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# Textile dyes decolorization and ligninolytic activity by marine-derived *Peniophora* sp. CBMAI 1063

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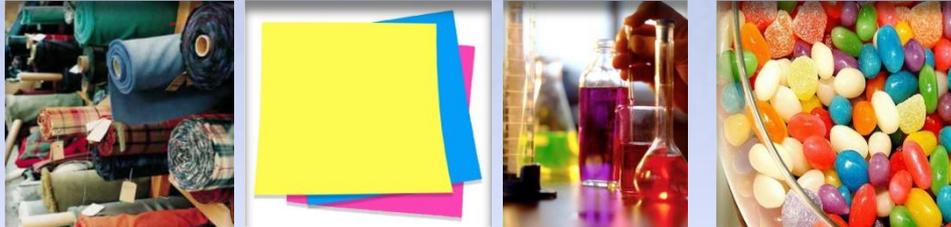


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# Introduction

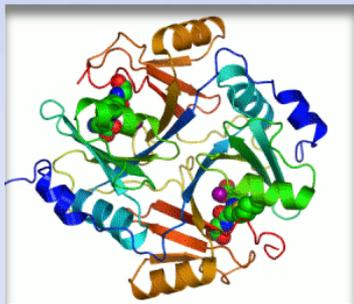
- ❑ Synthetic dyes are extensively used in different industries:



- ❑ The discharge of little amounts of dyes can harm the environment especially the aquatic ecosystem;
- ❑ Colored effluents released by different industries may be mutagenic, carcinogenic and toxic;



- Synthetic dyes are usually treated by physical or chemical methods (Fu and Viraraghavan, 2001);



Alternatives for the treatment of dye: ligninolytic fungi, which is able to produce extracellular nonspecific and non-stereoselective enzyme system (Enayatzamir et al., 2009), such as:

- Lignin peroxidases, manganese peroxidases and laccases

Ligninolytic enzymes

- Ability to decompose the heterogeneous plant polymer lignin;
- Potential application in bioremediation of toxic compounds, especially PAHs;

- Different groups of fungi have been reported as producers of ligninolytic enzymes;
- The **white-rot fungi** have received extensive attention due to their powerful production and decolorizing ability (Arora e Sharma, 2010);



- Recent isolation of strains with a better color removal ability different from terrestrial strains, calls worldwide attention towards to the search of fungi belonging to different ecophysiological and taxonomic groups (Hernández-Luna et al. 2008);



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### **Treatment of Colored Effluents with Lignin-Degrading Enzymes: An Emerging Role of **Marine-Derived Fungi****

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# Objective

The basidiomycete *Peniophora* sp. CBMAI 1063 isolated from the Brazilian sponge (Menezes et al. 2010), which showed efficient ligninolytic activity in previous studies (Bonugli-Santos et al. 2010), was evaluated in reference to the ability to decolorize two dyes used in the Brazilian textile industries: Remazol Brilliant Blue R – RBBR (also known as Reactive Blue 19) and Indigo dye.

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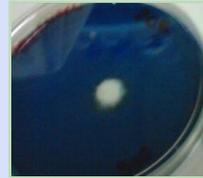
# Methods

## Screening of decolorization activity on solid media

### Culture media:

- ❖ Agar MA2
- ❖ Agar MA2+ 3% NaCl
- ❖ Agar MA2ASW (artificial sea water)

200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>  
of RBBR



200 mg L<sup>-1</sup>  
of Indigo

Incubation: 21 days at 28°C

After 7, 14 and 21 days of incubation:

