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# The Efficiency of Naturally Derived Pigments from Microorganisms, Fungi, and Plants in Dyeing Fabric

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Picture 1: Monascus red dyed strips

# Introduction



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# Natural pigments

- Also known as biopigments, natural colorants or micropigments (fungi, bacteria)
  - Reference all pigments created by living organisms
  - Used since ancient times but decreased in popularity
  - Have started to resurface
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# Perspective Application

- Create a sustainable alternative
  - Waste
  - Unrenewable resources
- Limit the impacts of Synthetics
  - Pollution
  - Other
- Increase cost effectiveness
- Meet social demand



Picture 2: Textiles dye waste water;  
<https://arviatechnology.com/case-studies/case-study-removal-of-chemical-dye-from-textile-wastewater/>



Picture 3: *Quercus robur* dyed strips

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# Background


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# Literature Review

Dyeing History/ Dyeing Process:

- A Brief History Of Colour, The Environmental Impact Of Synthetic Dyes And Removal By Using Laccases. (Ardila-Leal et al., 2021)
  - Global Communities, Biotechnology, and Sustainable Design- Natural/ Bio Dyes in Textiles (Carvalho & Santos, 2015)
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# Literature Review

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## Plants:

- Extraction of Natural Dyes for Textile Dyeing from Coloured Plant Wastes Released from the Food and Beverage Industry (Bechtold et al., 2005)
- Preparation of Biomass Pigments and Dyeing Based on Bioconversion (Gong et al., 2018)
- Textiles Coloured With Natural Dyes Of Vegetal Origin (Dolca, 2018)

## Bacteria:

- Microbial Pigment as an Alternative to Synthetic Dye (Jha et al., 2017)
- Microbial Pigments as an Alternative to Synthetic Dyes and Food Additive: a Brief Review of Recent Studies (Aman et al., 2022)
- Bacterial Secondary Metabolites as Biopigments for Textile Dyeing (Kramar & Kostic, 2022)

## Fungi:

- Colorfastness of Extracted Wood-staining Fungal Pigments on Fabrics: a New Potential fo Textile Dyes (Hinsch et al., 2015)
- Production of Fungal Pigments: Molecular Processes and Their Applications (Lin & Xu, 2022)



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## Research Questions

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Picture 4: Lawsone dyed wool segments after spectrophotometer test

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## RQ1

Can microbial and other natural pigments be used to dye textiles based on quantity yield produced, and quality of saturation?

$H_0$ : Microbial, fungal, and natural pigments cannot be used to dye a textile based on yield of pigment, and quality of saturation based on absorbance value and transmittance percentage .

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**RQ2**

What biopigments produce the most yield of pigment during application when dyeing textiles?

$H_0$ : The microbial pigments will not produce a bigger yield of pigment compared to the other natural alternatives by milligrams/milliliter.

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## RQ3

Which biopigment has the best color output?

$H_0$ : The plant pigments will not produce the best color output compared the other biopigments based of absorbance value and transmittance percentage.

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## Research Methods

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Picture 5: *Allium cepa* Peel Dye bath

## Pigments

**Fungi:** Xylindein (*Chlorociboria aeruginosa*); Draconin red (*Scytalidium cuboideum*)

**Alter. Fungi:** p-Benzoquinone; Lawsone

**Bacteria:** Monascus (*Monascus sanguineus*); Melanin (*Aspergillus carbonarius*)

**Alter. Bacteria:** Red Yeast Rice; Synthetic Melanin

**Plant:** Oak Leaves (variation); Onions (*Allium cepa*)

**Control/Comparison:** Synthetic Red dye

## Color tests

Absorbance Value (ABS)      Transmittance Percentage (T%)  
Optical Observation (Averages compared)

## Dye

Dye Bath/ Incubation: Water & 95% Ethanol, 60 mins, Uptake for 30 secs  
Drying: 24+ hours

## Fabric

100% Wool strips  
10 strips per dye  
50 ¼ inch strips for color analysis

## Yield

Based on ratio of weight to volume of solvent (mg/mL)  
Averages compared



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# Results



Picture 6: (top) Onion Peel dyed wool strips, (Bottom) Synthetic dyed wool strips

