

Enhancement of novel extracellular bacteriocin production by media optimization using LAB isolate from meat

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ABSTRACT

Bacteriocins from lactic acid bacteria have been widely studied in recent years; however, there is a little study for explained their chemical compositions. This study was aimed to isolate and identification Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) from meat in Jeddah - Saudi Arabia on (MRS) medium. Forty isolates of LAB showed antibacterial activities against indicator bacteria Gram negative bacteria *K. pneumonia* ATCC700603, *E.coli* ATCC25422, *P.aeruginosa*, ATCC27583 and Gram positive bacteria *S.aureus* ATCC25923. Also antibacterial activities was screened by agar well diffusion method, results showed that ten out of 40 (25%) of the tested isolates have activities against all indicator bacteria. Isolates of LAB with the highest antimicrobial effect were identified on the basis of its genetically sequencing. Results revealed that the M8 isolate have 96% identity with *Leuconostoc mesentroides* and was the highest bacteriocin producer. So it has been selected for the current investigation. The effect of different factors such as (inoculum concentrations, incubation temperature, incubation period, pH and aeration) on the production was studied. The pointed to the best condition for the bacteriocin production of highest amount of bacteriocin was incubation of static culture at 35°C for 24 hr. and pH 6.2.

INTRODUCTION

Lactic acid bacteria (LAB) are the biological foundation for the production of a large number of fermented foods and dairy products (Lasagno *et al.*, 2002 and Sarantinopoulos *et al.*, 2002). It can be isolated naturally from several fermented foods such as fermented vegetable, fish, meat and milk (Salminen *et al.*, 2004a). Lactic acid bacteria have been long decided as the natural flora in fermented food. Because LAB was believed to be safe; so, it has great potential to be used in bio preservation. The preserve effects of lactic acid bacteria are due to the production of large number of antimicrobial agents such as bacteriocin or related substances (Cocolin *et al.*, 2007). Lactic acid bacteria produce a species of antibacterial agnate such as hydrogen peroxide, diacetyl, organic acids and bacteriocins or bactericidal

proteins as byproducts of fermentation (Rajaram *et al.*, 2010). Many bacteriocins are peptides which consists of 13 to 37 amino acids only (Joerger, 2003). They may inhabit bacteria belonging to the same species only, while others bacteriocins inhabit a broad range of Gram positive bacteria (Garneau *et al.*, 2002).

Bacteriocins have senior potency for food preservation, as well as for human therapy as potential complement or replacements for currently used antibiotics (Ogunbanwo *et al.*, 2003). In food preservation, the bacteriocins produced by LAB are commonly known as safe substances (GRAS property) they are not effected and non-toxic on the cells of eukaryotic, they become inactive by digestive proteases having little influence on the gut microbiota, (Gálvez *et al.*, 2007).

The objective of this work is isolation and identification of LAB from meat collected from different districts in Jeddah city, KSA, for enhancement of bacteriocin Production

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Isolation of lactic acid bacteria

Samples collection

Forty samples of meat were collected from muscle of the domestic goat in different districts in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. All the samples were used to isolate lactic acid bacteria using MRS agar medium. One gram of meat was transferred to 9 ml sterile distilled water (under sterile conditions) and was shaken to get dilution of 10^{-1} . Several dilutions were then made to obtain a proper dilution of 10^{-3} .

An aliquot of 0.1 ml of each dilution was transferred over agar plates containing 15 ml of sterile De Mann, Rogosa and Sharpe (MRS) media and incubated at 35°C for 24 h.

Screening of bacteriocin production by agar well diffusion assay

Agar well diffusion procedure described by (Zhang *et al.*, 2010), was used to determine the production of bacteriocin in the culture supernatant. Petri plates (85 mm×15 mm) were prepared by pouring 15 ml of sterile MRS in each plate and the medium was left to solidify. About 0.1 ml of an inoculum suspension of pathogens with concentration 4×10^4 CFU/ml was poured and uniformly spread using sterile cotton swap was used to determine the bacteriocin production and efficiency to inhibit the bacterial growth. After inoculum absorption by agar, wells were made using sterile cork borers (diameter 5 mm) and were filled with 100 μ l of the isolated stearin supernatant. Plates were left for 45 min in the refrigerator to allow proper diffusion of the supernatant in the medium. The plates were incubated at 35°C for 24 h. Inhibition of bacterial growth was measured as inhibition zone diameters in (mm). All experiments were carried out in triplicate. The LAB isolates showed the highest antimicrobial activity have been chosen to compare between their production efficiency of bacteriocin so that we can select the best of them for genetic identification.

