

## The inhibitory effect of *Lactobacillus* on siderophore production in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (in vitro).

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### Abstract:

Probiotic are alive microorganisms presented in food and dietary supplements, probiotics beneficially affect the individual by improving the intestinal microbial balance properties. This study revealed anew pathway of siderophore attenuation in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, using *Lactobacillus*. Out of forty *P. aeruginosa* isolates, 20 isolates were siderophore produced, Cell free supernatant (CFS) and Cell free culture (CFC) of *Lactobacillus* the antimicrobial agent were able to produce zones of inhibition against *P. aeruginosa* growth in average (8-15 mm) and (9-15 mm) by CFS and CFC respectively. These antimicrobial agent also were able to attenuate the pathogenicity of *P. aeruginosa* by prevent its ability to siderophore production.

**Key words:** *Pseudomonas*, Siderophore, *Lactobacillus*.

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### الخلاصة:

لمعزلات الحيوية هي كائنات حيوية توجد في الغذاء والمكملات الغذائية والتي تؤثر على الفرد من خلال تحسين خصائص التوازن الميكروبي المعوي، في هذه الدراسة تم تنفيذ مسلك جديد للتخفيض من انتاجية *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* للـ siderophore (حوامل الحديد) باستخدام بكتريا *Lactobacillus*. كانت 20 عزلة فقط منتجة لحوامل الحديد من بين 40 عزلة تعود لبكتريا *P. Aeruginosa*. وظهرت عوامل الـ Cell free supernatant (CFS) و Cell free culture (CFC) قدرتها على تكوين مناطق تثبيط ضد نمو *P. Aeruginosa* بمعدل (8-15) ملم و (9-15) ملم على التوالي، استطاعت تلك العوامل الضد ميكروبية ايضا ان تخفف من إمراضية *P. aeruginosa* من خلال الغاء قدرتها على انتاج حوامل الحديد.

### Introduction:

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is a ubiquitous found in various environments, such as, water or the rhizosphere. It produce a large array of colonization and virulence factors, allowing it to infect in plants, insects, mammals, including humans, causing different types of infection (Cornelis and Dingemans, 2013; Saxena, et al., 2014).

*P. aeruginosa* produce different virulence factors including exotoxin (Coggan and Walfgar 2012; Jimenez et al., 2012; Balasubramanian, 2013) and Siderophores (Siderophores are low molecular weight iron chelating compounds produced in response to iron deprivation by *Pseudomonas* and excrete or binding and

uptake of iron into their cells, (Srifueng fung et al., 2010) and other virulence factors (Balasubramanian, 2013).

*P. aeruginosa* is able to switch its lifestyle from planktonic unicellular to a sessile form in biofilm (Mikkelsen et al., 2011). For example, cooperative production of iron-scavenging siderophores achieved by the *P. aeruginosa*. It is a key determinant of virulence and the links between cooperation and virulence in this bacterium have been extensively studied (reviewed in: Harrison, 2013). Probiotic is a word derived from Greek origin and it means (for life), as opposed to antibiotic, which means, against life, (Jungersen

et al., 2014 ) They are living microorganisms, that confer beneficial effects to the host, when it is administered in adequate mounts ( Denkova et al., 2013a) . *Lactobacillus acidophilus* is included in the composition of probiotics and probiotic foods (Kirtzalidou et al., 2011) ,to select bacterial strains to use in the production of probiotic functional food , a number of criteria needs to be considered .One of the important mechanisms is the ability to increase the natural defenses against enteropathogens, by either producing antimicrobial substances or competitive inhibition. Expulsion of these pathogens are acquired to meet the probiotic strains ( Denkova et al., 2013b). Supernatant of most *Lactobacillus* bacteria contains several antimicrobials which kill pathogens ( Aminnezhad et al., 2015) .The recent study is aiming to study details of the mechanisms , at the basis of switch to acute virulence with the production of siderophores but, in this paper , our aim was to investigate the role and the influence of cultures and cell free supernatant of *Lactobacillus*, with probiotic potential on growth and virulence factor productivity of pathogenic *P. aeruginosa* isolates.

