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Isolation and Characterization of Lytic Bacteriophages from Wastewater against *Listeria monocytogenes*

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Background and Aims: In the current study, two bacteriophages were isolated from the wastewater sources and characterized by lytic activity against the *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. monocytogenes*) bacterium. **Materials and Methods:** 50 wastewater samples were collected from the disposal sites. The phages were isolated from the treated samples using the double agar overlay method with *L. monocytogenes* as the host bacterium. Plaque morphology, temperature, pH, titration of phage lysate, host range, and scanning electron microscopic morphology were used to characterize the isolated phages. **Results:** Bacteriophage was found in two samples taken from wastewater treatment plants. Phages were proliferated and released under optimal bacterial growth conditions at pH 7; 37 °C in 36-hour incubation. A 10:1 ratio of bacterial cells to phage produced the greatest lytic ability. The highest phage titrated under optimal conditions was estimated at 9×10^9 pfu/ml. The scanning electron microscopic image revealed a bacteriophage morphology corresponding to the head and tail group. The host range observations demonstrated that *L. monocytogenes* were unique to the isolated phage. The elimination of *L. monocytogenes* growth in milk and whey samples revealed that this bacteriophage targeted bacteria and resulted in a 75% reduction in bacterial contamination. **Conclusion:** The results suggest that the phages obtained from *L. monocytogenes* may be utilized to combat this pathogen in dairy, agri-food, wastes, and other associated infections.

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