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#### HETEROSIDASE ACTIVITIES EXTRACTED FROM THE SEEDS OF THE PITS OF SIX MANGO (MANGIFERA INDICA L) CULTIVARS

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#### Abstract

Heterosidases are enzymes capable of releasing bioactive molecules used in cosmetics, nutrition, medicine and in many other fields. For this work, the presence of glycosidases with heterosidase activities were detected in the seed of the kernels of six cultivars of mangoes (*Mangifera indica* L) cultivated in the region of DALOA (Côte d'Ivoire) in order to select new enzymatic sources to original activities. To do this, the crude enzymatic extracts were taken from the almonds of kernels of the LOCAL, KENT, CAMEROUN, TARDIVE, GREFFE and SUCETTE cultivars of mangoes. Specific activities were determined from these extracts and then compared. The heterosidase activities tested were those of the  $\beta$ -glucosidase,  $\beta$ -galactosidase,  $\beta$ -fucosidase and phosphatase activities. All these activities have been present in these cultivars. However, the highest specific activities were those of the LOCAL cultivar followed in general by those of the GREFFE cultivar. It therefore emerged from this study that these seeds have enzymatic equipment capable of degrading heterosides. These different glycosidases could constitute important enzymatic tools for the valorization of food and non-food biomolecules of agricultural raw materials and for the development of industry.

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#### Introduction:-

Enzymes are essential catalysts for all biological systems. They operate under relatively mild temperature, pH and pressure conditions (Johannes et al., 2006). They are therefore of undeniable scientific interest because of their catalytic properties. Their use in industry is mainly linked to their specificities and their catalytic efficiencies. The specificity helps prevent the formation of unwanted by-products that take place with chemical catalysts (Weil et al., 1998). Efficiency or productivity gain, the reduction in the quantities of secondary products and toxic waste in favor of research into biomolecules having not only industrial applications but which can allow the improvement of the properties of certain molecules. These many advantages open the

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industrial field to the use of enzymes in the sectors of agriculture, medicine, pharmacy, cosmetic, textile, stationery, tannery, enzymatic chemistry (production of antibiotics, amino acids...) and agro-industry (bakeries, starches, drinks and milk industries...)(Asano, 2003; de Melo et al., 2006; Piotrowska and Coper, 2010; Fareeha et al., 2011; Pandey et al., 2013). Despite their abundant use in industry, the enzymes currently available on the market are generally not very stable and some have a wide specificity. In addition, their yield remains low. The search for new enzymes with high stability, specific with good catalytic efficiency is therefore necessary because the yield and catalytic specificity also depend on the nature and origin of the enzyme used (Yoon and Ajisaka, 1996; Placier et al., 2009). For this purpose, enzymes are sought in bacteria, fungi, animals and plants such as breadfruit and mango, the fruit of *Mangifera indica* L. (Garima and Anil, 2021; Tiwari et al., 2013; Ya et al., 2014; Konan et al., 2008; Tamires et al., 2011). For this latter case, it must be recognized that many studies have been carried out on the pulp, skin and seed inside the kernel of this fruit (Tunchaivaphum et al., 2013; Yatnati et al., 2014; Asma, 2017; Ana et al., 2019; Risk, 2019). However, at the level of the kernel seed, enzymatic studies remain limited. We have therefore set ourselves the objective of detecting a certain number of enzymatic activities contained in the seeds of the kernel of six varieties of mango cultivated in the region of DALOA Côte d'Ivoire. To achieve the desired results, crude enzyme extracts are first prepared, then the hydrolase activities are assayed and finally specific activities are determined for better interpretation.

## Material and Methods:-

### Chemicals and reagents

para-nitrophenyl-glycopyranosides (pNP-glycopyranosides) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. All other chemicals and reagents were of analytical grade.

### Plant material

Mango stones of different cultivars were harvested from plantations around DALOA (Côte d'Ivoire). These pits of the mangoes were collected and dried in the sun for seven days to avoid humidity and more easily remove the seeds from the pits. Dried pits were cracked to obtain the kernels.

### Enzyme extraction

30 g of kernels were ground with 80 ml of sodium acetate buffer (20 mM, pH 5.6) containing 0.9% of sodium chloride. The liquid obtained is pooled and centrifuged at 12,000 g for 30 min. The obtained supernatant constituted the crude extract, which was stored at -20 °C.

### Protein assay

Protein concentration was determined spectrophotometrically at 660 nm by the method of Lowry et al. using bovine serum albumin as a standard (Lowry et al., 1951).

