

# Phytochemical characterization of the mushroom *Agaricus bisporus* and assessment of its nutritional ability in the place of fishmeal for survival and growth of the freshwater prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* post-larvae

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## Abstract

Prawn is nutritious delicacy to mankind. Fishmeal is a chief value protein ingredient in prawn feed, which is a depleting resource. The present study was conducted to assess whether edible Mushroom, *Agaricus bisporus* can partially be replaced the fishmeal to promote the growth of the freshwater prawn, *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* post-larvae (PL). In the methanolic extract of *A. bisporus*, the presence of terpenoids, flavonoids, polyphenols, saponins and cardiac glycosides were qualitatively detected. In the petroleum etheric extract of *A. bisporus*, the presence of alkaloids, terpenoids, tannins, polyphenols, cardiac glycosides and quinines were qualitatively detected. *A. bisporus*, containing 14 secondary phytochemicals, of which 9 compounds {Dodecanoic acid; Tetradecanoic acid; 2-Pentadecanone, 6, 10, 14-trimethyl; Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester; 4-(6, 6-Dimethyl-2-methylenecyclohex-3-enylidene) pentan-2-ol; Tetradecanoic acid; Neophytadiene; Hexadecanoic acid; 9, 12, 15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z, Z, Z)-} having bioactive properties. Isonitric diets were prepared by replacement of the fishmeal (25%, 50%, 75% and 100%) with *A. bisporus* powder. Diet prepared without replacement of fishmeal was served as control. These diets were fed to *M. rosenbergii* PL (1.00±0.20 cm in length and 0.07±0.02 g in weight) for 90 days, and 75% fishmeal replaced diet produced significant elevations in survival and growth rates, muscle total protein, amino acid, carbohydrate, lipid and ash contents, profiles of proteins, amino acids and fatty acids and activities of protease, amylase and lipase when compared with control. Thus, it is recommended that up to 75% of fishmeal can be replaced with *A. bisporus* for sustainable maintenance of *M. rosenbergii* seeds in the nursery. This would offer better nutrition and employment opportunity.

## Introduction

The giant freshwater prawn *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* is commercially cultured in India and other south Asian countries as it is nutritious delicacy for mankind and have high market price with good export value [1]. This seafood yields quality protein for averting malnutrition. Although its culture is profitable, there are some constraints in the grow-out phase [2]. The availability of quality seeds and feeds are major constrains. The feed price plays a vital role in overall operational cost. Thus, feed formulations with locally available low cost agricultural, animal husbandry and industrial by-products are in practices [3,4]. Fishmeal is one of the chief valued ingredients for protein source in artificial feed formulation. Its stock is depleting day by day, whereas the cost is on the reverse. Therefore, there is an urgent need for finding out some alternatives.

The fishmeal can efficiently be replaced by alternative protein sources such as soybean protein and poultry by-products [5-7]. Mushroom by-product also considered as one of the alternative sources for replacing the fishmeal protein in fish. In fact, mushroom stalk itself contained a rich source of protein, polysaccharide and antioxidant. The stalk of mushroom, *Pleurotus sajor caju* when given as feed to replace fishmeal protein yields good growth in the fingerlings of Nile tilapia, *Oreochromis niloticus* [8]. Mushroom meal is more suitable and acceptable ingredient in the fish feed than fishmeal for the better growth of fingerlings of *Labeo rohita* and *Hemigrammus caudovittatus* [9]. According to Zhang *et al.* [10], when the dietary fishmeal (up to

80%) was replaced with fermented mushroom bran hydrolysate, the weight gain ratio, protein efficiency ratio, digestive enzyme activity, and antioxidant capacity in the Crucian carp, *Carassius carassius* were significantly improved. No study is available with mushroom as an ingredient in prawn feed.

Mushrooms have been viewed as gourmet food over the globe for their unique taste with inconspicuous flavor and useful proteins, low total fat with the high extent of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), carbohydrates, fibers, minerals and vitamins, thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), cyanocobalamine (B12), ascorbic acid (C), Vit-D, and Vit-E [11-15]. Mushrooms have a low glycemic record and high mannitol which is particularly valuable for diabetics, low sodium (Na) concentration which is valuable for hypertensive patients and a high amount of potassium (K) and phosphorus (P) which is an imperative orthomolecule. Various biologically active metabolites including glycoproteins, hydrolytic and oxidative compounds, phenolics and lipids were exerted immune modulation, enhancing nonspecific defense and increase disease resistance in aquaculture animals [16-19].

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Button mushroom contains moisture (90–93%), good quality protein (28–42.5%) with lysine and tryptophan that are normally lacking in cereals, fibre (8.3–16.2%), ash (9.4–14.5%), carbohydrates (59.4%) with glycogen, chitin, and hemicellulose instead of starch, a very low fat (3.1%) with rich in linoleic acid, and cholesterol is absent and in its place ergo-sterol is present. 100 g (dry wt.) button mushroom also contains several minerals including, calcium (71.0 mg), phosphorus (912 mg), sodium (106 mg), iron (8.8 mg), and potassium (2850 mg). Mushrooms are fairly good source of vitamin C and vitamin B complex, particularly thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, biotin and pantothenic acid. Mushrooms also contains folic acid and vitamin B12 which are absent in most vegetables [20].

In India, *Agaricus bisporus* is the most popular variety which fetches high price [21]. It is a good source of trace elements like sodium, potassium, and phosphorus, conjugated linoleic acid and antioxidants [22]. *A. bisporus* extracts can be potentially applied in Alzheimer's disease since it has acetylcholinesterase and butyrylcholinesterase inhibition activity [23]. The extracts of *A. bisporus* and its bioactive compounds are used as antioxidant, anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory against coronary heart diseases, diabetes mellitus, bacterial and fungal infections, and disorders of human immune system [24–30]. *A. bisporus* contain three main polysaccharides  $\alpha$ -glucan,  $\beta$ -glucan and galactomannan [31], and fatty acids mainly linoleic, palmitic and stearic acids [32].

