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The Exploration of Mycoviruses From Trichoderma Spp.



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Abstract

Fungal mycoviruses have been research hot field because of their effects on the hosts, however the research of mycoviruses from biocontrol fungi of Trichoderma spp. is still in the initial stage. In this issue, a total of 144 strains of T. spp. collected from the soil of Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Tibet and were analyzed for the presence of double-stranded RNA (dsRNA). Three Trichoderma strains carrying dsRNA mycovirus have been recovered, which laid a good basis for the next research of complete genome sequencing, elimination, and its effect on the biocontrol function of Trichoderma.

Keywords: Trichoderma spp., dsRNA mycoviruses, exploration

Introduction

Mycoviruses are a kind of widespread virus, which can infect filamentous fungi and yeasts [1-3]. Most viruses can infect the host without obvious infection symptoms [1-2]. Double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) genomes always the main nucleotide style of mycoviruses, which has been a marker of the existence of viruses [4]. The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses has divided all known branching viruses into 16 families and one unclassified group according to the mode of replication and genomics types of viruses [5]. At present, nine mycoviruses infecting Trichoderma spp. have been described [6-14]. 2009, Jom-in and Akarapisan provided the first description of two mycoviruses with sizes of 0.7kb and 1.1KB isolated from T. spp. [6]. Later, Yun et al. proposed that Lentinus edodes mycoviruses were widespread in Korea, and 32 different dsRNA-containing viruses were isolated from 315 strains of T. spp. [7]. Then, Lee et al. isolated an unclassified endovirus from Trichoderma atroviride, named Trichoderma atroviride mycovirus 1 (TaMV1) [8]. In 2018, Chun et al. obtained the complete genome sequences of two Trichoderma endoviruses, namely Trichoderma atroviride partitivirus 1 (TaPV1) and Trichoderma harzianum partitivirus 1(ThPV1) [9,10]. Meanwhile, a new mycovirus named Trichoderma asperellum dsRNA virus 1 (TaRV1) was reported in the laboratory of Guizhou Medical University in 2019 [11]. In 2019, Liu et al. isolated two unclassified dsRNA endoviruses, Trichoderma harzianum mycovirus 1

(ThMBV1) and Trichoderma harzianum mycovirus 1 (ThMV1), from 155 Trichoderma strains which were collected from the soils of Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia, China [12,13]. In 2019, You et al. from Huazhong Agricultural University isolated a new mycovirus from Trichoderma harzianum, named Trichoderma harzianum hypovirus 1 (ThHV1), which may be a member of Betahyprovirus [14]. In this paper, we chose 120 strains of T. spp. isolated from Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, and Heilongjiang of China, to screen mycoviruses using molecular biology methods, and three mycoviruses strains were recovered.

Materials and methods

Fungal strains

One hundred and twenty T. spp. strains were isolated from the forests and grasslands of Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Heilongjiang of China, in 2017–2018. The species of all of these strains were identified by the lab experiment, the information about these strains were in the supplemental table S1. All fungal strains were cultured on potato dextrose agar (PDA) plates for 7 days at 28°C for the preparation of the next step.

Extraction of dsRNA

All fungal strains were transferred to in the potato dextrose liquid medium (PD), and placed on the shaker at 200 r/min and

cultured at 28°C, after 2 days, collecting the mycelium for dsRNA extraction. DsRNA was extracted and purified from the mycelia by using CF-11 cellulose column chromatography [15]. Then, the samples were digested by RNase free DNase I (TaKaRa, Dalian, China) and S1 Nuclease (TaKaRa, Dalian, China) following the

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manufacturer's instructions to remove any DNA and ssRNA contamination [13]. At last, electrophoresises of the samples were run in 1% agarose gel, and the dsRNA was detected by ultraviolet transillumination.

Supplemental Table S1: The information of strains of *Trichoderma* spp. collected from Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces of China.

Strain Number	Strain Name	Region
CTCCSJ-G-QT40112	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40125	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY40127	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40130	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY40144	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40154	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY40155	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40169	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40173	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40176	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40189	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40199	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40203	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40206	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-DK40213	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40215	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-JK40241	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40246	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40250	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40255	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40264	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40272	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40273	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40277	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40291	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40300	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40303	Trichoderma asperelloides	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40320	Trichoderma hamatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40324	Trichoderma koningiopsis	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40330	Trichoderma gamsii	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-JK40357	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-DK40360	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40366	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY40368	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40388	Trichoderma afroharzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40403	Trichoderma viridescens	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40405	Trichoderma saturnisporum	Inner Mongolia

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CTCCSJ-G-QT40408	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-JK40417	Hypocrea semiorbis	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40436	Trichoderma atroviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40441	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40456	Trichoderma gamsii	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40457	Trichoderma guizhouense	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40459	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40460	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40465	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40470	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40477	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40480	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40483	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40485	Trichoderma koningiopsis	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40491	Trichoderma.cf. harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40502	Trichoderma pleurotum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40503	Trichoderma citrinoviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40507	Hypocrea pseudoharzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40517	Trichoderma citrinoviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40519	Hypocrea pseudoharzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40536	Trichoderma longibrachiatum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40537	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-ZY40538	Trichoderma citrinoviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-QT40542	Trichoderma rossicum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40550	Trichoderma asperellum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-DK40556	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-DK40558	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-DK40579	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40623	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40624	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40639	Trichoderma paraviridescens	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40642	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-JK40646	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40649	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40651	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40673	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40703	Trichoderma citrinoviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40713	Trichoderma rossicum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40769	Trichoderma paraviridescens	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40782	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40809	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40810	Trichoderma harzianum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40812	Trichoderma paraviridescens	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40814	Trichoderma paraviridescens	Xinjiang