### Enzyme assay

Under the standard test conditions, hydrolytic activity of beta-glucosidase, beta-galactosidase, beta-fucosidase or phosphatase against pNP-beta-D-glucopyranoside, pNP-beta-D-galactopyranoside, pNP-beta-D-fucopyranoside or pNP-phosphate, respectively, were measured by the release of para-nitrophenol. An assay mixture (250 µl) containing 75 µl of pNP-glycopyranoside or pNP-phosphate (5 mM) in 20 mM sodium acetate buffer (pH 5.6) with 50 µl enzyme solution, was incubated at 37 °C for 10 min. The reference cell contained all reactants except the enzyme. The reaction was stopped by adding 2 ml of sodium carbonate (2%, w/v) and the absorbance of the assay solution was measured at 410 nm (Fagbohoun et al., 2012). One unit (U) of enzyme activity was defined as the amount of enzyme, which released one µmol of para-nitrophenol or reducing sugar per min under the defined reaction conditions (Bernfield, 1955). Specific activity was expressed as units per mg protein (U/mg of protein).

### Statistical analyses

All determinations reported in this study were carried out in triplicate. Results were expressed as means ± standard deviation.

## Results and Discussion:-

The results obtained show the hydrolase activities tested on the seeds of the kernel of the six mango cultivars are indeed present in the crude enzymatic extract. These are β-glucosidase, β-galactosidase, β-fucosidase, and phosphatase activities. These activities are expressed respectively as specific activities (Table I).

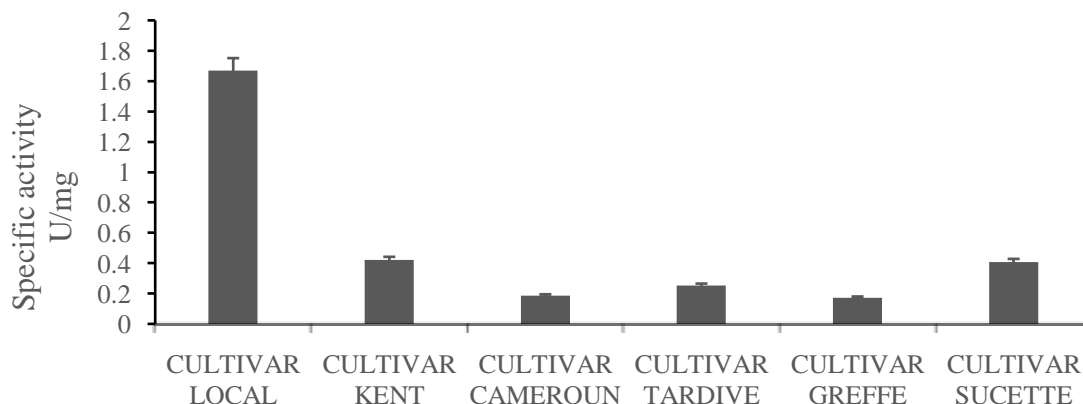
**Table I :-** The heterosidaseactivities tested on the seeds of the kernels of the six cultivars of mangoes.

| Cultivars | Specificactivities (U/mg) |                            |                        |                        |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|           | B-glucosidase Activities  | B-galactosidase activities | B-fucosidaseactivities | Phosphatase activities |
| LOCAL     | $1,668 \pm 1.10^{-3}$     | $1,641 \pm 1.10^{-3}$      | $1,491 \pm 7.10^{-2}$  | $1,162 \pm 3.10^{-3}$  |
| KENT      | $0,421 \pm 2.10^{-2}$     | $0,561 \pm 4.10^{-2}$      | $0,497 \pm 4.10^{-2}$  | $0,286 \pm 1.10^{-2}$  |
| CAMEROUN  | $0,186 \pm 1.10^{-3}$     | $0,241 \pm 4.10^{-3}$      | $0,238 \pm 3.10^{-3}$  | $0,175 \pm 1.10^{-2}$  |
| TARDIVE   | $0,253 \pm 2.10^{-3}$     | $0,281 \pm 3.10^{-3}$      | $0,271 \pm 6.10^{-3}$  | $0,193 \pm 5.10^{-3}$  |
| GREFFE    | $0,172 \pm 1.10^{-2}$     | $0,836 \pm 1.10^{-3}$      | $0,611 \pm 4.10^{-2}$  | $0,486 \pm 7.10^{-3}$  |
| SUCETTE   | $0,408 \pm 3.10^{-2}$     | $0,489 \pm 1.10^{-2}$      | $0,496 \pm 4.10^{-3}$  | $0,381 \pm 2.10^{-2}$  |