Genetic identification of the chosen LAB producing the highest bacteriocin concentration

DNA isolation and PCR amplification

An overnight culture of the promised bacteria grown at 35 °C was used for the DNA extraction using Promega kit. Amplification of 16S rDNA region was carried out according to Sambrook *et al.* (1989) using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and primers designed to amplify 1500 bp fragment of the 16S rDNA region. The domain bacteria-specific primer 27F (forward primer) was:

5'AGAGTTTGATCMTGGCTCAG3' and universal bacterial primer 1492R (reverse primer) was 5'TACGGYTACCTTGTACGACTT3' (Edwards *et al.*, 1989).

The PCR mixture consists of 30 picomoles of each primer, 10 ng of chromosomal DNA, 200 μ M dNTPs and 2.5 Units of Taq polymerase in 50 μ l of polymerase buffer. The PCR was carried out for 30 cycles in 94 °C for 1 min, 55 °C for 1 min and 72 °C for

2 minutes. After completion, a fraction of the PCR mixture was examined using agarose gel electrophoresis and the remnant was purified using QIAquick PCR purification reagents (Qiagen).

DNA sequencing, phylogenetic analysis and tree construction

DNA sequences were obtained using 3130 X DNA Sequencer (Genetic Analyzer, Applied Biosystems, Hitachi, Japan), BigDye Terminator Cycle Sequencing. The PCR product was sequenced using the same PCR primers. Automated DNA sequencing based on enzymatic chain terminator technique was done using 3130 X DNA Sequencer (Genetic Analyzer, Applied Biosystems, Hitachi, Japan).

The thermal cycling mixture was as follows: 8 μ l of Big dye terminator mix, 6 μ l of the sequencing primer (10 pmol) and 6 μ l of the sample (PCR product) then the reaction was run in the thermal cycler. The cyclic reaction composed of 1 min at 95 °C, then 49 cycles of 30 sec at 95 °C, 10 sec at 52 °C and 4 min at 60 °C. The products were purified using special column according to the instruction of the manufacturer. The elute were taken and (1:1) volume ratio of high dye formamide was added and run at 95 °C for 5 min for denaturation, then shock on ice. Afterward, the samples become ready for sequencing in 3130 X DNA sequencer and analysis.

Phylogenetic data were obtained by aligning the nucleotides of different 16S RNA retrieved from BLAST algorithm (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST), using the CLUSTAL W program version 1.8 with standard parameters. The classifier is trained on the new phylogenetically consistent higher-order bacterial taxonomy (Ribosomal Database Project, RDP Classifier) proposed by Wang *et al.* (2007), (<http://rdp.cme.msu.edu/classifier/classifier.jsp>). Phylogenetic and molecular evolutionary analyses were conducted using BioEdit version 7.0.4.01. A rooted phylogram was derived from the distance matrices using the neighbour-joining method through the TREEVIEW program. All analyses were performed on a bootstrapped data set containing 1000 replicates (generated by the program).

Influence of growth conditions of the selected LAB on production of bacteriocin

The culture condition experiments were performed in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks containing 25 ml of MRS broth medium and inoculated with slant from pre-culture of selected isolate. The flasks were incubated at 35°C for 24h, at the end of the incubation period; the cells were collected by centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 20 min at 4°C. Bacteriocin activity was assayed in the culture filtrate by the agar-well diffusion method as described before (Tagg and Given 1971).

Effect of different concentrations of inoculum on growth and production of bacteriocin

Different five concentrations of inoculums (2.5 ml, 5 ml, 7.5 ml, 10 ml and slant) were used for studying the effect of

inoculums concentration on the growth and production of bacteriocin by the selected bacterial isolate.

Effect of different incubation temperatures on growth and production of bacteriocin

To study the effect of incubation temperature, the selected bacteria were grown in MRS broth medium at various incubation temperatures (25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 °C). Slant from pre-culture of selected isolate was suspended and inoculated in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks of MRS broth medium.