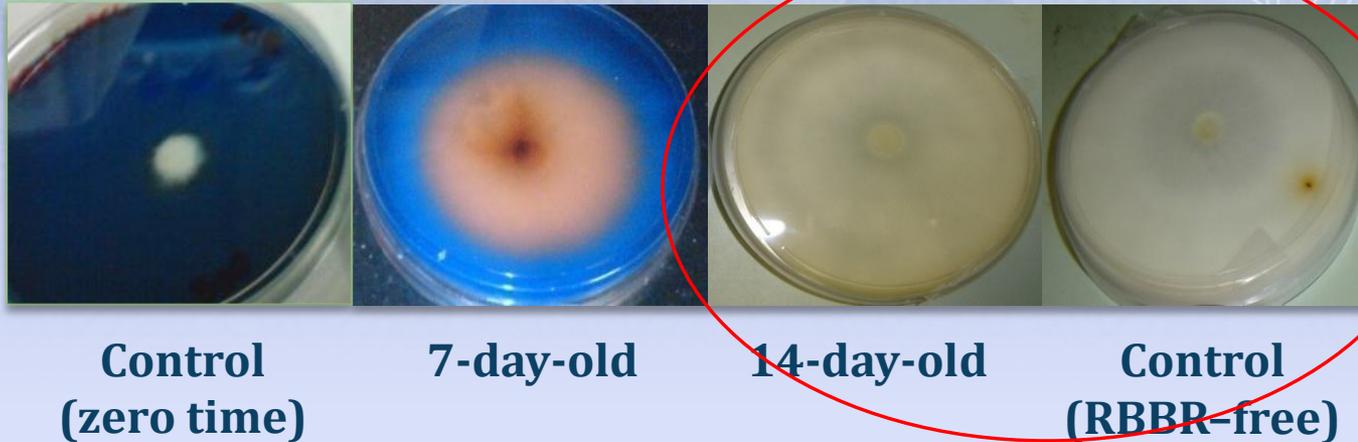
The fungal growth and the decolorization ability on these plates were compared with the controls (RBBR-free inoculated media)

# Results

- Fungal mycelia were, in general, not affected by dyes added to the medium, since the diameter growth of colony were similar to the control (RBBR-free) for both dyes;
- After 14 days the dye RBBR was completely decolorized by *Peniophora* sp. CBMAI 1063 in the medium without salt:

Media and Dye concentrations	Time of incubation					
	7 days		14 days		21 days	
	Growth	Decoloriz.	Growth	Decoloriz.	Growth	Decoloriz.
MA2 Control (RBBR-free)	7	0	Total	0	Total	0
MA2 + 200 mg L <sup>-1</sup> RBBR	7	5.1	Total	Total	Total	Total
MA2ASW Control (RBBR-free)	3	0	5,3	0	6,2	0
MA2ASW 200 mg L <sup>-1</sup> RBBR	3,3	0	4,6	0	6	0
MA2+3%NaCl Control (RBBR-free)	0	0	2	0	3,5	0
MA2+3%NaCl 200 mg L <sup>-1</sup> RBBR	0	0	2,3	0	2,8	0

- RBBR decolorization on MA2 medium:



- No decolorization was observed:
  - in saline conditions
  - for Indigo dye
- To stimulate the decolorization of Indigo the fungus was also inoculated at different concentrations of malt extract:

**MA1 (1% malt extract) and MA0,5 (0,5% malt extract)**

- There was no decolorization during 21 days of incubation

# Methods

## Determination of decolorization ability on liquid medium



Fungal culture plugs were transferred to 50 ml MA2 broth

After 72 h, at 140 rpm and 28°C:

RBBR (500 and 1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) was added



Incubation: 7 days, 28°C and 140 rpm



Aliquots from the cultures were taken after dye addition (zero time) and in each 24 hours

□ **Color reduction: Decolorizing activity** (López et al. 2006):

$$\text{Decolorization (\%)} = \frac{A_{\lambda \text{ initial}} - A_{\lambda \text{ Final}}}{A_{\lambda \text{ initial}}} \times 100$$

□ **Ligninolytic activities** (Bonugli-Santos et al. 2010) :

