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## BIOFILM INHIBITION OF PATHOGENIC STRAINS BY EXTRACELLULAR PRODUCTS (ECPS) OF *Shewanella .sp* PROBIOTIC

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### Introduction

*Shewanella putrefaciens* Pdp11 and *V.proteolyticus* DCF 12.2 are strains isolated by our research group. *S. putrefaciens* Pdp11 has been described as a probiotic for farmed fish species such as *Solea senegalensis* and *Sparus aurata*<sup>1</sup>. Although the probiotic potential is well described some studies reference to application of postbiotic as functional bioactive compounds produces by probiotics. Recent works have been focused in the identification of substances as alternative of anti-biofilm methods and their implication in surface attachment inhibition<sup>2</sup>. In this research, *S. putrefaciens* Pdp11 and *V.proteolyticus* DCF 12.2 have been cultured under different growth conditions (temperature, culture media and during 24 and 48 hours of incubation) and their extracellular products (ECPS) have been extracted and tested as potential postbiotics that affect the biofilm formation of several fish pathogenic strains.

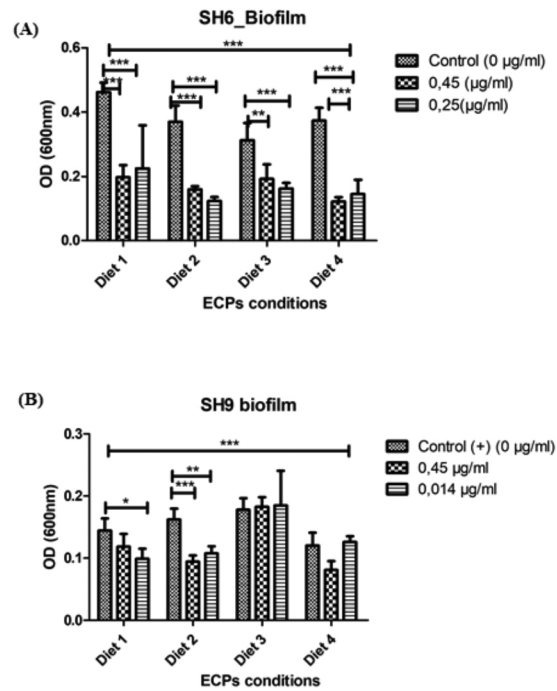
### Materials and Methods

The probiotic strains were grown on tryptic soja agar plates supplemented with NaCl (1,5%) for 24h at 23°C. Then, one to two colonies were picked up in 10ml of tryptic soy broth supplemented with NaCl (1.5%) (TSBs) and incubated at 23°C and 15 °C for 36h (stationary phase). Then, extracellular products (ECPS) from solid medium<sup>3</sup>, 1 ml of the cultures were spread on TSAs plates as control condition. Another 1 mL was spread on plates containing: Pdp11 was culture in a medium with 25% of algae mix (diet 1) and supplement with a commercial diet (diet 2) were incubated to 23°C for 24h. While *V. proteolyticus* DCF 12.2 was incubated in a commercial and algae mix diet (diet 3) and with 25% of algae mix (diet 4) to 15 and 23 ° C during 48 and 24h respectively. After incubation, the ECPS were recovered with 5 ml of sterile phosphate buffer saline (PBS), and centrifuged (10000xg, 4°C, 10 min) and the supernatant was filtered (0.22µm, pore diameter). ECPS were conserved at -80°C until use. The biofilm inhibition was determined for the pathogenic strains: *S. putrefaciens* SH4, SH12, SH6 and SH9 4damage of the mouth, extensive skin discoloration, exophthalmia, ascites and bad odour. The *S. putrefaciens* group was recovered from freshwater samples taken at the L'Albufera system, along autumn–winter 2015. Its counts significantly increased in freshwater parallel to hypoxia and temperature rising. *Shewanellae* strains were identified as *S. putrefaciens* and *S. xiamenensis* by 16S rRNA gene sequencing. These isolates recovered from sick eels or freshwater were virulent for European eel by IP challenge (LD50 106 CFU g<sup>-1</sup> body weight using 96 well plates by adding 90µl ECPS + 90 µl TSBs + 20 µl of pathogenic bacterial suspension adjusted to OD600nm ~ 0.5, per well. The plates were incubated at 23°C during 24h. The biofilm formation assay was performed by crystal violet (CV) staining<sup>5</sup>ISSN:”0044 8486”,”abstract”.”The use of effective biocides as disinfectants is essential in aquaculture facilities. However, while most biocides act effectively on free-living planktonic pathogens, they are seldom useful against biofilms. In this study, we evaluate the biocidal efficacy and antimicrobial specific contact time of three disinfectants, Virkon™Aquatic (VirA and quantify at OD595nm in a plates reader. The results were analysis by two-way Anova method.

### Results and Discussion

Two different ECPS concentration were assayed to check the potential inhibition of the biofilm formation, 0.45 and 0.25 µg protein/ml (Figure 1). The SH4 and SH12 pathogenic strains did not present biofilm formation in contrast to SH6 and SH9 strains. The biofilm of SH6 presented the highest inhibition at a concentration of 0,25 µg/ml of respect to control in each condition. On the contrary, the biofilm of SH9 presented inhibition by at 0,014 µg/ml of ECPS. Some authors describe that the biofilm inhibition can be mediated by soluble antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) secreted on ECP of probiotics strains<sup>6</sup>. This assay results evidence that Pdp11\_Pmix\_2324 ECPS have showed the most impact in the biofilm formation of pathogenic strains. Therefore, ECPS secreted by Pdp11 and *V.proteolyticus* DCF 12.2 are implicated in the inhibition to adhesion of pathogens on surfaces.

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**Figure 1.** Biofilm inhibition in SH6 and SH9 pathogenic strains by *S.putrefaciens* Pdp11 and *V.proteolyticus* DCF 12.2 ECPs. The results were analysis by two-way Anova with P-value < 0.05 (\*), P-value <0.01 (\*\*), P-value < 0.001 (\*\*\*).

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