

Study the polymorphism of *lcr1* gene in *Leishmania infantum* E-P13.09

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Introduction

 Leishmania infantum is the causative agent of Mediterranean visceral leishmaniasis. There is no efficient preventive strategy for the disease and its therapy is difficult with its side effects.

Hence, search for a vaccine for this disease is important. *Lcr1* is an immunogenic gene discovered in *Leishmania infantum chagasi*. that causes immunologic response in human, so its molecular identification will be very important.

The Aim of this study is to survey the polymorphism of *lcr1* gene by molecular methods in MCAN/IR/2010/Meshkinshahr strain.



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- Culture Leishmania infantum (strain MCAN/IR/2010/Meshkinshahr) cultured in NNN media.
- Parasite pellets (100 million/pellet) were prepared
- genomic DNA was extracted.
- Parasite species was verified as Leishmania infantum by sequencing of ITS1 gene.
- *Lcr1* gene was amplified by *lcr1* specific primers.
- Analysis of PCR product and running Blast search
- correct sequence was determined

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Result & Discussion

Our results show that *lcr1* gene is completely conserved in MCAN/IR/2010/Meshkinshahr strain.

Conservation of this immunogenic gene (*lcr1*) adds to its value as an immunogenic molecule against Mediterranean visceral leishmaniasis.

So the importance of this identical immunologic molecule is very high.

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