Preliminary Study of Polysaccharide and Oligosaccharide Alginate (AOS) as Prebiotic of Probiotic Bacteria

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Abstract

Synbiotics are related to pre and probiotic mixture which work synergically and provide the intestine microbial balance in organisms. This study aims to evaluate the potency of alginate polysaccharide and oligosaccharide (AOS) as prebiotic to probiotic bacteria originally from a commercial yogurt. Probiotic bacteria were plated to MRSA and incubated in 24 hrs. Over five isolated bacteria, three probiotic isolate bacteria were defined positively (C11: C14 and C15). The prebiotic test was done by culturing the isolate C14 to MRSB and incubated 24 hrs. After 24 hrs, all the MRSB liquid culture became turbid, showed a positive effect, except the MRSB culture without any alginate enrichment. Probiotic bacteria from MRSB were then plated into MRSA for Total Plate Count (TPC) test and incubated. TPS revealed that 0.1 mg/mL enriched AOS media resulted the highest number of probiotic bacteria (1.193 x 10^5 CFU/mL) compared to enriched AOS and 0.05 mg AOS/mL media (6 x 10^3 CFU/mL). These results have proven a high ability to develop AOS as prebiotic.

Keywords: Alginate, AOS, prebiotic, probiotic.

INTRODUCTION

Probiotic considered the most important bacteria dealing with pharmaceuticals such as anticarcinogenic effect (Shoukat et al., 2020) and food industries (Gayathri & Rashmi., 2016; Bordoni et al., 2017). Probiotics serve both, either in dairy or non-dairy products. A recommendation has been proposed to regularly consumed food containing probiotic microorganisms. This is pointed to establish a positive balance of useful or beneficial microbes population in the intestinal flora in humans (Soccol et al., 2010) as well as animals including white shrimp Litopenaeus vannamei (Liu et al., 2014).

In marine organisms, especially in shrimp culture, researchers elucidate some findings concerning disease outbreak. To control this outbreak in shrimp culture, people used to apply chemotherapeutically by antibiotics and hormones (Li et al., 2018). This leads to antibiotic-resistant pathogens (Su et al., 2011) and harsh pollution to the environment (Holmström et al., 2003). The development and application of probiotics in marine culture have been raised rapidly. This needs to be done synergically to fulfill some needs such as the resistance of disease, growth factor, feed efficiency, and safety product for a human being (Ringø., 2020) as well as shrimp culture (Toledo et al., 2019).

Alginate is a natural compound from brown seaweed’s cell wall (Yudiati & Isnansetyo, 2017). Alginate was managed successfully to control the resistant pathogens. Research from Yudiati et al., (2016; 2019) and Lee et al., (2009) clearly described that alginate is an effective supplement to suppress replication of severe pathogenic bacteria and White Spot Syndrome Virus Disease by improving the shrimp immune system and transcription of immune gene expression. Alginate oligosaccharide which produces form thermal heating (Yudiati et al, 2018) also enhanced the tolerance of Zebrafish in oxygen exposure tests (Yudiati et al, 2020).

Synbiotics is a mixture of prebiotics and probiotics. This effect will be beneficial to the...
host by the colonization of live microbial dietary supplements (Harpeni et al., 2017). Moreover, synbiotics have also been revealed to substitute and solve the antibiotic-resistant negative effects (Su et al., 2011). Besides, the combination prebiotics application could enhance the higher promotion of immune response and growth parameters of aquatic species (Li et al., 2018).

Afni et al., (2017) reported AOS produced enzymatically as prebiotics on shrimp culture. Even though, up to now, there is still limited information concerning alginate oligosaccharide as prebiotic for probiotic bacteria. Liu et al., (2009) investigated isomaltooligosaccharides from corn starch to improve the immune response and WSSV resistant to L. vannamei. Furthermore, Li et al., (2007) used commercial fructooligosaccharide as prebiotics for similar immune responses in shrimp. The basic information to prove the ability of alginate oligosaccharide (AOS) as prebiotics needs to be exposed. This present research aims to evaluate the potency of alginate polysaccharide and alginate oligosaccharide (AOS) to serve the probiotic bacteria isolated from a commercial yogurt.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Extraction of alginate and AOS production

Sargassum sp. was collected from Teluk Awur waters, Jepara. This seaweed was then clean up from debris and salts, followed by dried up under room temperature. Seaweed was then blended to produce a powder. The powder was then extracted 24 hrs with 5% Na2CO3, filtered. 0.13M KCl was added, mixed well with cold ethanol absolute (1:1) (Yudiati & Isnansetyo, 2017). Centrifugation at 3500 rpm was administered in 5 minutes. Finally, the extract was then dried up at a dried cupboard (60°C). Production of AOS was performed by thermal heating (Yudiati et al., 2018). This was done by heat up the alginate powder in the oven laboratory at 140°C for 4.5 hrs.