### $\beta$ -glucosidase activities

Fig. 1 represents the different values of specific  $\beta$ -glucosidase activities. This shows that the highest specific activity is that of the LOCAL cultivar followed by that of the KENT cultivar. It should be remembered that  $\beta$ -glucosidases from different sources and having specific activities higher or lower than that of the LOCAL cultivar were extracted and then characterized. We will quote that of *A. niger* URM 6642 (3.7789 U/mg) and that of the crab *C. amatum* (0.97 U/mg) (Oriente, 2015 ; Ya et al., 2014). This means that  $\beta$ -glucosidases can be of animal, plant, microbial and fungal origin (Bujang et al., 2014 ; Vassao et al., 2018 ; Naz et al., 2010 ; Folasade et al., 2016 ; Yao et al., 2016 ; Méndez-literet et al., 2018). This diversity at the level of origins assumes that these enzymes are not only different from each other but they also express particularities during the processes of degradation or synthesis of biomolecules. Regarding the role of these enzymes, it should be noted that they are involved in the hydrolysis of  $\beta$ -glycosidic bonds between an aglycone which can be an alkyl or aryl group and a glucose molecule or between two glyconerisidues (Padmavathi and Rashmi, 2017). This capacity allows them to release or synthesize phenolic compounds and other alkaloids from plants, aromatic compounds in wines, to allow total saccharification of cellulose material... (Huajian et al., 2015). Given the multiplicity of roles of these enzymes, it would be interesting, through additional studies, to understand not only their roles in the degradation or synthesis of macromolecules in these plant species, but also to elucidate their uses in the development of resources of agricultural origins in order to consider their exploitation for industrial purposes. Enzymes extracted from the LOCAL and KENT cultivars possessing the highest specific activities could be subsequently concerned by these studies.

### BETA-GLUCOSIDASE ACTIVITIES

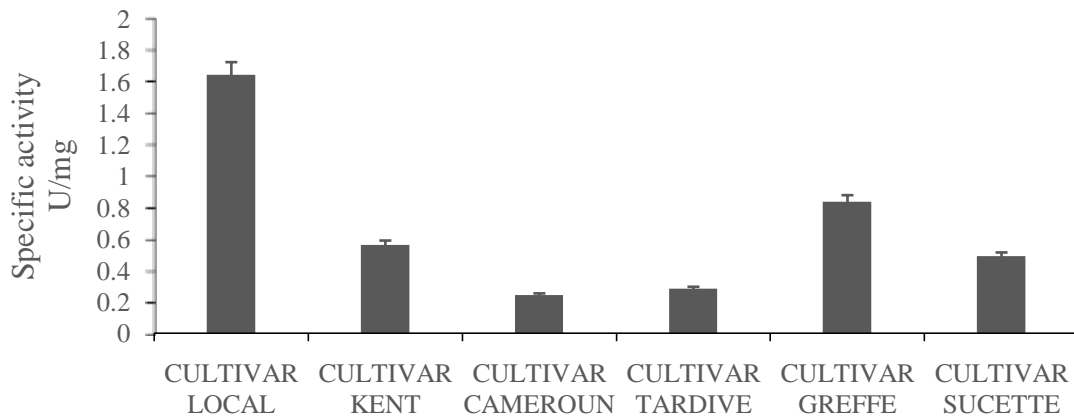


**Fig. 1:-** The  $\beta$ -glucosidase activities present in the seeds of the kernel of six cultivars of mangoes  $\beta$ -galactosidase activities.

Regarding  $\beta$ -galactosidase activities, the most important specific activity is that of the LOCAL cultivar followed by that of the GREFFE cultivar (Fig. 2). These values are greater than that (0.115 U/mg) of the thermostable  $\beta$ -galactosidase extracted from *Thermus* sp. A4, but remain much lower than that (6.5 U/mg) of  $\beta$ -galactosidase from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* (Ohtsu et al., 1989 ; Chen et al., 2008). Indeed  $\beta$ -galactosidase not only plays an important role in industry but also in treatment of certain biological deficiencies. In industry, it is used in the treatment of whey, in the hydrolysis of lactose in order to increase the sweetening power, to reduce its hygroscopic capacity and its crystallization when storing dairy products (Sagib et al., 2017 ; Klein et al., 2010). In the treatment of deficiency, it