In above views, the present study was conducted by partially replacing the fishmeal with edible mushroom, *A. bisporus*. First, its proximate biochemical composition was assessed, and then its survival and growth promoting potential has been evaluated on the late aged post-larvae (PL) of *M. rosenbergii* by replacing the fishmeal in its artificial diet. Contents of basic biochemical constituents such as total protein, amino acid, carbohydrate and lipid, profiles of protein, amino acids and fatty acids, and activities of digestive enzymes such as protease, amylase and lipase were studied in this economically important prawn.

## Materials and methods

### Procurement of the mushroom *A. bisporus*

The mushroom, *A. bisporus* was procured from JPR Agro Farms, Porthiyada, the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu, India (Figure 1). The species was authenticated by Dr. G. V. S. Murthy, Scientist 'G', Southern Regional Center, Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Coimbatore, India. The procured mushroom was cleaned by rubbing, scraping and brushing to



Figure 1. The mushroom, *Agaricus bisporus*

remove foreign matters. They were washed with freshwater, blotted, and cut into small pieces of around 2 to 3 cm across. They were air-dried under shade for 15–21 days. Then they were ground into a fine powder and stored in sterilized containers.

### Preparation of solvent extracts of *A. bisporus*

The powdered whole plant sample of *A. bisporus* (50 g) was packed in Whatmann No. 1 filter paper and put into soxhlet apparatus. The extracts were successively soaked with 300 ml (1:6 w/v) of non-polar solvent, petroleum ether (99.98% purity, SRL Pvt. Ltd. India), and a polar solvent, methanol (99.9% purity, Changshu Yangyuan Chemicals, China) individually and sequentially extracted for 6–9 h each (30 to 36 cycle). Repeated extraction was done until a clear colorless solution was obtained. The extracts were filtered by using double layered muslin cloth and concentrated at 40–50°C using rotary vacuum evaporator (ROTAVAP). The extracts obtained were vacuum-dried under 40°C and used for further investigation. The extracts obtained were appeared as dark green, gummy solid.

### Qualitative analysis of primary phytochemical substances

The extracts were subjected to detection of the presence of primary phyto-molecules, such as alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids, tannins, polyphenols, saponins, and cardiac glycosides using the standard qualitative procedures [33].

### Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrum (GC-MS) analysis for secondary phytochemical compounds

The petroleum etheric and methanolic extracts of *A. bisporus* were subjected to GC-MS analysis (Thermo GC-trace ultra ver-5.0; Thermo MS-DSQ-II; ZB 5-MS capillary standard non-polar column (30 mts, 0.25 mm id, 0.25  $\mu$ m film) for identification of different phytochemical compounds at South India Textile Research Association (SITRA), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. The relative percentage constituent was expressed as percentage with peak area normalization. Peaks resolved with relative abundance of 0–100 were considered as major compounds. To show the minor peaks, the chromatogram was magnified. Identification of various components present in these extracts were assigned by the comparison of their retention indices and mass spectra fragmentation patterns with those stored on the computer library and also with published literatures. National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST4) and WILEY9 [34] on-line library source was also used for matching the identified components.

### Analysis of the proximate composition of *A. bisporus*

*A. bisporus* powder was subjected to proximate composition analysis following the methodology of Castell and Tiewes [35] as given in AOAC [36], and the values are presented in Table 1.

### Diet preparation with *A. bisporus* powder

Diets were formulated with the following branded feed basal ingredients (BI). The fish meal, groundnut oilcake and soybean meal as protein sources, wheat bran as a carbohydrate source, sunflower oil as lipid source, and tapioca flour and egg albumin were used as binding agents. The fishmeal, groundnut oilcake, soybean meal, wheat bran, and tapioca flour were thoroughly mixed, dough was prepared with sterilized water, then it was steam cooked and cooled at room temperature. Then the Sunflower oil and egg albumin were added to the dough and mixed well. *A. bisporus* powder was incorporated with the dough of BI at four different concentrations, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% by replacing the right quantity of fishmeal, and in order to prepare iso-nitric diets,

the protein level was maintained by adjusting the groundnut oilcake and soybean meal (Table 2). Sterilized water was adequately added for maintaining the dough in moist and paste form. Then it was pelletized in a manual pelletizer (Kolkata, India) fixed with 3 mm diameter mesh. The pellets were dried in a thermostatic oven (M/s Modern Industrial, Mumbai, India) at 40°C until they reached a constant weight and stored in airtight jars at room temperature. The pelletized feeds were subjected to proximate composition analyses (AOAC) [36] and the results are also presented in Table 2.

### Procurement and acclimation of *M. rosenbergii* PL

The post-larvae (PL-15) of the freshwater prawn, *M. rosenbergii* (1.00±0.20 cm and 0.07±0.02 g) length and weight respectively) were procured from the Nursery pond at Kanathur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. They were transported to the laboratory in polythene bags filled with oxygenated water. The prawns were acclimatized to ambient laboratory conditions for 2 weeks in large cement tank (1000 L) with groundwater (Temperature, 23±1.0°C; pH, 6.8±0.20; total dissolved solids (TDS), 0.94±0.06 g L<sup>-1</sup>; dissolved oxygen (DO), 6.40±0.10 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; salinity, 0.59±0.02 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), 31.10±2.82 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; chemical oxygen demand (COD), 108.58±5.41 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; ammonia 0.027±0.004 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), APHA [37]. During acclimatization, the prawns were fed with boiled egg albumin and artificially prepared feed of our own laboratory feed. More than 50% of tank water was routinely changed every day in order to maintain a healthy water environment and aeration was also provided. The unfed feed, feces, moult, and dead prawns if any were removed by siphoning without disturbing the prawns.

### Feeding trial

*M. rosenbergii* (PL-30) (1.30±0.11 cm in length and 0.12±0.02 g in weight) was starved for 24 h before commencing the feeding trial (Figure 2). Five groups, each with 30 PL were maintained in 30 L plastic tanks under a triplicate experimental set-up. One group served as control and fed with feed formulated without incorporation of *A. bisporus* and the other four groups were fed with experimental feeds prepared by incorporation of *A. bisporus* (at 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% respectively by replacing the right quantum of fishmeal). The feed was allocated to the prawns for two times a day (7:00 am and 7:00 pm) at 10% of body weight. The experiment was extended for a period



Figure 2. *M. rosenbergii* post-larvae at initial stage of the feeding trial

of 90 days, by this time it reached the juvenile stage. The unfed feed, feces, and moult (if any) were collected on a daily basis by siphoning method causing minimum disturbance to the prawns during renewal of the water medium. For morphometric and nutritional analysis, 10 prawns from each group were randomly measured and the mean was considered as a single value (mean of 10 individual measurements=one observation), and three such measurements were made to fulfill the triplicate analysis.

