

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MICROBIAL TECHNIQUES AS A TOOL
FOR BIOLOGICAL REMEDIATION OF LANDFILL LEACHATE:
MINI REVIEW**

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ABSTRACT

Landfill is the common method of waste management in most part of the world particularly developing countries due to low technology know-how. This method of solid waste disposal is meant to better the living standard of mankind but the unplanned production of landfill leachate reverse the same standard by impacting negatively to the environment which in turn affect mankind. Different method of treating landfill leachate have been develop, but most of this method are not easily accessible, the use of microbe for biological treatment of landfill leachate has gained the attention of researchers since the potentiality of many microbe has been attested for high pollutant

reduction efficiency from landfill leachate but the onsite application of this method remains a problem owing to the lack of genomic, metabolomic and proteomic details to prove the efficiency of this microbes to effectively degrade pollutants from landfill leachates. This mini-review is aimed at evaluating the contribution of microbe towards the success of landfill leachate treatment and the role of molecular genomics in achieving the onsite treatment of landfill leachates. The mini-review report the role of metanogenic and acetogenic bacteria in the formation of landfill leachate, current trend in biological treatment of landfill leachate, the role of mycoremediation, phycoremediation and bioremediation (bacteria) in landfill leachates treatment and current contribution and the future of molecular tool in increasing the efficiency of microbe in landfill leachates treatment. The molecular genomics of microbe

used in the treatment of landfill leachates need to be further studied to attest the role of genomics, proteomics and metabolomic constituent for efficient onsite application.

KEYWORDS: Proteomic, Organic Pollutants, Phycoremediation, Mycoremediation, Underground water.

INTRODUCTION

Landfill is the common method use for solid waste management in most part of the world particularly developing countries due to low technology know-how (Aftab, Shin, & Hur, 2018; Bautista-Ramirez et al., 2018; Cingolani, Fatone, Frison, Spinelli, & Eusebi, 2018). This method of waste disposal has recorded high efficiency in the reduction of the mass accumulation of solid waste (Cingolani et al., 2018; Inglezakis et al., 2018; Szymanski, Siebielska, Janowska, & Sidelko, 2018). The mixture of water originating from either rain or drainage water lead to the formation of landfill leachate, Many researchers including (D. Wu, Ma, Wei, Yang, & Xie, 2018) and (Aftab et al., 2018) have reported that landfill leachate contain organic and inorganic pollutants (Mingjun Deng et al., 2018; Jambers Scandelai et al., 2018; Ramaswami, Behrendt, & Otterpohl, 2018).

Landfill is meant to better the standard of living of man but ironically the production of leachate reverse the same standard thereby leading to the pollution of underground water and sometimes surface water (Fernandes et al., 2018; Xiang Li et al., 2018; Tigini & Varese, 2018). The effect attributed to landfill leachate has instigated researches from all over the field of environmental sciences to performed researchers on how to effectively treat landfill leachates among which include chemical coagulation/ flocculation (Verma & Kumar, 2018), Membrane bioreactor (Azzouz, Boudjema, Aouichat, Kherat, & Mameri, 2018), natural coagulation (Aziz, Agamuthu, & Fauziah, 2018) and Bioremediation (Andrea Paskuliakova, Ted McGowan, Steve Tonry, & Nicolas Touzet, 2018) to mention just a few.

The biological remediation of landfill leachate using microorganism is gaining acceptance owing to the fact that most researchers have reveal the potentiality of some microorganism to effectively remediate leachates with high organic and inorganic pollutants removal if match up to other biological and conventional methods (El-Fadel et al., 2018; Kalita & Joshi, 2017; Miao et al., 2018). The inquisitiveness of researchers towards the mechanism involve in the biological remediation of pollutants by microorganism is on the increase (X. Li, Tang, & Lu, 2018; Saez, Saavedra, Hebert, & Zarate, 2018; Sah et al., 2018). These questioning has lead

