

Development of Antibiofilm Biosurfactants from Marine Bacteria Against Shrimp *Vibrio* pathogens

¹G. Seghal Kiran*, ²Saba Rathnam, ³Sethu Priyadharsini and ⁴Joseph Selvin

^{1,3}Department of Food Science and Technology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry 605014, India, ²Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620024, India

⁴Department of Microbiology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry 605014, India

*Email: josephselvinss@gmail.com

Abstract

Vibrio disease is being described as a major bacterial disease obviously known as penaeid bacterial septicaemia, penaeid Vibriosis, luminescent Vibriosis or red leg diseases. Signs of *Vibrio* disease include lethargy, tissue and appendage necrosis, slow growth, slow larval metamorphosis, body malformation, bioluminescence in shrimp particularly produced in flocc systems, muscle opacity, melanization, empty midgut and anorexia. In Asia, *V. alginolyticus* and *V. harveyi* were considered as the most significant pathogens in the grow-out ponds of giant black tiger shrimp *Penaeus monodon*. Survival and pathogenicity of *Vibrio* was associated with the biofilm formation and quorum sensing. Therefore, disruption of biofilm formation and/or quorum sensing would be an effective management strategy in aquatic systems instead of killing the pathogens which obviously leads to the development of resistant strains. Biosurfactants are surface active smart biomolecules showed strong antibiofilm activity against *Vibrio* pathogens. In this report, biofilm producing *Vibrio* pathogens include *V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V. parahaemolyticus* VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6 were isolated from the moribund shrimp samples collected from farms located southeast coast of India. Based on their surface-active properties, we hypothesized that biosurfactants could disrupt biofilms of *Vibrio* pathogens. To test the hypothesis, we examined the effects of the lipopeptides extracted from marine bacteria MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08, on the biofilm-forming capacity of biofilm infection causing pathogenic *Vibrio* spp. (*V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V. parahaemolyticus* VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6). The both lipopeptide biosurfactants potentially disrupted biofilm formation under dynamic conditions. The biofilm disruption potential of the lipopeptide biosurfactants was consistent against all shrimp pathogens. Based on this finding, biosurfactant incorporated feed can be formulated to contain *Vibrio* outbreaks in shrimp aquaculture.

Key words: Biosurfactants, vibriosis, shrimp aquaculture, biofilm disruption

Introduction

Aquaculture is the quickest developing sustenance part all around and it was quickly venturing into multibillion dollar industry. Be that as it may, by and by, the real inconvenience confronted by the aquaculture business worldwide is infections caused because of different biological and non-biological operators. The biological agents bacteria, virus and fungi were accepted to be the reason of extreme monetary misfortune in the incubation centers and develop out lakes in all aquaculture creating nations (Ruangpan and Kitao, 1991). Among the gatherings of microorganisms that reason serious misfortunes in shrimp culture, the best known are bacteria as a result of the stunning financial impacts they have on influenced ranches (Lightner, 1996; Karunasagar *et al.* 1994).

Pathogenic *Vibrios* are one of the significant wellsprings of shrimp sickness as a result of their nearby relationship with low survival rates in hatcheries and develop out lakes. In many shrimp cultivating areas, infections credited to *Vibrio* spp. are viewed as the most regular and vital irresistible issues (Ruangpan & Kitao, 1991; Sung *et al.* 2001). *Vibrios* can ability to grow as biofilm with resistance to disinfectants and antibiotics that cause a variety of shrimp disease in hatcheries and grow- out ponds (Karunasagar., 1994, 1996; Alvarez *et al.* 1998). In 1996, Karunasagar *et al.* revealed the antibiotic resistant *Vibrio harveyi* held on in the larval tanks of a shrimp hatchery, most presumably as biofilm bacteria and consequently not effectively expelled by sanitizer treatment.

Vibrio biofilm

In most environmental specialties, *Vibrios* are developed on regular or artificial surfaces as single or multispecies groups known as biofilms. A biofilm is a sessile microbial group comprising of cells that are irreversibly joined to a substratum and installed in an extracellular polymeric framework (Donlan & Costerton, 2002). The vast majority of the investigations show that biofilms are a steady point in a natural cycle that starts with the vehicle and connection of the bacterium to surfaces. After the underlying connection, colonization of a surface is interceded by the development and development of appended microbes. Surface colonization at that point prompts

the development of microcolonies, which are frequently encompassed by extrapolymeric substances. Assist development of bacteria and proceeded with creation of exopolysaccharide prompt the advancement of develop biofilm structures portrayed by columns and channels. It has been demonstrated that advancement of these structures relies upon biomass development rate, twitching motility, signalling molecules, and production of exopolysaccharide (O'Toole *et al.* 1998; Costerton *et al.* 1995; and Parsek & Fuqua, 2004). As per the O'Toole. (1998) the physiology, cell surfaces, imperviousness to natural put-down, and different properties of biofilm cells are notably not the same as their planktonic partners. Biofilm development rises as an essential component for microbial survival in nature. *Vibrios* are ubiquitous in situations mostly amphibian environments. The biofilm framing limit of *V. cholerae* is all around archived, both in common environments and under research center conditions (Faruque *et al.* 2006; Watnick and Kolter, 1999; Yildiz & Schoolnik, 1999). A few research discoveries uncover the significance of biofilms in survival, harmfulness, and stress resistance components of *Vibrio* spp. (Watnick & Kolter 1999; Watnick *et al.* 2001; Zhu & McKalanos, 2003; Faruque *et al.* 2006; You *et al.* 2007; Yildiz & Visick., 2009). With this standpoint the present investigation was intended to assess the biofilm framing capability of pathogenic *Vibrio* spp., related with shrimp malady.

Vibrio disease is depicted as Vibriosis or bacterial infection, penaeid bacterial septicaemia, penaeid Vibriosis, luminescent Vibriosis or red leg maladies and is globally circulated. Indications of *Vibrio* ailment incorporate laziness, tissue and extremity putrefaction, moderate development, moderate larval transformation, body deformity, bolitas negricans, bioluminescence, muscle mistiness, melanization, purge midgut and anorexia (Karunasager *et al.* 1994; Lightner and Redman, 1994; Smith, 2000). In Asia, among the pathogenic *Vibrio* gathering, 11 species were accounted for from the shrimp culture frameworks (Lavilla-Pitogo, 1995). Of these, *V. alginolyticus* and *V. harveyi* are considered as the most huge ones in the develop out lakes of giant black tiger shrimp *Penaeus monodon* in India (Karunasagar *et al.* 1997; Selvin and Lipton, 2003; Manilal *et al.* 2010). The pathogenecity of microbial intruders in the scavenger haemocoel at last lies in the capacity of the life forms to avoid or evade the host resistance systems.

