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Basidiomycetous Mushrooms: Nutritional Bioactivity, Immunomodulation, and Sustainable Cultivation Strategies

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ABSTRACT

Mushrooms can be a nutritional food as well as provide valuable antibacterial, antioxidant, and immunomodulatory properties. Thus, mushrooms contain bioactive constituents which can be used for prevention and management of multiple health concerns, suggesting mushrooms can be a functional food. The growing developments in agricultural biotechnology present increasingly environmentally sustainable agricultural production systems that induce alternative systems, creating no waste and agricultural methods created. Mushroom production methods have developed as an innovative option to combat the growing challenges of food insecurity and public health issues since fungi use much fewer resources and utilize agricultural byproducts. As the science continues to demonstrate the range of health benefits of mushrooms, including mushrooms into various food systems and

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agricultural systems will continue to increase around the globe while enhancing human health and environmental sustainability.

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Introduction

Mushrooms can be a valuable nutritional food along with having antibacterial, antioxidant, and immunomodulatory properties. Therefore mushrooms have bioactive properties that can be added for prevention and use in addressing various health issues, which provides an indication that mushrooms can have functional properties. The world of agricultural biotechnology is growing into the future by creating increasingly environmentally sustainable agricultural production systems inducing alternative systems that create zero waste and have agricultural practices created. Mushroom production has been one way to address food insecurity, and public health concerns since it uses fewer resource inputs and can utilize agricultural byproducts. As the scientific understanding continues to add to the multitude of the health benefits of mushrooms, the utilization of mushrooms in food and agricultural systems around the world will continue to grow while portraying both human health and environmental sustainability as priorities. Pleurotus ostreatus and Agaricus bisporus are prevalent in the global market, providing vital support to food safety and rural economies (Kalač, 2016). Compared to conventional agriculture, mushrooms need significantly less land, water, and energy, and are therefore sustainable and environmentally friendly as a crop. With their multi-faceted advantages — ranging from nutrients to medicine and sustainability — mushrooms are becoming more and more the standout crop of innovative food systems. Integrated protocols across cultivation, research, and reporting can unlock their full value as renewable, health-promoting food sources.

Mycological Contribution to Human Vitamins and Gastronomy

Eatable fungi have added to human diets for centuries now not only best suited to their nutritional cost but also better in terms of taste and diversity. They are rich in protein and nutritional fiber and, simultaneously, low in fat and energy content.

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Mushrooms are good sources of essential vitamins such as riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), and pantothenic acid (B5) that contribute to supporting metabolism, cellular functions, and healing healthy skin, hair, and the nervous system. Mushrooms are also good sources of essential minerals such as potassium, phosphorus, selenium, and copper. Potassium maintains blood pressure, while copper is essential in red blood cell production and immune function. When irradiated with ultraviolet (UV) light, mushrooms yield vitamin D, which plays an important role in calcium metabolism and bone health. Fiber contained in them, i.e., beta-glucans, is also associated with strengthened immune protection, cholesterol reduction, as well as reduced coronary heart disease risk and type 2 diabetes risks. Mushrooms further have antioxidants other than ergothioneine and glutathione, which fight oxidative stress and age-related illness (Royse, Baars, & Tan, 2017) Preparation-wise, mushrooms add a unique umami flavor, which is due to free amino acids such as glutamic acid, and enhances the flavor of soups, stews, sauces, and salads. They can be served clean, dried, grilled, roasted, or steamed. Such as shiitake (Lentinula edodes) and maitake (Grifola frondosa) are highly valued in Asian cuisine for his or her own flavor and health benefits. Portobello mushrooms are excellent substitutes for meat because of their firm texture and strong flavor, and are extremely well-liked in vegetarian meals such as burgers and sandwiches. The strong scent of dried mushrooms like porcini adds class to gourmet foods like risottos and pastas. Shared, mushrooms unite taste, nutrition, and sustainability to create an integral element of modern cuisine and a nutritious, sustainable food system.

Functional Mycological Agents in Health and Nutrition

Fit to consume mushrooms have been for long diagnosed as not suitable for his or her nutritional diet history but for his or her medicine eventuality. They are obviously poor in fats and calories but are high in bioactive composites as well as vitamins, phenolic composites, terpenoids, and polysaccharides. Habitual input of mushrooms is associated with bettered vulnerable and cardiovascular function, along with reduced threat of habitual conditions similar as diabetes, cancer, and neurodegenerative complaint (Wang, Hu, & Bao, 2020). Mushrooms contribute to the preservation of health and the prevention of disease through their medicinal properties. Their immunomodulatory effect is due to bioactive composites present in

