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(57) Abstract :
The invention relates to a method for enhancing the activity of peroxidase enzymes extracted from watermelon peel, utilizing metallic chlorides as activators in the oxidation of guaiacol. The study investigates the effects of metallic chloride salts, including CuCl₂, FeCl₃, KCl, and MgCl₂, at concentrations ranging from 0.5 mM to 2 mM. The reaction mixtures consist of crude peroxidase extract, sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.4), guaiacol, hydrogen peroxide, and the respective metallic chloride salt. The enzyme activity is measured spectrophotometrically at 470 nm by monitoring guaiacol oxidation. Results demonstrate that all tested metallic chlorides enhance peroxidase activity, with each exhibiting an optimal concentration for maximum activation. This invention provides a sustainable and cost-effective approach for utilizing agricultural waste, such as watermelon peel, to develop efficient biocatalysts with potential applications in industrial processes, environmental remediation, and biotechnological advancements.

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