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## Gene sequencing, cloning, and expression of the recombinant L- Asparaginase of Pseudomonas aeruginosa SN4 strain in Escherichia coli

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### **Abstract**

**Introduction**: L- asparaginase is in an excessive demand in medical applications and in food treating industries, the request for this therapeutic enzyme is growing several folds every year.

Materials and methods: In this study, a L- asparaginase gene from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain SN4 was sequenced and cloned in *E. coli*. Primers were designed based on L- asparaginase from *P. aeruginosa* DSM 50071, which show high similarity to SN4 strain, according to *16S rRNA* sequence. The L- asparaginase gene was exposed to restriction digestion with NdeI and XhoI enzymes and then ligated into pET21a plasmid. The ligated sample was transformed into competent *E. coli* (DE3) pLysS DH5a cells, according to CaCl<sub>2</sub> method. The transformed *E. coli* cells were grown into LB agar plate containing 100 μg/ml ampicillin, IPTG (1 mM).

**Results**: Recombinant L- asparaginase from *E. coli* BL21 induced after 9 h of incubation and showed high L- asparaginase activity about 93.4 IU/ml. Recombinant L- asparaginase sequencing and alignments showed that the presumed amino acid sequence composed of 350 amino acid residues showed high similarity with *P. aeruginosa* L- asparaginases about 99%. The results also indicated that SN4 L- asparaginase has the catalytic residues and conserve region similar to other L- asparaginases.

**Discussion and conclusion:** This is the first report on cloning and expression of *P. aeruginosa* L- asparaginases in *Escherichia coli*. These results indicated a potent source of L- asparaginase for *in vitro* and *in vivio* anticancer consideration.

Key words: L- asparaginase, Cloning, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Sequence alignments

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#### Introduction

Bacterial L- asparaginase has broadly used as an actual therapeutic agent lymphosarcoma against and lymphoblastic leukemia (1- 3). Numerous cases of current research are accessible regarding the use of L- asparaginase in melanoma therapy (4-6). The use of antitumor therapy is based on its capacity to hydrolase L- asparagine to L- aspartic acid and ammonia in serum and cerebro-spinal fluid. Since tumor cells are unable to make endogenous L- asparagine, starvation for this amino acid hints to death of these cells (7). L- asparaginase received enlarged care in current years as food handling helps to diminish the development of acrylamide in carbohydrate-based foods that were fried, baked or roasted (8 & 9). L- asparaginase has also been considered for presentation in the L- asparagine biosensor for leukemia (10). Meanwhile, the statement that E. coli L- asparaginase has an anticancer activity similar to that of guinea pig serum, there been extensive attention in Lhas from asparaginase numerous sources particularly microorganisms. Many plants, mammalian and bacterial species can produce L- asparaginases. Although other bacteria. such Thermococcus as gammatolerans (11),Pectobacterium carotovorum MTCC 1428 (12 & 13), Cladosporium sp. (14), Streptomyces (15), Pseudomonas aeruginosa (16),and Actinomycetes (17), Escherichia coli (18) have a latent for L- asparaginase making, but the enzymes from Erwinia sp. and E. coli (1, 7 & 19) has been used as an anticancer agent.

Up to now, only L- asparaginase from *Erwinia* and *E. coli* has been used in medical application. Because of various side effects of these enzymes, finding other bacterial L- asparaginase received more attention. So, isolation of L- asparaginase gene from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain SN4, cloning, expression in *E. coli* is the aim of this study.

#### **Materials and methods**

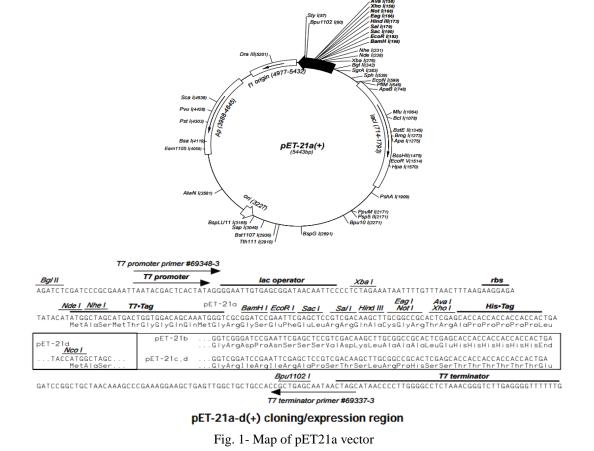
Chemical materials: L- asparagine and trichloroacetic acid (TCA) were obtained from Sigma Chemicals Co. L-asparaginase- specific primers used in this study were synthesized by Bioneer Co. (Soft Korea). Taq polymerase and dNTPs were procured from Sinaclone (Iran).

