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ABSTRACT

To improve the protein content and nutritional value of some agricultural wastes; tomato leaves, sugar beet leaves, sugar beet pulp, rice straw and sugarcane bagasse, *Trichoderma viridi*, *T. harzianum* and *T. reesei* were used. In this experiment, crude protein contents recorded 3.75, 5.62, 10.62, 14.31 and 15.12% of the raw cellulosic wastes sugarcane bagasse, rice straw, sugar beet pulp, tomato leaves and sugar beet leaves, respectively. Results showed that, pretreatment of wastes with acid (0.5 N H₂SO₄) and boiling for 60min. of tomato leaves increased crude protein content in fermented substrate using *Trichoderma viridi*, *T. harzianum* and *T. reesei* , 15.12 to 18.53, 18.52 and 18.25% after 5, 10 and 15 days, of fermentation time respectively. Where sugar beet leaves yielded the highest crude protein content (14.2%) after 5 days with *T. reesei*. Treated sugar beet pulp was the most efficient pretreatment for the production of maximum crude protein content (17.9%) with *T. reesei* after 5 days. Whereas, Rice straw supplemented with ammonium sulphate increased crude protein content to 7.92, 7.83 and 7.79% for *T. reesei*, *T. viridi* and *T. harzianum*, respectively after 10 days of fermentation period. From the biological assay in which albino mice were used, except for 40% which was not economically efficient ,it is recommended to use diet supplemented with 10, 20% of fermented cellulosic wastes to improve the nutritive value of the studied cellulosic wastes as animal feed .