Biological Effects of a Carbohydrate-Binding Protein from an Annelid, Perinereis nuntia Against Human and Phytopathogenic Microorganisms

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Abstract—Lectins have a good scope in current clinical microbiology research. In the present study evaluated the antimicrobial activities of a D-galactose binding lectin (PnL) purified from the annelid, Perinereis nuntia (polychaeta) by affinity chromatography. The molecular mass of the lectin was determined to be 32 kDa as a single polypeptide by SDS-PAGE under both reducing and non-reducing conditions. The hemagglutinating activity of the PnL showed against trypsinized and glutaraldehyde-fixed human erythrocytes was specifically inhibited by D-Gal, GalNAc, Galβ1-4Glc and Galα1-6Glc. PnL was evaluated for in vitro antibacterial screening studies against 11 gram-positive and gram-negative microorganisms. From the screening results, it was revealed that PnL exhibited significant antibacterial activity against gram-positive bacteria. Bacillus megaterium showed the highest growth inhibition by the lectin (250 µg/disc). However, PnL did not inhibit the growth of gram-negative bacteria such as Vibrio cholerae and Pseudomonas sp. PnL was also examined for in vitro antifungal activity against six fungal phytopathogens. PnL (100 µg/mL) inhibited the mycelial growth of Alternaria alternata (24.4%). These results indicate that future findings of lectin applications obtained from annelids may be of importance to life sciences.

Keywords—Perinereis nuntia, Lectin, Inhibition zone, Mycelial growth.

I. INTRODUCTION

CARBOHYDRATE binding proteins (lectins) have ability to agglutinate erythrocytes, other normal and cancer cells and microorganisms. Lectins can be found in all kingdoms of organisms from viruses through bacteria and plants to higher animals. Lectins bind monosaccharides, oligosaccharides and glycoproteins reversibly and with high specificity. Each lectin molecule typically contains two or more carbohydrate-combining sites which are usually di- or polyanvalent. When lectins interact with carbohydrates, they cross-link the glycoproteins and cause subsequent precipitation or agglutination [1]. In invertebrates, lectins have been suggested to participate in the innate immune response by inducing bacterial agglutination or by acting as opsonins to enhance phagocytosis by coelomocytes [2]. Besides their roles in cell recognition and host defense, lectins have been used as probes to determine the sugar composition of glycan and glycoconjugates such as bacterial lipopolysaccharides, cell surface glycoproteins and glycolipids [3]. Cell lysates and cell-free plasma of several invertebrates also expressed antibacterial activity, though the activity of the latter may be possible due to small antimicrobial proteins [4]. These results strongly support the contention that invertebrates possess ‘immune-like’ defense mechanisms.

Annelida comprises an ancient and ecologically important animal phylum with over 15,600 described species and members are the dominant macrofauna of the deep sea. Traditionally, two major classes are distinguished: Polychaeta (marine worms) and Clitellata (earthworms, leeches). Polychaeta is a large class in phylum annelid. They have well developed organs such as sensory nervous system, muscled body wall, and gut. In recent years, marine organisms have become attractive for lectinologists as new origins and sources of unusual lectins. A number of lectins which recognize D-galactose, N-acetyl-D-galactosamine, and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine are isolated from annelids [5-11]. Lectins have attracted the attention of numerous researchers by virtue of the potentially exploitable activities that they manifest including anti-proliferative, antitumor, immunomodulatory [12-14], antifungal [15], antiviral [16] and anti-insect [17] activities.

Gram-positive bacteria are those that are stained blue or violet by gram staining. This is in contrast to gram-negative bacteria, which cannot retain the crystal violet stain, instead taking up the counterstain (safranin) and appearing red or pink. Gram-positive organisms are able to retain the crystal violet stain because of the high amount of peptidoglycan in the cell.

