

# Molecular Analysis of Lactic Acid Bacteria SR4 Strain Isolated from Gastric's Juice of Bali Cattle

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**Abstract.** Lactic acid bacteria SR4 strain is known to have potential as a probiotic source according to the previous study. The isolate derived from the gastric's juice of bali cattle has characteristics such as its resistance to growth at low pH, namely pH 2, 3, and 4, its tolerance to bile concentration of 0.6 mM, and its inhibition against Gram-positive and negative bacteria. On the other hand, a complete molecular analysis of the isolate has never been carried out. Based on these considerations, the molecular analysis of the LAB SR4 strain becomes interesting to present. The study was initiated by cultivating LAB SR4 isolate on an MRS broth medium. The isolate was further confirmed molecularly through analysis of the 16S rRNA gene which was initiated by isolating genomic DNA followed by PCR reaction using universal primers 27F and 1492R. The PCR product of the 16S rRNA gene was sequenced and further analyzed using the MEGA 5.2 software. The data were then analyzed descriptively and presented in the form of tables or figures. The results showed that the LAB strain SR4 was identified as a *Pediococcus pentosaceus*. This strain potentially to develops as a source of bacteriocin and it can be applied as a bio preservative, improvement of the meat taste, inhibition of inflammation, and also as antagonism of cancer.

**Key words:** Lactic acid bacteria SR4 strain, molecular analysis, probiotic

## I. INTRODUCTION

Lactic acid bacteria (LAB) are known as bacteria that are very beneficial for health, have been used widely, and are safe to use with minimal side effects. These bacteria are known as GRAS (generally

recognized as safe). The bacteria have antagonistic effects against bacterial pathogens[1], immunomodulating[2], anti-mutagenic[3], antioxidant and anti-inflammatory[4], and anti-carcinogenic[5].

Recently, the number of LAB studies has shown increasing specifically for their antagonizes pathogens through secreting bacteriocins[6]. For example, Pediocin K 23-2 with 5 kDa molecular weight produced by *P. pentosaceus* K23-2 from Kimchi was found to inhibit various Gram-positive pathogens[7]. Moreover, both pentocin L and pentocin S with 27 and 25 kDa molecular weight, respectively were also known able to inhibit an extensive spectrum of pathogens, especially *Clostridium sporogenes* ATCC 11,259[8].

As a normal flora, LAB is very easy to isolate from the digestive tract of animals or humans. It is estimated not less than 500 species out of  $10^{12}$  bacteria per gram of gastrointestinal contents of animals or humans are lactic acid bacteria[9]. Generally, The LAB composition of the normal flora in the gastrointestinal tract is site-specific. Several factors such as physical (bowel movements), chemical (changes in pH) and food (diet) consider making a significant contribution to changes in the normal flora of the digestive tract[9]. Their easy to adapt to a less favorable environment and have a high digestibility of fibrous foods of bali

cattle[10, 11] are predicted to affect the genetics of bacteria in their body.

Furthermore, the LAB SR4 strain isolated from gastric' juice of bali cattle is known to have potential as a probiotic source according to the previous study. The isolate has characteristics such as its resistance to growth at low pH, namely pH 2, 3, and 4, its tolerance to bile concentration of 0.6 mM, and its inhibition against Gram-positive and negative bacteria[12]. On the other hand, a complete molecular analysis of the LAB SR4 strain has never been carried out. Based on these considerations, the molecular analysis of the SR4 strain becomes interesting to present.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Cultivation od isolate

LAB SR4 isolate was taken from 30% glycerol stock stored at -20°C storage temperature. The isolate was then thawed at 4°C for 15 minutes before being planted at room temperature in sterile MRS broth media. The culture was being incubated at 37°C for 24 hours, and it was ready to be used for further tests[12].

### DNA extraction

The genomic DNA of the LAB SR4 isolate was isolated by centrifugation of bacteria at 7500 rpm for 5 minutes. The supernatant was discarded, proceeded with 180 µl of ATL buffer, and 20 µl of proteinase K solution was added to the cell pellet. The dilution was mixed by vortex for 5 seconds, added with 200 µl of AL buffer and then vortexed for 15 seconds, followed by incubating it in a water bath at 56°C for 10 minutes, added with 200 µl of absolute 96-100% ethanol, and then vortex for 15 seconds.

