The Effect of Antibiotics and Shampoo on Different Bacterial Species Isolated From Healthy and Diseased Scalp of Humans

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Abstract

 One hundred and ten bacterial isolates were obtained from 66 healthy and 44 diseased scalps from Al-Basrah peoples. 16SrRNA gene sequences identified 79 isolates of 9 species of B. cereus, S. aureus, K. pneumonia, S. pasture, S. epidermidis, E. faecalis, A. bivalvium, P. agglomerns and E. cloacae were shared in both sources, 11 species of P. pennerri, P. septica, S. sonnei, Flavobacterium sp., E. hermmmani, E. faecium, B. tropicus, B. subtilis, B. stutuzeri, A. radioresistens and A. kookiwere were only in diseased scalp comparison with 12 species of B.pumilus, S. warneri, B. altutidinis, S. marcescens, B. enrichment, C. pulveris, E. hermaachi, E. kobei, P. mirabilis, A. baumannii, P. ananatis and P. gavainiae were only in healthy scalps. In general, B. cereus and S. aureus were the most frequent in both sources. However, 9 new global strains were published in National Center for Biotechnology Information and GenBank. The phylogenetic tree showed differences in the 16SrRNA nucleotide sequence between each species isolated from the healthy and diseased scalp. Chemical shampoo appeared to be more effective (1017 colonies) to inhibit the bacteria isolates In vitro than medicated shampoo (1737 colonies). Cefotaxime, Vancomycin, Ciprofloxacin, Tetracycline and Imipenem were the best antibiotics to inhibit the bacterial species. Moreover, Erythromycin, Methicillin and Citizen were more effects

toward healthy than diseased scalp isolates. The antibiotics typing for S. aureus isolates and RAPD test showed no identical strains spreading between both sources except the closely related strains No. 55- S. aureus from a diseased scalp and 83- S. aureus from a healthy scalp.

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1. Introduction

 The human scalp contains diverse bacteria to influence both healthy and diseased scalps [1]. Staphylococcus and Propionibacterium were common scalp commensal microorganisms that are widely known as the cause of scalp disease in humans including common dandruff and seborrheic dermatitis [2]. There were few comprehensive studies on scalp bacteria and the complexity of normal commensal communities of the human scalp [3]. The abscess is a collection of pus that has formed within the body's tissue including scalp [4]. Malassezia and Staphylococcus were immediately inhibited by contact with 1% shampoo, Medicated shampoo is evidently effective against fungi as well as bacteria at all dilution levels revealing that it possessed very good lathering and cleaning ability. [5]. Bacteria isolated from scalp were successfully treated and rapidly cured with the combined topical multiple generations of

antibiotics (first, second, third and fourth generation) of piperacillin, tazobactam, cephalosporins, ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, vancomycin, metronidazole and clindamycin [6]. However, it is important to differentiate between the strains of bacterial species especially when only a specific bacterial strain causes illness or resists to a specific antibiotic [7,8].

 As a result to a large number of recent scalp infections and the difficulty to find appropriate treatment, this study tries to detect the associated bacteria with scalp diseases and their frequency. Furthermore, the suitable antibiotics for bacterial inhibition and the affected shampoo if possible.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Sample collection

 One hundred and ten isolates were collected as 56 from a human healthy scalps and 54 from diseased scalps of clinics outpatients of the government hospitals in Basrah from 10 / 11 / 2020 to 15 / 5 / 2021. All samples were collected by sterile cotton swabs from the scalps and then placed in a falcon tube (Fisher scientific,USA) containing 4 ml of Brain heart infusion broth (Lab, UK) prepared to be a transporting medium, then sent to the laboratory to perform other tests.

2.2 Bacterial isolation and identification

 Each sample was streaked on Brain heart infusion agar and Blood agar (lab, UK) plates, after 37 °C for 24 h. of incubation, cultured on Nutrient agar (Lab, UK) plates at 37 °C for 24 h. The grown colonies were stained with Gram's stain, subsequent for experiments and slants as stocks. 2.3 DNA extraction

After bacterial activated in Brain heart infusion broth and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. the extraction was according to Presto™ Mini gDNA bacteria Kit (Geneaid, Taiwan). The distinguishing of DNA was through the agarose gel electrophoresis prepared by dissolving 0.25 gm of agarose powder in 25 ml of $1\times$ TBE Buffer (1 part of 10 \times TBE to 9 parts of distilled water), heated for boiling on a hot plate until to be a clear mixture, 0.2 μl of ethidium bromide was added. Electrophoresed at 60 V for 30 min.

