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Lapin Immune Features of Experimental Escherichia Coli-Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Combined Bacterin: A Research Account

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Abstract: The study aims to develop prototype candidate bacterins, monotypic and combined [balanced x-x and unbalanced 2x-x] from the gram-negative uropathogenic E. coli and P. aeruginosa. These bacterins were applied for specific immune priming of rabbits using multisite injection protocols in weekly dosing for two weeks followed by a week leave, then bled in homologous prime-boost schedules. The secondary immune responses were tempted. The tripartite arms of the immune responses were investigated as TNF alpha, bone marrow mitotic index, splenic body index, IL17 cytokine, antibody titers, cytokine IL4, IL2, and IL10. Combined bacterins are known to exhibit immune interference phenomena. The phenomenology of immune interference in bacterin combinations appeared as follows: one enhances the other, one dampens the other, and one does not affect the other. E. coli was found to be of major and minor immune interfering potentials depending on the nature of bacterin combinations in the sense of quantitative ratios of the bacterin units per unit volume of the developed biologics. Both immune-enhancing and immune-inhibiting forms of immune interference were noted. The developed urocombined bacterin seems to be a novel contribution in continuum with the licensed Uromune, Urovac, and Uro-Vaxom bacterin.

Keywords: bacterin, biologics, combination, development, dampening, interference.

实验性大肠杆菌-铜绿假单胞菌组合菌素的拉宾免疫特征：研究报告

摘要：该研究旨在从革兰氏阴性尿路致病性大肠杆菌和铜绿假单胞菌中开发原型候选菌苗，单型和组合 [平衡 x-x 和不平衡 2x-x]。使用多部位注射方案将这些菌苗应用于兔的特异性免疫启动，每周给药两周，然后休假一周，然后以同源的启动-加强计划放血。二次免疫反应受到诱惑。研究了免疫反应的三方臂作为肿瘤坏死因子 α 、骨髓有丝分裂指数、脾体指数、伊利诺伊州 17 细胞因子、抗体效价、细胞因子伊利诺伊州 4、伊利诺伊州 2 和伊利诺伊州 10。已知组合菌苗表现出免疫干扰现象。菌苗组合中免疫干扰的现象表现为：一种增强另一种，一种抑制另一种，一种不影响另一种。大肠杆菌被发现具有主要和次要的免疫干扰潜力，这取决于菌苗组合的性质，即每单位体积开发的生物制剂中菌苗单位的数量比。注意到免疫干扰的免疫增强和免疫抑制形式。开发的尿结合菌苗似乎是与获得许可的尿宗、乌罗瓦茨和尿路-瓦克森菌苗的连续体的新贡献。

关键词：菌苗，生物制剂，组合，发育，阻尼，干扰。

1. Introduction

Bacterin combinations (BCs) serving human welfare were tackled in past, present, and studied for future

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planning [1]. The main objective of the combined bacterin is to protect the human body from multiple bacterial diseases at a time [2]. BCs have many advantages to the consumer and the health planner and the main disadvantage of immune interference (Table 1). Immune interference can be caused by antigenic competition, carrier-induced expression, and interferon induction [3]. Urinary tract infections are widespread all over the world among these urinary tract infections. Bimicrobial and multimicrobial infections are reportable in complicated cases, though they were of minor incidence. This situation has led researchers to develop, evaluate, and obtain licenses for *E. coli* combined bacterin as Uromune, Urovac, and Uro-Vaxom [4]. The objective of the present chapter was to map the *E. coli* immune functional role in the gram-negative bacterin combination (*E. coli* – *P. aeruginosa*) in an experimental setting of the lapin immune model.

Table 1 Historic eras of bacterin

Historic era	Bacterin type	Disease	Dates
Pioneers Era	Anthrax	Anthrax	1879-1881
	Swine	Erysipelas	
	Erysipelas	Chicken cholera	
	Chicken cholera		
Developing Era	Cholera	Cholera	1885
	Plague	Syndrome	1896-97
	BCG	Plague disease	1926
	Bordetella	Tuberculosis	1946-1955
	Typhoid	Whooping	1954
	Paratyphoid	Cough	1954
	Brucella	Typhoid fever	1955
Present Era		Paratyphoid fever	
		Malta fever	
	BCG	Tuberculosis	
	Cholera	Cholera Syndrome	

2. Research Background

In a study performed in 1999-2000 on a group of urinary tract infected patients, urinary mucosal antibodies had been separated for both patients and controls. The bacterin-associated causalities were isolated and identified. Monomicrobial and bimicrobial infection types had been noted. The bimicrobial types were of gram-negative-gram-negative and gram-negative-gram positive types. Among which *E. coli* – *P. aeruginosa* were determined. Heat-killed organismic prototype bacterins were prepared and standardized. Standard tube agglutination was done to urinary mucosal globulin solutions with the standard monotypic antigens. *E. coli* specific antibody titers were higher than those of *P.*

aeruginosa using the same urinary mucosal globulin solutions. Such findings indicate antigenic competition and/or immune interference [5-7].

