

1 **Optimization of Pilot scale Biogas Plant for mixed food wastes with cow dung by**
2 **anaerobic digestion process**

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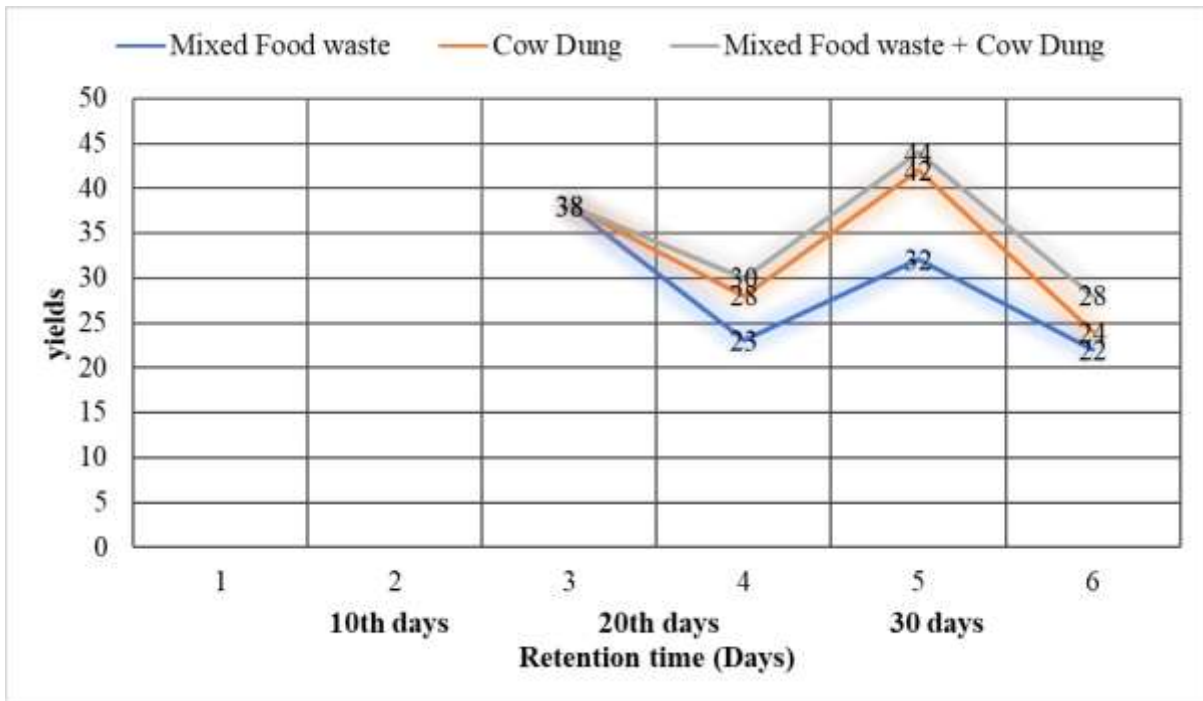
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28 **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT**



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31 **Abstract**

32 The primary aim of this research is to identify the best anaerobic digestion process yield for
33 generating biogas from mixed food waste in the combination of cow manure. For the biogas
34 generation experiment, certain biodegradable domestic organic wastes gathered from
35 restaurants, waste storage facilities, the fruit-and-vegetable market and manure from cows.
36 Organic waste collection; 38g of mixed food waste, cow dung waste and its mixture collected
37 from Yaaballo town. To match the digester's input size and to make digestion easier, all wastes
38 were broken down into little (5 mm) pieces by using a mortar and pestle. Organic materials
39 were kept in plastic bags till anaerobic digestion got started. Because high temperatures
40 stimulated the growth of methanogenic bacteria in the digester, the findings from the research
41 indicated that Mixed Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste produced the most biogas (44ml) at
42 45°C in a short retention period. The temperature, PH, and retention time all significantly
43 (P0.05) affect the production of biogas, according to the ANOVA results. It is possible to
44 combine organic materials with equal amounts of high and low C:N ratios to get the ideal C:N
45 ratios for digester use. The pH stability and increased methanogenic activities achieved by
46 changing the C:N ratio of organic waste to provide the greatest biogas generation in Mixed

47 Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste. For the best yield, the combination of diverse organic waste
48 and the effects of various parameters on biogas production should be thoroughly studied.

49 **Key words:** Biogas production, anaerobic digestion, organic waste, and digester.

