

## **Polymerase Chain Reaction Of Oprl And Oprigenes In P. Aeruginosa Isolated From Burn And Wound Infections**

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### **Abstract**

**Background and objectives:** P. aeruginosa owned diverse virulence factors, completely factors contributed to increase its pathogenicity as outer membrane proteins. The goal of the current study was to detect oprl and oprL genes like credible factors for quick identification of the P.aeruginosa by multiplex PCR technique.

**Materials and methods:** P.aeruginosa isolates were isolated from 50 burn and wound patients from Teaching Hospital of Mussan province/Iraq during the period from March to May, 2017. The samples were identified by several selective media to detected the morphological characteristic and by biochemical tests.

**Result:** The using of PCR technique showed all isolates (100%) had oprl gene while 83.33% isolates harbored oprL gene.

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### **Introduction**

Burn injury was considered by way of one of the noteworthy community health problems universal, and it was caused nosocomial infections (Hidalgo et al., 2016). The burn patients were rapid acquired different infections in comparing with another patients resulted from hurt skin barrier and repressed the immune system, also those patients were stayed in hospital for long time and aggressive therapy and diagnostic methods (Weinstein and Mayhall, 2003).

P.aeruginosa was one of the greatest public hospital bacteria, it was classified by means of one of ESKAPE microbes, means group of bacteria had high propensity that caused public problems, drug resistant, and one of the nosocomial bacteria (Rice, 2008). Also the P.aeruginosa was caused a wide of severe opportunistic infections, principally the burns patients and immunocompromised patients (Dryden, 2010 and Pachori et al., 2019). The other worldwide problem, the high rate of multidrug-resistance (MDR) isolates had effected in the treated of P.aeruginosa infections (Dogonchi et al., 2018). Also this bacteria was one of significant and common bacteria which infected burn, patients, since the skin was physical barrier to microbes had been compromised (Lessnau et al., 2012). Moreover, in the severe burns the underlying tissue of a skin destroyed and also the T cells, didn't reach to infection sites, thus the infection danger increased with the burn size (Akingbade et al., 2012).

The of *P. aeruginosa* had special outer membrane porins (OprM) was introduced into a laterally replicated system; and it was to intercept the uptake of the antibiotics and the minor resistance mechanisms like energy-dependent multidrug efflux and producing  $\beta$ -lactamase (Schmidt and Kandt, 2012). Also Kutzner et al., (2011) investigated the OprM, an OM component of the multidrug efflux pump from *P. aeruginosa*, as a model of efflux channels.

Lipoproteins (L and I) were outer membrane proteins of *P. aeruginosa*, and there were responsible for the in grain resistance of the bacteria against antibiotics and antiseptics. The proteins were existing only in this bacteria (Douraghi et al., 2014). The present study aimed to detect two virulence genes (opr I, opr L) in *P. aeruginosa* isolates which recovered from burn and wound infections by PCR technique.

## Material and Methods

### Bacterial isolates

This study was carried out to collect 50 samples from burn and wound patients during the period from March to May, 2017 from Teaching Hospital of Mussan province/Iraq. The samples were inoculated on selective media like: Blood-agar, Macconky-agar, Muller hinton agar (LAB/ United Kingdom) then incubated on 37°C for 24h to perform the routine tests of this bacteria such as: pigment production on selective media and oxidase test, indole-test, glucose fermentation, gelatin hydrolysis and the growth at 42°C (Masuda et al., 1995).

### Extraction of DNA:

The chromosomal DNA was extracted from fresh cultures of all *P. aeruginosa* isolates grown aerobically on Brain Heart infusion broth (LAB/ United Kingdom) with using Genomic DNA Extraction kit (Geneaid/Korea).

**Primer selection:** The primer sequence of genes that used in present study showed in table(1). PCR mixture was carried out in 20 $\mu$ l that consist of 1 $\mu$ l of both forward & reverse primers, 5 $\mu$ l of DNA template, 5 $\mu$ l of master mix (Bioneer/Korea) and the volume was completed with nuclease free water. The thermocycling conditions (multiplex PCR) of both genes as the following: the initial denaturation was 94°C for 5min followed by 30 cycles of: denaturation at 94°C for 1min, annealing at 55°C for 1min and finishing with final extension at 72°C for 10min. The products of PCR product were visualized by 1.4 % agarose gel electrophoresis, and the attendance of a 500bp and 250bp band as a positive result for oprL and opl genes, respectively.