Probiotic Bacteria Isolation

Probiotic bacteria were isolated from commercial yogurt Cimory®. This commercial brand using Lactic Acid Bacteria (https://cimory.com/). Furthermore, isolation on this probiotics was using MRSA (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Agar) medium with CaCO3 addition. MRSA (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Agar) and MRSB (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Broth) were used as probiotic bacteria media. 3.12 gram MRSA media was mixed with 0.3 g CaCO3, were then diluted with 60 mL aquadest. The solution was then homogenized and heated up with a hot plate. Sterilization was performed by autoclaving at 121°C in 20 minutes, poured into the petriish, and hardened. One mL of commercial yogurt was plated into MRSA solid media, incubated at room temperature for 24 hrs. Some selection had been done to the grown bacteria colony which produce the clear zone. This acid produced colony was assumed as probiotics bacteria. Yogurt uses lactic acid probiotic bacteria for fermentation.

Alginate polysaccharides and AOS Prebiotic Test

Test of Alginate polysaccharide and AOS was done separately. Each different alginate was set up. This was initially performed by diluted 2.96 g of MRBS in 57 mL aquadest, sterilized similarly as above. The liquid MRSB was then poured into four tubes according to the treatments. The four treatments were: control, MRSB + 0.05 mg/mL (alginate and AOS), MRSB + 0.1 mg/mL (alginate and AOS), and MRSB + 0.2 mg/mL (alginate and AOS). Prebiotic bacteria from the yogurt was then inoculated, incubated on a shaker for 24 hrs, at speed of 120 rpm in room temperature. The observation on growth was done quantitatively based on media turbidity. TPC was also done to determine quantitatively.

Total Plate Count (TPC)

24 hrs of cultured probiotic bacteria from MRSB enriched with AOS were then continued to the TPC test. TPC was done in pour plate methods and only done to the AOS treatment enriched in different alginate concentration. 7.8 g MRSA media and 0.75 g CaCO3 were prepared and diluted with 150 mL aqua dest. Those were then heated up in a hot plate at 130 rpm and sterilized. The sterile media were then poured into the petriish, leave until hardened. The probiotic bacteria from the MRSB were then plated into...
solid MRSA. Incubation was administered in 24 hrs and the total bacteria in each petri dish was then counted.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Probiotic Bacteria Isolation

There were some probiotic bacteria isolates from Cimory® commercial yogurt. The characterization of probiotic bacteria isolation was presented in Table 1. There were three positive probiotic bacteria found in commercial yogurt. This bacteria predicted as probiotic bacteria. Probiotics bacteria in Cimory® yogurt were composed of Lactobacillus bulgaricus & Streptococcus thermopillus [https://cimory.com/]. It has been reported by Banda et al., (1992) which use Lactobacillus bulgaricus as probiotic to Turbot (Scophthalmus maximus L.). Additionally, Streptococcus thermophile has also been reported as Turbot larvae for their probiotics (Gatesoupe, 1991). While in food industries the most commonly used strains are the genera of Lactobacillus, Carnobacterium Pediococcus, Enterococcus, Lactococcus, Streptococcus, Aerococcus, as well as Bifidobacterium (Holzapfel & Wood., 2014).

Prebiotics is not digestible in the host’s enzyme. On the other hand, prebiotic provide substrates to promote the growth of probiotics bacteria (Shoukat et al., 2020).

Prebiotic Test of Alginate Polysaccharides and AOS

The results of the prebiotic test on different alginate are shown in Table 2. Based on results, it can be seen that the best qualitative test of alginate prebiotic is from the MRSB media with 0.05 mg/mL poly and oligosaccharide alginate enrichment. Addition of 0.05 alginate, both poly and oligosaccharide gave higher turbidity. Therefore indicates higher intensity, compared to different alginate addition. The prebiotic test without any alginate addition was negative.