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CTCCSJ-F-KZ40816	Trichoderma paraviridescens	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-F-KZ40827	Trichoderma citrinoviride	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-QT40835	Trichoderma asperellum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40862	Trichoderma polysporum	Xinjiang
CTCCSJ-G-HB40878	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40900	Trichoderma asperelloides	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40916	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40920	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40921	Trichoderma asperelloides	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40925	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40927	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40929	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40930	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40932	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40934	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40939	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40940	Trichoderma asperelloides	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40941	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40946	Trichoderma asperelloides	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB40957	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY40961	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-JK40972	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
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CTCCSJ-G-HB40989	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT40994	Trichoderma atroviride	Heilongjiang
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CTCCSJ-G-HB41038	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB41039	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB41044	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB41045	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-F-KY41047	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-QT41050	Trichoderma rossicum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-HB41053	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia
CTCCSJ-G-JK41060	Trichoderma harzianum	Inner Mongolia

Results

After 2 days' culture in PD, the mycelium of 120 strains of T. spp. were collected, then dsRNA of the 120 strains were extracted by the molecular biology methods. Though the existing of dsRNA

in the electrophoresis, the three Trichoderma strains with mycoviruses have been screened out. T673 was T. *harzianum*, T703 and T827 were T. *citrinoviride*, all of which were from Xinjiang province (Figures 1A, B, C). After dsRNA was extracted

from mycelium, two fragments of 1.5 and 1.7 KB were found in strain T673 (T. *harzianum*), then DNase I and S1 nuclease were used to confirm the type of nucleic acid, and dsRNAs were identified (Figure 2A). In the strain of T703 (T. *citrinoviride*), only

one fragment of 9 KB was found, and the dsRNA was digested by DNase I and S1 nuclease to confirm the properties of nucleic acid (Figure 2 B). With the same method, one dsRNA fragment of 9 KB was found in strain T827 (T. *citrinoviride*) (Figure 2C).

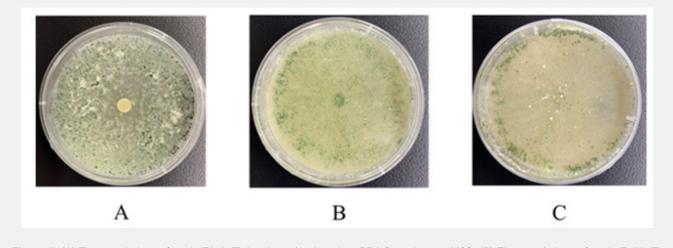
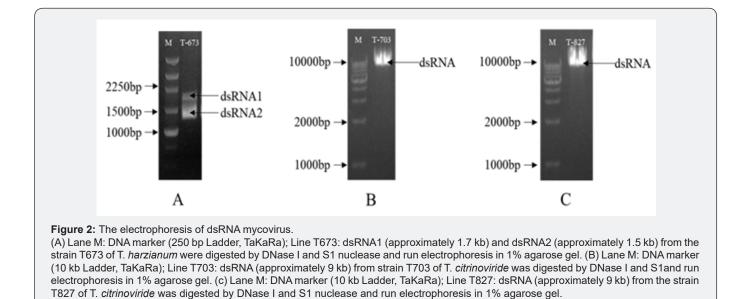


Figure 1: (A) The morphology of strain T673 (T. *harzianum*) cultured on PDA for 7 days at 28°C. (B) The morphology of strain T703 (T. *citrinoviride*) cultured on PDA for 7 days at 28°C. (C) The morphology of strain T827 (T. *citrinoviride*) cultured on PDA for 7 days at 28°C.



Discussion

In this paper, we obtained three strains of mycoviruses from 144 strains of T. spp. isolated from the soil, which can preliminarily prove that mycovirus existed in T. spp., and provided insight into how to locate and isolate mycoviruses from T. spp.. In the obvious researches, five genome sequences of mycoviruses from T. spp. were obtained, from which three strains were from T. *harzianum* [6-14]. In this issue, one mycovirus strain T-673 weas explored from T. *harzianum*, another two strains from T. *citrinoviride*. At

present, for the investigation on DNA mycovirus was few in the nature, the DNA mycovirus from T. spp. has not been recovered [3]. All in all, the investigated dsRNA and DNA mycoviruses from T. spp. were few until now, which need to be explored more and more. In the future, nucleic acid type, the elimination, complete genome sequence, transmission mode and antagonistic effect on Trichoderma and biocontrol function of the mycovirus, as well as the interaction between fungi and mycoviruses, need to be revealed.

Declarations

Ethics approval and consent to participate

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Consent for publication

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Authors' contributions

RW performed the experiments, CL and ZT isolated Trichoderma spp,, BW and XJ designed the study. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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