



## *Enterobacter cloacae* 020

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### ABSTRACT

*Enterobacter cloacae* 020 was isolated from a feed sample. The strain was characterized by 16S rRNA sequencing, SDS-PAGE analysis of soluble proteins, and fatty acid analysis. The results showed that the strain was identical to *E. cloacae*. The optimum temperature for growth was 30 °C. The optimum pH was 7.0. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of *E. cloacae* 020 against *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 was 129 µg/ml. The MIC of *E. cloacae* 020 against *Salmonella* Typhimurium was 100 µg/ml. The MIC of *E. cloacae* 020 against *Campylobacter* jejuni was 100 µg/ml.

### 1. Introduction

*Enterobacter cloacae* is a Gram-negative rod-shaped bacterium that belongs to the family Enterobacteriaceae. It is a common member of the normal intestinal microflora of humans and animals. *E. cloacae* has been implicated in a variety of nosocomial infections, particularly in immunocompetent patients (Kaufmann et al., 1999). *E. cloacae* has also been found to be associated with foodborne diseases (Wang et al., 2000). *E. cloacae* has been reported to produce various enzymes, such as proteases, amylases, cellulases, and lipases (Wang et al., 2000).

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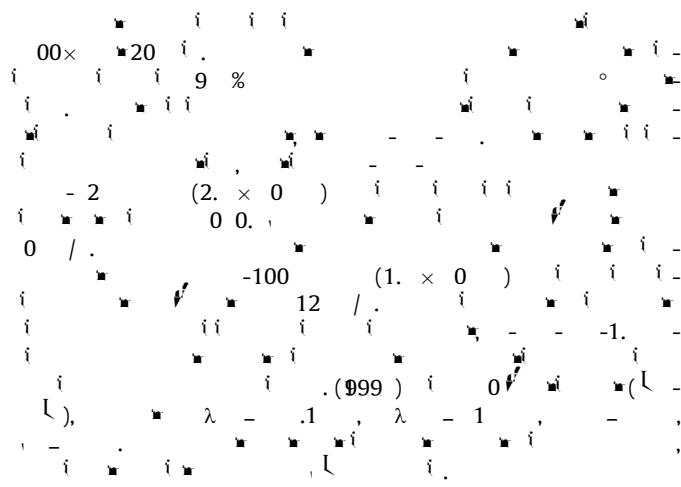
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### 2. Methods

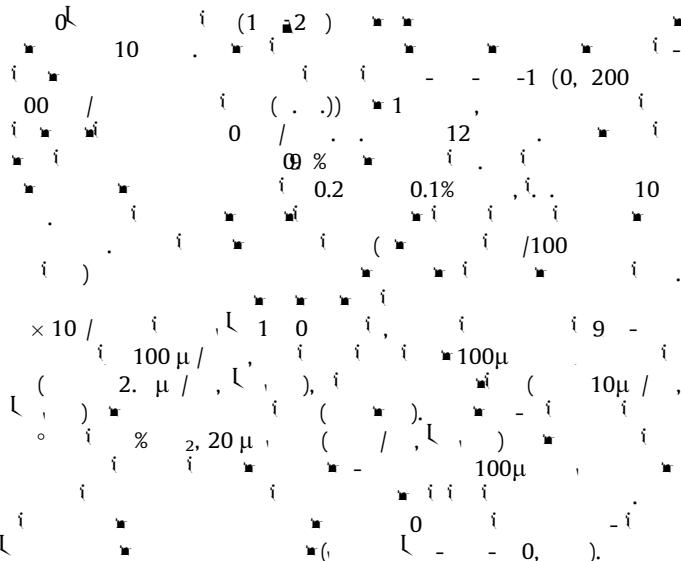
#### 2.1. Microorganism culture

*Enterobacter cloacae* 020 was maintained on Luria-Bertani (LB) medium at 28 °C. The strain was cultured in LB medium at 30 °C for 24 h. The culture was centrifuged at 10,000 × g for 10 min. The supernatant was collected and stored at -20 °C.