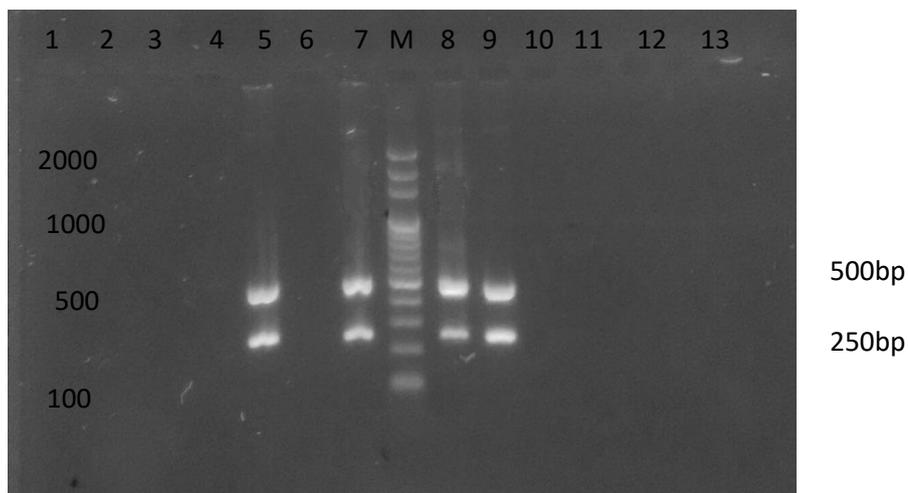
**Table.1 Oligonucleotide primers sequences for PCR amplified of OprL and OPrl genes.**

Gene name	Primer Sequences (5´- 3´)	Length	References
OprL	F: ATGGAAATGCTGAAATTCGGC R: CTTCTCAGCTCGACGCGACG	500	(De Vos et al., 1997)
Opri	F:ATG AAC AAC GTT CTG AAA TTC TCT GCT R:CTT GCG GCT GGC TTT TTC CAG	250	(De Vos et al., 1997)

## Results

The results of existing study showed the proportion of *P. aeruginosa* isolates was (30/50; 60%) from completely samples which collected from burn and wound infection patients. The molecular study showed that 25 isolates (83.33%) of *P. aeruginosa* harbored oprL gene, while completely isolates of goal bacteria (100%) had the oprL gene.

The Figs.(1) showed the gel electrophoresis of OprL and OprI genes with the molecular weight of approximately 500 and 250bp, respectively.



**Fig. (1):** Agarose gel electrophoresis of oprL and oprI genes amplification used 1.4% agarose gel, M: DNA ladder, Lanes 5,7,8,9: positive results of amplified oprL gene, while 5,7,8,9: positive results of amplified oprI gene; 1,2,3,4,6,10,11,12,13: negative results.

## Discussion

The present results showed that 60% of isolates recognized as *P. aeruginosa* isolated from burn and wound infection samples, which identification according to phenotypic characterization and biochemical tests. Generally, greatest laboratories used traditional microbiological methods like culture and biochemical tests to identify of *P. aeruginosa* in clinical samples. The traditional biological procedures were time-consuming and spend numerous days for identifying and confirmatory testing, this consider problem for controlling fatal infections (Kidd et al., 2009; Tahmasebi et al., 2021). The use of PCR technique could enable accurate which consider rapid identification of *P. aeruginosa* (Anuj et al., 2012). The infections by bacteria in burn patients were public and unmanageable to control. Also *P. aeruginosa* was one of the most Gram negative bacteria in hospital. The *P. aeruginosa* was progressively isolated as a nosocomial bacteria, that causing in height morbidity and mortality rates in burn patients, mechanically ventilated patients. The morphological characteristic and biochemical tests consumes long time to do and need to broad hands-on work by the scientist, both for arrangement and for evaluation (Poh and Yeo, 1993; Shabgah et al., 2021).

The current results showed that the *P. aeruginosa* occurrence agreement with percentage of this bacteria that performed locally, such as (Alkateeb et al., 2016; Alhamdy, 2015) which showed that the highest proportion of bacteria in burn patients was *P. aeruginosa* (45%) and (49%). The infection rate

in burn patients was enormously high of developing countries (Lari et al., 2000). This resulted from the occurrence of low level socioeconomic patients whom poor hygienic conditions (Othman et al., 2014).

The molecular detection of *oprL* gene was 83.33% in *P. aeruginosa* which detected by PCR technique. While entirely *P. aeruginosa* isolates had *oprL* gene. Numerous methods were developed to quickly and exactly identify of *P. aeruginosa* as a medical significant bacteria such as: PCR technique was the potential for identifying bacterial species quickly by amplification of genes which exclusive for a specific microorganism in clinical samples. Likewise, the molecular detection of *P. aeruginosa*, were described the phenotypic methods for identification of the current bacteria (De Vos et al., 1997; Mohammed and Qasim, 2021). (Aljebory, 2018) recorded that 98% of *P. aeruginosa* isolates harbored *oprL* gene; also Lavenir et al., (2007) showed completely of the isolates (100%) were unusually positive for *oprI* & *oprL* genes; also the *P. aeruginosa* produces numerous of virulence factors whose expression was arranged by different systems (Morales-Espinosa et al., 2012); Such as *ToxA*, *exoA*, *oprL* and *oprI* genes; and those factors may contributed to its pathogenicity (Rhonda et al., 2012). The present results correlated with other local studies such as: Qader et al., (2020) and Khattab et al., (2015) showed 100% of *P. aeruginosa* isolates possessed the *oprI* gene.

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