2.4 Amplification of 16S rDNA and sequencing

 16S rDNA of the bacterial isolate was amplified according to [9]. Universal 16S rDNA primers (Alpha DNA, USA) were: 27 Forward 5'- AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG -3' and 1492 Reverse 5′-GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT-3′. The mixture of PCR reaction contained 25 μl of Go Taq green master mix (Promega, USA), 3 μl (30 ng) of bacterial DNA, 2 μl (20 pmol) of each primer and the volume of the mix was adjusted to 50 μl with sterile water. Amplification was carried out by a Verity thermal cycler (Applied Biosystem, USA) with a program of initial denaturation at 95 °C for 5 min, 35 cycles (denaturation at 95°C for 30 s, annealing at 55°C for 30 s and extension at 72 °C for 1 min) and final extension at 72 °C for 5 min. The amplified PCR bands were detected by electrophoresis at 1500 bp through 1% agarose gel at 60 V for 1 h and visualized under UV light.

 Twenty μl of 16 S rDNA - PCR product of each sample was sent to the Macrogen company of South Korea " http://dna.microgen.com" for sequencing. Bacteria at the species level were identified by BLAST "https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov" [10] after proofreading.

2.5 Phylogenetic tree

 Twenty-six 16S rRNA sequences of 8 different bacterial species (only shared in the healthy and diseased scalp) identified in the present study were compared with 16SrRNA sequences of their reference strains from the GenBank by "CLUSTAL Omega" program https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/ [11]. The phylogenetic tree was accomplished by the MAFFT (Multiple Alignment using Fast Fourier Transform) program [12].

2.6 Effect of shampoo on the bacterial scalp

 Thirty-two different bacterial species were tested for their sensitivity to the 100 % natural medicated shampoo (Herba Sense) and chemical shampoo (Head and shoulders) by procedure modified from [13]. For each shampoo, one colony of each bacterial species was cultured in 2 ml of Brain heart infusion broth at 37 °C for 24 h. A series of dilution (10^{-1} , 10^{-3} , and 10^{-6}) was prepared in sterilized Normal saline (0.9 %). 100 μl of each diluted suspension was transferred to the wall of the microtiter plate of 96 wells (Himedia, India) containing 100 μl of the shampoo. Nevertheless, one well was filled with 200 μl of bacterial suspension of BHIB without shampoo (control positive) and another well was filled with 100 μl of shampoo with 100 μl of Normal saline without bacteria (blank negative). The microtiter plate was incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. 10 μl from each well was spread on the Nutrient agar plate and incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The colonies were calculated.

2.7 Antibiotics sensitivity

Eleven antibiotics disc including Ciprofloxacin (CIP) 5 μg, Tetracycline (TE) 30 μg, Vancomycin (VA) 30 µg, Imipenem (IPM) 10 µg, Clindamycin (DA) 30 µg, Ampicillin (AM) 30 µg, Citizen (CZ) 30 µg, Cefotaxime (CTX) 30 µg, Erythromycin (E) 25 µg and Methicillin (METH) 30 µg (all of Mast diagnostics, UK) were prepared for 96 bacterial isolates using the method of disc diffusion on Muller Hinton agar (Lab, UK) as the information of clinical and laboratory standard institute [14].

