

Role of Microorganism as Bioremediation

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Abstract

Through agriculture, industry, and everyday life, harmful chemicals have been discharged into the world's air, soil, and water. Depending on their fixations, these substances can have ruinous outcomes on environments, just as cause serious harm to people and different living beings close by. This chemical has been removed by the process of bioremediation, it is a biological mechanism of recycling wastes into another form that can be used and reused by other organisms. Nowadays, the world is confronting the issue of various natural contamination. Bioremediation has been viewed as a domain of well disposed, modest and effective methods for natural reclamation. Since microorganisms comprise a key factor of this innovation, information on the nature and molecular components of their resistance to expanded overwhelming metal fixations is essential. Microorganisms are basic for a key alternative for conquer challenges. Microorganisms survive in all places in the biosphere because their metabolic activity is astonishing; then come into existence in all over a range of environmental conditions. The nutritional capacity of microorganisms is totally changed, so it is utilized as bioremediation of natural pollutants. Bioremediation is profoundly associated with corruption, eradication, immobilization, or detoxification of chemical waste and physical hazardous materials from the including through the exhaustive and movement of microorganisms. Microorganisms are the significant players in checking such burdens and reusing components by mineralizing or parceling poisons, even in situations poor in supplements or lacking accessibility of significant electron contributors and acceptor. The aim of this review article to discuss the importance of microorganisms in bioremediation.

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Introduction

Microorganisms in nature have consistently separated the waste, and people have consistently (intentionally or unconsciously) utilized them in farming, household, and mechanical activities¹ and it also plays a vital role in bioremediation. Bioremediation refer to the process of the utilization of microorganisms to corrupt contaminants that present natural and human dangers.

Bioremediation forms normally include the activities of a wide range of organisms acting in equal or succession to complete the degradation process. Both in situ (in place) and ex situ (evacuation and treatment in other place) remediation approaches are used. The adaptability of organisms to degrade a huge amount of contaminants that makes bioremediation an innovation that can be applied in various soil conditions². The in situ approaches can reduce disruptive engineering practices, bioremediation is still not a common practice³. From an ecological perspective, bioremediation relies upon the different associations between three factors: substrate (toxin), life forms, and condition. The usage of bioremediation as a biotechnological procedure involve the microorganisms for illuminating and expelling threats of numerous contaminations through the biodegradation from the environment⁴. Microorganisms act as a most important pollutant to excavate the tool in soil, water, and sediments;

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mostly due to their advantage over other remediation procedural protocols. Microorganisms restore the natural surroundings and prevent further pollution. Bacteria are broadly microbial creatures, and in this manner it makes biodegradation and bioremediation as important one. There are barely few toxic microorganisms, so there is likely a life form ready to separate any given substrate, when furnished with the correct conditions (anaerobic versus aerobic environment, sufficient electron donors or acceptors, etc.)⁵. Bacteria like streptococcus aureus, Acinetobacter baumannii, Enterococcus faecalis, can help management of bioremediation^{6,7,8,9} viruses cannot act as bioremediation¹⁰.

Few Previous articles were referred to, in that role of bioremediation is to enhance the microorganisms with appropriate nutrients and other chemical compounds that will empower them to destroy the contaminant. In order to work the bioremediation system with microorganism it requires the optimum levels of nutrients and other chemicals essential for their metabolism¹¹, some bacteria acts as a bioremediation that remove the pollutants, contaminant from the environment. Bacteria that can oxidize aromatics including benzoate, chlorobenzoate, and toluene, coupling the reaction with the decrease of oxygen, chlorate, or nitrate. Due to the high concentration of benzene contamination, especially in ground and surface water, D. aromatic is especially useful for in situ bioremediation of this substance¹². The new version of bioremediation applications primarily use bacteria, with comparatively few attempts to use fungi. Fungi have important roles, its participation in the cycling of elements through decomposition and transformation of organic and inorganic materials. These qualities can be converted into applications for bioremediation that separate natural mixes and decrease the dangers of metals. It is able to oxidize a diverse amount of chemicals and survive in harsh environmental conditions such as low moisture and high concentrations of pollutants. Therefore, fungi are potentially an extremely powerful tool in soil bioremediation^{13,14,15}. The first Fungi which helps to degradation of organic pollutants is *P. chrysosporium*. Various research has shown that it has strong potential for bioremediation in pesticides, PAHs, dioxins, carbon tetrachloride, and many other pollutants. Among fungal systems, the *P. chrysosporium* has selected to demonstrate as bioremediation. Other notable species of white rot fungi

