

ISOLATION AND THE B-GALACTOSIDASE ENZYME ACTIVITY TEST OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA FROM CABBAGE FERMENTATION (*BRASSICA OLERACEA L.*) (ID 262105)

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Lactic acid bacteria can be found in raw food and fermented foods such as dairy products and salted vegetables [4]. Vegetable is a food that can be fermented naturally because vegetables contain sugar and nutrients needed for the growth of lactic acid bacteria [3]. One source of vegetables that can be used to isolate lactic acid bacteria is cabbage (*Brassica oleracea L.*). Based on research by Misgiyarta and Widowati (2006), as many as eleven isolates of lactic acid bacteria were found in cabbage. Some microorganisms, especially *Leuconostoc* and *Lactobacillus* species can grow fast in the presence of salt. Salt and acids produced during fermentation can inhibit the growth of pathogenic

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The lactic acid bacterial isolation is conducted using a multilevel dilution method from dilution 10^{-1} to dilution 10^{-7} . This study results in six selected isolates: K31, K32, K33, K34, K35, and K36. The isolation result of lactic acid bacteria may be seen in Figure 1 below

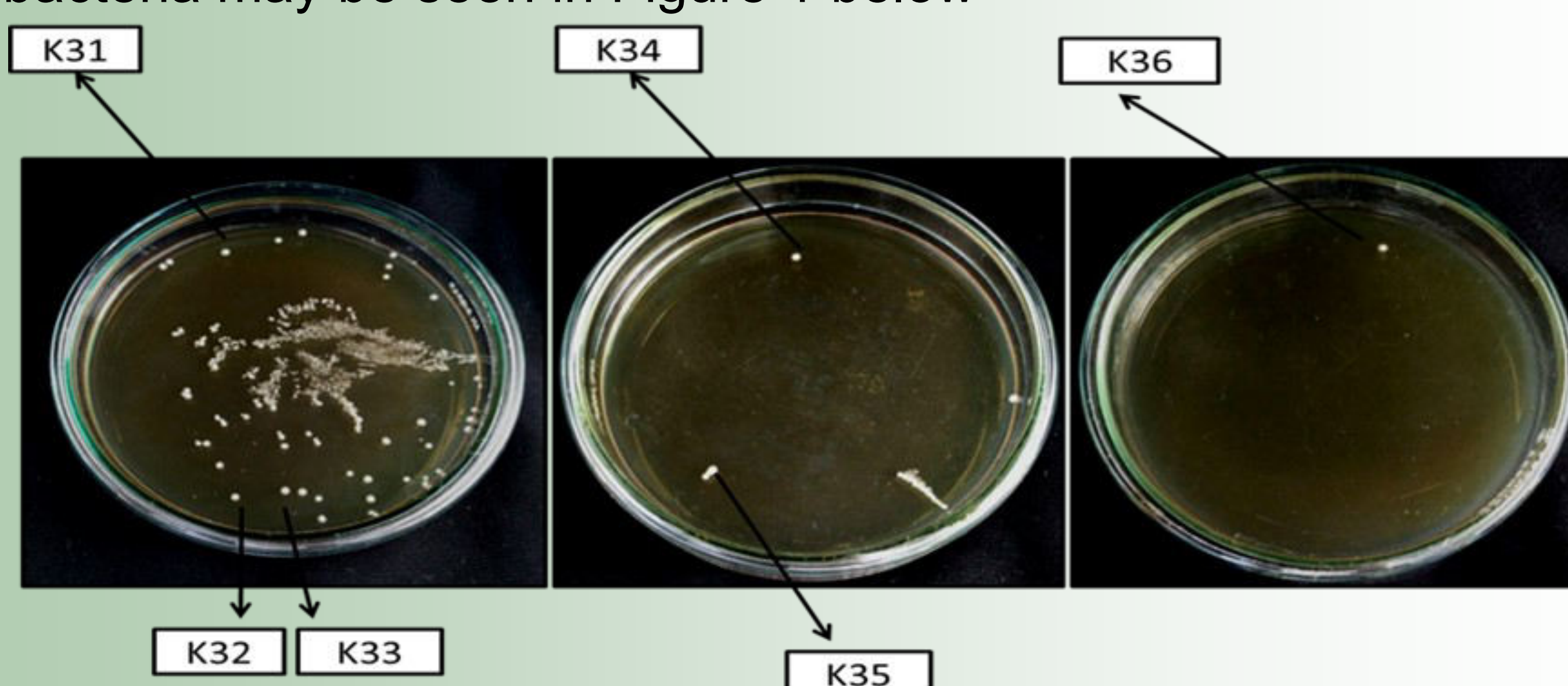


Figure 1. Isolation result of Lactic Acid Bacteria derived from the Cabbage Fermentation: a. Dilution 10^{-5} , b. dilution 10^{-6} , c. dilution 10^{-7}