2.8 Random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD)

Only seven S. *aureus* (No: 27, 83, 41,42, 43, 55 and 66) having the same congruent results of antibiotics sensitivity were undergo to RAPD technique using three primers (Alpha DNA, USA): OLP13 (5-ACCGCCTGCT-3), OLP6 (5-GAGGGAAGAG-3) and OLP11 (5-CGATGAGCC-3) to find the identical S.aureus strains by the procedure of [15]. The PCR reagent mixture of 25μl containing 1 μl of each primer, 3 μl of DNA template, 2 μl of Go Taq Green master mix (Promega, USA) and 7 μl of Nuclease Free water. The thermocycler (Applied Biosystem, USA) was accomplished with the steps for amplifying by starting with a cycle at 94 °C for 5 min. 40 cycles of 93 °C for 1 min. 37° C for 90 sec. and 72°C for 1 min. Last extension was at 72°C for 7 min. The visible bands were showen by the UV transilluminator during agarose gel electrophoresis. The RAPD phylogenetic tree was accomplished using UPGMA

"www.http://genomes.urv.cat /UPGMA / " to detect the distance between every two bands within the 7 strains [16].

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Bacterial Identification

 One hundred and ten isolates were collected from healthy 66 (60%) and disease 44 (40%), Gr+ ve was 38 (34.5%) and Gr -ve 16 (14.5%) in healthy, while 29 (26.4%) and 13 (11.8%) in disease, respectively. However, $Gr + ve$ and $Gr -ve$ in healthy were higher than in diseased scalp. Therefore, the total isolates in healthy 54 (49%) were higher than diseased scalp 42 (38.2%). all comparisons with significant differences in $P \le 0.05$ (Table 1). The samples were cultured Table 1- Frequency of Gram-positive and Gram-negative isolates in Healthy and diseased scalp

P≤0.05

on Brain heart infusion and Blood agar media to stimulate and support most bacterial growth [17, 18]. Scalp samples appeared Gr+ve to be higher than Gr-ve bacteria, this is agreed with several studies [19,20].

3.2 16S rRNA gene amplification and sequencing

 The 16S rRNA gene bands of bacteria were shown in Figure (1). 16S rRNA was used to identify bacterial isolates because biochemical tests take a long time and may give false negative results, while 16SrRNA is a global strand for identifying species, classifying and showing the evolutionary relationships [21,22,23]. The results of only 79 successful 16S rRNA genes nucleotides sequencing of 32 different species with their frequency were presented in Table (2). The confidence similarity of identification with the type strains was \geq 99%, while the unidentified bacteria were 31 isolates. In general, healthy and diseased scalps showed many

Figure 1- Agarose gel electrophoresis patterns shows PCR amplified products in a model of 16S rDNA (1500bp). Lane 1: 100 bp DNA ladder, other lanes with bands: 16S rDNA of bacterial isolates .

different bacterial species (n=32) because the water used for body washing containing different transported bacteria [24]. However, some of these bacterial species were found in healthy person and the different other in disease cases, emphasizing that the environment of the diseased scalp having some induced factors to grow those types of bacteria giving a good chance to be opportunistic at any time [25, 26]. However, most of the isolates were Bacillus cereus and Staphylococcus aureus were commensally on the scalp skin and can colonize to be opportunistic. Moreover, the variety of frequency in the different species due to their tolerance against salinity of tab water increasing the chance of bacterial to invite any injury in the scalp which may cause

			diseased scalp	healthy scalp
No	Bacteria species	n (%)	n $\left(\frac{9}{6}\right)$	n (%)
$\mathbf{1}$	Bacillus cereus	16(14.5)	9(56.25)	7(43.75)
$\overline{2}$	Staphylococcus aureus	9(8.1)	6(66.6)	3(33.4)
3	Klebsiella pneumoniae	6(5.4)	2(33.3)	4(66.7)
$\overline{4}$	Staphylococcus pasteuri	5(4.5)	3(60)	2(40)
5	Staphylococcus epidermidis	5(4.5)	1(20)	4(80)
6	Enterococcus faecalis	3(2.7)	2(66.6)	1(33.4)
$\overline{7}$	Aeromonas bivalvium	3(2.7)	2(66.6)	1(33.4)
8	Pantoea agglomerans	3(2.7)	1(33.4)	2(66.6)
9	Enterobacter cloacae	2(1.8)	1(50)	1(50)
10	Proteus penneri	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
11	Pantoea septica	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
12	Shigella sonnei	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
13	Flavobacterium sp	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
14	Escherichia hermannii	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
15	Enterococcus faecium	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
16	Bacillus tropicus	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
17	Bacillus subtilis	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
18	Pseudomonas stutzeri	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
19	Acinetobacter radioresistens	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
20	Acinetobacter kookii	1(0.9)	1(100)	0(0)
21	Bacillus pumilus	4(3.6)	0(0)	4(100)
21	Staphylococcus warneri	2(1.8)	0(0)	2(100)
23	Bacillus altitudinis	1(0.9)	0(0)	1(100)

