

# The Effect of Ca Ions for Bacteria



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## ABSTRACT

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## Mini Review

Calcium ions ( $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ) in eukaryotic cells have to; cell cycle, transport, mobility, gene expression and metabolism. Cells respond to various stimuli with transient changes in intracellular free  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  concentrations. Indirect evidence indicates that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  also influence and such as spore formation, chemotaxis, heterosist differentiation, transport, and virulence. Many studies have shown that bacteria can maintain intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  homeostasis. In addition,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ; nitrogen starvation, environmental stress and metabolites of carbohydrate metabolism. According to studies with *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, it has been shown that expression of hundreds of genes is regulated by extracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  changes. Processes affected by these changes include, for example, swarming, type III secretion, polysaccharide production, iron uptake, quinolone signaling, and general stress responses. Many studies demonstrate that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  play a regulatory role in the physiology of prokaryotes. The mutation analysis of EF-el protein (Efhp) from *P. aeruginosa* appears to be necessary for the maintenance of intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  homeostasis. Specifically, adenylate kinase and fructose-bisphosphate-alcoholase have also been detected in association with  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  regulations in eukaryotic organisms.

Bacteria  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  are; membrane-bound structures. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and *Rhodospirillum rubrum* are very similar to the acidocalciosomes first described in eukaryotic organisms. Acidocalciosome; other elements such as  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{+2}$  and phosphorus (P) are acidic organelles that serve as the main storage for  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in pyrophosphate (PPi) and polyphosphate (poly P) form. In eukaryotic microbes, acidocalciosomes function in P metabolism,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  homeostasis, maintenance of intracellular pH and osmo regulation. Prokaryotic acidocalciosomes are very similar

to eukaryotic structures that contain  $\text{H}^+$ -ATPase carriers and vacuum proton translocated pyrophosphatase responsible for their acidification. The ability of *R. rubrum* acidocalciosomes to store  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  could be demonstrated by X-ray microanalysis when bacterial cells were grown at 100 mM  $\text{CaCl}_2$ . As a result, it has been suggested that acidocalciosomes may be involved in  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  homeostasis in some bacteria. In Gram (-) bacteria, this region includes the region between the periplasmic space, the outer membrane and the cytoplasmic membrane.

The presence of this compartment was also detected in Gram (+) bacteria. X-ray mapping and electron loss spectroscopy showed that high concentrations of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  were related to the cellular structure of *E. coli*. The periplasma contains oligosaccharides and anionic proteins that may play a role in the storage of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in this compartment. According to a study, the outer membrane and periplasm first serve as a barrier to  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  entries. Secondly, it is thought to play a very important role by buffering and storing  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . By targeting the photoprotein aequorin using the N-terminal OmpT signal sequence, the periplasma has been shown to store  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in the periplasm of living *E. coli* cells ranging from 3-6-fold relative to the external environment. These results show us that bacterial cells; it supports our idea that it may have the ability to regulate  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  concentrations by using different mechanisms within cellular separate compartments. However, the answer to this question is unknown today; to what extent do micro-regions in bacteria contribute to  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  homeostasis? [1] this is one of the pending questions.

$\text{Ca}^{+2}$  are a well-known signal molecule that regulates a number of basic processes in eukaryotes. Abnormalities in cellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  regulations have been associated with bacterial infections such

as cystic fibrosis (CF) and endocarditis. All evidence shows that intracellular and extracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  balances in a host can be a clue to opportunistic pathogenic bacteria and trigger their virulence. In addition,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in prokaryotes; spore formation, mobility, cell differentiation, transport and virulence. It has also been shown that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  regulate bacterial gene expression and its regulatory role in prokaryotes. There is also increasing evidence that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  play a signaling role in the regulation of cellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in prokaryotes. The intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  of various bacteria such as *E. coli*, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *B. subtilis* and *Cyanobacteria* were maintained at  $\mu\text{M}$  levels and the  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  effect was shown in response to environmental and physiological conditions. Such responses;  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  regulated bacteria may play a key role in physiology and virulence. Some studies show that bacteria control  $[\text{Ca}^{+2}]$  using various mechanisms to transport or chelate  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . Some types of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  transport systems have been described in prokaryotes:

- a) Gradient driven  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  heat exchangers,
- b) ATPase
- c) Non-protein polyhydroxybutyratepolyphosphate (PHB-PP) channels.

It is also thought that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  modifiers are identified in some bacterial strains and serve as a main mechanism for  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  transports in prokaryotes. These are low affinity  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  carriers that used the stored energy of the electrochemical gradient of ions. They can work in both directions depending on the gradient. *P. aeruginosa* is an opportunistic human pathogen and is known to be one of the main causes of nosocomial infections and severe chronic infections in endocarditis and CF patients. Previously, growth in high  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  has been shown to increase the formation of *P. aeruginosa* biofilm and induce biosynthesis of many secreted virulence factors including alginate, extracellular proteases and pyocyanin [2].  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  levels include hydrolytic modulation of the hydrolytic enzyme in *Pectobacterium carotovorum* produced in *V. cholerae*. In addition,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  in animal and plant hosts; as a secondary messenger, it regulates defense responses based on regulatory systems. Calcium, magnesium and iron are known to be involved in the process of *X. fastidiosa* infection.

However, it has also been suggested that in some cases (e.g.  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{+2}$ ), these elements are non-specific and act as bridges of adhesion between negatively charged bacterial cells and xylem vessels. The presence of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ ; increases biofilm formation, cell binding and mobility under *in vitro* conditions.  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  levels also affect biofilm production. Bivalent cations containing  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  and  $\text{Mg}^{+2}$  have previously been shown to play a role in the formation of biofilm by different bacteria. In *Erwinia carotovora*, high  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  levels suppress the expression of PehA, an endopoliglaklonase, one of the major virulence determinants. The opposite effect, ie increase

in virulence, was observed in *P. aeruginosa*. Here, with the addition of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ , increased production of extracellular proteases and increased expression of alginate biosynthetic genes, which are the main components of extracellular matrix, also affected the increase of biofilm thickness. *X. fastidiosa* has been shown to play a role in the regulation of biofilm formation, its effect on the cell surface and twitch mobility. Some studies; it also shows that the addition of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  significantly increases the surface binding strength of the cells. In addition to the "bridging" effect that may occur with  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ , it has been shown that in addition to the effect of  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  on biofilm and movement, a metabolic dependent effect may be responsible [3].

In addition to their role in biofilm matrix stability,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  can also affect bacterial gene expression. In eukaryotic cells,  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  is an important signaling molecule and can play a regulatory role in bacteria. Many bacteria; *P. aeruginosa* PA4107 also includes genes for calmodulin-like proteins with characteristic EF hand motifs, including PlcR, possibly shown to bind  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . The secretion and stability of some extracellular proteins in *P. aeruginosa* are influenced by  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . The toxins secreted by the Type III secretion system are suppressed by  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . The amounts of extracellular elastase (LasB) and LasA secreted by Type II secretion increase in the presence of additional  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$ . It is also known that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  affect the biofilm structure. Interestingly, added  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  has been shown to cause biofilms of mucoid *P. aeruginosa* FRD1, which is 10 to 20-fold thicker than non- $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  added biofilms. The amounts of extracellular proteases were increased in  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  modified biofilms and it was also found that the proteases were housed in the  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  enhanced alginate matrix [4]. To date, salt and glucose have always been studied and studied in health-related diets. As a result of this information, it should be remembered that  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  diets may also be effective in understanding and reducing the effects of microorganisms.

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