Biodiversity of Enterobacteriaceae on masin (fermented sauce) from Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

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Abstract. Manguntungi B, Saputri DS, Afgani CA, Mustopa AZ, Fatimah, Kusmiran A. 2020. Biodiversity of Enterobacteriaceae on masin (fermented sauce) from Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Biodiversitas 21: 1001-1006. Masin is fermented sauce originating from Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara which is made from raw shrimp with the addition of Pantoea agglomerans (fermented sauce) from Sumbawa, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Tel./f...

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INTRODUCTION

Fermented foods are the mixture of microorganisms that either present as natural indigenous microbiota in raw plants or animal substrates, utensils, containers, environment or added starter culture(s) containing functional microorganisms that modify the substrates into edible products that are organoleptically, culturally and socially acceptable to the consumers. During fermentation, microorganisms convert chemical composition of raw materials, which enriches the nutritional value that delivers health benefits to the consumers (Tamang et al. 2016). While food fermentation is generally expected to improve food safety, it is not an entirely risk-free process. The risks of contamination in fermented food increase when spontaneous fermentation is used instead of well-defined starter cultures. In a fermentation with questionable raw material sources and fermentation conditions, potential pathogens and toxic compounds can be developed (Lavefve et al. 2019). Biologic hazards can occur during fermentation as a result of microbial metabolism, like biogenic amines in sauerkraut fermentation (Medina et al. 2015).

Functional properties of microorganisms in fermented foods include probiotics and antimicrobial properties, antioxidant activity, peptide production, fibrinolytic activity, degradation of antinutritive compounds which produces poly-glutamic acid that incurs desirable organoleptic properties to the final fermented product. (Lavefve et al. 2019). Lactic acid bacteria (LAB) play an important role in food preservation and fermentation processes by lowering the pH and producing bacteriocins, which prevent the growth of pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms. Lactobacilli are also “friendly” bacteria that commonly live in human digestive systems without causing disease (Wu et al. 2018). Biodiversity of lactic acid bacteria in masin is still being studied.

Research by Chrun et al. (2017) found that 24% of 68 samples fermented vegetables in Cambodia’s local market were contaminated by Enterobacter spp. Contamination by Enterobacter also found in traditional fermented fish products from Ivory Coast, namely adjuvant (Koﬁ-Nevry and Koussenon 2012). Adjuvant was dominated by 9.72% Enterobacter spp. contamination from 38 gram-negative bacterial isolates. Pathogenic bacteria are widespread in the...
environment, improper handling and nonhygienic conditions during the process can cause contamination (Clarence et al. 2009).

Enterobacter is a gram-negative bacterium, facultative anaerobes, rod-shaped with rounded edges, does not form spores, and belongs to the family Enterobacteriaceae (Munez et al. 2012; Motarjemi et al. 2014). Enterobacter is an opportunistic pathogen that quickly adapts to metabolism and physiology to external conditions and environmental stress. This bacterium causes antibiotic resistance (Davin-Regli and Pages 2015). Enterobacter is dangerous pathogens, e.g. Enterobacter aerogenes which causes urinary tract infections (Edlin et al. 2013), respiratory disorders, and drug resistance (Karłowsky et al. 2013). Meanwhile, Enterobacter cloacae cause ESBL-bacteremia (broad-spectrum β-lactamase-producing bacteria) (Buckle 2015).

Sumbawa has a traditional fermented sauce called Masin that is made of shrimp paste, chili, turmeric flower, and herbs mixed with some spices. These ingredients were blended and fermented spontaneously. The traditional fermentation is an uncontrolled process which can result in inconsistent final products that may harbor undesirable microbial growth. Poor hygienic conditions in which they are processed may lead to the introduction of other microorganisms including pathogenic ones. In the spontaneous fermentation ecosystem, contribution of microbial groups to spoilage mainly depends on their living conditions and their competitions (Li et al. 2014; Medina et al. 2015; Capozzi et al. 2017; Mwizerwa et al. 2018).

The aim of the study is to determine the type of pathogenic bacteria that interfere fermentation process of masin. Pathogen contamination such as Enterobacter is substantial, given the large population of bacteria in air and water. The presence of pathogenic bacteria in fermented foods can be traced by isolating the bacteria and sequencing of 16S RNA gene to analyze bacterial diversity and population dynamics during the fermentation process (Astudillo-Melgar et al. 2019).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area
Sumbawa is one of the districts in West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), Indonesia. Sumbawa is famous for masin, one of its local fermented products. The study began from June to August 2019. The research was conducted at the Laboratory of Applied Genetic Engineering and Protein Design, Research Center for Biotechnology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.