In this examination, hopeless shrimp isolates were morphologically and biochemically portrayed in to six gatherings. Among the six gatherings, the most dynamic biofilm makers were screened. They were named as *V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V.*

parahaemolyticus VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6. With respect to antibiotics resistance, all isolates were impervious to chloramphenicol taken after by oxytetracycline. The antibiotic resistance pathogens and amassing of deposits in the shrimp tissue have turned out to be normal in Indian Shrimp ranches (Selvin and Lipton, 2003). Antibiotic resistant *V. harveyi* from tainted larvae showed bring down LD₅₀ esteems for post larval *P. monodon* than *V. harveyi* secludes acquired from sea water (Karunasagar *et al.* 1997). In thinks about by Karunasagar *et al.* (1994, 1996), antibiotic resistant *Vibrio harveyi* persevered in the larval tanks of a shrimp hatchery, most likely as biofilm bacteria and in this way not effortlessly disposed of by sanitizer treatment. These discoveries proposed the potential peril of standard utilization of anti-infection agents in aquaculture and show that they may build the *Vibrio* spp. harmfulness, for example, biofilm development.

All incurable shrimp isolates (*V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V. para haemolytic us* VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6) on CRA plate, created black colonies. Slime production assume an essential part in the pathogenesis of contaminations caused by various microorganisms (Alcaráz, 2003; Abdallah *et al.* 2008), and is thought to be a noteworthy harmfulness factor for some *Vibrio alginolyticus* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Abdallah *et al.* 2008).

Biofilm forming capacity of *Vibrio* pathogens

Quorum sensing assume a key part in the formation of biofilm. Davies *et al.* (1998) distributed the principal ponder that demonstrated a part for majority detecting in the biofilm formation, and propelled a time of dynamic research of cell-to-cell communication in biofilms. McLean *et al.* (1997) have demonstrated that acyl HSL autoinducers are distinguishable in normally happening biofilms, proposing that biofilm groups in nature contain populaces that can experience cell density dependent regulation. In light of the investigation the presence of cell to cell signaling molecule were seen in just 3 biofilm producers (VB3, VB4 and VB5) among the 6 selected isolates (VB1-VB6). In light of the above investigation material and research finding the *Vibrio* spp. detached from the moribund shrimps are recognized as potential biofilm producers *V. harveyi* VB1, *V.*

alginoliticus VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V. parahaemolyticus* VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6.

The stereozoom microscope principally used to watch the biofilm amassing in strong surfaces. The biofilm was created on to the microtiter polystyrene plates and it was seen under stereozoom magnifying instrument. The biofilm accumulation on the strong surface was watched and photograph was taken. The accumulation biofilm makers in microtiter plate is fluctuated in light of their surface connection nature. The photograph was shown in Figure 1. The *Vibrio* spp. were delivered distinctive measure of biofilm in the polystyrene microtiter plates.

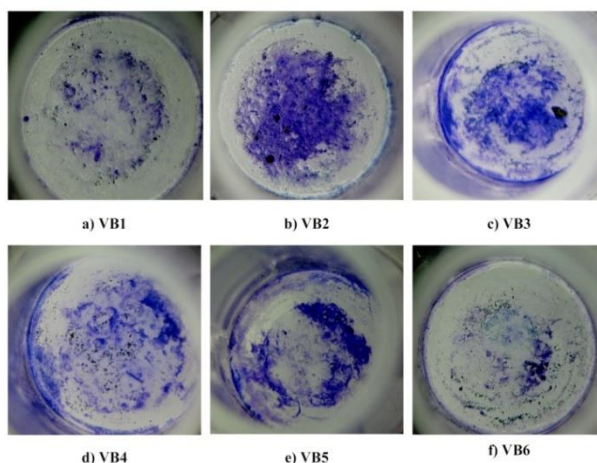


Figure 1. Stereozoom microscope images demonstrating the biofilm forming potential of *Vibrio* spp. (VB1 to VB6).

Biofilm formation is perceived as an imperative destructiveness factor for both opportunistic and true pathogens (O'Toole *et al.* 2000). Bacterial biofilms have a basically intricate and dynamic design and form on numerous abiotic surfaces (plastic, glass, metal and minerals) and biotic (plants, creatures and people) surfaces (Stoodley *et al.* 2002; Hall-Stoodley *et al.* 2004) as single- or various species groups. Biofilm arrangement is a critical component for microbial survival in the earth. Biofilm development is an imperative component for microbial survival in the earth. Biofilm-framing microorganisms are less susceptible to numerous antimicrobial compounds and different biocides. Biofilm formation on medical devices assumes a vital part in the issue of numerous nosocomial and wellbeing related disease and also the development of biofilm favors survival and steadiness of *Vibrio* spp. in the aquatic environment and furthermore inside the host. In light of the above reasons, novel antibiofilm agents are required for the avoidance/control of

pathogenic microbial biofilms on the surfaces and hosts. It was set up that the vast majority of the marine organisms have advanced effective techniques to battle epibiosis. Particularly, marine sponges create particular obstacles to avert biofilm-forming microorganisms (Selvin *et al.* 2010). In any case, it has been estimated that these poisonous hindrances may be delivered by the related microorganisms rather than the host sponge.

Biosurfactants from marine bacteria

Biosurfactants are a heterogeneous group of bioactive amphiphilic particles produced on microbial cell surfaces or extracellularly (Karanth *et al.* 1999). The most potential advantage of microbial surfactants is biodegradability and nontoxicity to common habitats (Banat, 1993). The biomedical significance of biosurfactants was built up because of their antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral properties; hindrance of fibrin clump arrangement; and their anti-biofilm ability against few pathogenic microorganisms (Meylheuc *et al.* 2001, 2006; Singh and Cameotra, 2004; Rodrigues *et al.* 2006). Sponge related marine microorganisms are rising as a potential wellspring of novel biosurfactants (Gandhimathi *et al.* 2009; Kiran *et al.* 2009, 2010). It has been speculated that the antimicrobial fouling process speaks to a substance safeguard of host wipes intervened by the related microscopic organisms. Consequently, the biosurfactants created by the sponge related marine actinobacteria were assessed for the control of pathogenic *Vibrio* spp. biofilms, separated from moribund shrimps.

Biofilm inhibition potential of lipopeptide biosurfactants

In light of their surface-dynamic properties and writing confirm (Kiran *et al.* 2010; Dusane *et al.* 2010), we estimated that glycolipids could influence biofilm arrangement. To test the speculation, we inspected the impacts of the lipopeptide separated from MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08, on the biofilm-framing limit of biofilm contamination causing pathogenic *Vibrio* spp. (*V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, V' VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6). The both lipopeptide biosurfactants possibly disturbed biofilm development under powerful conditions. The biofilm interruption capability of the lipopeptide biosurfactants was reliable

against all shrimp pathogens. The lipopeptide biosurfactants, specifically MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 demonstrated magnificent hindrance against the biofilms of shrimp pathogens (*VB1 to VB6*). The lyophilized lipopeptide biosurfactant were utilized to quantify biofilm inhibitory fixation. To decide the BIC of these two lipopeptide biosurfactants on shrimp *Vibrio* spp., extricates with changed scopes of focuses (10– 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) were utilized. Fixation subordinate reduction in biofilm arrangement of test pathogens was gotten upon treatment with the lipopeptide biosurfactants. The biosurfactants got from MSI-A 07 indicated most extreme inhibition of biofilm of 75-80 % at a grouping of 30 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Figure 2.1) and the lipopeptide biosurfactant isolated from MSI-A 08 repressed the biofilm development of shrimp pathogens up to 70-75 %, at a focus 40 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (Figure 2.2). Thus, 30 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 40 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ were fixed as the BIC for MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptides separately and additionally measures were done at this extract concentration.