50 **1. INTRODUCTION**

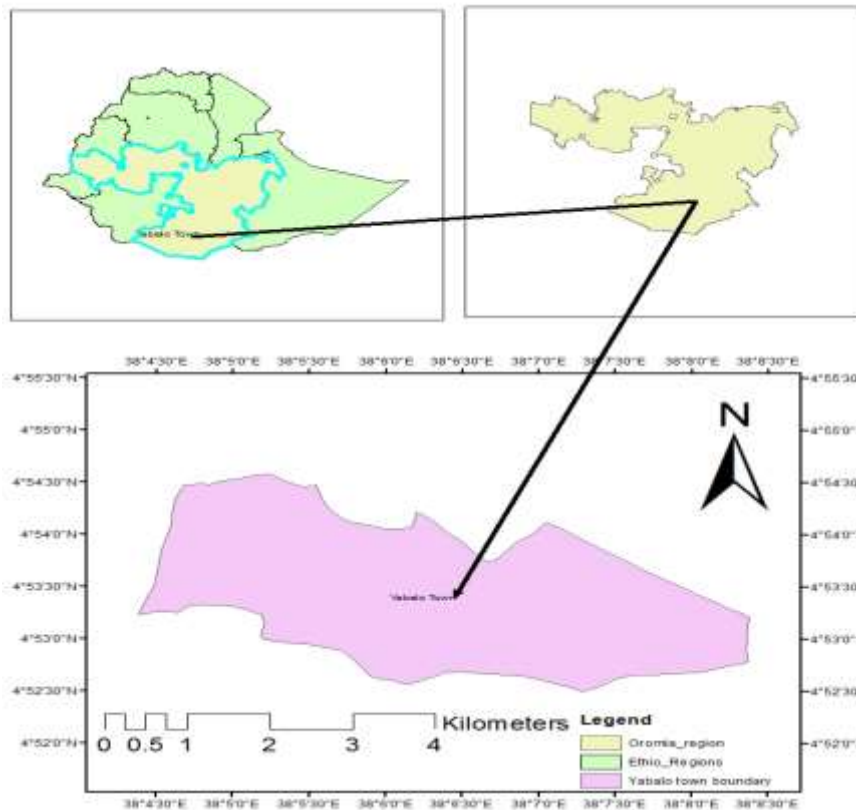
51 Biogas is a renewable energy source, just like hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal, and ocean
52 energy. Energy is now requirement for advancing the economy and raising living standards.
53 Biogas digesters can be used to handle biodegradable food waste and produce energy [1].
54 Anaerobic digestion of food wastes such as industrial, food, garden, and fruit wastes can
55 produce biogas that can help in the creation of sustainable energy [2]. Methane, carbon dioxide,
56 and other gases are combined in the form of biogas, when hydrocarbon digested anaerobically.
57 Greenhouse gases, mostly released by the burning of carbon-containing fossil fuels like coal,
58 oil, and natural gas, are the primary cause of global warming [3]. Many food waste management
59 initiatives aim to gather methane from landfill microorganism activity and burn food waste to
60 produce energy. Biogas is a clean-burning, environmentally friendly fuel that can be used for
61 transportation, electricity generating, and cooking [4]. In general, biogas has a methane content
62 of 55–65%, a carbon dioxide content of 30–35%, and traces of nitrogen, hydrogen, and other
63 contaminants [5]. The production and use of biogas has several environmental benefits,
64 including the ability to be a renewable energy source, reduce methane emissions into the
65 atmosphere, replace fossil fuels, and produce high-quality digestate that can be used as fertilizer
66 [6]. Treatment of food waste using anaerobic digestion technologies has become a more
67 desirable method for managing food waste as a result of growing demands for the generation
68 of renewable energy and diverting of organic residuals from landfills to reduce greenhouse gas
69 emissions and other environmental impacts [7]. By using a controlled biological breakdown
70 process called anaerobic digestion, biogas, which contains roughly 60% methane and 40%
71 carbon dioxide, may be efficiently captured, and used for energy production [8]. In both
72 industrialized and developing nations, a sizable amount of municipal solid waste (MSW) is
73 made up of food waste [9]. The importance of anaerobic digestion of organic wastes like food
74 wastes as an alternative renewable source of energy has come to light as a result of climate
75 issues brought on by the greenhouse effect, ozone depletion, etc [10]. Because of Ethiopia's
76 rapid population expansion and growing living standards, food waste is typically produced at
77 an ever-increasing pace from home, commercial, institutional, and industrial sources [11].
78 Reusing this beneficial feedstock for energy recovery and municipal solid waste reduction

79 looks like a reasonable concept because food waste makes about 40–50% of the weight of
80 municipal solid waste and contains high moisture and biodegradable organics [12]. For the
81 treatment of food waste, numerous anaerobic techniques have been widely developed in
82 different nations. The most appealing and economical approach for treating the sorted organic
83 part of waste including food wastes, is anaerobic techniques [13] In 1957/58, biogas generation
84 was first used in Ethiopia at the 115 km west of Addis Ababa Ambo Agricultural College. The
85 fuel was produced using human excrement as the substrate [14]. The first biogas floating drum
86 digester in Ethiopia was set up in the same college in October 1962. The digester in this floating
87 drum biogas system, which has a volume of 7m³, receives a daily charge of around 100liters
88 of dung and water in a ratio of 1:1. Ethiopia's rural areas, where 85% of the population resides,
89 are disproportionately affected by the issues of traditional biomass fuels constantly declining
90 quality and myriad negative effects, as well as the unavailability of modern fuels [15]. It has
91 been extensively investigated how different kinds of food waste can be digested anaerobically.
92 Increased food production and consumption in Yabelo Town have led to a rise in food waste
93 in urban areas [16]. As a result, the urban environment is deteriorating and becoming more
94 difficult for humans to survive [17]. Therefore, it is an essential to investigate the anaerobic
95 digestion process ability to produce biogas from food waste in order to solve this issue [18].
96 The main objective of this study is to characterize the composition of mixed food waste with
97 cow dung in terms of optimum yield of biogas production by anaerobic digestion process. The
98 determination of moisture, Volatile solids, C:N Ratio supports to identify the potential yield of
99 biogas production.