## Materials and Methods:

### Test pathogen

Forty *P.aeruginosa* isolates were obtained from high studies laboratory in college of science, Al-Mustansiriyah University, then identified again biochemical test.

### Lactobacillus source

*Lactobacillus* isolate was obtained from Al- Mustansiriyah University, postgraduate studies laboratories (from dairy source) and then identified according to Forbes and Daniel, 2007.

### Preparation of cell-free super-natant (CFS) of *Lactobacillus*:

A culture of MRS broth 10ml and *Lactobacillus* and then incubated at 37C°

for 24hr.After incubation, cell free supernatant was obtained by centrifuging the bacterial culture at 6000xg for 15 min followed by filtration of the supernatant through 0.2 mm pore size filter (Muhisn et al., 2015).

### Siderophore production test:

To investigate the ability of *P.aeruginosa* for siderophore production, the medium M9 was prepared as follows:

(Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 6 , KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 3 , NaCl 0.5 , NH<sub>4</sub>Cl 1 and agar 15) gm. Materials were collected 900 ml and D.W was add , pH adjusted at 7, sterilized for 15 m and cooled in 45C°, then added the following solutions:

(Glucose solution 10 , MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution 20 , CaCl<sub>2</sub> solution 1 and Dipyrindine solution 1)ml ,that previously prepared as follows:

Glucose solution prepared by (20gm glucose ,90ml D.W and completed to 100ml),sterilized by millipore filters (0.22mm),CaCl<sub>2</sub> solution prepared by (0.3gm Cacl<sub>2</sub> ,90 ml D.W and completed to 100ml), sterilized with autoclave for (10) min, Dipyrindine solution Prepared by(0.005gm from Dipyrindine material ,9ml D.W) and completed to (10ml), sterilized with millipore filters, MgSO<sub>4</sub> solution prepared by ( 2.5gm MgSO<sub>4</sub> ,90 ml D.W and completed to 100ml.) sterilized with autoclave for (10) min. After the addition of solutions, (0.1gm) Thymine was added to complete the volume to (1000ml). Then the solution were mixed and poured into dishes .This experiment was made according to Johnson et al., (1988).

### *Pseudomonas* siderophore production test:

M9 medium was used to detect siderophore production. *P.aeruginosa* colonies were cultured ( originally grown on brain – heart – Infusion ) on M9 medium .The plates was incubated at 37C° for 24 hr.The existence of growth was the positive result for *P.aeruginosa* utilize the component of medium M9 and

siderophore production, no growth was the negative result .

### The antibacterial activity of Lactobacillus against Pseudomonas:

Antibacterial activity of Lactobacillus was tested (against *P. aeruginosa* growth) using agar-well diffusion method. Lactobacillus CFS and CFC ( Cell free culture: this is taken from broth (MRS) without centrifuge ) that originally Lactobacillus grown in it ), were antibacterial agents that filled the wells , with control(MRS without CFS), that means 3 wells were made in each plate, these plates incubated at 37C° for 18- 24 hr.Inhibition zones were recorded on Muller-Hinton agar (Jebur, 2010 ).

Lactobacillus activity against *P.aeruginosa* siderophore production:

Was accomplished by culture media mixing (Al –Jassani. 2006). Anti-

*P.aeruginosa* factors of Lactobacillus CFS and CFC were added to MRS medium, and then stored in vials a sterial MRS medium was added as a control. Three types of MRS were added with (10%), the addition operation was completed with courtesy on the vials walls to prevent the formation of bubbles . After mixing by vortex then left to be solid .Each plate was inoculated with siderophore producing *P.aeruginosa* isolate, that previously tested .Then plates were incubated at 37C° for 24 hr.

Results and discussion:

Incidence of siderophore produced *Pseudomonas* isolates among the total isolates:

The present study showed that 20 isolates of *P. aeruginosa* were producing siderophore with percentage of 50%, Table (1).

