RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS PATHOGENIC FISH BACTERIA BY MALDI-TOF

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- EAFP 2013 during Vibriosis workshop: MALDI-TOF, a relative new method Matrix-assisted laser <u>desorption/jonization - Jime of Flight</u> for identification of bacteria presented by Anders Helstrøm.
- Soft ionization technique used in mass spectrometry.



MALDI-TOF

MALDI-TOF: 3 steps



1) sample applied to a metal plate and covered with a suitable matrix

2) a pulsed laser irradiates the sample, triggering ablation and desorption of the sample and matrix material.

3) the analyte molecules are ionized by being protonated or deprotonated in the hot plume of ablated gases, and can then be accelerated into whichever mass spectrometer is used to analyse them.

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MALDI-TOF : practice at our lab



MALDI-TOF in practice at our lab



You need a colony from a pure culture, add 1 μl matrix fluid, and let air dry (1) Direct method; (alternatively: use 2) Overlay direct method, and 3) Formic acid extraction method)

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MALDI-TOF in practice at our lab



Direct method: In 15 minutes plate is read for possibly 92 species identifications of bacteria... Whole process takes 1 hour. Callibration important.





MALDI-TOF in practice at our lab





Club 5 (CoVetLab) project: MALDI-TOF (shell)fish bacteria, 2013-2014

- SVA (Eva Jansson, E.Eriksson, coördinator)(SE), VetDTU (Inger Dalsgaard, DK), and CVI (Olga Haenen, NL)
- MSPs (= Main Spectra Projections) produced for: Aeromonas salmonicida (11 MSPs), Flavobacterium columnare (8 MSPs), F. psychrophilum (16 MSPs), Yersinia ruckeri (3 MSPs), Renibacterium salmoninarum (11 MSPs), Vibrio anguillarum (8 MSPs), and one of each of Vibrio ichthyoenteri, V. splendidus, V. vulnificus, V. aestuarianus and Nocardia crassostreae.
- Make "<u>Projects"</u> (extra own data base) with own MSPs, exchange MSPs.



CoVetLab project

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- type cultures, routine bacterial diagnostics and own lab isolates: compared with standard techniques for identification, like biochemical assays and 16S rRNA sequencing/PCR
- Flavobacterium psychrophilum, F. columnare, Renibacterium salmoninarum, Vibrio anguillarum and Yersinia ruckeri successfully identified to species level



Ring trial in 2014 (SVA) and 2015 (CVI & GD)

MALDI-TOF workshop SVA, June 2014

MALDI-TOF workshop CVI, April 2015

Workshop at CVI, NL

MALDI-TOF: Problems faced

- Aeromonas salmonicida: in MALDI-TOF Aeromonas bestiarum
- Aeromonas jandaei/veronii not consistent in determination (VetQas)
- Vibrio scophthalmi/ichthyoenteri correlated with 16S rRNA typing but did not differentiate to species
- differentiation to serotype or biotype for V. anguillarum, V. vulnificus or Y. ruckeri not successful yet → help of Bruker and visit of technicians CVI to SVA (April)





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Conclusions

- M-T is a useful, fast, specific method for identification of bacteria
- still challenges in species identification for some (shell)fish bacteria
- The right settings of apparatus are very important
- Ring tests very important

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- Frequent practice a must to make MSP's and subtyping
- Subtyping needs further attention
- Keep alert on the result, compare with other methods...!