Table 2- Frequency of bacterial isolates in diseased and healthy scalp

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P≤0.05, *: Unidentified

bacteremia then blood poisoning [27]. On the other hand, 9 bacterial isolates were identified as new global strains published in NCBI, ENA and GenBank including isolate No.44- B.cereus strain IRQBAS111, 46- B.cereus strain IRQBAS110, 48-B.cereus strain IRQBAS109, 49- S. sonnei strain IRQBAS108, 60-P.agglomerans strain IRQBAS107, 61-P.septica strain IRQBAS106, 70-S.epidermidis strain IRQBAS105, 91-P.agglolomerans strain IRQBAS104, 92- K. pneumonia strain IRQBAS103.

3.3 Phylogenetic tree of bacterial species

 The 16S rRNA gene sequencing for 26 of 8 different bacterial species shared in both healthy and diseased scalps showed a close relatedness with each other and their type strain whether isolated from healthy or diseased scalp. But, interestingly, each species showed some differences in the 16S rRNA sequences for isolates from healthy than diseased scalps (Figure 2). In spite of each 8 (different species), the sharing both healthy and diseased sources, were in the same cluster but there were some differences in 16S rRNA nucleotide sequences of species inside the same cluster, this could be boosted the hypothesis that the outer environment has the ability to effect on the bacterial genotype [28, 29].

3.4 Effect of shampoos on bacterial growth

 Figure (3) showed a model of the effect of different types of shampoo on the bacteria colonies plates as a total sensitive "D" (No growth), intermediate sensitive "B" (some colonies), with the growth without shampoo "A" (control) and only shampoo without added bacteria "C" (blank) as in Table (3). In spite of the Head and Shoulders and Herba sense having the ability to inhibit bacteria compared to a primary culture (1017, 2737 and 6139 colonies, respectively) but, Head and shoulders was more effect than Herba sense, because the chemical shampoo contains many chemical materials could play a role to inhibit the bacteria. Therefore, it can be used for

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Figure 2- Rooted Neighbour-joining phylogenetic tree constructed sequences derived from an alignment of 16S rRNA sequences of 26 of 8 different bacterial species (with different concatenation for each species) each including healthy and diseased scalp isolates with their type strain (T). The produced from a MAFT alignment was visualized using the forester version. The tree showed differences between the sequences of healthy and diseased scalps of each species even though bacterial species was in a separate cluster.

Figure 3- Model of the bacterial isolates treated with Herba sense shampoo showing total sensitive (D) and with Head and shoulders shampoo showing total sensitivity (E) or intermediate sensitivity (B). While, (A) as a control (primary culture) without shampoo and (C) as a blank of shampoo without added bacteria.

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 $P \leq 0.05$

preventing and treating scalp disorders and diseases such as dandruff, on the other hand, the medicated shampoo had pronounced conditioning effects on hair as well as a good cleaning and lathering ability [30].

3.5 Antibiotic sensitivity

 There were no significant differences in the positive effect of the antibiotics Ciprofloxacin, Vancomycin, Cefotaxime, Imipenem, Tetracycline, Clindamycin and Ampicillin toward bacterial isolates from diseased $(n=43)$ and healthy scalps $(n=53)$ respectively, in agreement with [31,32]. On the other hand, the isolates from healthy scalps were more sensitive to the antibiotics Erythromycin, Methicillin and Citizen than those isolated from diseased scalps respectively, [33,34] as Figure (4).

