### **Sudan University**



## College of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research



Isolation and Molecular Identification and Sequencings of

Nocardia and Nocardia- like spp Isolated from Soil and Milk of

Goats, Sheep, Cattle and with Mastitis in Khartoum Stats

(العزل والتعريف التسلسلي لبكتريا النوكارديا وأشباه النوكارديا من عينات التربة ولبن الماعز والأغنام والأبقار المصابات بالتهاب الضرع في ولاية الخرطوم)

A thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of the degree of PhD in (Microbiology)Veterinary Medicine University Of Sudan

Ву

Tagreed Idrees Mohamed,
B.Sc.., University Of Khartoum 2004
M. SC. University Of Khartoum 2010

Supervisor

Prof Galal Eldin Elazhari Mohammed
College of Veterinary Medicine University Of Sudan

Co supervisor

Dr. Mogahid El Hassan,

College of Applied Medical Sciences, Taibah University

Septembre 2018

# بُرِّ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمِعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمِعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعِلْ الْمُعِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمِعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمِعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِلْ الْمُعْلِ



الآية 114 <sub>- سورة</sub>طه

صَّال قِاللهُ العِظمين،

# **Dedication**

This work is dedicated to my

WonderfulMother

The symbol of love and giving

To my Uncles

Who Help and Stand Beside me

To my Husbandand To my Sons

Who always with me

# **Acknowledgements**

All and first thanks to the almighty Allah I am deeply indebted to my supervisorDr. Galal Eldin Elazhari Mohammedwho gave me much of his valuable time, kindness and help.

Great thanks to my co supervisor Dr. Mogahid M El Hassan, who gave me much of his valuable time, and help. Special thanks to the staff members of Veterinary laboratory science at Sudan University My thanks are extended to all staff members of Research lab at Sudan University of Sciences and Technology for communicable disease, for their help. Special and great thanks to Dr. Hisham N. Altayb and Aadeel Mahgoob, Dr Suhaeer, A. me to perform this study.

My thanks are extended to all those not mentioned in person and who contributed in any way during this research. I wish all of them a long and prosperous life.

#### **ABSTRACT**

This work was intended to investigate the role of *Nocardia* and *Nocardia* -likeorganisms as causative agents of mastitis in soil sample and milk sample from goats ,cow and sheep. It was carried out at different farms in Khartoum Stat.

A total of three hundred milk samples of cow ,sheep and goat and twenty soil samples were collected from the same farms in different sites for isolation and identification of *Nocardia* and *Nocardia* — likeorganisms.

All milk samples were cultivated onto Tryptic Soya Agar (TSA) and soil cultured on to Tryptic Soya Agar medium (TSA) supplemented with a combination of tetracycline (5mg/ml) and nystatin (50 mg/ml).

All isolates 11(11%) from milk of goats,13(13%) from milk of cow and 7(35%) from soil sample were identified phenotypically as *Nocardia* sppby cultural, morphological, and biochemical tests (urease test, catalase test and degradation of xanthine, tyrosinc, casein, sugar fermentation, growth at 45°C), mycolic acid content and antimicrobial susceptibility test.

The isolates were tentatively identified as member of the genus *Nocardia* on the morphological, biochemical and mycolic acid pattern. Comparative analysis of the 16S RNA gene sequencing confirm that the isolates fall within the phylogenic branch whichaccommodates member genus Mycobacteria, *Dietzia* spp and *Rhodococcus*spp.

In this study we consider the recognition of *Nocardia* and *Nocardia*-like based on phenotypic tests was strenuous, but definitive identification was attainable by molecular methods.

#### المستخلص

أجريت هذه الدراسة بهدف التقصي عن دور النوكارديا وشبه النوكارديا كمسبب لالتهاب الضرع في الأغنام والماعز والأبقار. نفذت الدراسة في مزارع مختلفة بولاية الخرطوم، السودان.

جمعت ثلاثمئة عينة من لبن الأغنام والماعز والأبقار وعشرون عينة من التربة من نفس المزارع التي جمعت منها عينات اللبن وذلك بغرض عزل وتصنيف بكتريا النوكارديا واشباه النوكارديا.

زرعت كل عينات اللبن في اجار التربتيك صويا والعينات التي عزلت من التربة في اجار التربتيك صويا مضاد التتراسايكلين و50 مايكروجرام/ مل من مضاد التتراسايكلين و50 مايكروجرام/ مل من النيستاتين.

