



## VIBRIOSIS - DETECTION AND PATHOLOGY: REVIEW

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### Abstract

Aquaculture has been considered as tradition in several parts of Asia. At present aquaculture is the world's fastest growing food production sector, with cultured shrimp and prawn to be considered as sub sector. Diseases in hatcheries and farms are being increasingly recognized as major hurdles to successful and profitable industry. In majority of the diseases, Problems can be traced to water quality and poor management. Intensive culture systems offer an ideal environment for disease outbreak, because such systems have stressed the host and virulent pathogen. Based on the disease condition, which may result in mass mortality of the affected population in a short time leads to small scale mortality, reduced growth make the cultured shrimp unsuitable for human consumption.

**Key Words:** Vibrio, pathogen, histology, shrimp, detection.

### INTRODUCTION

Aquaculture remains a growing vibrant and important production sector for high-protein animal food. The contribution of aquaculture to the total production of capture fisheries raising from 34.5% in 2006 to 36.9% in 2008, in the period 1970 – 2008. According to the state of world fisheries and aquaculture 2010, the production of food fish from aquaculture increased at an average annual rate of 8.3%. However, a major setback in aquaculture is the sudden outbreak of disease, especially those caused by vibrio spp, which are considered a significant problem to the development of a sector with severe economic losses worldwide, Global estimation of disease losses by the world bank in 1997, was approximately US\$3 billion per year. *Vibrio harveyi* and *Vibrio anguillaum* are most frequently isolated marine vibrio species. Which are associated with large scale losses of larval and juvenile penaeids.

Vibriosis is one of the major disease problems in shellfish and finfish aquaculture. Vibriosis is a bacterial disease responsible for mortality of cultured shrimp worldwide (Lightner and Lewis, 1975: Adams, 1991: Lightner *et.al.*, 1992: Lavilla Pitago *et.al.*, 2000). Vibrio species are widely distributed in cultured *Penaeus* and act as opportunistic pathogen and autothonomous flora. . Facilitates throughout the world.vibrio related infections frequently occur in hatcheries. Vibrio spp are among the chitinoclastic bacteria associated with shell disease (Cook and Lofton, 1973) and may enter through wounds in the exoskeleton or pores.(Jiravanichpaisal & Miyazaki, 1994:Alday-Sanz *et.al.*, 2002).

Vibriosis is also rampant in the Indian region where brackish water shrimp farming is the main aquaculture activity.

The disease problem is particularly severe in hatcheries ,and in the past few years many units were shutdown due to invasion by luminous vibrios (Karunasagar *et.al.*1999).The situation is aggravated by the emergence of antibiotic-resistant strains (Karunasagar *et.al.*1994) and the ability of vibrio spp to form biofilms (Karunasagar *et.al.*1996).Vibriosis is also having its impact in growout ponds and is frequently responsible for the mortalities of shrimp (Hameed 1994:Abraham and Manley 1995: Jayasree *et.al.*2000), considering that bacterial disease has received little attention an investigation on the bacterial disease of shrimp from culture ponds of coastal Andhra Pradesh was undertaken during the period 2001-2003.

Vibriosis species are a normal part of the bacterial flora in aquatic environments and formerly considered to be mostly opportunistic pathogens. (Lightner, 1996: Myers,*et.al.*, 2006: Thompson,*et.al.*, 2003) However. Some work occurring disease syndromes of penaeid shrimp have been caused by vibrio species which behave more like true pathogens than opportunistic invaders (Gomez-Gil,*et.al.*, 2004: Kannaripan,*et.al.*, 2008).Vibriosis causes mortality in larvae postlarvae, juveniles, sub-adults and also adults of shrimps. Outbreak of the disease cause mortality up to nearly 100% of affected population (Sunaryanto and Mariyam, 1987).

The gross signs of localized infection in the cuticle (or) sub cuticle are called shell disease (or) black (or) brown spot disease and these superficial infection under some circumstances. It is the systemic infection that cause mortality (Chen *et.al.*, 1992: Myers:*et.al.*, 2003 Suddesh and Xu, 2000).