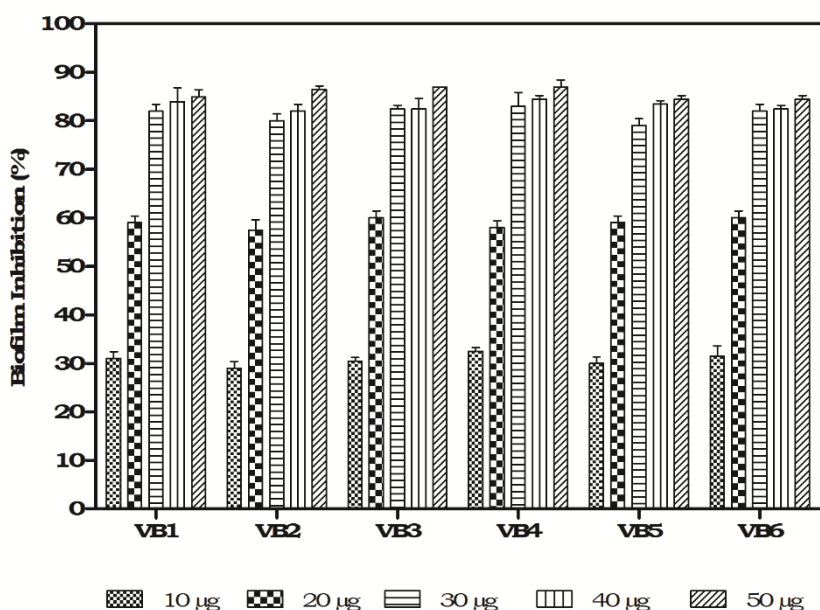


Figure 2. 1. Efficacy of the lipopeptide biosurfactant (MSI-A 07) in the biofilm forming potential of shrimp pathogens.

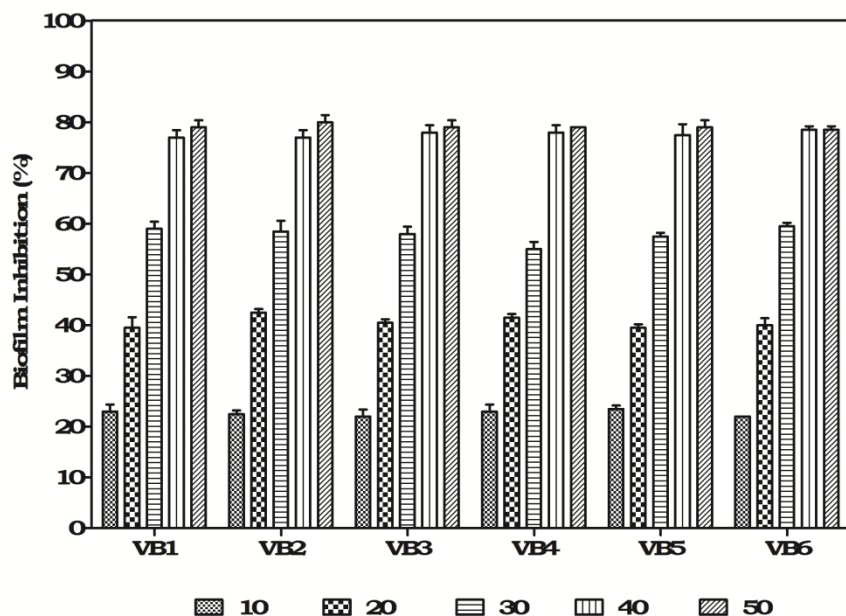


Figure 2.2. Efficacy of the lipopeptide biosurfactant (MSI-A 08) in the biofilm forming potential of shrimp pathogens.

Biofilm disruption potential of lipopeptide biosurfactants

The pictures got from the stage phase contrast microscope uncovered that the lipopeptide biosurfactants extracted from MSIA-07 and MSI-A 08 had potential biofilm disruption. In the cover slip examine, the biofilm disruption was clear and demonstrated a disrupted biofilm under phase contrast microscope (Plate 3.1). These outcomes legibly demonstrate that the lipopeptide biosurfactants disrupts the initial attachment to the surface, one of the important feature of biofilm is the initial attachment. Along these lines, counteractive action of biofilm connection prompts the biofilm disruption. The pictures acquired from light microscope showed that the control slides portrayed all around well-formed biofilm of test pathogens, while, the test pathogens upon treatment with lipopeptide biosurfactants formed poor biofilm development than the control test (Plate 3.3). To decide the outcomes acquired in light microscopy (i.e., breaking down of biofilm structures by biosurfactants), we utilized confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) to additionally illustrate the antibiofilm capability of lipopeptides against biofilms of pathogenic shrimp *Vibrio* spp. (*V. harveyi* VB1, *V. alginolyticus* VB2, *V. vulnificus* VB3, *V. fischeri* VB4, *V.*

parahaemolyticus VB5 and *Photobacterium damsela* VB6) (Plate 3.4). CLSM demonstrated strong adhering capacity of shrimp pathogens, which prompt the improvement of thick biofilm development on glass slide of control samples, while treated samples showed the antibiofilm capability of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 by crumbling the refractory biofilm design of tried pathogens upon treatment. The microtiter plate test likewise demonstrated biofilm disruption capability of MSI-07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactant on microtiter plates under stereozoom microscopic examination (Plate 3.5).

