Genomic methodologies for bivalve pathobiome characterization and detection

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From histopathology to molecular tools

Histology provides informations about the detection of a wide range of pathogens specially protozoan parasites associated to mortalities or lesions associated to the interaction of the pathogen with the molluscs immune system.





From histopathology to molecular tools

A process started more than 20 years ago

DNA-based Molecular Diagnostic Techniques

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From histopathology to molecular tools

	Targeted surveillance		Presumptive diagnosis		Confirmato	ry diagnosis
	Recommended method	Standard method	Recommended method	Standard method	Recommended method	Standard method
B. ostreae	PCR (L, P, J, A) qPCR (L, P, J, A) Histopathology (J, A) Tissue imprints (J,A)		Tissue imprints PCR qPCR	Histopathology	TEM sequencing	PCR-RFLP ISH
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M. refringens	PCR (L, P, J, A) Histopathology (J, A)	Tissue imprints (J, A)	PCR tissue imprints	Histopathology	PCR sequencing	ISH TEM
M. mackini	Histopathology (A)	PCR (J, A)		PCR Histopathology	ISH sequencing	Histopathology TEM PCR
Perkinsus marinus	PCR (L) RFTM (J, A)	Histopahology (P, J, A) PCR (J, A) ISH (J, A)	PCR	ISH Histopathology RFTM	ISH	PCR Sequencing
Herpes virus µvar	PCR (L, J, A) qPCR (L, J, A)		PCR (L, J, A) qPCR (L, J, A)		Sequencing	PCR qPCR ISH TEM

TABLE 2 | Available diagnostic techniques recommended by O.I.E. (2016) for molluscs pathogens listed by EU.

A, Adults; P, post-larvae; L, Larvae; J, Juveniles.

From: Aranguren R., Figueras A., Moving from Histopathology to Molecular Tools in the Diagnosis of Molluscs Diseases of Concern under EU Legislation. Frontiers in Physiology 2016



Genomics tools

Advances in the development of molecular tools with the use of new-generation sequencing technologies (NGS) and their ability to produce large volumes of data allow to increase the knowledge of novel pathogens.

Ecological Koch's postulate



«A dysbiosis, a disease»





Not a single pathogen

- Rapid improvements in the technology used to assess microbial communities have led to an expansion of the breadth and scope of microbial pathogen research over the past 20 years.
- The rapid increase in microbiome research, spurred by next generation amplicon sequencing, has allowed researchers to characterize the microbial communities of organisms and environments which were previously poorly understood.