include *Pleurotus ostreatus* and *Trametes versicolor*.¹⁶

The main differences between the previous article and this article is that they discussed only about the role of microorganisms in bioremediation but this review article concentrates on techniques followed during the bioremediation that helps to remove the pollutants from the environment. Aim of this review article is to emphasize all about current knowledge on the role of microorganisms in bioremediation and the techniques in bioremediation.

Materials and Method

Review of scientific literature was done in preparation of manuscript. This system and data base searched for relevant articles from PUBMED and GOOGLE SCHOLAR. About 50 articles were collected and analysed and reviewed. Databases of the journal were searching for articles based on the keyword bioremediation microorganism techniques, cross references were also included.

Biological treatment of man-made waste has successfully been implemented for decades. Municipal and waste water and agriculture and agricultural waste are treatment in bioreactor as activated sludge in water ponds or in fluidized bed reactor containing an active biofilm of microorganism¹⁷. Bioremediation use the characteristic feature of microorganism for transformation, mineralisation or complexation by coordinating those capacities towards natural and inorganic ecological contamination.

Discussion

Microorganism in bioremediation

Microorganisms act against the pollutants only when they have access to a variety of material compounds to help them generate and nutrient to build more cells¹⁸. Besides bacteria they are also efficient in heavy metal bioremediation. Microorganisms have developed the capabilities to protect themselves from heavy metal toxicity by various mechanisms such as adsorption, uptake, oxidation. Some bacteria like *Alcaligenes faecalis*, *Bacillus pumilus*, *Brevibacterium iodinium*, *Staphylococcus*, *Acinetobacter baumannii* are gaseous methyl mercury^{19,20,21,22}. As a bioremediator, there are biological agents which are used to clean the

contaminated site in the area. Bacteria, archaea and fungi are some of typical prime bioremediator²³. Some of microorganisms can be bioremediator which can be used as mouthwash^{24,25}. Bioremediator also consist of pesticides that kill the unwanted soil microorganism that causes toxicity to environment²⁶. The bacteria which

performs more antibacterial activity in orange peel has bioremediation^{27,28,29}. Finally it is ecofriendly as well as economically feasible³⁰. Figure 1 depicts the process of bioremediation which involves microorganisms and other substrates.