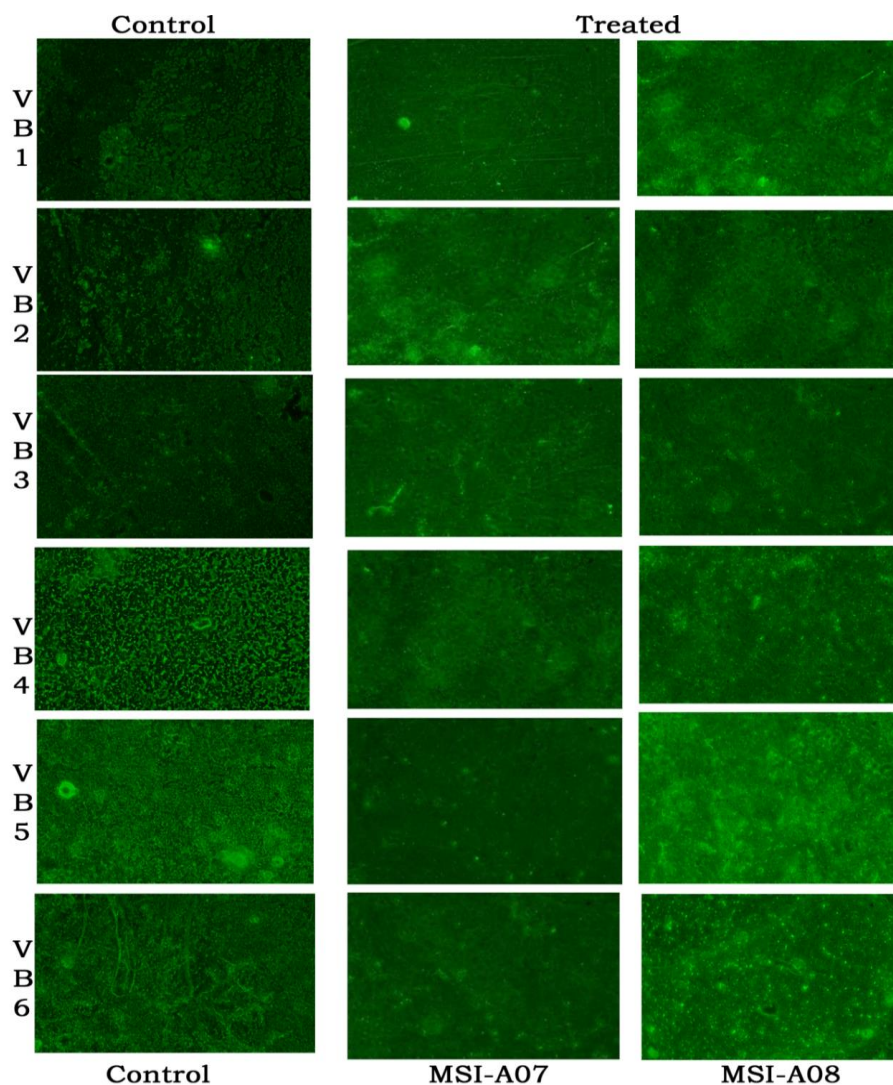


Plate 3.1. Phase contrast microscope images demonstrating the biofilm disruption potentials of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactants against shrimp pathogens

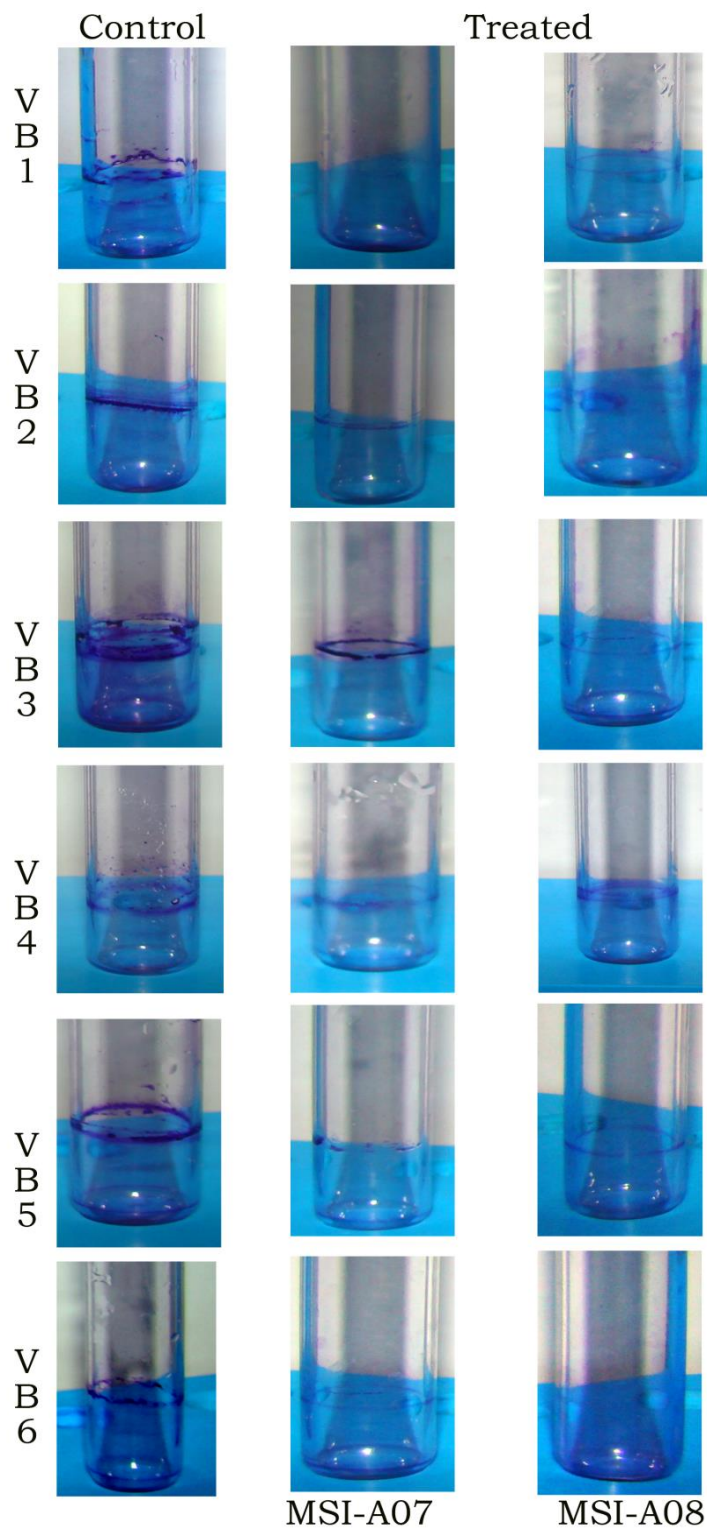


Plate 5.2. Direct observation demonstrating the antibiofilm potentials of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactants against shrimp pathogens

Kiran, G. et al., 2017. Development of antibiofilm biosurfactants from marine bacteria against shrimp *Vibrio* pathogens. En: Cruz-Suárez, L.E., Ricque-Marie, D., Tapia-Salazar, M., Nieto-López, M.G., Villarreal-Cavazos, D. A., Gamboa-Delgado, J., López Acuña, L.M. y Galaviz-Espinoza, M. . (Eds), Investigación y Desarrollo en Nutrición Acuicola Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, San Nicolás de los Garza, Nuevo León, México, pp. 284-302. ISBN 978-607-27-0822-8.