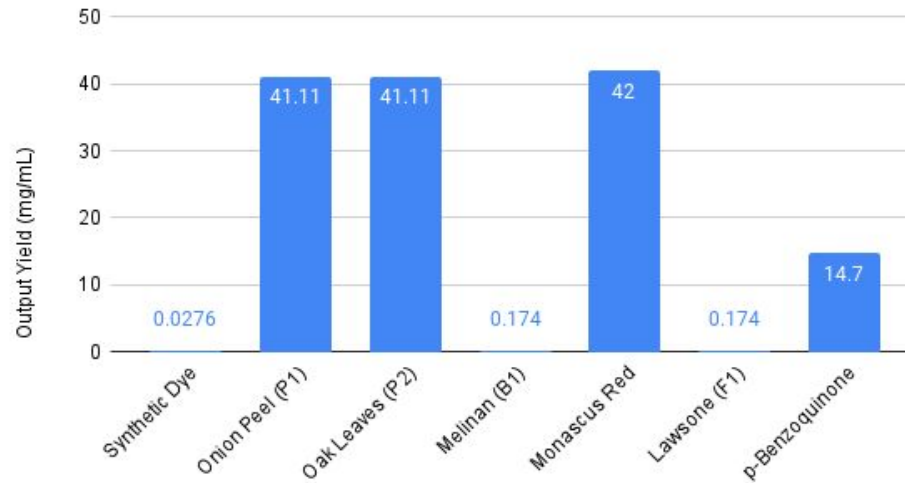
# Visible Color

	Visible Color on Fabric
Synthetic Dye (Liquid)	Red
Onion Peel (P1)	Yellow/Tan
 Oak Leaves (P2)	Brown/Tan
Melinan (B1)	Black
Monascus Red (B2)	Light Red
Lawsonia (F1)	Orange/Yellow
 p-Benzoquinone (F2)	Brown/Tan

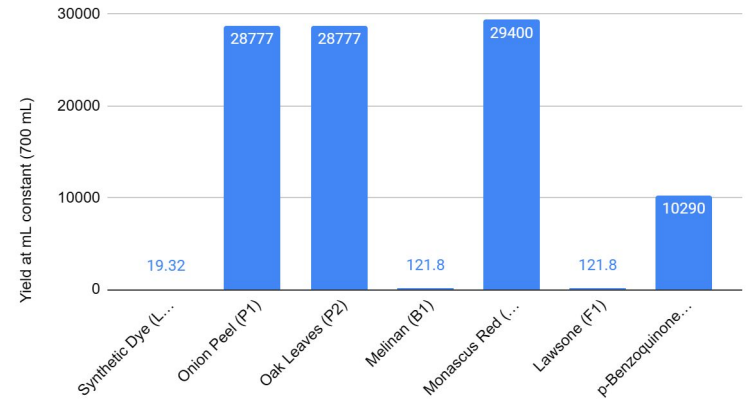


# Output Yield in (mg/mL)

Output Yield (SD-mL, mg/mL) for each Biopigment

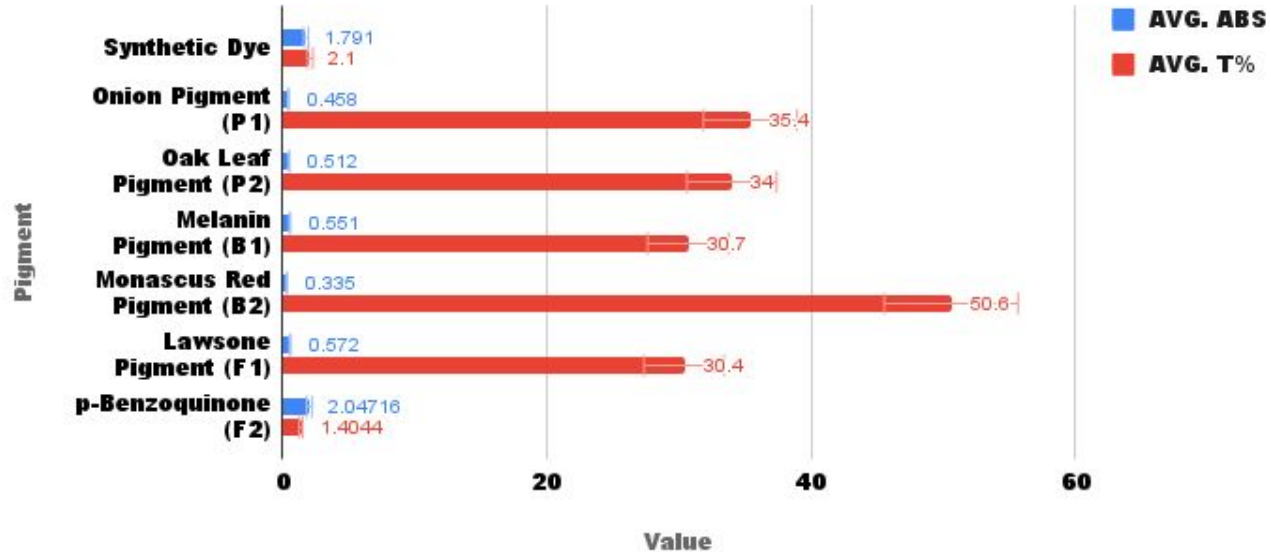


Yield at mL constant (700 mL) for each Biopigment



# Average ABS and T% per Pigment

**Average Absorbance Value and Average Transmittance Percentage of Each Pigment**



# ANOVA Test Results

## ANOVA table (Type II)

Hover over the cells for formulas and calculation.