has been reported that the presence of excess lactose in the intestine could lead to decreased calcium absorption and tissue (Sagib et al., 2017). These facts would be the cause of diarrhea, gas and other inconveniences (Lukito et al., 2015; Felicilda-reynaldo and Kenneally, 2016). A lack of  $\beta$ -galactosidase in the intestine therefore leads to intolerance of milk and its derivatives by some people. In addition,  $\beta$ -galactosidase is capable of synthesizing glycoconjugates (Mahdian et al., 2016). In general,  $\beta$ -galactosidases are preferably extracted from bacteria, yeasts and other fungi and from plants; mainly in fruits during the ripening process, but rarely in seeds (Seddigh and Darabi, 2014).  $\beta$ -galactosidases have just been detected in the seeds of the kernels of different mango cultivars, some with high specific activities. As specificity, catalytic efficiency, temperature and pH conditions of all enzymes depend on origin species,  $\beta$ -galactosidases from LOCAL and GREFFE cultivars with the highest specific activities could be investigated in order to know their performance and interests.

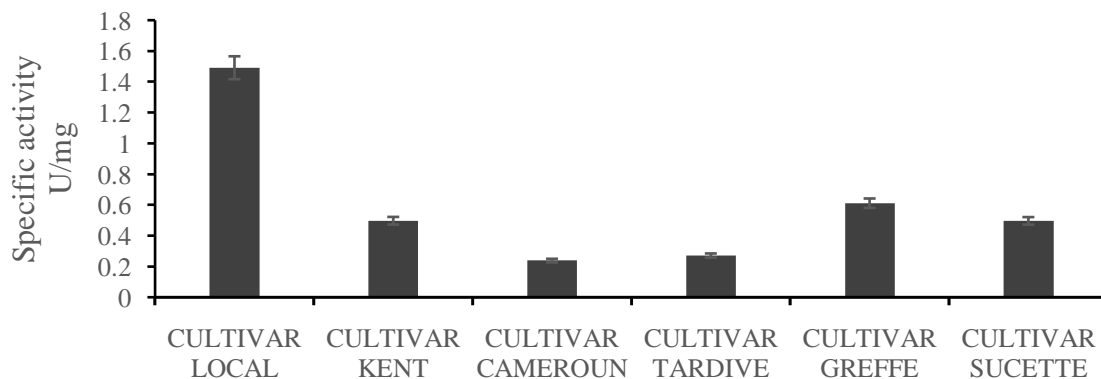
### BETA-GALACTOSIDASE ACTIVITIES



**Fig.2:-** The  $\beta$ -galactosidase activities present in the seeds of the kernel of six cultivars of mangoes  $\beta$ -fucosidase activities.

The value of specific activity of the  $\beta$ -fucosidase extracted from the LOCAL cultivar is beyond all the values of the specific activities of the other cultivars. This value is more than double that of the specific activity of the GREFFE cultivar. It is three times higher than the values of the respective specific activities of KENT and SUCETTE cultivars (Fig.3). This high specific activity value could be of interest. However, there is no reliable and seductive information on the industrial utility of  $\beta$ -fucosidase (Wierzbicka-Woś et al., 2013). In addition, it is often associated with  $\beta$ -glucosidase activities (Nunoura et al., 1996). The specificity of  $\beta$ -fucosidase is therefore rarely strict. Only a strictly active  $\beta$ -fucosidase would have been isolated from the latex of *Lactuca sativa* (Giordani and Noat, 1998). Nevertheless, an in-depth study of this  $\beta$ -fucosidase from the LOCAL cultivar could confirm or refute these observations.