Harpeni et al., (2017) reported that they used sweet potato starch which contains sucrose and raffinose. Liu et al., (2018) used commercial mannan oligosaccharide and

Table 1. Characterization of probiotic isolated bacteria

| Bacteria Code | Colour        | Shape       | Elevation | Surface         | Margin | Acid production |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| C11           | Pink          | Circular    | Raised    | Smooth, shiny   | Entire | Positive       |
| C12           | Fade cream    | Circular    | Convex    | Smooth, shiny   | Entire | Negative       |
| C13           | White cream   | Circular    | Raised    | Smooth, shiny   | Entire | Negative       |
| C14           | Fade cream    | Circular    | Convex    | Smooth, shiny   | Entire | Positive       |
| C15           | Fade cream    | Circular    | Convex    | Smooth, shiny   | Entire | Positive       |

Note: Positive: Probiotic bacteria-produced acid compound; Negative: Probiotic bacteria was not produced acid compound

Table 2. Prebiotic test of alginate poly and oligosaccharide from different concentration

| Concentration | Alginate Polysaccharide | Oligosaccharide |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 0 mg/mL       | -                       | -               |
| 0.05 mg/mL    | ++                      | +               |
| 0.1 mg/mL     | +                       | +               |
| 0.2 mg/mL     | +                       | +               |

Note: - = undetermined (transparent); + = grow well (turbid); ++ : grow fast (much more turbid)
inulin which improve growth, gene immune expression, and resistance to Vibrio alginolyticus and WSSV. Moreover, Li et al., (2007) applied fructooligosaccharides (FOS) while isomaltooligosaccharide (MOS) has been investigated by Li et al., (2009). Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) and Fourier Transform Infra-Red Spectroscopy has been clearly defined that alginate from Sargassum siliquosum which also applied in this present research, is characterized by mannuronate and guluronate monosaccharide (Yudiati et al., 2017; Yudiati et al., 2016). Based on the results, this present study revealed that alginate monosaccharide was degraded and digested by probiotic bacteria, strengthened to research by Afni et al., (2017), using AOS from brown seaweed Sargassum crassifolium.

**Total Plate Count Test of Probiotic Bacteria C15**

Total probiotic bacteria colony grown on different AOS concentrations can be seen in Table 3. Results show that the highest colony form of probiotic bacteria was MRSA enriched with 0.1 mg AOS/mL. The MSRA 0 mg/mL and MRSA enriched with 0.05 mg/mL showed similar results. TPC test was used to ensure the qualitative prebiotic test. The results of TPC was not exactly fit for the previous test. This, hypothetically caused by the growth of bacteria pattern. TPC was done after 24 hrs incubation in MRSB media. The bacteria were plated after 24 hrs incubation and then determined. At this stage, probiotic bacteria reach the stationary phase, so the growth rate was diminishing. The peak exponentially growth was not well observed. Furthermore, there were some probiotic bacteria grown in MRSA media without any alginate. In fact, the MRSB also contains dextrose. In the late phase, probiotic bacteria were also grown. Our suggestion is to observe and determine the TPC in certain repeatable hours to get the complete curve growth of bacteria.

The application of a prebiotic agent is a dose-dependent manner. Research by Li et al., 2018 applied MOS in different concentrations and proofed that probiotic bacteria have specific preferences. This present study demonstrates that probiotic bacteria from commercial local yogurt prefer media enriched with 0.1 mg AOS/mL MRS media. At last, TPC of 0.1 mg AOS enriched has still resulted in the best performance (1.193 x 10^5 CFU/mL) compared to other treatments.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the results it can be concluded that AOS has a good potency of being prebiotic to provide nutrition for probiotic bacteria. The best AOS concentration is 0.1 mg/mL media (TPC=1.193 x 10^5 CFU/mL). This basic research is expected to be the basic information for exploring the AOS for further function both in humans and animals.

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**Table 3. TPC of C15 in MRSA enriched with AOS in different concentration**

| AOS concentration | Total colony (cfu/mL) |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 0 mg/mL           | 6 x 10^3             |
| 0.05 mg/mL        | 6 x 10^3             |
| 0.1 mg/mL         | 1.193 x 10^5         |
| 0.2 mg/mL         | -                    |
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