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Chemical Analysis of Bioactive Compound Produced by *Lactobacillus reuteri* Isolated From Domestic Chickens in Iran

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Abstract

The purpose was Chemical analysis of the bioactive compounds produced by *Lactobacillus reuteri* isolated from domestic chickens. In addition, the antimicrobial property of the bioactive compounds was assessed against pathogenic bacteria. A total twenty two samples were collected from digestive tracts of domestic chickens and subjected to microbiology analysis. The bioactive producing bacterium was identified and the bioactive compound was analyzed by SDS-PAGE and HPLC methods. Finally, antimicrobial property of the bioactive compound against the pathogenic bacteria was assessed. The results obtained indicated that the bioactive compound producing bacterium was *Lactobacillus reuteri*. The results obtained from SDS-PAGE indicated that the molecular weight of purified bioactive compound produced by the isolate was 3.5 < kDa. The bioactive compound showed antimicrobial effect against *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus*. *Salmonella typhimurium* and *cereus* were more and less sensitive to the bioactive compounds. Overall, chemical analysis of the bioactive compounds illustrated that the bioactive compound produced by *Lactobacillus reuteri* was probably Lactocins.

Keywords: Lactobacillus spp; Bioactive Compound; Domestic Chickens

Introduction

Lactobacillus is a type of bacteria, which normally live in the intestinal tracts of some domestic animals and poultry. These bacteria are characterized by ability of producing different metabolites Aymerich et al. [1]. Some bioactive compound of *Lactobacillus* is proteinaceous in nature and mostly acts against closely related species Bali et al. [2]. Bioactive compounds could be produced by plants, animals and microorganisms. However, function of bioactive compounds is similar. But their structures and antimicrobial spectrum varied. Although, several reports conducted on production of bioactive compounds Ogunbanwo et al. [3] a few reports are available concerning to bioactive compounds produced by *Lactobacillus*. The present study was undertaken to isolate and identified bioactive producing *Lactobacillus* from the digestive tracts of domestic chickens, Furthermore, the antimicrobial property of bioactive compounds were assessed against pathogenic bacteria and their structures were chemically analyzed.

Material and Methods

Sample Collection

Twenty two samples were collected from the intestinal tracts of domestic chickens in south of Iran (Shiraz and Kazeroun) and

subjected to microbiological analysis. The samples were serially diluted using sterile distilled water (10^{-1} - 10^{-4}) and 0.1 ml of two last dilutions was streaked on MRS medium. The plates were kept in incubator at 37°C for 72 h Yodoamijoyo et al. [4].

Phenotypic Identification of the Isolates and Screening of the Bioactive Producing Strains

Phenotypic identification of isolates was carried out by Gram stain and catalase test and biochemical tests viz., hydrolysis of esculin, utilization of citrate, acid and gas formations from glucose, fermentation of D-xylose, galactose, D-fructose, sorbitol, lactose, melibiose, saccharose, Arabinose, Lactose, Mannose, Mannitol, Maltose, Raffinose, Sorbitol, Sucrose, Xylose, Melezitose, Trehalose, Rhamnose and Ribose and growth at different pH 4.5, 5.5 and 6.5 and temperatures 25, 30, 35 and 40 Samelis et al. [5]. Screening of bioactive producing was carried out by cultivation of presumptive *Lactobacillus* strains into MRS broth. The bacterial suspensions were centrifuged at 4500 rpm for 15min and the supernatant of each isolates was assessed against the antagonistic bacteria such as *Bacillus cereus* (ATCC11778), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC29998), *Salmonella typhimurium* (ATCC 14028), and *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC6538) by Well Agar Diffusion method.

Authentication of *Lactobacillus* Isolates by Gene Sequencing of 16SrRNA

To perform the test universal primers of 27F (5'-AGAGTTT-GATCMTGGCTCAG -3') and 1492R (5'-GGTTACCTTGTACGACTT-3') was used Lane. Polymerase chain reactions were performed in 25µl reaction volumes containing 1X Taq Master Mix, 1.5mM MgCl₂, 0.25mM forward primer, 0.25mM reverse primer and 0.4ng of genomic DNA. Temperature cycling conditions for PCR were as follows: an initial heating of 95°C for 3min, followed by 30 cycles of denaturation at 95°C for 30 s, annealing at 55°C for 55 s, extension at 72°C for 1min, and terminating with a 10 min final incubation of 72°C. Gradient temperature PCR was utilized to improve primer-annealing temperatures to make certain a high degree of primer specificity during assays Shuhaimi [6]. The PCR products were examined by electrophoresis (Gel Electrophoresis Systems. Major Science, Taiwan) on a 1% w/v agarose gel, stained with ethidium bromide, visualized and photographed on a Gel Documentation. The PCR products were purified using a QI Aquick PCR purification kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's applications. The purified PCR products were sent to BASE Laboratories, Malaysia. The 16SrRNA sequenced data were bioinformatic analyzed using <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>

Purification of the Bioactive Compounds

Overnight cultures of the isolates were cultivated into MRS broth (10% inoculums) (10⁸ CFU/ml) and incubated for 72h in shaker incubator (200rpm) at 37°C. The bacterial suspension of each strain was centrifuged at 12000rpm for 15min and the supernatant was used as crude bioactive compounds. The supernatant was separated and saturated with 70% ammonium sulfate and stored at 4°C to precipitate the proteins. The pellet was collected after centrifugation at 12000 rpm at 4°C for 25 minutes and dissolved in a phosphate buffer (0.1M, pH 7.0) and dialyzed against the same buffer at 4°C overnight Ogunbanwo et al. [3]. The dialyzed protein was applied to a Sephadex G-100 column (1.6 × 36cm), pre-equilibrated with phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) and the fractions showing high bioactive compound activity were collected and subjected to chemical analysis.