Cloning of PaA gene: Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain SN4 was previously isolated and identified in our lab (20). A BLAST search of P. aeruginosa genome sequence using as a quire, the gene encoding for L- asparaginase from P. aeruginosa yielded a single 1041- bp ORF that was hypothesized to code for Lasparaginase. This strain was grown- up at 30°C in a medium containing 0.5% yeast extract, 1% peptone and 1% NaCl. After 16 h, cells were harvested by centrifugation  $(10,000 \times \text{ g } 10 \text{ min, at } 4^{\circ}\text{C})$  and genomic DNA was isolated according to a standard method (21). Genomic DNA isolated from P. aeroginosa strain SN4 was used as the for amplification Ltemplate asparaginase gene using the primers: pCFP (5- GGAATTCCATATGATGGCCCTGATGCTC- 3) and pCRP

(5- CCGCTCGAGGTATTCCCAGAAGAT- 3), where, the italic sequences are the

restriction sites of Nde1 and Xho1 The **DNA** enzymes, respectively. amplification was approved in a total volume of 25 µl, containing 2.5 µl PCR Buffer, 1 µl of DNA templet, 0.5 µl lµl dNTP mix, 1 µl each of both primers, 0.2 ul Taq polymerase, and 18.7 ul Milli q water. The PCR method included 33 cycles of 45 s at 94°C, 60 s at 55°C and 45 s at 72°C. A final extension time at 72°C for 10 min was done after 33 cycles (22 & 23). The PCR product was sequenced and the Lasparaginase gene was exposed restriction digestion with NdeI and XhoI enzymes and then ligated into pET21a plasmid (Novagen, Inc.) which previously having the restriction sites (Fig. 1).

The ligated sample was transformed into competent E. coli (DE3) pLysS DH5a cells, according to CaCl<sub>2</sub> method. The transformed E. coli cells were grown into LB agar plate containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin, IPTG (1mM) and X- gal (1mM). The recombinant clones were grown up in 50 ml LB medium containing 100 μg/ml ampicillin at 37°C. The plasmid was isolated from E. coli DH5a and was used to transform competent E. coli BL21 cells, which were screened with blue/white selection. Colony PCR, double digestion and sequencing were performed to further approve the presence of L- asparaginase gene and also to check the orientation of integration in the plasmid.



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Lasparaginase production purification: The E. coli BL21 cells were grown into LB agar plate containing ampicillin (100 µg/ml). 2 ml of an overnight cultures inoculated into 20 ml of LB medium in Erlenmeyer flasks (100 ml) and grown for 24 h at 37°C in a 180 rpm shaker incubator. L- asparaginase synthesis was induced by the addition of **IPTG** 1mM (isopropylβ-Dthiogalactopyranoside) after 9 h of growth. 9 hours after induction, cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 5000 g and 4°C for 15 min, resuspended in sodium phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH 7.5),sonicated and centrifuged 10,000×g for 15 min. The supernatant was gathered and used for purification.

The lysate of E. coli BL21 containing pET21aASN was applied to a Q-Sepharose column, an anion exchanger, pre- equilibrated with 45 mM Tris- HCl buffer, pH 8.5. The proteins were eluted (1 ml/min) with NaCl gradient (0.1-0.5 M) and 45 mM Tris- HCl buffer (pH 8.5). The active fractions concentrated with ammonium sulphate (80%) and dialyzed. The purity of the enzyme was valued by SDS- PAGE. SDS- PAGE was done according to the method of Laemmli (24) on a slab gel comprising 10.0% (w/v) polyacrylamide (running gel) and 5.0% (w/v) (stacking gel). The molecular size of the purified L- asparaginase was estimated using molecular markers and the proteins were stained with Coomassi Brilliant Blue R-250. The purified L- asparaginase was dialyzed to remove salt.

