



Gene Sequencing of Hydatid Cysts Isolated from Human and Sheep in Central Euphrates Provinces, Iraq

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التسلسل الجيني للأكياس العذارية المعزولة من الإنسان والأغنام في محافظات
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ABSTRACT

Background:

Hydatid cystic disease is one of the most prevalent zoonosis diseases between people and animals. It develops in several organs, the most significant of which is the liver and lung as a hydatid cyst in numerous hosts, including humans. It causes many complications that may result in death. There are no safe and efficient medicines for this parasite in use, and the research process is ongoing to find such treatments.

Materials and Methods:

During the period from November 2021 to May 2022, collected 18 samples of hydatid cysts (9 human samples and 9 sheep samples) were examined. DNA isolated from a germinal layer, and amplified of the product using the technique of PCR and sequenced in gene 18S rRNA Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS1) and (ITS2), which has a molecular weight of (1,100 and 750) base pairs. The studied samples were matched with the samples installed in the gene bank.

Results:

The results found that there were samples that matched the isolate of the gene bank with different percentages. Human Hydatid Cysts which chosen to draw the evolutionary tree, where the percentage of matching was 99 %.

Conclusion:

The presence of the parasite was verified by using the genes ITS1 and ITS2 and then drawing the evolutionary tree after matching the studied isolate with the isolate registered in the NCBI and the molecular techniques have significantly improved our comprehension of the variety and distribution of *E. granulosus*.

Key words:

Echinococcus granulosus, Gene sequencing, (ITS1), (ITS2).



الخلاصة

المقدمة:

يعد مرض الكيس العديري أحد أكثر الأمراض حيوانية المصدر انتشاراً بين البشر والحيوانات. يتطور في عدة أعضاء، وأهمها الكبد والرئة ككيس عداري في العديد من المضيفين، بما في ذلك البشر. يسبب العديد من المضاعفات التي قد تؤدي إلى الوفاة. لا توجد أدوية آمنة وفعالة لهذا الطفيل قيد الاستخدام، وعملية البحث جارية لإيجاد مثل هذه العلاجات.

طرق العمل:

خلال الفترة من نوفمبر 2021 إلى مايو 2022، تم فحص 18 عينة من الأكياس العدارية (9 عينات بشرية و 9 عينات من الأغنام). عزل الحمض النووي من طبقة جرثومية، وتم تضخيمه للمنتج باستخدام تقنية PCR والمتسلسل في الجين 18 rRNA S داخلي نسخ فاصل (ITS1) و (ITS2)، الذي له وزن جزيئي (1,100 و 750) أزواج قاعدية. ومن ثم تم مطابقة العزلات المدروسة مع العينات المثبتة في بنك الجينات.

الاستنتاجات:

تم التحقق من وجود الطفيل باستخدام الجينات ITS1 و ITS2 ثم رسم شجرة التطور بعد مطابقة العزلات المدروسة مع العينات المسجلة في NCBI، وقد حسنت التقنيات الجزيئية بشكل كبير فهما لتتبع وتوزيع الحبيبات المشوكة.

الكلمات المفتاحية:

المشوكة الحبيبية، التسلسل الجيني، (ITS1)، (ITS2)

INTRODUCTION

Hydatidosis caused by *Echinococcus granulosus* larval stage is a zoonotic disease and one of the most important for human and domestic animals [1, 2 and 3]. This disease leads to many medical, veterinary and economic problems. Iraq is regarded as one of the countries plagued by the endemic sickness of hydatidosis [4, 5 and 6]. Even though that CE is a serious parasite illness that is a growing public health problem, the present there hasn't been much progress in efforts to control the disease globally, therefore enhancing clinical management, medications, and diagnostics [7].

Depending on the genetic indicators of the mitochondria and nucleus, there has been a high level of genetic diversity for granular of the *E.granulosus* in recent decades, Different genotypes or strains for *E.granulosus* that identified, these strains are distinguished by a diverse range of hosts, pathogenicity, parasite maturation style, epidemiology, chemotherapeutic sensitivity, and disease treatment and prevention techniques [8].

A little over a decade ago, the gene in question was utilized to identify Trematodes strains and kinds. There have been some attempts to utilize it to diagnose tapeworm strains and species due to its high accuracy [9 and 10].

