

乳鐵蛋白應用於蝦類抗白點症病毒之研究

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摘要

白點症病毒(white spot syndrome virus, WSSV)是甲殼類生物的一個重要病毒，對養殖蝦有很高的致死率，目前尚無報導指出有任何一種蝦類對白點症病毒有抵抗力。乳鐵蛋白(lactoferrin, LF)是一種人類及動物體內普遍存在的攜鐵醣蛋白，屬於運鐵蛋白家族(transferrin family)成員之一，具有調節人及動物生理、抑制細菌和病毒繁殖、促進淋巴細胞的分化、調節巨嗜細胞(macrophage)、顆粒細胞(granulocyte)的增生以及在腸道中幫助鐵離子之運送及吸收等功能。本研究目的在探討牛乳鐵蛋白是否可以增進蝦類的抗白點症病毒感染能力並藉由草蝦之免疫指標酚氧化酵素(phenoloxidase activity)、超氧離子(superoxide anion, O_2^-)、超氧歧化酵素活性(superoxide dismutase activity, SOD)及草蝦免疫相關基因表現之分析探討其可能之抗病毒機制。以0.01、0.04及0.16 mg/g蝦體重之三種牛乳鐵蛋白濃度進行抗白點症病毒實驗，結果顯示牛乳鐵蛋白可以減緩蝦子的死亡率，其中以0.04 mg/g蝦體重的作用濃度最好，可使死亡率降低至59%。以0.01及0.04 mg/g蝦體重之牛乳鐵蛋白注射草蝦，顯示蝦體內之酚氧化酵素、超氧離子和超氧歧化酵素活性均比控制組草蝦均出現顯著差異($P < 0.05$)，酚氧化酵素活性於第2、12及24小時出現顯著差異($P < 0.05$)，作用濃度以0.01 mg/g蝦體重之濃度效果最好；超氧離子於第48、72及96小時出現顯著差異($P < 0.05$)，作用濃度以0.04 mg/g蝦體重之濃度效果最好；超氧歧化酵素於第36、48及60小時出現顯著差異($P < 0.05$)，作用濃度以0.04 mg/g蝦體重之濃度效果最好。在免疫基因表現之分析中，以0.01及0.04 mg/g蝦體重之牛乳鐵蛋白注射草蝦，結果顯示牛乳鐵蛋白能誘發一些草蝦免疫相關基因表現，作用濃度以0.04 mg/g蝦體重之濃度所誘發表現之基因數目最多。所以牛乳鐵蛋白有可能可以藉由提升草蝦之免疫能力增強其抗白點症病毒之感染。

關鍵詞：草蝦；乳鐵蛋白；白點症病毒

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