The next step was the preparation of a 2 ml tube containing a filter tube (QIAamp Mini spin column), and the lysate was put into the filter, centrifuged 6000 g (8000 rpm) for 1 minute, followed by DNA Washing stage. As much as 500 µl of washing buffer (AW1 buffer) was added and let stand for 5 minutes, centrifuge at 8000 rpm for 1 minute, discard the remaining liquid collected and replace with a new 2 ml tube, added with 500 µl of washing buffer (buffer AW2) and let stand for 5 minutes, centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm for 3 minutes), and then proceed to the DNA eluting stage. This stage begins by placing the QIAamp Mini

spin column into a new sterile ependorf before being added with 100 µl of elution buffer (AE buffer). and allowing it to stand at room temperature for 5 minutes. The DNA was then centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 1 minute and the tube has been contained pure DNA. To avoid repeated freezing and thawing of DNA, pure DNA is stored at 4°C before being used[13].

### **PCR amplification of the 16S rRNA gene**

The universal primer B27F (5'-AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG-3') and U1492R (5'-GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT-3') were used to amplify the 16S rRNA gene. A total of 36 µl reaction volume containing 2 µl DNA template, 25 µl My Taq HS Red Mix, 7 µl distilled water, and 1 µl (20 pmol/µl) of primer 27F and U1492R was used in this method. The PCR amplification was performed by an initial DNA denaturation at 94°C for 5 min and followed by 30 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 1 min. This procedure used annealing at 45°C for 45 sec and an extension at 72°C for 1 min. The amplification process was completed by a

final extension at 72°C for 5 min. Furthermore, 5 µl of PCR product was analyzed by electrophoresis in 1% agarose[13, 14].

### Sequencing and Phylogenetic Analysis

ABI Prism 3130 and 3130xl Genetic Analyzer was used for sequencing of the 16S rRNA gene through the Institute for sequencing service providers at PT Genetika Science, Jakarta. The sequencing process used similar primers with the previous PCR reactions. The sequence results were edited and corrected with the MEGA 5.2 version software (<https://www.megasoftware.net/>) [13]. The edited gene sequences were compared

automatically using the BLAST program against the sequences of bacteria available in databanks ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). The neighbor-joining algorithm method was then used to construct the phylogenetic tree[13, 14].

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Identification and Molecular Analysis of BAL SR4 isolate.

The cultivation of LAB isolates SR4 taken from 30% glycerol stock showed characteristics as LAB isolates, namely growing as single colonies on MRS broth media. The result of the Gram stain shows the shape of the cocci as in Figure 1



Figure 1. Gram staining of LAB SR4 isolate

The bacteria that grew were then isolated for their DNA and continued with the molecular identification stage of bacterial strains by PCR method using universal primers, namely: B27F 5'-AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG-3' and U1492R 5'-GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT-3'[13, 14]. The PCR results were then electrophoresed and showed results as shown in Figure 2

Figure 2 shows that the 16S rRNA gene of SR4 isolate was successfully amplified with a PCR product length of 1587 bp. The PCR products were then sequenced to determine the composition of their constituent nucleotides. The nucleotides of SR4 isolate were blasted in the NCBI program and showed similarities to the nucleotide arrangement of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT000144) as shown in Table 1.

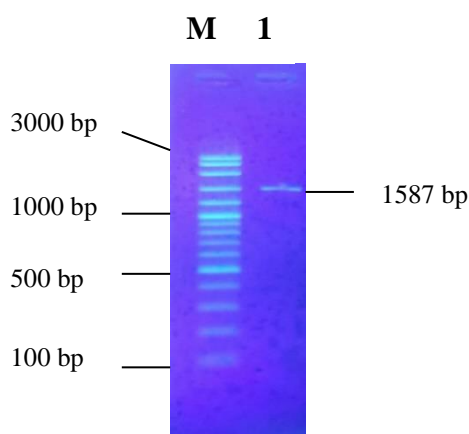


Figure 2. Electrophoresis results of 16S rRNA gene detection with B27(F) and U 1492(R) primers on 1% agarose. M: markers; 1: Isolate SR4.

Table 1. Blast result of the 16S rRNA gene of LAB SR4 strain (query) against *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT000144) (subjct).