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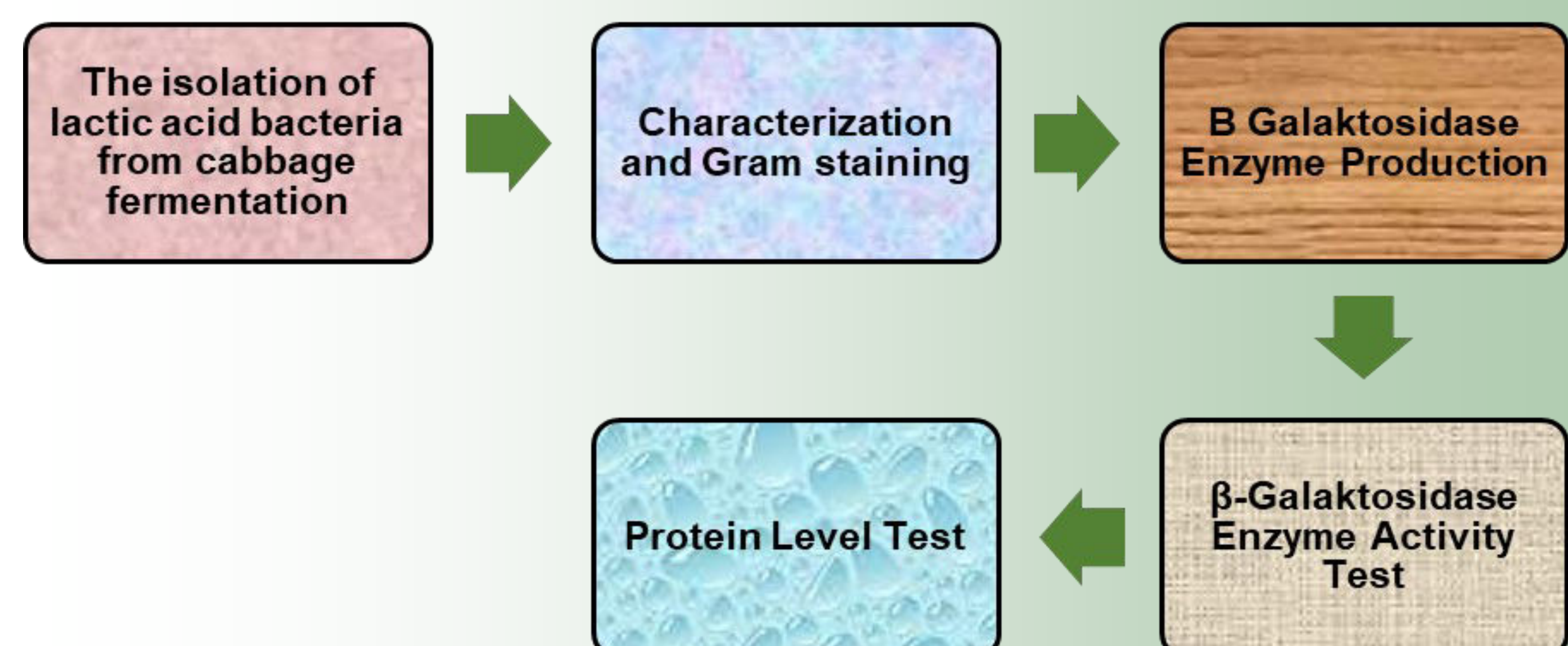


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β -galactosidase enzymes are widely can be obtained from several sources including microorganisms, plants, and animals [6]. Enzymes isolated from microorganisms are more easily separated and purified after being secreted into microorganism growth media compared with plant and animal sources [16]. One of the microorganisms that can produce the β -galactosidase enzyme is lactic acid bacteria. Lactic acid bacteria are bacteria that produce lactic acid as one of the main fermentation products in carbohydrate metabolism [15] In general, lactic acid bacteria are included in the Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) bacteria, so the β -galactosidase enzyme obtained from lactic acid bacteria is very safe and can be used in food products [8]. Lactic acid bacteria can be found in raw food and fermented foods such as dairy products and salted vegetables [4]. Vegetable is a food that can be fermented naturally because vegetables contain sugar and nutrients needed for the growth of lactic acid bacteria [3]. One source of vegetables that can be used to isolate lactic acid bacteria is cabbage (*Brassica oleracea L.*).

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include *Lactococcus*, *Leuconostoc*, and a small number of *Lactobacillus* species, and *Pediococcus*. Some microorganisms, especially *Leuconostoc* and *Lactobacillus* species can grow fast in the presence of salt. Salt and acids produced during fermentation can inhibit the growth of pathogenic microorganisms and delay softening of cabbage tissue [3].

