

# Preliminary Study of Polysaccharide and Oligosaccharide Alginate (AOS) as Prebiotic of Probiotic Bacteria

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## Abstract

Synbiotics are related to pre and probiotic mixture which work synergically and provide the intestine microbial balance in organisms. This study aims to evaluate the potency of alginate polysaccharide and oligosaccharide (AOS) as prebiotic to probiotic bacteria originally from a commercial yogurt. Probiotic bacteria were plated to MRSA and incubated in 24 hrs. Over five isolated bacteria, three probiotic isolate bacteria were defined positively (C11; C14 and C15). The prebiotic test was done by culturing the isolate C14 to MRSB and incubated 24 hrs. After 24 hrs, all the MRSB liquid culture became turbid, showed a positive effect, except the MRSB culture without any alginate enrichment. Probiotic bacteria from MRSB were then plated into MRSA for Total Plate Count (TPC) test and incubated. TPS revealed that 0.1 mg/mL enriched AOS media resulted the highest number of probiotic bacteria ( $1.193 \times 10^5$  CFU/mL) compared to enriched AOS and 0.05 mg AOS/mL media ( $6 \times 10^3$  CFU/mL). These results have proven a high ability to develop AOS as prebiotic.

**Keywords:** Alginate, AOS, prebiotic, probiotic.

## INTRODUCTION

Probiotic considered the most important bacteria dealing with pharmaceuticals such as anticarcinogenic effect (Shoukat *et al.*, 2020) and food industries (Gayathri & Rashmi., 2016; Bordoni *et al.*, 2017). Probiotics serve both, either in dairy or non-dairy products. A recommendation has been proposed to regularly consumed food containing probiotic microorganisms. This is pointed to establish a positive balance of useful or beneficial microbes population in the intestinal flora in humans (Soccol *et al.*, 2010) as well as animals including white shrimp *Litopenaeus vannamei* (Liu *et al.*, 2014).

In marine organisms, especially in shrimp culture, researchers elucidate some findings concerning disease outbreak. To control this outbreak in shrimp culture, people used to apply chemotherapically by antibiotics and hormones (Li *et al.*, 2018). This leads to antibiotic-resistant pathogens (Su *et al.*, 2011) and harsh pollution to the environment (Holmström *et al.*, 2003). The development

and application of probiotics in marine culture have been raised rapidly. This needs to be done synergically to fulfill some needs such as the resistance of disease, growth factor, feed efficiency, and safety product for a human being (Ringø., 2020) as well as shrimp culture (Toledo *et al.*, 2019).

Alginate is a natural compound from brown seaweed's cell wall (Yudiati & Isnansetyo, 2017). Alginate was managed successfully to control the resistant pathogens. Research from Yudiati *et al.*, (2016; 2019) and Lee *et al.*, (2009) clearly described that alginate is an effective supplement to suppress replication of severe pathogenic bacteria and White Spot Syndrome Virus Disease by improving the shrimp immune system and transcription of immune gene expression. Alginate oligosaccharide which produces from thermal heating (Yudiati *et al.*, 2018) also enhanced the tolerance of Zebrafish in oxygen exposure tests (Yudiati *et al.*, 2020).

Synbiotics is a mixture of prebiotics and probiotics. This effect will be beneficial to the

host by the colonization of live microbial dietary supplements (Harpeni *et al.*, 2017). Moreover, synbiotics have also been revealed to substitute and solve the antibiotic-resistant negative effects (Su *et al.*, 2011). Besides, the combination prebiotics application could enhance the higher promotion of immune response and growth parameters of aquatic species (Li *et al.*, 2018)

Afni *et al.*, (2017) reported AOS produced enzymatically as prebiotics on shrimp culture. Even though, up to now, there is still limited information concerning alginate oligosaccharide as prebiotic for probiotic bacteria. Liu *et al.*, (2009) investigated isomaltooligosaccharides from corn starch to improve the immune response and WSSV resistant to *L. vannamei*. Furthermore, Li *et al.*, (2007) used commercial fructooligosaccharide as prebiotics for similar immune responses in shrimp. The basic information to prove the ability of alginate oligosaccharide (AOS) as prebiotics needs to be exposed. This present research aims to evaluate the potency of alginate polysaccharide and alginate oligosaccharide (AOS) to serve the probiotic bacteria isolated from a commercial yogurt.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Extraction of alginate and AOS production