## 2.2. Isolation and purification of the selenium exopolysaccharide



## 2.3. Immunomodulatory activity evaluation of Se-ECZ-EPS-1

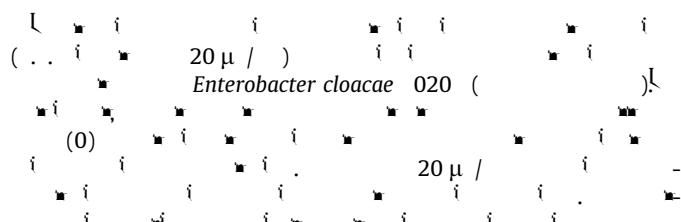


## 2.4. Statistical analysis

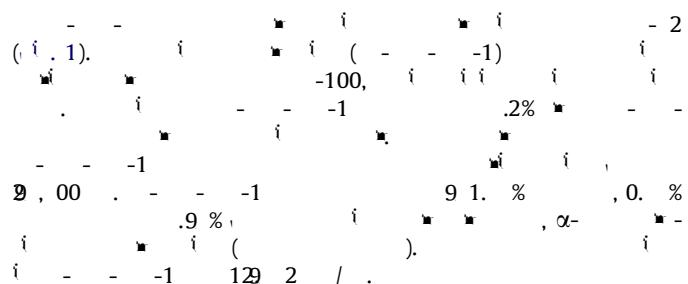
$t = 2.2$ ,  $p < 0.05$ .

## 3. Results

### 3.1. Biotransformation of selenite and red-Se phenomenon



## 3.2. Isolation, purification and general properties of Se-ECZ-EPS-1



## 3.3. Immune activity of Se-ECZ-EPS-1

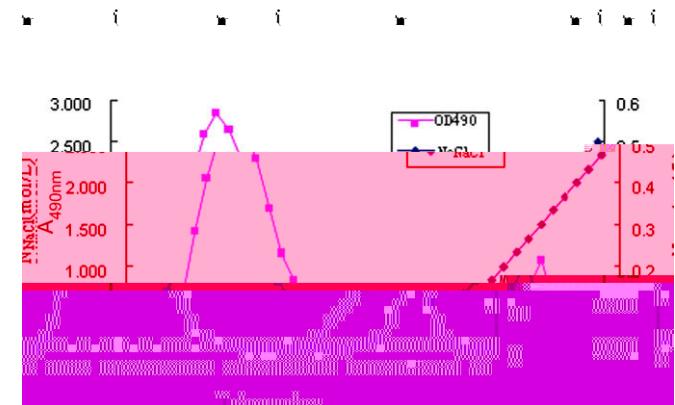
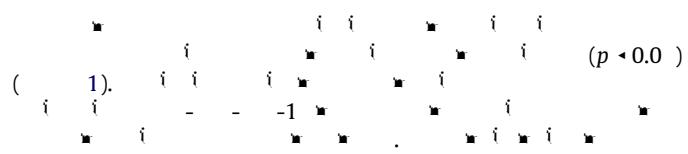


Fig. 1.  $t = 2.2$ ,  $p < 0.05$ .  
Fig. 2.  $t = 2.2$ ,  $p < 0.05$ .

