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De los resultados obtenidos a modo de conclusiones podemos destacar:

1. Las especies del género *Aspergillus* se aislan frecuentemente en los substratos estudiados, en especial en piensos. Su recuento parcial en este tipo de muestras representa más del 50% del recuento fúngico total.
2. De las especies productoras de OA aisladas en el presente estudio, la frecuencia de aislamiento de *Aspergillus niger* es superior a la de *A. ochraceus*.
3. Las cepas tipo de las dos especies propuestas en el agregado *A. niger*, *A. niger* CBS 554.65 y *A. tubingensis* CBS 134.48 están muy próximas en términos filogenéticos, por lo que podría tratarse de una misma especie.
4. La digestión con *Rsal* del fragmento 5.8S-ITS rDNA amplificado mediante PCR es un sistema fácil, práctico y rápido para clasificar cepas del agregado *A. niger* en las dos especies propuestas.
5. Las cepas de los dos grupos N y T son morfológicamente indistinguibles. Las pequeñas diferencias observadas no constituyen una característica práctica para diferenciar ambos grupos.
6. La temperatura óptima de crecimiento de las cepas del agregado *A. niger* es de 35°C, no desarrollándose por debajo de 10°C, ni por encima de los 50°C. Al considerar la división del agregado en los grupos N y T, las cepas tipo T presentan una temperatura óptima de 35°C y las tipo N de 30-35°C.
7. Las cepas tipo T se diferencian de las tipo N por desarrollarse más rápidamente a la temperatura más baja (10°C) en la que se obtuvo el desarrollo de las especies del agregado.

8. El crecimiento de las cepas del agregado *A. niger* se ve favorecido a concentraciones bajas de cloruro sódico, observándose una mayor tolerancia a 25°C que a 35°C. Los grupos de cepas N y T presentan una respuesta similar al NaCl.
9. El método de extracción de OA a partir de los bocados de cultivos en YES agar o CYA, y su detección mediante TLC ha resultado ser un buen método de criba para detectar cepas productoras de OA, debido a su sencillez y bajo coste de realización.
10. Todas las cepas ocratoxigénicas del agregado *A. niger* con patrón de RFLP conocido pertenecen al grupo N, por lo que los aislamientos del grupo T parecen no ser capaces de producir OA.
11. Las dos grupos de cepas N y T no presentan entidad suficiente para ser considerados como pertenecientes a especies distintas.

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ANEXOS

ANEXO I. Abreviaciones.

ATCC, American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, MD, EEUU.

BEN, Balkan Endemic Nephropathy (nefropatía endémica de los Balcanes).

CBS, Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures, Baarn, Holanda.

CMI, Concentración mínima inhibitoria.

CYA, Czapek Yeast extract Agar (agar Czapek extracto de levadura).

ETS, Externally Transcribed Spacer (espaciador transcritto externamente).

FAO, Food and Agricultural Organisation.

FDA, Food and Drug Administration.

GRAS, Generally Regarded As Safe.

IAC, Immunoaffinity Columns (columnas de inmunoafinidad).

HPLC, High Performance Liquid Chromatography (Cromatografía líquida de alta eficacia).

IARC, International Agency for Research on Cancer.

IGS, Inter-Genic Spacer (espaciador intergénico).

IMI, International Micological Institute, Egham, Reino Unido.

ITS, Internally Transcribed Spacer (espaciadores transcritos internamente).

LLP, Liquid – Liquid Partition (partición líquido – líquido).

MEA, 2% Malt Extract Agar (agar extracto de malta al 2%).

mtDNA, DNA mitocondrial.

NRRL, Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, IL, EEUU.

NTS, Non-Transcribed Spacer (espaciador no transcrita).

OA, Ocratoxina A.

PCR, Polimerase Chain Reaction (reacción en cadena de la polimerasa).

PDA, Potato Dextrose Agar (agar patata glucosado).

rDNA, DNA ribosomal.

RAPD, Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (polimorfismos de DNA amplificado aleatoriamente).

RFLP, Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (polimorfismos de longitud de fragmentos de restricción).

SEM, Scanning Electron Microscope (microscopio electrónico de barrido).

SFW, Suero fisiológico con tween 80 al 0,05%.

SPE, Solid Phase Extraction (extracción de fase sólida).

TLC, Thin Layer Chromatography (cromatografía en capa fina).

UFC, Unidades formadoras de colonias.