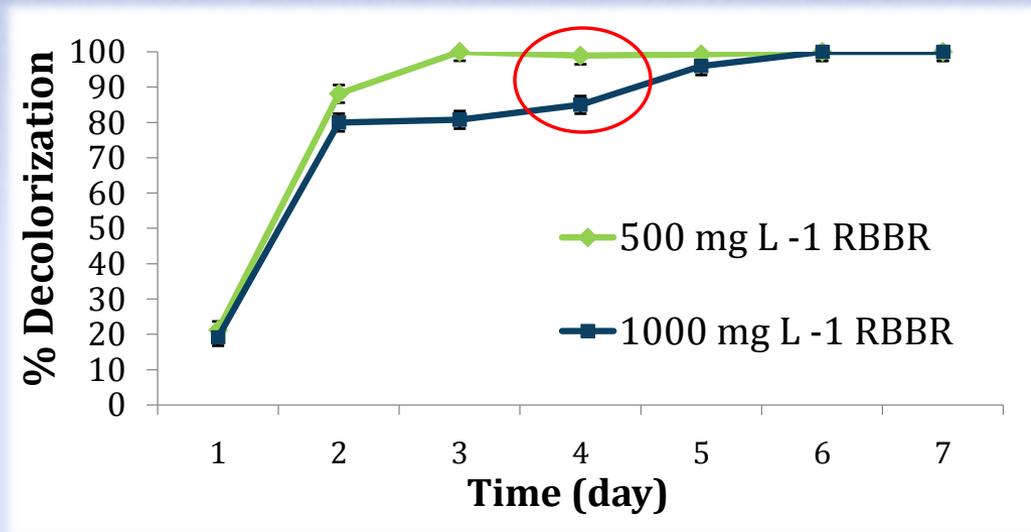
- Laccase: ABTS;
- MnP: phenol red;
- LiP: veratryl alcohol.



Samples were centrifuged (12,074 g, 10 min) and the supernatants were spectrophotometrically evaluated :

# Results

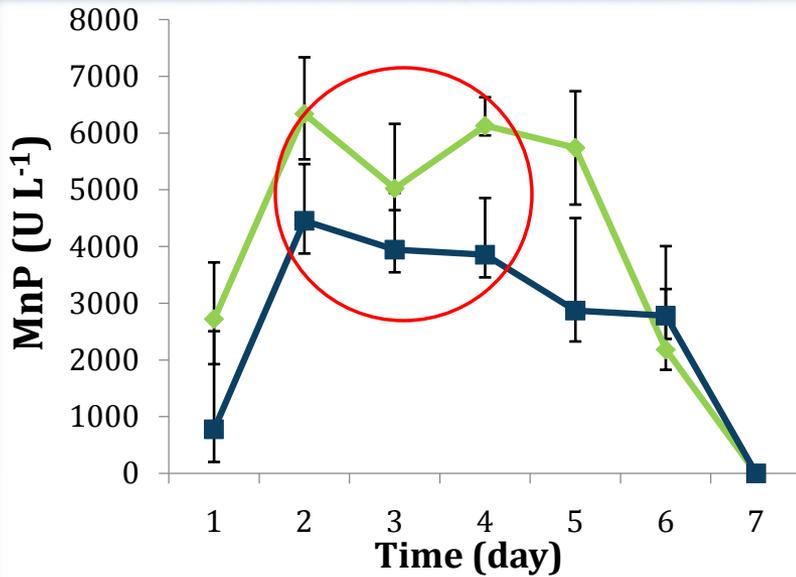
- RRBR was decolorized in the 4<sup>th</sup> day;



- Range of decolorization:



Control 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup> RBBR 1<sup>st</sup> day 2<sup>nd</sup> day 3<sup>rd</sup> day 4<sup>th</sup> day 5<sup>th</sup> day 6<sup>th</sup> day 7<sup>th</sup> day