100 **2. Methodology**

101 **2.1 Description of study area**

102 Yaaballo, the capital of Borana zone in the Oromia regional state, located in the southern part
103 of Ethiopia, with coordinate's 38⁰11'24"E longitude and 4⁰59'40"N latitude and 575 kilometers
104 away from Addis Ababa along an asphalt road, at an altitude of 1577 meters above sea level.
105 Lowlands and sub-tropical humid climates make up the majority of the agroclimatic zones
106 studied [19]. There is a complete moisture deficiency in the area. It falls under the semi-arid
107 and arid moisture areas categories. More than 90% of rural settlements are in lowlands and
108 subtropical humid agroclimatic zones. Yaaballo district's population was 62,485 according to
109 the CSA's 2007 population and household census [20].



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111 **Figure .1** Map of the study area

112 **2.2 Organic Waste and Inoculum Collection**

113 Selected biodegradable home organic wastes, including food, fruit, and vegetable wastes
 114 gathered for the biogas generation experiment from hotels in Yaaballo as well as trash storage
 115 facilities [21]. Collection of organic wastes: In the town, restaurants, university, and household
 116 kitchens, 38g of various types of mixed food wastes (bread, rice, pasta, injera with meat and
 117 shiro wot, banana, papaya, avocado, and mango) and 38g of cow dung wastes were gathered
 118 [22]. Anaerobic microorganisms and fresh digestate waste effluent were collected. Cow dung
 119 used as an inoculum source because it naturally includes methanogenic bacteria that are
 120 necessary to initiate anaerobic digestion [23]. This enables the bacteria to multiply and shortens
 121 the period during which biological activity is retained. Bones, plastic components, and other
 122 non-digestible components were meticulously removed from the substrate [24]. To match the
 123 digester's input size and to make digestion easier, all wastes broken down into little (5 mm)
 124 pieces by using a mortar and pestle [25]. Organic materials were kept in plastic bags till
 125 anaerobic digestion got started.

126 **2.3 Substrate Preparation for Anaerobic Digestion**

127 In this study, the production of biogas included the co-digestion of fruit, food, cow manure,
128 and vegetable wastes [26]. The biogas substrates were ground and combined in the following
129 ratios:

- 130 1. Mixed food wastes, including bread, rice, pasta, injera with meat, and shirowot were
131 combined in about equal amounts to create one substrate [27].
- 132 2. Cow dung, also known as cow excavated waste, is treated in two ways.
- 133 3. The C:N ratio of organic wastes (including food waste and cow dung waste) was
134 calculated prior to the manufacture of the mixed-waste substrate [28]. The Mixed-waste
135 substrate then created with an optimal C:N ratio (28:1) by combining equal amounts of
136 food waste and cow excavated manure. This substance is also known as treatment 2 or
137 mixed garbage [29].

138 **2.4 Preliminary Analysis of Organic Waste Materials**

139 Before the anaerobic digestion process started, the volatile solid and C:N ratio of the physico-
140 chemical parameters examined to assess moisture content [30]. The laboratory equipment's
141 cleaned with 5% HCl, and the samples underwent pre-treatment by being dried in an oven for
142 24 hours at 105°C. A delicate balance was used to weigh the samples [31].

143 **2.5 Determination of moisture**

144 A pre-weighed, clean, and dry crucible added to 38 g of food waste, 38 g of cow dung, and 38g
145 of mixed waste to assess the moisture content [32]. The crucible was then placed in a PC-
146 controlled electronic hot plate oven at 105°C for 24 hours. The samples taken out of the oven
147 after 24 hours, and dry weight was measured [33]. Then, the moisture content of the samples
148 expressed in percent weight by calculating the formulae mentioned below:

$$149 \quad \%MC = \frac{M_w - MD}{M_w} * 100 \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation (1)}$$

150 Where %MC is percentage of moisture content, M_w is the mass of the sample before drying
151 and MD is the mass of the sample after drying.

152 **2.6 Determination of volatile solid**

153 The oven-dried samples were put in a muffle furnace at 550°C for around 5 hours to determine
154 the volatile solids [34]. The weight of the crucible and the ash measured after 5 hours. Then
155 the following formula was employed to calculate percentage of volatile solid [35].

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$$\%VS = \frac{DW-AD}{DW} * 100 \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation (2)}$$

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159 Where; VS (%) = percentage of volatile solid, DW = dry weight and AW = ash weight.

160 **2.7 Estimation of Carbon to nitrogen ratio (C: N)**

161 The samples from the oven drying process then examined using the ash technique to estimate
 162 the initial carbon concentration. After measuring the ash weight by burning the previously dried
 163 sample for five hours at 550°C in a muffle furnace [36], Where; DW = dry weight, AW= ash
 164 weight and 1.72 = conversion factor of organic matter content in food converted into total
 165 organic carbon. To measure the concentration of total nitrogen (here after called nitrogen)
 166 approximately a 20 g of pre-treated samples of Food-waste, Fruit-waste, Vegetable-waste, cow
 167 dung and Mixed-wastes were digested by concentrated sulfuric acid and concentration
 168 determined by Kjeldahl method [37]. Then, the amount of nitrogen present was calculated
 169 using the formula:

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$$N (\%) = \frac{14.01vs-vb Ntitrant}{Sample\ of\ wet*1000} \times 100\% \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation (3)}$$

171 Where; N (%) = Percentage of nitrogen, Vs = titrant volume of sample, Vb = titrant volume of
 172 blank, N= Normal concentration and 14.01 =Atomic mass of nitrogen. Since the amount of
 173 moisture content and nitrogen content in wet basis were known, the amount of nitrogen in dry
 174 basis calculated by using the formula:

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$$\%N (\text{Dry}) = \frac{\% N\ wet}{100-\% MC} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation (4)}$$

176 Finally, the ratio of carbon to nitrogen was calculated as: $C: N = \frac{\% C}{\% N}$

177 **2.8 Determination of water added to the digester**

178 In order to produce biogas, the fermentation slurry's solid content should be adjusted to a total
 179 solid (TS) of 7–12%. In order to increase the digester's moisture content and digestion water
 180 was added [38]. Following the formulas shown below, 8% of TS solution (8% solids
 181 concentration) was used in the current study.

