

Studies on the Blood Protein Polymorphisms of Deer: *Cervus nippon*, *Cervus unicolor*

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鹿의 血清蛋白質에 관한 研究

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抄錄: 韓國, 臺灣, 日本에서 飼育하고 있는 꽃사슴(*Cervus nippon*) 129頭와 물사슴(*Cervus unicolor*) 7頭에서 hemoglobin, transferrin, albumin carbonic anhydrase, slow- α_2 및 amylase型을 電氣泳動에 依하여 分析한 結果 다음과 같은 結論을 얻었다.

1. cellulose acetate에 依한 電氣泳動이 starch gel에 依한 電氣泳動보다 hemoglobin型 分離에 있어서 더 간편하며 시간이 적게 걸리고, 鮮明할 뿐만 아니라 永久保存이 可能하다.
2. 꽃사슴의 hemoglobin型은 Hb^F, Hb^{F^S}, Hb^S型으로 分離되었으나 물사슴에 있어서는 全部 Hb^F型으로 나타났다.
3. hemoglobin β chain은 4가지型 즉 β -1, β -2, β -3 및 β -4로 分離되었다.
4. hemoglobin α chain은 α_1 과 $\alpha_1\alpha_2$ 型으로 分離되었다.
5. slow- α_2 型은 A型과 AB型으로 分離되었으며, 꽃사슴에 있어서는 AB型이 12% 出現하였으나 물사슴에서는 全部 A型으로 AB型은 없었다.
6. albumin型에서는 F型과 S型으로 分離되었으며 꽃사슴은 全部 F型이었고, 물사슴은 全部 S型이었다.
7. transferrin型, carbonic anhydrase型 및 amylase型은 全部 各各 1種類의 型이었다.

Introduction

Many investigations have been carried out concerning the blood type, saliva type, and serum type of many animals since Ehrlich and Morgenoth¹⁾ who discovered individual differences in the erythrocytes of cattle and goat.^{1,4,28~45)}

In general it may be said that the modification of soluble protein can be found through electrophoresis, while the antigen of erythrocyte can be found through the discovery of antiserum taking place naturally. If the substitution of amino acid occurs in a protein as a result of mutation, it brings about the changes in the properties of the protein.

These changes influence the patterns of electrophoresis. Many researches⁸⁹⁾ have been conducted on protein polymorphisms and in recent years many studies have been made on the blood proteins such as transferrin (Tf), albumin (Alb), alkaline phosphatase (Akp), amylase (Am) and ceruloplasmin (Cp) of serum, and hemoglobin(Hb) and carbonic anhydrase (Ca) in the erythrocyte of various animals.

However, those of deer have not yet been clarified because of being hard to have the opportunities to obtain them. But lately in the Orient, especially in Korea, Taiwan, China, and the Soviet Union, young antlers of the deer have been consumed as a high-priced herb medicine. Accordingly, a large scale of deer breeding is now forming and attempts are being made to step up the production of young antlers of the deer by means of mixed breeding.

We have established the blood scientific basis by analyzing polymorphisms of the serum proteins and hemoglobin and have acquired a general grasp of the component of genetic characters in the blood of the deer being raised in Korea, Taiwan, and Japan.

Materials and Methods

Blood samples were collected from deer being raised in Korea, Taiwan and Japan (Formosan deer; *Cervus nippon*, Sambar deer; *Cervus unicolor*) as shown in Table 1. The method of analysis of Hb was referred to Lim *et al.*⁸¹⁾, Chernoff and Pettit,⁸⁾ and Shimaoka *et al.*⁴⁰⁾ as shown in Table 2. The analysis of Tf and Alb were done by the method of Abe *et al.*³⁸⁾, Kim,^{24,26)} and Voglino,¹⁹⁾ The method of Ferguson and Wallace¹²⁾ was used in analysing slow-alpha 2 globin and amylase was analyzed by the method of Ashton.²⁾ The analysis of carbonic anhydrase was referred to show and Prasad¹⁶⁾ and Hopkinson *et al.*¹⁴⁾

Results and Discussion

The electrophoretic results of this experiment were shown in Fig. 1,2 and 3 on Hb, in Fig. 4 on Alb, in Fig. 5 on Slow-alpha 2 globin, in Fig. 6 on Tf, in Fig. 7 on Am and in Fig. 8 on CA. The schematic diagrams of electrophoretic patterns of each protein were shown in Fig. 9.

