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ISOLATION OF PHYTOPATHOGENIC FUNGI V.2

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ABSTRACT

To control a disease it is essential to know its causal agent. A correct diagnosis provides a considerable amount of basic information to select correct control methods. An accurate diagnosis always starts with a representative sample of the damaged tissue, from which a portion is taken, to isolate the causal agent. In the case of phytopathogenic fungi, there are several isolation methods, depending on the tissue or substrate in which they are found. This protocol describes the isolation and purification of phytopathogenic fungi from leaves and fruits of different tropical crops.

ATTACHMENTS

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MATERIALS

STEP MATERIALS

3% NaOCl solution Contributed by users

water-agar medium (2%) Contributed by users

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Fungi Isolation

- 1 Cut diseased plant tissues, taken from the advanced margin of lesions, into small pieces (5 × 5 mm) with a scalpel.
- 2 Disinfest by immersing them in 3% NaOCl solution.
3% NaOCl solution **Contributed by users**
- 3 Rinse with sterile distilled water. (1/3)
- 4 Rinse with sterile distilled water. (2/3)

- 5 Rinse with sterile distilled water. (3/3)
- 6 Transfer each small piece onto 90 x 15 mm Petri Dish containing Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) medium.
- 7 Incubate at room temperature (25°C) for 7 days.

Fungi Purification

- 8 Cut in the edge of each fungi colony, with a scalpel a mycelial segment of approximately 5 x 5 mm.
- 9 Transfer each small mycelial piece onto 90 x 15 mm Petri dish containing water-agar medium (2%).
water-agar medium (2%) **Contributed by users**
- 10 Incubate at room temperature (25°C) for 5 days.
- 11 Observe the fungal colony on a stereo microscope and with an insulin syringe needle (29 gauge) cut one hyphae tip.
- 12 Transfer hyphae tip onto 90 x 15 mm Petri Dish containing Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) medium.

13 Incubate at room temperature (25°C) for 7 days.