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$$\frac{mTs}{A+B} = 8\% \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation (5)}$$

183 Where; mTS = mass of fixed total solid, A= mass of fresh or dried sample added, B= mass of
 184 water added to get 8% total solid in the digesters.

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186 **2.9 Experimental Design and Setup of Anaerobic Digester**

187 At the Borana Research Laboratory, the experimental analysis was completed (March up to
188 April, 2022). Five 0.5 L anaerobic biogas digesters in conical shapes used for the studies [39].
189 In order to maintain a constant fermentation temperature, the experiment waste materials (three
190 treatments) produced, transferred to a 0.5 L conical flask, mixed with inoculum, and placed in
191 the water bath. The working volume of each conical flask digester was 0.4 L. Each gas-tight
192 rubber was given one spherical orifice (1 cm in diameter), which acted as the biogas's outflow
193 and connected to a gas bag and a Bunsen burner by a hose [40]. Five treatments with three
194 replications of the anaerobic digestion process were used to produce biogas. Following were
195 the three experimental protocols:

- 196 1. Treatment of mixed food wastes: 231 ml of water was added to 38 g of the pretreated
197 mixed food waste, which was made up of an equal amount of bread, rice, pasta, meat,
198 and shiro wot with injera.
- 199 2. Cow-dung treatment: 38 grams of prepared cow dung were combined with 70 milliliters
200 of water.
- 201 3. Mixed wastes: 112 ml of water were added to 38 g of pretreatment mixed wastes, which
202 contained an equal mixture of food waste and cow manure.

203 About 70% of the volume of the digester (a 0.5 L conical flask) filled with the substrate (pre-
204 treated wastes), which is agitated to ensure homogenous mixing [41]. After that, 200cc of
205 inoculum was introduced to each flask digester. The digester's mouse closed after the mixed
206 waste fed into it. For the purpose of gathering samples of biogas, all flasks were closed with
207 gas-tight rubber stoppers that had gas bag exits [42]. Each digester snugly fastened to the
208 digester head and sealed with a 5 mm thick silicone seal. Conical flasks placed in a water bath
209 (zhongjie, AC220V/110V50H, CN; JIA) with three different constant temperatures (20°C,
210 37°C, and 45°C) set and shaken for 30 seconds for each of the three treatments [43]. The
211 digester shaken every five days to avoid feedstock settling and scam formation. Water
212 displacement was used to measure the amount of biogas produced in the digester [44].

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214 **2.10 Sample treatment used for digester and gas production process**

215 Known weight of mixed food wastes added to the digester.

216 Treatment1: Enjera 4g, Bread 4kg, Vegetables 4g, Fruits 4g, Macron 5g, Rice 4g, Pasta 4g

217 Treatment2: Enjera 5g, Bread 3g, Vegetables 3g, Fruits 4g, Macron 5g, Rice 4g, Pasta 3g

218 Treatment3: Enjera 3g, Bread 4g, Vegetables 4g, Fruits 3g, Macron 4g, Rice 5g, Pasta 4g

219 Final 1.5 liters water added to each treatment, digester then closed and checked for
220 determination of the selected parameters at 10days interval for 30 days [45].

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222 **2.11 Operation of digesters and receivers**

223 The digester's cover had a hose attached to it that was fastened into the water container's cover,
224 which was made of plastic and sealed tightly. To stop biogas from escaping, the gas valve on
225 the opposite side of the cover closed. This gas valve was only unlocked when the biogas
226 prepared to be tapped. The plastic container was likewise closed and the hose on the side of the
227 plastic container fixed into the hole in the lid of the plastic containers for the displaced water
228 [46]. Fruit waste, vegetable waste, and a blend of fruit and vegetable waste were among the
229 different feedstock slurry types that added to the digester, each of which included 5M of NaOH.
230 To keep air from getting inside the digester, the cover was tightly fastened to the digester [47].
231 The water in the plastic container compressed by the biogas as it was produced in the digester,
232 and the water displaced into the second plastic container through the hoses.

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234 **2.12 Statistical Analysis**

235 Utilizing the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) program SPSS, data collected is subjected to
236 statistical analysis in order to ascertain the impact of the waste materials on biogas generation.
237 The generation of biogas compared to alterations in pH, temperature, and ANOVA (one-way
238 analysis of variance). LSD Tukey's-b tests used to determine which treatment was substantially
239 different where significance is suggested [48].

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241 **3. Result and Discussion**

242 **3.1 Characterize the composition of the mixed food wastes with cow dung**

243 The values for organic waste samples total solids, moisture content, volatile solids, and C:N
244 ratio given in (Table.1). Cow dung waste has the highest percentage of total solid content
245 (80%), and mixed food and cow dung waste has the lowest percentage of total solid content
246 (77.9%). The two wastes with the highest moisture content (22.1%) mixed food waste and cow
247 dung. Consequently, the digester only needed to have a modest amount of water added to it.
248 Wastes from cow dung included the most volatile substances (8.5%). High volatile solid
249 content is beneficial for digestion. The highest C:N ratio (25.88), which was optimal for
250 methanogenic activity because the ideal C:N ratio spans from 20:1 to 30:1, was found in mixed
251 food waste and cow dung waste [49]. Mixed Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste were combined
252 in equal parts with low carbon waste ratios (Cow Dung Waste (20.75)), to reduce its C: N ratio
253 to (25.88), which was necessary and ideal level, in order to provide stable pH for better
254 methanogen activity which is displayed in Table.1.

