

Application of Lactoferrin in Shrimp Enhancing Resistance of White Spot Syndrome Virus Infection

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ABSTRACT

White spot syndrome virus (WSSV) is one of the most important pathogens of crustaceans with high lethality in culture shrimp. So far there is no shrimp species showing resistance to this virus. Lactoferrin (LF) is a kind of iron-carrying glycoprotein existing commonly in human and other animals. LF is a member of transferrin family with the functions of physiological regulation, bacteria and virus replication inhibition, lymphocytes differentiation, macrophage regulation, granulocytes proliferation, and helping in iron ion transportation and uptaking in guts. In this study LF was tested the ability in enhancing the anti-wssv infection in shrimp. Some immuno-response indexes such as phenoloxidase activity, superoxide anion production and superoxide dismutase activity, and immune related genes expression were analyzed to elucidate the possible anti-viral mechanisms. By using the different concentration of LF treated shrimp indicated a lower down of the accumulate lethality and the use of 0.04 mg/g shrimp body weight showed the most effective dosage which could lower down the lethality rate to 59 % . The indicated immuno-response indexes in 0.01 and 0.04 mg/g body weight LF treated shrimp showed significant differences than non-treated shrimp (P

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