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species similar as Ganoderma lucidum (reishi), Lentinula edodes (shiitake), and Grifola frondosa (maitake). Polysaccharides, specifically beta- glucans, serve a significant part by stimulating vulnerable cells that comprise macrophages, dendritic cells, and natural killer cells. These vulnerable- modulating goods restate into the fact that mushrooms retain great eventuality in enhancing the frame's impunity against infection and disease. Yes, certain mushrooms like Pleurotus ostreatus (oyster mushroom) and Agaricus bisporus (button mushroom) contain low fat and cholesterol and can regulate blood pressure. These correspond of substances similar as ergo sterol that affect lipid metabolism and play a part in the lowering of cholesterol. Also, mushrooms are rich in salutary fiber and antioxidants similar as ergothioneine and selenium, which combat oxidative stress and free revolutionaries — factors important in the development of cardiovascular complaint (Liu, Lou, & Chen, 2017). Through perfecting blood rotation and precluding arterial shrine conformation, mushrooms might also lessen the peril of heart assaults and related ails. Also, bioactive factors set up in species like Curious vesicular (lemon tail), Lentinula edodes, and Grifola frondosa show off antitumor houses. Polysaccharides from these mushrooms can alter vulnerable responses, inhibit excrescence smash, and induce apoptosis in utmost cancers cells. Shiitake mushrooms, in particular, have vindicated the eventuality to inhibit the progression of liver, colon, and bone cancers by way of enhancing vulnerable surveillance. standard, safe to eat mushrooms are not only a scrumptious and nutritional reflections source but also give huge-ranging medicinal advantages, conforming of antibacterial, immunomodulatory, cardio protective, anticancer, and neuroprotective consequences.

Bioactivity of Mushrooms

Antimicrobial and antioxidant parcels Comestible mushrooms are n't only well honored for being healthy to eat but for their well- studied antibacterial and antioxidant goods. Mushrooms contain numerous bioactive motes including proteins, terpenoids, phenols and polysaccharides which are responsible for utmost of their remedial goods. These composites parade inhibitory antibacterial and antioxidant goods in combating infection, reducing oxidative stress and promoting overall health (Water, 2014). Several studies have shown that certain mushrooms are suitable to inhibit the growth of bacteria and contagions. For illustration,

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Ganoderma lucidum(reishi), Trametes versicolor(lemon tail) and Lentinula edodes(shiitake) have shown promising antibacterial parcels against bacteria similar as Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli(Hirata et al., 2017) and are used medicinally to help or treat infections(Zhao et al., 2018), especially in immunocompromised cases. Mushrooms also contain high antioxidant exertion from mushroom- deduced products that help in negative free revolutionaries and reducing oxidative stress in the body. Mushrooms are excellent sources of herbal antioxidants. The antioxidants in mushrooms comprise flavonoids, phenolic acids, and ergothioneine, a strong mushroom- grounded antioxidant with great loose radical scavenging capability. Antioxidants in mushrooms help guard cells from oxidative damage, drop inflammation, and drop aging (Sánchez et al., 2020). Habitual consumption of shiitake mushrooms has demonstrated a substantial reduction in oxidative stress markers, maintaining cellular integrity and reducing the risk of chronic disease. Other mushrooms similar as maitake produce exceptional situations of ergothioneine, which aids in protection to the host body and apkins from oxidative stress (Wu et al., 2020). Oysfer mushrooms (Pleurotus ostreatnesus) have also been reported to have remarkable antioxidant exertion due to their high content of flavonoids, phenolic acids, and vitamin C. in addition to their antioxidant exertion, mushrooms can induce the body's own antioxidant defense mechanisms and modify the vulnerable system to ameliorate overall impunity to infections and other conditions. According to current literature, comestible mushrooms are considered functional foods with significant antibacterial and antioxidant conditioning that promotes health and heartiness and protection from complaint.

Immunomodulatory Potential and Sustainable Cultivation of Fit for Human Consumption

Fungi In addition to their taste and nutritional content, edible mushrooms are prized for their immunomodulatory properties. Immune boosting comes from the several bioactive chemicals in mushrooms including proteins, terpenoids, phenolic acids, and polysaccharides. Beta-glucans in mushrooms are particularly effective immunomodulators that can improve both natural and adaptive immunity. Chen et al., 2020: They stimulate several key immune cells including dendritic cells, macrophages, and natural killer (NK) cells that enhance innate immune activity

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against pathogens. Common eaten varieties with particularly strong immune-activating qualities are Pleurotus ostreatus (oyster mushroom), Ganoderma lucidum (reishi), Lentinula edodes (shiitake), and Grifola frondosa (maitake). Studies reveal that these mushrooms can encourage immune surveillance systems that help to identify and control fungal, viral, and bacterial infections. Wang et al., 2019) Shiitake also has antioxidant molecules like ergothioneine and selenium that help the immune system by lowering oxidative damage. Important for control, reishi has more significant quantities of triterpenes and polysaccharides that can also boost immune activity, therefore increasing NK cell capability and interferon synthesis. beta–glucans found in maitake mushrooms were shown to stimulate both humoral and adaptive immunity, therefore strengthening immune against viral infections (Li et al., 2021) and cancer. Sustainability in agriculture is especially important given the rising world's population and growing need for food. Large volumes of water, land, and chemicals cause greenhouse gas emissions, water shortages, and deforestation. By contrast, growing mushrooms can offer a healthy, eco-friendly food choice for human health and help to maintain ecological balance. Edible fungi call for far less natural resources than standard farming and crop output, so appealing substitute for world food security, sustainability, and climate change management (Royse et al., 2017). Providing a possible sustainable food source that might chance less land, water, and energy and carbon than other food production systems, mushroom cultivation will help to help with problems of resource depletion and climate change.