*Sargassum* sp. was collected from Teluk Awur waters, Jepara. This seaweed was then clean up from debris and salts, followed by dried up under room temperature. Seaweed was then blended to produce a powder. The powder was then extracted 24 hrs with 5% Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered. 0.13M KCl was added, mixed well with cold ethanol absolute (1:1) (Yudiati & Isnansetyo, 2017). Centrifugation at 3500 rpm was administered in 5 minutes. Finally, the extract was then dried up at a dried cupboard (60°C). Production of AOS was performed by thermal heating (Yudiati *et al.*, 2018). This was done by heat up the alginate powder in the oven laboratory at 140°C for 4.5 hrs.

### Probiotic Bacteria Isolation

Probiotic bacteria were isolated from commercial yogurt Cimory®. This commercial brand using Lactic Acid Bacteria (<https://cimory.com/>). Furthermore, isolation

on this probiotics was using MRSA (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Agar) medium with CaCO<sub>3</sub> addition. MRSA (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Agar) and MRSB (De Man Rogosa and Sharpe Broth) were used as probiotic bacteria media. 3.12 gram MRSA media was mixed with 0.3 g CaCO<sub>3</sub>, were then diluted with 60 mL aquadest. The solution was then homogenized and heat up with a hot plate. Sterilization was performed by autoclaving at 121°C in 20 minutes, poured into the petridish, and hardened. One mL of commercial yogurt was plated into MRSA solid media, incubated at room temperature for 24 hrs. Some selection had been done to the grown bacteria colony which produce the clear zone. This acid produced colony was assumed as probiotics bacteria. Yogurt uses lactic acid probiotic bacteria for fermentation.

### Alginate polysaccharides and AOS Prebiotic Test

Test of Alginate polysaccharide and AOS was done separately. Each different alginate was set up. This was initially performed by diluted 2.96 g of MRBS in 57 mL aquadest, sterilized similarly as above. The liquid MRSB was then poured into four tubes according to the treatments. The four treatments were: control, MRSB + 0.05 mg/mL (alginate and AOS), MRSB + 0.1 mg/mL (alginate and AOS), and MRSB + 0.2 mg/mL (alginate and AOS). Probiotic bacteria from the yogurt was then inoculated, incubated on a shaker for 24 hrs, at speed of 120 rpm in room temperature. The observation on growth was done quantitatively based on media turbidity. TPC was also done to determine quantitatively.

### Total Plate Count (TPC)

24 hrs of cultured probiotic bacteria from MRSB enriched with AOS were then continued to the TPC test. TPC was done in pour plate methods and only done to the AOS treatment enriched in different alginate concentration. 7.8 g MRSA media and 0.75 g CaCO<sub>3</sub> were prepared and diluted with 150 mL aqua dest. Those were then heated up in a hot plate at 130 rpm and sterilized. The sterile media were then poured into the petridish, leave until hardened. The probiotic bacteria from the MRSB were then plated into

solid MRSA. Incubation was administered in 24 hrs and the total bacteria in each petridish was then counted.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Probiotic Bacteria Isolation**

There were some probiotic bacteria isolates from Cimory® commercial yogurt. The characterization of probiotic bacteria isolation was presented in Table 1. There were three positive probiotic bacteria found in commercial yogurt. This bacteria predicted as probiotic bacteria. Probiotics bacteria in Cimory® yogurt were composed of *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* & *Streptococcus thermophilus* (<https://cimory.com/>). It has been reported by Banda *et al.*, (1992) which use *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* as probiotic to Turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus* L.). Additionally, *Streptococcus thermophile* has also been reported as Turbot larvae for their probiotics (Gatesoupe, 1991). While in food industries the most commonly used strains are the genera of *Lactobacillus*, *Carnobacterium*, *Pediococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Lactococcus*

*Streptococcus*, *Aerococcus*, as well as *Bifidobacterium* (Holzapfel & Wood., 2014). Prebiotics is not digestible in the host's enzyme. On the other hand, prebiotic provide substrates to promote the growth of probiotics bacteria (Shoukat *et al.*, 2020).

