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Fowl cholera is one of the diseases that cause economic losses in poultry farms. It is caused by *Pasteurella multocida* serotype A in chickens but in ducks, it is caused by *Riemerella anatipestifer* or *P. multocida* serotype A or both. *P. multocida* serotype A:1 is highly virulent and is the common cause of the disease. Commercial vaccine is available for control but the vaccine provides homologous protection with limited cross-protection. Therefore, this study was conducted to identify suitable vaccine candidate for development of an improved vaccine against avian pasteurellosis. The study concentrated on the outer membrane proteins (OMPs) since OMPs play key roles in disease pathogenesis as well as in inducing immunity.

Characterisation study on the OMPs of the various isolates of *P. multocida* serotypes A:1, A:3, A:1,3 and *R. anatipestifer* revealed that the major protein of *P. multocida* was 36 kDa while *R. anatipestifer* was 34.5 kDa. There were some differences among the OMPs

of different serotypes of *P. multocida*, particularly in the minor bands where *P. multocida* serotype A:1,3 had more bands than other serotypes. Western blotting and immune-detection using antisera of rabbit against OMP 36 kDa and whole cell of *P. multocida* serotype A:1, revealed that the 36 kDa OMP of all serotypes of *P. multocida* and the 34.5 kDa OMP of *R. anatipestifer* appeared thick and dense. However, the 36 kDa OMP of *P. multocida* serotype A:1 appeared antigenic and provided cross-reaction with *P. multocida* serotypes A:3, A:1,3 and against *R. anatipestifer*.

Therefore, the gene encoding 36 kDa OMP of *P. multocida* serotype A:1 was amplified by PCR before it was cloned in pET32 KL/LIC vector. The recombinant was successfully transformed into *Escherichia coli* Nova Blue strain as cloning host. Furthermore, the product was successfully sequenced and transformed into *E. coli* strain BL21 (DE3) and Origami2 (DE3) as expression host cells, revealing a single band of 1250 bp that consisted of 1050 bp gene insert and 200 bp pET32 vector. The sequence showed 100% homology to *OMPH* gene of *P. multocida* serotype A:1 and 99% to OMP H gene of *P. multocida* strain 18 and the OMP H of *P. multocida* subsp *gallicida*. The expressed protein was successfully verified by SDS-PAGE revealing the expected 40 kDa band.

The recombinant of *OMP*₃₆ gene was eventually prepared as killed bacteria or inoculums and injected intramuscularly into chickens and ducks before being challenged. The chickens and ducks received 0.5 mL of the inoculums containing 1.2×10^7 CFU/mL. Following inoculation, antibody started to increase at week 1 and continued to increase after booster vaccination and reached peak at week 4 for both recombinant and

commercial vaccines although the recombinant stimulated higher level of antibody compared to the commercial vaccine. Following challenge, the recombinant vaccine provided excellent protection homologous (21/25; 84%) and cross-protection against *P. multocida* serotype A:1,3 (23/25; 92%) but provided low cross-protection against *P. multocida* serotype A:3 (11/25; 44%) in chickens. In ducks, the recombinant provided moderate protection (14/25; 56%) compared to the excellent protection provided by the commercial vaccine (23/25; 92%).

In conclusion, the recombinant vaccine generally provided better protection against the various serotypes of *P. multocida* than the commercial vaccine in chickens but less protection in ducks compared to the commercial vaccine.

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Pasteurella multocida JENIS A:1 MEMBERI PERLINDUNGAN TERHADAP
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Kolera pada ayam dan sejenisnya adalah penyakit yang merugikan dari segi ekonomi peternakan ayam, punca penyakit kolera pada ayam dan itik disebabkan oleh *Pasteurella multocida* jenis A tetapi pada itik boleh disebabkan oleh *P. multocida* jenis A atau *Riemerella anatipestifer* atau keduanya. Vaksinasi pada penyakit ini telah dipraktikkan secara meluas tetapi nilai keupayaan dari segi perlindungan masih belum memuaskan. Dalam usaha untuk memperbaiki keberkesanan vaksin, telah dikaji bahawa protin selaput luar adalah calon yang khasnya menarik untuk pembangunan rekombinan vaksin kerana protin selaput luar adalah kukuh dari segi keimmunogenannya dan seterusnya kajian ditujukan pada keupayaan dan kapasiti perlindungan rekombinan protin selaput luar pada ayam dan itik

Gambaran protin dan keantigenan pada isolat tempatan *P. multocida* telah menunjukkan kehadiran protin 36 kDa, yang mana 36 kDa ini diidentitikan sebagai protin yang besar dengan menggunakan "SDS-PAGE". Seterusnya, tempelan imun menggunakan samada serum arnab yang dibangkitkan pada jalur protin 36 kDa atau sel utuh *P. multocida* jenis A:1 menunjukkan bahawa kedua-dua serum didapati bertindakbalas dengan protin 36 kDa *P. multocida* A:1, A:3, A:1,3 dan dengan protin 34.5 kDa *R. anatipestifer*. Penemuan

ini mencadangkan bahawa protin selaput luar 36 kDa adalah antigenik, dan boleh merangsang penghasilan antibodi dari pada haiwan.

