

重組柳松菇凝集素於蝦類抗白點症之效用分析

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摘要

白點症病毒 (White Spot Syndrome Virus, WSSV) 是甲殼類生物一個重要的病毒，對養殖蝦有很高的感染率與致死率。自從1993年於中國大陸爆發傳染以來，WSSV已成為世界養蝦產業的重大病源。目前對此疾病尚無藥物可以治療，因此養殖業將此病稱為「蝦癌」。凝集素 (lectin)，由於能和細胞表面的醣基結合造成凝集反應而得名。此外凝集素也可以辨識與許多的病原體的表面例如病毒外套膜上的醣基結合而與病原產生凝集反應防止病毒的感染，因此具有抗病的功能。所以凝集素是生物中先天免疫力 (innate immunity) 很重要的一部分。本研究即是以柳松菇凝集素 (*Agrocybe aegerita* lectin, AAL) 為對象，分析其抗WSSV感染的效用。首先選殖AAL基因cDNA全長序列，並以原核 (*Escherichia coli*) 的蛋白質表現系統，生產重組柳松菇凝集素 (rAAL)，再分析該重組蛋白對抗WSSV之活性。經由軟體分析AAL胺基酸序列其具有carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD) 及蛋白後修飾 (modifications motif) 辨識區域。此外，1997年Cooper等學者指出，凝集素胺基酸序列中若含有cysteine，則會降低凝集素之凝集活性。而AAL不具有cystine，推測其可能具有較佳之凝集活性。rAAL之分子量約為20 kDa，與軟體所預測之分子量大小相當。而以native gel的電泳分析顯示rAAL會形成具功能之雙聚合體 (dimer) 四級結構。利用E-coil大量表現並純化後的rAAL作為抗原生產抗體，以西方轉漬法分析，柳松菇之蛋白質萃取物，此抗體可高專一性的辨識出天然柳松菇凝集素。E-coli生產rAAL，以白蝦進行抗WSSV之活體實驗，結果發現以rAAL處理第五天，可降低20%累積死亡率，具有抑制白點症病毒之功效，值得進一步研究及應用，包含施用方式時機，劑量，頻率等。

關鍵詞：白點症病毒；凝集素；柳松菇

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