The genotypes of *E.granulosus* were determined based on and controlled molecular genetic analysis using the basis of DNA sequencing [11,12 and 13]. Therefore, the aim of the study is to molecular identifies the most *Echinococcus granulosus* that common strains in central Euphrates provinces, as well as to study the gene sequences of the strains, draw the phylogenetic tree, and compare them to the strains recorded in NCBI-BLAST for determining the most that common strains for humans and sheep from the central Euphrates provinces.



MATERIALS AND METHODS

• Collection samples of hydatid cysts from humans and animals:

The samples of humans were collected from Al-Qadisiyah and Al- Najaf Provinces and other private laboratories, as well as hospitals in Babylon and Baghdad provinces, the hydatid cyst samples, were taken from infected humans preserved in formalin solution (10%) who had previously been diagnosed by ultrasound (sonar) or CT scan and had undergone surgical procedures. These samples were delivered right away by the specified container to the college of Science for Women's parasitology lab at Babylon University. [14 and 15].

Hydatid cyst samples were taken from diseased sheep carcass organs. at abattoirs in Babylon and Al-Najaf provinces. The samples were packed in a sealed and labeled polyethylene box and sent to the laboratory. The protoscolices were collected and stored in a conservative medium Krebs Ringers solution and Hydatid fluid (4:1) respectively. The viability of the protoscolices was accomplished assessed using the eosin stain 0.1% approach [16].

• DNA isolation, amplification, and sequencing:

Total cellular DNA was isolated from samples of hydatid cyst fluid and germinal layers and purified with the help of Geneaid\ Taiwan, according to the manufacturer's instruction. In both human and animal samples, PCR was used to detect genotypes of the *E.granulosus* based on the 18SrRNA-ITS1 gene. This method was used to implement this technique [17]. The method outlined by Gareh et al. [18]. based on (ITS1-BD1 Forward 4S reverse, ITS2–3S- forward A28–reverse) genes were used to carry out this method that amplification by using the PCR technique, provided by South Korea in the following table (1):

Table 1: Name of the primer and its sequence of nitrogenous bases

Primers		Sequence	Amplicon
ITS1-BD1 Forward 4S (reverse)	F	5'GTCGTAACAAGGTTTCCGTA-3'	1,100 bp
	R	5'TCTAGATGCGTTCGAATGTCGATG-3'	
ITS2–3S- forward A28- reverse	F	5'GGTACCGGTGGATCACTCGGCTCG3'	750 bp
	R	5'GGGATCCTGGTTAGTTTCTTTTCTCCGC-3'	

Each reaction was performed in 25µl solution containing (Maxime PCR PreMix Kit) 12.5µl, the primer forward 10 p/mol 2µl, the primer reverse 10 p/mol DNA 2µl, 50 ng/µl of the DNA template 5µl, deionized distilled water 3.5µl). All reactions were optimized to be performed under the same conditions: hold at 95°C for 5 min, hold for 5 min at 95°C, followed by 40 cycles with the denaturation step for 60 s at 95°C, the annealing step for 60 s at 60°C and the extension step for 180 s at 72°C. On a 1.5 percent agarose gel, the amplified DNA products were resolved and stained with ethidium bromide (10 mg/L). and the photographed with the transmitted UV light.