3.6 Detection the identical S. aureus strains by antibiotic sensitivity and Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD-PCR)

The antibiotics susceptibility for all (9) *S. aureus* species showed identical results between isolates No.27 and 83, 55 and 66, and among 40, 41 and 43 (Table 4). RAPD technique (Figure 5) was performed with 7 Staphylococcus aureus isolates that have identical patterns of antibiotic susceptibility. The phylogenetic tree of the two strains No.55 and 83 from diseased and healthy scalps respectively, were closely related, but the other strains of the two sources were considered as not related (Figure 6). The distance of the matrix of the bands of RAPD-PCR for strains 55 and 83 of S. aureus was 0.614 as listed in Table (5). As procedure steps of [35], the present study elected S. aureus to determine the congruence among the strains isolated from the scalp. Since , S. aureus has a high pathogenicity among other bacteria. Primarily, the antibiotic susceptibility for the 9 S. aureus isolates showed 3 different identical groups of 7 strains including No. 27 and

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P≤0.05

Figure 4- Comparison between the antibiotics sensitivity toward bacterial isolates from diseased and healthy scalps

Table 4- Antibiotic sensitivity and resistance of bacterial isolated (S. aureus)

N ₀	no of isolates	DA	METH	E	CTX	CIP	IPM	VA	AM	CZ	TE
1	$*10$	\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}	S	S	S	S	S	S	$\mathbf R$	S
$\overline{2}$	$*27$	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
3	$**40$	\mathbb{R}	$\mathbf R$	S	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	R	S
$\overline{4}$	$**41$	\mathbb{R}	$\mathbf R$	S	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}	S
5	$**43$	\mathbb{R}	$\mathbf R$	S	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	R	S
6	$***55$	S	\mathbb{R}	S	S	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	S
7	$***66$	S	\mathbb{R}	$\mathbf R$	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}	S
8	$***67$	S	$\mathbf R$	\mathbb{R}	S	S	S	S	\mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R}	S
9	$*83$	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

* (10, 27 and 83): S.aureus from healthy scalp, **(40, 41, 43, 55, 66 and 67): S.aureus from diseased scalp

Ciprofloxacin (CIP) Vancomycin (VAN), Cefotaxime (CTX), Imipenem (IPM), Tetracycline (TE), Clindamycin (DA), Erythromycin (E), Methicillin (METH), Ampicillin (AM), Citizen (CZ).

Figure 5- Agarose gel electrophoresis for RAPD patterns bands of *Staphylococcus aureus*. Lane L: 100 bp Marker, Lane 27 and 83, 41,42 and 43, 55 and 66: RAPD gene bands of S. aureus strains.

Figure 6- Dendrogram of 7 S. aureus strains 27, 41, 43, 66, 55, 83 and 42 constructed by a set of variables RAPD bands using the Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic mean (UPGMA) algorithm. Bootstrap values after 100 repetitions. Strain 55 and 83 were closely related.

55 27 83 41 42 43 no. of 66 isolate 27 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 1.457 1.977 1.816 2.071 1.677 2.130	
83 1.928 0.614 1.674 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 1.473 2.049	
41 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 2.239 1.688 2.368 2.261	
42 0.953 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 1.942 1.486	
43 1.803 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 1.945	
55 $\boldsymbol{0}$ 1.253	
66 θ	

Table 5- Distance Matrix among RAPD bands of *S. aureus* strains

41, 42, 43, 55, and $66 - S$. *aureus* from diseased scalp, 27 and $83 - S$. *aureus* from healthy scalp. 0,614 refer to the lowest variations among number and bands distances

83, 55 and 66, and 40, 41 and 43 while the other 2 strains No. 1 and 67 appeared too different from any strains. Secondarily, the RAPD test of 7 strains showed a close relation between strain No. 55-S.auerus from infection and 83-S.aureus from a healthy scalp. In the exception of this relation, the results refer to the constantly changing in the bacterial genome of the scalp as a result of the environmental factors affect and more importantly, there was no signal that the isolates transport among human scalps. However, the relatedness of clinical and environmental strains is dependent on the genetic similarity between strains from both sources [36].

Conclusions

 In spite of there being many bacterial species shared in both healthy and diseased scalps, but there are many other species found in the source not in others and vice versa. However, the type of shampoo and the suitable antibiotics are very useful to inhibit the bacterial scalp. The genomic mutations in the bacterial strains refer to the effect of the scalp environment on the genomic strains causing a difficulty to detect the genetic relations to find the ancestor.

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