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ABSTRACT

Aflatoxins are produced by *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*. These are secondary metabolites toxic in nature and belong to the family mycotoxins. AFB1 is the most potent carcinogen which gave serious effects on health and economy of developing country. There are physical and chemical methods utilized to degrade aflatoxins but they are highly persistent and show high resistance to degradation such methods also deteriorate quality of agricultural feeds. It is difficult to remove aflatoxin from food chain. Utilization of modern degradation methods which uses biological microorganisms to degrade and reduce aflatoxin to a less toxic form. Degradation by bacteria is an affective mode of approach to tackle aflatoxins which is feasible and cost effective. This study includes isolation of bacteria from field soil and their characterization.

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