YES, Yeast Extract Sucrose (extracto de levadura sacarosa).

ANEXO II. Colores.

En el presente anexo se relacionan los colores mencionados en el presente estudio con los números de referencia de la carta de identificación de colores del *Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh* (1969).

A: amarillo	54
AC: amarillo claro	50
AG: amarillo grisáceo	55
B: blanco	1
BE: beige	4
C: caqui	64
CR: crema	2
G: gris	34
GN: gris negruzco	37
M: marrón	24
MC: marrón claro	17
MG: marrón grisáceo	33
MN: marrón negruzco	36
MO: marrón oscuro	16
MR: marrón rojizo	23
N: negro	38
NA: naranja	48
V: verde	62
VC: verde claro	68
VO: verde oscuro	65

ANEXO III. Láminas.

Lámina I.

Patrones de RFLP N y T obtenidos al digerir con *Rsa*I los fragmentos 5.8S ITS-rDNA amplificados mediante PCR. Patrón N: dos fragmentos de 519 y 76 pb. Patrón T: Un fragmento de 595 pb. Carrera L: marcador 100-bp DNA ladder (Gibco BRL); carreras 1-7: patrón N; carreras 8-13: patrón T. Carrera 1, CBS 554.65; carrera 2, CBS 126.49; carrera 3, NRRL 3122; carrera 4 ATCC 22343; carrera 5, CBS 618.78; carrera 6, IMI 211394; carrera 7, CBS 118.35; carrera 8, CBS 134.48; carrera 9, CBS 117.32; carrera 10, IMI 172296; carrera 11, IMI 63764; carrera 12, CBS 558.65; carrera 13, ATCC 26036. El fragmento de 76 pb es demasiado pequeño para observarse con claridad.