Lasparaginase The Lassav: asparaginase activity was investigated by the technique of Imada, utilizing the Nessler reaction (25). In this method, the ammonia liberated from L- asparagine in the enzyme reaction measured by the Nessler reaction. The reaction was started by adding 100 µl cell suspension into the 900 ul of 100 mM L- asparagine prepared in 50 mM Tris/HCl buffer, pH 8.0 and incubated for 20 min at 37°C. The reaction was stopped by the addition of 100 µl 1.5 M TCA. The reaction mixture was pelleted by centrifugation at room temperature (10,000 g for 10 min) to remove the precipitate and the ammonia released into the supernatant was determined colorimetrically (A<sub>480</sub>) by adding 0.2 ml Nessler reagent into tubes containing 0.3 ml supernatant and 1.5 ml H<sub>2</sub>O. The content in the tubes was vortexed and incubated at room temperature for 10 min, and the  $A_{480}$  values were measured against the blank that received TCA before the addition of cell suspension. One Lasparaginase unit (U) is defined as the amount of enzyme that liberates 1 µmole of ammonia per min at 37°C. Ammonium sulphate was used as the standard for enzyme activity calculations. For rapid colorimetric assay the recombinant bacteria were screened using the modified M9 medium (1 1: 3.0 g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; 6.0 g Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.5 g NaCl; 5.0 g Lasparagine; 0.5 g MgSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O; 0.014 g CaCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O; 2.0% (w/v) glucose, and 15.0 g agar) combined with a pH indicator (phenol red). Development of pink color was considered as a positive result for Lasparaginase production (20).

#### Results

Cloning PaA: A BLAST search of P. aeruginosa SN4 genome sequence in NCBI (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) using the amino acid sequence of Lasparaginase from P. aeruginosa DSM 50071 (accession number: CP012001) as a query sequence, generated a highprobability match to a single 1041- bp ORF, encoding a predicted protein of 346 amino acids. To define whether the supposed P. aeruginosa protein actually an active L- asparaginase, we cloned and expressed the full-length gene in E. coli and confirmed for its capacity to hydrolysis L- asparagine.

PCR was used to amplify the full-length gene from genomic DNA of *P. aeruginosa* SN4 (Fig. 2). The PCR product was cloned into the pET21a vector. This plasmid was used to transform the *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) pLysS as an expression host. L- asparaginase from *Erwinia carotovora* has been cloned in *E. coli* BL21 (26).

L- asparaginase expression: E. coli BL21 containing pET21aASN was grown up in LB medium supplemented with 1 mM IPTG. After 9 h of induction, 2 ml of this culture was added to 2 ml of phosphate buffer (20 mM, pH 8.0) containing Lasparagine (10 mM) and phenol red (0.001%). After 10 min incubation at room temperature, a tube containing E. coli BL21 with 9h induction, showed a dense pink color against the other (Fig. 3). These results indicated high activity recombinant L- asparaginase about 93.4 IU/ml.

After induction with 1 mM IPTG, sample was picked up at different time incubation (3, 6 and 9 h). Results showed

that the maximum L-asparaginase production was echived after 6 h of incubation (Fig 4b).

Purification results showed that active fraction was obtained in 15% of NaCl concentration. After dialysis, active fraction was loaded on SDS-PAGE gel and then the gel stained with Coomassie Blue. Results showed the attendance of only one band with the molecular weight of 35.0 kDa (Fig. 4a).

Gene sequence analysis: The sequence of recombinant Lasparaginase consisted of 1041 bp showed more than 99% identity with similar sequences of different P. aeruginosa strains (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6). Results in Fig. 5, showed the multiple sequence alignment of H. pylori CCUG 17874 (Hepy; EIE30409.1), B. subtilis W168 (Basu; AAA22243.1), E. coli (Esco; NP 417432.1), and Er. chrysanthemi 3937 (Erch; AAS67028.1), *B. licheniformis* (BaLi, WP\_044789473), K. pneumoniae JM45 (Klpn, AGT24790), P. aeruginosa SN004 (Pasn) and P. aeruginosa (Paea, WP 023099587).



