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Identification of beta satellite component in (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L.) through PCR-RFLP from Faisalabad, Pakistan

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ABSTRACT

Shoe flower (Hibiscus rosa-sinensis L.) is an ornamental plant belongs to the family Malvaceae. Due to its natural beauty and medicinal properties it is mainly grown in regions with tropical and subtropical environment. Shoe flower is known to infect by many diseases. Among all diseases Hibiscus leaf curl disease is caused by the begomovirus transmitted through Bemisia tabaci is very common and also an alternative host of cotton leaf curl disease due to the similar symptomology. In present study the identification of begomovirus in shoe flower was analyzed by using PCR-RFLP (Polymerase chain reaction- Restriction fragment length polymorphism). For this purpose, survey was conducted from seven different locations in university of agriculture Faisalabad. Plants were observed with virus symptoms of Hibiscus leaf curl disease such as upward curling of leaves, darkening and thickening of veins, stunting of plant size as well as leaf enation. For further molecular studies, DNA was isolated from all infected samples by using CTAB method and confirmed by Gel electrophoresis. PCR reaction amplified three DNA samples having beta satellite component, labeled (S3, S4 and S6) at 1.4 kbp. According to the (PCR-RFLP) analysis of three amplified samples, In BamH1 restriction enzyme, all the samples were restricted into 625 bp. In second restriction enzyme Pst1, DNA samples were restricted into 1.4 kbp. While in the case of ECOR1, fragment was restricted into 1.3 kbp.

Key Words: Shoe flower, DNA extraction, PCR, PFLP, Beta satellite and Begomovirus

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I. Introduction

Shoe flower (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L: family: *Malvaceae*) also known as hibiscus and China rose. It is mostly common in regions with such tropic and sub- tropic climate. Besides its natural beauty, shoe flower has also owns medicinal properties that are helpful for soothing of mucous membranes of the respiratory and digestive tracts (Sharma and Sultana, 2004). There are certain types of compounds present in Shoe flowers such as proantho cyanidins and flavonoids which are useful in spasmolytic (spasm inhibiting), analgesic (pain relieving) and good antipyretic (Rummel 2005). Shoe flower is known to infect many diseases due to several pathogens such as virus, bacteria and fungi. Among these shoe flower leaf curl disease due to viral attack is significantly common in tropical and sub-tropical areas. Advance technique to improve performance of flowering and other plants reported by several authors (Sultana et al. 2011; Siddique et al. 2007; Siddique et al. 2006; Islam et al. 2004) Due to this disease many physical changes occur in plants like leaf curling, leaf enation, darkening and thickening of veins (Lolita et al. 2014). It was first in central India (Mali 1980). Among all the families of Viruses, *Geminiviridae* is one of the major threats and causes serious problem for agriculture like cotton leaf curl disease, maize streak disease, tomato leaf curl disease and Cassava mosaic especially in tropic and sub-tropic regions (Varma and Malathi, 2003). In *Geminiviridae*, a genus begomoviruses are transmitted through white fly in persistence manner (Brown et al. 2012). Begomoviruses are the cause of this disease incident which transmission by whitefly, which indicated that cause of this disease, is begomovirus, further evidence obtained when shoe flower was found as natural or alternate host of begomovirus, and in Pakistan cotton leaf curl virus (Harrison et al. 1997). Briddon et al. (2001) studied the structure of the begomoviruses has ssDNA, typically bipartite and genomes containing all functions for its replication, it consists of two component DNA-A and DNA-B. The first component encoded to control expression of gene and second component for inter and intra-cellular movement genes. It also contains two types of satellite virus named as alpha satellite and beta satellite the first one is not involved in viral infection (Idris et al. 2011). Beta satellite plays an important role in disease symptoms because these viruses encoded specific types of virulence factors, which enhance the systemic spread of the virus characters (Briddon et al. 2003). In beta satellite β C1 gene is present in CLCuV and also responsible for disease symptoms induction (Qazi et al. 2007). Keeping in view the present study was expected to attain the objective of identification of beta satellite component through PCR-RFLP in shoe flower (*Hibiscusrosa-sinensis* L.) in Pakistan.

II. Materials and Methods

Collection of diseased samples

Identification of disease was done on the basis of symptomology such as upward curling of leaves, enation on lower sides of leaves, vein thickening and darkening, stunting the plants and Reduction of number of flowers. Infected young leaves were collected from seven different places in University of Agriculture Faisalabad (U.A.F). Samples were labeled as S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7 carefully placed them in ice box and those were brought to virology lab in Centre of Agricultural Biochemistry and Biotechnology (CABB) department and were stored at 80°C in a freezer for further studies.

Isolation of total genomic DNA

After sample collection, according to (Doyle and Doyle, 1990) the total genomic DNA was isolated by using CTAB method. For removal of the sticky impurities in genomic DNA phenol- chloroform treatment was performed described by (Chomczynski and Sacchi, 2006).

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for Beta Amplification

PCR is used for the amplification of DNA followed by (Sunter et al. 1990). In PCR, universal primers were used for beta satellite component amplification named as beta 01 and beta 02.

Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP)

PCR-RFLP analysis was done according to (Relman et al. 1996). At the end, samples were run at 1% agarose gel electrophoresis for 45 minutes for visualization.

III. Results and Discussion

Finally, the result illustrated that Shoe flower is the alternative host of begomo virus and closely matches with cotton leaf curl disease such as curling of leaf, thickening and darkening of veins, and leaf enation. Occasionally, Samples were collected on the basis of these symptoms shows in [figure 01](#). Same results are also described by ([Briddon and Markham, 2000](#)) that is HLCuD is transmitted by white fly is a common vector of both HLCuD and CLCuD and also has similar symptomology.



Figure 01. Curling of leaves.

The DNA was extracted from seven samples exhibit the typical symptoms of shoe flower curl virus. Conformation of total DNA by gel picture as shown in [Figure 02](#).

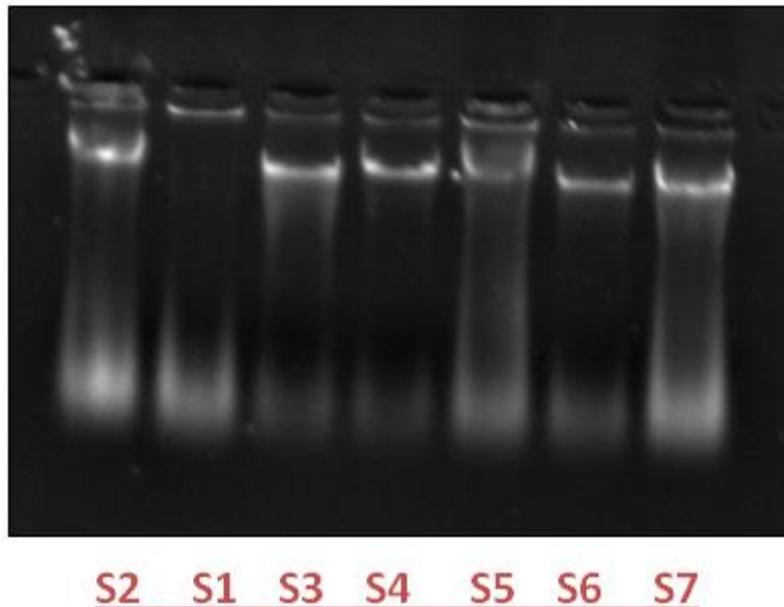


Figure 02. Gel picture of total genomic DNA.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for beta satellite amplification

Two universal primers such as $\beta 01$ (CCGGTACCACTACGCTACGCAGCAGCC) and $\beta 02$ (CCGGTACCTACCCTCCAGGGGTACAC) were used for PCR amplification of beta satellite viruses. While

beta satellite of CLCuV was used as positive control. Three samples of beta satellite such as S3, S4 and S6 shown in figure 03. In this figure by the comparing with 1.4 kb marker clearly shows that my PCR results were efficient. According to (Bridson et al. 2002) used extracted DNA from infected plant for amplification of beta satellites through PCR with the help of several universal primers β 01 and β 02 amplified the DNA at 1400 nucleotides bp. He also mentioned the annealing temperature for amplification of beta satellite component in the tomato and cotton plant is 50°C and 57°C.