Procedures
Sample preparation
Masin samples were obtained from Empang Sub-district, Sumbawa District, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Masin is stored at 4°C to avoid damage.

Isolation of bacteria from masin
Isolation was carried out by suspending 100 mg of salt sauce in 5 mL of MRS Broth media with various concentrations of salt was and incubated for 24 hours at 37°C. Salt was used in MRS broth media to simulate masin salty conditions. After incubation, dilution was carried out by suspending 100 μL of culture from MRS broth with 900 μL of NaCl 0.85%. Dilution was carried out in stages until dilution 10⁻². A total of 100 μL from 10⁻⁰, 10⁻¹ and 10⁻² dilutions were taken and spread on agar with 1-12% NaCl.

The culture was incubated for 24 hours at 37°C. A single colony that grew was then subcultured on MRS Broth media for genomic DNA isolation.

Genomic DNA isolation
One and a half milliliters (1.5 mL) of liquid culture was taken in Eppendorf and centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. Supernatant was removed, 1.5 mL of liquid culture was added and re-centrifuged at 6000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. Supernatant was removed. The resulting pellet was added with 500 μL TE buffer and 40 μL Lysozyme (60 mg/mL) and then incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. After incubation, 200 μL 10% SDS, 100 μL 5 M NaCl, 80 μL 10% CTAB was added to Eppendorf and then incubated 60°C for 30 minutes (turn Eppendorf every 10 minutes). 1 mL chloroform was added and centrifuged at 13000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. The supernatant was transferred to new Eppendorf and added with 0.6 volume isopropanol, incubated for 2 hours at-20°C and re-centrifuged at 13000 rpm at 4°C for 10 minutes. Supernatant was removed and pellets were added with 1 mL of 70% ethanol and centrifuged at 13000 rpm for 10 minutes, at 4°C. The supernatant was discarded and the pellets were dried overnight. 30 μL ddH₂O and 5 μL RNaSe (1 mg/mL) were added to the pellets and incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The DNA isolates were stored at -4°C and analyzed with gel electrophoresis on 2% (w/v) agarose gel using 1 x TAE buffer. The gel was stained in a solution of ethidium bromide and scanned using UV transilluminator (Mustopa 2013).

PCR-RAPD bacteria isolates from masin
RAPD is a method used to identify the level of genetic diversity in Lactic acid bacteria (LAB). The buffer solution used in the PCR for 1 sample was 3 mL ddH₂O, 7.5 μL 5x My Taq (Bioline), 1.5 μL primers and 3 μL DNA templates (LAB DNA Genome) so that the overall total was 15 μL. The primary used is GTG5. The PCR method performed using the GTG5 primer (5'-GTGGTGGTGTTGTTG-3') was previously described by Gevers et al. (2001). The cycling program consisted of 1 cycle of 95 °C for 7 min.; 30 cycles of 95 °C for 1 min., 55 °C for 1 min., and 65 °C for 8 min.; and 1 cycle of 65 °C for 16 min. PCR products were analyzed by gel electrophoresis on 2% (w/v) agarose gel using 1 x TAE buffer. The gel was stained in a solution of ethidium bromide and viewed using UV transilluminator (Chao et al. 2008).

16S rRNA PCR analysis and sequencing analysis
LAB strains found in Masin sauce were analyzed using a 16S rRNA universal primer. The primary sequences used were primers 8F (5'-AGAGTTTGATCCTGCTG-3') and primers 16R (5'-AAGGAGGTGATCCTGCCA-3').
Positions 1541 to 1522 bp are used to amplify the overall fragment length of 16S rRNA bacteria (Chao et al. 2008). The buffer solution used in PCR includes ddH2O 38.5 μL, 5 × MyTaq Green 7.5 μL, SF 1 μL primers, 16R 1 μL primers, DNA templates (DNA genome LAB) 2 μL so that the overall total is 50 μL. The PCR conditions were 96 °C for 5 min.; 35 cycles consisting of 96 °C for 1 min., 55 °C for 3 min., and 72 °C for 1 min.; and 72 °C for 7 min. The PCR products were subjected to electrophoresis gel on 1% agarose gel, followed by ethidium bromide staining. Sequencing results were analyzed using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) in the NCBI and MegaX programs (Chao et al. 2008).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Bacterial isolation from masin

Bacteria originating from spontaneous fermentation of the Masin product was successfully isolated. Shape of the colony was round, milky white in color, and formed flat edge with convex elevation in each colony.

The bacterial population isolated in Masin using MRS media with different physiological salt concentrations is presented in Table 1. The physiological salt tolerance at concentrations of 4 to 8% gives a significant result on the number of bacteria. The highest number of bacterial colonies was found in the treatment of MRS + NaCl 7% of 29.65 x 10^6 CFU/g.