Fig. 3- L- asparaginase activity in medium supplemented with phenol red and L- asparagine. Lane 1; *E. coli* BL21 containing pET21aASN without induction and Lane 2; extract of *E. coli* BL21 containing pET21aASN after 9 h of incubation induction with 1mM IPTG.

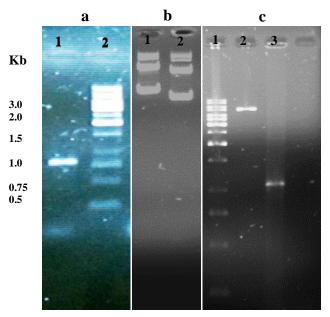


Fig. 2- Agarose gel in the cloning process. a) Electrophoresis in 1% agarose gel of PCR product (1) and DNA ladder (2). b) Recombinant construct (1; 6.5 Kb), (2) pET21a vector without insert. c) Restriction endonuclease digestion of polymerase chain reaction product (3; 1.0 Kb), pET21a digested with NdeI and Xho1 (2; 5.4 Kb) and DNA ladder (1).

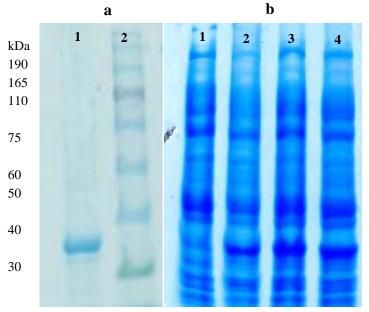


Fig. 4- SDS- polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of L- asparaginase induction and purification. Protein bands were stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue R- 250. **a)** L- asparaginase purification, Lane 1 (molecular weight markers), Lane 2 (purified L- asparaginase). **b)** *E. coli* crude extract without induction (lane 1) and after 3h (lane 2), 6h (lane 3) and 9 h (lane 4) of incubation induction with 1mM IPTG.

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subtilis W168 (Basu; AAA22243.1), E. coli (Esco; NP

417432.1), and *Er. chrysanthemi* 3937 (Erch; AAS67028.1), *B. licheniformis* (BaLi, WP\_044789473), *K. pneumoniae* JM45 (Klpn, AGT24790), *P. aeruginosa* (Paea, WP\_023099587).

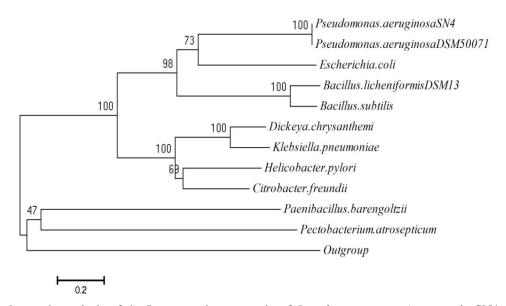


Fig. 6- Phylogenetic analysis of the L- asparaginase protein of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain SN4. Bootstrap values and scale bar depicting substitution rate per site are indicated. The phylogenetic tree constructed by the neighbor- joining method showing the position of L- asparaginase of of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strain SN4. Protease from *Escherichia coli* was used as outgroup.

#### Discussion and conclusion

Because of various side effects of Erwinia L- asparaginase, finding other bacterial L- asparaginase received more attention. So, production of recombinant Lasparaginase has academic and practical importance. Up to now, there is only one report about cloning of L- asparaginase gene of P. fluorescens into E. coli BL21 (27) and there is no report about cloning of P. aeruginosa L- asparaginase. Multiple sequence alignment of L- asparaginases showed that P. aeruginosa L- asparaginase SN4 has 43% similarity with other Lasparaginases from E. coli (WP\_047081447) and Bacillus subtilis (AID16240). The results also indicated that SN4 L- asparaginase has the catalytic residues and two conserve regions similar to other L- asparaginases from E. coli, B. subtilis, H. pylori, Er. chrysanthemi 3937, B. licheniformis, K. pneumoniae JM45 and

