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**A Malian rice seed endophyte bacteria control
efficiently the growth of *Xanthomonas oryzae*
pv *oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv
*oryzicola***

ABSTRACT

Aims:

In Mali, rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is a very important cereal in the food system and important losses in rice production are caused by bacterial diseases. Despite the important rice losses in production and the proven ability of some bacteria to control rice pathogens, in Mali very few studies have been carried out in biocontrol. With the aim of improving food security, the objective of this work is to select, at least one endophyte bacteria with great capacity to inhibit the growth *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv *oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv *oryzicola*.

Study design: this experimental research involving a Malian local rice cultivar named Kogoni and biocontrol endophyte bacteria isolated from rice in Mali

Pace and duration of study: This research was carried out in greenhouse at LaboREM-Biotech and in the field at the Office of irrigated perimeters of Baguineda (OPIB) for 3 years

Study design

To achieve this objective: pathogenic bacteria (*Xoo* and *Xoc*) circulating in rice fields of Mali were identified, endophyte bacteria from the bacterial collection of the LaboREM with high antagonistic activities against the identified pathogens were selected, and the efficacy of the selected endophytes to inhibit the growth of these pathogens in vitro were tested.

Results: A total of five isolates, including 3 from *Xoo* and 2 from *Xoc*, were isolated in Niono from two varieties of rice: Kogoni91-1 and Adny11. No isolate characteristic of *Xanthomonas oryzae* was observed on samples from Baguineda. The three selected rice endophytes were tested in vitro to assess their effectiveness in controlling *Xoo* and *Xoc*. Following this test, 100% of the endophytes showed significant antimicrobial activity against *Xoo* and *Xoc* with an inhibition diameter varying between 6 and 28.5mm. endo Ad9 was selected for its strong ability to inhibit the growth of both pathogens at the same time.

Keywords: Rice, *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv *oryzae*, *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv *orizicola*, endophytes, growth inhibition

1. INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L), is the main cereal crop in the world [1]. It is the only staple cereal that is almost exclusively reserved for human food [2]. and essential for

poverty and food insecurity reduction in sub-Saharan Africa in general, and in Mali in particular. Rice production, which was 2,268,054 tons in 2010 [3], is expected to increase due to the growing demand for food in Mali and the sub-Saharan region. In Mali, although the country has significant rice potential and a rapidly growing production, demand for rice still exceeds national supply forcing the country to import from Asia about a quarter of the rice consumed in the country (Diarra et al. 2014).

Taking into account the different biotic and abiotic constraints negatively impacting production, to meet national demand, 430,000 T of additional rice would be needed in 2020 and 640,000 T in 2025 [4]. Unfortunately, there are two serious bacterial diseases in rice cultivation: bacterial wilt or "Bacterial Leaf Blight (BLB)" and leaf streak or "Bacterial Leaf Streak (BLS)", respectively caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (*Xoo*) and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzicola* (*Xoc*) [5]. These bacterial diseases constitute one of the main constraints limiting the intensification of Malian rice cultivation [6], [7].

Despite the important rice losses caused by these bacteria and the proven ability of certain rhizospheres microorganisms to control these bacteria, in Mali very few studies have been carried out in this direction. With the aim of improving food security, the objective of this work is to formulate, at least one effective and easy to use biopesticide against bacterial leaf blight (or bacterial wilt) and/or bacterial leaf streak of rice.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Material:

The materials used to conduct this study are:

A reference strain of *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (*Xoo*) was selected from the collection of the Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology Research Laboratory (LaboREM). Three (3) rice endophyte isolates (REM7, REM8 and Adny11) were selected from the strains of the LaboREM collection. Four (4) pairs of primers (back and forth): Xoo80; Xoc3866 and Xoc3864; Xo3756. Two (2) rice seeds including the variety Adny11 and Kogoni 91-1 were kindly provided to us by the Institute of Rural Economy.