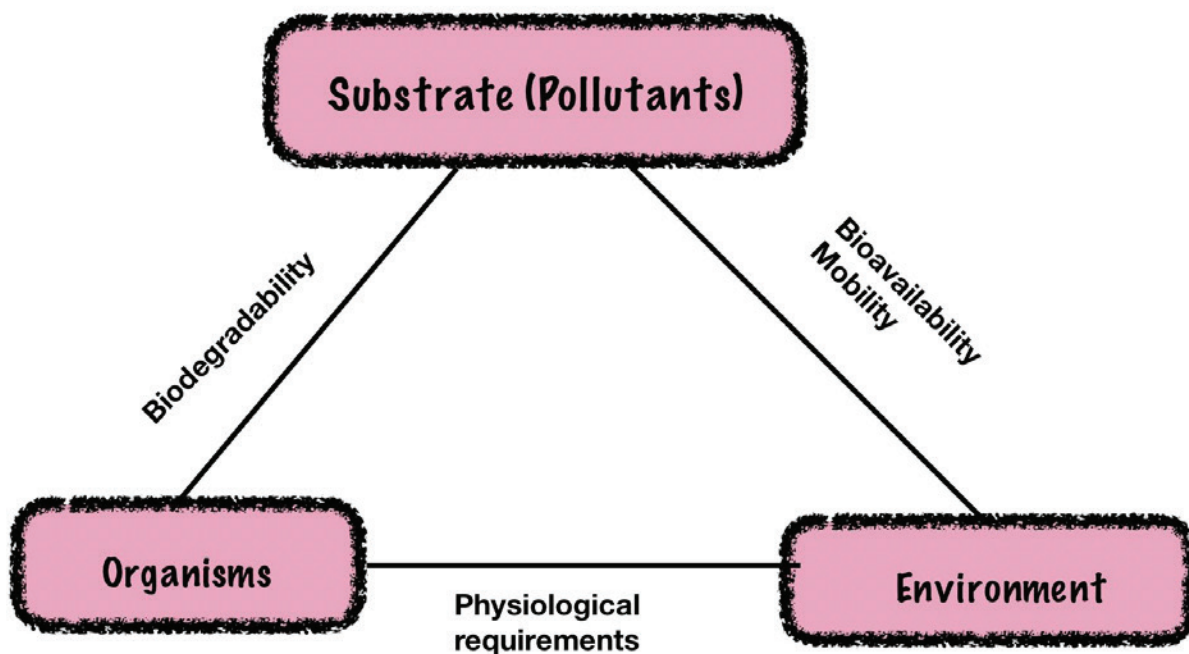


Figure 1 Bioremediation process

Factor affecting microbial bioremediation

Microbial and pollutants are not uniformly spread in the environment. The controlling and optimising of bioremediation process is a complex system due to many factors. These factors include the capability of degrading the pollutants, availability of contaminants to microbial population and environment factors (type of soil, temperature, pH, the pressure of oxygen and nutrient).

Biological factor-Major biological factors included are mutation, horizontal gene transfer, enzyme activity, interaction, its own growth until critical biomass is reached, population size and composition³¹. n6-adenosine methylation bacteria is also one of biological factors that affect bioremediation³².

Environment factor- Physicochemical bioavailability of pollutants, contaminants, concentration, solubility, chemical structure and toxicity³³. The environment factor microorganisms is a metabolic characteristic of microorganisms. This mechanism only succeeds when the microorganism grows in the optimum temperature and pH. Some leaves like laurel nobis can be used as bioremediation³⁴.

Availability of nutrition-The appropriate quality of nutrient is a favourable strategy for increasing the metabolic activity of microorganisms and thus biodegradation rate in a cold environment³⁵. Biodegradation in aquatic environments is limited by the availability³⁶. The artificially well-developed mixture of bacterial strains along with inorganic nutrients such as

phosphorus and nitrogen is pumped into the ground or applied to oil spill areas as required for treatment. This increases the rate of bioremediation at the target site.

Principle of bioremediation

The aim of bioremediation is enhanced by the giving the optimum level of nutrient and other essential chemicals that is required to degrade. It is effective, when it has suitable environment that allow the growth to the microorganism and is allow them to perform the microbial activity. There are several parameter that require for the growth of microorganism³⁷. The principle of bioremediation is based on the process of degradation. Degradation is the process of removal of unwanted organic toxicity refers to harmless or naturally occurring compounds like carbon dioxide, water, inorganic compounds which are safe for human, animal plant and aquatic life. Many mechanism and pathway have been executed for the biodegradation of wide variety of organic compound in absences or in presences of oxygen

Biostimulation

Biostimulation is widely used to stimulate the nature occurring microbial communities providing them with nutrients and other needs to break down contaminants. Biostimulation can be achieved through change in PH, moisture, aeration or addition of electron acceptors, donors such as phosphorus, nitrogen, oxygen carbon. It is potentially useful for the treatment of less frequently encountered contaminants spill such as pesticides, particularly herbicides³⁸. Biostimulation is dependent on the organisms and which requires the environment for their comfort which makes them easier to alter in a way that will have the desired bioremediation effect.