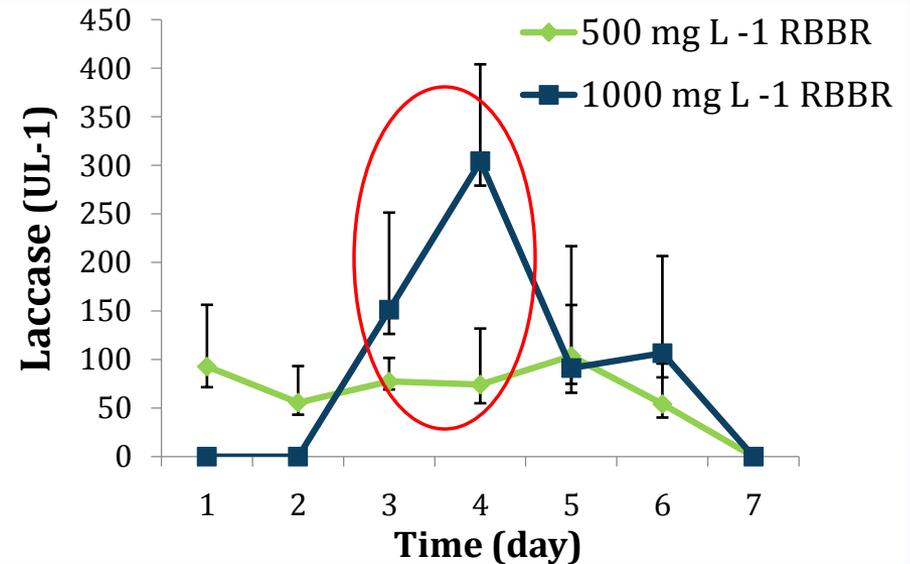
- MnP and laccase were detected during the decolorization process;
- LiP was not produced;
- The highest productions were proportional to the rate of decolorization;

□ The activity of MnP increased in the presence of RBBR;

Highest enzymatic activities in control (RBBR-free):

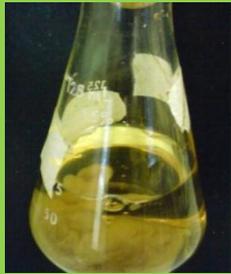
MnP = 1,099 UL<sup>-1</sup> (after 21 days)

Lac = 677.5 UL<sup>-1</sup> (after 7 days)



# Methods

## Determination of decolorization ability on crude enzymatic extract



7-day-old cultures  
(RBBR-free)

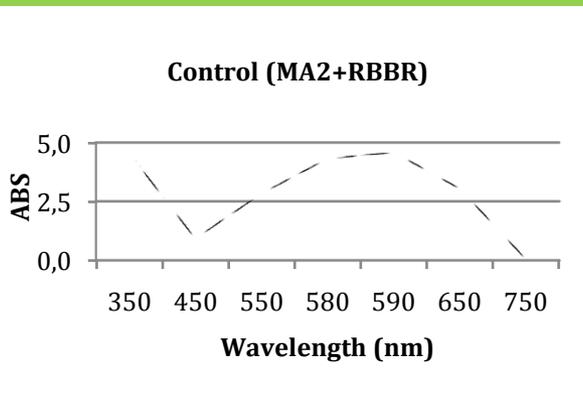


Centrifuged  
(12,074  
g, 30 min)