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wall. Gram-positive cell walls typically lack the outer membrane found in gram-negative bacteria. The cell wall of virtually all bacteria consists of a rigid peptidoglycan layer that is either overlaid by an outer lipopolysaccharide (LPS) layer in gram-negative bacteria or remains exposed on the surface of gram-positive bacteria. Peptidoglycan is a polymer of alternating N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc or NAG) and N-acetylmuramic acid (NAM) units connected by short pentapeptides. The β-1,4-glycosidic bond of the N-acetylglucosamine, N-acetylmuramic acid peptidoglycan backbone can be hydrolyzed by lysozyme (muramidase; muramidopeptidase N-acetylmuramoylhydrolase), a ubiquitous enzyme involved in innate immune reaction of numerous animal species, including annelids [18, 19]. It has been reported that many lectins from marine invertebrates show antibacterial activity. The lectin from the horse mussel M. modiolus [20] exhibited strong antibacterial activity against tested vibrio strains. The gigalin H and gigalin E lectins from oyster, Crassostrea gigas acted as opsonins to stimulate in vitro phagocytosis of the marine bacterium Vibrio anguillarum [21]. T-antigen binding lectin purified from sea cucumber showed broad spectrum antibacterial activity against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria [22]. A novel antibacterial peptide was purified from the earthworm, Eisenia fetida [23]. On the other hand, a 10 kDa cadmium-binding protein was purified from the coelomic fluid of polychaeta, Nereis diversicolor and it showed antibacterial activity against Escherichia coli [24]. The antimicrobial peptide, hedistin was also purified from the same species and possessed activity against a large spectrum of bacteria including Staphylococcus aureus and Vibrio algimolyticus [25]. Lectins from the marine cyanobacterium, Oscillatoria agarthidi also showed strong anti-human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) activity [26]. In a similar way, two polychaeta lectins from Chaetopteridae and Sabellidae inhibited the syncytium formation of HIV-1 infected C8166 cells [7, 8]. They are a 30 kDa polypeptide recognizing D-galactose and disulfide-bounded quarterner consisting of 12.7 kDa polypeptides recognized N-acetyl-D-galactosamine, respectively.

Perinereis nuntia (Family: Nereididae) lives in the sand of tidal zones and the sandy bottom of shallow sea throughout Japan, Micronesia, and Australia. A variation, vallata reproduces at the tideland. P. nuntia var. vallata are artificially bred in Japan as fish feed. We previously determined the primary structure of PnL from P. nuntia var. vallata and evaluated its glycan-binding properties by frontal affinity chromatography [27]. Herein we report on our evaluation of the antibacterial and antifungal activities of PnL against some human- and phytopathogens.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Materials

A lactosyl-agarose column was purchased from Seikagaku Kogyo Co. Ltd., Japan. A standard protein marker mixture (Daiichi-III) for SDS-PAGE was purchased from Daiichi Pure Chem. Co. Ltd., Japan. A bicinechonic acid (BCA) kit was purchased from Pierce Co. Ltd., USA. Superdex 75, Sephadex G-75 were obtained from GE Healthrace, USA. Agar, dextrose, peptone, beef extract were purchased from Merck Ltd., India and BDH Ltd., Bangladesh and were of the highest purity grade. The marine worm P. nuntia was supplied from a fishing shop in Yokohama City, Japan. Worms were stored at -80°C or used after collection according to the situation.

B. Affinity Purification of Lectin (PnL)

PnL, D-galactose specific lectin was purified from the marine worm Perinereis nuntia by affinity column chromatography [27]. Briefly, two hundred grams (wet weight) of worms were disrupted to paste with a razor blade and homogenized with 10 volumes (w/v) of Tris-buffered saline (TBS) (10 mM Tris(hydroxymethyl) amino methane-HCl, pH 7.4, containing 150 mM NaCl) containing 2 mM of a protease inhibitor mixture. The homogenates were centrifuged at 14,720 g in 500-mL centrifuge bottles for 1 h at 4°C with a Suprema 21 centrifuge equipped with an NA-18HS rotor (TOMY Co. Ltd., Japan). The crude supernatant was centrifuged again at 27,500 g for 1 h at 4°C and the precipitate was homogenated again with 3 volumes (w/v) of TBS (TBS containing 10 mM EDTA) containing 50 mM galactose for over night at 4°C. It was centrifuged at 27,500 g for 1 h at 4°C and the supernatant was dialyzed against TBS till free from galactose. The crude supernatant was applied to an affinity column of lactosyl-agarose (10 mL) being fitted with a Sephadex G-75 pre-column (5 mL). After applying the extracts, the lactosyl-agarose column was extensively washed with TBS. The lectin was eluted with 50 mM galactose in TBS and 1 mL fractions were collected by an auto-fraction collector. Each chromatography step during washing and elution was monitored using a UV monitor (ATTO Co. Ltd., Japan) by the measurement of the absorbance at 280 nm.