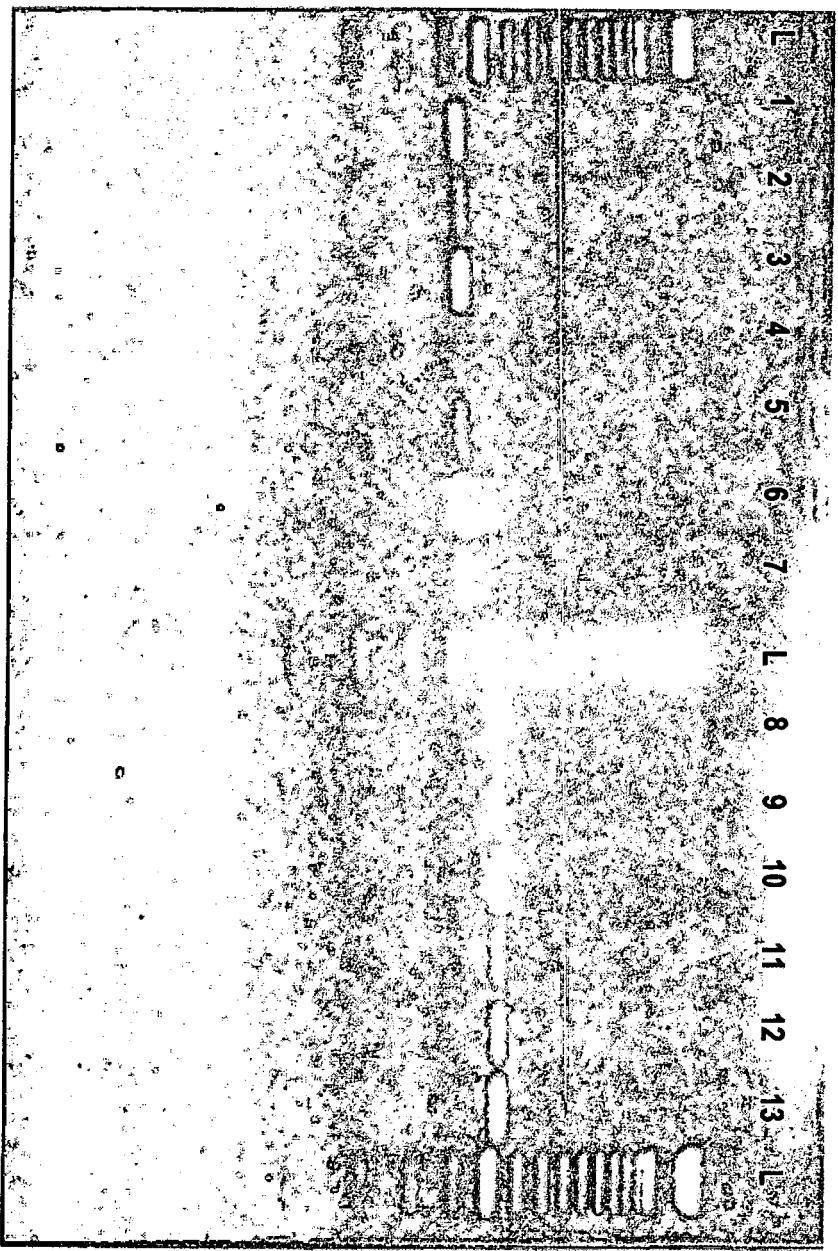
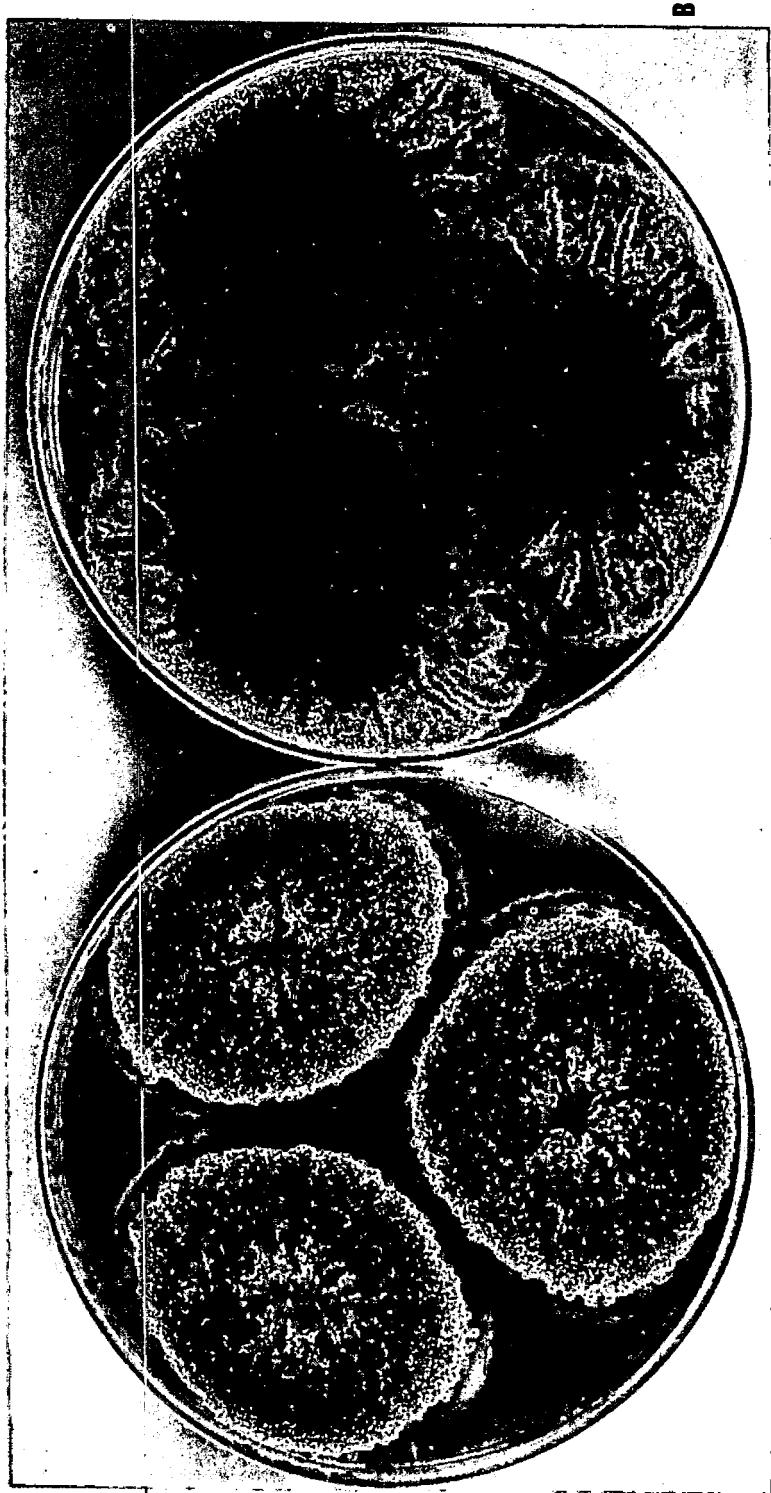


Lámina II.