Effect of different incubation period on growth and production of bacteriocin

To study the effect of incubation period, the tested organisms were grown in MRS broth medium at various incubation period (24, 48 and 72 h), then incubation at 35°C, slant from pre-culture of the selected bacterial isolate was suspended and inoculated in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks of MRS broth medium.

Effect of pH on growth and production of bacteriocin

The effect of initial medium pH on growth and production of bacteriocin of selected isolates was tested. The MRS broth medium was prepared in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks at different pH as following 4.2, 5.2, 6.2, 7.2, 8.2 and 9.2 with 6 M HCl or 6 M NaOH and then autoclaved. Each flask were inoculated with inoculums of selected strains and incubated at 35 °C for 24 h, without agitation. After changing the culture of pH, the bacterial growth and the production of bacteriocin were measured.

Effect of aeration on growth and production of bacteriocin

The effect of aeration on antimicrobial activity was examined using 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks containing MRS broth medium, and inoculated with slant from pre culture of the selected LAB bacterial isolate. After that, the flasks were incubated at 35°C for 24 h with agitation at different agitation speed (0, 100, 150, 200, 250 rpm). After 24 h of incubation the growth and the production of bacteriocin were measured as described before.

Effect of media volume on growth and production of bacteriocin

The effect of aeration on production of bacteriocin was examined using 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks containing MRS broth medium inoculated with 2 ml of Dist. H₂O with slant from preculture of the selected bacterial isolate. The cultures were incubated at 35°C for 24 h without agitation static (0 rpm). At the end of growth period the growth of inoculated bacteria and antimicrobial activity were measured as described before

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the present work eight bacterial isolates were obtained, from the examined forty meat samples and were given the symbol

M (M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7 and M8). LAB commonly inhabits the muscle of the domestic goat. This may be due to the chemical composition of the muscle, encouraging the growth of the lactic acid producing bacteria. It was in agreement with Olaoye and Onilude (2008), who isolated LAB strains from cow's meat. Also, Olarte et al (2000) mentioned that *Lactobacillus plantarum* was isolated from Cameros cheese produced from goat's milk and this bacterium decreased the number of *Enterobacteria* and *fecal coliforms* in the final cheese product .

Isolation of LAB bacteria

The isolated LAB cultural characteristics were Gram positive, ranged between round, smooth, drop-like, raised and flat. The Color varied between white, yellowish and bright white. Table (1) shows the efficiency of the eight bacterial isolates in production of bacteriocin and inhibition of pathogenic bacteria.

Table 1: Degree of inhibition of different indicator bacteria by bacteriocin produced by different LAB isolates obtained from meat.

Bacterial Isolates	Indicator microorganisms*			
	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC27583	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC25923	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25422	<i>K.pneumonia</i> ATCC700603
M1	-	-	-	-
M2	+++	+++	+++	+++
M3	++	+	++	+
M4	+	+	+	+
M5	+++	+++	+++	+++
M6	++	+	+	+
M7	-	-	-	-
M8	+++	+++	+++	+++

* Very high production (+++), moderate (++) , few (+) and (-) no inhibition zone.

The higher antimicrobial activity of the studied LAB was against *S.aureus* ATCC25923 and *E.coli* ATCC25422 followed by *P.aeruginosa* ATCC27583 and *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603. It might due to specific medium MRS, which is one of the best media suitable for the isolation of LAB as reported earlier by Ghodusi (2002). Other studies deserted that MRS medium is a best medium for bacteriocin production and growth of cell than other conventional media (Daba *et al.*, 1991).

Table 2: Estimation of bacteriocin production by LAB isolates using agar well diffusion assay against different indicator bacteria

Isolates bacterial	Indicator microorganisms			
	<i>P.aeruginosa</i> ATCC27583	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC25923	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25422	<i>K.pneumonia</i> ATCC700603
	Mean diameter of inhibition zones (mm)			
M2	19.66±0.57	18.66±0.57	20.66±0.57	20.33± 0.57
M5	21.33±0.57	20.33±0.57	19.33±0.57	20±1
M8	22.66±0.57	22.00±0.57	22.66±0.57	23.66± 0.57