**Table (1): *P. aeruginosa* siderophore producing.**

Number of isolate	Siderophore production	Number of isolate	Siderophore production
P.1	-	P.21	-
P.2	-	P.22	-
P.3	+	P.23	-
P.4	-	P.24	-
P.5	+	P.25	+
P.6	+	P.26	-
P.7	-	P.27	-
P.8	-	P.28	+
P.9	-	P.29	-
P.10	-	P.30	+
P.11	-	P.31	-
P.12	+	P.32	+
P.13	-	P.33	+
P.14	-	P.34	+
P.15	-	P.35	-
P.16	+	P.36	+
P.17	+	P.37	-
P.18	+	P.38	-
P.19	-	P.39	+
P.20	-	P.40	+

Total number 40 isolates

(-) = Non-producing isolate,

(+) = Producing-isolate.

### Anti-siderophore produced *P. aeruginosa* growth activity of *Lactobacillus* CFS and CFC:

A total of 20 isolates that produced siderophore were examined to detect the anti – *Pseudomonas* growth activity of CFS and CFC of *Lactobacillus*. The result revealed that CFS and CFC inhibited 16 isolates; only 4 isolates were completely resistant to these Anti – *P. aeruginosa* – agent. Only 5 isolates (P.3,P.4,P.30,P.33,P.39) showed moderate sensitivity to CFS (with inhibition zone

10mm), the rest ,6 isolates (P.12,P.19,P.25,P.28,P.32,P.34,P.35) were sensitive to CFS with inhibition zone ranged (11-13) mm. Only 4 isolates gave low inhibition zone ranged (8-9) mm.

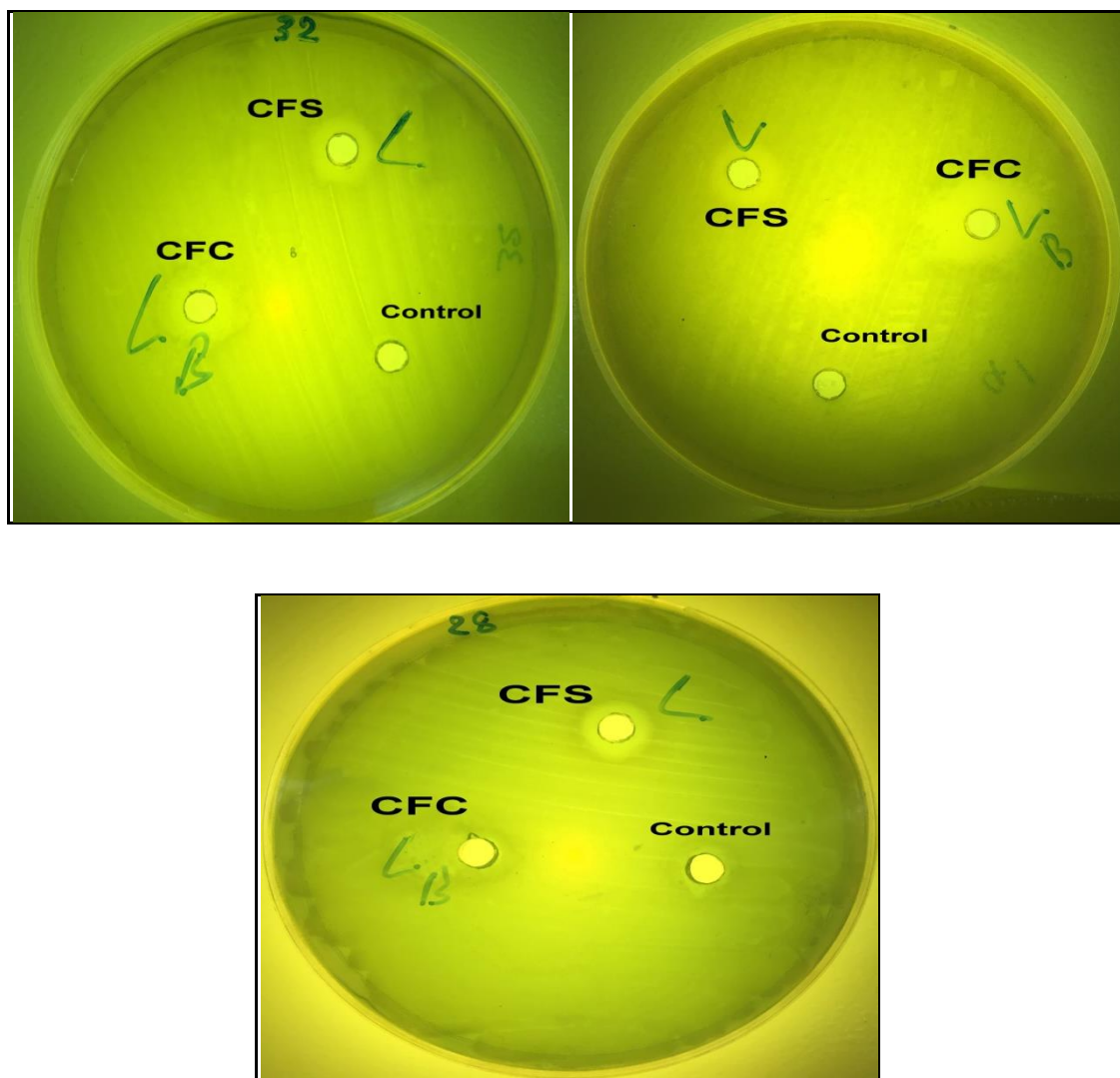
CFC of *Lactobacillus* not differ very much from CFS , but , it gave higher inhibition zone against (P.32, P.35) both with (15 mm) , and the low zone was (9mm) against (P.3, P.17) , So CFC cleared high activity with inhibition zones ranged (9-15) mm . Table (2) and figure (1).

