

Genetic Comparative Study Of Staphylococcus Aureus Isolated From Infections And Rural Water

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Abstract

One hundred specimens from wounds, burns, and Rural water were collected , wounds and burns isolates were collected from patients laying in hospital from different age and gender . It was found that 50 isolates belong to *Staphylococcus spp.*, 38 isolates were identified as *S. aureus* from infections isolates and 12 isolates were identified as *S. aureus* from rural water according to microscopic, cultural and biochemical testing. The study of seven extracellular enzyme as virulence factors including the enzymes: urease, lipase, DNase, haemolysin, coagulase, β -lactamase, and lecithinase. Revealed that 100% of *S.aureus* which isolated from infections had the ability to produce these enzymes, while the isolates of rural water were unable to produce the enzymes DNase, lipase, coagulase , but they were capable to produce haemolysin, urease, lecithinase, and β -lactamase the range for production of these factors were 50 %,84,%, 7,%, and 43% respectively. 14 *Staphylococcus* isolates from infections isolates and 4 isolates from rural water isolates were selected according of their ability for production most of studies virulence enzymes for detection of genes encoding for the enzymes heamolysine (hly) and (coa) by using of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique. The Gene hly was detected in all isolates from infections and rural water and coa was detected in infections isolates only.

Keywords: *Staphylococcus aureus*, PCR, virulence factor, heamolysine (hly), coagulase (coa), rural water.

1- Introduction

Bacteria contamination of wounds and burns is one of the health problems faced by hospitalized patients due to their infection. It is known as hospital infection (Nosocomial infection(Intensive care worldwide, especially in developing countries. Reports indicate that about (5-10%) of those placed in intensive care units in US hospitals acquire this condition(1). The type of infection, the occurrence and development of the infection depends on several factors, including the virulence, the number of germs that cause the infection, and the extent of the infection(2). The host's sensitivity and the nature of the exposure to infection, the tag that is transmitted by the germs, as well as the type of wound and the degree of burn , treatment with antibiotics, age, gender, and length of stay in the hospital(3,4).

Despite the progress made in the field of medical care for patients with wounds and burns, it has been to antibiotics since their discovery(5,6). The great effect in reducing the rates of this infection, and it has given good results in treatment and control and limit(5) .

However, the misuse of these antibiotics, indiscriminately and without studied and without conducting a test for sensitivity to antibiotics, led to the emergence of Several strains of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics(7).

S. aureus in drinking water may also serve as a source for colonizing residents exposed to contaminated water. Shine field and his colleagues (8), in their investigation of bacterial interference, found that they could set up a carrier state in the nose of 50% of newborn infants by inoculating 200 to 400 cocci(9). Other investigators found that the inoculum required to induce infection in traumatized skin was very small. Colonization occurred in the majority of sites when inoculated with a few hundred cells, and some infections occurred after an inoculation of approximately 10 cells(10,11)

The great development in the generalization of molecular biology and genetic engineering techniques has led to the use of advanced and rapid techniques in the detection of Genes of virulence or antibiotic resistance and investigation of genetic elements related to pathogenicity without resorting to conventional methods. In isolation, diagnosis, and sensitivity testing to antibiotics (12) some pathogenic bacterial agents are sometimes difficult to diagnose In the laboratory using conventional methods, the use of molecular PCR technology, using specialized primers, was used to detect these factors that were not It is taught protected, either by conventional or partial laboratory methods(13).

2- Materials and working methods:

2-1-Sample collection

A 100 sample were collected from wounds, burns and rural water From October 2020 to March 2021, the swabs were taken from different ages and from both sexes, with 35 samples for a wound, 25 for a burned sample, and 40 for rural water

2-2- Isolation and diagnosis of staphylococcus bacteria

Samples were cultured on both blood agar and MSA (salt mannitol ag). The plate was cultured at 37 c° for 24 hour and isolates were diagnosed accordingly for phenotypic features, microscopy and biochemical tests(14) as in figure 1 & 2

2-3: water Sample collection.