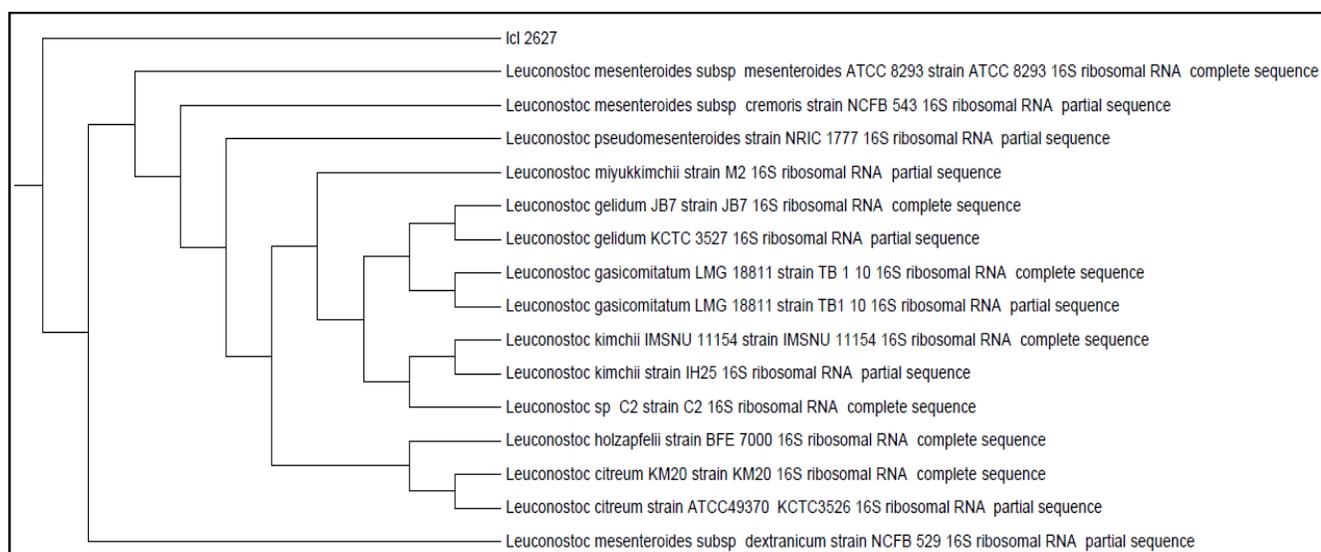


Fig. 1: Phylogenetic tree based on 16S rRNA sequence comparisons of *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* subsp. *mesenteroides* ATCC 8293 (M8).

The current study clarified that M8 showed the highest antibacterial or antipathogenic effect. This may be explained in the light of organic acid and bacteriocin production that can inhibit growth of indicator bacteria. (Malago and Koninkx, 2011). Some LAB species possess a high ability to inhibit *Staphylococcus* species growth and proliferation via competition on their nutritional requirements (Cadieux *et al.*, 2002 & Al-Zahrani and Al-Zahrani, 2006). Wang *et al.* (2012) showed that several *Lactobacillus* species, such as *L. crispatus* and *L. jensenii* demonstrated the ability to inhibit *S. aureus* growth *in vitro*.

Table (2) showed that out of the best three chosen bacterial isolates, M8 had the highest bacteriocin production. So, M8 was the best chosen isolate for the following chemical study and genetic identification.

The current isolated species through this study were confirmed to exhibit a very high homology with *E. durans* group (96%) in its 16S rRNA nucleotide sequence. According to the obtained results, isolates C16 was identified as *Enterococcus durans* strain 98D. Finally, the 16S rRNA nucleotide sequence of the M8 was compared with those of conventional cocci strains. As a result, the cocci species isolated through this study were confirmed to exhibit a very high homology with *L. mesenteroides* group (95%) in its 16S rRNA nucleotide sequence. According to the obtained results, isolates M8 was identified as *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* subsp. *mesenteroides* ATCC 8293. These results were agreement with (Al-Zahrani and Al-Zahrani, 2006) who found that, all LAB isolates from different samples of goat's milk and camel's milk were coccal only. Also, Assefa *et al.* (2008) and Cullimore (2000) respectively, isolated some LAB from different habitats using MRS agar medium and were either cocci or bacilli and belonged to Gram-positive bacteria. Antimicrobial agent is a common term used to, point to any compound which contain

antibiotics, disinfectants, sanitizer, food antimicrobial agents and other substances that acts against microorganisms. Lactic acid bacteria as antimicrobial agent are widely distributed in the nature.