2.2 Methods:

2.2.1 Sampling

During a survey, randomly selected composite representative sample of thirty rice leaves exhibiting typical symptoms of bacterial blight were collected from infested rice fields of the "Office du Niger (ON) " and the "Office des Périmètres Irrigués de Baguineda (OPIB) ", for pathogen isolation. Samples were placed in plastic bags appropriately labeled and stored at 4°C for further analysis.

2.2.2 Isolation of *Xanthomonas oryzae*:

Isolation of *Xanthomonas oryzae* from collected 30 samples was carried out at Office du Niger and OPIB during 2016, according to the method described by [8]. Leaf pieces

measuring 3x3mm in size were excised from the advancing margin of the lesion with a pair of Sesser sterile scalpel and surface sterilized with ethanol 70% for 30 second and 1% bleach for one minute, under aseptic conditions. Following a quick rinse in sterile distilled water (SDW), seven leaf pieces were blotted dry on sterile blotting papers and transferred to Petri plates containing peptone-sucrose glutamic acid agar medium; containing 10g Peptone, 10g Sucrose, 1g glutamic acid and 16g agar; using a laminar flow unit. Plates were incubated at 27°C for 3 days. Muroid, doomed, yellow colonies on YDC plates were considered as Xanthomonads. These bacterial isolates were sub-cultured to obtain pure culture. and which was stored for further use. Selected isolates were named as follows: Xoo (*Xanthomonas oryzae oryzae*) or Xoc (*Xanthomonas oryzae oryzicola*), followed by the first two letters of the rice variety used to isolate the bacteria and the number of the sample. Cultures were suspended in SDW or grown on PSG slants, and stored at 4°C for short-term preservation. For long-term use, cultures were preserved as stated in soil by [9], by pipetting approximately 0.5 ml of inoculated, heavy nutrient broth suspension onto approximately 3 g of sterile loamy garden soil in small, test tubes (75x10 mm) or bijou bottles. The soil was air-dried, passed through a 2mm mesh sieve to obtain finer particles, autoclaved thrice at 121°C for 1 h and stored at 4°C. Bacteria were recovered by plating the infested soil onto PSG agar plates whenever needed.

2.2.3 Common characters

2.2.3.1 Mobility:

In order to verify the mobility of the isolates, each isolate was examined under a microscope in the fresh state. A small mass of bacteria from 48 hours incubation of each isolate was suspended in two (2) drops of sterile distilled water placed on a sterile slide. The suspension thus obtained was covered with a coverslip and observed under a phase contrast microscope.

2.2.3.2 Gram staining

The Gram staining was done according to [10]. It consisted of subjecting a thin bacterial film on a glass slide to aqueous Crystal Violet, Iodine, Ethanol and Safranin solutions for various periods of time and washing with tap water. Gram negative stains give red whereas Gram positive bacteria give blue-black color. Gram staining results were confirmed with reaction to Potassium hydroxide (3% KOH) test [11]. During this test, a loopful of bacteria was stirred in 3% KOH and any change in the viscosity was recorded. Gram negative bacteria forms thread like slime when picked with a tooth pick while gram positive bacteria disperse and forms no slime.

2.2.3.3 Catalase and oxidase tests

Catalase and oxidase enzymes were determined according to the technique described by [12]. Oxidase test was carried out as described in [9]. Briefly, one day old bacterial colony, grown on nutrient agar supplemented with 1% glucose was used in this assay. A loopful of the inoculum was rubbed onto a filter paper impregnated with 1% (w/v) freshly prepared aqueous solution of tetramethyl-p-phenylene diamine dihydrochloride. The isolate was rated oxidase-positive if a purple color developed within 10 seconds, delayed positive if coloration developed within 10-60 seconds; and negative if no color developed after 60 seconds [13].

Likewise, the fluorescence test on King B solid medium to differentiate *Xanthomonas* genus from *Pseudomonas* genus was carried out according to the method described by [14].

The oxidation / fermentation test, meanwhile, aims to determine by which metabolic pathway (oxidative or fermentative) according to the protocol of New and Misra (1994).