Table 1: Characteristics of organic waste samples used for experiment

S/N	Organic waste samples	Parameters						
		Wet Weight (g)	TS (%)	MC (%)	VS (%)	C (%)	N (%)	C: N (%)
1	Mixed Food waste	38	78.2	21.8	7.07	48.3	1.90	22.42
2	Cow Dung	38	80	20	8.5	52.5	2.53	20.75
3	Mixed Food waste + Cow Dung	76	77.9	22.1	3.4	53.9	2.10	25.88

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3.2 Determinations of the optimum yield of biogas production

258 The values for organic waste samples total solids, moisture content, volatile solids, and C:N
 259 ratio given in (Table.2). At the end 10, 20 and 30 days the maximum yield of biogas was
 260 calculated. The wet weight of raw material was about 38g. The mixed food waste yield at 10th
 261 day was 23ml, 20th day is about 32ml and in 30th day it was 22ml. likewise for in 38g it was
 262 28ml in 10th day, 42ml in 20th day and 24ml in 30th day [50]. For mixed food waste and Cow
 263 dung waste in 10th day the yield was 30ml, in 20th day it was 44ml and in 30th day it was 28ml.
 264 this table exhibits that the mixed food with cow dung at 20th day produce maximum yield in
 265 expressed in figure.2.

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Table 2: Optimum yield of biogas production

S/N	Organic waste samples	Wet Weight (g)	Biogas yields(ml)		
			At the end of 10 th days	At the end of 20 th days	At the end of 30 th days
1	Mixed Food waste	38	23	32	22
2	Cow Dung	38	28	42	24
3	Mixed Food waste + Cow Dung	38	30	44	28

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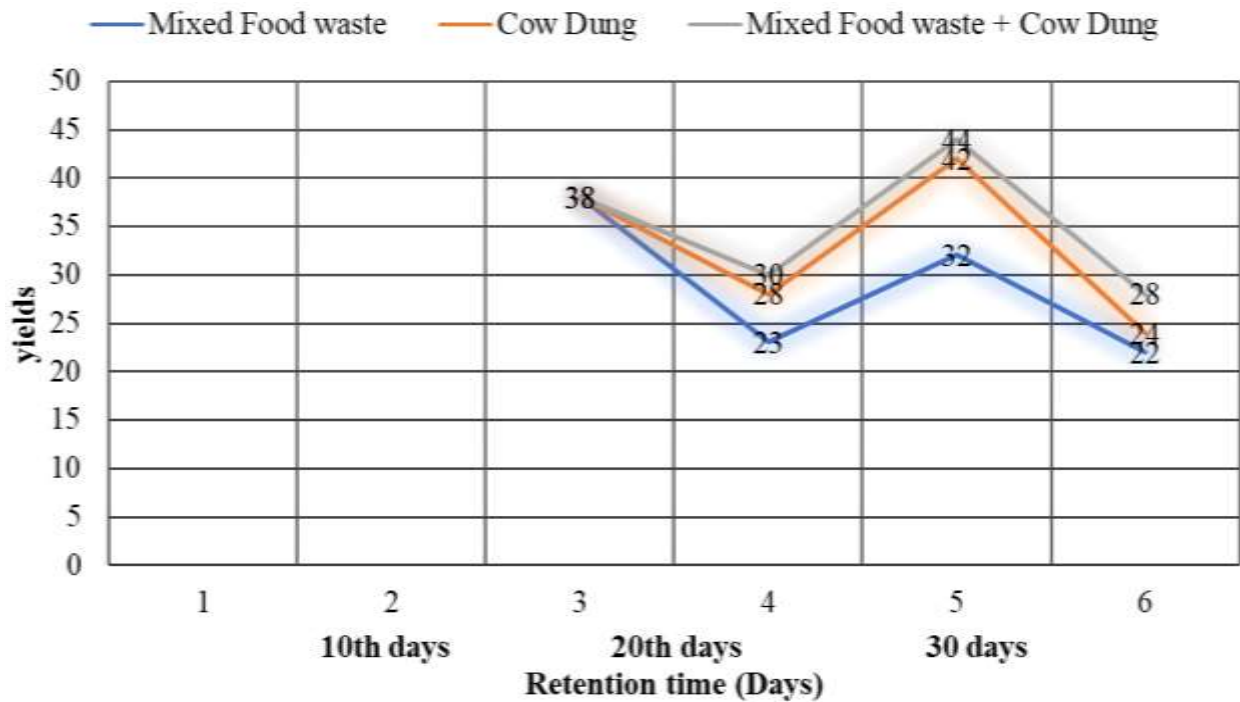