Aspecto de las colonias de *Aspergillus niger* var. *niger* (A220) desarrolladas en MEA (A) y CYA (B) a los siete días de incubación a 25°C.

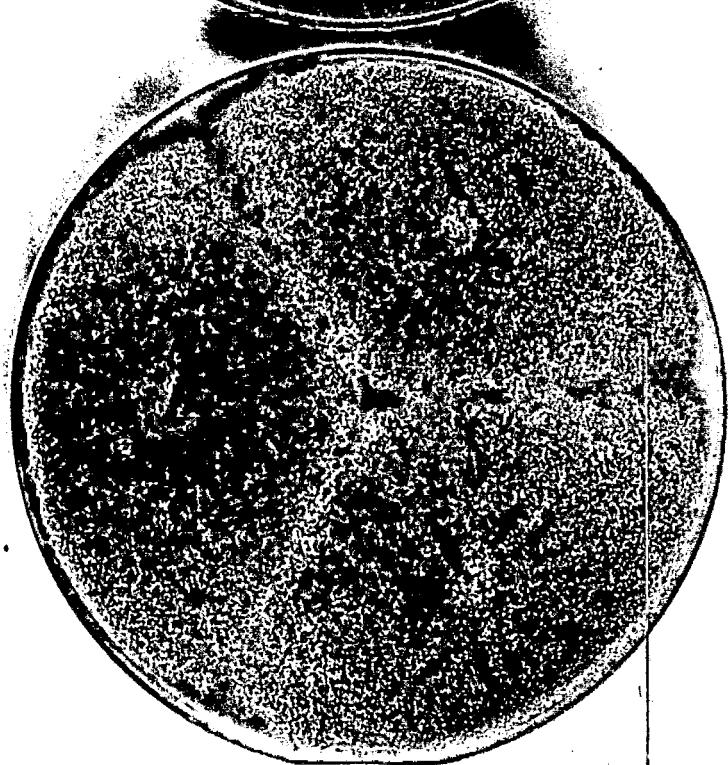
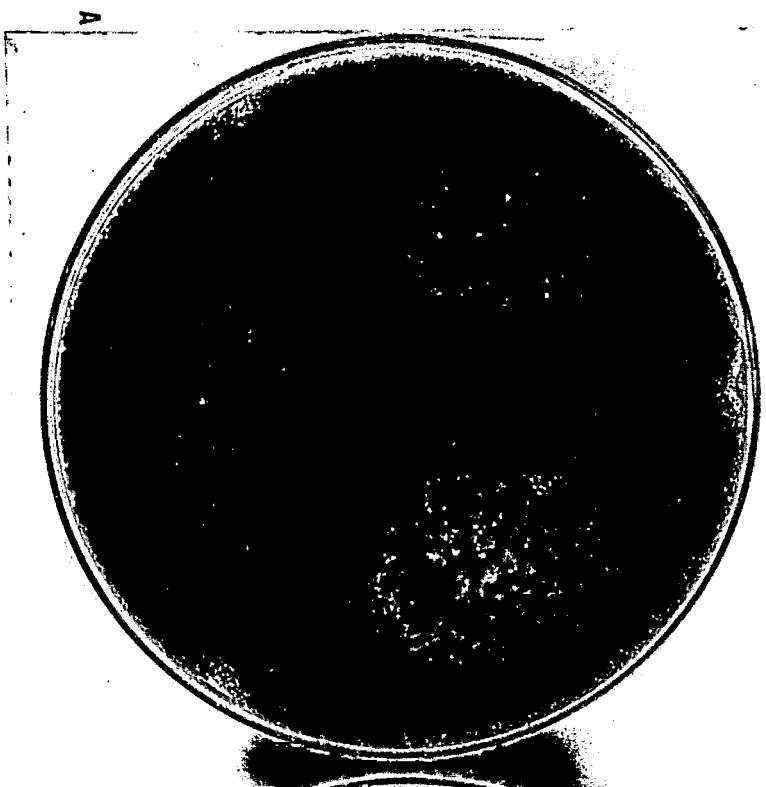


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Lámina III.

Aspecto de las colonias de *Aspergillus niger* var. *niger* (A220) desarrolladas en CYA (A) y CYA20S (B) a los siete días de incubación a 37°C y a 25°C, respectivamente.