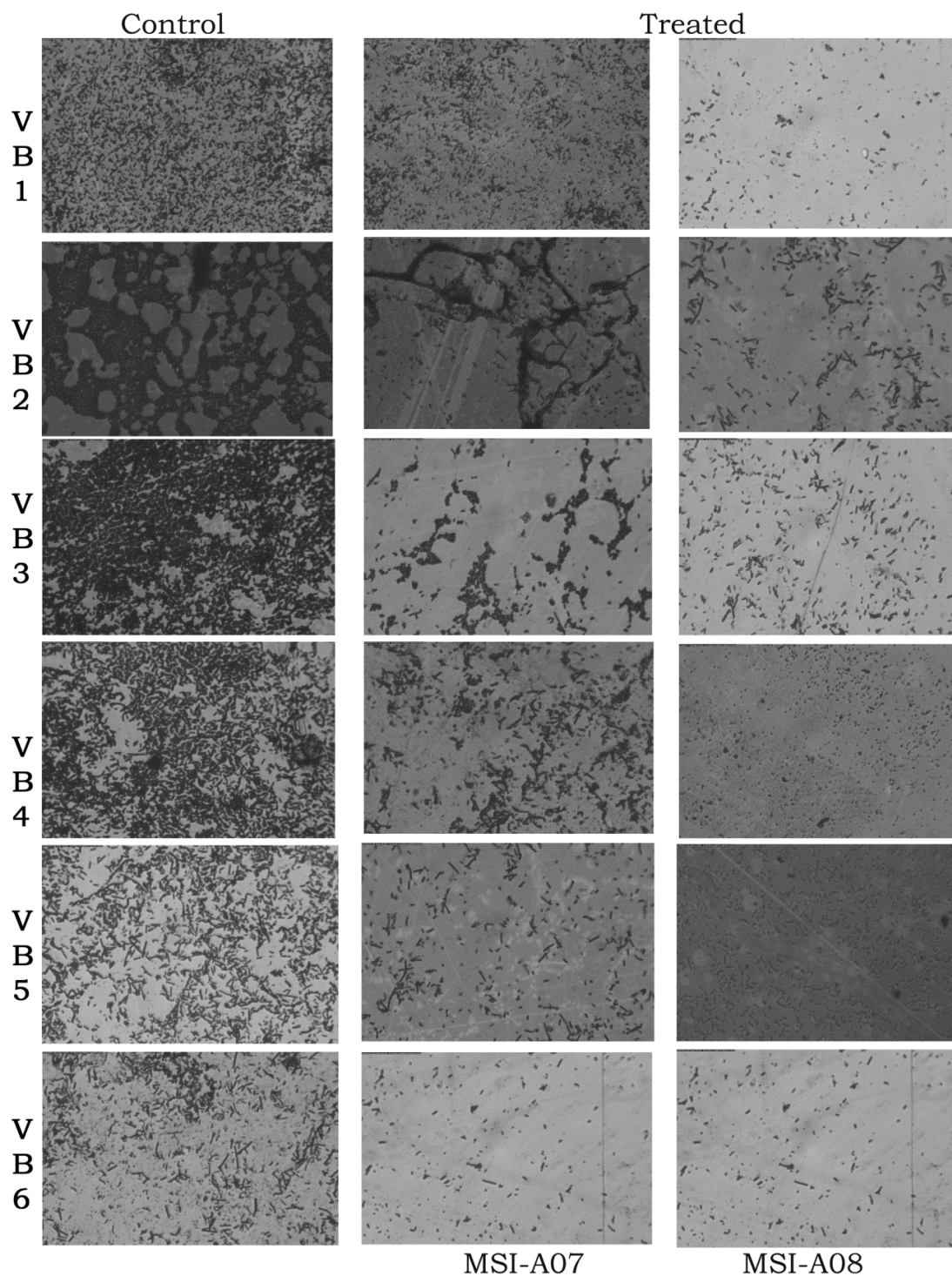


Plate 5.3. Phase contrast microscope images demonstrating the antibiofilm potentials of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactants against shrimp pathogens

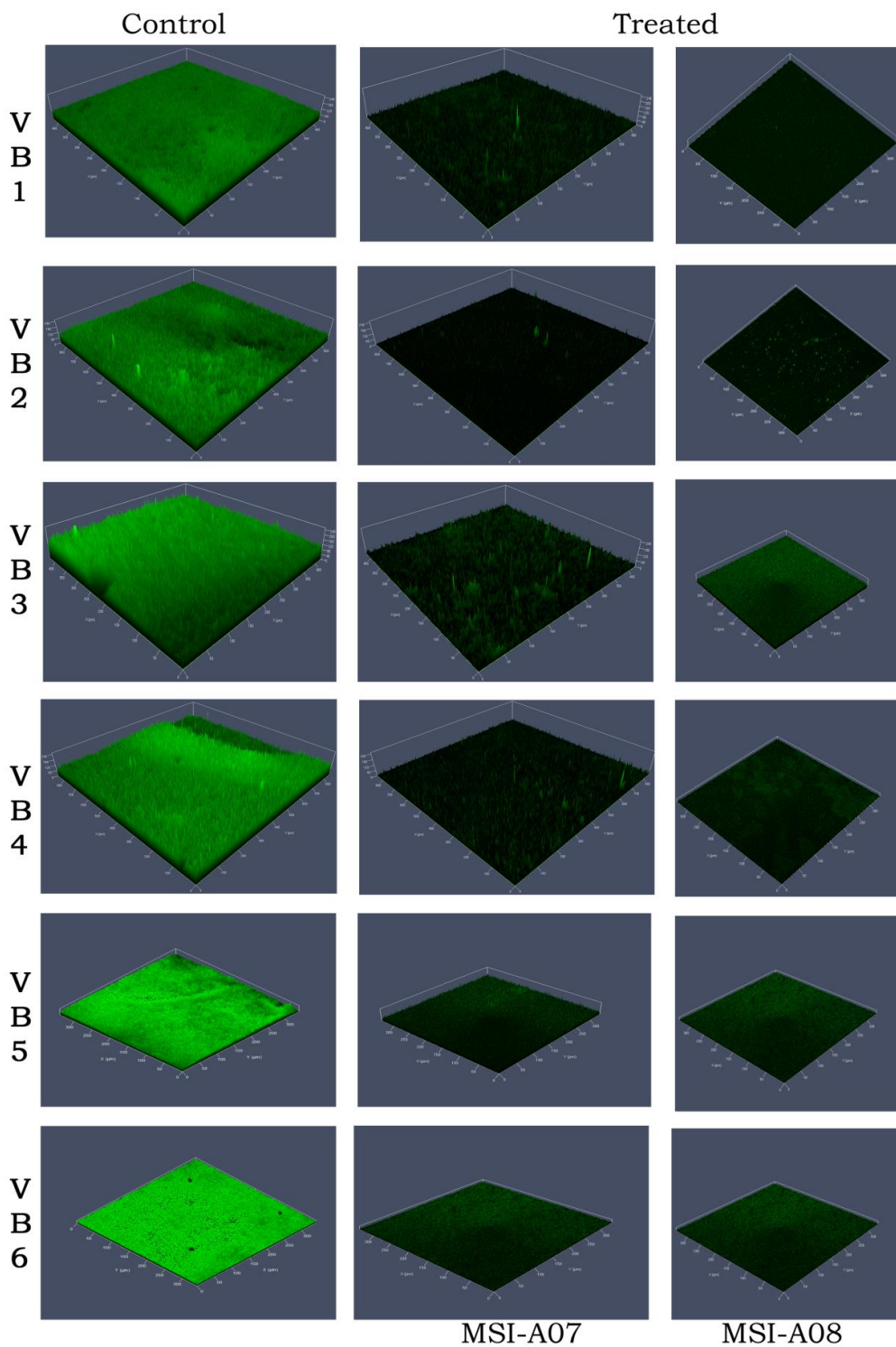


Plate 5.4. CLSM images demonstrating the antibiofilm potentials of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactants against shrimp pathogens