to the molecular characterization of some microorganism use for the biological remediation of petrochemical wastewater in which quantification of molecular cellular component such as Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and Ribonucleic acid (RNA) with little or no studies on protein and metabolites (Oppong-Anane, Quinones, Harris, Townsend, & Bonzong, 2018; Subasinghe et al., 2018; S. Wu et al., 2018). Characterization of bacteria in landfill leachate will give a better picture of how biological remediation could be efficiently utilized to remove pollutants from landfill leachates (Hu et al., 2018; Syed-Ab-Rahman et al., 2018; Tabssum, Ahmad, & Qazi, 2018). This review thereby aimed at establishing the contribution of microorganisms towards the success biological treatment of landfill leachate and also to predict the future prospect of the use of microorganism in eradication of ground water pollution resulting from pollution by landfill leachate. The mini-review is particularly interested in the role of microorganism and mechanism involve in the remediation of landfill leachate.

Formation of Landfill Leachate

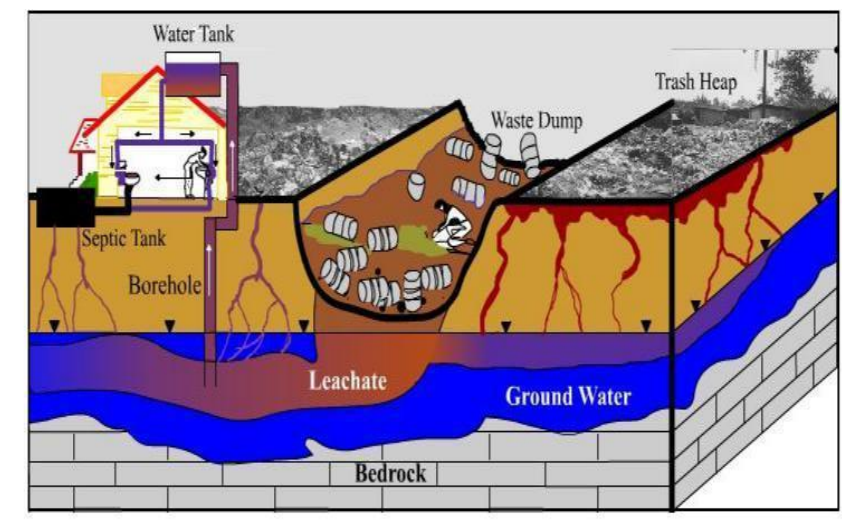


Figure. 1: Process of Landfill Formation.

Landfill leachate is formed when precipitation resulting from rainfall, surface runoff or groundwater recharge comes in contact degrading waste as shown in fig (1) (Ding et al., 2018; Salim & Evin, 2014; Szymanski et al., 2018). The process of decomposition as shown in Figure (1) is aided by bacteria; the decomposition of the landfill for the formation of leachate is divided into some sequential pathways which include aerobic pathway (hydrolysis and fermentation), anaerobic acetogenic pathway, anaerobic methanogenic pathway and

maturation pathway (Bashir, Lim, Abu Amr, Wong, & Sim, 2019; Camano Silvestrini, Maine, Hadad, Nocetti, & Campagnoli, 2019).

Aerobic Pathway (Hydrolysis and Fermentation)

This process of leachate production relies on moisture content for water contribution, although, rainfall may partake in the contribution of water (Aftab & Hur, 2019; Su, Wang, Xia, & Xie, 2019). The process of degradation by aerobic condition involves two processes which are fermentation and hydrolysis. Figure (2) shows an illustration of how bacteria used oxygen to bring about the degradation of organic substances by hydrolysis and fermentation respectively (Gunes, Demir, Gunes, & Hanedar, 2019). Aerobic process of landfill leachate formation is utilized by researchers for a treatment process referred to as activated sludge. This process provides microbial organisms with oxygen to enable the microbe to actively utilize organic matter in landfill leachates thereby degrading them into CO₂ and H₂O as shown by figure (2). Other aerobic process based treatment method of landfill leachate includes Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR), Aerated Lagoon (AL) and Rotating Biological Contractor (RBC) (Augusto et al., 2019; Mohammad-pajooch et al., 2018).