The ability of the isolates to hydrolyze starch was determined according to the method described by [12], while the ability of isolates to hydrolyze gelatin was determined by the method of [15].

2.2.4 Differential characters:

2.2.4.1 Growth on 0.001% copper nitrate solid media

Strains of *Xanthomonas oryzae oryzae* (*Xoo*) and *Xanthomonas oryzae oryzicola* (*Xoc*) were identified and differentiated on PSG medium containing 0.001% of copper nitrate. For that, the copper nitrate was diluted in 1.5 ml of 70% ethanol and then filtered. The obtained solution was mixed with a cooled sterile PSG medium. The solidified medium was inoculated with the different isolates. After ten (10) days of incubation at 28°C, the presence of colonies indicates the presence of *Xoo* and the absence indicates the presence of *Xoc* [10].

2.2.4.2 Growth on 0.2% casamino acid solid media

To test the capacity of the isolates to growth on casamino-acid medium without vitamins, each isolate was inoculated on PSG minimum medium with 0.2% casamino acid and then incubated at 28°C for ten (10) days. The presence of colonies indicates the presence of *Xoc* and the absence indicates the presence of *Xoo* [10].

2.2.4.3 Identification of *Xanthomonas oryzae* pathovars by multiplex PCR

The DNA amplification of the isolates was carried out according to the method described by [16] with the use of four (4) pairs of primers specific to *Xanthomonas oryzae* (*Xo*) and its pathovars *Xoo* and *Xoc* [17]. Amplification of bacterial DNA was performed in an Applied Biosystems 2720 Thermal Cycler according to the thermal program described by [17]. The amplification cycle (denaturation, hybridization, and elongation) was repeated thirty-five (35) times during PCR and the resulting product was stored at 4°C. The electrophoresis of the amplification products was performed on a 1.5% agarose gel prepared from 0.5X TBE and ethidium bromide (0.3 µg / ml). Ten (10) microliters of each product were housed and run over the gel for 1 hour 30 minutes at 80 volts. The gel was then photographed using Gel Doc E-BoX, to visualize the DNA fragments as bands under Ultraviolet (UV) light.

2.2.4.3 Selection of endophytes with high antimicrobial activity against *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzicola*

The antimicrobial activity of endophytes against *Xoo* and *Xoc* was determined using the modified [18] protocol described as follows: Three rice endophytic bacteria, preselected for their antibacterial activities, were drawn at random from the LaboREM-Biotech bacterial collection, and tested against confirmed isolates such as *Xoo* and *Xoc*. Pathogens (*Xoo* and *Xoc*) and endophytes; were reactivated on nutrient agar with 1% glucose, and incubated at 28°C for 48 hours. A bacterial suspension of each isolate was prepared in sterile physiological water at a concentration of 10⁸ CFU/mL. One milliliter of the bacterial inoculum from each isolate was seeded evenly with a swab on 25 mL of solidified PSA medium. A four (4 mm) diameter portion of each endophyte was cut using a cookie cutter and gently placed on the PSA medium already inoculated with the pathogen. Three replicates and one control were done for each isolate. The inoculated dishes were then incubated at 28 ° C for 72 hours. After incubation, the zones of inhibitions were measured in mm and the antimicrobial

activity (D) was determined by making the difference between the diameter of inhibition (d1) and the diameter endophytes (diameter of the punch) (d2): $D = d1 - d2$ [18]. Thus, the antimicrobial activity D of endophytes has been classified into four (4) categories: If $D \geq 20$ mm, it is marked +++; $D \geq 10-19$ mm, ++; $D \geq 5-9$ mm, +; and $D < 5$ mm, no antimicrobial activity [18].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Results

3.1.1 Bacterial isolates

Out of thirty (30) samples treated, five (5) from the Office du Niger (ON) showed colonies with characteristic appearances of *Xanthomonas oryzae*: pale yellow, shiny, of a circular shape with regular outline, convex, of viscous and mucous consistency, with a diameter of 1 mm (Figures 1A and 1B).