عزلت إحدى عشر (11%) عينة من لبن الاغنام وثلاثة عشر (13%) عينة من لبن الابقار وسبعة عينات (35%) من التربة تم تصنيفها لانواع النوكارديا (باستعمال الشكل المورفولوجي والاختبارات الاستبيانية والاختبارات الكيمو حيوية (مثل إختبار الكاتليز واختبار اليوريا واختبار تحلل الزنثين الكازيين والتايروسين والنشأ واختبار تخمر السكريات والقدرة على النمو في درجة حرارة درجة 45 مئوية) واختبار حامض المايكولك (mycolic acid) واختبار الحساسية للمضادات الحيوية

تم تصنيف كل العينات مؤقتا الى نوكارديا بناءا عي الشكل المورفرلوجي والاختبارات الكيموحيويه واختبار حمض المايكولك وبقارنة نتائج 16S rRNA اثبت ان العينات تستوعب مايكو بكتريا وبكتريا الدتسيا وبكتريا الرودوكوكس.

يحيص الدراسة الى ال العرف على الموحارديا والسباه الموحارديا بالطرق المطهرية غالبا مايكون مضني ولايحدد الانواع بشكل قاطع لكن التمييز الفاعل يتم بواسطة الطرق الجزيئية.

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

CONTENTS	Page
Dedication	I
Acknowledgment	II
Table of contents	III
List of Tables	IV
List of figure	V
List of Abbreviation	VI
English Abstract	X
Arabic Abstract	XII

	CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES	
1.1	Introduction	1
1.2	Hypothesis of the Study	2
1.3	Rationale	2

1.4	Objectives	3
1.4.1	General Objective	
1.4.2	Specific Objectives	3
2	CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW	4
2.1.	Mastitis	4
2.1.1	Mastitis in General	4
2.1.2	Mastitis in the Sudan	5
2.1.3	Nocardiae and Diseases	6
2.1.4	Diseases in Human	6
2.2.1.	Mastitis in Cow	7
2.2.2 .	Mastitis in goats	8
2.2.3	Diagnosis of Mastitis	9
2.2.4	Ruminant Site tests	9
2.2.5	California Mastitis Test( CMT)	10
2.2.6.	PH indicator papers	11
2.2.7	Laboratory test	11
2.2.7. 1	Culture tests	11
2.2.8	Clinical Syndromes of Mastitis	11
2.2.9.	Actinomycetes	12
2.2.9.1.	Taxonomy of Actinomycetes	12
2.2.9.2.	Natural habitats	13
2.3	Description of the Genus Nocardia	13

2.3.1.	Differentiation the of genus wocarata from closely related	13
	genera	
2.3.2.	Pathogenicity of Nocardia	18
2.3.3.	Epidemiology	19
2.4.	Treatment	19
1.5	. Control Measures	20
2.6.	Diagnosis of Nocardia Infections	20
2.6.1.	Preparation of smear	21
2.6.2.	Collection, transport and storage of specimens:	21
2.6.3.	Morphology and Cultural appearance	21
2.6.4.	Biochemical reaction	22
2.6.5.	Antimicrobial sensitivity testing of Nocardia africana	23
2.7.	Selective Media	23
2.8.	Cell wall composition	24
2.9	Identification and differentiation at genus and species level	25
3	CHAPTER THREE: MATERIALS AND METHODS	26
3-1	Study Approach	26
3-1.1	Study design	26
3-1.2	3.1.2 Study Area	26
3.1.3	Study Population	26
3.1.4	Data Collection	26

3.1.3	Conection of whik	20
3.1.6	Soil Selection	27
3.1.7	Culture Media	27
3.2	Diagnostic Approach	27
3.2.	Preparation of Samples	27
3.2.1	Preparation of milk Samples	27
3.2.2	Preparation of Soil Samples	27
3.3.	Culture Methods	27
3.3.1.1	Primary Culture for Milk Sample	27
3.3.1.2	Primary Culture for Soil Sample	28
3.3.2.	Purification of the Culture	30
3.3.3	Preservation of Culture	30
3.3.3.1	Slants	30
3.3.3.2	Frozen Glycerol Suspension	30
3.4.	Identification	30
3.4.1	Microscopic Examination	30
3.4.1.1	Stain Technique	31
3.4.1.1.1	Gram Stain	31
3.4.1.1.2	Modified Ziehl –Neelsen Stain (ZN stain)	31
3.4.2.	Biochemical tests	32
3.4.2.1.	Catalase test	32
3.4.2.2.	Urease test	32