B

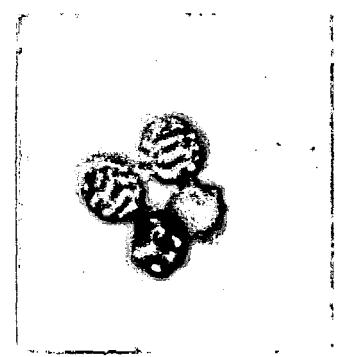
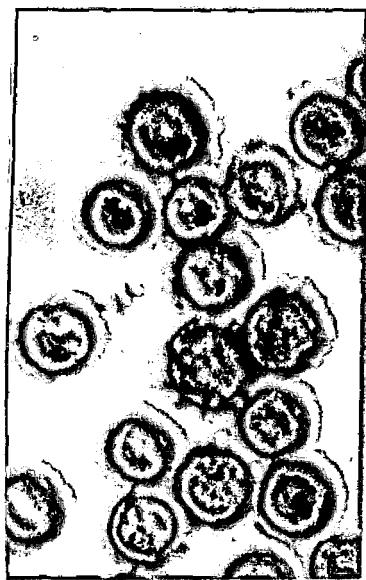
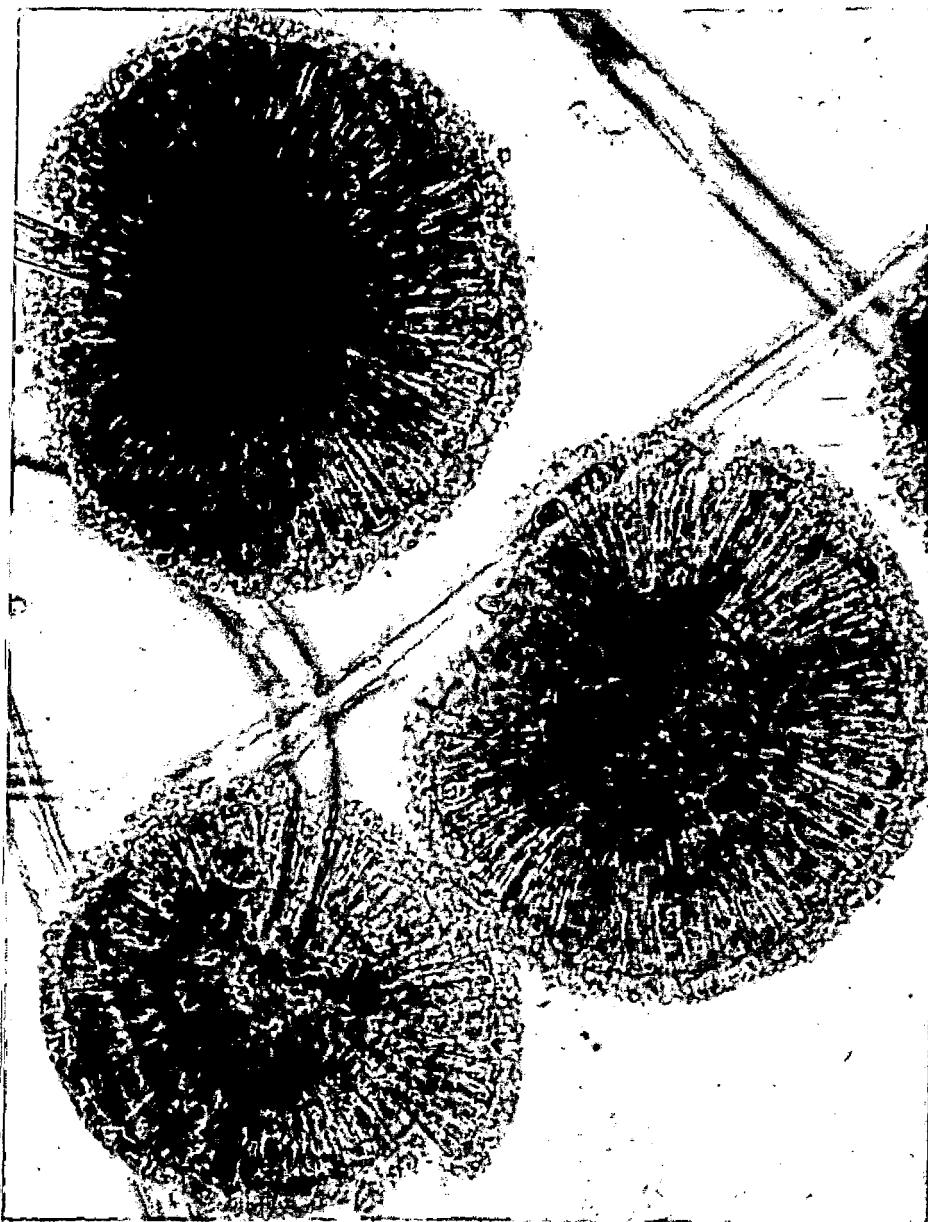
Lámina IV.