Water samples were obtained (Technical paper 5383, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. by two procedures. In the first, sterile sample bottles were distributed to residents in a rural area who obtained their water from individual wells. Residents were instructed to take samples after running the water for several minutes. The bottles were collected 3 to 4 h after being filled and stored on ice until cultured within the next 1 to 3 h. The second procedure involved sampling water specimens sent to the Oregon State University Department of Microbiology water laboratory. These samples were usually mailed in and had a maximum 30-h transit time limit before sampling(15,16).

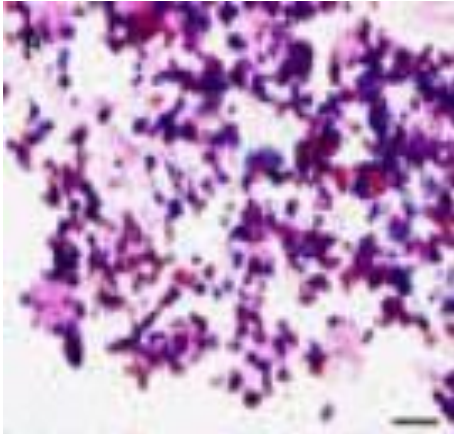


Figure (1) Gram positive staphylococcus bacteria Figure (2): *S. aureus* cultured on MSA (salt mannitol ag).

2-4- Investigate some virulence factors

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2-5- Investigate the prevalence of coa& hly genes in bacterial isolates

18 isolates depending on their ability to produce the most virulence factors studied in a laboratory from the infection of wounds and burns. 7 Isolates from each of the wounds and burns injuries and 4 isolates from the swabs do not use specialized primers that target Co-specific genes (coa, hly), as in the Table –937

Table 1 - Sequences of nitrogenous bases for specific primer

No.	Primer	primer sequence	Expected gene size	the manufacture company
1	Coa	5'ATA GAG ATG CTG GTA CAG G3' 5'GCT TCC GAT TGT TCG ATG C3'	440-1400 bp	Alpha DNA
2	hly	F:GGTTTAGCCTGGCCTT R:CATCACGAACTCGTT	100-937 bp	Alpha DNA

3- Results and discussion

3-1- Sample collection

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Table 2: Number of samples that contained *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates

Type of sample	The number of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> isolates	%	Total
Wounds	20	57.14%	35
Burns	18	72%	25
rural water	12	30%	40
Total	50	50%	100

The presence of staphylococcus in wounds and burns injuries at high rates. This is consistent with most studies.(11,14)

As we noticed during the study, the presence of large numbers of Staphylococcus aureus in rural water as found in (15,16)

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Table 3: The productivity of some virulence factors

Type of sample	Wounds	Burns	Rural Water
The number of Staphylococcus aureus	20	18	12
Lecithinase %	100%	100%	7%
β- lactamase %	100%	100%	43%
coagulase %	100%	100%	0
Haemolysin in %	100%	100%	50%
DNase, %	100%	100%	0
Lipase %	100%	100%	0
Urease %	100%	100%	84%

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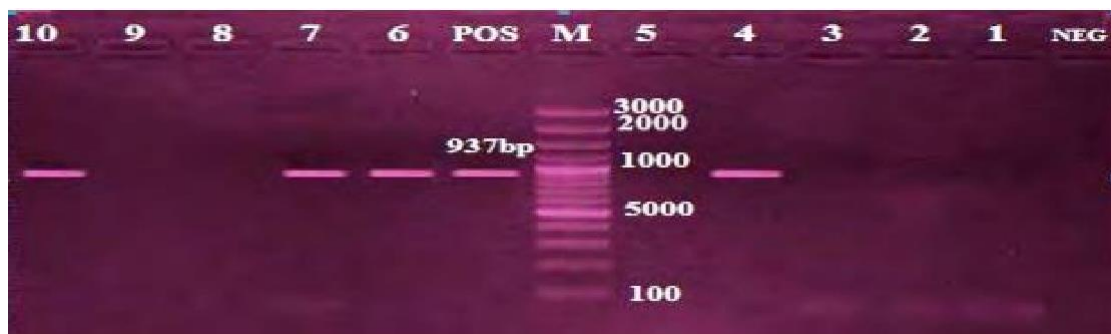