DNA sequencing for microbial community analysis



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Bivalve species	Location	temperature °C	Time of year	Tissue type	taxonomic units (OTUs) reported	Shannon index	Bacterial phyla	Reference
Crassostrea virginica	Long Island Sound, CT	4–21	September, November,	Gut	781	4	11	Pierce and Ward (in re
Crassostrea virginica	Atlantic Beach NC	n/a	Inly	Gut	477-552	1.06-1.33	2	Arfken et al. (2017)
Crassostrea virginica	Gulf of Mexico LA	n/a n/a	August and September	Gut	243-304	3 96-4 05	12	King et al. (2012)
Crassostrea virginica	Gulf of Mexico, LA	n/a n/a	August and September	Stomach	138-172	1 27-3 63	12	King et al. (2012)
Crassostrea coteziensis	Gulf of California	26_29	July_September	Gut	117_368	3 2 4 5	13	Trabal et al. (2012)
Crussostrea coleziensis	Mexico	20-27	July-September	Gut	117-500	5.2 4.5	15	11a0ai et al. (2014)
Crassostrea sikamea	Gulf of California,	26-29	July-September	Gut	79–367	2.57-4.5	13	Trabal et al. (2014)†
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Crassostrea gigas	Gulf of California, Mexico	26–29	July-September	Gut	234-305	1.87–4	13	Trabal et al. (2014)†
Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, Germany	2	January	Gills	4,464	2.5-4	10	Wegner et al. (2013)
Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, Germany	8 and 21	August and November	Hemolymph	2,622	4.2-4.8	18	Lokmer and Wegner (2
Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, the	13-22	June-August	Hemolymph	100	Avg 4.4	n/a	Lokmer et al. (2016a)
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Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, the	14	n/a	Hemolymph	500-600	n/a	n/a	Lokmer et al. (2016b)
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Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, the	14	n/a	Gills	200-400	n/a	n/a	Lokmer et al. (2016b)
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Crassostrea gigas	Wadden Sea, the	14	n/a	Mantle	200-400	n/a	n/a	Lokmer et al. (2016b)
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Crassostrea gigas	Gulf of La Spezia, Italy	26.7	August	Gut	600	700*	n/a	Vezzulli et al. (2018)
Crassostrea gigas	Gulf of La Spezia, Italy	26.7	August	Hemolymph	1,200	1,300*	n/a	Vezzulli et al. (2018)
Crassostrea hongkongensis	Hailing Bay, China	n/a	March-December, monthly	Gut	n/a	2.2-2.8	n/a	Wang et al. (2016)
Mytilus edulis	Long Island Sound, CT	4-21	September, November.	Gut	989	4-6.5	22	Pierce and Ward (in re
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Mytilus edulis	Barnegat Bay, NJ	n/a	n/a	Gut	178	1.4-4.0	n/a	Schill et al. (2017)
Mytilus edulis	Barnegat Bay, NJ	n/a	n/a	Gills	68	0.3-1.9	n/a	Schill et al. (2017)
Mytilus galloprovincialis	Gulf of La Spezia. Italy	26.7	August	Gut	600-700	800*	n/a	Vezzulli et al. (2018)
Mytilus galloprovincialis	Gulf of La Spezia, Italy	26.7	August	Hemolymph	1,000	1,100*	n/a	Vezzulli et al. (2018)
Brachidontes sp.	Kakaban and Maratua	28-32	August	Whole organism	3.553	n/a	44	Cleary et al. (2015)
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Not a single pathogen: microbial community analysis

VIVALDI: WP1 Subtask 1.2.1

Bivalve patho-biome will be investigated in selected contrasting samples of oysters and mussels from the key sites indicated above and in clams, cockles and scallops from additional relevant sites. Pathobiome analysis will be extended, when possible, to larvae and/or juveniles. Bacterial and microeukaryote parasite diversity and load in bivalves will be estimated using metagenetics and lineage-specific PCR. Complementary, bivalve "vibriome" will be evaluated in oysters by high throughput sequencing analyses (e.g. whole metagenome/targeted DNA sequencing).

Diseased and non-diseased samples will be stored until the most interesting/relevant samples can be analysed for patho-biome investigation.



Not a single pathogen: microbial community analysis

The microbial communities of suspensionfeeding bivalves include both resident and transient microbiota.





Polymicrobial diseases defined as pathologic manifestations induced by the presence of multiple microorganisms affecting the host are held responsible for infections of marine animals suffering mass mortality episodes such as those repeatedly affecting the Pacific oyster (Crassostrea gigas) in European shellfish



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Not a single pathogen: microbial community analysis

We started 4 years ago setting up and comparing protocols:





Not a single pathogen: microbial community analysis



Very first encouraging results



A total of 525 *C. gigas* samples collected from 2016 to 2017 in three European sites, i.e., Ebro delta, Dungarvan Bay and Bay of Brest were screened for the presence of OsHV-1 and *V. aestuarianus* using quantitative real-Time PCR



One hundred one contrasting C. gigas samples were selected in the Ebro Delta (n=50), Dungarvan bay (n=40) and the Bay of Brest (n=11) for microbiota analysis





About 15M reads 80k reads/sample







C. gigas samples (n=101)









Comparative analysis of healthy vs infected *C. gigas* samples clearly showed that infected oysters displayed signs of community structure disruption and were characterized by a low diversity and proliferation of few bacterial taxa.