### Isolation And Identification of Bacterial Isolates

Vibrio sp are quite prevalent in shrimp from culture ponds of coastal area and the disease – induced

morbidity / mortalities are causing considerable damage to the culture system. Bacterial disease are encountered in the cultured shrimp of which tail necrosis, shell disease, and red disease were recorded earlier from many region (Lighter 1988; Sindermann 1990; Nash *et al.* 1992; yang *et.al* 1992) including India (Hameed 1994 ; Abraham and Manley 1995; Hameed *et.al* 1996) other disease, constitute new emerging disease causing server loss to the shrimp industry in India , (Mayavo *et al.*, 2003; Gopalakrishnan and Parida 2005).Chandrakala and Ayyavoo(2006) isolated *Vibrio* sp such as *V.cholerae*, *V.parahaemolyticus* ,*V.splendidus*, *V.harveyi*(NL), *V.harveyi*(L) from diseased cultured and wild *Penaeus monodon*. Chandrakala *et al.*, (2008) isolated vibrio protein from diseased *P.monodon*. Chandrakala *et al* (2005) prepared antibiogram for vibrio sp isolated from diseased *Penaeus monodon*. *Vibrio parahamolyticus* was the dominant species in shrimp affected by red disease and tail necrosis, while *V.alginolyticus* is predominant in shell diseased shrimp *Vibrio alginolyticus* had by shell disease and VSS (Hameed 1994; Lee *et.al* 1996; Jayasree *et al*1999,2000). Mass Mortalities due to red disease from *V.parahaemolyticus* along with other vibrio spp were isolated by Tendencies and Dureza (1997) from ponds in the Philippines.Chandrakala and Ayyavoo(2010)studied the WSSV infected wild and cultured *P.monodon* along the South East coast of India. Chandrakala *et al* (2010) made survey on the pathogenic microbes in ice stored *Penaeus monodon*.

Adult shrimps suffering from vibriosis may appear hypoxie, show reddening of the body with red to brown gills, reduce feeding and may be observed swimming lethargically at the edges and surface of ponds (Anderson *et al.*, 1988; Nash *et al.*, 1992). *Vibrio* spp also cause red-leg disease, characterized by red colouration of the pleopods, periopods and gills, in juvenile to adult shrimps and may cause mortality of upto 95% during the warm season (Chen, 1992). Eyeball necrosis disease is caused by *V.cholerae*, The eyeballs of infected shrimps turn brown and fall away and mortality occurs within a few days (Chen, 1992).Sankar ganesh *et al*(2011) isolated the *Vibrio* sp from the culture ponds.Chandrakala *et al*(2010) made the survey on the pathogenic microbes in ice stored *Penaeus monodon* (Fab).

### Molecular Basis of Identification

An array of molecular techniques is gaining popularity for the identification of different aquaculture related bacterial pathogens. DNA sequence based identification, analysis of 16s rRNA and other housekeeping gene sequence are the most popular and precises method currently used to identify closely related vibrio among other methods, ribo typing and PCR based techniques, eg.Amplified fragment length

polymorphism (AFLP) fluorescence Insights Hybridization, (FISH), Random Amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD), repetitive palindrome PCR (rep-PCR), and Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) have yield the most valuable information and new insights into the identification of closely related marine bacteria.Chandrakala *et al*(2008) made detection of *Vibrio* proteins from diseased *P.monodon*(Fab). Chandrakala *et al* (2013)Salt passage analysis of vibrio species isolated from diseased *Penaeus monodon* (Fab).

**PCR-Based Identification:** The majority of reported work has been to identify *V.harveyi* – related marine bacteria using PCR, because *V.harveyi* is the major causative organism of luminous vibriosis, causing potential devastation to diverse ranges of marine invertebrates over a wide geographical area, these microorganisms, however, are extremely difficult to identify because they are phenotypically diverse

Bramhachari and Dubey (2006) developed PCR-based identification methods for *V.harveyi* targeting a partial 16s rRNA gene (2006) . Fukui and Sawbe (2007) modified the method by developing a one step colony PCR targeting the same 16s rRNA gene to identify pathogenic *V.harveyi* from aquaculture setting .Similarly Conejero and Hedreyda (2003) developed haemolysin gene based multiplex PCR for simultaneous detection of *V.campbelli*,*V.harveyi*, and *V.parahamolyticus*.The for R gene for identification of *V. harveyi* from aqualture system Conejero and Hedreyda 2003).However the most precise methods to identify *V.harveyi* the *V.campebellii* and *V.parahaemolyticus* was developed by Haldal *etal*(2010).