In the present chapter, *E. coli* prototype bacterin preparation has mutual effects on rabbits' immune responses to *P. aeruginosa* prototype bacterin in the prepared bacterin combinations. The combinations were of two types, balanced [x:x; 2x:2x] and unbalanced [x:2x:2x:x] bacterin units per volume in the prepared combination. The immune interference was matched by humoral immune responses as antibody titer reduction or increments and/or cellular immune responses as cytokine concentration increase or decrease accordingly, and leukocyte inhibitory factor and splenic index changes. The immune interference phenomenology can be in either of three following outcomes: one enhances the other, one dampens the other, and one does not affect the other [6-7].

3. Literature Overview

3.1. Pathogens: An Overview

A bacterial pathogen means a disease-producing bacterin. Such ability is relative, conditional, group-specific, and to a lesser extent is species-specific. However, there are different ecotypes among the same genus or same species. Bacterial pathogenicity is a measurable entity in several in-vitro parameters like; protein toxin production and tissue lysing enzyme release. These parameters are collectively denoted as virulence factors. So far, as the in-vivo parameters are concerned, they were invasive.

The death of laboratory animals has been thoroughly used to indicate pathogenicity via LD50 and LD100. Pathogenicity depends on a series of consequent events; find the port of entry, searching for a tropic niche and multiplication, communication in biofilm formation, evading host immune mechanisms, and tissue invasion. A gene, gene set may encode the pathogenicity of a bacterium. Such gene or gene sets can be mapped onto bacterial chromosomes or mobilome. The presence of various bacterial genomes within the viable affected host tissue can confirm either association or causation of the disease. The pathogenic effects of any bacterial invader to any living host can be attributed to either of the following; whole bacterium, toxin production, cell-bound toxin and/or the inducible immune reactions. Loss of the cell wall of the bacterial pathogen [stealth] can exaggerate the pathogenicity by forming cryptic or hidden infections. The organ-wise differences in the

nature of the activities for the inhibiting microbiota may either enhance or inhibit the pathogenic potentials of the bacterial invaders. There are cross-talk mutual cross-talks between the microbiota and the affected host tissues. Thus, mutual effects may be expected [8-9].

3.1.1. *Escherichia Coli*

E. coli is gram-negative, facultative anaerobic rods, motile with peritrichous flagella. Some capsulated forms are non-motile. It is a non-lactose fermenter and metallic sheen producer, catalase-positive and oxidase-negative. It possesses several “O” serotypes. They own the spectrum of commensal, conditional and/or principal pathogen for man and animals. On the host cellular level, *E. coli* showed a facultative intracellular parasite. The disease is mostly accompanied by toxin production or capsule formation. Some serotypes are frankly known as principal human or animal pathogens. The emergence of multidrug resistance is associated with marked virulence. Colicin and phage typing served as epidemiological tools for mapping infections and infection cycles in the environment [8-9].

3.1.2. *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*

P. aeruginosa is aerobic gram-negative non-capsulated rod, motile by polar flagella. Some capsulated forms are also known. The hemolytic reaction can be visualized on blood agar. It is catalase- and oxidase-positive. *P. aeruginosa* produces toxins and Aeruginosin. It is associated with the urinary tract, chronic middle ear, chest, and burn wound infections. Capsulated variants are mostly associated with cystic lung fibrosis. They are considered opportunistic pathogens and exhibit natural multi-drug resistance in humans and animals [8-9].

3.2. Bacterin

Knowing the past historical era is a way for profitable thinking to the present, and the present is the cornerstone for planning for the future. The future is just a guess that can be of value. Therefore, thinking about the bacterin theme spans the past, present, and future eras. Pasteur took the honor of being the first who tackled the theme of bacterin as he extended the idea of protective vaccination of Pox virus and was tempted to prepare and develop live attenuated bacteria. Using attenuation principles, he developed bacterin for anthrax, erysipelas, and chicken cholera. The seventies of the twentieth century uncovered experience of that time immunologists into the development of live and live attenuated bacterin, Tables (1 and 2). While nowadays, inactivated and live attenuated bacterin are seen correct for both human typhoid and cholera with optimistic immune protection percentages of 50- 70% [10-12].

Table 2 Chronology of organismic bacterin

Bacterin Type	Preparation Nature	Dates
Cholera	Killed Organism	1896
Plague	Killed Organism	1896-97
Pertussis	Killed Organism	1926
Tuberculosis	BCG/live attenuated	1927
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	Killed organism	1954
Typhoid	Live attenuated, S. Typhi21a	1989
Cholera	Live attenuated	1994