Query	1	TGCAGTCGAACGAACTTCCGTTAATTGATTATGACGTA	60
Sbjct	18	TGCAGTCGAACGAACTTCCGTTAATTGATTATGACGTA	77
Query	61	CACGAAGTGAGTGGCGAACGGGTGAGTAACACGTGGGTAACCTGCCCAGAAGTAGGGGAT	120
Sbjct	78	CACGAAGTGAGTGGCGAACGGGTGAGTAACACGTGGGTAACCTGCCCAGAAGTAGGGGAT	137
Query	121	AACACCTGGAACAGATGCTAATACCGTATAACAGAGAAAACCGCATGGTTTTCTTTTAA	180
Sbjct	138	AACACCTGGAACAGATGCTAATACCGTATAACAGAGAAAACCGCATGGTTTTCTTTTAA	197
Query	181	AAGATGGCTCTGCTATCACTTCTGGATGGACCCGCGCGTATTAGCTAGTTGGTGAGGCA	240
Sbjct	198	AAGATGGCTCTGCTATCACTTCTGGATGGACCCGCGCGTATTAGCTAGTTGGTGAGGCA	257
Query	241	AAGGCTACCAAGGCAGTGATACGTAGCCGACCTGAGAGGGTAATCGGCCACATTGGGAC	300

Sbjct	258	 AAGGCTCACCAAGGCAGTGATACGTAGCCGACCTGAGAGGGTAATCGGCCACATTGGGAC	317
Query	301	TGAGACACGGCCCAGACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGTAGGGAATCTTCCACAATGGACGCA	360
Sbjct	318	 TGAGACACGGCCCAGACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGTAGGGAATCTTCCACAATGGACGCA	377
Query	361	AGTCTGATGGAGCAACGCCGCGTGAGTGAAGAAGGGTTTCGGCTCGTAAAGCTCTGTTGT	420
Sbjct	378	 AGTCTGATGGAGCAACGCCGCGTGAGTGAAGAAGGGTTTCGGCTCGTAAAGCTCTGTTGT	437
Query	421	TAAAGAAGAACGTGGGTAAGAGTAACTGTTTACCCAGTGACGGTATTTAACCAGAAAGCC	480
Sbjct	438	 TAAAGAAGAACGTGGGTAAGAGTAACTGTTTACCCAGTGACGGTATTTAACCAGAAAGCC	497
Query	481	ACGGCTAACTACGTGCCAGCAGCCGCGGTAATACGTAGGTGGCAAGCGTTATCCGGATTT	540
Sbjct	498	 ACGGCTAACTACGTGCCAGCAGCCGCGGTAATACGTAGGTGGCAAGCGTTATCCGGATTT	557
Query	541	ATTGGGCGTAAAGCGAGCGCAGGCGGTCTTTTAAGTCTAATGTGAAAGCCTTCGGCTCAA	600
Sbjct	558	 ATTGGGCGTAAAGCGAGCGCAGGCGGTCTTTTAAGTCTAATGTGAAAGCCTTCGGCTCAA	617
Query	601	CCGAAGAAGTGCATTGGAAACTGGGAGACTTGAGTGCAGAAGAGGACAGTGGAACTCCAT	660
Sbjct	618	 CCGAAGAAGTGCATTGGAAACTGGGAGACTTGAGTGCAGAAGAGGACAGTGGAACTCCAT	677
Query	661	GTGTAGCGGTGAAATGCGTAGATATATGGAAGAACCAGTGGCGAAGGCGGCTGTCTGG	720
Sbjct	678	 GTGTAGCGGTGAAATGCGTAGATATATGGAAGAACCAGTGGCGAAGGCGGCTGTCTGG	737
Query	721	TCTGCAACTGACGCTGAGGCTCGAAAGCATGGGTAGCGAACAGGATTAGATACCCTGGTA	780
Sbjct	738	 TCTGCAACTGACGCTGAGGCTCGAAAGCATGGGTAGCGAACAGGATTAGATACCCTGGTA	797
Query	781	GTCCATGCCGTAAACGATGATTACTAAGTGTGGAGGGTTCCGCCCTTCAGTGCTGCAG	840
Sbjct	798	 GTCCATGCCGTAAACGATGATTACTAAGTGTGGAGGGTTCCGCCCTTCAGTGCTGCAG	857
Query	841	CTAACGCATTAAGTAATCCGCCTGGGGAGTACGACCGCAAGGTTGAAACTCAAAGAATT	900
Sbjct	858	 CTAACGCATTAAGTAATCCGCCTGGGGAGTACGACCGCAAGGTTGAAACTCAAAGAATT	917
Query	901	GACGGGGGCCCGCACAAAGCGGTGGAGCATGTGGTTTAATTCGAAGCTACGCGAAGAACCT	960
Sbjct	918	 GACGGGGGCCCGCACAAAGCGGTGGAGCATGTGGTTTAATTCGAAGCTACGCGAAGAACCT	977
Query	961	TACCAGGTCTTGACATCTTCTGACAGTCTAAGAGATTAGAGGTTCCCTTCGGGGACAGAA	1020
Sbjct	978	 TACCAGGTCTTGACATCTTCTGACAGTCTAAGAGATTAGAGGTTCCCTTCGGGGACAGAA	1037
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Sbjct	1038	 TGACAGGTGGTGCATGGTTGTCGTAGCTCGTGTGAGATGTTGGGTTAAGTCCCAGCA	1097
Query	1081	ACGAGCGCAACCCTTATTACTAGTTGCCAGCATTAAAGTTGGGCACTCTAGTGAGACTGCC	1140
Sbjct	1098	 ACGAGCGCAACCCTTATTACTAGTTGCCAGCATTAAAGTTGGGCACTCTAGTGAGACTGCC	1157
Query	1141	GGTGACAAACCGGAGGAAGGTGGGGACGACGTCAAATCATCATGCCCTTATGACCTGGG	1200
Sbjct	1158	 GGTGACAAACCGGAGGAAGGTGGGGACGACGTCAAATCATCATGCCCTTATGACCTGGG	1217
Query	1201	CTACACACGTGCTACAATGGATGGTACAACGAGTCGCGAGACCGCGAGGTTAAGCTAATC	1260
Sbjct	1218	 CTACACACGTGCTACAATGGATGGTACAACGAGTCGCGAGACCGCGAGGTTAAGCTAATC	1277
Query	1261	TCTTAAAACCATTCCTCAGTTCGGACTGTAGGCTGCAACTCGCCTACACGAAGTCGGAATC	1320

