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Article Title : Isolation and Selection of Radiation Resistant Fungi from Mamuju High Natural Radiation Soil for Uranium and Thorium Bioremediation

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	<p>pipetted into a shake flask, then 2 ml of 5% ascorbic acid and 5 ml of 0.05 N TOPO solution were added. The solution was shaken for 2 minutes and left until the organic phase separated well from the aqueous phase. After separation, 2 ml of the organic phase was pipetted and put into a 25 ml volumetric flask. Next, 1 ml of complex II solution, 1 ml of pH 8.35 buffer solution, and 2 ml of 0.05% Bromo-PADAP solution were added. After 10 minutes, alcohol was added until the volume of the solution was exactly 25 ml. For the preparation of the blank, 2 ml of TOPO was pipetted into a 25 ml volumetric flask, and the same reagents as numbers 2 to 3 were added. Uranium complex solution with Bromo-PADAP was allowed to stand for at least 30 minutes, after which the absorbance was measured with a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 574 nm.</p>	<p>was pipetted into a shake flask, then 2 mL of 5% ascorbic acid and 5 mL of 0.05 N TOPO solution were added. The solution was shaken for 2 minutes and left until the organic phase separated well from the aqueous phase. After separation, 2 mL of the organic phase was pipetted and put into a 25 mL volumetric flask. Next, 1 mL of complex II solution, 1 mL of pH 8.35 buffer solution, and 2 mL of 0.05% Bromo-PADAP solution were added. After 10 minutes, alcohol was added until the volume of the solution was exactly 25 mL. For the preparation of the blank, 2 mL of TOPO was pipetted into a 25 mL volumetric flask, and the same reagents as numbers 2 to 3 were added. Uranium complex solution with Bromo-PADAP was allowed to stand for at least 30 minutes, after which the absorbance was measured with a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 574 nm.</p>	<p>units from “ml” and “liter” to “mL” and “L” throughout the text.</p>
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