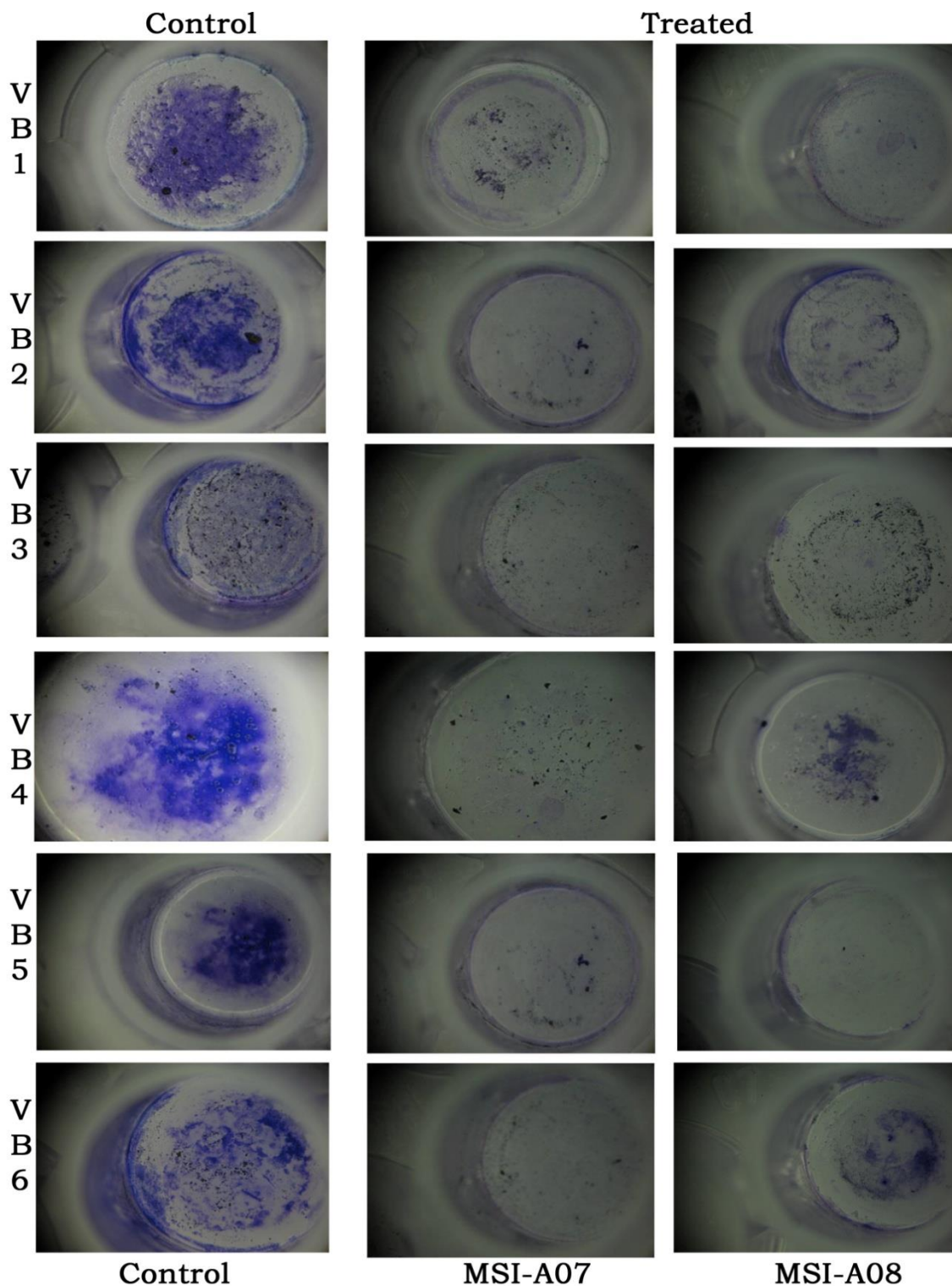


Plate 5.5. Stereozoom images demonstrating the antibiofilm potentials of MSI-A 07 and MSI-A 08 lipopeptide biosurfactants against shrimp pathogens

Kiran, G. et al., 2017. Development of antibiofilm biosurfactants from marine bacteria against shrimp *Vibrio* pathogens. En: Cruz-Suárez, L.E., Ricque-Marie, D., Tapia-Salazar, M., Nieto-López, M.G., Villarreal-Cavazos, D. A., Gamboa-Delgado, J., López Acuña, L.M. y Galaviz-Espinoza, M. . (Eds), Investigación y Desarrollo en Nutrición Acuicola Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, San Nicolás de los Garza, Nuevo León, México, pp. 284-302. ISBN 978-607-27-0822-8.

Microbial surfactants or biosurfactants are surface-dynamic amphipathic particles delivered by various microorganisms. As of late, microbial surfactants have been found to have a few properties of helpful and biomedical significance, e.g. antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral properties. The antimicrobial properties of the biosurfactants have been generally detailed. One valuable property of numerous biosurfactants that has not been examined widely is their antibiofilm action. Glycolipid delivered by *Brevibacterium casei* (Kiran *et al.* 2010) and rhamnolipid created by *Serratia marcescens* (Dusane *et al.* 2010) have indicated high antibiofilm. As of late Quinn *et al.* (2012) detailed the antibiofilm capability of lipopeptide separated from *Paenibacillus polymyxa*. The capacity of surfactants to repress biofilm development is depicted for the rhamnolipid surfactant of *P. aeruginosa PAO1* (Davey *et al.* 2003) and for lipopeptides created by the Gram-positive microscopic organisms *Lactobacillus*, *Bacillus* and *Streptococcus* (Busscher *et al.* 1997; Velraeds *et al.* 2000; Mireles *et al.* 2001). Be that as it may, the quantity of reports on advancement of novel antibiofilm biosurfactant is negligible. In spite of the fact that there have been few reports of novel antibiofilm biosurfactants, their biofilm interruption possibilities have not been investigated in points of interest. With this standpoint, the present examination was directed to assess biofilm interruption capability of lipopeptide biosurfactants extricated from marine actinobacteria *Nocardiopsis sp.* MSI-A 07 and *Streptomyces coeruleorubidus* MSI-A 08.

Bacterial development emerges rapidly not long after its connection to a strong substratum, which is the underlying stage in biofilm formation. For beginning couple of hours of development at first glance, the attachment is reversible (Marshall, 1994, Hoiby *et al.* 2001). In this manner, the anticipation of bacterial attachment at the extremely introductory stage can essentially lessen the danger of further biofilm formation. The both lipopeptide biosurfactants hindered the biofilm arrangement at its beginning time through lessening the microcolonies framed by shrimp pathogens. The both lipopeptide biosurfactants diminished biofilm formation up to 75 and 80% at a grouping of 30 µg/mL and 40 µg/mL against shrimp pathogens, separately. Comparative outcomes was accounted for by Rodrigues *et al.* (2006), he showed that rhamnolipids repress bacterial bond over a range changing from 21% to 81%. The 96 well microtiter plate measure is the most widely utilized examine for the identification of biofilm development (Christensen,

1985). Both inhibition of biofilm assay and microscopic observations obviously depicted that the both lipopeptide biosurfactants viably lessened and disrupted the microcolonies.