Klon protin selaput luar 36 kDa ke pET32 vektor telah berjaya, ditunjukkan adanya penggandaan DNA dengan berat molekul 1250 bp yang terdiri 1050 bp berasal dari protin 36 kDa gen dan 200 bp berasal dari gen vektor. Seterusnya klon ditransformasi ke *E. coli* jenis Nova Blue dan seterusnya dilakukan transformasi ke *E. coli* jenis BL21 dan Origami 2, juga dilakukan analisis jujukan gen. Analisis jujukan DNA menunjukkan jujukan gen yang terlibat berada pada kedudukan yang betul di dalam vektor. Ia mengesahkan bahawa gen yang terlibat adalah gen dari protin selaput luar 36 kDa *P. multocida* jenis A:1 dan mengandungi berat molekul 1050 bp. Analisis jujukan DNA dari gen protin selaput luar 36 kDa isolat lokal *P. multocida* jenis A:1 mendedahkan persamaan 100% dengan *P. multocida* jenis A:1, 99% dengan protin selaput luar H gen *P. multocida* strain 18 dan protin selaput luar H gen *P. multocida* subsp *gallicida*. Dalam proses membangunkan sel rekombinan vaksin yang telah mengekspresikan protin, dianalisis menggunakan teknik “SDS-PAGE” dan pemblotan Western, mendedahkan bahawa protin lakuran pET32/LIC-36 kDa yang diekspresikan adalah lebih kurang 40 kDa terdiri 36 kDa adalah protin selaput luar dan 4 kDa dari pET32 vector selepas pengesanan menggunakan antibodi monoklon, His.Tag. Keputusan menunjukkan kejayaan dalam mengekspresikan gen selaput luar 36 kDa *P. multocida* jenis A;1

Kajian seterusnya adalah untuk menentukan paras antibodi dan perlindungan dari pada ayam dan itik dengan menggunakan rekombinan yang mengekspresikan protin selaput luar 36 kDa *P. multocida* jenis A:1 yang antigenik dan tidak aktif melalui suntikan dalam daging dengan takaran 0.5 mL yang mengandungi 10^7 CFU/mL. Secara keseluruhannya, didapati bahawa ayam dan itik yang diberi suntikan dengan rekombinan, telah membina paras antibodi IgG yang kuat dan meningkat secara bermakna ($p < 0.05$) dalam serum apabila dibandingkan dengan ayam dan itik dari kumpulan yang tidak diberi suntikan. Pada awal minggu pertama selepas vaksinasi menunjukkan paras antibodi yang semakin meningkat pada minggu ke-2 selepas pemberian suntikan dan pengeluaran antibodi kekal meningkat secara yakin pada minggu ke-2 seterusnya iaitu minggu ke-3 dan minggu ke-4

selepas pemberian suntikan. Peningkatan paras antibodi, menunjukkan bahwa rekombinan yang digunakan di dalam percubaan ini telah merangsang penghasilan antibodi yang kuat ($p < 0.05$) apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan ayam dan itik yang diberi vaksin *E. coli* dan kumpulan yang tidak diberi suntikan (kontrol). Pada cabaran keupayaan dengan menggunakan organisma hidup *P. multocida* A:1, A:3 dan A:1,3, kelompok ayam yang diberi suntikan dengan rekombinan memberikan perlindungan yang kuat ($p < 0.05$) apabila dibandingkan dengan kelompok yang lain, sedangkan pada kelompok itik yang divaksin dengan rekombinan vaksin memberikan perlindungan terhadap cabaran keupayaan dengan organisma hidup campuran *P. multocida* jenis A:1 dengan *R. anatipestifer* yang cukup kuat ($p < 0.05$) apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan itik yang diberi suntikan *E. coli* atau itik daripada kumpulan kontrol, tetapi lebih rendah apabila dibandingkan kumpulan itik yang diberi vaksin komersil.