C. Hemagglutinating Activity

The hemagglutination assay was performed using 1% (w/v) trypsinized and 0.25% glutaraldehyde-fixed rabbit and human erythrocytes as described previously [28]. Erythrocytes were suspended at a concentration of 1% (w/v) in TBS. In the general assay, 20 μL each of TBS, TBS containing 1% Triton X-100, and erythrocytes were added to 20 μL of the two times-serially-diluted lectin with TBS in 96 well V-shape titer plates for 1 h. The hemagglutination activity of the lectin was expressed as the titer defined as the reciprocal of the highest dilution giving positive hemagglutination. To determine the sugar binding specificity of the lectin, 20 μL of each of the sugar (200 mM) and the glycoprotein (5 mg/mL) was serially diluted with TBS and added to lectin with the titer of 16, 1% Triton X-100, and erythrocytes in 96 well V-shape titer plates for 1 h incubation. The minimum inhibitory sugar
concentration against the lectin was expressed as negative activity.

D. Electrophoresis

The molecular mass of the polypeptide was determined by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). Purified lectin was mixed with an equal amount of sample buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8; 0.2% SDS, and 20% glycerol) and then heated at 70°C for 15 min. Aliquots of 30 µL were applied to the well of a mini-slab gel (gel size: 80 mm × 100 mm with 1 mm thickness; 12% and 5% polyacrylamide were used in separation and upper gels, respectively, constant current at 30 mA for 1 h) according to a previous report [29]. The following polypeptides were used as molecular mass markers; phosphorylase b (M, 94 kDa), bovine serum albumin (M, 66 kDa), ovalbumin (M, 42 kDa), carbonic anhydrase (M, 30 kDa), trypsin inhibitor (M, 20 kDa), and lysozyme (M, 14 kDa). After SDS-PAGE, the gel was stained with 0.1% (w/v) Coomassie Brilliant Blue (CBB) R-250 in 40% (v/v) and 10% acetic acid (v/v) followed by discoloration by excessive staining with 40% methanol and 10% acetic acid.

E. Gel Permeation Chromatography

The purified lectin was dissolved in 2.5% glycerol and subjected to gel permeation chromatography (GPC) utilizing a Superdex 75 column (1.0 × 65 cm) connected to an FPLC system (GE Healthcare, USA) in the presence of 50 mM galactose containing TBS. The elution time of the lectin from the column was detected by UV at an absorbance of 280 nm. Bovine serum albumin (66 kDa), ovalbumin (43 kDa), carbonic anhydrase (30 kDa) and myoglobin (17 kDa) were used as standard molecular marker.

F. Protein Content

Protein concentrations were determined using BCA protein assay kit [30, 31] with bovine serum albumin as the standard by measuring absorbance at 562 nm with spectrophotometer ND-1000 (Nano Drop Tech. Inc., USA).

G. Microorganisms

The bacterial and fungal strains used in this study were obtained from the Microbiology Laboratory, Department of Microbiology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Gram-positive bacterial strains were Bacillus subtilis BTCC 17, Bacillus cereus BTCC 19, Bacillus megaterium BTCC 18 and Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 6538 and Gram-negative bacterial strains were Salmonella typhi AE 14612, Salmonella paratyphi AE 146313, Shigella dysenteriae AE 14396, Shigella sonnei CRL (ICDDR,B), Escherichia coli ATCC 25922, Vibrio cholerae (CRL (ICDDR,B) and Pseudomonas sp. CRL (ICDDR,B). The fungal pathogens were Alternaria alternata (Fr.) Kedissler, Botryodiplodia theobromae Pat., Curvularia lunata (Wakker) Boedijn, Colletotrichum corcoci Ikata (Yoshida), Fusarium equiseti (Corda) Sacc., and Macrophomina phaseolina (Tassi) Goid.

H. Medium and Culture

Standard NA medium was used for growing bacterial strains throughout the work. A 20 g of agar powder, 5 g of peptone, 3 g of beef extract and 0.5 g of NaCl was added slowly to 1000 mL water and the solution was mixed thoroughly with a glass rod. After 10 minutes of boiling, the medium was transferred into 500 mL conical flask and flask was closed with a cotton plug. The medium was autoclaved for 15 minutes at 121°C and 15 psi and ready to use bacterial culture. Older cultures were transferred to freshly prepared NA slants separately for each species via sterilized bacterial loop. In such a way, four test tubes were freshly prepared for each bacterial pathogen. These test tubes of inoculated slants were incubated at 35±2°C in incubator for 18-24 hours and each culture was used throughout for antibacterial screening studies. For preservation of the stock culture, one set of culture slants were kept in polythene bag, properly tied and preserved at 10°C.