**Prebiotic Test of Alginate Polysaccharides and AOS**

The results of the prebiotic test on different alginate are shown in Table 2. Based on results, it can be seen that the best qualitative test of alginate prebiotic is from the MRSB media with 0.05 mg/mL poly and oligosaccharide alginate enrichment. Addition of 0.05 alginate, both poly and oligosaccharide gave higher turbidity. Therefore Indicates higher intensity, compared to different alginate addition. The prebiotic test without any alginate addition was negative.

Harpeni *et al.*, (2017) reported that they used sweet potato starch which contains sucrose and raffinose. Liu *et al.*, (2018) used commercial mannan oligosaccharide and

**Table 1.** Characterization of probiotic isolated bacteria

Bacteria Code	Colour	Shape	Elevation	Surface	Margin	Acid production
C11	Pink	Circular	Raised	Smooth, shiny	Entire	Positive
C12	Fade cream	Circular	Convex	Smooth, shiny	Entire	Negative
C13	White cream	Circular	Raised	Smooth, shiny	Entire	Negative
C14	Fade cream	Circular	Convex	Smooth, shiny	Entire	Positive
C15	Fade cream	Circular	Convex	Smooth, shiny	Entire	Positive

Note : Positive: Probiotic bacteria-produced acid compound; Negative: Probiotic bacteria was not produced acid compound

**Tabel 2.** Prebiotic test of alginate poly and oligosaccharide from different concentration

Concentration	Alginate	
	Polysaccharide	Oligosaccharide
0 mg/mL	-	-
0.05 mg/mL	++	++
0.1 mg/mL	+	+
0.2 mg/mL	+	+

Note : - = undetermined (transparent); + = grow well (turbid); ++ : grow fast (much more turbid)

inulin which improve growth, gene immune expression, and resistance to *Vibrio alginolyticus* and WSSV. Moreover, Li *et al.*, (2007) applied fructooligosaccharides (FOS) while isomaltooligosaccharide (MOS) has been investigated by Li *et al.*, (2009). Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) and Fourier Transform Infra-Red Spectroscopy has been clearly defined that alginate from *Sargassum siliquosum* which also applied in this present research, is characterized by mannuronate and guluronate monosaccharide (Yudiati *et al.*, 2017; Yudiati *et al.*, 2016). Based on the results, this present study revealed that alginate monosaccharide was degraded and digested by probiotic bacteria, strengthened to research by Afni *et al.*, (2017), using AOS from brown seaweed *Sargassum crassifolium*.

**Total Plate Count Test of Probiotic Bacteria C15**

Total probiotic bacteria colony grown on different AOS concentrations can be seen in Table 3. Results show that the highest colony form of probiotic bacteria was MRSA enriched with 0.1 mg AOS/mL. The MRSA 0 mg/mL and MRSA enriched with 0.05 mg/mL showed similar results. TPC test was used to ensure the qualitative prebiotic test. The results of TPC was not exactly fit for the previous test. This, hypothetically caused by the growth of bacteria pattern. TPC was done after 24 hrs incubation in MRSB media. The bacteria were plated after 24 hrs incubation and then determined. At this stage, probiotic bacteria reach the stationary phase, so the growth rate was diminishing. The peak exponentially growth was not well observed. Furthermore, there were some probiotic bacteria grown in MRSA media without any alginate. In fact, the MRSB also contains dextrose. In the late phase, probiotic bacteria were also grown. Our suggestion is to observe

**Table 3.** TPC of C15 in MRSA enriched with AOS in different concentration

AOS concentration	Total colony (cfu/mL <sup>-1</sup> )
0 mg/mL	6 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
0.05 mg/mL	6 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
0.1 mg/mL	1.193 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
0.2 mg/mL	-

and determine the TPC in certain repeatable hours to get the complete curve growth of bacteria

The application of a prebiotic agent is a dose-dependent manner. Research by Li *et al.*, 2018 applicated MOS in different concentrations and proofed that probiotic bacteria have specific preferences. This present study demonstrates that probiotic bacteria from commercial local yogurt prefer media enriched with 0.1 mg AOS/mL MRS media. At last, TPC of 0.1 mg AOS enriched has still resulted in the best performance (1.193 x 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL) compare to other treatments.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the results it can be concluded that AOS has a good potency of being prebiotic to provide nutrition for probiotic bacteria. The best AOS concentration is 0.1 mg/mL media (TPC=1.193 x 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL. This basic research is expected to be the basic information for exploring the AOS for further function both in humans and animals.

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