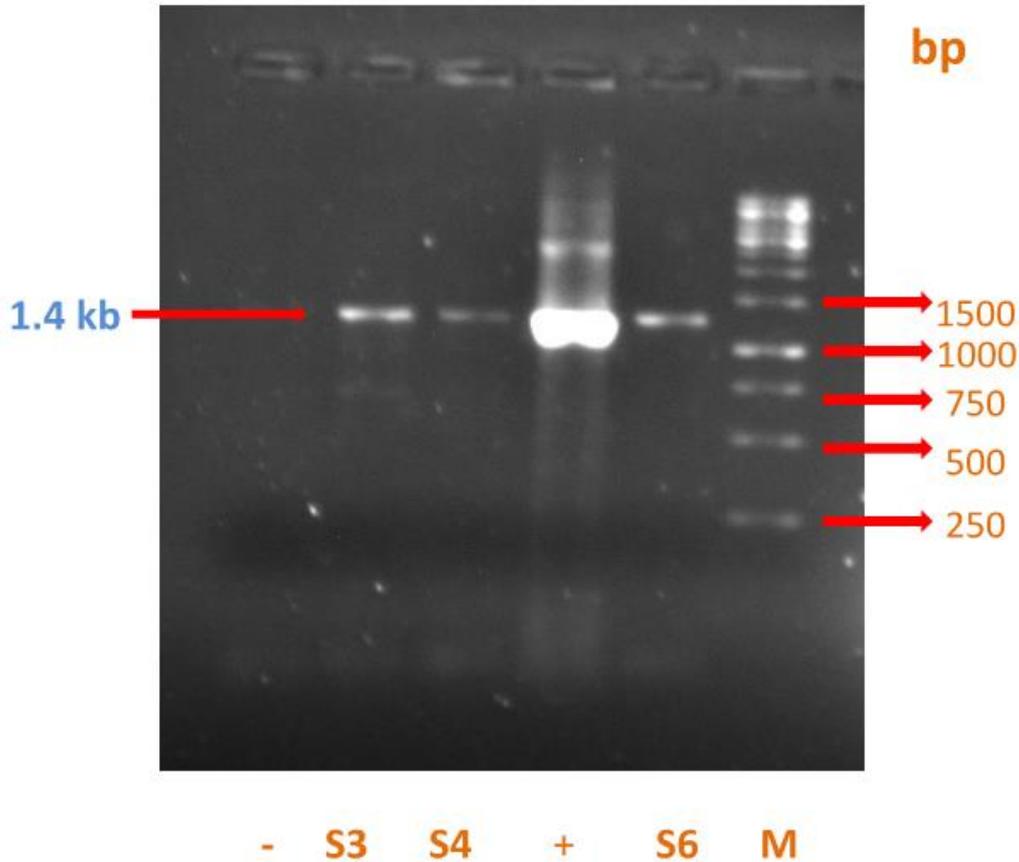


Figure 03. Gel picture of Polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

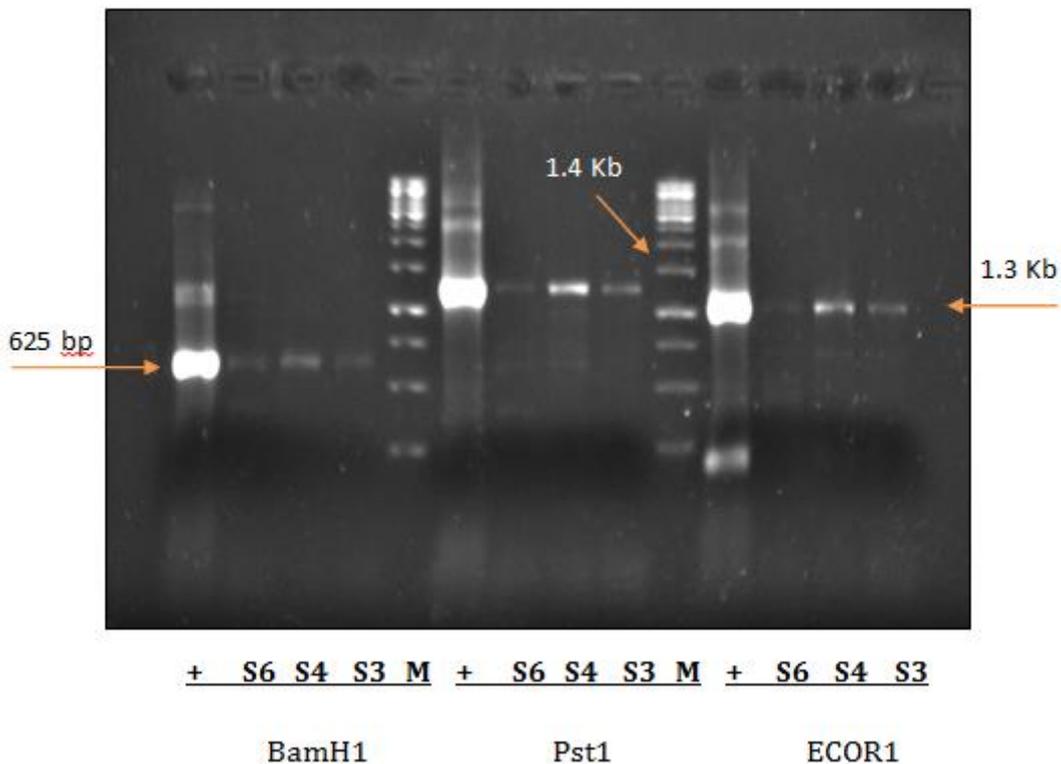


Figure 04. Restriction analyses in Gel Electrophoresis.

Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis

For PCR- RFLP analysis, PCR amplified samples such as S3, S4 and S6 were restricted with common restriction enzymes named as (Pst1, BamH1 and EcoR1). Result showed that the diversity of beta satellite virus was presents in infected shoe flower plant with restriction enzyme Pst1 and BamH1 and ECOR I. Therefore, the results showed that during PCR-RFLP analysis there are different types of beta satellites responsible for prevailing in shoe flower infected with HLCuD as shown in [Figure 04](#). In figure CLCuV was used as a positive control. Similar work was done by ([Bertaccini et al. 2000](#)) about PCR-RFLP analysis by using specific restriction, TaqI, TruI and AluI to identify the beta satellite viruses DNA infected by HLCuD.

IV. Conclusion

DNA was extracted from seven infected samples and confirmed by gel electrophoresis. Out of seven three DNA samples were amplified by PCR reaction having beta satellite component (S3, S4 and S6) at 1.4 Kbp. All three amplified samples were restricted by three different restriction enzymes (Bam H1, ECOR1 and Pst1) at different bp length.

Author Contribution

Authors SH, LA, HMS, AMH, SG developed the idea of this study, perform literature search, collected data and conducted experimental works. Authors MZA, MAZ, MA, SN performed statistical analysis and prepared the manuscript for submission. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

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