Electrophoretic pattern of the hemoglobin phenotypes was similar to the results obtained by cellulose acetate and starch gel electrophoresis. From the results of scanning (Gelman DCD-16/575nm) of cellulose acetate electrophoresis, S-type is called to be the quantities more than 60% at the slower mobility, F-type to be the quantities more than 80% at the faster mobility, and SF-type is between S-type and F-type.

As shown in Table 3, 44 of 90 Formosan deer in Korea were F-type and all Formosan deer in Taiwan and in Japan were F-type; and one sambar deer in Korea and six in Taiwan also were F-type.

The types of hemoglobin beta-chain were divided into β -1, β -2, β -3 and β -4 as shown in Fig. 9. All types of β -chains were composed of two chains namely the faster and slower one. β -1 was that the faster chain had 60% or more quantities than slower as a result of densitometry(Gelman DCD-16/572nm). β -2 was that the faster chain and the slower had about equally quantities, β -3, the slower chain had the quantities more than 60% with markedly preponderant, and β -4, the slower had the quantities more than 60% with the extensive width.

The hemoglobin S-type was identical to hemoglobin β -3. But the relations between Hb β -chain (β -1, β -2, β -4) and F-type or FS-type were variable. Thus, we consider that the relations ought to be studied in the future.

The hemoglobin alpha-chain, as shown in Fig. 9, had two types:the one (α -1) migrated faster from origin to cathode than the other (α -2), thus there were α_1 type and $\alpha_1\alpha_2$ type. All Formosan deer and Sambar deer in Korea were $\alpha_1\alpha_2$ type, and all deer in Japan and Taiwan were α_1 type. These facts are considered to be the result of the genetic differences between regions.

Albumin type was classified into F and S type;F type was migrated faster and S-type slower. All the Formosan deer(Korea, Japan and Taiwan) were F-type. On the contrary all the Sambar deer were S-type.

On the slow- α_2 , the type which moved fast from origin to anode, was named B-type and slow A-type. B type was not present, but AB type and A

type were present that the present rate is same that as the following Table 3. Among 125 Formosan deer, AB type was 12% (15 deers), while 13 Formosan deer (14.4%) in Korea were AB type. Therefore, Formosan deer in Korea show a higher distribution rate of AB type than those in Japan (5.8%) and Taiwan (5.5%). All the types of transferrin, carbonic anhydrase, and amylase didn't show polymorphisms as shown in Fig. 6, 7, 8 and table 3. Carbonic anhydrase of deer moved more slowly than that of sheep, that is to say, it migrated less from origin.

Conclusion

The studies on phenotypes of hemoglobin, transferrin, albumin, carbonic anhydrase, slow-alpha 2 globin and amylase of 129 Formosan deer and 7 Sambar deer in Korea, Taiwan, and Japan were carried out by electrophoresis. The results obtained were as follows.

1. For the identification of hemoglobin phenotypes, cellulose acetate electrophoresis was simpler and clearer than starch gel electrophoresis. The results obtained from the former method was able to be preserved for a longer time.

2. The Hb phenotypes of Formosan deer, were Hb^F, Hb^{FS} and Hb^S type on the other hand, that of sambar deer was only F type.

3. On hemoglobin β chain, β -1, β -2, β -3, and β -4 type were recognized; and on hemoglobin α chain, α ₁ and α ₁ α ₂ type.