Bioattenuation

It is also called as naturally attenuation is the eradication of pollutants concentration from the surrounding. It is carried out in biological processes; it may include physical phenomenon and chemical reaction. Terms such as biotransformation are included within the more general attenuation³⁹. The processes involved are largely due to biodegradation by soil microorganisms and to some extent by interaction with

soil matrices. This procedure is frequently considered as a "do nothing" arrangement, yet it requires consistent checking of the contaminant in soil. The time required for natural attenuation relies upon site conditions and the particular contaminant.

Due to persistent nature and lack of appropriate degrading microorganisms, natural attenuation of a pesticide in some soils takes a long duration.

Bioaugmentation

Another bioremediation approach is termed bioaugmentation, where organism selected for high degradation abilities are used to inoculate the contaminated situ⁴⁰. It is also used to ensure that insitu microorganism can totally remove and alter these contaminants to ethylene and chloride which are non toxic⁴¹. Because of having diverse metabolic profiles to change into less complex and harmless end product⁴². The potential of the microorganism and important features is to enable the cells to be functionally active and persistent under the desired environmental conditions. Based on the prior knowledge of microorganism communities inhabiting the target site, competent microbes should be selected. The stresses that hamper microbial development may remember variances or limits for temperature, water content, pH, exhaustion of supplements, and furthermore possibly poisonous toxin levels in the debased found that organisms having the capacity to corrupt the natural contaminations in societies neglected to do likewise in regular frameworks. The recommended potential explanations behind bioaugmentation disappointment were: issues concerning the adjustment of the vaccinated microorganisms; insufficiency of substrate; rivalry among presented and indigenous biomass; utilization of other natural substrates in inclination to the toxic; and predation.

Genetically Engineered Microorganisms

Genetically engineered microorganism whose genetic material has been already changed by applying genetic engineering technique inspired by natural otherwise artificial genetic exchange microorganism. It has improved the utilization and elimination of hazardous unwanted waste under laboratory condition creating genetically modified organism⁴³. Genetically Engineered microorganisms have potential for

bioremediation application in soil ground water etc .

Advantage of bioremediation

Bioremediation is eco friendly and sustainable⁴⁴ and it is relatively ease in implementation⁴⁵. Effective way of remediating natural ecosystems from the number of contaminants and acts as an environment friendly option. Bioremediation is a natural process and accepted by the public as a waste treatment process for contaminated material such as soil. There is an increase in number and release of harmless products due to degradation of microbes. The residues for the treatment are usually harmless products such as carbon dioxide, water, and cell biomass. Bioremediation is useful for the complete destruction of a wide variety of contaminants. Many hazardous compounds can be transformed into harmless products. This reduces the chance of future liability associated with the treatment and disposal of contaminated material.

Disadvantage of bioremediation

It is difficult to extrapolate from bench and pilot scale studies and the biological process is often specific -important site factors required for success include the pressure of metabolically capable microbial population and appropriate level of nutrients and contaminants. Research is expected to create and build bioremediation advancements that are reasonable for destinations with complex blends of contaminants that are not equally dispersed in the earth. It might be available as solids, fluids, and gases. Organic procedures are exceptionally explicit. Significant site factors required for progress incorporate the nearness of metabolically able microbial populaces, reasonable natural development conditions, and suitable degrees of supplements and contaminants.

Conclusion

Through agriculture, industry, and daily life, harmful chemicals have been released into the earth's air, soil, and water. Depending on their concentrations, these substances can have destructive consequences on ecosystems, as well as cause severe damage to humans and other organisms nearby. Soil pollution is of special importance because of its impact on surface, groundwater and air contamination and can easily spread and be consumed by humans. Biodegradation is a very fruitful

and attractive option to remediating, cleaning, managing and recovering techniques for solving pollutants' environment through microbial activity. The advantage is the use of technology and its increasing popularity through time. It relies on stimulating the growth of certain microbes that use contaminants like oil, solvents, and pesticides as a source of food and energy. These microbes consume the contaminants, converting them into small amounts of water and harmless gases like carbon dioxide

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