**Table (2): Anti- *Pseudomonas* growth activity of *Lactobacillus* CFS and CFC.**

Number of isolate.	Inhibition zone (mm)	
	CFS <i>Lactobacillus</i>	CFC <i>Lactobacillus</i>
3	10	9
4	10	12
5	8	10
6	9	11
12	-	-
16	12	13
17	8	9
18	-	-
19	12	10
20	-	-
25	11	13
28	12	13
30	10	12
32	13	15
33	10	11
34	12	11
35	13	15
36	-	-
39	10	12
40	9	12

CFS: Cell free supernatant

CFC: Cell free culture



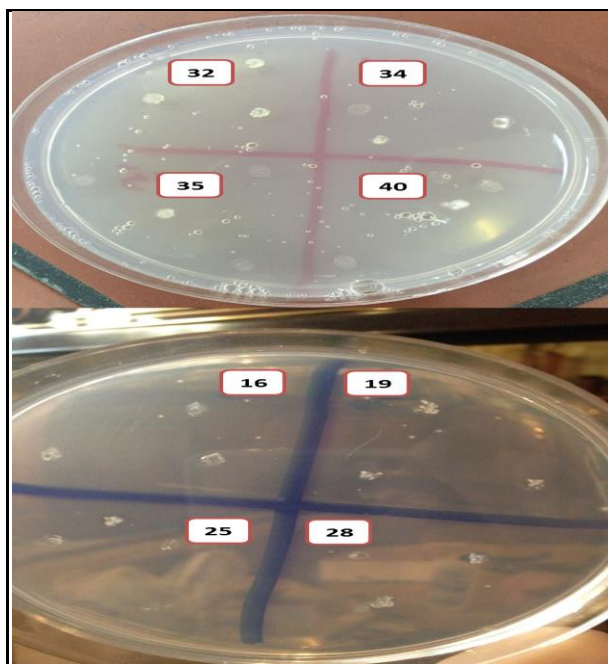
**Figure (1): Anti- *Pseudomonas* growth activity of *Lactobacillus* CFS and CFC**

CFC of *Lactobacillus*, CFS of *Lactobacillus*, Control: Distill water.