Aspecto de las cabezas conidiales de *A. niger* var. *niger* (A266).

Detalle de la ornamentación de los conidios:

A: ornamentación formada por estrías longitudinales (A645).

B: ornamentación formada por protuberancias (IMI 211394).



A

B

Lámina V.

Crecimiento de *A. niger* var. *niger* (A81) a las temperaturas de 10°C (A), 15°C (B), 20°C (C), 25°C (D), 30°C (E) y 35°C (F).

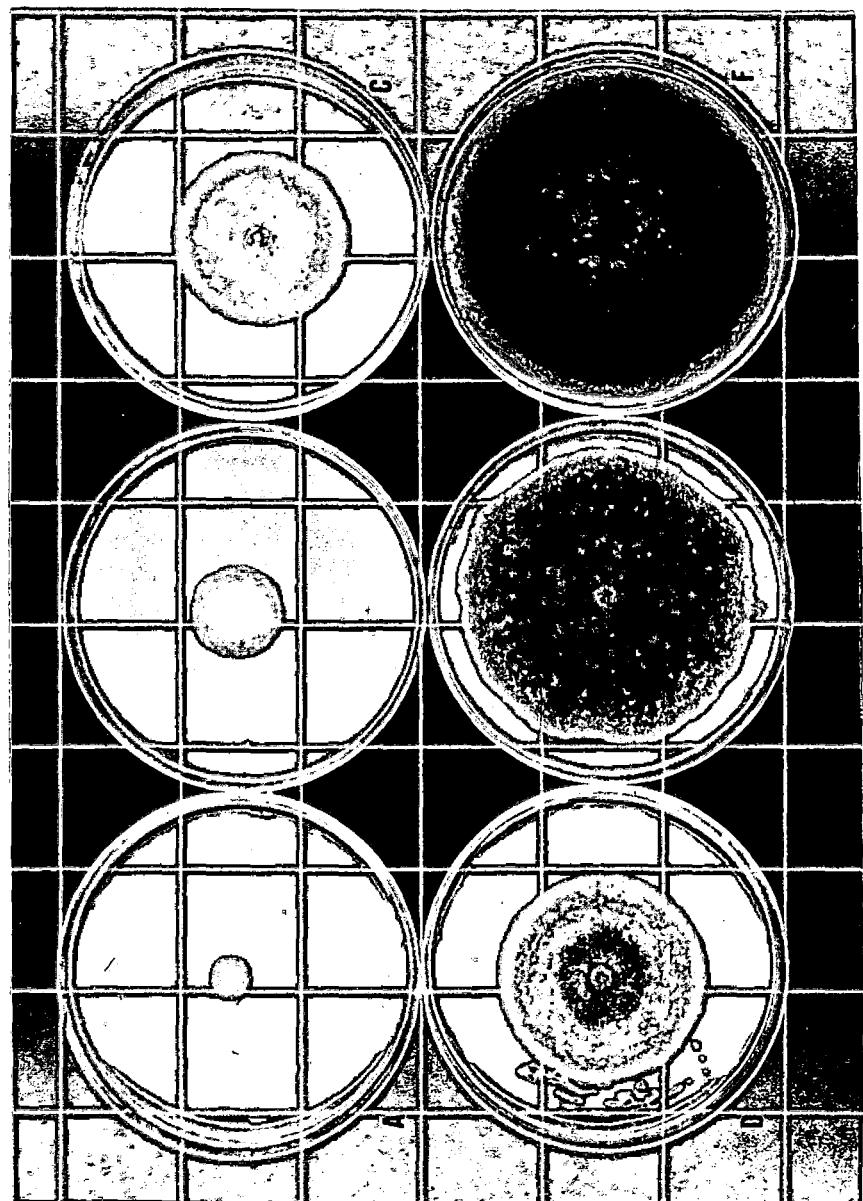


Lámina VI.

