





Optimal gut function in monogastric livestock



Prophybiotics, a novel approach for *in-ovo* gut microbiome reprogramming of broilers

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Content





Broiler chicken lifespan

Background



Key events related to gut health happening during embryonic development

- Development of immune system
- Development of gastrointestinal tract
- Development of gut microbiome



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Safe food

Screening for bioactives (In-vitro)

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Probiotics

Phytobiotics

Prophybiotics





Probiotics

Plant extracts

Research questions

- What is the **best plant extract** to be used in combination with the probiotics and at what dose?
- What is the **best probiotic** in terms of *in-vitro* **antipathogenic** activity?
- Does *in-ovo* application of **prophybiotics** adversely affect the **hatchability and quality of chicks**?

Objectives:

- To determine effects of supplementation of different plant extracts in variable doses on *in-vitro* growth of probiotics
- To determine anti-Salmonella and anti-Campylobacter effects of probiotics *in-vitro*
- To determine the effects of *in-ovo* application of the selected pro/prophybiotic on the hatchability and chick quality parameters

Materials and Methods

Probiotic strains:

(JHJ Sp Zo.o, Poland)

- 1. Lactiplantibacillus plantarum
- 2. Lacticaseibacillus casei
- 3. Limosilactobacillus reuteri
- 4. Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus
- 5. Leuconostoc mesenteroides
- 6. Pediococcus pentosaceus

Positive control: *Lactococcus lactis*



Plant supplements:

Aqueous extracts of

- 1. Turmeric
- 2. Green tea
- 3. Garlic



Pathogenic strains:

- 1. Salmonella typhimurium (DPC6463)
- 2. Salmonella enterica subsp. Enterica (ATCC 14028)
- 3. Salmonella braenderup (NRL-IE-22)
- 4. *Campylobacter jejuni* (DVI-SC181)



Materials and Methods







Results (What's the best probiotic?)

Anti-Salmonella

Spot overlay assays

Probiotics



LP

LRh

Inhibition of *S. typhimurium* in probiotic spot overlay assay

LC

LM

PC

LR

PP

PC: *Lactococcus lactis* LP: Lactiplantibacillus plantarum LC: Lacticaseibacillus casei LR: Limosilactobacillus reuteri LRh: Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus LM: Leuconostoc mesenteroides PP: Pediococcus pentosaceus

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Results (What's the best probiotic?) Anti-*Salmonella*



Well diffusion Assays



Co-aggregation Assay



LRh: Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus LM: Leuconostoc mesenteroides PP: Pediococcus pentosaceus PC: Lactococcus lactis



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Results (What's the best probiotic?) Anti-*Salmonella*



Co-culture Assay



C-MRS: Control medium LRh: Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus LM: Leuconostoc mesenteroides PP: Pediococcus

pentosaceus

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Results (What's the best probiotic?) Anti-*Campylobacter*



LP LC LR LR PP

Anti-*Campylobacter* well diffusion assay

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* Best probiotic selected: *Leuconostoc mesenteroides*

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Results (What's the best plant extract?)

Growth curve assays: *Leuconostoc mesenteroides*



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In-vitro screening of compatible synbiotics and (introducing) "prophybiotics" as a tool to improve gut health



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- * Best plant extracts for *L. mesenteroides*:
- Turmeric (0.1% and 0.06%)
- Garlic (0.5%)

Results (What's the best Prophybiotic?)

Prophybiotics = Leuconostoc mesenteroides + Plant extracts

Salmonella counts in co-culture with prophybiotics

pH of the co-culture with prophybiotics



* Selected prophybiotic: Leuconostoc mesenteroides + Garlic (0.5%)



Results (*In-vivo* implementation)





Chick quality (Pasgar score)



NC: Negative control (No *in-ovo* injection)
PC: Positive control (*In-ovo* injection with physiological saline - 0.2μl/egg)
LM: *In-ovo* injection with 10⁶ CFU of *L. mesenterodies* (0.2μl/egg)
LM_G: *In-ovo* injection with 10⁶ CFU of *L. mesenterodies* + 0.5% garlic (0.2μl/egg)

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Results (*In-vivo* implementation)





Chick length

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The selected **prophybiotic**

(*L. mesenteroides* + Garlic) displays;

Conclusions

a promising **antimicrobial potential** and

the potential to be used in an *in-ovo* application without compromising the hatchability and affecting the chick quality parameters

Further research is necessary **to validate the** *in-vivo* **effectiveness** of the protocol







THANK YOU

Do you have any questions?

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Materials and Methods





- Garlic powder (Cultivar: Thermodrome)
- Add to sterile distilled water
- Vortex: 25 seconds
- Light shaking: 8 minutes
- Still: 2 minutes
- Centrifuge at 10000 rpm: 5 minutes
- Supernatant filter sterilized by 0.22um filters
- Supplement to media at;
 - G1: 0.25% G2: 0.5%
 - G3: 1%

Preparation of Turmeric and Green tea supplements



Dissolved in MRS broth at; CUR1: 0.06%

CUR2: 0.1%

CUR3: 0.6%

Filter sterilized • by 0.22um filters

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Spot overlay assays





Incubate at 37°C for 16 hours aerobically Measure the zone of inhibition around the spots

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Well diffusion assays – Anti-Campylobacter





Co-aggregation assay

Grow each probiotic in MRS broth media at 37°C for 20 hours aerobically)



Grow Salmonella typhimurium in BHI broth media at 37°C for 16 hours aerobically

Wash the pellet two times and re-suspend in PBS

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Centrifuge at 4000rpm for 15 minutes at 4°C Discard the supernatant



- Transfer 250µl of each probiotic suspension and 250ul of *Salmonella* suspension to each well
- Incubate at 37°C for 20 hours aerobically
- Measure the OD600 (Optical density at 600nm)

Where;

 $A_{mix} = OD_{600}$ of mixture of probiotic and *Salmonella* suspensions

 $A_{prob} = OD_{600}$ of probiotic suspension alone

 $A_{sal} = OD_{600}$ of *Salmonella* suspension alone

Co-culture assay







Co-culture assay - with plant extracts



Grow Salmonella typhimurium in Grow the probiotic in MRS broth media BHI broth media (at 37°C for 20 hours aerobically) (at 37°C for 16 hours aerobically) 100ul Salmonella culture **100** probiotic culture Prepare 1:1 mixture of double strength MRS and BHI broth media Supplement with plant extracts (in desired concentration) Grow the inoculated coculture at 37°C for 24 hours aerobically Selective enumeration of Salmonella count at different time points using Salmonella chromogen selective agar

Scientific problem





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