4. Slow- α 2 globin types were A and AB type. On Formosan deer, the frequency of appearance of AB type was 12%, but on Sambar deer, only A type was present.

5. On albumin, F type and S type were clarified;

Table 1. Blood Sampling Places and Number of Individuals Examined

Species \ Area	Korea	Taiwan	Japan	Total
Formosan deer (Cervus nippon)	90	22	17	129
Sambar deer (Cervus unicolor)	1	6	0	7
Total	91	28	17	136

Table 2. List of Blood Proteins Examined

Proteins	Reference
Hemoglobin phenotype (Hb)	Lim and Suzuki (1984)
Hemoglobin- α (Hb- α)	Chernoff and Pettiti (1964)
Hemoglobin- β (Hb- β)	
Serum transferrin (Tf)	Abe et al. (1968)
Serum albumin (Alb)	Voglino, (1969) Abe et al. (1968)
Serum slow- α ₂ -macroglobin (slow- α ₂)	Ferguson and Wallace (1961)
Serum amylase (Amy)	Ashton (1965)
Carbonic anhydrase (CA)	Shaw and Prasad (1970) Hopkinson et al. (1974)

Table 3. Phenotype Frequencies in Deer

Species	Population	No	Hb			Hb- α		Alb		slow- α ₂		Tf	CA	Amy
			F	FS	S	α ₁	α ₁ α ₂	F	S	A	AB			
Formosan deer (Cervus nippon)	Korea	90	44	44	2	0	90	90	77	13	90	90	90	
	Taiwan	22	22			22		*15	**17	**1	**18	**18	**18	
	Japan	17	17			17		17	16	1	17	17	17	
Sambar deer (Cervus unicolor)	Korea	1	1			0	1		1	1		1	1	1
	Taiwan	6	6			6			6	6		6	6	6
Total		136	90	44	2	45	91	122	7	117	15	132	132	132

*The Number of deer was 15. **The Number of deer was 18.

that of Formosan deer was F type and that of Sambar deer, S type.

6. On transferrin, carbonic anhydrase and amylase, no variations were recognized, respectively.

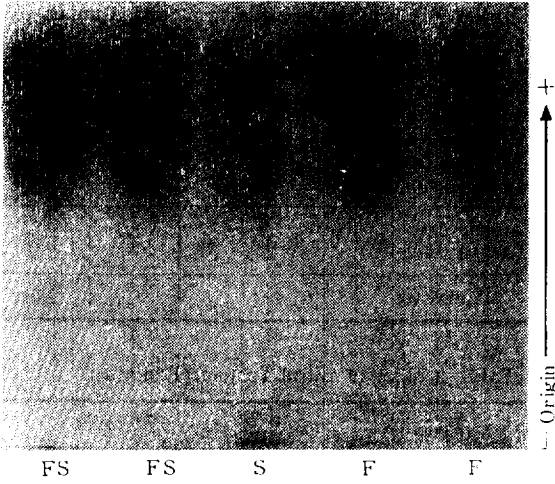


Fig 1. Hemoglobin phenotypes in deer by cellulose acetate electrophoresis.

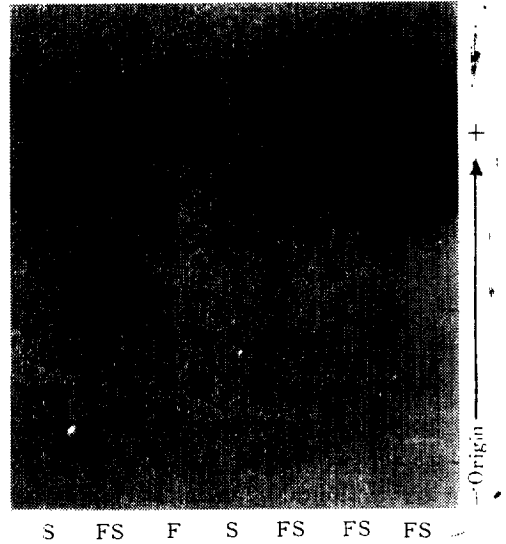


Fig 2. Hemoglobin phenotypes in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.