Supernatant samples with ligninolytic  
activity = crude enzymatic extract

RBBR (500  
mg L<sup>-1</sup>) were  
added

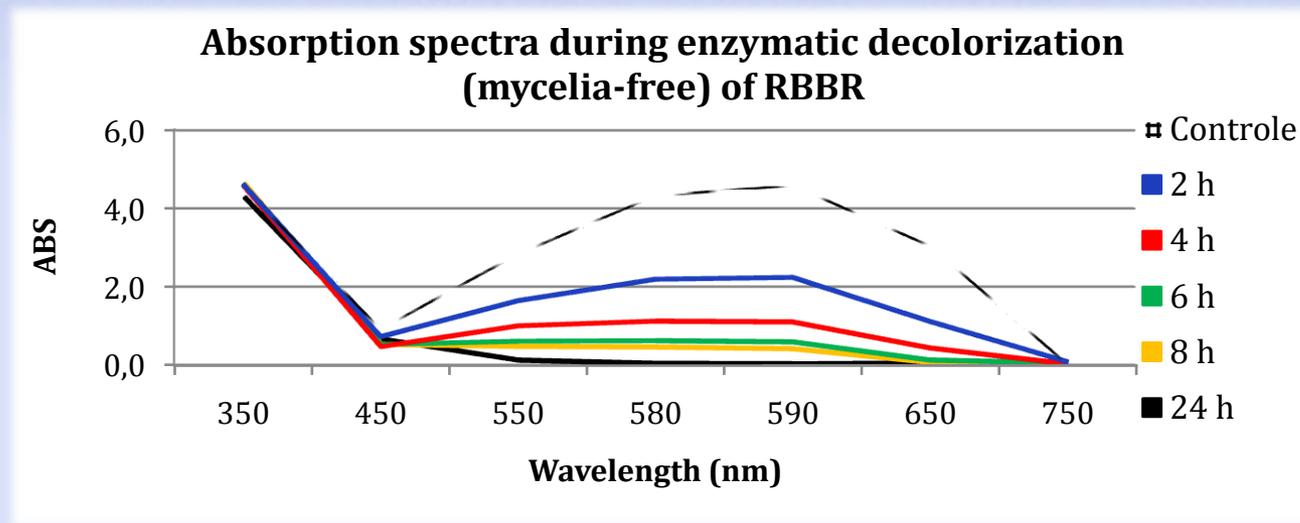


The absorption spectra were read at the  
range of 200–800 nm in each 2 h from  
time zero (addition RBBR) during 24 h  
of incubation at 28 °C



# Results

- After 2 h of incubation at 28°C, the crude enzymatic extract showed a decreasing of 50% in the absorption spectrum, reaching 100% after 24 h;



- This result showed that there was a complete removal of the major visible light absorbance peak, suggesting that RBBR decolorization can take place in the absence of mycelia.

# Discussion

- Representatives of genus *Peniophora* have been reported as able to decolorize RBBR dye (Barrasa et al. 2009) and to produce ligninolytic enzymes, mainly laccase (Niku-Paavola et al., 2004);



*Peniophora cinerea*



The evaluation of RBBR decolorization by terrestrial *Peniophora cinerea* showed that MnP is the mainly enzyme in the process (Machado et al., 2005).

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□ Advantage



Marine-derived fungi



□ Marine-derived fungi are being reported as efficient fungi for decolorization of dyes and colored effluents:

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**CNIDARIAN-DERIVED FILAMENTOUS FUNGI FROM BRAZIL:  
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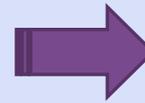
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- Fungi derived from marine environments have been one of the best alternatives for the bioremediation of environmental pollutants with **alkaline and/or saline conditions**, such as colored industrial effluents:



**Marine environment:**

- ph: ~ 8
- Salinity: ~ 3,5%

- Although there was no decolorization in saline conditions, *Peniophora* sp., produced significant amounts of Ligninolytic enzymes in the medium with saline conditions:

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## Laccase activity and putative laccase genes in marine-derived basidiomycetes

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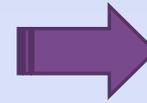
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### ABSTRACT

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Studies of laccases from marine-derived fungi are limited. In the present work, putative laccase genes from three marine-derived basidiomycetes and their laccase activities were evaluated. High amounts of laccase were produced by the fungal strains *Marasmiellus* sp. CBMAI 1062 (971.2 U L<sup>-1</sup>) and *Peniophora* sp. CBMAI 1063 (709.03 U L<sup>-1</sup>) when grown for 21 d at 28 °C in MA2ASW medium prepared with artificial seawater. Marine-derived basidiomycetes produced multiple distinct laccase sequences of about 200 bp with 73–90 % similarity to terrestrial basidiomycete laccases. *Marasmiellus* sp. CBMAI 1062 and *Tinctoporellus* sp.

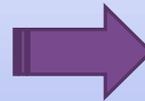
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### Marine environment:

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- Salinity: ~ 3,5%

- Marine-Derived *Peniophora* sp.



### Next steps:

- Decolorization ability in the liquid medium with saline conditions

# Conclusion

- ❑ RBBR decolorization is a good method for screening of ligninolytic activity and treatment of environmental pollutants ability;
- ❑ Additionally:
  - ❑ Probably, MnP is the main enzyme in this RBBR decolorization;
  - ❑ RBBR decolorization using crude enzymatic extract may be used in processes where the fungal cultivation could not be possible;
  - ❑ Results are valuable for several biotechnological applications;



# Next Steps

Results obtained in the present work stimulate the development of new studies concerning to:

- ❑ Decolorization and degradation of synthetic dyes in saline conditions;
- ❑ Decolorization and degradation of colored effluents, from the textile industries;
- ❑ Degradation of several environmental pollutants, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).



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