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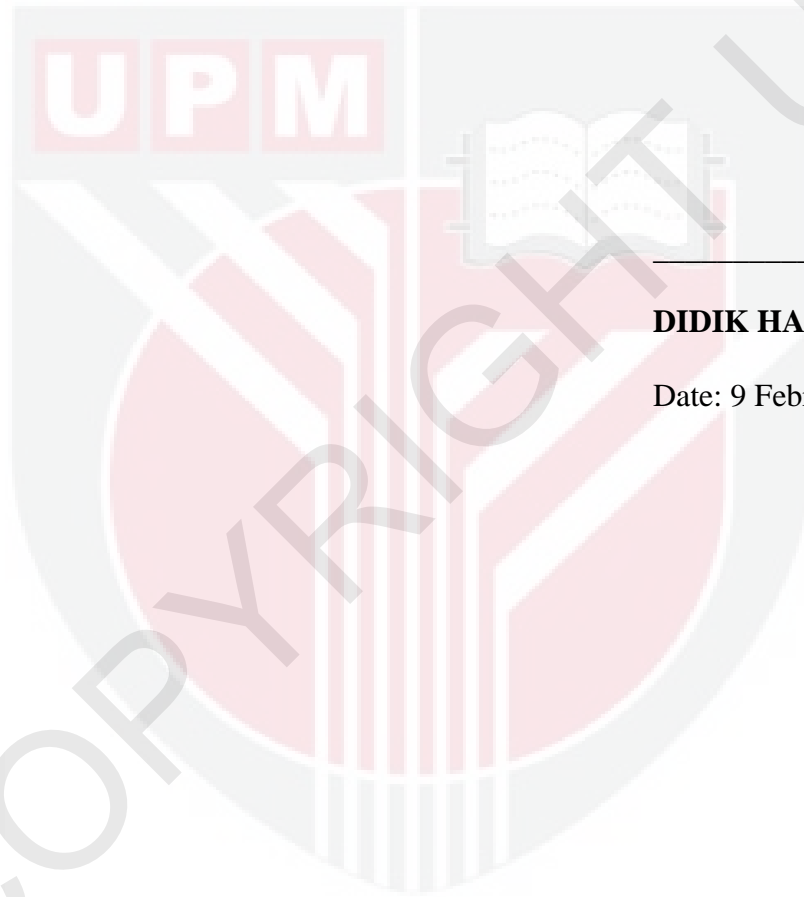
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

%	Percentage
β	Beta
λ	Lambda
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	degree celcius
μg	Microgram
μl	Microliter
μm	Micronmeter
μM	Micromolar
Amp ^R	ampicillin resistance
APS	ammonium persulfate
BLAST	basic local alignment search tool
BHI	brain heart infusion
bp	base pair
BSA	bovine serum albumin
cfu	colony forming unit
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	deoxynucleotide triphosphate
DTT	Dithiothreitol
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
EDTA	Ethylene-diamine-tetraacetic acid (disodium salt)

ELISA	enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
G	Gram
H ₂ O	Water
HS	haemorrhagic septicaemia
i.e.	in example
IgG	immunoglobulin G
<i>in vitro</i>	in an experimental situation outside the organism..
<i>in vivo</i>	in a living cell or organism
IPTG	isopropyl-β-D-thiogalacosidase
IROMP	iron regulated outer membrane protein
kb	kilobase pair
kDa	kilo Dalton
LB	luria-bertani
LPS	Lipopolysaccharide
L	Liter
M	Molar
mM	mili molar
mA	Miliampere
mAB	monoclonal antibody
MCS	multiple cloning site
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride
mg	Milligram
Min	Minutes

mL	Milliliter
mm	Milimeter
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride
mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
MW	molecular weight
Na ₂ HPO ₄	di-sodium hydrogen phosphate
NaCl	sodium chloride
NaH ₂ PO ₄	sodium di-hydrogen phosphate
NaOH	sodium hydrogen peroxide
ng	nanogram
nm	Nanometer
OD	optical density
OMP	outer membrane protein
<i>ori</i>	Origin
PBS	phosphate buffer saline
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
pH	puissance hydrogen (Hydrogen-ion concentration)
<i>P. multocida</i>	<i>Pasteurella multocida</i>
pmol	pico-mol
PVDF	polyvinyl difluoride
<i>R. anatipestifer</i>	<i>Riemerella anatipestifer</i>
RBS	ribosome binding site
rpm	rotation per minute

RE	restriction enzyme
RT	room temperature
s	seconds
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulphate
SDS-PAGE	Sodiumdodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
<i>Taq</i>	<i>Thermus aquaticus</i> YT-1
TBE	tris-boric EDTA
Tbp	transferrin binding protein
TBS	Tris-buffer saline
TE	Tris-EDTA
TEMED	<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethylethylene diamine
T _M	melting temperature
Tris-HCl	tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane hydrochloride
U	Unit
UV	ultra-violet
V	voltan/volt
v/v	volume per volume
w/v	weight per volume