This research was conducted to obtain bacterial isolates that have the ability to produce β -galactosidase enzymes. The isolation method in this study used the Spread Plate Method, and the characteristics of the isolates producing β -galactosidase enzymes observed by through the morphology of bacterial colonies and bacterial staining. Enzyme activity testing was carried out using o-nitrophenyl- β -D-galactopyranoside (ONPG) substrate and o-nitrophenol (ONP) standard solution which was then measured using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

Materials and Methods

Materials

The equipment used in the study includes glassware, glass jars, needles, bunsen burners, centrifuges, sonicators (Omni-Ruptor 250), incubators (Memmert), vortices (KVM-300), hot plates (Akebono), balance readings (Ohaus) , cooling cabinets (Polytron), pH indicators, microscopes (Yazumi), microtubes, micropipets and tips, spatars, ovens (Memmert), autoclaves, laminar air flow (Innotech), and UV-Vis spectrophotometers (Shimadzu UV-1601). The samples used in this study were cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* L.), deManRogosa and Sharpe Agar (MRSA) medium, DeManRogosa and Sharpe Broth (MRSB) medium, aquadest, $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Na_2CO_3 1M, NaCl 0.85%, NaCl 3%, H_3PO_4 85%, 96% alcohol, violet crystals, solution lugol, safranin, 0.1 M phosphate buffer, 0.01 M phosphate buffer, O-Nitrophenyl- β -D-Galactopyranoside (ONPG), O-Nitrophenol (ONP), Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250 (CBBG), and Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA).

Methods

Preparation of samples and identification of plants

Plant samples were taken from the area of Bekasi, West Java. identification was carried out at the Bogoriense Herbarium, Botany Field LIPI Research Center, Cibinong-Bogor.

Isolation of lactic acid bacteria from cabbage fermentation

Cabbage was washed cleanly then finely chopped. Cabbage slices was put into the fermentor and soaked in 3% salt solution for 3 days and tightly closed until pH 4. Fermentation results were taken aseptically as much as 1 ml then made into a series of dilutions 10^{-1} to dilution 10^{-7} in a 0.85% NaCl solution then sterile divortex . Each dilution

series was taken 0.1 ml then inoculated in a solid MRSA medium on a Petri dish by the scatter method. Incubation was carried out at 37 °C for 48 hours to obtain a growing colony [18].

Characterization and gram's staining

Observations made by macroscopic and microscopic. Macroscopic characterization of lactic acid bacterial morphology including colony pigmentation, colony shape, colony elevation, colony surface, and colony consistency. Microscopic observations include, shape and color of cells by Gram staining. Gram staining begins by scratching bacteria on the object glass then put one drop of violet crystal solution for 1 minute, then washed with running water and dried again. Then drops of lugol solution as much as one drop, let stand for 1 minute, washed with water and dried again. The preparations are then washed with 96% alcohol until the dyes fade from the preparations, then rinse with water and allow to dry. The last stage was by administering safranin as much as 1 drop allowed to stand for 30 seconds [11].

β-Galaktosidase Enzyme Production

One ose of pure lactic acid bacteria was taken into 5 ml of MRSB and incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 10,000 rpm at 4°C for 15 minutes. The obtained pellets were washed 2 times with 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 7. The second buffer was added 5 ml phosphate buffer 0.1 M pH 7. Furthermore, cell breakdown was carried out with a sonicator for 15 minutes at 4°C. Cell suspension was centrifuged again at 10,000 rpm at 4°C for 15 minutes. This supernatant was crude β-galactosidase. The volume of enzymes obtained were measured then continued with an activity test [5].

β-Galaktosidase Enzyme Activity Test

Testing of enzyme activity used 1000 µl 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 7 and 100 µl β-galactosidase. The enzyme was inserted into a test tube and incubated at 37 ° C for 15 minutes. The incubated solution was then added with 200 µl ONPG 4 mg / ml and incubated at 37 ° C for 15 minutes. At the 15th minutes, the solution was added 1000 µl Na₂CO₃ 1 M. Furthermore, the solution was analyzed using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer at λ 420 [8].

Protein Level Test

A total of 20 µl enzyme-galactosidase was added with 1 ml of Bradford solution. The solution was homogenized and allowed to stand for 5 minutes then the absorbance was measured at λ 595 nm. The absorbance value obtained is then entered into the BSA standard curve to determine the protein content contained in the β-galactosidase enzyme sample [2].

Results And Discussion

Isolation and morphological characterization of lactic acid bacteria

Cabbage fermentation did aseptically with anaerobic conditions. The fermentation process causes a decrease in pH caused by the formation of lactic acid produced by lactic acid bacteria so that the pH of the solution becomes acidic. Isolation of lactic acid bacteria used multilevel dilution method from dilutions of 10^{-1} to 10^{-7} . In this study 6 isolates were produced, namely K31, K32, K33, K34, K35, and K36. The isolates K31, K32, and K33 were obtained from the isolation results of dilution 10^{-5} . K34 and K35 isolates were obtained from 10^{-6} dilution isolation results. K36 isolates were obtained from 10^{-7} dilution isolation results. The selection of isolates was seen based on the best morphology of lactic acid bacteria that is round, convex, milky white, shiny, and has clear edges. For microscopic gram staining test, purple lactic acid bacteria were produced and were in the form of bacillus and coccus. The results of isolation of lactic acid bacteria can be seen in Figure 1.

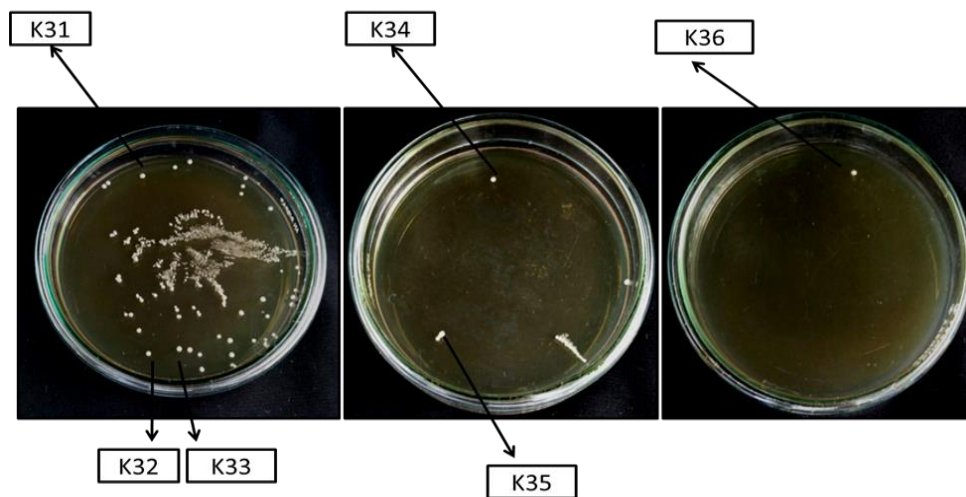


Figure 1: Results of Isolation of Bacteria Acid Lactates from Fermented Cabbage:
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Production of β -galactosidase enzymes

The process of producing β -galactosidase enzymes from lactic acid bacteria starts from the fermentation of bacteria in a liquid medium, followed by the separation and washing of pellets, breakdown of bacterial cell walls, and finally the supernatant extraction of β -galactosidase enzymes. In this study, the liquid medium used for the fermentation of lactic acid bacteria was the MRSB medium with the addition of 1% lactose as an energy source and inducer to produce the β -galactosidase enzyme [8].

After the fermentation process, the enzyme was harvested in an exponential phase by centrifugation at a speed of 10,000 rpm for 15 minutes at 4°C [12]. The obtained pellet was washed twice with 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 7. In the next step sonication was performed using a sonicator. It did because the β -galactosidase enzyme is an intracellular enzyme so to get crude enzyme extracts it was necessary to sonication to break down the

bacterial cell wall [1]. The cell breakdown entered into 0.1 M phosphate buffer pH 7 at 4°C. The obtained cell suspension was centrifuged to get the supernatant enzyme β -galactosidase. The measured β -galactosidase enzyme was stored in a closed container at 4°C.

β -galaktosidase Enzyme Activity Test

The activity of the β -galactosidase enzyme can be measured in units of U / ml (units per ml) which was defined as the amount of micromol ONP formed from ONPG substrate per minute per ml of the enzyme under experimental conditions. Testing of enzyme activity in this initial research was by making a standard O-Nitrophenol standard (ONP) at λ 420 nm. The ONP calibration curve was made with a concentration range of 0-2.5 mM. After the ONP curve has been calibrated, the next step was to measure the activity of enzymes by triplicate then calculate the average enzyme activity of β -galactosidase. *Lactobacillus plantarum* was used as a positive control.

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β -Galaktosidase enzyme Protein Test

Measurement of protein enzyme levels used the Bradford Method. The principle was based on the binding of a protein sample with the colourant brilliant blue G-250 (CBBG) contained in the Bradford reagent will create an acidic atmosphere so as to produce a complex blue solution. In this study, protein absorbance can be measured using a UV-vis spectrophotometer at a maximum wavelength of 465-595 nm [14].

The initial step of measuring the protein content of the β -galactosidase enzyme was to determine the maximum wavelength of the protein by making a standard protein solution,

Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA). The BSA standard reading results at λ 595 nm obtained an absorbance of 0.8032 which can then be calculated using the Lambert-Beer formula for making BSA calibration curves. The concentration ranges used for making BSA calibration calibration in this study were 75, 162, 249, 336, and 423 ppm.

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