Figure 2: The optimum yield of biogas production for all treatment

3.3 Effect of pH on the optimum yield of biogas production

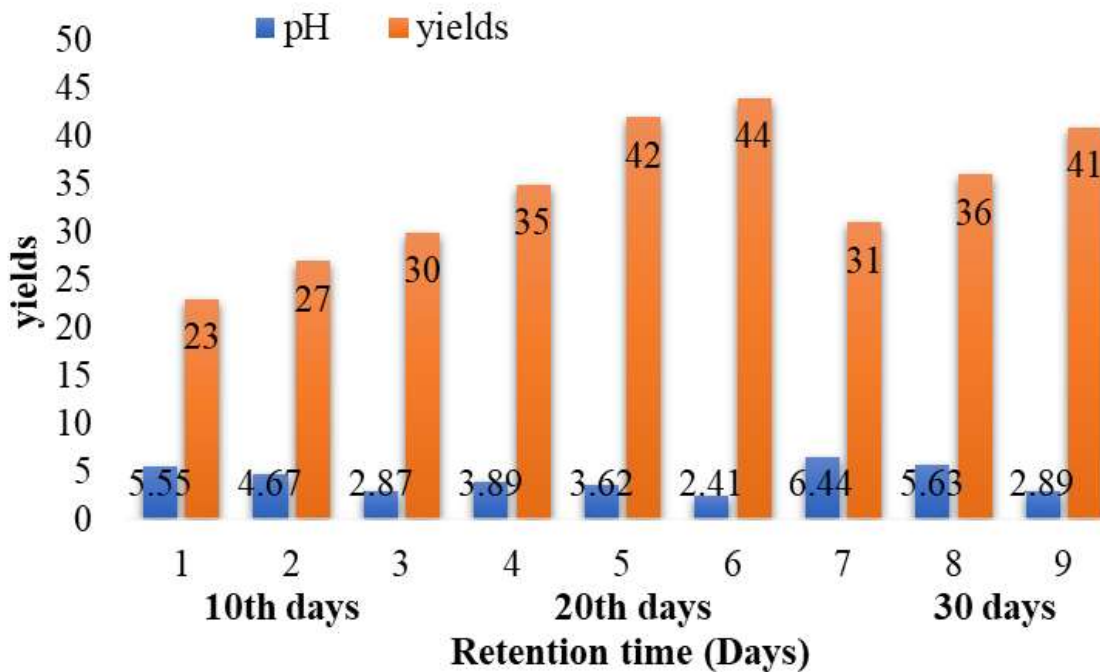
Mixed food waste produced the least amount of biogas compared to all other waste kinds. This could be because methanogenic activity was unstable, pH decreased, and more acids were produced during acidogenesis. This study also found that the production of biogas from cow dung waste was reduced, which suggests that the ammonia toxicity of the waste is high [50]. Because the C:N ratio might be altered by the presence of various sources of organic materials, this study demonstrated that Mixed Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste produce more biogas than other organic wastes. Due to the greater buffering impact of the digestion medium, adjusting the C:N ratio by co-digestion resulted in stable pH and better methanogenic activity is denoted in table.3. Because ruminants already have methane-generating bacteria in their stomachs, cow manure proved the best material for maintaining stability and producing biogas. The fact that it produced less gas than mixed and vegetable waste suggests that the organic materials in its stomach had already begun to ferment. The pH of mixed food waste was also the lowest (6.2), making it unsuitable for methanogenic bacteria since pH values below 6.5 resulted in higher levels of volatile fatty acids, which are poisonous to bacteria that produce methane in showed in figure.3.

Table.3 Effect of pH of Waste Material on Biogas Production

S/N	pH vs Biogas yields(ml)
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Organic waste samples	Wet Weight (g)	At the end of 10 th days		At the end of 20 th days		At the end of 30 th days	
		pH	yields	pH	yields	pH	yields
1 Mixed Food waste	38	6.55	23	3.89	32	6.44	32
2 Cow Dung	38	4.67	28	3.62	42	5.63	42
3 Mixed Food waste + Cow Dung	38	2.87	30	2.41	44	2.89	44

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Figure 3. Effects of PH and Retention time on Biogas Production

290 3.4 Effects of Temperature on Biogas Production

291 Three temperature groups (20°C, 37°C, and 45°C) employed for anaerobic digestion in order
 292 to examine the impact of temperature on the production of biogas for all wastes. The operating
 293 temperature of the digester affected the biogas generation in several ways. The initial treatment
 294 groups were kept in a water bath at 20°C for incubation. In this treatment, biogas production
 295 began during the first ten days (1-10th day intervals), gradually climbed until the 11–20th day
 296 intervals, and subsequently decreased on the 21–30th day intervals (Figure.4). The generation
 297 of biogas generally increased gradually and linearly, peaking between days 11 and 20. At the
 298 conclusion of the 20th day of the retention period, 44ml of biogas from mixed food and cow
 299 dung waste had been created (Figure. 4). To shorten the time needed for anaerobic digestion,
 300 the second treatment groups were heated to a temperature of 37°C. The effectiveness and

301 stability of the anaerobic digestion process were primarily influenced by temperature and
 302 substrate composition. When household organic wastes were utilized, there was a unique issue
 303 because not only the substrate composition but also operational temperature aspects must be
 304 taken into consideration [51]. Three replicated studies at 37°C operating temperature showed
 305 that the production of biogas and the decomposition of organic matter gradually increased and
 306 subsequently decreased during 11–20-day intervals (Figure.4). Biogas production increased
 307 continuously and reached its peak yield every 11 to 20 days. The digester may create more
 308 biogas at 37°C because the high temperature encourages the growth of methanogenic bacteria.
 309 Temperatures and anaerobic digestion biogas production connected which is proved in table.4.
 310 The impact of temperature was shown to account for approximately 44% of the variation in
 311 biogas output. Due to faster reaction times, the third experimental groups also heated to 45°C
 312 in a water bath, producing a significant amount of methane. In this treatment, biogas production
 313 began with the first ten days (1-10) and rose till the 10-day mark before declining after the 20-
 314 day mark (Figure .4). Therefore, measuring error or other parameters like pH, C:N ratios, etc.
 315 may account for around 56% of the variation in biogas production clearly mentioned in
 316 figure.4. In comparison to 20°C (23, 28, and 30 ml/g) and 37°C (22, 24, and 28 ml/g), biogas
 317 generation was significantly higher in 45°C (32, 42, and 44 ml/g), Mixed Food waste, and Cow
 318 Dung wastes.