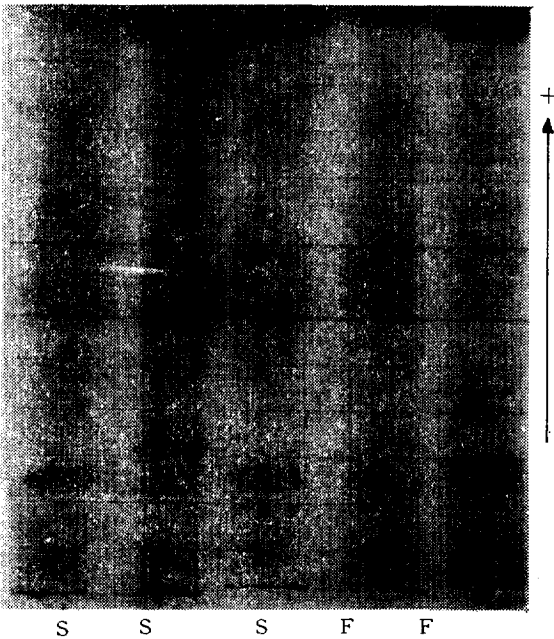


Fig 3. Hemoglobin types in deer by urea gel electrophoresis.

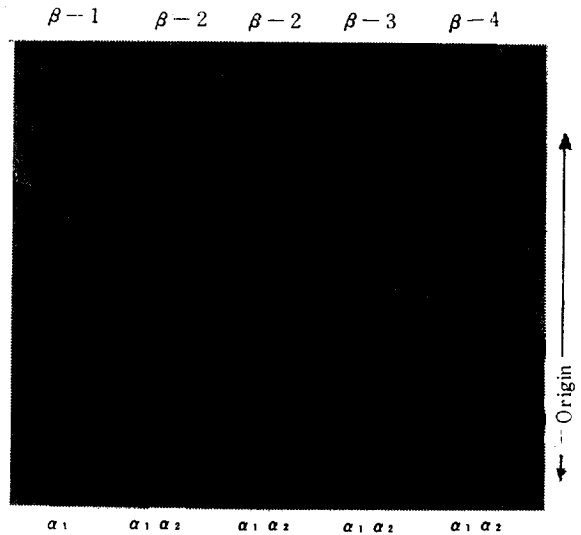


Fig 4. Albumin phenotypes in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.

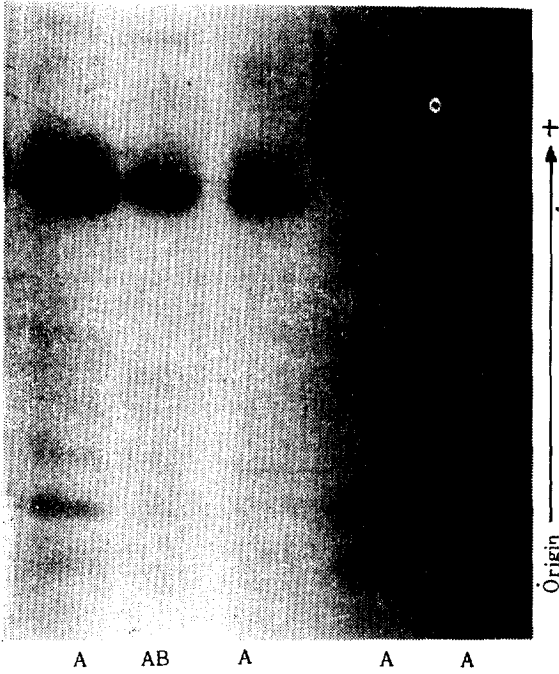


Fig 5. Slow- α_2 globin types in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.