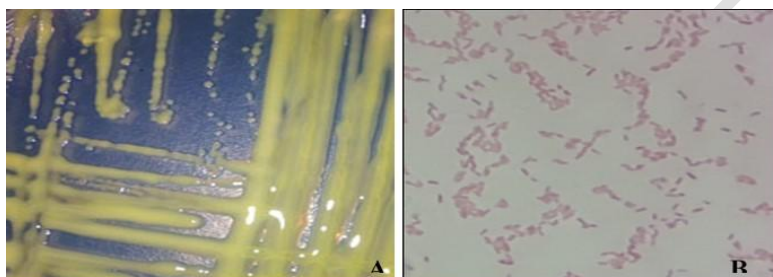


Figure 1. Macroscopic (A) and microscopic (B) aspects of bacterial cells.

No isolates with the macroscopic characteristics of *Xanthomonas oryzae* was observed in OPIB samples. Of the 5 isolates, we had three (3) isolates from the rice variety Adny11, one isolate from the variety Kogoni 91.1 and another from wild rice, *Oryza longistaminata* (Table 1).

Table 1: Sample number, sampling sites, isolate code, rice varieties and symptoms observed on samples from which the corresponding bacteria was isolated.

Sample numbers	Sampling sites	Isolates code	Rice varieties	Observed symptoms
9	Niono	Xoo Ad9	Adny11	Rice bacterial blight
10	Niono	Xoo Ad10	Adny11	Rice bacterial blight
20	Niono	Xoo Ad20	Adny11	Rice bacterial blight
12	Niono	Xoc Ko12	Kogoni 91.1	Bacterial leaf strike
13	Niono	Xoc Lo13	<i>Oryza Longistaminata</i>	Bacterial leaf strike

3.1.2. Identification of the isolates

3.1.2.1 Common biochemical characteristics

Common biochemical characteristics of the isolates are presented in Table 2. Analysis of the table 2 showed that all isolates are catalase, amylase, gelatinase and oxidase positive. On

the contrary, they are all non-fluorescent and oxidase negative with the exception of Xoo-Ad20 which is more or less oxidase positive

Table 2: Results of biochemical characteristic tests of the isolates

Isolates	Common biochemical characteristics						
	*KOH	¹ King B	Oxydase	Catalase	Amylase	Gelatinase	O/F
Xoo Ad9	+	-	-	+	+	+	O
Xoo Ad10	+	-	-	+	+	+	O
Xoo-Ad20	+	-	±	+	+	+	O
Xoc Ko12	+	-	-	+	+	+	O
Xoc Lo13	+	-	-	+	+	+	O

*= solubilisation dans KOH, ¹= fluorescéine, + = positive ; - = negative; ± = Slightly oxidase positive, O/F=Oxydative/fermentative.

3.1.2.2 Differential biochemical characteristics:

The results of the isolate susceptibility test on 0.001% copper nitrate medium and growth test on 0.2% casamino acid medium without vitamin summarized in Table 3. The results of the isolate susceptibility tests on the 0.001% copper nitrate media and growth tests on the 0.2% casamino acid medium without vitamin made it possible to differentiate the isolates selected as Xoo and Xoc. These tests revealed that the isolates Xoo Ad9, Xoo Ad10, Xoo Ad20 are strains of *Xanthomonas oryzae pv oryzae* and that the isolates Xoc Ko12, Xoc Lo13 are strains *Xanthomonas oryzae pv oryzicola*.

Table 3 : Résultats de la sensibilité test de l'isolates à nitrate avec le cuivre à 0,001% et au test de croissance à 0.2% d'acide casaminique en l'absence de vitamine.