Table 1

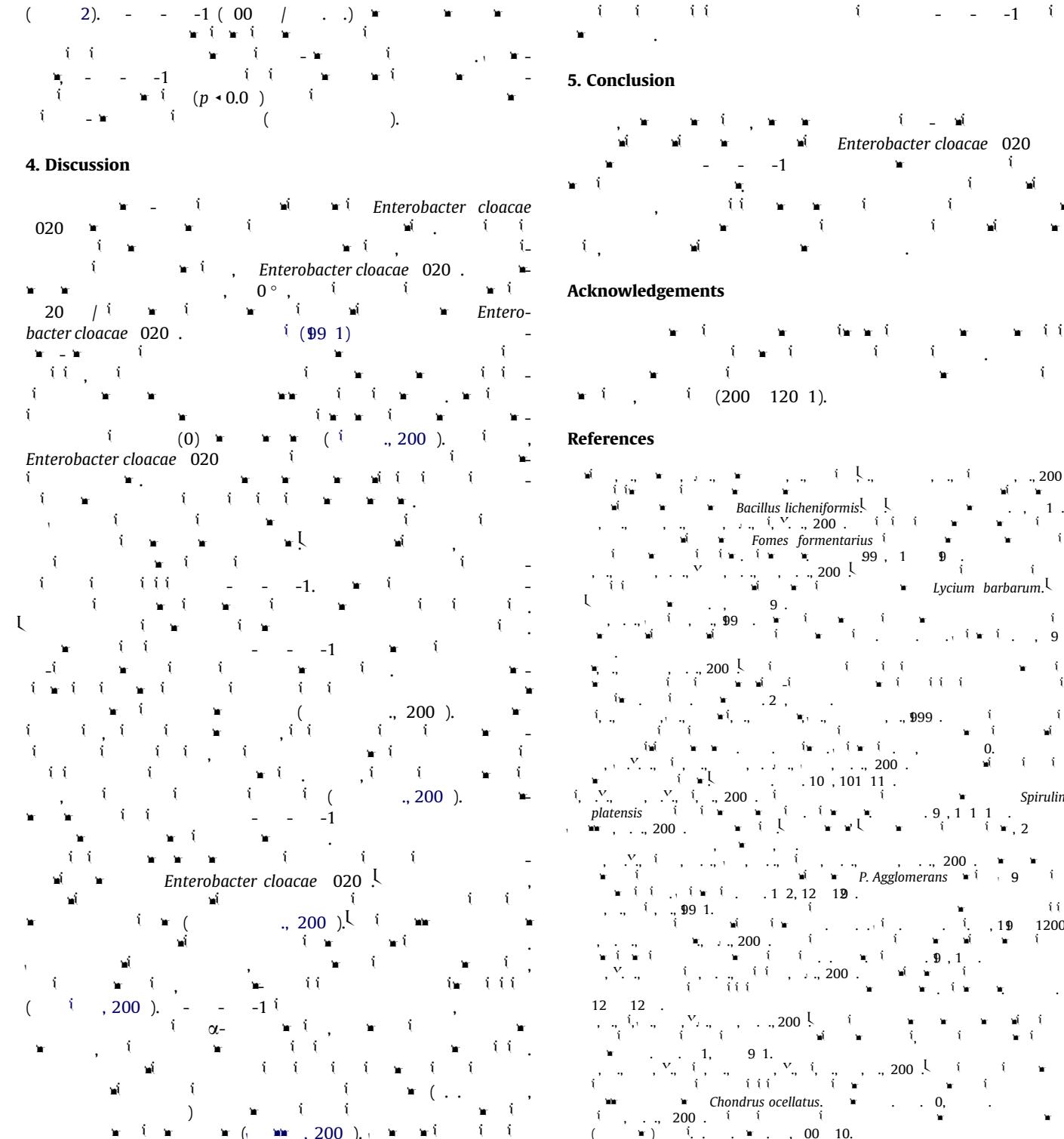
	$t = 1$	$t = 2$	$t = 3$
0	0.2 ± 0.09	0.1 ± 0.01	
200	0.2 ± 0.00	0.1 ± 0.010	
500	0.0 ± 0.012	0.9 ± 0.011	
	0.2 ± 0.022	0.222 ± 0.010	

$t = 2.2$ ,  $p < 0.05$ .

Table 2

	$t = 1$	$t = 2$	$A_{490}$
0	0.1 ± 0.01	0.1 ± 0.020	
200	0.1 ± 0.0	0.29 ± 0.01	
500	0.9 ± 0.02	0.29 ± 0.00	
	0.12 ± 0.01	0.0 ± 0.012	

$t = 2.2$ ,  $p < 0.05$ .



#### 4. Discussion

It has been reported that organic acids can inhibit the growth of *E. coli* O157:H7 [13] and *Salmonella* [14]. In our study, the growth of *E. coli* 020 was inhibited by the addition of organic acids. This inhibition may be due to the production of organic acids by the microorganisms themselves. *E. coli* 020 is a typical inhabitant of the human gut, where it can produce organic acids such as citric, lactic, and succinic acids [15]. These acids may have an inhibitory effect on the growth of *E. coli* 020. The growth of *E. coli* 020 was inhibited by the addition of organic acids, which is consistent with previous reports [13,14].

#### 5. Conclusion

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