Figure 3: PCR results of DNA isolates of *S. aureus*. bacteria isolated from infections of wounds, burns and sample from rural water by using specialized primers of hly genes on agarose gel at a concentration (5.1%)and a good difference (60) volts for a period of time.) Two hours)

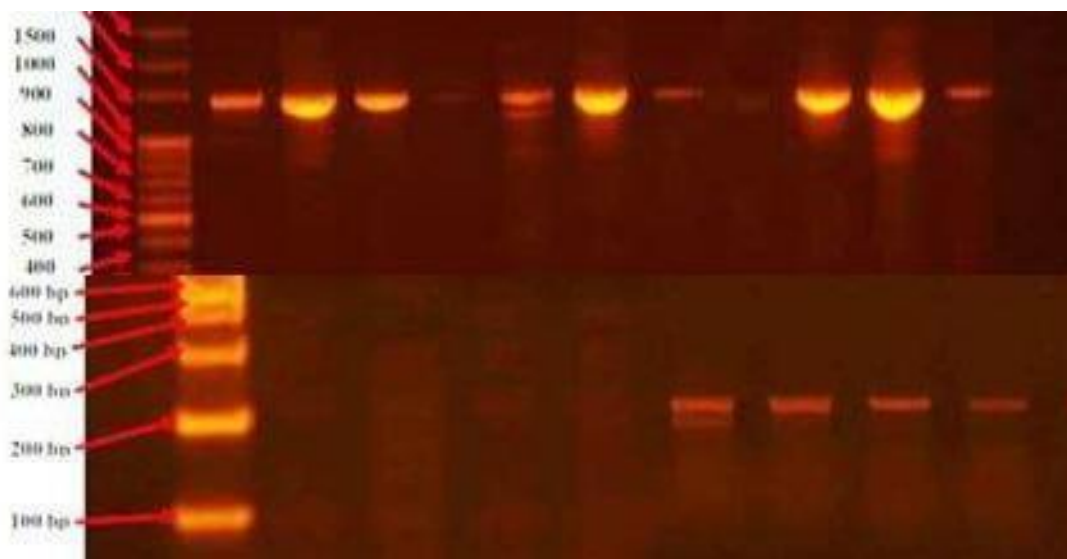


Figure 4: PCR results of DNA isolates of *S. aureus*. bacteria isolated from infections of wounds, burns and sample from rural water by using specialized primers of *coa* genes on agarose gel at a concentration (5.1%) and a good difference (60) volts for a period of time. Two hours

The results of the current study for the presence of the *hly* gene which clear in figure (3) came relatively close to what was found by U [4], as it was found that the pathogenicity of these bacteria is due to Productively, the virulence factor of haemolysine enzyme, emulsin, where it was mentioned that the proportion of (18.81%) are genes encoding production gene *hla* and (18.18%) Any genes encoding *hly* and also the results of the current study coincided with what was found (5), where they stated that haemolysin- α is more A frequency of haemolysin-, at a rate of (4.43)%, and the results of the current study also converged with what was found by (6) .

High resistance to antibiotics has a high potential for pathogenicity through the production of enzyme enzymes. The results of the current study, depending on the isolation sources, showed the presence of the *coa* gene at a rate of (100%) in wound infection isolates and burns, and the absence in rural water, as shown in Table (3), and this is what you confirmed the results Electrophoresis, where the results of these isolates showed DNA bundles with partial weights ranging between 440-1400bp. Compared with the 100bp volumetric index and as in Figure -4

The results of the *coa* gene were consistent with what was found by [8], where they stated that the majority of *S aureus* isolates are producing this enzyme because it is a working factor virulence in the pathogenicity of this bacterium, and the results of the study also converged with what was mentioned [9], where they used gene coagulase as a virulence factor for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, and [10] indicated that most strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* are

aureus. *S* was the producer of the enzyme coagulase as a significant virulence factor in the pathogenicity of this bacterium with a rate of 39%.

The ratio of gene spread to the different source and number of isolate

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