Crecimiento de *A. niger* var. *niger* (A656) a distintas concentraciones de NaCl: 0% (A), 2% (B), 4% (C), 6% (D), 8% (E) y 10% (F) a 35°C.

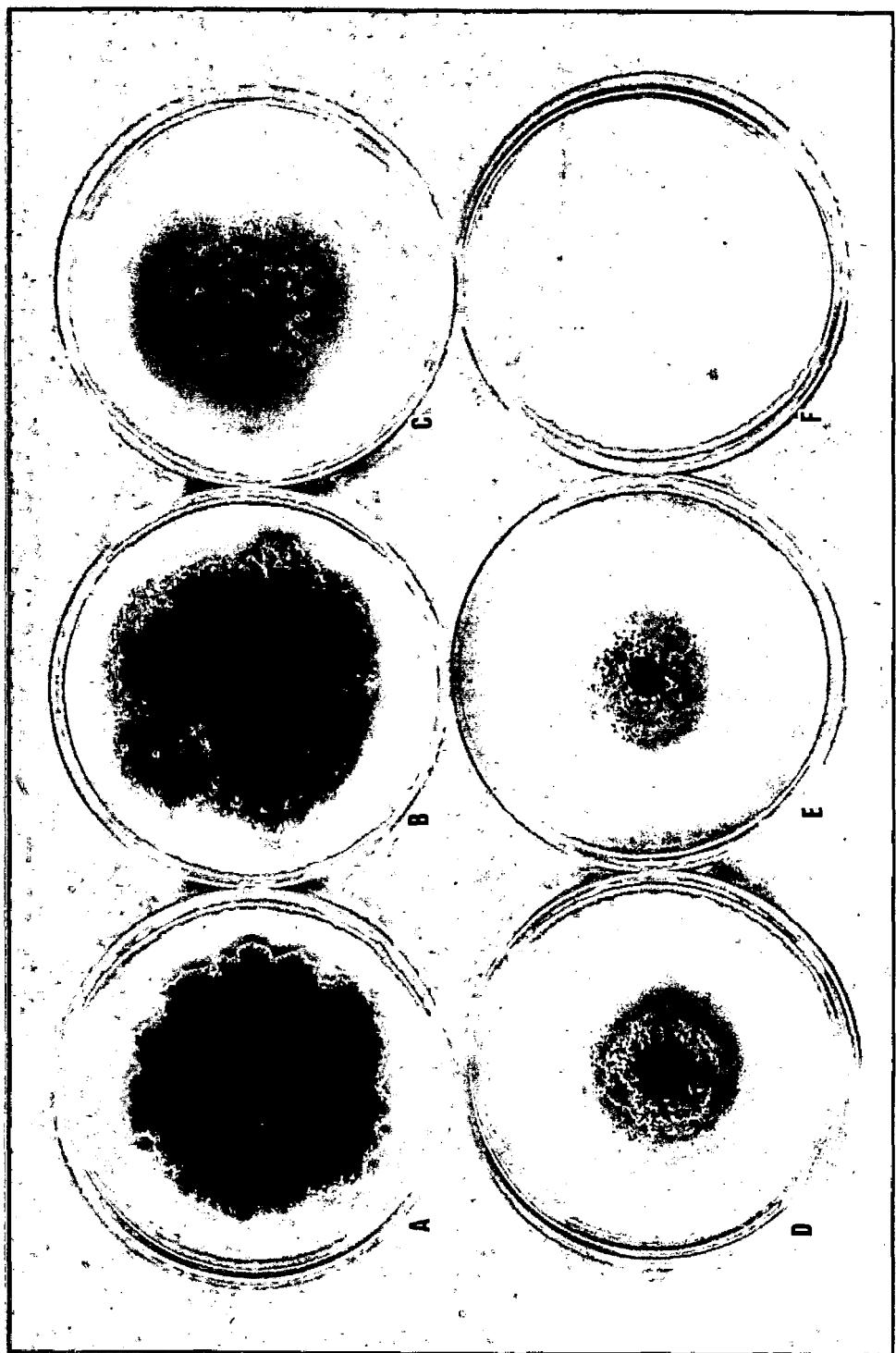


Lámina VII.



Alteraciones morfológicas inducidas por elevadas concentraciones de NaCl:

A: heteromorfismo (A88).

B: presencia de hifas retorcidas (607JC).