### Calculation of survival and growth parameters

On the 90<sup>th</sup> day of feeding trial, the growth parameters, such as survival rate (SR), length gain (LG), weight gain (WG), specific growth rate (SGR) and food conversion rate (FCR) were determined by adopting the formulae of Tekinay and Davies [38].

- i. Survival (%) = Total No. of live animals / Total No. of initial animals × 100
- ii. Weight gain (g) = Final weight (g) – Initial weight (g)
- iii. Specific growth rate (%) =  $\log W_2 - \log W_1 / t \times 100$   
Where,  $W_1$  &  $W_2$  = Initial and final weight respectively (g), and  $t$  = Total number of experimental days
- iv. Food conversion ratio (g) = Total feed intake (g) / Total weight gain of the prawn (g)
- v. Protein efficiency ratio (g) = Total weight gain of PL (g) / Total protein consumed (g)

### Estimations of basic biochemical constituents

The concentrations of total protein, amino acid and carbohydrate in experimental PL were estimated by adopting the methodology of Lowry *et al.* [39], Moore and Stein [40] and Roe [41], respectively. The total lipid was extracted by Folch *et al.* [42] gravimetric method, and estimated by Barnes and Blackstock [43] spectrophotometric method. The contents of ash and moisture were analyzed by following AOAC [36] methodology.

### Assays of digestive enzymes activities

Activities of digestive enzymes (protease, amylase and lipase) were assayed at 90<sup>th</sup> day of feeding trial. The digestive tract of three prawns from each replicate were carefully dissected out and homogenized in ice-cold distilled water and centrifuged at 9000 g under 4°C for 20 min. The supernatant was used as a source of crude enzyme. Total protease activity was determined by casein-hydrolysis method of Furne *et al.* [44], where one unit of enzyme activity represented the amount of enzyme required to liberate 1 µg of tyrosine per minute. Amylase activity was determined according to Bernfeld [45], the specific activity of amylase was calculated as milligrams of maltose liberated per gram of starch per hour (mg/g/h). Lipase activity was assayed by the method of Furne *et al.* [44], one unit of lipase activity was defined as the amount of free fatty acid released from triacylglycerol per unit time.

### Analysis of protein profile

SDS-PAGE profile of the muscle samples of prawns fed with control and 75% of fishmeal replaced with *A. bisporus* (the best concentration) diets were performed. The muscle tissue sample was first defrosted in phosphate buffer (137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 10 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> and 2 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH-7.4), homogenized under ice-cold condition and centrifuged at 1500 rpm under 4°C for 5 min. The soluble protein content in the supernatant was determined Lowry *et al.* [39]. SDS-PAGE

was performed on vertical slab gel with 4% stacking and 10 % separating gels Laemmli [46] along with protein markers ( $\beta$ -galactosidase-116 kDa, bovine serum albumin-66 kDa, ovalbumin-45 kDa, carbonic anhydrase-29 kDa, soybean trypsin inhibitor-20 kDa and lysozyme-14 kDa) of Medox-Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India. The polypeptides banding patterns between control and test prawns were compared by using the information on apparent molecular masses of bands and their intensities.

### Analysis of amino acid profile

The profiles of amino acids in the muscle samples of prawns fed with control and 75% of fishmeal replaced with *A. bisporus* (the best concentration) diets were performed using High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatographic (HPTLC) method of Hess and Sherma [47]. TLC for four groups of standard amino acids: lysine, asparagine, glutamine, glutamic acid and methionine (group-I); proline, serine, cysteine, tyrosine and tryptophan (group-II); histidine, arginine, aspartic acid, threonine and leucine (group-III); and glycine, alanine, valine, isoleucine and phenylalanine (group-IV) were also performed simultaneously. The peak area of the sample was compared with standard amino acids and quantified.

### Analysis of fatty acid profile

The profiles of fatty acid in the muscle samples of prawns fed with control and 75% of fishmeal replaced with *A. bisporus* (the best concentration) diets were performed using Gas Chromatographic (GC) method of Nichols *et al.* [48]. Fatty acid samples were obtained from lipid by saponification using NaOH dissolved in methanol-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (hydrolysis with alkali). They were methylated into fatty acid methyl ester using methanol-HCl mixture. The fatty acid methyl ester was separated using hexane-anhydrous diethyl ether mixture. For the organic phase, aqueous NaOH was used as a base wash and the upper organic layer was separated. 2  $\mu$ L of the sample was injected and analyzed using Chemito 8610 Gas Chromatography, with BPX70 capillary column and flame ionization detector. Nitrogen was used as a carrier gas. Standard fatty acids were analyzed simultaneously. Based on the retention time of the standard fatty acids, each fatty acid in the unknown sample was identified. The peak areas of standard and unknown were compared and quantified

### Statistical analysis

The data between control versus experiment, and between experiments were subjected to statistical analysis through one-way ANOVA and subsequent post-hoc multiple comparison with DMRT by adopting the SPSS v16. All the details of statistical analyses were given in respective tables. The P values less than 0.05 were considered statistically (95%) significant.

## Results and discussion

### Primary phytochemicals of *A. bisporus*

The primary phytochemicals present in *A. bisporus* are presented in Table 3. The petroleum etheric extract of *A. bisporus* contained luxurious presence of alkaloids and tannins, moderate presence of polyphenols and quinines, and terpenoids and cardiac glycosides are poorly present. The methanolic extract of *A. bisporus* contained luxurious presence of saponins, moderate presence of terpenoids, polyphenols and cardiac glycosides, and poorly presence of flavonoids. Similar to the present study, presence of alkaloids, flavonoids, phenols, steroids, terpenoids, saponins and glycoside have been reported in methanolic extract of

*A. bisporus* [49,50]. Petroleum ether, chloroform, acetone and ethanol have also been used to screen the phytochemicals of *A. bisporus* [49]. Plant derived flavonoids, anthrax quinines, and terpenens stimulate glucose uptake and exhibit hypoglycaemic activity [51], and also known for their ability of beta cell regeneration in pancreas [52].