I. Growth Inhibition Assay by Human Pathogens

The in vitro growth inhibition assay against bacteria by Plk was carried out by the disc diffusion method [32]. In this method sterilized paper discs of 4 mm in diameter and petridishes of 150 mm in diameter were used throughout the experiment. The autoclaved Mueller-Hinton agar medium, cooled to 45°C, was poured into sterilized petridishes to a depth of 3 to 4 mm and after solidification of the agar medium; the plates were transferred to an incubator at 37°C for 15 to 20 minutes to dry off the moisture that develops on the agar surface. The plates were inoculated with the standard bacterial suspensions (as of McFarland 0.5 standard) by help of sterilized glass and allowed to dry for three to five minutes. Dried and sterilized filter paper discs were treated separately with 20µL (250 µg/disc) from 5% PBS solution of lectin using a micropipette, dried in air under aseptic condition and were placed at equidistance in a circle on the seeded plate. A control plate was also maintained in each case without any test material. These plates were kept for 4-6 hours at low temperature and the test materials diffused from disc to the surrounding medium by this time. The plates were then incubated at 35±2°C for 24 hours to allow maximum growth of the organisms. The antibacterial activity of the test agent was determined by measuring the mean diameter of zone of inhibitions in millimeter. Each experiment was repeated thrice. Galactose was used as negative control. All the results were compared with the standard antibacterial antibiotic ampicillin (20 µg/disc), (BEXIMCO Pharma Bangladesh Ltd.).

J. Mycelial Growth Inhibition Assay by Phytopathogens

The in vitro antifungal activity of the annelid lectin was determined by the poisoned food technique [33, 34]. PDA medium was used for the culture of fungi. A required amount of
PDA was taken in conical flasks separately and was sterilized by autoclave (121°C, 15 psi) for 15 minutes. PnL (in PBS solution) was mixed with sterilized melted PDA medium to have 100 µg/mL PDA and this was poured (about 20 mL/plate) in sterilized petridishes. At the center of each plate, 5 days old fungal mycelial block (4 mm in diameter) was inoculated and incubated at 27°C. A control set was also maintained in each experiment. Linear mycelial growth of fungus was measured after 3-5 days of incubation in triplicate. The average of two measurements was taken as mycelial colony diameter of the fungus in mm. All the antifungal results were compared with the standard antifungal antibiotic Nystatin (100 µg/mL PDA). Galactose was used as negative control. The percentage inhibition of radial mycelial growth of the test fungus was calculated as follows:

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\% \text{Inhibition} = \left( \frac{C - T}{C} \right) \times 100
\]

Where, \( C \) = diameter of the fungal colony in the control petridish and \( T \) = diameter of the fungal colony in the treated petridish.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The dialyzed crude supernatant obtained from the precipitate of annelid by homogenizing with 50 mM galactose in TBS showed strong hemagglutinating activity. Since it was inhibited by lactose or galactose in TBS, it was applied on a column showed strong hemagglutinating activity. Since it was inhibited by homogenizing with 50 mM galactose in TBS (arrow). Closed circles show the absorbance at 280 nm. The column bound fractions shown by the bar were collected and designated as purified lectin.

However, the lectin inhibited less, Bacillus cereus and Staphylococcus aureus. On the other hand, PnL did not inhibit growth against gram-negative bacteria and only Salmonella typhi exhibited any sensitivity to the lectin (Table 4). The ampicillin control inhibited growth in all cases. Amongst the gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, gram-positive bacterial strains were more susceptible to the lectin as compared to gram-negative bacteria. They belong to the same genus within Bacillus. The glycomics approach to determine the structure of surface glycans of bacteria will provide us with more useful information to prevent the disease using lectins. The glycan binding profile of PnL has been analyzed by FACT [27] and it specifically recognizes branched complex type N-linked oligosaccharides having lactosamine (Galβ1-4GlcNAc) or sialyllactosamine (Siaα2-3 Galβ1-4GlcNAc) chains which were seen in fetuin and tyroglobulin.

Recently, a lipopolysaccharide-binding lectin purified from seeds of Eugenia uniflora had shown similar antibacterial activity with PnL, as it effectively inhibited the growth against gram-positive bacteria such as Bacillus megaterium [35].

