incubated on an orbital shaker (160rpm) at 30°C.  
68 Duplicate flasks were used and uninoculated flasks served as control. After 96h fermentation,  
69 lysine production was determined as previously described.

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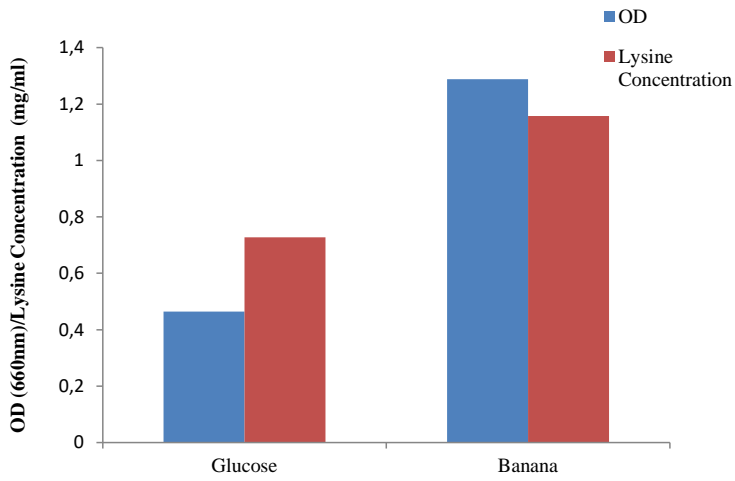
## 71 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

72 Lysine producing bacteria need ample supply of a suitable carbon and nitrogen source.  
73 Trifonova *et al.* (1993) and Javed *et al.* (2011) used agricultural product as substrate for  
74 production of lysine by *Brevibacterium* spp. and citric acid by *Aspergillus niger*, respectively.  
75 The ability of these bacteria to utilize these agricultural products is supported by the work of  
76 Umerie *et al.* (2000), who used agricultural by-products as carbon and nitrogen sources for  
77 lysine production. Krishnamurth (1980), Nicoloni *et al.* (1987) and Nigam (2000) used  
78 agricultural by-products for single cell protein production. For this purpose, the concentrations  
79 were the same. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, maximum lysine of 1.158mg/ml was accumulated  
80 when sorghum was used while 1.279mg/ml was obtained when soyabean was used. This is in  
81 consistent with the report of Adnan *et al.* (2011), who studied the selection of substrates for L-  
82 lysine production by *Brevibacterium linens* DSN 20158 and observed maximum L-lysine  
83 production (2.213g/kg) with soyabean meal. Umerie *et al.*(2000) and Ekwealor and Orafu  
84 (2003), similarly, observed that defatted soyabean meal stimulated the highest amount of lysine  
85 in *Bacillus laterosporus* and *Bacillus* species, respectively. Also, Ikpeme *et al.* (2006) reported  
86 that soyabean and peanut meal were more effective in promoting antibiotic production in  
87 mutant strains of *Bacillus pumilus* Bpu 32. The result is also in agreement with the work of  
88 Pham *et al.* (1992), who reported the use of carbohydrate sugar cane juice, molasses, banana,  
89 cassava and coconut water as source of carbon for methionine production.

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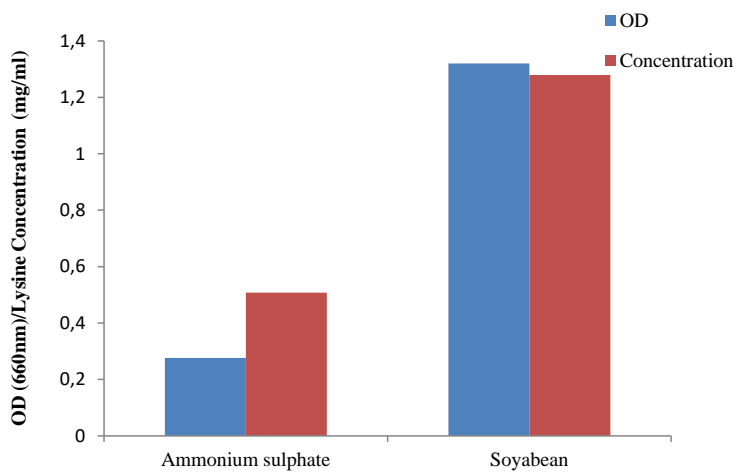
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**Fig. 1: Effect of Carbon Sources on Lysine Production *Alcaligenes aquatilis***

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**Fig. 2: Effect of Nitrogen Sources on Lysine Production *Alcaligenes aquatilis***

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## CONCLUSION

101 It was found that the fermentative method has the important advantage of yielding the optically  
102 active L-form of lysine directly. It was also established that agricultural products can be used  
103 for lysine production by fermentation and if well developed will reduce the importation of this  
104 product into the country and make it more readily available.

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