P. aeruginosa. In this study, phenol red as a pH indicator to recombinant L- asparaginase. Molecular weight of P. aeruginosa L- asparaginase strain SN4 was about 35 kDa. In this respect, L- asparaginases purified from Pseudomonas stutzeir MB- 405, Thermus thermophilus and Escherichia coli were with smaller Mr values, ranging from 33-34 kDa, (28-30). Purified L- asparaginase from Bacillus Streptomyces sp., gulbargensis, Streptomyces albidoflavus and S. PDK2 exhibited a molecular weight of 45, 85, 112 and 140 kDa, respectively (31- 34). Recombinant L- asparaginase showed high activity with about 93.4 IU/ml. Gilbert et al., Liu et al. and Oza et al. have cloned and expressed E. coli, E. chrysanthemi and Withania somnifera Lasparaginase gene into E. coli. The enzyme activities of these recombinant strains were 49, 106 and 17.3 IU/ml, respectively. High activity of recombinant SN4 L-asparaginase indicated a potent source of L-asparaginase for anticancer examination *in vitro* and *in vivio*.

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# تعیین توالی ژن، کلونینگ و بیان آل- آسیاراژیناز نوتر کیب از سودوموناس آیروجینوزا سویه SN4 در اشریشیا کلی

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## چکیده

مقدمه: ال- آسپاراژیناز جایگاه با ارزشی از جنبه کاربردهای پزشکی و صنایع غذایی دارد. تقاضا برای این آنزیم دارویی هرساله چندین برابر می شود.

مواد و روشها: در این پژوهش، یک آسیاراژیناز از سودوموناس ایروجینوزا سویه SN4، تعیین توالی و در اشریشیاکلی کلون شد. پرایمرها بر اساس آل- آسپاراژیناز از سودوموناس ایروجینوزا سویه DSM50071 طراحی شدند که بر اساس توالی ژن IGS rRNA شباهت بالایی را نسبت به سویه SN4 نشان می داد. ژن آسپاراژیناز در معرض هضم آنزیمی توسط آنزیمهای برشی Ndel و Xhol قرار گرفت و سپس، به داخل پلاسمید pET21a الحاق شد. محصول الحاق به درون سلولهاي مستعد E. coli (DE3) pLysS DH5a با روش CaCl2 ترانسفورم شد. سلولهاي E. coli ترانسفورم شده در محیط LB آگار حاوی ۱۰۰ میکرو گرم/میلی لیتر آمپیسیلین و IPTG (1mM) رشد داده شدند.

نتایج: ال-آسیاراژیناز نوترکیب در باکتری BL21 E. coli پس از ۹ ساعت انکوباسیون، به میزان بالایی القا شد و فعالیت آسپاراژینازی بالایی به میزان ۹۳/۴ واحد در میلی لیتر را نشان داد. ال- آسپاراژیناز نوتر کیب تعیین تـوالی شــد و نتایج همردیفی نشان داد که توالی پیشنهادی اسید آمینهایی آن از ۳۵۰ اسید آمینه تشکیل شده که شباهت بالایی با ال- آسپاراژینازهای سایر سودوموناس ایروجینوزها در حدود ۹۹ درصد را نشان می دهد. نتایج نشان می دهد که آل- آسپاراژیناز SN4، باقیماندههای کاتالیزی و نواحی حفظ شده مشابه با سایر آسپاراژینازها را داراست.

بحث و نتیجه گیری: یژوهش حاضر نخستین گزارش در مورد کلونینگ و بیان آل- آسیاراژیناز نوترکیب از *سودوموناس آایروجینوزا* در *اشریشیاکلی* است که منبع بالقوهایی از ال- آسپاراژیناز را برای بررسی اثر ضدسرطانی آن هم در شرایط آزمایشگاه و هم در موجود زنده فراهم می کند.

**واژههای کلیدی:** ال - آسیاراژیناز، کلونینگ، سودوموناس آایروجینوزا، همردیفی توالی

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