Anaerobic Acetogenic Pathway

During this pathway, acetogenic bacteria are the dominant bacteria. The bacteria catalyze the continuation of the hydrolysis process of solid waste thereby leading to the formation of carboxylic acid of high concentration, a condition that leads to low hydrogen concentration which favours the growth of methanogenic bacteria which act on the carboxylic acid and convert it to methane and carbon (IV) is given off. These processes lead to low pH of below 4 due to the dissolution of other compounds, Hence, the reason why heavy metals, alkaline earth metals and alkaline earth metals are present in leachates (Aleya, Grisey, Bouriou, & Bourgeade, 2019; Camano Silvestrini et al., 2019; Shu, Guo, Zhang, He, & Wei, 2019).

Anaerobic Methanogenic Pathway

As concentration of methane increases so does the pH until the pH settles at between 7-8. This phase is also accompanied by a drop in temperature to settle for between 20-65⁰C so that the dominant bacteria will be mesophilic and thermophilic bacteria. Most researchers are silent about what happens in this stage (but the fact that the biodegradation potentiality of mesophilic and thermophilic bacteria signifies the continuation of hydrolysis and fermentation in the decomposition of organic compounds). Anaerobic acetogenic and methanogenic pathway is utilized by researchers for the treatment of landfill leachate in a treatment process

referred to as Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) (Banihani, Sierra-Alvarez, & Field, 2009; Eldyasti, Chowdhury, Nakhla, & Zhu, 2010; Taneja, Kumar, Raghav, & Mittal, 2010).

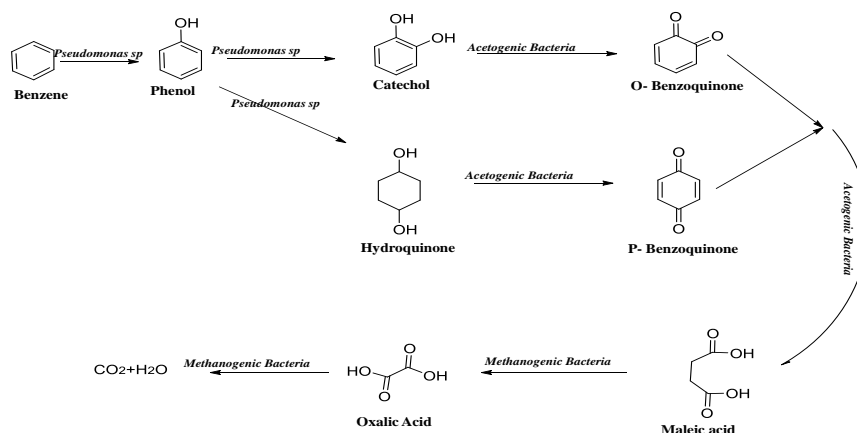


Figure. 2: Showing the Conversion of Organic Substances into Leachate (Ugya, Hua, Agamuthu, & Ma, 2019).

Maturation Pathway

Maturation pathway is also referred to as the landfill stabilization stage owing to the fact that the process involves the drastic reduction in methane production which is due to completion of decomposition of biodegradable parts of the landfill except for persistence compound leading to the limiting of nutrient availability which correlate positively with bacteria diversity in the leachate (Cheng et al., 2018; Fu et al., 2019; Guo et al., 2019).

Characteristics of Landfill Leachate and Effect

Landfill leachate contains organic and inorganic pollutants, some pollutants found include heavy metals such as cobalt, gallium, selenium, rubidium, strontium, caesium, barium, bismuth uranium and others as summarized in table (1) below.

Table. 1: Characteristics of Landfill Leachate.