3.4.3	Degradation tests	32
3.4.3.1	Casein degradation	33
3.4.3.2	Tyrosine degradation	33
3.4.3.3	Xanthine degradation	33
3.4.3.4	Starch degradation	33
3.4.4	Sugars fermentation	34
3.4.4.1	Mannitol	34
3.4.4.2	Rhaminose	34
3.4.4.3	Sorbitol	34
3.4.4.4	Arabinose	34
3.4.5.	Growth at 45°C	34
3.4.6	Difco and Oxoiddiss Anti –microbial Susceptibility Test	35
3.4.7	Analysis of mycolic acids	35
3.4.8	Molecular Approach	36
3.4.8.1	DNA Extraction	36
3.4.8.1.1	DNA Extraction by boiling	36
3.4.8.1.2	DNA Extraction by STET buffer	36
3.4.8.2	Polymerase. Chain Reaction	37
3.4.8.2.1	Universal primers	37
3.4.8.2.2	Specific primer for <i>Nocardia</i> spp	38
3.4.8.2.3	Gel Preparation	38
3.4.8.2.4	Visualization of the DNA	39
	CHAPTER FOUR : RESULTS	

łU
60
53

4.5	Biochemical test	55
4.5.	Degradation Tests	55
4-6	Growth at 45°C	60
4-7	Antibiotic Sensitivity Tests	63
4-8	Analysis of Mycolic acids	63
4-9	Molecular Findings	67
4.9.1	Purity of the Extracted DNA Chain Reaction	67
4.9.2	16S rRNA sequencing and phylogenetic analysis	70
4.9.3	Result of 16S rRNA sequencing	70
5	CHAPTER FIVE: DISCUSSION	79
6	CHAPTER Six : CONCLIUSION and RECOMMENDATION	85
6.1	CONCLUTION	86
6.2	RECOMMENDATIONS	86
	REFERENCES	89
	Appendix	105

## LIST OF TABLES

Table	Title	Page
Table 1	Differential characteristic of the genus <i>Nocrdia</i> and some related wall chemo type IV taxa containing mycolic acid	17
Table 2	Different location of collection samples of Khartoum States	29
Table 3	Frequency of the isolates according to the type of Samples	41
Table 4	Morphological, cultural, biochemical and physiologyical properties of <i>Nocardia</i> and <i>Nocardia</i> - like species	57

# **LIST OF Figures**

Figu	res	page
1	Frequency1 of <i>Nocardi</i> a and Nocardia- like in milk sample of Goats	42
2	Frequency2 of Nocardia and Nocardia -like in milk samples of Cow	43
3	Frequency3 of Nocardia and Nocardia -like in soil samples	44
4	One udder of the goat is small the milk was thick and mixed with blood.	46
5	The udder of the goat was in the form of big tumour – like mass, The milk was watery and with clot.	47
6	The udder of the goat one half in the form of big tumor – like mass, the milk mixed with blood.	48
7	One udder of the cow was in small and there is tumour in the upper of the udder — The milk was thick and with clot.	49
8	Growth of Nocardia spp on GYEA	51
9	Growth of Nocardia spp on TSA	52
10	Gram stained smear of Nocardia spp.	54
11	Moddified Ziehl –Neelsen stained smear of Nocardia spp	55
12	Growth of Nocardia spp on Tyrosine medium	62
13	Growth of Nocardia spp on Casein medium	62
14	Susbtibilty test of Nocardia . Farcinica on ISO-	64

	SENSITEST AGAR.	
15	TLC analysis of mycolic acid from	66
16	Nocardia spp extracted DNA	68
17	PCR products separated by 2% agarose gel.	69
18	Chromatograms DNA sequencing (sample 18)	73
19	Chromatograms DNA sequencing sample 13( Dietzia isolate)	74
20	Chromatograms DNA sequencing sample 13	75
21	Chromatograms information of Nucleotide sequences data tests on Finch TV program( sample 20 :Rhodococcus	76
22	(Rhodococcus spp) Result of sample 20 after Nucleotide sequences data	77
23	Phylogenetic tree	78
24	Sigma 1-14 Germany Microcentrifuge Device	116
25	CLASSIC K960 China Thermocycle Device	117
26	Eppendrof Thermocycl Device	118
27	Gel Electrophoresis and Power Supply Device	119
28	UV Light Transilluminater Device	120

#### LIST OF ABBREVIATION

SCC Somatic Cells count

DMCC Direct Microscopic Somatic Cells count

MACA Mycolic Acid Containing Actinomycetes

TLC Thin Layer Chromatography

MZN Modified Ziehl – Neelsen

LJ Lowen stein - Jensen

DST Diagnostic Sensitivty Test

HPLC High Performance Liquid Chromatography

GYEA Glucose Yeast Extract Agar

TSAM Tryptic Soya Agar Media

I/v Intravenous

I/M Intramuscular

No Number

U. of K. University of Khartoum

PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction