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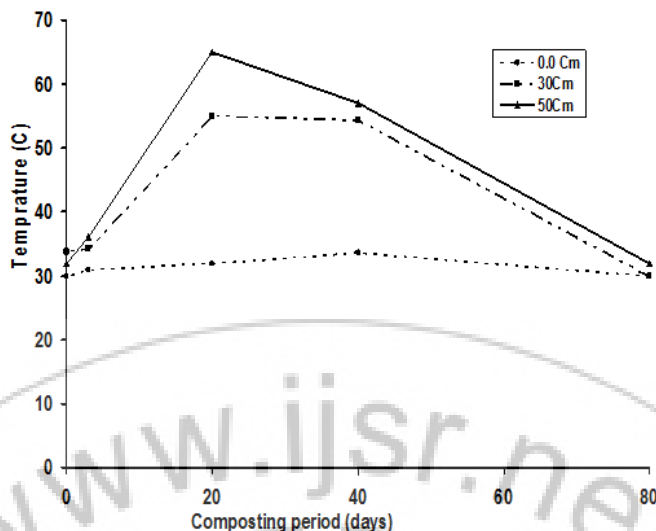


Figure 1: Temperature changes of compost heaps at different time intervals during composting process

Table 1: Colonization of mesophilic bacteria to different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony / agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	70	150	46.7	50	150	33.3	70	165	42.4	50	160	31.25
	<i>Staph. Xyloseus</i>	60		40	60		40	70		42.4	70		43.75
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	20		13.3	40		26.7	25		15.2	40		25
3	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	50	180	27.8	60	200	30	50	200	25	80	210	38.1
	<i>Staphylococcus xyloseu</i>	0.0		0.0	60		30	60		30	70		33.3
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	70		38.9	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	60		33.3	80		40	90		45	60		28.6
20	<i>Staphylococcus xyloseu</i>	0.0	100	0.0	5	105	4.8	0.0	100	0.0	0.0	110	0.0
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	40		40	60		57.2	35		35	40		36.36
	<i>Bacillus badius</i>	40		40	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	30		27.27
	<i>Bacillus brevis</i>	0.0		0.0	40		38	35		35	20		18.18
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	20		20	0.0		0.0	30		30	20		18.18
40	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	50	130	38.5	55	135	40.7	40	150	26.66	60	160	37.5
	<i>Bacillus badius</i>	40		30.7	50		37	40		26.66	50		31.25
	<i>Bacillus brevis</i>	20		15.4	20		17	40		26.66	35		21.87
	<i>Bacillus polymyxa</i>	20		15.4	10		7	30		20	0.0		0.0
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	15		9.37
	80	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	70	250	28	80	260	30.8	90	300	30	80	300
<i>Bacillus badius</i>		50		20	80		30.8	80		26.7	80		26.7
<i>Bacillus brevis</i>		40		16	50		19.2	60		20	70		23.3
<i>Bacillus polymyxa</i>		50		20	10		3.8	40		13.3	30		10
<i>Bacillus sp.</i>		0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	10		3.3
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>		40		16	40		15.4	30		10	30		10

**Table 2:** Colonization of thermophilic bacteria in different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony / agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	50	85	58.8	87	87	100	80	80	100	90	90	100
	<i>Thermus sp.</i>	35		41.2	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
3	<i>B. stearothermophilus</i>	50	120	41.7	70	140	50	75	147	51	80	150	53.3
	<i>Pseudomonas sp.</i>	30		25	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	40		33.3	70		50	72		49	70		46.7
20	<i>B. stearothermophilus</i>	70	240	29.2	80	200	40	80	210	38.1	90	230	39.1
	<i>Thermus sp.</i>	50		20.8	60		30	70		33.3	70		30.4
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	40		16.7	50		25	50		23.8	40		17.4
	<i>Pseudomonas sp.</i>	80		33.3	10		5	10		4.8	30		13.1
40	<i>B. stearothermophilus</i>	100	150	66.7	80	140	57.1	70	150	46.7	70	150	40.7
	<i>Thermus sp.</i>	50		33.3	60		24.9	40		26.7	50		33.3
	<i>Bacillus sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	40		26.6	30		20
80	<i>B. stearothermophilus</i>	50	60	82.4	40	75	53.3	25	30	83.4	28	35	80
	<i>Thermus sp.</i>	10		16.6	35		46.7	5		16.6	7		20

**Table 3:** Colonization of mesophilic fungi in different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony / agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	<i>Fusarium moniliforme</i>	3	20	15	4	25	16	3	25	12	3	25	12
	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	3		15	2		8	2		8	3		12
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	3		15	2		8	2		8	2		8
	<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	5		25	7		28	10		40	12		32
	<i>Aspergillus sp.</i>	3		15	3		12	4		16	3		12
	<i>Fusarium sp.</i>	2		10	2		8	3		12	1		4
	<i>Penicillium citrinum</i>	1		5	5		20	1		4	1		4
3	<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	7	17	41.2	10	20	50	9	21	38.1	10	20	50
	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	7		41.2	4		20	8		42.3	5		25
	<i>Fusarium sp.</i>	1		5.9	0		0	0		0	4		20
	<i>Penicillium citrinum</i>	1		5.9	4		20	3		14.3	0		0
	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	0		0	0		0	2		9.5	0		0
	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	1		5.9	2		10	0		0	1		4
20	<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	5	13	38.5	7	15	46.7	8	17	47.1	8	15	53.3
	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	4		30.8	6		40	3		17.6	0		0
	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	0		0	0		0	6		35.4	3		20
	<i>Fusarium sp.</i>	4		30.7	0		0	0		0	0		0
	<i>Penicillium sp.</i>	0		0	2		13.3	0		0	4		26.7
40	<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	7	18	38.9	10	22	45.5	4	20	20	8	24	33
	<i>Penicillium citrinum</i>	5		27.8	6		27.3	6		30	6		25
	<i>Trichoderma reesei</i>	6		33.3	6		27.3	8		40	10		41
	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	0		0	0		0	2		10	0		0
80	<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	7	30	23.3	6	33	18.2	8	33	24.2	9	32	28.1
	<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	5		16.7	5		15.2	0		0	1		3.2
	<i>Penicillium citrinum</i>	6		20	0		0	0		0	2		6.3
	<i>Trichoderma reesei</i>	6		20	8		24.3	10		30.3	10		31.3
	<i>Trichoderma viride</i>	6		20	8		24.2	8		24.2	10		31.3
	<i>Penicillium sp.</i>	0		0	6		18.2	5		15.2	0		0

**Table 4:** Colonization of thermophilic fungi in different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony /agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	<i>Aspergillus sp.</i>	2	5	40	2	6	33.3	3	7	42.9	1	9	11.2
	<i>Thermomyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	4		59.1	4		44.4
	<i>Talaromyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	4		66.7	0.0		0.0	4		44.4
	<i>Humicola sp.</i>	3		60	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
3	<i>Aspergillus sp.</i>	3	12	25	0.0	15	0.0	0.0	15	0.0	0.0	15	0.0
	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus.</i>	6		50	5		33.3	10		67	8		53.33
	<i>Talaromyces sp.</i>	3		25	5		33.3	5		33	4		26.6
	<i>Humicola sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	5		33.4	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Thermomyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	3		20
20	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus.</i>	10	20	50	8	23	34.8	10	25	40	11	27	40.8
	<i>Talaromyces sp.</i>	1		5	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>A. fumigates var.elpticus</i>	7		35	8		34.8	10		40	11		40.8
	<i>Thermomyces sp.</i>	2		10	3		13.8	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Talaromyces thermophilus</i>	0.0		0.0	4		17.4	5		20	5		18.4
40	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	7	10	70	7	11	63.3	10	100	46.7	9	12	78
	<i>A. fumigates var.elpticus</i>	3		30	4		36.7	0.0	0.0	26.7	0.0		0.0
	<i>Talaromyces thermophilus</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	26.6	3		22
80	<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	1	1	100	1	1	100	3	3	100	4	4	100

**Table 5:** Colonization of mesophilic actinomycetes of different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony / agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %	No.of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>	15	50	30	18	52	34.6	20	55	36.4	22	58	37.9
	<i>Streptomyces cinnaborinus</i>	15		30	12		23.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Streptomyces roseus</i>	10		20	12		23.1	13		23.6	18		31.1
	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	10		20	10		19.2	10		21.8	0.0		0.0
	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	12		18.2	18		31
3	<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>	25	60	41.7	30	70	42.8	32	70	45.7	25	85	24.4
	<i>Streptomyces roseus</i>	25		41.7	20		28.6	22		31.4	22		25.8
	<i>Streptomyces cinnaborinus</i>	10		16.6	20		28.6	16		22.9	18		21.1
	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	20		23.6
20	<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>	8	22	36.4	15	30	50	17	32	53.1	18	33	54.5
	<i>Streptomyces roseus</i>	7		31.8	10		33.3	10		31.3	12		36.4
	<i>Streptomyces cinnaborinus</i>	7		31.8	5		16.7	5		15.6	0.0		0.0
	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	3		9.1
40	<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>	20	65	30.7	25	65	38.5	30	70	42.9	25	75	33.3
	<i>Streptomyces aureofciens</i>	15		23.1	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
	<i>Streptomyces roseus</i>	15		23.1	20		30.8	11		15.7	20		26.7
	<i>Streptomyces cinnaborinus</i>	15		23.1	15		23.1	22		31.4	20		26.7
	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	0.0		0.0	5		7.6	7		10	8		10.7
	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	2		2.8
80	<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>	26	90	28.8	30	100	30	33	110	30	25	110	31.8
	<i>Streptomyces aureofciens</i>	20		22.2	25		25	26		23.6	30		24.4
	<i>Streptomyces roseus</i>	14		15.5	15		15	17		15.5	0.0		0.0
	<i>Streptomyces cinnaborinus</i>	14		15.5	13		13	15		13.6	18		16.4
	<i>Streptomyces griseus</i>	12		13.3	7		7	10		9.1	18		16.4
	<i>Streptomyces sp.</i>	4		4.4	10		10	9		8.2	9		8.1

**Table 6:** Colonization of thermophilic actinomycetes of different compost heaps at different composting periods. Data are expressed as the mean number of colony / agar plate of five replicates.

Comp. periods (days)	Bacterial sp.	Comp. A			Comp. B			Comp. C			Comp. D		
		No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %	No. of colony	Total	Freq. %
0	Thermo dichotomicus	7	8	87.5	8	10	80	9	12	75	10	12	83.4
	Thermactinomyces sp.	1		12.5	2		20	3		25	2		16.6
3	Thermo dichotomicus	10	10	100	9	12	75	10	13	76.9	12	15	80
	Thermactinomyces sp.	0.0		0.0	3		25	3		23.1	3		20
20	Thermo dichotomicus	20	50	40	25	52	48.2	25	55	45.5	27	55	49.1
	Thermo vulgaris	20		40	18		34.6	25		45.4	25		45.5
	Thermo sp.	10		20	7		13.2	5		9.1	3		5.5
40	Thermo dichotomicus	20	40	50	27	42	64.3	22	40	55	22	42	52
	Thermo vulgaris	20		50	10		23.8	18		45	20		48
	Thermo sp.	0.0		0.0	5		11.9	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0
80	Thermo dichotomicus	10	20	50	10	20	50	13	23	56.5	12	23	52.2
	Thermo vulgaris	10		50	10		50	10		43.5	11		47.8

