

Characterization of Antimicrobial Activity of the Lysosomes Isolated from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

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The antimicrobial activity of lysosomes, a cell organelle, against a range of test microorganisms was examined in this study. The lysosomes isolated from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* showed antimicrobial activity to *Escherichia coli* that positively correlated with the pH of the phosphate buffer as a dissolving solvent. The lysosomes from *S. cerevisiae* exhibited optimal activity at a concentration of 40% and at pH 4.0 of phosphate buffer. It also found that the lysosomes have antimicrobial activity against 7 different microorganisms including *E. coli*. In addition, *S. cerevisiae* were exposed by a treatment with H_2O_2 and lysosomes were isolated from H_2O_2 exposed *S. cerevisiae*. We found that fluorescent intensities of each isolated lysosomes were increased depending on the increment of treated H_2O_2 concentration, and the lysosomes from 20mM H_2O_2 treated *S. cerevisiae* showed higher antimicrobial activity than those from normal *S. cerevisiae*. Therefore, it suggests that lysosomes can be used as a antimicrobial agents isolated from *S. cerevisiae*. In addition, lysosomes when activated by H_2O_2 enhanced its antimicrobial activity.