S. No.	Constituent of Leachate	Environmental Impact	References
1	Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand	Deplete dissolved oxygen in aquatic environment	(Coppini, Palli, Fibbi, & Gori, 2018)
3	Total Solid	Both dissolved and suspended tend to increase the turbidity of water body which inturn reduce productivity of aquatic body	(Boateng, Opoku, & Akoto, 2018; Ding et al., 2018)
4	Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Nitrate, Ammonia	They contribute immensely to eutrophication which lead to algae blooms which is associated with death of aquatic life. High toxicity has been reported in human. nitrate causes methemoglobinemia while phosphorus limit vegetative productivity	(Andrade Filho et al., 2018; Leite, Paredes, de Sousa, Lopes, & de Sousa, 2018)
7	Heavy metal (Hg, Cr, Ag, Ar)	Heavy metals are generally persistence so are toxic in soluble or elemental form. Cu, Mn, Fe, Zn are essential element to both plants and animals but can be toxic at higher concentration. Pb causes haemorrhagic and sloughing of human mucosa, Ni, Cr and Cd are highly carcinogenic compounds.	(G. Lu et al., 2018)
8	Organophosphorus flame retardants (OPFRs)		(Mingjun Deng et al., 2018; M. Deng et al., 2018)
9	Sulphate and Chloride		(Fudala-Ksiazek, Pierpaoli, & Luczkiewicz, 2018)
10	Turbidity	Reduce aquatic environment productivity due to sunlight penetration obstruction	(Dia, Drogui, Buelna, & Dube, 2018)
11	Phenol	Causes muscles tremor resulting into walking difficulty and gastrointestinal damage and even death	(Aziz et al., 2018; L. Wang et al., 2018)
12	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Cancer causing pollutant	(Wojciechowska, 2013)
13	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon	Causes nervous, reproductive, liver and kidney disorder, also causes teratogenic effect	(Gong, Wei, Li, & Huang, 2017; Kalmykova, Moona, Stromvall, & Bjorklund, 2014)

Emerging Pollutants Native to Nigeria Landfill Leachates

Pollutant which poses great threat to the environment but unregulated because they are either new or not easily detected are refers to as emerging pollutants. These pollutants are recently discovered but scanty or no literature exists with respect to the health implication of such pollutants (Lei et al., 2015; Masoner et al., 2014). Nigeria is a developing country which is located on the Gulf of Guinea in Africa continent (Fig 3). Nigeria is the country with the highest population of about 190.9 million people as at 2017. Nigeria produce more than 32

million tons of solid waste yearly, majority of the waste are poorly disposed leading to the blockage of drainage network, sewers and choking of water bodies. The 20-30 percent of waste collected is dumped in landfill and other open places without proper treatment.

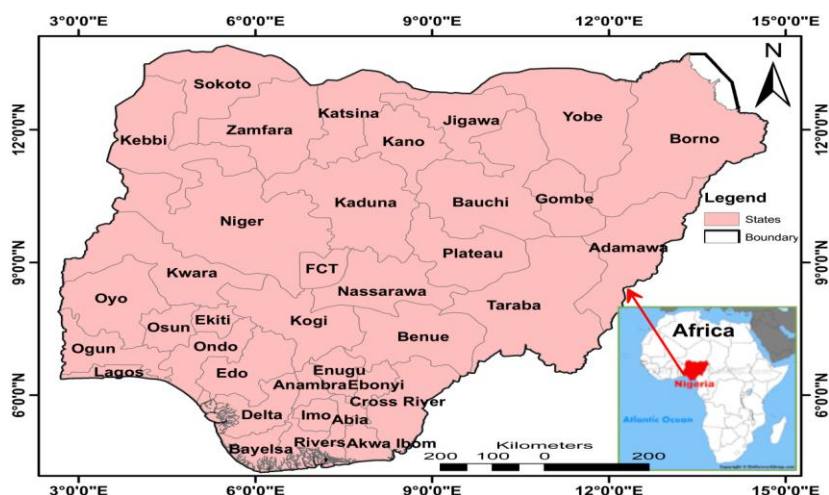


Figure. 3: Map Showing the Location of Nigeria.

The types of emerging contaminants in Nigeria can be categorized into four different types including domestic pollutants, industrial pollutants, agricultural pollutants and pharmaceutical pollutants (Geissen *et al.*, 2015). Domestic pollutants are pollutants produced as a result of household use of organic materials, emerging domestic pollutants in Nigeria include N,N-diethyltoluamide resulting from the use of insect repellents, triclosan resulting from the use of antimicrobial disinfectant, acetophenone and camphor, menthol, limonene, galaxolide resulting from the use of fragrance and flavorant, benzophenone resulting from the use of perfumes and soap, ethyl citrate resulting from the use of food etc using (Masoner *et al.*, 2014) as a guide. Industrial Pollutants are pollutants associated with industrial actions, emerging pollutants resulting from industrial from industrial action in Nigeria include Phenol, Triphenyl phosphate, para-cresol, pentachlorophenol, naphthalene, isopropylbenzene, isophorone, anthracene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene etc using (Masoner *et al.*, 2014) as a guide. Emerging pollutants resulting from agricultural activities in Nigeria include atrazine resulting from the use of herbicide, carbaryl resulting from the use of insecticide etc using (Masoner *et al.*, 2014) as a guide, Pharmaceutical emerging pollutants in Nigeria include 1,7 dimethylxanthine, acetaminophen, caffeine, chloroxylenol, dextromethorphan, nicotine, pseudoephedrine etc using (Masoner *et al.*, 2014) as a guide.

Biological Treatment of Landfill Leachate: The biological methods employed in the treatment of landfill leachate have been grouped into aerobic method, anaerobic method, natural system and combined treatment method (Kurniawan, Lo, Chan, & Sillanpaa, 2010). Aerobic method of landfill leachate treatment which is commonly called activated sludge involves the degradation of organic and some inorganic compounds present in landfill leachate in the presence of oxygen (K. Wang, Li, Tan, & Wu, 2018). This method of landfill leachate is employed in Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR), Aerated Lagoon (AL) and Rotating Biological Contractors (RBC) (Kurniawan et al., 2010).

Anaerobic method of landfill leachate treatment involves the breakdown of inorganic and organic compound by microbe in the absence of oxygen, These method have been employed in Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) and Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor (AMBR) (Klimiuk & Kulikowska, 2006). The treatment of landfill leachate using natural system is an emerging treatment method which depends on renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy for the degradation of pollutants present in landfill leachate. Example of natural system used in landfill leachate treatment includes constructed wetland and Leachate Recirculation (LR) (Kamaruddin, Yusoff, Aziz, & Hung, 2015). Biological treatment of landfill leachate holds a promising start owing to its efficiency in the effective removal of organic and inorganic pollutant such as nitrogen and phosphorus compound from leachates. The use of biological method in leachate is mostly employed in the combine state with physiochemical method due to the higher pollutant concentration of leachate (M. Deng et al., 2018).

SBR is a type of activated sludge process of landfill leachates treatment involving the bubbling of oxygen into the landfill leachate thereby aiding the degradation of pollutants present in the wastewater particularly the reduction of organic compounds. SBR have been successfully used in the removal of organic and inorganic compound from landfill leachate. The pollutants removed from landfill leachate by SBR include Total Ammonium Nitrogen (Ren, Ferraz, & Yuan, 2018), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (Ganjian et al., 2018), Total Organic Carbon (TOC), Total Suspended Solid (TSS) (Pastore et al., 2018), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Coliform (TC), Fecal Coliform (FC), Ni, Cr, Pb, Cd (Hashemi, Hoseini, & Ebrahimi, 2018), Nitrogen (Miao et al., 2018), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN), Total Nitrogen (Remmas, Ntougias, Chatzopoulou, & Melidis, 2018), Colour, Ammonia Nitrogen, As, Zn, Se, Mn, Ba, Ni (Yong, Bashir, Ng, Sethupathi, & Lim,

2018). RBC is another type of activated sludge process that involves the removal of grit, sand and coarse material via a screening process then the use of settling method to remove sediment from landfill leachate. RBC has been successfully used in the removal of organic and inorganic compound from landfill leachate. The pollutants removed from landfill leachate by RBC include TOC, Nitrate (Cortez, Teixeira, Oliveira, & Mota, 2011), Ammonia (Kulikowska, Jozwiak, Kowal, & Ciesielski, 2010), Vanadium, Pb, Cd, Ni, TC, Nitrate (Al-Muzaini & Thiem, 2004). AL is a type of activated sludge landfill leachate treatment technology that have a pond and an artificial aeration which is meant to promote biological oxidation in the landfill leachate and eventually lead to the degradation of organic and inorganic pollutants presents in the landfill leachates. AL has been successfully used in the removal of organic and inorganic compound from landfill leachate. The pollutants removed from landfill leachate by AL include citalopram, fluoxetine, sertaline, fluvoxamine, desmethylcitalopram, didesmethylcitalopram, norfluoxetine (Bergersen, Hanssen, & Vasskog, 2015), COD (Govahi, Karimi-Jashni, & Derakhshan, 2012; Silva, Fonseca, Saraiva, Vilar, & Boaventura, 2013), Ammonia (Govahi et al., 2012) and Ammonium Nitrogen (Kurniawan et al., 2010).