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Sbjct 1398 CCGTCACACCATGAGAGTTTGTAAACACCCAAAGCCGGTGGGGTAACC 1444

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Table 1 shows, identically of LAB SR4 nucleotide sequences against *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT000144) of 1427 nucleotide compared. Moreover, the LAB SR4 nucleotide sequences also alignment with other LAB nucleotide sequences available in Genbank such as *Tetragenococcus halophilus* (AB681196), *Vagococcus salmoninarum* (X54272), *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* (D16552),

*Pediococcus siamensis* (AB258357), *Leuconostoc lactis* (AJ970316), *Lactococcus lactis* (AB100796), *Streptococcus salivarius* (AB608747), *Bifidobacterium biavatii* (AB559506), and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT000144). Comparison analysis of the constituent nucleotide bases of the 16S rRNA gene between LAB SR4 strains against other bacterial strains are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Comparison analysis of the constituent nucleotide bases of the 16S rRNA gene between LAB SR4 strains against other bacterial strains.

	T (U)	C	A	G	Total
<i>Tetragenococcus halophilus</i> (AB681196)	20.8	23.5	25.7	30.1	1390
Strain SR4	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>1410</b>
<i>Vagococcus salmoninarum</i> (X54272)	22.0	23.2	25.2	29.6	1347
<i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> (D16552)	22.1	22.3	25.9	29.7	1399
<i>Pediococcus siamensis</i> (AB258357)	21.9	22.7	26.1	29.2	1413
<i>Leuconostoc lactis</i> (AJ970316)	21.6	22.0	26.9	29.5	1385
<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> (AB100796)	21.9	21.3	27.1	29.7	1382
<i>Streptococcus salivarius</i> (AB608747)	21.9	22.3	25.7	30.1	1383
<i>Bifidobacterium biavatii</i> (AB559506)	20.8	23.6	21.3	34.4	1368
<i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> (MT000144)	22.1	22.1	26.8	29.0	1398

The genetic distances analysis of LAB SR4 strain against several strains available in Genbank based on the 16S rRNA gene sequences as a proceed analysis of the data in Table 2 shown in Table 3.

Table 3 shows the genetic distances among bacteria. It is shown, LAB SR4 strain was identical with *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT 000144). Further analysis to see the

group of bacteria in the form of phylogenetic trees is presented in Figure 2.

Table 3. The genetic distances analysis of LAB SR4 strain against several strains available in Genbank based on the 16S rRNA gene sequences.