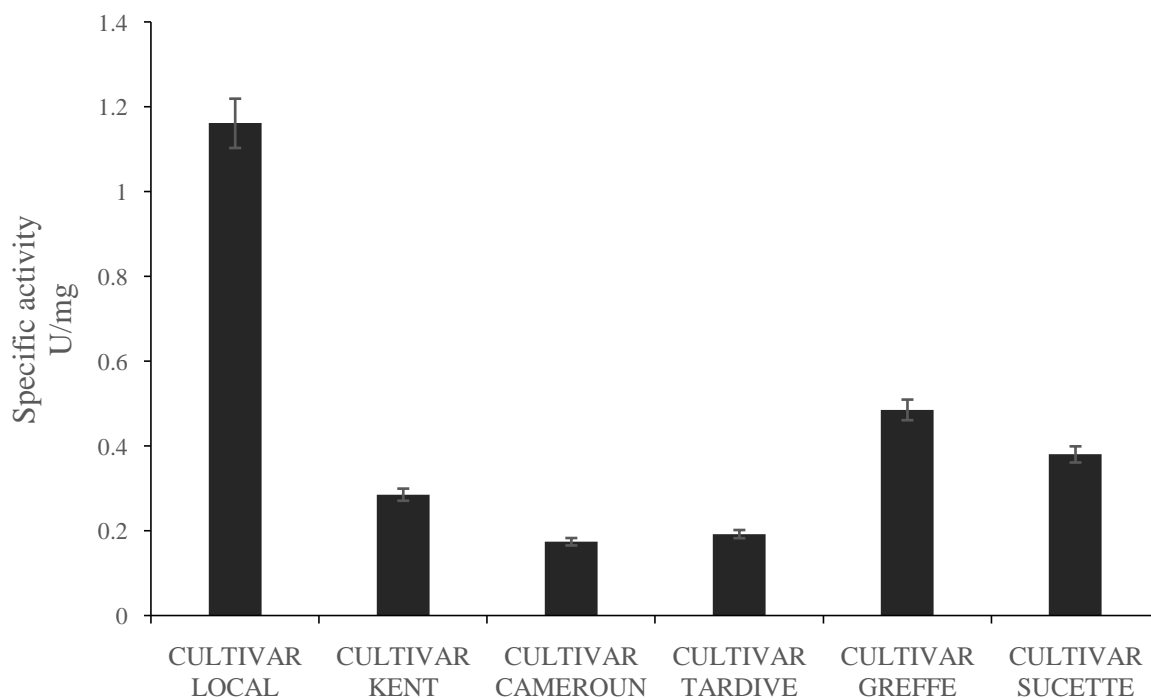
### BETA-FUCOSIDASE ACTIVITIES



**Fig. 3:-** The  $\beta$ -fucosidase activities present in the seeds of the kernel of six cultivars of mangoes Phosphatase activities.

The phosphatase remains higher in the LOCAL cultivar with a very high specific activity while it is declining in the other cultivars (Fig. 4). These phosphatase activities were determined under the experimental conditions at pH = 5.6. It was specified that only acid phosphatases are active at this pH because in general, they have an optimal pH of less than seven (Turner, 2010). When the pH is greater than seven, the phosphatase is said to be alkaline (Pedro and Luis, 2020). In addition, a number of phosphomonoesterases have an optimum pH between 4.5 and 6.5 when the para-NitroPhenylphosphate substrate is used (Turner, 2010). Phosphatases are a group of enzymes that hydrolyse phosphoric ester bonds releasing inorganic phosphates in an acidic medium ( $5.0 < \text{pH} < 6.0$ ) (Kouadio et al., 2006). They are involved in the assimilation of inorganic phosphate, in the mechanism of regulation and production of energy, in the hydrolysis of various forms of organic phosphate in the soil and in phosphorus pesticides (Kouadio et al., 2009). They are studied in animals, microorganisms and plants (Vance et al., 2003 ; Touhami et al., 2020). An acid phosphatase with a specific activity of 1.82 U/mg was extracted from wheat germ and immobilized on an agarose gel (Kalita and Ambascht, 2019). This value is higher than those obtained from the enzymatic extracts of the seeds of kernels of the six cultivars of mangoes. However, phosphatases with specific activities lower than those of the LOCAL and GREFFE cultivars have already been purified and characterized (Kouadio et al., 2006). It would therefore be justified to pay particular attention to the study of the phosphatases revealed from the extracts of the seeds of mango kernel because they could intervene in the conservation and therefore in the valorization of these seeds which are until today released into nature and thus constitute a source of pollution of our environment.

#### PHOSPHATASE ACTIVITIES



**Fig. 4:-** The phosphatase activities present in the seeds of the kernel of six cultivars of mangoes.

#### Conclusion:-

This study finally showed the existence of several enzymatic activities which are the  $\beta$ -glucosidase,  $\beta$ -galactosidase,  $\beta$ -fucosidase and phosphatase activities in the seeds of the kernel of the mangoes of the LOCAL, KENT, CAMEROUN, TARDIVE, GREFFE and SUCETTE cultivars. The LOCAL cultivar, compared to others, exhibits the highest values of specific activity. The presence of all glycosidase activities in these seeds places us on the potential that would be available to us if these enzymes were used in the development of agricultural resources. However, all these enzymes with these activities must first be purified and characterized in order to identify their full potential. In addition, this study is not exhaustive, which means that other enzymatic activities could still be detected in these seeds of kernels.

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