Selective Breeding and Genome enhancement of Fungal Species

Using genetic tactics has had significant enhancements to edible mushroom production as it is now able to bypass issues related to the unpredictable genetic structure of fungi that affects breeding. Genetic engineering techniques are taking mushroom strains to improved traits such as faster growth, better yield, and resistance to some diseases and variable environmental conditions. In particular, species like Pleurotus ostreatus have been genetically modified for tolerance against altering environments relating to temperature shift and nutrient reduction. Scientists genetically modified Agirurus bisporus strains for maximized antioxidant activity due to enhanced selenium and polyphenols (Martínez et al., 2021).

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Manipulating genetic traits may improve shelf life and texture among other factors for both consumers and processors. Due to health and environmental issues with its random application, the industry is looking for more effective genetic methods as a preferable approach for resistance to a larger extent as it relates to pesticide chemical insecticides. Genes for resistance to pathogens, such as Verticillium fungicola, which presents a high risk to various Agaricus species, have been engineered for reduced reliance on pesticides (Garcia & Ramirez, 2020). RNA interference (RNAi) methods offer higher resolution by silencing pathogens with no negative impact on the mushroom host (Tanaka et al., 2022). Furthermore, bioreactor systems can fine-tune growing conditions- moisture, temperature, and light—for edible mushrooms, such as Ganoderma lucidum, which can also be produced sub-thermally year-round to enhance the output of valuable bioactive compounds, including triterpenoids and polysaccharides that support large-scale production for the rising functional foods industry (Singh & Kumar, 2023). Together, these biotechnological applications support sustainable and environmentally-friendly production of mushrooms.

Biochemical Fermentation Methods and Enzymatic Biosynthesis

Mushroom biotechnology fermentation strategies have medicinal and nutritional values. These values are achieved by liberating bioactive compounds, such as enzymes and peptides, which might not otherwise be present in raw mushroom products. For example, the fermented product of Pleurotus ostreatus with probiotic microorganisms enhances the protein bioavailability and vitamin content quality of the fermented mushroom, hence increasing its health-promoting activity (Singh & Sharma, 2019). Biosynthesis through enzymes in fermentation also maximizes polysaccharides and antioxidant molecules used in functional foods and natural medicine (Chen et al., 2021).

Using Recovery Flow Control to Manage Waste

Genetic engineering is vital to enhancing environmental abilities of mushrooms, particularly biodegradation of organic waste. Mushrooms are highly efficient in dismantling complex lignocellulosic substrates found abundantly in agricultural waste, including large timber chips, straw, and crop residues. This decomposition of the substrate into simpler forms through enzymes used by the fungi is offered as

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building blocks for the system's reuse or conversion into value-added products like compost and biofuels. The biodegradation process not only reduces the volume of agricultural waste but also significantly reduces the carbon-foot print of the traditional methods of waste disposal. There is ample evidence to showcase those disposal methods like burning or landfilling are contributors to pollution and greenhouse gas emissions Because of biotechnological advances, fungal strains can be improved substantially through experimentation and innovation in fermentation for better production of enzymes that can do the decomposition of plastic with more and more efficiency and speed. This also sits in line with the circular economy's mores of reducing waste and lowering resource destruction of deleterious effects on the environment. Fungal biodegradation can be carried with cellulolytic, hemicellulolytic, and ligninolytic enzymes and cellulolytic enzymes do seem to be very important in the biological process for many of the biodegradation catalysis of plant matrix degradation and biodegradable polymer.

Conclusion

Various mushrooms can serve as sources for nutrition in addition to their outstanding antibacterial, antioxidant, and immunomodulatory properties. Along with other bioactive compounds, such mushrooms could play a significant role in preventing and managing many health problems, thus serving as a potential functional food. The continuous advancement of agricultural biotechnology has led to much more sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices that support other models of agriculture-free waste production. Since they require fewer inputs and can be cultivated on agricultural waste, mushrooms are being made a part of innovative ways of addressing the international issue of food insecurity and general health management. As research keeps on proving the health benefits of mushrooms, their widespread adoption into various food systems and agricultural models across the globe would go a long way in ensuring better health for people and environmental sustainability.

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