	Tetragenococcus halophilus (AB681196)	Strain SR4	Vagococcus salmoninarum (X54272)	Lactobacillus rhamnosus (D16552)	Pediococcus siamensis (AB258357)	Leuconostoc lactis (AJ970316)	Lactococcus lactis (AB100796)	Streptococcus salivarius (AB608747)	Bifidobacterium biavatii (AB559506)	Pediococcus pentosaceus (MT000144)
Tetragenococcus halophilus (AB681196)										
Strain SR4	0.152									
Vagococcus salmoninarum (X54272)	0.108	0.127								
Lactobacillus rhamnosus (D16552)	0.134	0.083	0.119							
Pediococcus siamensis (AB258357)	0.155	0.070	0.128	0.092						
Leuconostoc lactis (AJ970316)	0.165	0.173	0.176	0.154	0.182					
Lactococcus lactis (AB100796)	0.172	0.157	0.143	0.157	0.170	0.195				
Streptococcus salivarius (AB608747)	0.156	0.160	0.135	0.161	0.181	0.188	0.109			
Bifidobacterium biavatii (AB559506)	0.302	0.278	0.287	0.265	0.283	0.318	0.305	0.296		
Pediococcus pentosaceus (MT000144)	0.153	0.000	0.127	0.083	0.071	0.172	0.155	0.160	0.277	



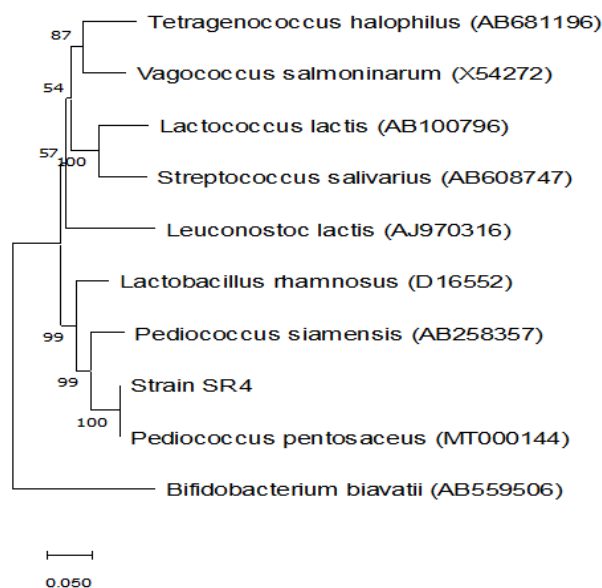


Figure 2. Phylogram of the 16S rRNA sequences based on the Neighbor-Joining algorithm[15]. The numbers in the phylogram branch indicate the bootstrap value (%) with 1000 replicates. The scale indicates a 5 per 100 nucleotide substitution in the 16S rRNA gene sequence.

Figure 2 shows the grouping of SR4 isolates into the same clade as *Pediococcus pentosaceus* (MT000144) with a bootstrap value of 100%. The results of this analysis indicate that the SR4 strain is a *Pediococcus pentosaceus* strain. This is supported by the theory of Janda and Abbott (2007)[16] confirming the rules for microbial identification based on the 16S rRNA sequencing including (i) 16S rRNA genes that must be sequenced at least 500-525 bp from ideally 1300-1500 bp (doubtful position < 1%), and (ii) criteria for identification of similarity of species, ie the same sequence is minimum >99%, from ideally >99.5%. This strain is different

from the result of the previous study that found LAB SR9 strain as *Lactococcus lactis spp lactis* 1[17], LAB SR2 strain as *Lactococcus lactis*[12], and LAB 9A strain as *Streptococcus bovis*[18].

*Pediococcus pentosaceus*, one type of LAB, has played an increasingly pivotal role in LAB applications in recent years. Isolated from fermented food, aquatic products, raw animal, plant products, and feces, many strains of *P. pentosaceus* were finally proven to have links to the human gastrointestinal tract (GIT)[19]. To date, there is increasing experimental evidence indicating that *P. pentosaceus* may be usable as a bio preservative for foods,

plants, or animals or as an emerging possible probiotic candidate[20]. Several studies about the application of *Pediococcus pentosaceus* have been conducted such as to improve the taste of the meat flavor[21], inhibition of inflammation[22], and also as antagonism of cancer specifically their efficacy on Caco-2 and MCF-7 cell line[23]. It is known, anti-cancer activity of *Pediococcus sp* induced apoptosis in the cancerous cells through increasing the BAX protein expression and decreasing the Bcl-2 protein expression[24].

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Molecular analysis of lactic acid bacteria SR4 strain isolated from Gastric Juice of Bali cattle identified the strain as *Pediococcus pentosaceus*. This strain potentially develops as a source of bacteriocin and applicate it as a bio preservative, improvement of the meat taste, inhibition of inflammation, and also as antagonism of cancer.

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