PCR-RAPD bacteria isolates from masin

Total of 48 isolates that have different morphology were then selected using PCR-RAPD to distinguish genotypes that produce different phenotypes in a species. Based on the PCR-RAPD band pattern (Figure 1) and the Phylogeny Tree (Figure 2) 5 isolates of different polymorphisms were obtained, namely isolates 46, 1, 33, 40 and 11.

Phylogeny trees

The phylogenetic tree topology from PCR-RAPD showed two main clades (Figure 2). The first clade has two subgroups with isolate codes 31, 38, 40, and 43 as internal points for the first subclass namely isolates with codes 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 36,45, and 47. Meanwhile, for the second subclass, they are isolates with codes 6, 7, and 42. The first and second subclass isolate groups have a close kinship.

The second clade consists of two subclasses, each of which is divided into two groups. The first subclass consists of two branches. The first branch is isolated with code 4, 8, 9, 15, 19, 20, 28, 30, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 48, which is closely related to the second branch, isolate with code 44. The second subclass also consists of two branches. The first branch, isolates with codes 16 and 32 are closely related to the second branch, isolates with codes 10 and 46. The ancestors of the isolates are from ancestors with two branches. The first branch of isolates has the codes 5 and 12, while the second branch is isolated code 11 which is out-group. Based on the phylogenetic tree, in each branch of the two clades, one isolate representing each branch in each clade was taken and then an analysis of 16S RNA molecular identification was performed.

Table 1. The number of bacteria growing on MRS media with different NaCl concentrations

| Media treatment | Isolate code | CFU/g (10^6) |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| MRS + NaCl 1%   | 1-4          | 3.65         |
| MRS + NaCl 2%   | 5-8          | 4.85         |
| MRS + NaCl 3%   | 9-12         | 12.36        |
| MRS + NaCl 4%   | 13-16        | 20.24        |
| MRS + NaCl 5%   | 17-20        | 27.66        |
| MRS + NaCl 6%   | 21-24        | 28.20        |
| MRS + NaCl 7%   | 25-28        | 29.65        |
| MRS + NaCl 8%   | 29-32        | 21.34        |
| MRS + NaCl 9%   | 33-36        | 18.65        |
| MRS + NaCl 10%  | 37-40        | 13.25        |
| MRS + NaCl 11%  | 41-44        | 8.40         |
| MRS + NaCl 12%  | 45-48        | 2.10         |

Figure 1. Visualization of PCR-RAPD band pattern of bacteria isolate code 1 to 48 Isolates
Figure 2. PCR-RAPD phylogenetic tree

![PCR-RAPD phylogenetic tree]

Figure 3. Visualization of the 16S rRNA molecular identification band

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Table 2. The results of 16S rRNA molecular identification

| Isolates code | Species                  | Identity  | Accession number |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 46            | Enterobacter ludwigii    | 99.45%    | NR_042349.1      |
| 1             | Leclercia adecarboxylata | 99.52%    | NR_104933.1      |
| 33            | Enterobacter cloacae     | 98.90%    | NR_044978.1      |
| 40            | Pantoea agglomerans      | 99.45%    | NR_041978.1      |
| 11            | Citrobacter freundii     | 98.08%    | NR_028894.1      |

Sequencing analysis

Analysis of the molecular identification of 16S rRNA was carried out on 5 isolates that had different polymorphisms based on banding patterns from the results of PCR-RAPD visualization and phylogenetic trees. The species names of each isolate sequencing are shown in Table 2 with the ribbon visualization in Figure 3.

PCR results using primers 8F primers (5’-AGAGTTTGATCATGGCTCAG-3’) and 16R primers (5’-AAGGAGGTGATCCAACCGCA-3’). Positions 1541 to 1522 bp were used to amplify the full length of bacterial 16S rRNA fragment. Electrophoresis results showed clearly visible DNA bands and no mixing bands (ribbons are mixed), then the PCR product was purified. Based on PCR amplification result using 16S rRNA primers, a band of 1500 bp was obtained. Then only 5 isolates were selected, namely isolates 46, 1, 33, 40 and 11 to proceed to a sequence (Table 2).

The results of DNA sequence analysis through the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) database tracking program at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), National Institute for Health, USA (www.blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) showed the 16S rRNA coding sequence. Bacterial isolate rRNA has the highest similarity with 16S rRNA DNA coding sequences from Enterobacter ludwigii (Isolate Code 46), Leclercia adecarboxylata (Isolate Code 1), Enterobacter cloacae (Isolate Code 33), Pantoea agglomerans (Isolate Code 40) and Citrobacter freundii (Isolate Code 11).