### 16sRNA and housekeeping gene based identification

16sRNA gene sequencing is considered by many authors to be a very reliable method for indetification of any bacteria including marine vibrio(Gomez Gill *et al.*,2004;Maugeri *et al.*, 2006:Chatterjee *et al.*, 2008:Gugliandolo *et al.*, 2010;Manmadan *et al.*, 2006;Haldar *et al*;2011b).The 16sRNA gene (about 1,500bp in length) consist of highly conserved regions and is present in almost all bacteria which may reveal deep-branching relationships, while variable regions may be demonstrated to be useful in discriminating species with the same genus, This feature has enable to use 16s RNA both as a phylogenetic marker and as an identification tool.

Fluorescent insitu Hybridization (FISH ) provides a powerful tool for identifying the location of cloned DNA sequence.It use fluorescent probes to bind to those parts of chromosomes will which they show high degree of similarity and is often used in the field of microbial ecology.

Recently a one-step multi-probe FISH method has been developed. In short, the FISH method was combined with

micro-colony formation culture and is known as FISH following cultivation (FISHFC). It has the advantage of increasing its applicability. A probe reacting to the micro colonies in selective media with in a short time, increasing its applicability. A probe reacting to the micro colonies generates stronger

Restriction Fragment length polymorphism or RFLP is a technique that exploits variations in homologous DNA sequences. It refers to differences between samples of homologous of restriction enzyme sites. A simple and rapid RFLP method was developed by Sha *et al* in 2006 based on the chromosomal ori sequence of *V.cholerae*. It was effective to delineate between two closely related biotypes of pathogenic vibrio strains. In recent study Chowdhry *et al.*(77) has developed an RFLP method targeting sections of the super integron region of the *V.cholerae* genome, and demonstrated good delineation between different biotypes of *V.cholerae* strains.

#### Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLP)

AFLP another successful PCR-based method for differentiating closely related vibrio species. The AFLP method consists of three main steps (i) digestion of total genomic DNA with two restriction enzymes and subsequent ligation of the restriction half-site specific adaptors to all restriction fragments, (ii) selective amplification of these fragments with two PCR primers that have corresponding adaptor and restriction site sequences as their target sites and, (iii) electrophoretic separation of the PCR products on polyacrylamide gels with selective detection of fragments which contain the fluorescently labeled primers and computer-assisted numerical analysis of the band patterns. The original method described in 1995 by Vos *et al* (28) used radio labeled primers, but it has since been modified to utilize fluorescent labels.

#### Random Amplified Polymorphic Dna (RAPD)

RAPD is a rapid, powerful and inexpensive PCR method using arbitrary primers to detect a segment of DNA in the genome. No knowledge of the DNA sequence of the targeted gene is required, as the primers will bind somewhere in the sequence. In recent years, RAPD has been used to characterize and trace the phylogeny of diverse plant and animal species. In *V.harveyi*. It has been used to differentiate pathogenic and non-pathogenic strains and has been used in diversity studies of the vibrios (Chandrakala and Ayyavoo, 2006).

#### HISTOPATHOLOGY

Systemic vibriosis typically results in the formation of septic haemocyte nodules in the lymphoid organ, heart and connective tissues of the gills, hepatopancreas, antennal gland, nerve cord, telson and muscle (Anderson *et al.*, 1988; Mohney *et al* 1991; Jiravanichapaisal *et al* 1994; Infected hepatopancreocytes may appear poorly vacuolated,

indicating low lipid and glycogen reserves (Anderson *et al* 1988) vibriosis in *P.monodon* is associated with the formation of "speroids" in the lymphoid organ (Naush *et al* 1992). Chandrakala *et al* (2006) performed the PCR detection and Histopathology of WSBV infected *Penaeus monodon* (Fab).

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