Isolats	Sensitivity on 0,001% copper nitrate	Growth on à 0.2% casamino acid without vitamins	Interpretation
Xoo Ad9	+	-	Xoo
Xoo Ad10	+	-	Xoo
Xoo Ad20	+	-	Xoo
Xoc Ko12	-	+	Xoc
Xoc Lo13	-	+	Xoc

3.1.2.3 Identification des isolats par la PCR

After amplification and migration of the DNA of the isolates, two (2) migration patterns were observed: profile 1 showed three bands of respective sizes 331, 691 and 945 bp for the strains Xoc Ko12, Xoc Lo13; while profile 2 showed two bands of sizes 331 and 162 bp for the strains Xoo-Ad9, Xoo-Ad10 and Xoo-Ad20 (figure 2).

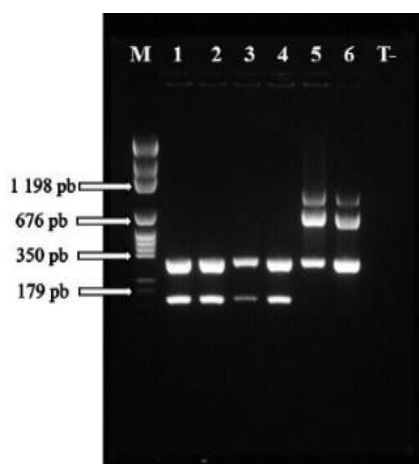


Figure 2. Photo of electrophoresis gel. **M:** Marker, **1:** Control Xoo, **2:** Ad9, **3:** Ad10, **4:** Ad20, **5:** Ko12; **6:** Lo13; **T-:** Negative control.

3.1.2.4 Endophytes with high antimicrobial activity against *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzicola*

After confirming the identities of the strains by PCR, the antimicrobial activity of the endophytes ADNY9, REM8, NIE6 against all strains Xoo and Xoc was shown to be effective, in vitro (Table 3).

Table 3. Effects of the endophyte bacteria tested against *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae* et *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzicola*

Isolates	Tested endophytes		
	ENDO-ADNY9	ENDO-REM8	ENDO-NIE6
Xoo-Adny9	+++	++	+
Xoo-Adny10	+++	++	+
Xoo-Adny20	+++	++	+
Xoc-Kogoni12	++	++	+
Xoc-Longis13	++	++	+

+ = 5mm ≤ D ≤ 9 mm ; ++ = 10mm ≤ D ≤ 19mm ; +++ = D > 20 mm

A total of 3 strains, (100%) of endophytes tested showed significant antibacterial activity against Xoo and □ or Xoc with at least an inhibition diameter of 6 mm. Compared to other endophytes, the ADNY9 endophyte was shown to be more effective against all Xoo and Xoc strains with a maximum zone of inhibition of 28.5 mm (Figure 3). On the other hand, the

endophyte ENDO-NIE6 has been shown to be less effective with a maximum inhibition zone of 11mm and a minimum of 6mm.

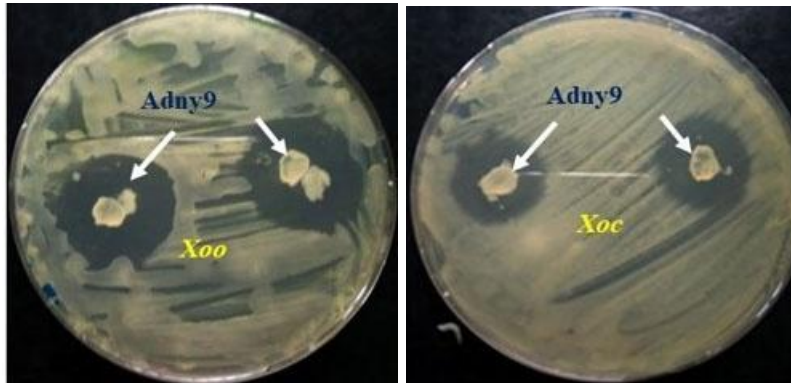


Figure 3. Antimicrobial activities of endophyte Adny9 against *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzicola*.