### Secondary phytochemicals of *A. bisporus*

The GC-MS analysis of *A. bisporus* showed overall presence of 14 compounds, of which 9 compounds possessed bioactive properties (Table 4). The petroleum etheric extract contained 5 compounds [Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(4-morpholy) ethenylsulfonyl; Dodecanoic acid; Tetradecanoic acid; 2-Pentadecanone, 6, 10, 14-trimethyl; Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester] (Figure 3). Among these, except benzene, 1-methyl-4-(4-morpholy) ethenylsulfonyl, all other compounds are possessed biological properties. The methanolic extract contained 9 compounds [Hydroxydihydroedulan; 5-hydroxy-1-deutero-1,2-pentadiene; methyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-4-propylhept-6-enoate; 2-Bromolauric acid; 4-(6,6-Dimethyl-2-methylenecyclohex-3-enylidene) pentan-2-ol; Tetradecanoic acid; Neophytadiene; Hexadecanoic acid; 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z, Z, Z)] (Figure 4). Of which 5 compounds possessed bioactive properties, they are 4-(6,6-Dimethyl-2-methylenecyclohex-3-enylidene) pentan-2-ol; Tetradecanoic acid; Neophytadiene; Hexadecanoic acid; and 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z, Z, Z). Various factors involved in detection of phytochemical compounds, they are the

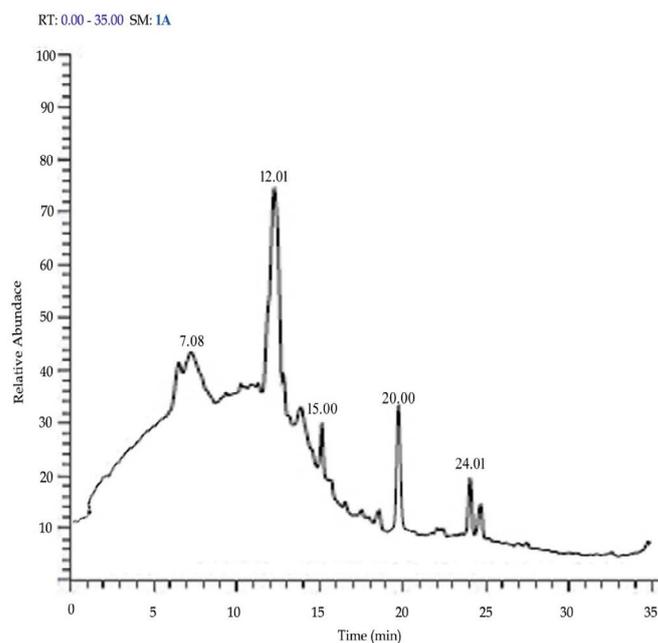
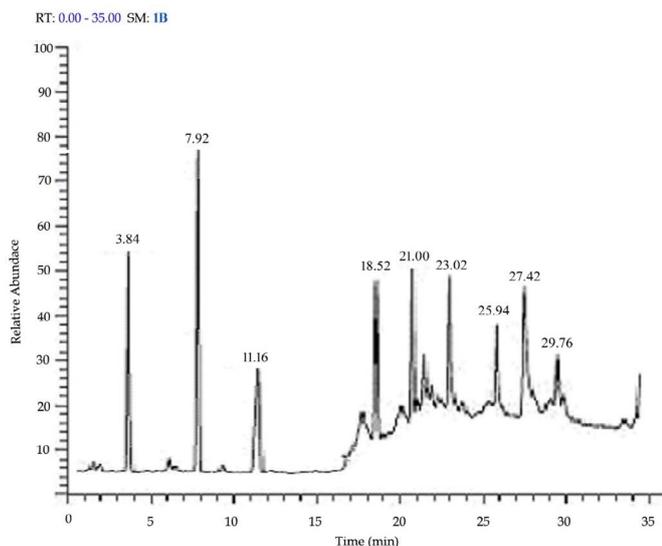


Figure 3. GC-MS peak level (magnified chromatogram) of petroleum ether extract of *A. bisporus*

| RT    | Name of the compound                             | P     | MF  | MW  | SI  | RSI |
|-------|--|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 7.08  | Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(4-morpholy) ethenylsulfonyl | 14.65 | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S | 267 | 332 | 395 |
| 12.01 | Dodecanoic acid                                  | 66.88 | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>2</sub>    | 200 | 743 | 791 |
| 15.00 | Tetradecanoic acid                               | 78.47 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>    | 228 | 813 | 888 |
| 20.00 | 2-Pentadecanone, 6,10,14-trimethyl               | 60.40 | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O                 | 268 | 686 | 717 |
| 24.01 | Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester                  | 57.63 | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>    | 270 | 868 | 891 |

RT: Retention time; P: Probability; MF: Molecular formula; MW: Molecular weight; SI: Similar index; RSI: Reverse similar index



**Figure 4.** GC-MS peak level (magnified chromatogram) of methanolic extract of *A. bisporus*

| RT    | Name of the compound  | P     | MF  | MW  | SI  | RSI |
|-------|---|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 3.84  | Hydroxydihydroedulan  | 7.54  | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 210 | 344 | 730 |
| 7.92  | 5-hydroxy-1-deutero-1,2-pentadiene                          | 16.28 | C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> DO                              | 84  | 636 | 858 |
| 11.16 | methyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-4-propylhept-6-enoate                  | 53.94 | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 224 | 413 | 599 |
| 18.52 | 2-Bromolauric acid  | 3.68  | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>23</sub> BrO <sub>2</sub>              | 278 | 383 | 431 |
| 21.00 | 4-(6,6-Dimethyl-2-methylenecyclohex-3-enylidene)pentan-2-ol | 7.56  | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O                             | 206 | 626 | 652 |
| 23.02 | Tetradecanoic acid  | 64.87 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 228 | 778 | 882 |
| 25.94 | Neophytadiene   | 25.23 | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>38</sub>                               | 278 | 829 | 887 |
| 27.42 | Hexadecanoic acid   | 75.43 | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 256 | 855 | 865 |
| 29.76 | 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z, Z, Z)-      | 14.04 | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | 306 | 747 | 766 |

RT: Retention time; P: Probability; MF: Molecular formula; MW: Molecular weight; SI: Similar index; RSI: Reverse similar index

presence of detectable quantity of a particular compound, soil type, soil nutrients and climatic conditions under which the plant was grown, and age of the plant [53-64].