Effect of different inoculums size on growth and production of bacteriocin

The results of different concentrations of the inoculums affected both growth and production of bacteriocin. All preparations with different conditions were propagated under the same conditions, and assayed for production of bacteriocin as described before. The data in figure (2) show that, the mean diameter of inhibition zone against *P. aeruginosa* ATCC27583 was ranged from 24.66 to 18.66 mm.

The mean diameter of inhibition zone was 24.66 mm by slant inoculums then 23mm by 10% inoculums, while inoculums 2.5% have the lowest the production of bacteriocin, the mean diameter of inhibition zone was 18.66mm. Using (7.5 and 5%) of the inoculums concentrations of revealed that the level of activities ranged between 21.66 and 20.33mm, respectively while the mean diameter of inhibition zone against *S. aureus* ATCC25923 ranged from 24 to 17.66 mm. Using slant inoculum after incubation revealed the highest production of bacteriocin, the mean diameter of inhibition zone was 24mm, while inoculums 2.5% have the lowest inhibition zone (17.66mm).

Akinkugbe *et al.* (2013) reported that at 0.5 mL inoculum concentration, protease production of *L. lactis* decreased after starting off with a high value at pH 4.0. At 1.0 mL inoculum concentration, it reached its peak at pH 5.0 and maintained it. At an inoculum concentration of 1.5 mL, it gradually rose to peak respectively at pH 5.0 and 5.5 to both become stable afterwards. With 2.0 mL concentration, protease production increased gradually, till a peak at 5.5 (peak height) was attained.

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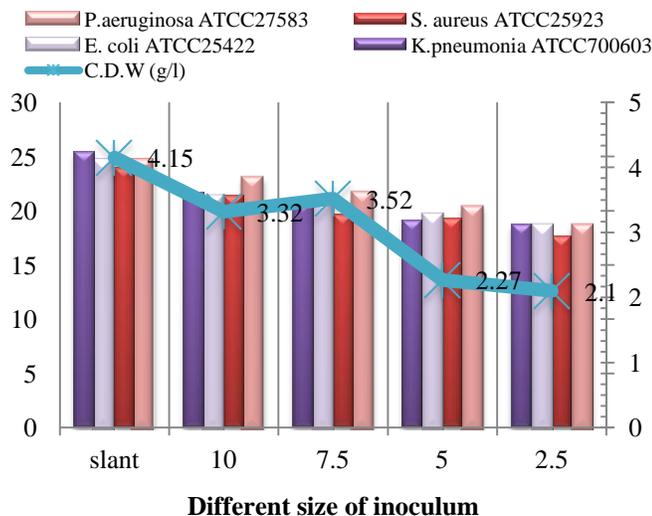


Fig. 2: Effect of different inoculum sizes on growth and production of bacteriocin. It is recommended to unify the colors of the presented bacteria in all figures.

The lowest inhibition zone was 18.66 mm by 2.5% inoculum. The inhibition zone diameter against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 ranged from 25.33 to 18.66 mm. The most activity was (25.33mm) by slant inoculum, while 2.5% of the inoculum revealed to the lowest production of bacteriocin the diameter of inhibition zone was 18.66 mm by 2.5% inoculums.

Finally, 2.5% inoculums recorded lower growth 2.10 g/l and the slant inoculum recorded highest growth 4.15 g/l. The highest inhibition zone and highest growth of selected isolate were by using the slant as inoculums. On the other hand, 2.5% inoculum recorded lower growth and inhibition zone.

Effect of incubation temperature on growth and production of bacteriocin

Effect of different incubation temperature the selected bacterial isolate (M8) showed the maximum production of bacteriocin at 35°C and the inhibition zone diameter ranged from 20 to 24mm, the highest inhibition zone was 23.66 mm against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 at 35°C and the lowest was 20.33 mm against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603. At 40, 45°C the bacteria showed negative results.