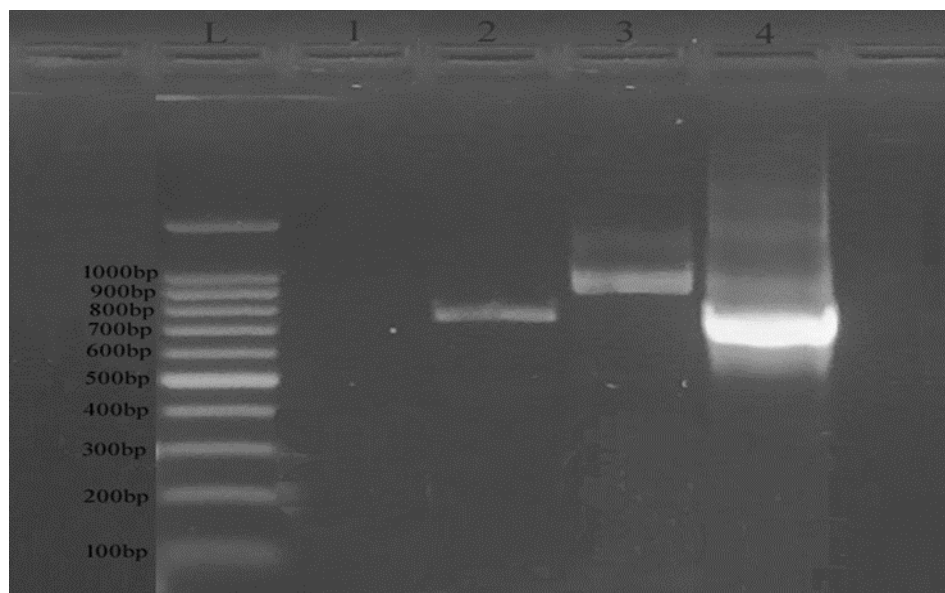


Figure (2): Banding patterns of ITS1 and ITS2 gene in hydatid cysts with molecular weight (1100 and 750) respectively, L; molecular size marker (100bp), Line 1 and 2 in human hydatid cysts, 3 and 4 sheep hydatid cysts.

Figure (3): Shows Phylogenetic tree analysis of local *E.granulosus* isolates utilized for genotyping based on partial sequences of the ITS2 gene. After matching this sample with the samples from the gene bank. The study reached the identification of a sample of hydatid cyst at the molecular level using the region ITS, and the matching percentage was 99% with a sample which has ID: KX434757.1 named *E.granulosus* from India and this is recognized through the alignment drawn to compare it (Figure 4).

The Tamura-Nei model tree approach and the maximum likelihood method were used to create the phylogenetic tree in (the MEGA X version). The *E.granulosus* isolate from human No. 2 shown in figure (2) showed genetic variation related to NCBI-BLAST *E.granulosus* isolates at genetic changes compared to the other samples under investigation that were represented in the phylogenetic tree, Additionally, samples that registered with the NCBI Blast in a diameter of 0.1 had a genetic variation that was nearly identical to the recorded international sample.

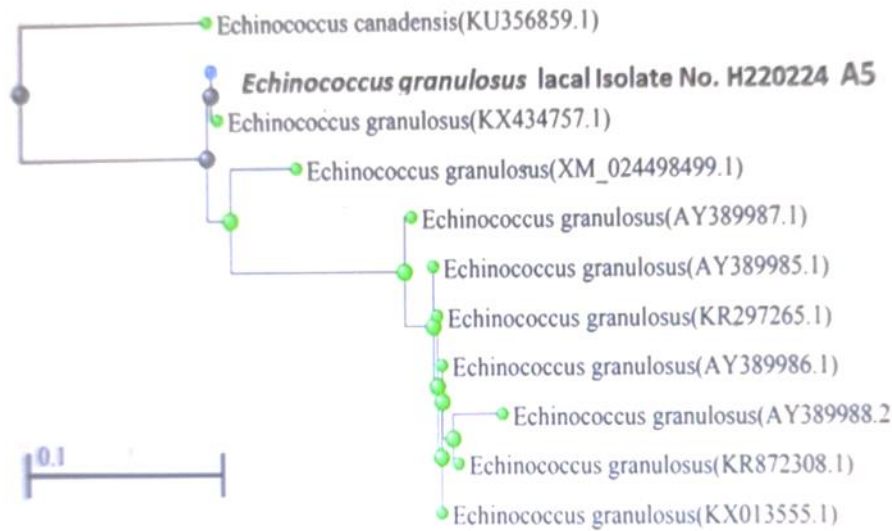


Figure (3): A phylogenetic tree for the isolate samples used in the current investigation was created and compared to another foreign isolate listed in NCBI.