### Proximate composition of *A. bisporus* and fishmeal replaced diets

*A. bisporus* contained 31.46% of crude protein, 12.43% of crude fibre, 4.14% of crude fat, 11.34% of total ash, 11.29% of moisture, 1.28% of sand and silica, 0.50% of calcium, 1.07% of phosphorus and 1.36% of salt with 3840 kcal/kg of gross energy (Table 1). The total organic matters present in the isonitric basal (control) and experimental diets contained 42.62-42.86% of crude protein, 4.36-4.52% of crude fat (etheric extract), 1.18-1.29% of crude fibre, 7.57-7.72% of total ash, 8.87-9.12% of moisture and 34.74-39.73% total carbohydrate (nitrogen free extract) with 4367-4386 (kcal/kg) gross energy (Table 2). The formulated feeds satisfied the required proximate composition for freshwater prawns (30-40% crude protein, 25-35% carbohydrate and 3-7% lipid) prescribed by Swamy [65] and Mitra [3].

Protein is the major constituent of prawn feed as larvae and juveniles have greater requirement than adults for growth and metabolism [66]. Carbohydrates are the most economical and inexpensive source of

energy. It together with proteins and lipids form a dietary source of energy and are required to synthesis of glycogen, chitin, steroid, and fatty acids [67,68]. Actually, dietary protein supplies amino acids required to build body tissues, essential for growth and production of hormones, antibodies, enzymes, etc. [66].

### Survival, growth, contents of basic biochemical constituents and activities of digestive enzymes, and profiles of amino acid and fatty acid in fishmeal replaced diets fed prawns

The morphometric parameters (length and weight gains), nutritional indices (survival rate, specific growth rate and protein efficiency ratio), concentrations of basic biochemical constituents (total protein, carbohydrate, lipid, amino acid and ash) and activity of digestive enzymes (protease, amylase and lipase) were found to be gradually and significantly increased ( $P < 0.05$ ) from 25% to 75% fishmeal replaced diets fed prawns when compared with control, whereas the 100% fishmeal replaced diet showed a decreasing trend when compared to that of other experimental diets (Table 5) (Figure 5). The reverse trend in FCR was found, which represented the quality of diets prepared.

**Table 1.** Proximate composition of the mushroom *A. bisporus*

| Parameters      | Proximate composition (%) of <i>A. bisporus</i> |
|-----------------|---|
| Moisture        | 11.29   |
| Crude protein   | 31.46   |
| Crude fibre     | 12.43   |
| Ether extract   | 4.14  |
| Total Ash       | 11.34   |
| Sand and silica | 1.28  |
| Calcium         | 0.50  |
| Phosphorus      | 1.07  |
| Salt            | 1.36  |
| Gross energy    | 3840 kcal/kg                                    |

**Table 2.** Ingredients used to formulate iso-nitric diets, and proximate composition of fishmeal replaced diets with *A. bisporus*

| Basal ingredients (g)     | Control | Fishmeal replaced diets with <i>A. bisporus</i> |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|---------|---|-------|-------|-------|
|                           |         | 25%   | 50%   | 75%   | 100 % |
| Fish meal                 | 25      | 18.75   | 12.5  | 6.25  | 0     |
| Groundnut oil cake        | 25      | 29  | 31    | 34    | 35    |
| Soybean meal              | 25      | 29  | 31    | 34    | 35    |
| Wheat bran                | 10      | 10  | 10    | 10    | 10    |
| Egg albumin               | 7       | 7   | 7     | 7     | 7     |
| Tapioca flour             | 5       | 5   | 5     | 5     | 5     |
| Sunflower oil             | 2       | 2   | 2     | 2     | 2     |
| Vitamin mix*              | 1       | 1   | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| <i>A. bisporus</i>        | 0       | 6.25  | 12.5  | 18.75 | 25    |
| Total                     | 100     | 108   | 112   | 118   | 120   |
| Proximate composition (%) |         |   |       |       |       |
| Moisture                  | 8.87    | 8.91  | 8.94  | 9.01  | 9.12  |
| Crude protein             | 42.86   | 42.82   | 42.76 | 42.71 | 42.62 |
| Crude fibre               | 1.29    | 1.26  | 1.23  | 1.20  | 1.18  |
| Crude fat                 | 4.52    | 4.48  | 4.45  | 4.41  | 4.36  |
| Total Ash                 | 7.72    | 7.68  | 7.64  | 7.61  | 7.57  |
| Total carbohydrate        | 34.74   | 34.85   | 34.98 | 35.06 | 39.73 |
| Gross energy (kcal/kg)    | 4367    | 4375  | 4381  | 4386  | 4372  |

\*Each capsule contains, Total mg=438.5 mg; Thiamine Mononitrate IP, 10 mg; Riboflavin IP, 10 mg; Pyridoxine Hydrochloride IP, 3 mg; Vitamin B12 (as tablets 1:100) IP, 15 mcg; Niacinamide IP, 100 mg; Calcium pantothenate IP, 50 mg; Folic acid IP, 1.5 mg; Biotin USP, 100 mg; Ascorbic acid IP, 150 mg manufactured by Pfizer.