MBR is a type of anaerobic treatment process that involves the use of two membrane process like microfiltration and activated sludge process making it to be rich in microorganisms and activated sludge leading to the reduction of organic and inorganic pollutants in landfill leachates (An, Tan, & Meng, 2006). This method have recorded high efficiency in the removal of pollutants from landfill leachates, The pollutants removed from landfill leachate by MBR include BOD (H. Li, Gu, Zhao, & Wen, 2010; Pi, Gao, Fan, Gong, & Wan, 2009), COD (Koc-Jurczyk & Jurczyk, 2017), Phenol, Phthalates, Carbamazepine (CBZ), N, N-diethyl-m-Toluamide (DEET), Diclofenac (DCF) (Boonnorat, Techkarnjanaruk, Honda, & Prachanurak, 2016), Ammonia Nitrogen (Zhang, Qin, Meng, Fan, & Wu, 2013), Phosphate, sulphate, sulphide, chloride, TSS (Nivya & Pieus, 2016), TN (Wei, Song, Meng, & Pic, 2015; Zhang et al., 2013). UASB is a form of anaerobic method of landfill leachate treatment technology that is a methanogenic digester because it is a methane producing bioreactor. The principle of operation involves the use of anaerobic process to form a blanket of granular sludge which is place in a tank. The pollutant present in the landfill leachate is eventually degraded when the landfill leachate is made to pass through the blanket due to the biodegradatory role played by anaerobic methanogenic organisms as shown in figure 2. UASB have recorded high efficiency in the removal of pollutants from landfill leachates, the

pollutants removed from landfill leachate by UASB include COD (He, Geng, & Yu, 2015; T. Lu, George, Zhao, & Liu, 2016; B. Wang, Li, Liu, & Huang, 2016), Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrogen (Baati, Benyoucef, Makan, El Bouadili, & El Ghmari, 2018; Du et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2015; Yang, Zhang, & Xian, 2017), TN (L.-n. Wu et al., 2016; L. Wu et al., 2015), BOD (Akgul, Aktan, Yapsakli, & Mertoglu, 2013).

Microbial World and Leachate Treatment

Microorganisms are unicellular organisms which are either prokaryotic or eukaryotic microscopic organisms that are grouped into major groups such as algae, bacteria, fungi and protist. These organisms have shown great importance to man and other organisms in many ways including fermentation of food, clinical importance, veterinary importance, treatment of sewages, production of biofuel, production of enzymes, production of bioactive compounds, wastewater treatment and an landfill leachates treatment. The process by which microorganism are used for biological treatment of landfill leachate includes bioremediation (bacteria), mycoremediation (Fungi) and phycoremediation (microalgae). Recently, an emerging biological process of treatment of wastewater is the use of algae biofilm which is a complex assemblage of algae, bacteria and fungi that multiply by forming thick submerged mats in an aquatic environment and terrestrial surfaces under suitable condition.

Fungi (Mycoremediation)

Mycoremediation of landfill leachates is the form of landfill remediation that involves the remediation of pollutants presents in landfill leachate by fungi. This method is very cheap and has been proved to have high efficiency in the removal of both organic and inorganic pollutants as summarized in table (2). The ability of fungi to mycoremediate inorganic substances such as heavy metals have been proved to be due to the high hyperaccumulating potentials of this organisms and the ability of this organisms to tolerate heavy metals due to their high adsorption potential. Mycoremediation of compounds such as dye (congo dye, azo dye, malachite dye, nigrosin dye, Trypan blue dye etc), pesticides (insecticide endosulfan, imazalil, thiophanate methyl, ortho-phenylphenol, diphenylamine, chlorpyrifos) and organic compounds (BTEX benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene) (Colborne et al., 2019), PAH (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon) (Chen, Zhou, Hu, Tian, & Zhang, 2019), MTBE (methyl tert-butyl ether) etc) have been proved to be due to the ligninolytic enzyme such as laccase, manganese peroxidase etc released by fungi, These enzymes bring about the degradation of these compounds.

