

Abstract

The restriction enzyme profiles of nested PCR products were used to analyze. *Cryptosporidium* species during the first two years of this project, the method can differentiate most of *Cryptosporidium* into species of genotypes, not between *C. wrairi* and *C. parvum* bovine genotype. In this year, the new primers were designed for the single PCR to amplify the target sequence of just four species, then analyzed by RFLP to differentiate *C. parvum* bovine genotype and *C. wrairi*.

The method was used on the samples collected from central Taiwan (Rona, Donpu, Hopien and Zhen-ai village) during the second year with new-designed single PCR to analyze, the conclusion shows that the samples from the four places are all positive for *Cryptosporidium*. After RFLP analysis, we found there were only *C. parvum* bovine genotype in the village Rona and Hopien, however there were mixed genotypes of *C. parvum* human and *C. parvum* bovine in the village Donpu and Zhen-ai. This year, samples collected from village Wu-lai and Zhen-shi, all are negative for *Cryptosporidium* and *Cyclospora*, even detected with nest PCR or single PCR.

In the 341 samples from AIDS patients, four samples are *Cryptosporidium* positive, the preference is 1.17%. After RFLP analysis, 2 samples are *C. partum* human genotype and another 2 samples are *C. muris* and *C. meleagridis*, increasing the possibility infected from animals.

This project constructs the detecting model of *Cryptosporidium* and *Cyclospora* successfully for water and fecal samples; by the way, also design the whole methods to differentiate species and genotypes of *Cryptosporidium* and *Cyclospora*.

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