Finally, 25°C recorded lower growth 1.09 g/l and 35°C recorded the highest growth 2.58 g/l. The highest inhibition zone and highest growth of the selected isolate by using the 35°C temperature. On the other hand, 40 and 45 °C recorded no growth and no inhibition zone. So the optimum temperature for growth and the highest inhibition zone was found to be 35°C (Figure 3). A lowering in production of bacteriocin at 25°C and disappeared at

40, 45 °C for 24 hours was observed when compared to incubation at 35 °C. The effect of temperature on cell growth and bacteriocin production has been previously reported by Matsusaki *et al.* (1996). Also, Leroy and De Vuyst (2002) studied the production of bacteriocin by *Enterococcus faecium* RZS C5 under different temperatures and obtained similar results with less bacteriocin production below 35°C; and this may be due to cellular environment regulation and growth related processes.

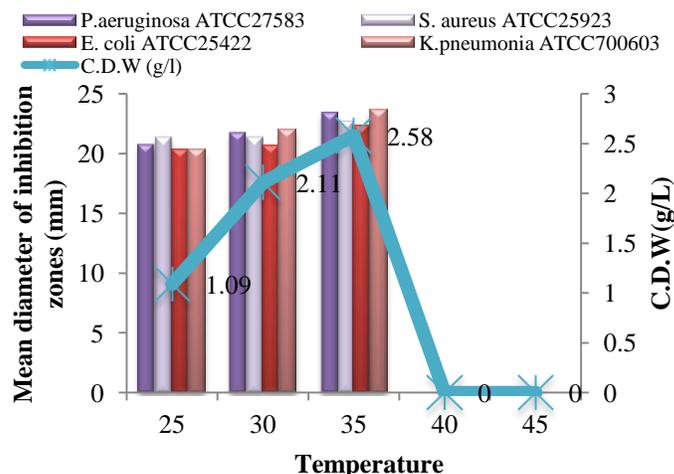


Fig. 3: Effect of incubation temperature on growth and production of bacteriocin.

Effect of incubation period on growth and production of bacteriocin

The maximum production of bacteriocin was observed after 24h incubation. Increasing the incubation period more than 24h, the production of bacteriocin was decreased (Figure 4).

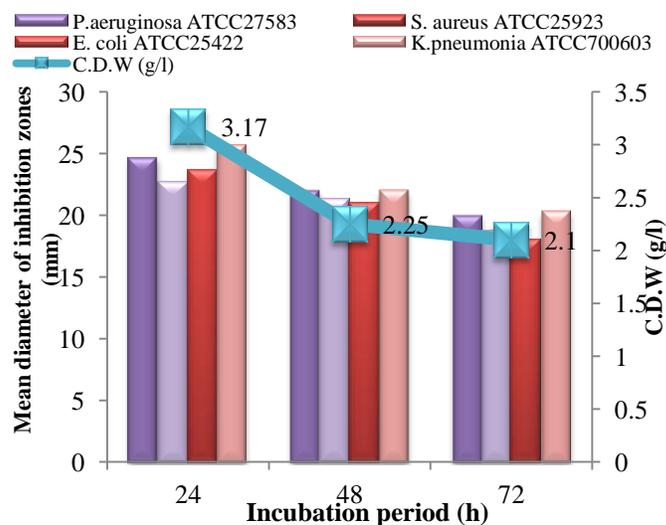


Fig. 4: Effect of incubation period on growth and production of bacteriocin.

The highest clear zone was recorded (25.66 mm) against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 followed (24.66mm) against *P.aeruginosa* ATCC27583 after 24 h incubation period. The lowest clear zone was recorded after 72h incubation period

inhibition zone reach (18mm) against *E.coli*. After 48h incubation period the inhibition zone ranged between 22-21mm. These results were similar to those reported by Campos *et al.* (2006), it was seen in this study that an incubation period of 24-48 hours give maximum bacteriocin production. On the other hand, the yield of bacteriocin was low in cultures incubated for more than 30 hours similar observations have been made previously. This decrease could be due to the effect of extra cellular endogenous proteinase evolved during prolonged incubation (Piard *et al.*, 1990). Usually, bacteriocin is optimally secreted or produced in the culture broth during the stationary phase of growth. For *Pediococcus acidilactici*, culturing at 40 °C promotes earlier optimum bacteriocin production of around 10-12 hours but Saggao *et al.*, (2007) reported that, at 37 °C, bacteriocin production is form after 14-16 hours

4 Effect of pH on growth and production of bacteriocin

The selected strain (M8) was inoculated in MRS broth medium at 35°C for 24 h at different pH (4.2, 5.2, 6.2, 7.2, 8.2 and 9.2). The microbial growth and production of bacteriocin they were estimated. The results were summarized in (Figure 5) showed that the maximum of production of bacteriocin and bacterial growth was found at pH 6.2

not strong in three out of five supernatant strains, showing inhibition in pH range of 3.0 to 9.0.