3.2 Discussions:

Several techniques and isolation media have been developed to isolate *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzicola*. These techniques are essentially based on (i) the addition to the isolation media of antibiotics and antifungals (which can inhibit the growth of other saprophytic microorganisms close to *Xanthomonas* genus and (ii) isolation from a solution consisting of a portion of infected leaves macerated in sterile distilled water [19], [6]. Xoo and Xoc strains.

This isolation technique showed that out of a total of thirty (30) samples collected with symptoms of BLB or BLS, 12.66% showed colonies that looked like *X. oryzae*. These isolates were obtained from 5 different samples, all taken from the fields of the Office du Niger. On the other hand, no isolates with the macroscopic characteristics of *X. oryzae* were observed from the samples collected in Bagueda. According to [19], when Xoo or Xoc could not be isolated from symptomatic leaves, isolation should be resumed. As a result, isolation of the remains of twenty-five (25) samples that tested negative was resumed. The results of these re-isolations were consistent with those previously observed. [16] reported similar results in Mali, out of 90 samples collected with symptoms of BLB and / or BLS, approximately 37% gave *X. oryzae*-appearing colonies on the PSA culture medium. This result can be explained by the following various reasons: (i) use of phytosanitary products which can accumulate in the rice fields and affect the beneficial and pathogenic microorganisms they harbor and (ii) taking symptomatic samples at stages of advanced bacterial infection. [19] reported that at advanced stages of infection, isolation of bacteria may fail. Likewise, [20], also reported that in the pale-yellow stage of the leaves, bacteria are not present on the leaves but rather on the stem, which may explain the failure of isolation on the leaves at these stages.

The isolates obtained were first characterized and identified which revealed that all the isolates are of *X. oryzae* identified three (3) strains of Xoo and two (2) strains of Xoc. The microbiological and biochemical characteristics obtained from our isolates are similar to those described by [10]. These results are not consistent with those of [20], who in a study conducted in Iran obtained opposite results with regard to the production of catalase and amylase. These authors have isolated Xoo strains which do not produce catalase or amylase. Such contradictory results may explain the diversity of African strains compared to those of Asia. The identification of the isolates from their microbiological and biochemical characteristics as Xoc and Xoo, was confirmed by PCR technique. In our study, the two *X. oryzae* pathovars were distinguished by multiplex PCR with four specific primer pairs first used by [17]. An expected profile composed of three (3) bands was obtained from the strains Xoc Ko12, Xoc Lo13 and another expected profile and composed of two (2) bands was obtained from the strains Xoo-Ad9, Xoo Ad10 and Xoo Ad20. These results obtained correlate with those of [17] and [6] who obtained the same strains. Despite the contradictory results of the amylase, catalase tests compared to those of [21], the PCR confirmed that Xoo-Ad9, Xoo Ad10 and Xoo Ad20 are Xoo strains. Indeed, the use of multiplex PCR remains the safest and fastest way to identify the two pathovars. As for the pathogenesis test, it also differentiated the pathovars of *X. oryzae* by observing the symptoms. Indeed, Xoo-Ad9, Xoo Ad10 and Xoo Ad20 induced symptoms of bacterial wilt and Xoc Ko12, Xoc Lo13 induced symptoms of leaf streak. These results prove that all the strains isolated are pathogenic and confirm the results obtained by microbiological and biochemical identification and by PCR. In this study, we note that all the Xoo strains were isolated from the variety Adny11 and those of Xoc from the variety Kogoni 91-1 and Longistaminata. [16] reported similar ones, but he also isolated strains of Xoo and Xoc on the same varieties in the Niger office which was not the case in our study. In Mali, Adny 11 and Kogoni 91-1 are one of the most cultivated.

4. CONCLUSION

Two rice bacterial pathogens, *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae* (Xoo) and *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzicola* (Xoc), were isolated and identified in rice fields in Mali. An endophyte bacterium Adny9 isolated from Adny seeds showed high capacity to control the growth of the two isolated rice pathogens. This endophyte can be used to formulate an efficient and low-cost biopesticide to improve rice production by minimizing the impact of Xoo and Xoc.

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