Table. 2: Fungi Effectively used in the Mycoremediation of Landfill Leachate.

SN	Fungi	Pollutants Removed	Removal Efficiency (%)	Reference
1	Ganoderma austral	BOD COD NH ₄ -N	50 32 40	(Noorlidah, Wan Razarinah, Noor, & Rosna, 2013)
2	Prostereum spadiceum	COD	NA	(Valeria, Federica, Alice, Valeria, & Giovanna, 2013)
3	Penicillium brevicompactum Pseudallescheria boydi Phanerochchate sanguine Flammulina velutipes Pleurotus Ostreatus Porostereum spadiceum Trametes pubescens Bjerkandera adusta	COD	NA	(Spina, Tigini, Romagnolo, & Varese, 2018)
4	Scenedesmus quadricauda	COD	NA	(Szylak-Szydowski, 2011)
5	Trametes menziesii	COD BOD	2.11 89.14	(Wan Razarinah, Noor Zalina, & Abdullah, 2015)
6	Dichomitus squalens	Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) COD	44 61	(Kalcikova, Babic, Pavko, & Gotvajn, 2014)
7	Phanerochaete chrysosporium	COD NH ₄ -N Colour	4.7 72 25	(Kim, Park, & Kim, 2003)
8	Bjerkandera adusta	COD	63	(A. Bardi et al., 2017)
9	Bjerkandera adusta	COD Colour	61 49	(Alessandra Bardi et al., 2017)
10	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	COD TKN	76 82	(Wichitsathian, Sindhuja, Visvanathan, & Ahn, 2004)

Micro Algae (Phycoremediation)

Phycoremediation of landfill leachate is the process by which both macro and micro algae bring about the transformation of pollutant present in landfill leachates. The mechanism involve in the phycoremediation of landfill leachate is based on the fact that algae are autotrophic organism so are able to perform photosynthesis, during the process of photosynthesis, algae produces reactive oxygen species (ROS) such as hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), super oxide (O₂⁻) and hydroxide (OH⁻) radicals. The table below show how micro and macro algae have been used to treat landfill leachate. Many researchers have shown the ability of the ROS produced by algae to be the reason why algae bring about the degradation of organic compounds and also bring about reduction of metal oxide which is in turn used by the algae for biomass production since the process of phycoremediation is also based on the ability of algae to use pollutants for biomass production. This biomass is then used for bio

fuel production, many researchers have used both micro and macro algae in the removal of pollutants from leachate.

Table. 3: Micro Algae Effectively Used in the Remediation of Landfill Leachate.

SN	Microalgae	Pollutants Removed	Removal Efficiency (%)	Reference
1	<i>Chlorella</i> sp	Total Organic Carbon COD Turbidity Boron	60 68 98 98	(El Ouaer, Kallel, Kasmi, Hassen, & Trabelsi, 2017)
2	<i>Nanochloropsis gaditana</i> <i>Pavlova lutheri</i> <i>Tetraselmis chuii</i> <i>Chaetoceros muelleri</i>	BOD COD TOC Lanthanum Barium Iron Aluminium Cerium Manganese	NA	(Richards & Mullins, 2013)
3	<i>Clamydomonas</i> sp <i>Scenedesmus</i> sp <i>Chlorella</i> sp <i>Nitzschia</i> sp <i>Euglena</i> sp <i>Rodella</i> sp <i>Bracchiomas</i> sp <i>Pediastrum</i> sp	NH ₄ -N PO ₄ ³⁻ -P Nitrate	83 98 54	(Paskuliakova, Tonry, & Touzet, 2016)
4	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Cr Ni NH ₃ -N BOD COD	70 68 53.91 52.78 51.05	(Sarunporn & Raymond, 2014)
5	<i>Clamydomonas</i> sp	PO ₄ ³⁻ -P TON TAN CL ⁻ SO ₄ ²⁻ Orthophosphate	NA	(Andrea Paskuliakova et al., 2018)
6	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	N-NO ₃ ⁻ N-NH ₄ ⁺ P-PO ₄ ³⁻ S-SO ₄ ²⁻	NA	(Pereira et al., 2016)
7	<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	N P	99.1 and 77.5 100 and 100	(Chang et al., 2018)
8	<i>Clamydomonas</i> sp	TAN Phosphate		(A. Paskuliakova, T. McGowan, S. Tonry, & N. Touzet, 2018)
9	<i>Chlorella</i> sp	NO ₃ ⁻	NA	(Nordin, Yusof, &