Effect of aeration on growth and production of bacteriocin

The results mentioned in Figure (6) showed that the maximum of production of bacteriocin and bacterial growth was found in shacked culture at rpm (static). The results showed that the production of bacteriocin ranged between 24.33 to 18.33 mm. The mean diameter of inhibition zones against *P.aeruginosa* ATCC27583 were ranged from 23.66 to 19 mm. The most activity was by zero speed of shaking reached 23.66 mm, while 250 speed of shaking have the lowest production of bacteriocin the diameter of inhibition zone was 19 mm. On the other hand, the mean diameter of inhibition zones against *S.aureus* ATCC25923 was ranged from 22.33 to 18.33 mm. The most activity was by zero speed of shaking reached (22.33mm), while 250 speed of shaking have the lowest mean diameter of inhibition zone was 18.33 mm. The mean diameter of inhibition zone against *E.coli* ATCC25422 were ranged from 22.66 to 19.33 mm, the most activity was by zero speed of shaking reached (22.66mm), while 250 speed of shaking have the lowest production of bacteriocin, the diameter of inhibition zone was 19.33mm. The inhibition zone diameter against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 were ranged from 24.33 to 20.33 mm, the most activity was by zero speed of shaking reached (24.33mm), while 250 speed of shaking have the lowest production of bacteriocin the diameter of inhibition zone was (19.33mm).

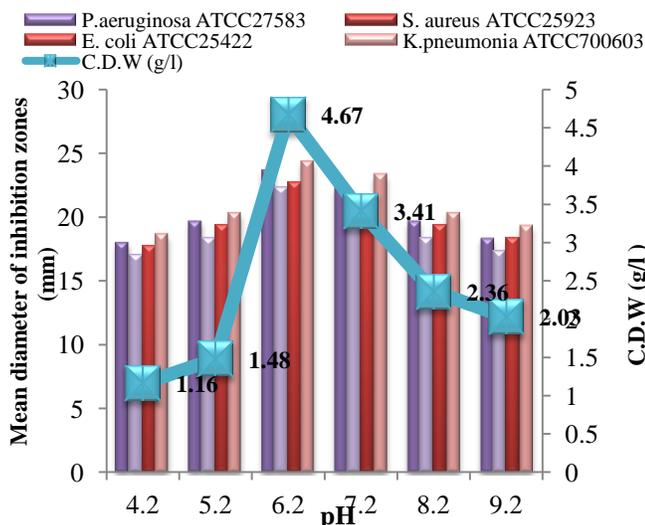


Fig. 5: Effect of pH on growth and production of bacteriocin

The results showed that the production of bacteriocin ranged between 24.33 to 17.33 mm. The highest mean diameter of inhibition zones were 24.33 against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 at pH 6.2. On the other hand, the lowest diameter of inhibition zone was 17.33 mm against *S.aureus* ATCC25923. Finally, pH (6.2) was the optimum for production of bacteriocin and bacterial growth (reach 4.67 g/l). Bacteriocin is one of the antibacterial agents produced by LAB, and its activity is high at pH values ranging from 5.8 to 6.5 (Nilsen *et al.*, 1998). Luo *et al.* (2011) reported that the effect of pH on produced antibacterial agents is