Source	DF	Sum of Square (SS)	Mean Square (MS)	F Statistic (df <sub>1</sub> ,df <sub>2</sub> )	P-value
Factor A - rows (A)	6	45707.066	7617.844	120.773 (6,686)	< 2.2e-16
Factor B - columns (B)	1	112788.729	112788.729	1788.155 (1,686)	< 2.2e-16
Interaction AB	6	53068.959	8844.827	140.226 (6,686)	< 2.2e-16
Error	686	43269.772	63.075		
<b>Total</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>254834.526</b>	<b>364.57</b>		

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# Chi-Squared test and paired t-test Results

## Chi-Squared Test of Association:

- $\chi^2 = 58.854$
- P-value= 0.000128

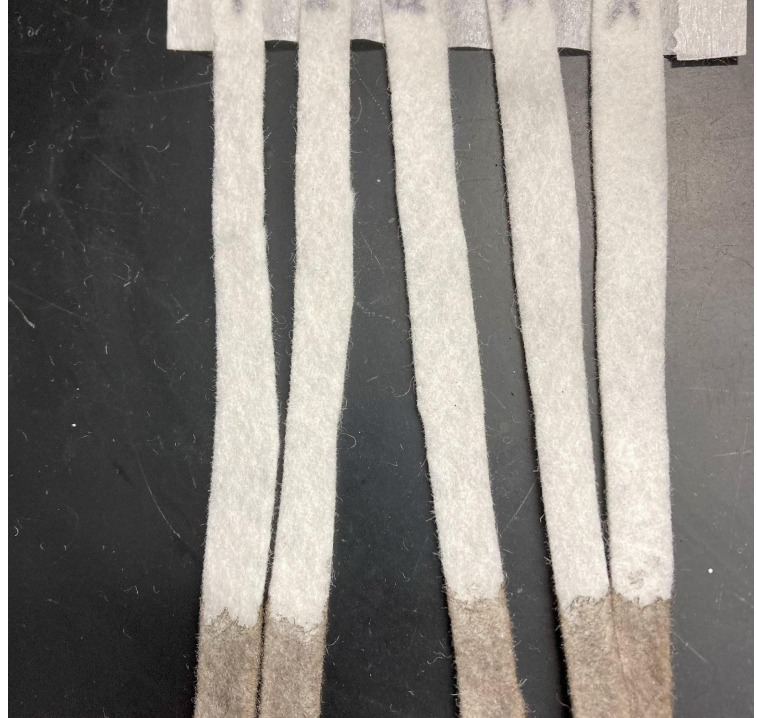
## Paired T-test:

- P-value= .0001
- Df = 349



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## Discussion



Picture 7: Melanin dyed wool strip after spectrophotometer test



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# Errors and Research Against Hypotheses

## Production yield:

- No pigment production or fermentation of B1, F1, or F2 pigment
- Human error of Strain

## Color Analysis:

- Highest ABS and lowest T% were fungal alternatives

## Quantity Yield:

- F1 one of the lowest ratio (.174)
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# Research Supporting Hypotheses

Bio pigments can dye fabric:

- Change in ABS and T% from plain wool
- All yield outputs produced color
- (Ardila-Leal et al., 2021, Rice, 1974, Kramer & Kostic, 2022, & Shirata et al., 2000)

Significance was determined:

- ANOVA, chi-squared, t-test all less than .05

Color Analysis:

- Lawsone= highest ABS and lowest T%
- (Che & Yang, 2022)

Yield Output:

- B1 one of the lowest ratios (.174)
- (Rana et al., 2021).



# Future Prospects

- Knowledge of more species
- Mixtures of Biopigments  
to create new colors
- Bio waste as a source



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# Conclusion

<https://www.pngarts.com/explore/133498>

[https://www.tiedeyoursummer.com/  
Technique/heart-tie-dye-technique](https://www.tiedeyoursummer.com/Technique/heart-tie-dye-technique)



Thank you for listening!!

Questions?

<https://www.pngall.com/color-png/download/60480>

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