References

- Alvarez, J. D., Austin, B., Alvarez, A. M. and Reyes, H. (1998) 'Vibrio harveyi: a pathogen of penaeid shrimps and fish in Venezuela', *Journal of Fish Diseases*. Wiley Online Library, 21(4), pp. 313–316.
- Alcaráz, L. E., Satorres, S. E., Lucero, R. M. and Centorbi, O. N. (2003) 'Species identification, slime production and oxacillin susceptibility in coagulase-negative staphylococci isolated from nosocomial specimens', *Brazilian Journal of Microbiology*. SciELO Brasil, 34(1), pp. 45–51.
- Banat, I. M. (1993) 'The isolation of a thermophilic biosurfactant producing *Bacillus* sp', *Biotechnology letters*. Springer, 15(6), pp. 591–594.
- Busscher, H. J. and Van der Mei, H. C. (1997) 'Physico-chemical interactions in initial microbial adhesion and relevance for biofilm formation', *Advances in dental research*. SAGE Publications Sage CA: Los Angeles, CA, 11(1), pp. 24–32.
- Christensen, B. T. and Sørensen, L. H. (1985) 'The distribution of native and labelled carbon between soil particle size fractions isolated from long-term incubation experiments', *European Journal of Soil Science*. Wiley Online Library, 36(2), pp. 219–229.
- Costerton, J. W., Lewandowski, Z., Caldwell, D. E., Korber, D. R. and Lappin-Scott, H. M. (1995) 'Microbial biofilms', *Annual Reviews in Microbiology*. Annual Reviews 4139 El Camino Way, PO Box 10139, Palo Alto, CA 94303-0139, USA, 49(1), pp. 711–745.
- Dalton, H. M., Poulsen, L. K., Halasz, P., Angles, M. L., Goodman, A. E. and Marshall, K. C. (1994) 'Substratum-induced morphological changes in a marine bacterium and their relevance to biofilm structure.', *Journal of bacteriology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 176(22), pp. 6900–6906.
- Davey, M. E., Caiazza, N. C. and O'Toole, G. A. (2003) 'Rhamnolipid surfactant production affects biofilm architecture in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1', *Journal of bacteriology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 185(3), pp. 1027–1036.
- Dusane, D. H., Nanchaiah, Y. V., Zinjarde, S. S. and Venugopalan, V. P. (2010) 'Rhamnolipid mediated disruption of marine *Bacillus pumilus* biofilms', *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces*. Elsevier, 81(1), pp. 242–248.
- Davies, D. G., Parsek, M. R., Pearson, J. P., Iglewski, B. H., Costerton, J. W. and Greenberg, E. P. (1998) 'The involvement of cell-to-cell signals in the development of a bacterial biofilm', *Science*. American Association for the Advancement of Science, 280(5361), pp. 295–298.
- Donlan, R. M. and Costerton, J. W. (2002) 'Biofilms: survival mechanisms of clinically relevant microorganisms', *Clinical microbiology reviews*. Am Soc Microbiol, 15(2), pp. 167–193.
- Faruque, S. M., Biswas, K., Udden, S. M. N., Ahmad, Q. S., Sack, D. A., Nair, G. B. and Mekalanos, J. J. (2006)

- 'Transmissibility of cholera: in vivo-formed biofilms and their relationship to infectivity and persistence in the environment', *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. National Acad Sciences, 103(16), pp. 6350–6355.
- Gandhimathi, R., Kiran, G. S., Hema, T. A., Selvin, J., Raviji, T. R. and Shanmughapriya, S. (2009) 'Production and characterization of lipopeptide biosurfactant by a sponge-associated marine actinomycetes *Nocardia* sp. MSA10', *Bioprocess and biosystems engineering*. Springer, 32(6), pp. 825–835.
- Hall-Stoodley, L., Costerton, J. W. and Stoodley, P. (2004) 'Bacterial biofilms: from the natural environment to infectious diseases', *Nature reviews. Microbiology*. Nature Publishing Group, 2(2), p. 95.
- Høiby, N., Johansen, H. K., Moser, C., Song, Z., Ciofu, O. and Kharazmi, A. (2001) 'Pseudomonas aeruginosa and the in vitro and in vivo biofilm mode of growth', *Microbes and Infection*. Elsevier, 3(1), pp. 23–35.
- Irie, Y., O'toole, G. A. and Yuk, M. H. (2005) 'Pseudomonas aeruginosa rhamnolipids disperse Bordetella bronchiseptica biofilms', *FEMS microbiology letters*. Blackwell Publishing Ltd Oxford, UK, 250(2), pp. 237–243.
- Karanth, N. G. K., Deo, P. G. and Veenanadig, N. K. (1999) 'Microbial production of biosurfactants and their importance', *Current Science*. JSTOR, pp. 116–126.
- Karunasagar, I., Pai, R., Malathi, G. R. and Karunasagar, I. (1994) 'Mass mortality of *Penaeus monodon* larvae due to antibiotic-resistant *Vibrio harveyi* infection', *Aquaculture*. Elsevier, 128(3), pp. 203–209.
- Karunasagar, I., Otta, S. K. and Karunasagar, I. (1996) 'Biofilm formation by *Vibrio harveyi* on surfaces', *Aquaculture*. Elsevier, 140(3), pp. 241–245.
- Karunasagar, I., Otta, S. K. and Karunasagar, I. (1997) 'Histopathological and bacteriological study of white spot syndrome of *Penaeus monodon* along the west coast of India', *Aquaculture*. Elsevier, 153(1–2), pp. 9–13.
- Kiran, G. S., Hema, T. A., Gandhimathi, R., Selvin, J., Manilal, A., Sujith, S. and Natarajaseenivasan, K. (2009) 'Optimization and production of a biosurfactant from the sponge-associated marine fungus *Aspergillus ustus* MSF3', *Coll Surf B: Biointerf*, 73. doi: 10.1016/j.colsurfb.2009.05.025.
- Kiran, G. S., Sabarathnam, B. and Selvin, J. (2010) 'Biofilm disruption potential of a glycolipid biosurfactant from marine *Brevibacterium casei*', *FEMS Immunology & Medical Microbiology*. Blackwell Publishing Ltd Oxford, UK, 59(3), pp. 432–438.
- Lavilla-Pitogo, C. R. (1995) 'Bacterial diseases of penaeid shrimps: an Asian view', in *Diseases in Asian Aquaculture II: Proceedings of the Second Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture, 25-29 October 1993, Phuket, Thailand*. Fish Health Section, Asian Fisheries Society, pp. 107–121.
- Lightner, D. V and Redman, R. M. (1994) 'An epizootic of necrotizing hepatopancreatitis in cultured penaeid shrimp (Crustacea: Decapoda) in northwestern Peru', *Aquaculture*. Elsevier, 122(1), pp. 9–18.
- Lightner, D. V (1996) 'A handbook of shrimp pathology and diagnostic procedures for diseases of cultured penaeid shrimp'. Baton Rouge, LA (USA) World Aquaculture Society.
- Manilal, A., Sujith, S., Selvin, J., Kiran, G. S., Shakir, C. and Lipton, A. P. (2010) 'Antimicrobial potential of marine organisms collected from the southwest coast of India against multiresistant human and shrimp pathogens',