Analysis of the evolutionary distances to the 5 isolates with phylogenetic trees resulted in a variety of kinship distribution with other isolates (Figure 4). The analysis of kinship was also compared with isolates which were out groups and in groups.

Based on the phylogenetic tree, isolate 01 has a close kinship with Leclercia adecarboxylata with a bootstrap value of 99, isolate 11 had a close kinship with Citrobacter freundii with a bootstrap value of 98.08, isolate 33 had a close kinship with Enterobacter cloacae with a bootstrap value of 98.90, isolate 40 had a close kinship with Pantoea agglomerans with a bootstrap value of 99.45 and isolate 46 had a close kinship with Enterobacter ludwigii with a bootstrap value of 99.45.
Discussion

Masin is fermented sauce derived from raw materials in the form of fish or rebon shrimp added with salt, Javanese tamarind as flavor enhancers, and finger root flowers to neutralize fishy odor caused by shrimp. Salt is used as a preservative and flavor enhancer because it has high osmotic pressure, so it can cause osmosis in shrimp and microorganism cells (Ramzi 2016). Masin is a spontaneous fermentation product that is made without the addition of starter microbes. In rebon shrimp fermentation products, which use high salt levels, it is estimated that microbes are able to grow and develop quite well. The characteristics of the bacterial isolate using de Man Rogosa Sharpe Agar (MRSA) media with modified salt addition obtained are milky white, round and have a slippery surface.

The traditional fermentation is uncontrolled process that can result in inconsistent final products that may harbor undesirable microbial growth. The low pH of the fermented products and the heat treatment by roasting or cooking would make these products safe for consumption. In any case, unsterile conditions in which they are prepared and took care of may prompt the presentation of pathogenic microorganisms. In the unconstrained fermentation condition, the pathogenic microbial will contribute to spoil the product (Li et al. 2014; Medina et al. 2015; Capozzi et al. 2017; Mwizerwa et al. 2018).

There are 48 bacterial isolates that have been successfully isolated from main products. The masin product is the result of bacterial fermentation in shrimp or rebon that takes place spontaneously. The bacterial isolation was carried out on MRS media with different NaCl concentrations. The treatment of the addition of various different physiological salt concentrations aims to see the tolerance of the bacteria to grow under different salinity conditions. Physiological salts play a role in balancing osmotic pressure between bacterial cells and the medium, and thus they play a role in bacterial growth (Sherman et al. 1922). The effect of physiological salt concentration on the growth of Enterobacteriaceae forms a downward parabolic curve and has a maximum extreme value, in the range of NaCl with a concentration of 4 to 8% (Table 1).

Low concentration of NaCl causes water to enter the cell and vice versa. This has an effect on bacterial viability that decreases at low or high extreme NaCl concentrations (Table 1). The physiological salt concentration also influences the enzyme activity and the activity of water (Aw) in the cell so that it affects the metabolism of bacterial cells in general (Chandler 1988; Membre and Burlot 1994; Lee et al. 2018). Meanwhile, when the salt added stepwise, growth-promoting effect of Enterobacteriaceae was showed (Botzenhart and Kufferath 1976). Bacteria that succeeded in growing on MRS media with some salt concentrations were then carried out by PCR-RAPD to see differences in genotypes that produce different phenotypes so that they became the basis for selecting bacteria that would later be identified as 16S rRNA molecular. PCR-RAPD visualization showed a band pattern with different polymorphisms from 48 isolates. Selected isolates included isolate code 46, 1, 33, 40 and 11. The isolates represented each branch in the phylogenetic tree. However, isolates 1 and 22 were in the same branch with consideration of the visualization of different banding patterns so that for the first branch in the phylogenetic tree two representative isolates were taken.
The presence of Enterobacteriaceae shows that a failure occurred during processing and their absence indicates that improper hygienic conditions were maintained during the food manufacturing process. Enterobacteriaceae include many pathogens especially Salmonella which is found in meat and its products (especially poultry) and causes food poisoning (Rahman and Othman 2017). Enterobacteriaceae produce biogenic amines cadaverine, histamine, and tyramine in. These compounds which can cause several adverse reactions in the consumers were also found in fermented maize-based products from Western Kenya, blue-veined cheese and spontaneously fermented pickle in Sichuan. However, lactic acid bacteria grow in many foods and quickly decrease the pH to 3.5 or less and competing microorganisms can no longer grow (Marino et al. 2000; Li et al. 2014; Gardini et al. 2016; Mwizerwa et al. 2018).

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