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## Identification of the Genes Involved in Stationary-Phase Specific Acid Tolerance Response of Salmonella typhimurium

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Salmonella can experience and survive at severe acid stress during its natural or pathogenic life cycle. Entering to stationary growth phase, that organism is much more resistant to acid(1000-fold more than log-phase cell), and has specific acid tolerant system different from log-phase cells'(Foster et al., J. Bacteriol. 176:1422-1426). As part of on going investigation of stationary-phase specific acid resistance, we have searched for spatr mutations in virulent S. typhimurium UK-1 using the MudJ fusion technique and two lethal selection procedures including DNP(dinitrophenol) selection media and microtiter-plate selection method. Five acid sensitive mutations have been identified and designated spatr k1, spatr k2, spatr k3, spatr k4, spatr k5. These mutations removed both stationary-phase acid tolerant effect and stationary-phase specific acid resistance. Most of stationary-phase regulatory genes were tested for participating on stationary-phase acid tolerant response. Non-specific histone like protein, H-NS and stationary-phase specific sigma factor, RpoS showed little contribute to that system at respective single mutation(5-10 fold decrease). But, when both mutations were combined together, no acid resistance was achieved. Futhermore, the acid resistance of hns mutant decreased in direct proportion to the loss of RpoS activity.

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Cloning and Expression ofAnaerobiosisand pH-regulatory Genes, oxrG in Salmonella typhimurium.

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OxrG eliminates log-phase specific acid tolerance response and acts as a positive regulator for three anaerobiosis and low-pH inducible genes(aniC, aniI and aciK), and oxrG was mapped 88min in Salmonella (Foster et al., Microbiology 140 (2):341-352 1994). The transcription of three operon fusions requires tyrosine as a coinducer. By using the library of S. typhimurium chromosomal DNA, we cloned oxrG in about 7.5kb. This recombinant plasmid, pFW53 complemented oxr6-Tn10 mutantion on minimal-tyrosine and rich medium. We amplified and extracted plasmid coded proteins by chloramphenical inhibition method. And the periplasmic portion and cytoplasmic portion of extracted proteins were subjected to SDS-PAGE. Finally, specific band for oxrG was identified in the periplasmic portion, and was strongly induced by tyrosine and anaerobiosis. These results suggest that oxrG acts as a transducer of signals including anaerobiosis and tyrosine in S. typhimurium.