323 **Table. 4 Effect of Temperature on Biogas Production**

S/N	Organic waste samples	Temperature vs Biogas yields(ml)		
		At 20°C	At 37°C	At 45°C
1	Mixed Food waste	23	22	32
2	Cow Dung	28	24	42
3	Mixed Food waste + Cow Dung	30	28	44

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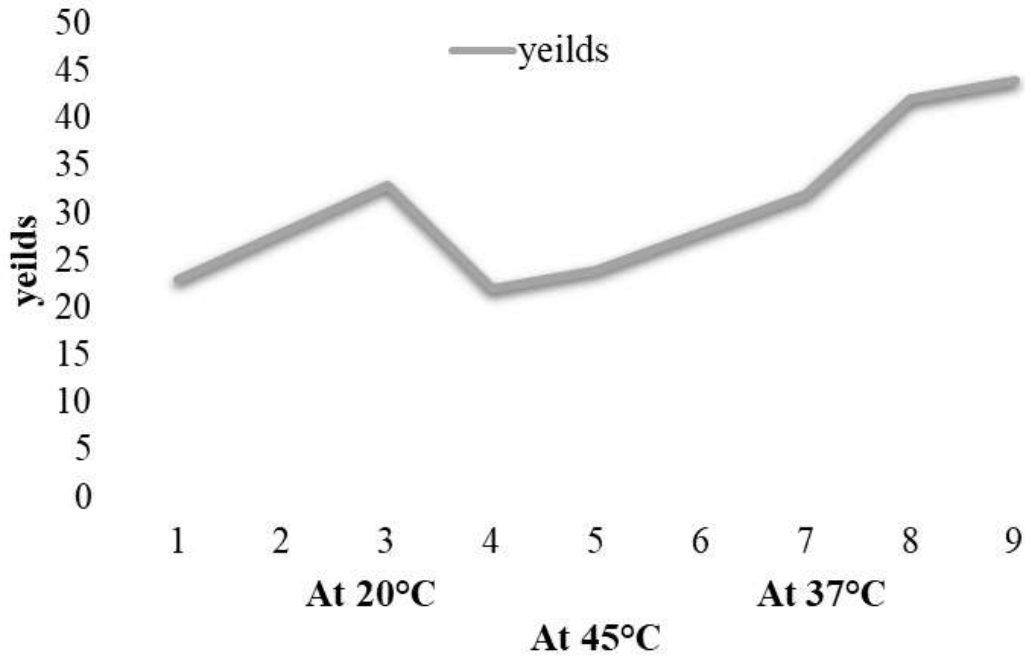


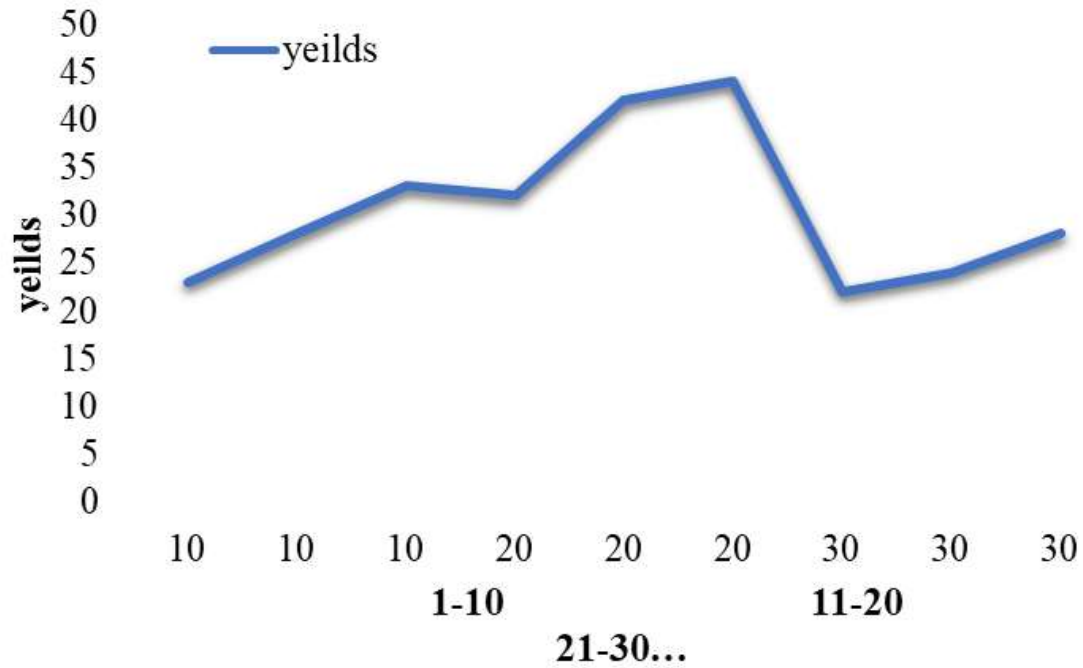
Figure 4. Temperature on biogas production