Metagenomic next-generation sequencing (mNGS) for pan-pathogen detection

Sample matrices PROS:

- Hypothesis-free, or unbiased, testing
- Discovery of new or unexpected organisms
- Potential for quantitation
- Ability to detect any portion of genome

- CONS:
- Must also sequence host background
- Expensive
- Time consuming
- Not all genomes are available
- Prone to contamination

Detection of pathogen









Target	Taxonomy	Main host	Marker gene	No. of allelic variants	Length (nt)
Vibrio spp.	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	gyrB	243	400
	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	recA	204	400
	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	atpA	133	400
	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	dnaJ	56	400
	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	pyrH	113	400
	V. tasmaniensis	Crassostrea gigas	LGP32 probes	10	400
	V. cholerae O1 El Tor	Human	ctxA	1	777
	V. cholerae O1 El Tor	Human	ctxB	1	375
	V. cholerae O139	Human	ctxA-B	1	938
	V. cholerae O1 el Tor	Human	tcpA	1	675
	V. cholerae O1 classical	Human	tcpA	1	675
	V. cholerae O1 el Tor	Human	rstR	1	339
	V. cholerae O1 classical	Human	rstR	1	336
	V. cholerae O139	Human	wbf	1	449
	V. cholerae O1 el Tor	Human	gbpA	1	400
	V. parahaemolyticus	Human	toxR	1	552
	V. parahaemolyticus	Human	tdh, trh	3	570
	V. vulnificus	Human	vvhA	1	1416
	V. vulnificus	Human	rtxA1	1	400
	V. tasmaniensis	Crassostrea gigas	vsm (LGP32 strain)	1	1824
	V. tasmaniensis	Crassostrea gigas	ompU (LGP32 strain)	1	400
	V. aestuarianus	Crassostrea gigas	vam	1	1836
	V. tapetis	Ruditapes philippinarum	djlA	1	1826
	V. coralliilyticus	Paramuricea clavata	vcpA	15	1824
	V. harveyi	Stony corals	vhhA	1	1260
	V. crassostreae	Crassostrea gigas	R-5.7	1	2397
	V. tubiashii	Crassostrea gigas	Metalloprotease	1	1821
	Vibrio spp.	Human, Animal	MSHA	12	400



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Arcobacter spp.	Arcobacter spp.	Human	gyrB	27	400
Nocardia crassostrea	Nocardia crassostrea	Crassostrea gigas, Ostrea edulis	rpoB, hsp65, gyrB	3	400
Marteilia refringens	Marteilia refringens	Ostrea edulis, Mytilus edulis, M. galloprovincialis	ITS1O, ITS1M, probe	3	400
Bonamia ostreae	Bonamia ostreae	Ostrea edulis	5.8S-ITS rDNA, hsp90, act1	3	400
OsHV-1	Ostreid herpesvirus 1	Crassostrea gigas	C2/C6 (2), IA1-IA2, orf4, Hyp. Protein, RING finger protein gene	7	400
			ORF100	1	198
			C9-C10	1	197
			B3-B4	1	207
Enterococcus spp.	E. faecalis, E. faecium, E. avium, E. gallinarum, E. casseliflavus, E. durans, E. raffinosus, E. mundtii	Human	atpA	8	400
Roseovarius crassostrea	Roseovarius crassostrea	Crassostrea virginica	dnaJ, pyrH	6	400
Escherichia coli	Escherichia coli	Human	dnaJ, pyrH, atpA, gyrB	4	400
Aspergillus sydowii	Aspergillus sydowii	Gorgonia ventalina, Human	TUB2, <i>trpC</i> , ITS, calmodulin gene	4	400
Aurantimonas coralicida	Aurantimonas coralicida	Corals	atpD, gyrB, recA, rpoB	4	400
Serratia marcescens	Serratia marcescens	Acropora palmata	gyrB, recA, dnaJ	3	400
Pseudoalteromonas sp.	Pseudoalteromonas sp.	Rhopaloeides odorabile	gyrB	1	400
			Total	884	29,292



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Rhodohacteraceae

Psychrobium

Pseudoalteromonas

Vibrio

Arcobacter

Arcobacter sp. (haliotis)

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mapping reads (%)

40

50

V. splendidus

V. toranzoniae

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Results from target enrichment NGS analysis investigating *C. gigas* pathobiota in contrasting samples infected or not infected (control) by the bacteria *V. aestuarianus*. Or Ostreid herpesvirus 1 (OshV1). Relative abundance is calculated from the number of reads specifically mapping on target sequences and expressed as percentage



Dynamics of the Pacific oyster pathobiota during mortality episodes in Europe assessed by 16S rRNA gene profiling and a new target enrichment nextgeneration sequencing strategy

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