Amino acid	Single/Three letter	Amino Acid Code
Alanine	A	Ala
Arginine	R	Arg
Asparagine	N	Asn

Aspartic Acid	D	Asp
Glutamine	Q	Gln
Glutamic acid	E	Glu
Glycine	G	Gly
Isoleucine	I	Ile
Leucine	L	Leu
Lysine	K	Lys
Methionine	M	Met
Phenylalanine	F	Phe
Proline	P	Pro
Serine	S	Ser
Threonine	T	Thr
Tryptophan	W	Trp
Valine	V	Val

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Pasteurella multocida causes a wide range of diseases in animals such as haemorrhagic septicemia in cattle and buffalo, atrophic rhinitis in pigs, pneumonia in sheep and goat, snuffles in rabbits and fowl cholera in avian, including in chickens and ducks. Fowl cholera in chickens is caused particularly by *P. multocida* serotype A but pasteurellosis in duck is caused either *P. multocida* serotype A or *P. anatipestifer* (*Riemerella anatipestifer*) or both (Adlam and Rutter, 1989). Pasteurellosis in chickens and ducks causes great economic losses to poultry and duck industries through decrease in egg production between 10% to 40% and high mortality, usually between 23% and 60% and occasionally over 90% (Partadireja *et al.*, 1979; Glunder and Hinz, 1989).

P. multocida type A that causes pasteurellosis in chickens involves several serotypes, which include A:1; A:3; A:1,3; A:3,4; A:4 and A:9. However, studies revealed that serotype A:1 is the most virulent and most common cause of the disease (Curtis, 1979). Other than *P. multocida* type A, *P. multocida* types B, D and F have also been isolated from chickens, but they are less associated with the disease (Rimler and Rhoades, 1989).

Based on the 16S ribosomal primers, *P. multocida* can be differentiated into 5 groups known as Group A, B, D, E and F. Group A has prominent 1044 base pairs (bp) band, Group B with 760 bp, Group D with 657 bp, Group E with 511 bp and Group F with 854 bp (Townsend *et al.*, 2001; Shivachandra *et al.*, 2006). For serotype B2, Townsend *et al.*

(2001) revealed the 460 bp and 512 bp bands. Based on *Enterobacter Repetitive Intergenic Consensus* (ERIC) primers, *R. anatipestifer* showed band of approximately 670 bp – 700 bp (Kardos *et al.*, 2006).

Currently, control of pasteurellosis is by vaccination. The commercially available vaccines against *P. multocida* are made of whole bacteria, known as bacterins, killed vaccine prepared either by using high temperature such as 100°C for 30 minutes or 60-80°C for 1 hour or by using chemicals such as 0.5% formalin or 0.5% phenol. The vaccine is usually administered by injection, inducing antibody with limited cross-protection against heterologous *P. multocida* strains and short duration of protection. Later, improved vaccines were prepared from micro-organisms grown *in vivo*, particularly in embryonic eggs (Mariana and Hirst, 2000) before alum precipitation or gel alum precipitation vaccines were prepared. These vaccines provided protection for up to 6 months with cross-protection against heterologous *P. multocida* strains (Adlam and Rutter, 1989).

In recent years, experimental vaccines were prepared using parts of the cells of *P. multocida* such as lipopolysaccharide, ribosome, capsular, outer membrane proteins and the others part of the bacterium. These vaccines are known as the sub-unit vaccines.

Among the most commonly studied parts is the outer membrane protein (OMP), considered a potent vaccine candidate. This is because OMP is part of the cell wall of bacteria that is exposed to the environment, enabling it to induce strong protective immunity in poultry and other animals (Lu *et al.*, 1991a; Lu *et al.*, 1991b; Zhao *et al.*,

1995; Ruffolo *et al.*, 1996). The most recent method of vaccine preparation is the incorporation of the outer membrane protein gene into non-pathogenic bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, known as recombinant vaccine (Manoha *et al.*, 1993).

1.1. The objectives of this study were:

1. to determine the antigenicity and cross-reactivity of 36 kDa OMP of *P. multocida* serotypes A:1, A:3, A:1,3 and *R. anatipestifer*.
2. to clone, sequence and express the *OMP₃₆* gene of *P. multocida* serotype A:1 as a recombinant (rOMP36) vaccine material.
3. to determine the efficacy of the newly recombinant (rOMP36) vaccine against pasteurellosis of chickens and ducks.

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