### Amino acid and fatty acid profiles of 75% fishmeal replaced diet fed prawns

The content of all the essential (histidine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, threonine, valine, arginine, asparagines, and glycine) and non-essential (glutamic acid, proline, alanine, tyrosine, aspartic acid, cysteine, and glutamine) amino acids were found to be significantly elevated ( $P < 0.05$ ) in 75% fishmeal replaced diet fed prawns when compared with control (Table 6). Similarly, the contents of saturated fatty acids (lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, and arachidic acid), monounsaturated fatty acids (palmitoleic acid, and oleic acid) and polyunsaturated fatty acids (linoleic acid, EPA and DHA) were found to be significantly increased ( $P < 0.05$ ) in 75%

**Table 3.** The primary phytochemicals present in *A. bisporus* extracts

| Phytochemicals     | Solvents used                |                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                    | Petroleum ether (non- polar) | Methanol (polar) |
| Alkaloids          | +++                          | ---              |
| Terpenoids         | +                            | ++               |
| Flavonoids         | --                           | +                |
| Tannins            | +++                          | --               |
| Polyphenols        | ++                           | ++               |
| Saponins           | --                           | +++              |
| Cardiac glycosides | +                            | ++               |
| Quinones           | ++                           | --               |

\*Poorly present; \*\*Moderately present; \*\*\*Luxuriantly present; - Absent



90<sup>th</sup> day of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with control diet



90<sup>th</sup> day of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 25% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*



90<sup>th</sup> day of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 50% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*



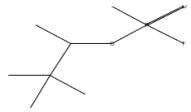
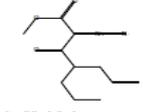
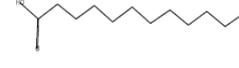
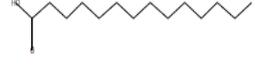
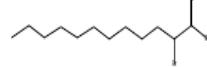
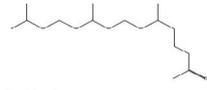
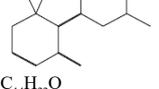
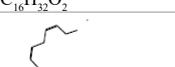
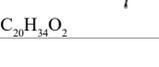
90<sup>th</sup> day of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 75% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*



90<sup>th</sup> day of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 100% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*

**Figure 5.** Fishmeal replaced diet fed *M. rosenbergii* PL with *A. bisporus*

**Table 4.** Secondary phytochemical compounds identified through GC-MS in *A. bisporus* extracted using different solvents, and their chemical structures and formulae

| Sl. No. | Peak RT | Solvent used    | Name of compounds   | Chemical structure and molecular formula   | Biological properties (by literature only)  |
|---------|---------|-----------------|---|--|---|
| 1       | 3.84    | Methanol        | Hydroxydihydroedulan  | <br>C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                | --  |
| 2       | 7.08    | petroleum ether | Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(4-morpholyl) ethenylsulfonfyl                                  | <br>C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S             | --  |
| 3       | 7.92    | Methanol        | 5-hydroxy-1-deutero-1,2-pentadiene  | <br>C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> DO                              | --  |
| 4       | 11.16   | Methanol        | methyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-4-propylhept-6-enoate  | <br>C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | --  |
| 5       | 12.01   | petroleum ether | Dodecanoic acid* (lauric acid)  | <br>C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>2</sub>               | Anti-microbial, nematocide and pesticide [54, 55].  |
| 6       | 15.00   | petroleum ether | Tetradecanoic acid* (myristic acid)   | <br>C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>             | Antioxidant, anticancer, hypercholesterolemic, larvicidal repellent activity, nematocide [56-58].   |
| 7       | 18.52   | Methanol        | 2-Bromolauric acid  | <br>C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>23</sub> BrO <sub>2</sub>            | --  |
| 8       | 20.00   | petroleum ether | 2-Pentadecanone, 6,10,14-trimethyl* (Hexahydrofarnesyl acetone)                     | <br>C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> O                           | Skin creams, lotion, cosmetic products [59].  |
| 9       | 21.00   | Methanol        | 4-(6,6-Dimethyl-2-methylenecyclohex-3-enylidene) pentan-2-ol*                       | <br>C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O                           | Melamine, dyes [60].  |
| 10      | 23.02   | Methanol        | Tetradecanoic acid* (myristic acid)   | <br>C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>              | Antioxidant, anticancer, hypercholesterolemic, larvicidal repellent activity, and nematocide [56-58].   |
| 11      | 24.01   | petroleum ether | Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester* (Palmitic acid, methyl ester)                      | <br>C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>             | Antibacterial and antifungal [61].  |
| 12      | 25.94   | Methanol        | Neophytadiene* (neophytadiene)  | <br>C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>38</sub>                             | Antipyretic, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and antioxidant [62].  |
| 13      | 27.42   | Methanol        | Hexadecanoic acid* (palmitic acid)  | <br>C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>              | Antioxidant, hypocholesterolemic, nematocide, pesticide, lubricant, anti-androgenic, flavor, hemolytic, and 5-alpha reductase inhibitor [63]. |
| 14      | 29.76   | Methanol        | 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-* (linolenic acid, ethyl ester) | <br>C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O <sub>2</sub>              | Anti-cancer [64].   |

\*Compounds having bioactive properties.

fishmeal replaced diet fed prawns when compared with control (Table 7). The elevated profiles of amino acid and fatty acid determined the high survival and growth of *M. rosenbergii* PL.

The result recorded clearly indicated the fact that 75% of fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus* produced better survival and growth, contents of protein, essential amino acids, unsaturated fatty acids, and activities of protease, amylase and lipase. Therefore, replacement

of fishmeal with mushroom contributes to an increase in protein assimilation and feed utilization. The improved essential amino acids involved in energy metabolism, protein synthesis, osmoregulation and neurotransmitter [69-73]. Improved survival, growth and nutritional indices, contents of protein, carbohydrate and lipid, activities of protease, amylase and lipase, and profiles of amino acid and fatty acid have been reported in *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 50% replacement of