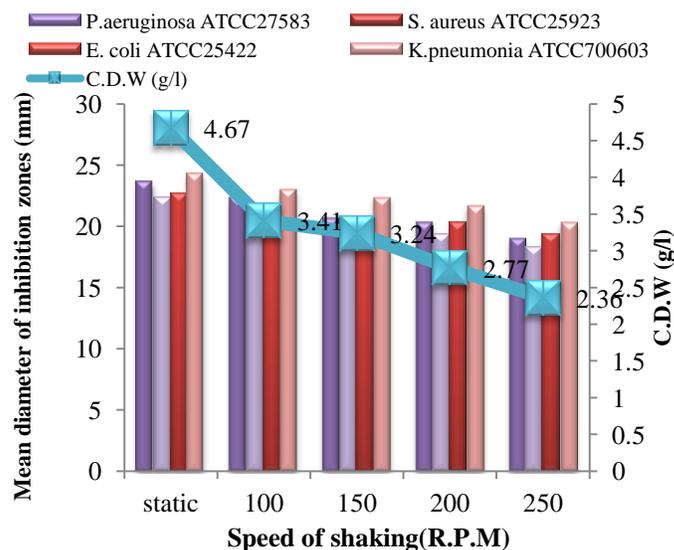


Fig. 6: Effect of aeration on growth and production of bacteriocin

Zero speed of shaking was the optimum incubation period for bacterial growth reach 4.67 g/l while bacterial growth reaches 2.36 g/l the lowest growth at 250 rpm. The results show that, bacteriocin was active under limited or reduced oxygen in the medium as indicated by Verluyten *et al.* (2003). Haeover, this

results were in agreement with (De Vuyst and Vandamme, 1994) who found the suitable conditions for nisin production are not typical (no aeration and moderate shaking) or those proposed much earlier by (Hirsch, 1951), who suggested to apply strict anaerobiosis. These discrepancies can be ascribed to variations amongst different strains. Agitation speed and aeration also affected on bacteriocin production, it is noted that, the increases of these parameters often result in decrease of bacteriocin activity, perhaps because of chemical degradation and effects on gene expression (Parente and Ricciardi, 1999).

Effect of volume of medium on growth and production of bacteriocin

The selected strain (M8) was inoculated in different volume of MRS broth medium (25, 50, 75 and 100ml), the pH adjusted at 6.2 at 35 °C for 24 h without agitation (zero rpm). The microbial growth and production of bacteriocin they were estimated. The results were summarized in (Figure 7) they showed that the maximum of production of bacteriocin and bacterial growth was found in 25 ml of MRS broth medium. The results were showed the production of bacteriocin ranged between 24.33 to 18.66 mm, the maximum of production of bacteriocin 24.33mm against *K.pneumonia* ATCC700603 and the maximum bacterial growth 3.18 g/l was found in 25ml, while the lowest of production of bacteriocin 18.66 mm against *S. aureus* ATCC25923 in 100ml, the lowest bacterial growth 2.18 g/l was found in 100ml.

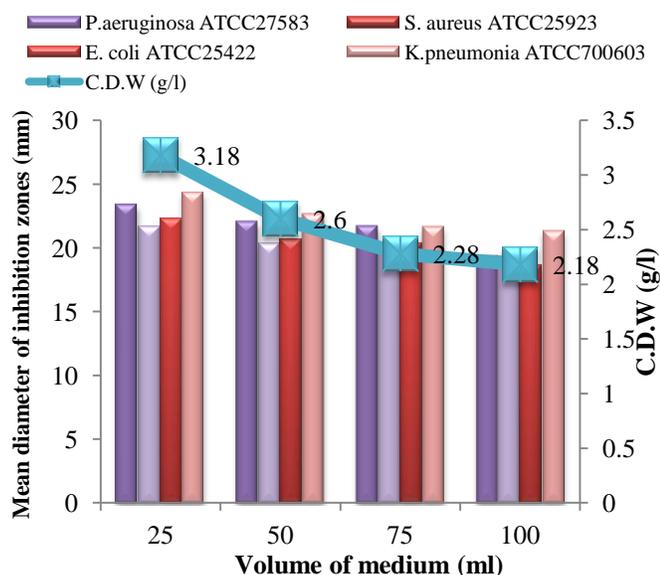


Figure 7: Effect of volume of medium on growth and production of bacteriocin

Generally, bacteriocin production is highly dependent on cell or biomass growth. LAB are microaerophilic and most are either mesophilic or slightly thermophilic. The following conditions are applicable to their production: pH= 5.5 to 6.0; temperature = 35 to 40 °C; agitation speed = 0 rpm. Usually, bacteriocin is optimally produced or secreted in the culture broth

during the early stationary phase of growth. For *Pediococcus acidilactici*, culturing at 40 °C promotes earlier optimum bacteriocin production of around 10-12 hours at 37 °C. Agitation speed and aeration also affected on bacteriocin production, it is noted that, the increases of these parameters often result in decrease of bacteriocin activity, perhaps because of chemical degradation and effects on gene expression (Parente and Ricciardi, 1999).

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