

Table 2 Qualitative extracellular enzyme activity of some microbial strains isolated from the GI tracts of tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*). Enzyme activities were presented as scores as described in the text

Enzyme activity (U)		Amylase <sup>1</sup>	Protease <sup>2</sup>	Lipase <sup>3</sup>	Cellulase <sup>4</sup>	Phytase <sup>5</sup>	Xylanase <sup>6</sup>	Total score	
Bacterial strains	<i>Proximal Intestine</i>								
	ONF4L	3	4	5	4	5	1	22	
	ONF1X	5	3	5	5	5	1	24	
	ONF1P	5	5	5	5	5	2	27	
	ONF1T	5	3	5	4	4	0	21	
	<i>Distal Intestine</i>								
	ONH1Ph	3	4	4	3	2	1	17	
	ONH1A	2	4	4	5	3	0	18	
	ONH2A	3	3	4	3	3	2	18	
	ONH2Ph	4	4	4	3	3	0	18	
	ONH1C	5	3	5	5	3	0	21	
	ONH2C	4	4	4	5	0	2	19	
	Yeast strains	<i>Proximal Intestine</i>							
		ONF7.1C	3	4	3	3	1	2	16
ONF8.1A		2	3	3	3	-	3	14	
ONF14.1C		2	3	2	3	1	2	13	
ONF21.1B		3	2	3	-	1	2	11	
<i>Distal Intestine</i>									
ONH15.1B		3	3	3	2	-	-	11	

Note: With pure culture of isolates. Three replicates for each experimental set. <sup>1</sup> On starch (SA) plate; <sup>2</sup> On peptone-gelatin plate; <sup>3</sup> On tributyrin-agar (TA) plate; <sup>4</sup> On carboxy-methylcellulose (CMC) plate; <sup>5</sup> On sodium-phytate plate; <sup>6</sup> On xylan plate.