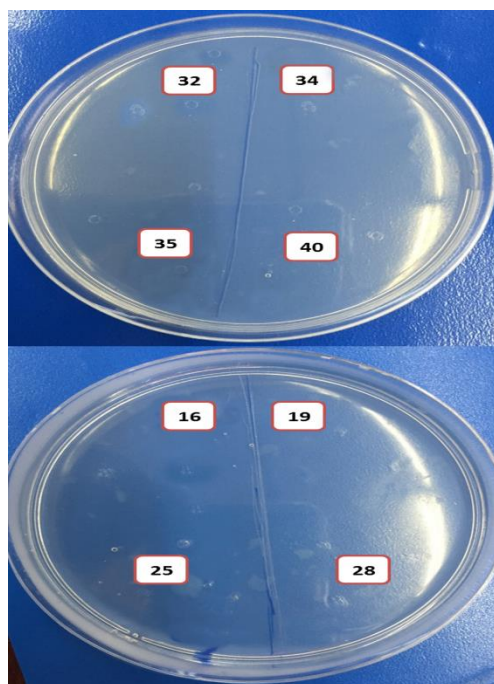
**CFS and CFC of *Lactobacillus* activity against siderophore *P. Aeruginosa* production:**

*P. aeruginosa* isolates were inhibited by CFS and CFC when they mixed with

medium (figure:2), in this figure there was no growth after treatment compared with before treatment. It means, these agents CFS and CFC could convert each of isolate from producing isolate to non siderophore producing isolates, Figure-2.



**Growth of Pseudomonas in absence of CFC**



**No growth of Pseudomonas in presence of CFS**

**Figure (2): CFS and CFC of Lactobacillus against *P. aeruginosa* siderophore producing isolate.**

Previously siderophore is considered as an important virulence factor of *Pseudomonas* it has been established

that siderophore production is dependent on antigenic structure of *P. aeruginosa* and the type of isolate (Kamel et al.,

2011) in our study 20 out of 40 *P. aeruginosa* isolates gave positive siderophore production, recorded 20 negative isolates were also isolated from patient, our results revealed that there were no significant differences siderophore presence among the isolates that isolated from patients, So siderophore production must not always coincide as virulence marker presence in While, our results agreed with other study (Al-Jassani, 2006) and (Muhisn et al., 2015). about the use of CFS and CFC of Lactic acid bacteria (among of them is *Lactobacillus*) to control pathogenic microorganism because that have an inhibitory effect by producing acids (organic acids) and antimicrobial substances that prevent microbial growth (bakari et al., 2011). The CFS and CFC that obtained from *Lactobacillus* could produce anti-*P. aeruginosa* substances which inhibited the growth of 16 important siderophore produced *P. aeruginosa* in varying degree. The main revelation in this study was that strain *Lactobacillus* CFS and CFC were active against *P. aeruginosa*. all *P. aeruginosa* isolates.

The inhibitory activity of *Lactobacillus* is mainly due to the accumulation of primary metabolites such as lactic acid, acetic acids, ethanol and carbon dioxide. *Lactobacillus* was also capable to produce antimicrobial compounds such as bacteriocins and other compounds with small molecular mass, (Sakaridis et al., 2012). thus it can be explained that some *P. aeruginosa* isolates could resist the CFS and CFC because of the production levels and proportions among these compounds depend on the biochemical properties of the strains used and physical and chemical conditions of growth (Powthong and Suntornthiticharoen, 2013).

Antimicrobial activity is one of the most important selection criteria for probiotics (Chowdhury et al., 2012), *Lactobacillus* strain that used in this

experiment has the first criteria of probiotics. In a study was achieved by Gharaei-Fathabad and Eslamifar (2011) a strain of *Lactobacillus* isolated from tea leaves showed strong inhibitory activity against some pathogenic. Bacteria strain of present study has almost, similar antibacterial capability, at the same time, it has better than these *Lactobacillus* isolate that isolated from dairy products and traditional drinking yoghurt in studies by Forouhandeh et al. (2010) and

### Conclusions:

CFS and CFC of *Lactobacillus* could inhibit the growth and siderophore productivity of *P. aeruginosa*

### Recommendations:

Further studies will be carried out to examine whether this strain will be able to adhere to epithelium cells, before predicting their use as probiotic in conferring health benefit to the host, also to alternate the antibiotic with natural probiotics that have safety side effect. Ali (2011) respectively.

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