**Table 5.** Nutritional indices, basic biochemical constituents and activities of digestive enzymes of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with fishmeal replaced diets with *A. bisporus*

| Parameters                              | Control      | Fishmeal replaced diets with <i>A. bisporus</i> |                          |                          |                         |                          |
|---|--------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|   |              | 25%   | 50%                      | 75%                      | 100%                    |                          |
| Nutritional indices                     | SR (%)       | 78.88±2.50 <sup>d</sup>                         | 84.44±2.50 <sup>e</sup>  | 88.88±1.89 <sup>b</sup>  | 93.33±1.92 <sup>a</sup> | 82.22±2.50 <sup>cd</sup> |
|   | Length (cm)  | 3.35±0.107 <sup>c</sup>                         | 4.40±0.13 <sup>c</sup>   | 4.90±0.09 <sup>b</sup>   | 5.74±0.07 <sup>a</sup>  | 4.26±0.12 <sup>d</sup>   |
|   | LG (cm)      | 2.06±0.06 <sup>c</sup>                          | 3.13±0.05 <sup>c</sup>   | 3.67±0.07 <sup>b</sup>   | 4.44±0.02 <sup>a</sup>  | 2.91±0.06 <sup>d</sup>   |
|   | Weight (g)   | 0.95±0.07 <sup>d</sup>                          | 1.89±0.09 <sup>c</sup>   | 2.27±0.05 <sup>b</sup>   | 2.80±0.04 <sup>a</sup>  | 1.35±0.10 <sup>cd</sup>  |
|   | WG (g)       | 0.83±0.03 <sup>de</sup>                         | 1.79±0.03 <sup>c</sup>   | 2.17±0.05 <sup>b</sup>   | 2.70±0.02 <sup>a</sup>  | 1.24±0.03 <sup>d</sup>   |
|   | SGR (%)      | 1.02±0.06 <sup>cd</sup>                         | 1.30±0.04 <sup>b</sup>   | 1.38±0.05 <sup>ab</sup>  | 1.47±0.08 <sup>a</sup>  | 1.15±0.07 <sup>c</sup>   |
|   | FCR (g)      | 0.79±0.03 <sup>a</sup>                          | 0.70±0.01 <sup>c</sup>   | 0.65±0.03 <sup>d</sup>   | 0.61±0.02 <sup>de</sup> | 0.74±0.05 <sup>b</sup>   |
| Biochemical Constituents (mg/g wet wt.) | PER (g)      | 2.95±0.11 <sup>d</sup>                          | 3.34±0.13 <sup>c</sup>   | 3.60±0.17 <sup>b</sup>   | 3.81±0.11 <sup>a</sup>  | 3.14±0.12 <sup>cd</sup>  |
|   | Protein      | 75.92±2.32 <sup>c</sup>                         | 87.75±2.71 <sup>c</sup>  | 92.4±1.52 <sup>b</sup>   | 109.7±2.23 <sup>a</sup> | 82.36±1.96 <sup>d</sup>  |
|   | Amino acid   | 25.81±1.26 <sup>c</sup>                         | 43.93±1.50 <sup>b</sup>  | 57.03±1.58 <sup>b</sup>  | 71.35±1.17 <sup>a</sup> | 34.6±0.83 <sup>d</sup>   |
|   | Carbohydrate | 17.68±0.31 <sup>c</sup>                         | 23.22±0.73 <sup>c</sup>  | 27.14±0.45 <sup>b</sup>  | 35.95±0.83 <sup>a</sup> | 15.89±0.40 <sup>d</sup>  |
|   | Lipid        | 9.24±0.24 <sup>c</sup>                          | 19.55±0.17 <sup>c</sup>  | 23.45±0.33 <sup>b</sup>  | 37.49±0.48 <sup>a</sup> | 13.37±0.59 <sup>d</sup>  |
|   | Moisture (%) | 83.55±2.41 <sup>a</sup>                         | 74.12±2.58 <sup>bc</sup> | 70.14±3.27 <sup>cd</sup> | 68.23±3.37 <sup>d</sup> | 77.10±2.32 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Digestive enzymes (U/ mg protein)       | Ash (%)      | 14.97±1.45 <sup>c</sup>                         | 23.53±2.21 <sup>ab</sup> | 24.12±1.85 <sup>a</sup>  | 26.43±1.89 <sup>a</sup> | 20.12±2.58 <sup>b</sup>  |
|   | Protease     | 3.66±1.61 <sup>b</sup>                          | 4.47±0.15 <sup>b</sup>   | 4.61±0.21 <sup>ab</sup>  | 5.92±0.20 <sup>a</sup>  | 4.13±0.14 <sup>b</sup>   |
|   | Amylase      | 0.60±0.18 <sup>c</sup>                          | 2.17±0.06 <sup>c</sup>   | 2.63±0.12 <sup>b</sup>   | 3.62±0.1 <sup>a</sup>   | 1.59±0.042 <sup>d</sup>  |
|   | Lipase*      | 0.40±0.09 <sup>d</sup>                          | 0.81±0.04 <sup>bc</sup>  | 0.90±0.08 <sup>b</sup>   | 1.08±0.09 <sup>a</sup>  | 0.75±0.08 <sup>c</sup>   |

\*Ux10<sup>2</sup>.

Each value is mean ±standard deviation of three individual observations.

Initial length and weight were 1.30 ± 0.11 cm and 0.12 ± 0.02 respectively.

Mean values within the same row sharing different alphabetical letter superscripts are statistically significant at P<0.05 (one-way ANOVA and subsequent post hoc multiple comparison with DMRT).

**BI:** Basal ingredients; **SR:** Survival rate; **WG:** Weight gain, **SGR:** Specific growth rate; **FCR:** Food conversion ratio; **PER:** Protein efficiency ratio.