Chemical Analysis of the Bioactive Compounds by SDS-PAGE and HPLC

The molecular weight of the purified bioactive compound was determined by 15% sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) according to the method described by Laemmli in 1970. The electrophoresis gel was stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue R-250 and washed by the mixture of acetic acid-methyl alcohol-water (5:5:1 v/v). The low range molecular weight marker was used as a standard marker (Genei, India). To perform HPLC, the bioactive compounds were centrifuged at 12000rpm for 15min. Then supernatant was filtered through a 0.22µm filter and injected into HPLC system. The analysis of the bioactive compounds was carried out by HPLC system (Shimadzu, Japan) with a UV-VIS multi wavelength detector. A HPLC column was C₁₈, 250×4.6mm, 5µm particle size, Sun Fire and the mobile phase of Chromatographic conditions was phosphate buffer 0.01

mol/L-3.0% methanol, pH 3, detection at 210nm of Ultraviolet (UV) absorbance, 0.7mL/min flow rate and 10µl injection volume. The column temperature was kept ambient. The mobile phase was prepared and filtered through a 0.22µm filter membrane.

Results

Identification of the Bioactive Compounds Producing *Lactobacillus*

A total, 6 strains of *Lactobacillus* were isolated based on phenotypic identification. Of all, one strains of *Lactobacillus* could produce the bioactive compound. The bioactive compound produced by this strain showed antimicrobial effect against *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonellatyphimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus*.

Molecular Identification of the Bioactive Compound Producing *Lactobacillus*

The bioactive producing strain of *Lactobacillus* was subjected to 16SrRNA Gene sequencing. The results obtained indicated that bioactive producing *Lactobacillus* was *Lactobacillus reuteri*.

The chemical analysis of the purified bioactive compound produced by *Lactobacillus reuteri*

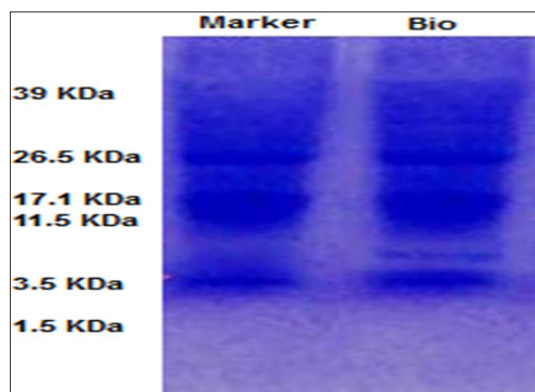


Figure 1: SDS PAGE of the bioactive compound produced by *L. reuteri*.

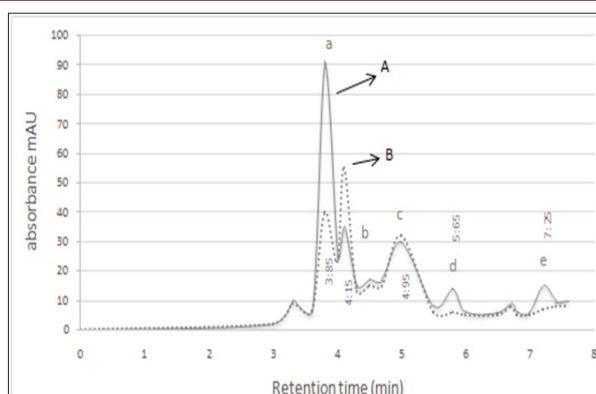


Figure 2: HPLC chromatograms.

- A) Standard solutions of organic acids,
- B) Detection of organic acids produced by *L. reuteri*
- a. Malic acid,
- b. Lactic acid,
- c. Acetic acid.

The results obtained from SDS-PAGE indicated that the molecular weight of purified bioactive compound produced by *L reuteri* were 4.5 kDa similar to Lactocin (Figure 1). HPLC was done on the bioactive compound obtained verified presence of some organic acids include in the bioactive compound. Chromatograms of HPLC were shown in (Figure 2). As seen in these figure three organic acids were recognized based on their polarity and sizes. These organic acids were malic acid, lactic acid, and acetic acid. Retention times of standard samples such as malic acid, lactic acid and acetic acid were 3.85, 4.15, 4.95 and 5.65 minutes respectively.

Discussion

Lactobacillus spp. are recognized as major bioactive producing bacteria that especially living in intestinal tracts of chickens. In addition, *Lactobacillus* strains have several properties viz., resistance to gastric and intestinal juices and ability to adhere to intestinal surfaces Patterson and Burkholder [7]. It must be noted that property of *Lactobacillus* spp. might be depended on geographical areas. For instant, response of *Lactobacillus* to osmotic pressure is not similar Ben et al. [8]. Therefore the present study was purposed to isolate *Lactobacillus* from domestic chicken and determine the chemical properties of their bioactive compounds. A total one bioactive compound producing strain of *Lactobacillus* was isolated and recognized as *lactobacillus reuteri* K16. The bioactive compounds produced by this bacterium showed antimicrobial effect against *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus*. Chemical analysis of the bioactive compound produced by *lactobacillus reuteri* isolate indicated that SDS-PAGE and HPLC methods detected the compounds most likely Lactocin (molecular weight of 4.5 kDa) and organic acids viz., malic, lactic and acetic acids. Parallel with our finding Lasta et al. [9,10] isolated Lactocin producing *lactobacillus*. However their isolate was *Lactococcus lactis*. Overall our investigate opined that domestic strains of *lactobacillus* could produce bioactive compound similar to

Lactocin. Hence, *Lactobacillus* spp. isolated from each geographical area must be evaluated for probiotic property. It is because probably domestic probiotic might be have more advantage compared to commercial probiotics.

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