Echinococcus granulosus isolate VT-ASg 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene and internal transcribed spacer 2, partial sequence

Sequence ID: [KX434757.1](#) Length: 619 Number of Matches: 1

Range 1: 1 to 619 [GenBank](#) [Graphics](#) [Next Match](#) [Previous Match](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
1133 bits(613)	0.0	617/619(99%)	0/619(0%)	Plus/Plus
Query 28	ATTAATGTGAATCGCAGACTGCTTTGAACGTCGACATCTTGAACGCATATTCGGCCCATG	87		
Sbjct 1	.....	60		
Query 88	GGCTTGCCCTGTGGCCACGCTGTCCGAGCGTCGGCTTATGAACCATCACTGTGTGCAATG	147		
Sbjct 61	.....	120		
Query 148	AGCGGTGGCTGGGAGAGTGCGGTGCCTCCCGTCCCGTGGCGCGCGTGGTGGAGCGT	207		
Sbjct 121	.....	180		
Query 208	GTGCTGGTTGGCTGGCTCACGGTGCAGACTGGCGTGGCTTCTCACTAGGTGTGCTGGTGC	267		
Sbjct 181	.....	240		
Query 268	TGTCGAATTCGGTGGCGTGGAGTTGCGGTTGTGCTGCTGCACTGGCCGAGTGCAGTCA	327		
Sbjct 241	.....	300		
Query 328	GCCGTTGCGCTGTGCTGTGGCGTTGATGCCGCGTACGGCAGTTGTGCCAGTAGGTTGGC	387		
Sbjct 301	.....	360		
Query 388	GGGTGGTGTGCGGGTTGCAGTCTTCGAGTCCACGGACCGTGGCCAGTGTGCGAATGGG	447		
Sbjct 361	.....	420		
Query 448	CAGgtgatgtgtgtgttaggtgtgAGCACGCTGCACAGTTATGTGGATTGTGGATGC	507		
Sbjct 421	.....	480		
Query 508	TGTGGCGGGTGGGGCGTCTTCTCTCTCGCTCGCCGCAAGCACTTGCATCGTTGTGCT	567		
Sbjct 481	.....G.....	540		
Query 568	GCGTTGCACGTGAATGCGATGGTGGGAGGGTGCAGTCCAGCCCCCGCTCGCTAGAC	627		
Sbjct 541	.....C.....	600		
Query 628	TTGCCTTGATTGACTCGTT	646		
Sbjct 601	.....	619		

Figure (4): Alignment of the DNA nitrogenous base sequences of *E.granulosus* from India has ID: KX434757.1

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The current study constantly undergoing genetic alteration through the appearance of mutations in the region ITS2. Genetic variation is present, and genetic evolution is clear within the species under study H220224 no.2 the similarity ratio of the sample was 99% with the Indian sample ID: KX434757.1 With a little difference between the two variants, only one A\G at position 521 is transition and A\C at position 559 is transition mutation occurred in it, as shown in figure (4). the samples approved in drawing the evolutionary tree showed something indisputable that there is an internal development that leads to variation, so it becomes clear, that *E.granulosus* (KU356859.1) differs greatly from the rest of the samples deposited in the gene bank , *E.granulosus* (XM-024498499.1) is different from the rest of the isolates and our isolate diagnosed in *E.granulosus* H220224 no.2, and even the samples that appear in one group, *E.granulosus* (XM-024498499.1, AY389987.1, AY389985.1, KR297265.1, AY389986.1, AY389988.2, KR872308.1, KX013555.1) appear to be one group, but there is a genetic variation inside it, so they are not on one line.

The different sample sizes may be what's causing the results to differ. their number, origin and timing of collecting, varying geographic regions, types of animal feeding there, or the presence of dogs close to the slaughterhouses and butcher shops that sell or slaughter a particular type of these animals (cattle, sheep), contaminating water and crops with their feces, in addition to the habits and practices of the locals and the degree of health consciousness they possess, and the amount to which intermediate and final hosts have diffused among them, or it can be as a result of some strains in particular locations adapting more than others [20]. emphasized that the goal of studying genetic evolution was to identify the forms of *E.granulosus* that have spread throughout the country, which is crucial information in the fight against this animal illness

The nature of the environment, temperature and climatic conditions all play a role in the emergence of such variations in the samples. Therefore, the current study showed that sequence analysis is simple, fast and very reliable and can be used as an effective tool for identifying and classifying the studied species. It also provided a lot of useful genetic information about the studied species for the management of genetic assets and high efficiency [21].

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