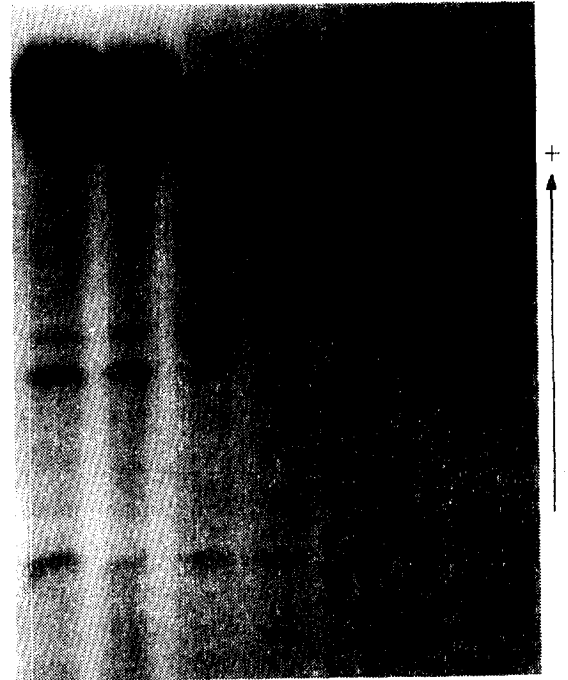


Fig 6. Transferrin phenotype in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.



Fig 7. Amylase type in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.



Fig 8. Carbonic anhydrase type in deer by starch gel electrophoresis.

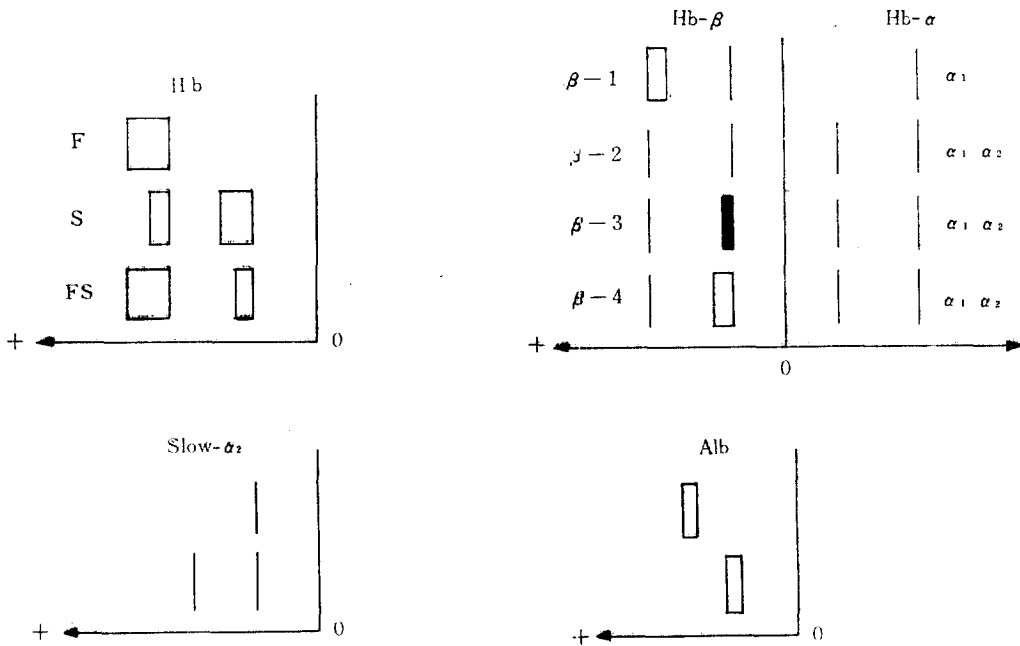


Fig 9. Electrophoretic patterns of blood protein variations in deer.

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