- Scientia marina*, 74(2), pp. 287–296.
- McLean, R. J. C., Pierson, L. S. and Fuqua, C. (2004) ‘A simple screening protocol for the identification of quorum signal antagonists’, *Journal of Microbiological Methods*. Elsevier, 58(3), pp. 351–360.
- Meylheuc, T., Van Oss, C. J. and Bellon-Fontaine, M. (2001) ‘Adsorption of biosurfactant on solid surfaces and consequences regarding the bioadhesion of *Listeria monocytogenes* LO28’, *Journal of Applied Microbiology*. Wiley Online Library, 91(5), pp. 822–832.
- Meylheuc, T., Methivier, C., Renault, M., Herry, J.-M., Pradier, C.-M. and Bellon-Fontaine, M. N. (2006) ‘Adsorption on stainless steel surfaces of biosurfactants produced by gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria: consequence on the bioadhesive behavior of *Listeria monocytogenes*’, *Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces*. Elsevier, 52(2), pp. 128–137.
- Mireles, J. R., Toguchi, A. and Harshey, R. M. (2001) ‘*Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium swarming mutants with altered biofilm-forming abilities: surfactin inhibits biofilm formation’, *Journal of Bacteriology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 183(20), pp. 5848–5854.
- Ophir, T. and Gutnick, D. L. (1994) ‘A role for exopolysaccharides in the protection of microorganisms from desiccation’, *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 60(2), pp. 740–745.
- O’toole, G. A. and Kolter, R. (1998) ‘Flagellar and twitching motility are necessary for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilm development’, *Molecular microbiology*. Wiley Online Library, 30(2), pp. 295–304.
- O’Toole, G., Kaplan, H. B. and Kolter, R. (2000) ‘Biofilm formation as microbial development’, *Annual Reviews in Microbiology*. Annual Reviews 4139 El Camino Way, PO Box 10139, Palo Alto, CA 94303-0139, USA, 54(1), pp. 49–79
- Parsek, M. R. and Fuqua, C. (2004) ‘Biofilms 2003: emerging themes and challenges in studies of surface-associated microbial life’, *Journal of bacteriology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 186(14), pp. 4427–4440.
- Quinn, G. A., Maloy, A. P., McClean, S., Carney, B. and Slater, J. W. (2012) ‘Lipopeptide biosurfactants from *Paenibacillus polymyxa* inhibit single and mixed species biofilms’, *Biofouling*. Taylor & Francis, 28(10), pp. 1151–1166. doi: 10.1080/08927014.2012.738292.
- Rodrigues, L., Banat, I. M., Teixeira, J. and Oliveira, R. (2006) ‘Biosurfactants: potential applications in medicine’, *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*. Oxford University Press, 57(4), pp. 609–618.
- Ruangpan, L. and Kitao, T. (1991) ‘*Vibrio* bacteria isolated from black tiger shrimp, *Penaeus monodon* Fabricius’, *Journal of Fish diseases*. Wiley Online Library, 14(3), pp. 383–388.
- Selvin, J. and Lipton, A. P. (2003) ‘*Vibrio alginolyticus* associated with white spot disease of *Penaeus monodon*’, *Dis Aquat Org*, 57. doi: 10.3354/dao057147.
- Selvin, J., Ninawe, A. S., Seghal Kiran, G. and Lipton, A. P. (2010) ‘Sponge-microbial interactions: Ecological implications and bioprospecting avenues’, *Critical reviews in microbiology*. Taylor & Francis, 36(1), pp. 82–90.
- Singh, P. and Cameotra, S. S. (2004) ‘Potential applications of microbial surfactants in biomedical sciences’, *TRENDS in Biotechnology*. Elsevier, 22(3), pp. 142–146.

- Smith, P. T. (2000) 'Diseases of the eye of farmed shrimp *Penaeus monodon*', *Diseases of aquatic organisms*, 43(3), pp. 159–173.
- Snoussi, M., Ouchani, T. and Niazi, S. (2008) 'Vulnerability assessment of the impact of sea-level rise and flooding on the Moroccan coast: the case of the Mediterranean eastern zone', *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science*. Elsevier, 77(2), pp. 206–213.
- Stoodley, P., Sauer, K., Davies, D. G. and Costerton, J. W. (2002) 'Biofilms as complex differentiated communities', *Annual Reviews in Microbiology*. Annual Reviews 4139 El Camino Way, PO Box 10139, Palo Alto, CA 94303-0139, USA, 56(1), pp. 187–209.
- Sung, H.-H., Hsu, S.-F., Chen, C.-K., Ting, Y.-Y. and Chao, W.-L. (2001) 'Relationships between disease outbreak in cultured tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*) and the composition of *Vibrio* communities in pond water and shrimp hepatopancreas during cultivation', *Aquaculture*. Elsevier, 192(2), pp. 101–110.
- Velraeds, M. M., Van der Mei, H. C., Reid, G. and Busscher, H. J. (1996) 'Inhibition of initial adhesion of uropathogenic *Enterococcus faecalis* by biosurfactants from *Lactobacillus* isolates.', *Applied and environmental microbiology*. Am Soc Microbiol, 62(6), pp. 1958–1963.
- Velraeds, M. M. C., van de Belt-Gritter, B., Busscher, H. J., Reid, G. and van der Mei, H. C. (2000) 'Inhibition of uropathogenic biofilm growth on silicone rubber in human urine by lactobacilli—a teleologic approach', *World journal of urology*. Springer, 18(6), pp. 422–426.
- Watnick, P. I. and Kolter, R. (1999) 'Steps in the development of a *Vibrio cholerae* El Tor biofilm', *Molecular microbiology*. Wiley Online Library, 34(3), pp. 586–595.
- Watnick, P. I., Lauriano, C. M., Klose, K. E., Croal, L. and Kolter, R. (2001) 'The absence of a flagellum leads to altered colony morphology, biofilm development and virulence in *Vibrio cholerae* O139', *Molecular microbiology*. Wiley Online Library, 39(2), pp. 223–235.
- Yildiz, F. H. and Schoolnik, G. K. (1999) '*Vibrio cholerae* O1 El Tor: identification of a gene cluster required for the rugose colony type, exopolysaccharide production, chlorine resistance, and biofilm formation', *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. National Acad Sciences, 96(7), pp. 4028–4033.
- Yildiz, F. H. and Visick, K. L. (2009) '*Vibrio* biofilms: so much the same yet so different', *Trends in microbiology*. Elsevier, 17(3), pp. 109–118.
- You, J., Xue, X., Cao, L., Lu, X., Wang, J., Zhang, L. and Zhou, S. (2007) 'Inhibition of *Vibrio* biofilm formation by a marine actinomycete strain A66', *Applied microbiology and biotechnology*. Springer, 76(5), pp. 1137–1144.
- Zhu, J. and Mekalanos, J. J. (2003) 'Quorum sensing-dependent biofilms enhance colonization in *Vibrio cholerae*', *Developmental cell*. Elsevier, 5(4), pp. 647–656.
- Zmantar, T., Chaieb, K., Makni, H., Miladi, H., Abdallah, F. Ben, Mahdouani, K. and Bakhrouf, A. (2008) 'Detection by PCR of adhesins genes and slime production in clinical *Staphylococcus aureus*', *Journal of basic microbiology*. Wiley Online Library, 48(4), pp. 308–314.

Acknowledgements: Saba Rathnam thankful to MoES for fellowship (JRF). GSK and JS are thankful to Ministry of Earth Sciences for the funding. This work is a part of MoES funded project.