	Scenedesmus sp Oscillatoria sp			Samsudin, 2017)
10	Chlorella vulgaris Scenedesmus quadricauda Euglena gracilis Ankistrodesmus convolutus Chlorococcum oviforme	COD NH ₄ -N Orthophosphate	91 99.9 86.0	(Mustafa, Phang, & Chu, 2012)

Bacteria (Bioremediation)

The potentiality of bacteria in the remediation landfill leachate is on the raise with different bacteria consortia used for the treatment of landfill leachate by either converting the pollutants into non toxic substances or by acting as a catalyst in the degradation of pollutants into non harmful substances. The mechanism involve in the bioremediation of organic and inorganic pollutants by bacteria is a redox reaction in which an electron must be donated by one substance and accepted by a different substance for degradation to occur. During bioremediation process, the specie that usually accept electron include oxygen, manganese (III and IV), sulphate, nitrate etc while substances such as glucose, fatty acid and glycerol, amino acids, PAH etc act as electron donors. The ability of bacteria to bioremediate inorganic substances such as heavy metals have been proved to be due to the ability of the bacteria to tolerate heavy metals due to their high adsorption potential. Many researchers have used indigenous and non indigenous bacteria in the treatment of landfill leachate as summarized in table (4) below.

Table. 4: Bacteria Effectively used in the Bioremediation of Landfill Leachate.

SN	Bacteria Strain	Pollutants Removed	Removal Efficiency (%)	Reference
1	Brevibacillus panacilium	Magnesium Vanadium Manganeses Nickel Cobalt Copper Gallium Arsenic Selenium Robidium Strontium Caesium Barium Cadmium Lead Bismuth	74 15 40 35 5 60 28 10 52 5 20 7 30 40 25 44	(Er, Seow, Lim, Ibrahim, & Sarip, 2018)

		Uranium COD Ammonia	8 37 47	
2	Pseudomonas aureginosa Staphylococcus sp Enterobacter cloacae Escherichia coli Micrococcus luteus Proteus vulgaris Bacillus cereus Bacillus subtilis	Copper Lead Nickel Silver	NA NA NA NA	(Adebisi, Oluwatosin, & Olumayowa, 2015)
3	Leutococcus messenteroides Streptococcus parauberis Lactobacillus plantarum Lactococcus garvieae Enterococcus sp Lactococcus lactis Escherichia coli Lactobacillus paracasei	COD BOD NH ⁴ NO ₂ ⁻ NO ₃ ⁻	NA NA NA NA NA	(MELANIA et al., 2014)
4	Chloroflexi, Planktomycetes and Proteobacteria	Ammonia Nitrogen	NA NA	(Miao et al., 2018)

CONCLUSION

Molecular characterization of the component of microbe use in landfill leachate treatment involves the investigation of how this microbe are able to habit landfill leachate despite it high pollution load studies. Involving the use of microbe in the treatment of landfill leachate is diverse but little knowledge is available for the characterization of how the molecular component of the microbe interfere with it's role during treatment. The little literature available focus on the genomic characterization with no or scarce literature involving proteomic, metabolomic and enzyme assay characterization. There is no doubt that the recalcification ability of landfill leachate is making it impossible to treat with ease but with the knowledge of molecular characterization of microbe used in treating of landfill leachate, the dream of eradicating the menance caused by landfill leachate will be realized because the approach will lead to the identification of the best microbial consortium that will be highly effective in the remediation of landfill leachate, the properties will also be utilized to create biological non toxic and environmental friendly material for landfill pollution control. Molecular approach is centered towards microbial genetic structure, genomic evolution, genomic mapping, genomic editing, metabolic intermediate hormone, signaling molecule, secondary metabolites, metaproteomics etc.

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