**Table 6.** Profiles of amino acids (g/ 100 g dry wt.) in *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with diet of 75% fishmeal replaced with *A. bisporus*

| Amino acids | Control       | Fishmeal replaced diet fed PL |            |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| EAA         | Histidine     | 3.50±0.11                     | 4.62±0.04  |
|             | Isoleucine    | 2.85±0.08                     | 4.01±0.15  |
|             | Leucine       | 4.25±0.15                     | 5.03±0.08  |
|             | Lysine        | 2.35±0.05                     | 2.85±0.04  |
|             | Methionine    | 4.10±0.10                     | 4.86±0.11  |
|             | Phenylalanine | 3.60±0.08                     | 4.25±0.08  |
|             | Threonine     | 4.69±0.13                     | 5.36±0.14  |
|             | Valine        | 2.87±0.06                     | 3.96±0.04  |
|             | Arginine      | 3.78±0.02                     | 4.90±0.08  |
|             | Asparagine    | 13.45±1.40                    | 13.23±1.52 |
|             | Glycine       | 13.25±1.12                    | 13.80±1.30 |
| NEAA        | Glutamic acid | 2.85±0.09                     | 3.01±0.04  |
|             | Proline       | 9.36±0.92                     | 10.02±0.72 |
|             | Alanine       | 3.75±0.32                     | 4.01±0.09  |
|             | Tyrosine      | 8.12±0.70                     | 8.08±0.62  |
|             | Aspartic acid | 5.93±0.52                     | 6.56±0.90  |
|             | Cystine       | 3.56±0.09                     | 3.01±0.05  |
|             | Glutamine     | 1.96±0.06                     | 1.89±0.06  |
| ΣEAA        | 58.69±3.38    | 66.87±3.94                    |            |
| ΣNEAA       | 35.53±3.49    | 36.58±2.48                    |            |
| ΣAA         | 94.22±6.87    | 103.45±6.42                   |            |
| ΣEAA/NEZZ   | 1.65          | 1.83                          |            |

Each value is mean ± standard deviation of three individual observations.

\*Values are significant (P<0.05) by paired-samples 't' test.

**EAA:** Essential amino acid; **NEAA:** Nonessential amino acid; **AA:** Amino acid.

the fishmeal with *Chlorella vulgaris* [74] and 25% fishmeal replaced with *T. ornata* and *G. corticata* [73].

### Profile of proteins of 75% fishmeal replaced diet fed prawns

The general comparison between control and experiment revealed that the polypeptide bands were clearly resolved in fishmeal replaced diet fed prawns. The 119, 117, 84, 34, 28, 24 and 23 kDa protein bands were newly appeared in the muscle of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 75% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*. The 19 and 17 kDa protein bands were deeply stained in experimental prawns when compared to that of control (Figure 6). The results observed indicated the fact that the muscle quality of *M. rosenbergii* PL has improved through incorporation of *A. bisporus* protein.

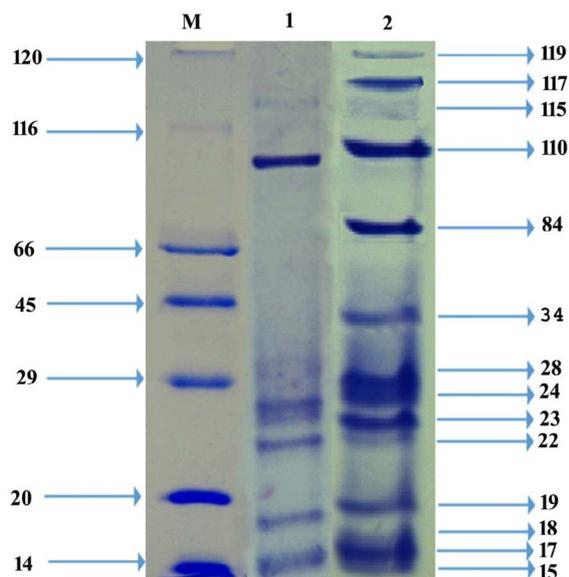
**Table 7.** Profiles of fatty acids in *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 75% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus*

| Fatty acids |                           | Control    | Fishmeal replaced diet fed PL |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| SFA         | Lauric acid (C12:0)       | 0.62±0.04  | 1.21±0.0                      |
|             | Myristic acid (C14:0)     | 0.49±0.03  | 0.96±0.03                     |
|             | Palmitic acid (C16:0)     | 11.52±1.40 | 14.02±0.82                    |
|             | Stearic acid (C18:0)      | 8.02±0.60  | 11.08±1.21                    |
|             | Arachidic acid (C20:0)    | 0.65±0.05  | 0.96±0.08                     |
| MUFA        | Palmitoleic acid (C16:1)  | 9.05±0.82  | 12.96±1.45                    |
|             | Oleic acid (C18:1)        | 7.69±0.50  | 12.54±0.59                    |
| PUFA        | Linoleic acid (C18:2 n-6) | 6.45±0.52  | 9.04±0.95                     |
|             | EPA (C20:5 n-3)           | 0.58±0.05  | 2.02±0.02                     |
|             | DHA (C22:6 n-3)           | 1.96±0.09  | 2.53±0.03                     |
| ΣFA         | 49.57±4.24                | 77.66±5.79 |                               |
| ΣSFA        | 21.30±2.12                | 28.23±2.20 |                               |
| ΣMUFA       | 16.74±1.32                | 25.50±2.04 |                               |
| ΣPUFA       | 8.99±0.66                 | 13.59±1.25 |                               |
| n-3         | 2.54±0.14                 | 4.55±0.30  |                               |
| n-6         | 6.45±0.52                 | 9.04±0.95  |                               |

Each value is mean ± standard deviation of three individual observations.

All the values are significant (P<0.05) by paired-samples 't' test.

SFA: Saturated fatty acids; MUFA: Mono unsaturated fatty acids; PUFA: Poly unsaturated fatty acids; FA: Fatty acids



**Figure 6.** SDS-PAGE pattern of muscle protein of *M. rosenbergii* PL fed with 75% fishmeal replaced diet with *A. bisporus* (M: Marker (120: Myosin; 116: β-galactosidase; 66: Bovine serum albumin; 45: Ovalbumin; 29: Carbonic anhydrase; 20: Soyabean trypsin inhibitor; 14: Lysozyme); 1: Control; 2: Fishmeal replaced diet fed PL)

### Conclusion

Fish meal is an excellent source of protein and other essential nutrients for aquaculture feed industry. Up to 75% of this has successfully and partially been replaced with *A. bisporus*. The recorded better growth and survival of *M. rosenbergii* PL by better feed conversion ratio indicated that the formulated feeds were well served and fully utilized. *A. bisporus* powder led to increased digestive enzymes activity, which offered better digestion, absorption and assimilation. Hence, the quality of muscle protein was improved. Thus, sustainable culture of *Macrobrachium* is possible.

### Conflict of interest

There is no conflict of interest among authors.

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