![Fig. 1 Affinity purification of annelid lectin PnL. Dialyzed extraction obtained from galactose/TBS extract of P. nuntia was applied to a lactosyl-agarose column equilibrated with TBS. The column was extensively washed with TBS and the lectin was eluted with 50 mM galactose in TBS (arrow). Closed circles show the absorbance at 280 nm. The column bound fractions shown by the bar were collected and designated as purified lectin.](image-url)

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aTotal activity is shown by Titer × volume.
bSpecific activity was shown by titer/mg of protein.
Additionally, a β-galactoside binding pearl shell lectin purified from the marine bivalve, *Pteria penguin* had shown very similar antibacterial activity with PnL, as it effectively inhibited the growth against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria [36]. Lastly, rhamnose-binding steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) egg lectin inhibited the growth of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria by recognizing lipopolysaccharide or lipoteichoic acid [37] similarly to PnL.

Structural characterization of some lectins raveled the presence of specific binding sites which react with carbohydrate exposed on the surface of microorganisms, making possible the identification of pathogenic bacteria based on the selective agglutination between lectins and bacteria [38, 39]. Lectins are used to analyze carbohydrates presented on the cell walls of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria because they contain various complex carbohydrates containing teichoic acid, peptidoglycan and lipopolysaccharides [40].

**TABLE II**

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*Trypsinzed and glutaraldehyde fixed erythrocytes were used.

**TABLE III**

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<td><em>Staphylococcus aureus</em></td>
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*Standard antibacterial antibiotic, Statistical analysis (RBD) at 1% level, organisms significant (F value 183.5), replica significant (F value 6.95).

Fig. 2 SDS-PAGE pattern of PnL. Crude extract (C) and PnL were subjected onto SDS-PAGE under non-reducing (NR) and reducing (R) conditions. Standard marker proteins (M) were used as follows, phosphorylase b (97 kDa); bovine serum albumin (66 kDa); ovalbumin (42 kDa); carbonic anhydrase (30 kDa); trypsin inhibitor (20 kDa) & lysozyme (14 kDa).

In vitro antifungal activity by PnL was determined against six phytopathogenic fungi with the antifungal antibiotic nystatin as a positive control. Generally, the lectin inhibited less the growth of fungi compared to the tested bacteria. PnL (100 µg/mL in PDA medium) showed significant inhibition (24.4%) of mycelial growth against *Alternaria alternata* among all tested fungi (Table 5). On the other hand, the growth of *Botryodiplodia theobromae*, *Curvularia lunata* and *Colletotrichum corchori* (15.5-9.9%) was moderately inhibited by the lectin. However, the growth of *Fusarium equiseti* was least inhibited by the lectin. On the other hand, *Macrophomina phaseolina* was never inhibited by PnL, though the growth of all the six fungi was totally inhibited by nystatin (100 µg/mL in PDA). A mannose/glucose-binding lectin from red cluster...
pepper (*Capsicum frutescens*) inhibited the growth of two fungi as *Fusarium moniliforme* and *Aspergillus flavus* [41]. And another mannose-binding lectin from *Pisum sativum* seeds lectin had also inhibited *Fusarium oxysporum, Aspergillus flavus* and *Trichoderma viride* fungi [42]. Although the growth inhibition effect by PnL against fungi was significant but not strong, some other glucose-, galactose-, mannose- or fucose-binding lectins from plants had significant antifungal activity as same as PnL [43]. However, since it was not a common activity that lectins inhibit the growth of fungi, the anti-fungal activity by PnL was significant.

During the course of evolution, marine invertebrates have developed defense strategies against various pathogens, firstly bacteria living in the surrounding water and sediment [44].

Reactions against these living pathogens constitutes immune defense. Sessile invertebrates, such as corals, sponges and ascidians are well known to produce an astonishing variety of antimicrobial compounds [45], which help to control bacterial surface colonization [46]. By contrast only a limited number of polychaeta species have been investigated in this respect. The present study has shown that PnL possesses significant antibacterial and antifungal activity against some selected pathogenic microorganisms. Although earlier reports of the antifungal activities of lectins have been published, this is the first time to report on the antibacterial and antifungal activities of *P. nuntia* lectin.

### IV. Conclusion

The present study have shown that PnL possess significant growth inhibition effects against some human and phytopathogens. *Perinereis nuntia* lectin (PnL) was screened for the first time for antimicrobial activities in the literature.

### Appendix

**Abbreviations used:**

PnL: *Perinereis nuntia*; TBS: Tris-buffered saline; PBS: Phosphate buffered saline; SDS-PAGE: Sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis; GPC: Gel permeation chromatography; BCA: Bicinchoninic acid; NA: Nutrient agar; PDA: Potato dextrose agar.

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*Standard antifungal antibiotic, growth measured-radial growth in cm.*