3.5 Effects of Retention time on Biogas Production

The yield from biogas reactor is depends upon the retention time. Table.5 showed the inter relationship between retention time (RT) and bio gas yield. In 1 to 10th day the biogas production was in average and start level which is based on retention time. The output of biogas peaked between the 11th and 20th days and again it comes down in 21 to 30th days. This result demonstrated that the retention time decreased as digestion incubation temperature increased because the activity of methanogenic bacteria reached the desired maximum level [52]. During the study, digestion at 45°C had a higher organic digestion rate than digestion at 37°C or 20°C when retention duration was shorter. In general, 45°C anaerobic digestion produced more biogas with a shorter retention time than digestion at 37°C and 20°C (Figure.5).

Table.5 Effects of Retention time on Biogas Production

S/N	Organic waste samples	RT vs Biogas yields(ml)		
		At the end of 10 th days	At the end of 20 th days	At the end of 30 th days
1	Mixed Food waste	23	32	22
2	Cow Dung	28	42	24
3	Mixed Food waste + Cow Dung	30	44	28



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342 **Figure 5: Biogas production VS retention time**

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344 **3.6 Statistical Analysis**

345 **3.6.1. Temperature variation**

346 The ANOVA's findings indicated that the temperature had a significant ($P < 0.05$) impact on the
347 output of biogas. The temperature variation for mixed food waste, cow dung, and both mixed
348 food and cow dung waste were different significantly ($P > 0.05$) on biogas production, according
349 to the LSD Tukeys b tests on the influence of temperature. According to Table.6, the generation
350 of biogas significantly impacted by changes in digester temperature. The best biogas generation
351 achieved at 37°C .

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354 **3.6.2. pH variation**

355 The pH of mixed food waste, cow dung, and combined mixed food and cow excavated waste
356 had a significant ($P < 0.05$) impact on biogas production, according to the ANOVA results (Table
357 6). It revealed that all the treatments had significantly ($P < 0.05$) differing mean pH values. The
358 pH of the mixture of food and cow dung waste was significantly lower than the other waste
359 types. It demonstrates the pH decreased during acidogenesis, when acetic, lactic, and propionic
360 acids are produced is indicated in table.6. The pH of the therapy found to be between 2.87 to
361 6.55.

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363 **3.6.3. Retention time**

364 According to the ANOVA results of table.6 the retention period has a significant (P 0.05)
365 impact on the production of biogas. Each type of trash produced the same amount (P0.05) of
366 biogas, The LSD Tukeys b test on the impact of retention time on biogas generation. The mixed
367 food and cow excrement produced the most biogas in the second ten days, followed by cow
368 excrement and mixed food. It revealed that in all the treatments, the variation in biogas output
369 peaked in the second ten days.

370 **Table .6: ANOVA result for the effect of PH, Temperature and Retention time on**
371 **Biogas yield**

Parameters		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
PH	Between Groups	14.389	5	2.878	1.603	.0370
	Within Groups	5.387	3	1.795		
	Total	19.775	8			
Temperature	Between Groups	882.000	5	176.400	5.513	.035
	Within Groups	96.000	3	32.000		
	Total	978.000	8			
Retention time	Between Groups	450.000	5	90.000	1.800	.0333
	Within Groups	150.000	3	50.000		
	Total	600.000	8			

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373 **4. Conclusion**

374 According to the biogas production characterisation results, mixed food and cow dung waste
375 had the lowest proportion of total solid content (77.9%) and cow dung waste had the greatest
376 percentage (80%). The two wastes with the highest moisture content (22.1%) were mixed food
377 waste and cow dung. Consequently, the digester only needed to have a modest amount of water
378 added to it. Wastes made from cow dung contained the most volatile substances (8.5%). High
379 volatile solids content is beneficial for digestion. Thus, without considering any other
380 characteristics, cow dung waste proved advantageous for anaerobic digestion. The highest C:N

381 ratio (25.88), which was optimal for methanogenic activity because the ideal C:N ratio spans
382 from 20:1 to 30:1, was found in mixed food waste and cow dung waste. Mixed food waste and
383 cow dung waste were combined in equal parts with low carbon waste ratios (Cow dung waste
384 (20.75)), to reduce its C: N ratio to (25.88), which was the required optimal level, in order to
385 make stable pH and higher methanogen activity. The optimum yield of biogas production for
386 three sample obtained for the ten days gap of retention time. The greatest ideal biogas output
387 received for mixed food waste and Cow dung at the end of 20th days which is 44ml. The lowest
388 biogas production received for mixed Food waste at the end of 30th day of retention time which
389 is 22ml, because high temperatures stimulated the growth of methanogenic bacteria in the
390 digester, the study's findings indicated that Mixed Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste produced
391 the most biogas (44ml) at 45°C in a short retention period. The temperature, PH, and retention
392 time all significantly (P0.05) affect the production of biogas, according to the ANOVA results.
393 It is possible to combine organic materials with equal amounts of high and low C:N ratios to
394 get the ideal C:N ratios for digester use. The pH stability and increased methanogenic activities
395 achieved by changing the C:N ratio of organic waste to provide the greatest biogas generation
396 in Mixed Food Waste and Cow Dung Waste.

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