Bacterin is either a prophylactic or therapeutic version of the original bacterial pathogen involved in the bacterial infectious diseases selected, developed, and evaluated to be of protective value and safe for use in human beings. Bacteria are important for human and animal welfare as prophylactic and therapeutic biologics. Currently, autogenous bacteria are useful in the therapy of cancer and lymphoproliferative diseases. In the medical sense, bacteria are broadly classified into approved and experimental. In the practical sense, there are three types of bacteria: organismic [the whole cell], subunit, and molecular types. Bacterin can be monovalent, divalent, and multivalent entities, depending on the number of serotypes or stain ensembles therein [combined bacterin]. Bacterin may have intrinsic adjuvanticity or non-specific immune-stimulating potential. Experimental bacterins span around autogenous and stealth bacterin [cell wall defective bacterin]. Three possible eligibilities necessitate the urgency in tackling bacteria. First, the re-emergence of the need to develop personalized cancer immunotherapy and multidrug-resistant bacterial infections; second, immunotherapy of stealth bacterial infections; third, the need to fix the wobbling state of probiotic bacteria in a broader group, the bacterin allied biologics. When the disease is defined as an infectious bacterial nature, the causal is obtained in pure form, identified, and bacterin prepared. Hence a prototype candidate bacterin was developed. One must set for testing in the cell culture system and laboratory animal model. To this end, if it is of promising outcomes in the preclinical evaluation steps, it becomes an investigational bacterin. This investigational bacterin is applied for clinical developmental phases to match its validity for human use (Table 3) [8, 13].

Table 3 Bacterin development and evaluation (Based on NIH [13])

Strategy	Procedures
1. Understanding the disease	Recognition, diagnosis, etiology, pathogenicity, immunogenicity, and naturally acquired immunity
2. Understanding the causalities	Determination of biochemical, serological, and genetic properties.
3. Developing a bacterin candidate	Inactivation or killing, antigen selection, stability, purity, safety, antigenicity, immunogenicity, immune efficacy. FDA approved the investigational bacterin to be passed to the three clinical evaluation

4. Testing in Volunteers	phases.
	Phase I: Safety
	Phase II: Safety, immunogenicity.
	Phase III: Safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy

3.2.1. *Escherichia Coli Bacterin*

There are several *E. coli* bacteria known to date. These are heat-killed whole cell bacterin, formalin-inactivated whole-cell bacterin, ghost bacterin, subcellular and molecular conjugated bacterin [4]. In veterinary practice, *E. coli* bacterins are common in bovine [15-17], swine, and avian [18].

Communicable *E. coli* infectious diseases. Compared to animal bacteria, few human bacterins seem to be developed and evaluated; they are concerned with recurrent and complicated urinary tract *E. coli* infections. Three bacterins were developed, evaluated, and licensed (Table 4).

Table 4 Licensed *E. coli* human bacterin [4]

Bacterin designation	Bacterin type	References
Uromune	<i>E. coli</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>Proteus vulgaris</i> , <i>E. faecalis</i>	[4]
Urovac	Six <i>E. coli</i> serotypes, <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> , <i>Morganella morganii</i> , <i>K. pneumoniae</i> , <i>E. faecalis</i>	[20]
		[21]
Uro-Vaxom	18 <i>E. Coli</i> lysate	[22]

3.2.2. *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Bacterin*

P. aeruginosa bacterin holds the longstanding interest of clinicians, immunologists, and bacteriologists due to the association of *P. aeruginosa* infections with cystic fibrosis, chronic lung infections, and complicated urinary tract infections in humans and to combats its pathogenic burden. Thus, several experimental variants were developed: LPS, recombinant flagellin, and exotoxin bacterin [23, 24]. In addition to IL17 stimulating *P. aeruginosa* protein bacterin [25], there is outer membrane protein bacterin [26]; and live attenuated bacterin [27]. Two licensed gram-negative bacterin combinations were in current use for immunoprophylaxis of human urinary tract infections: Uromune, which includes *E coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *Proteus* and *E. faecalis* [4] and Urovac, which includes six *E. coli* serotypes, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Morganella morganii*, *K. pneumoniae*, and *E. faecalis* [22].

3.2.3. *Autogenous Bacterin*

Autogenous bacterin [ABs] are the avirulent, attenuated, or inactivated forms of the bacterial

pathogens recovered from the same patient [human] or several animals from the same herd. ABs are applicable in the therapy of multidrug-resistant bacterial infection both for humans and animals and in controlling the animal bacterial infections that emerged in the herd when the commercial makes of bacterin are not helpful. They gain a wide range of applications in fish aquacultures. Besides, in avian, bovine, and equine practice, ABs may be of use for managing multidrug-resistant infections or in case of emergence of a variant non-responding to treatment or immunoprophylaxis [20, 28]

Microbes can cause cancer like oncogenic RNA and DNA viruses which may induce neoplastic transformation in normal cell lines. *Helicobacter pylori* stands as a risk factor for gastric cancer and mucosa-associated lymphomas. Selected bacterin may act as a test system for cancer detection. Other genetically modified bacterins are able to kill cancer cells. M-toxins are of known carcinogenic potentials. Bacterial infections of various species have shown a beneficial effect in tumor regression in an array of 440 cancer patients. ABs of some pathogens are found helpful for personalized immunotherapy of cancer [29-32].

ABs are usually sterile suspensions of the whole bacterium in the form of simple bacterin prepared from one species. They have several advantages: avoiding antigenic differences, being less liable to antigenic variations and inducing hypersensitivity, having marked specificity, being less amenable to creating drug resistance. They are used in treating sub-acute, chronic, and multi-drug resistant infections and are not suitable for acute infections [10, 29, 33].

Combined autogenous bacterins are made from bi- or multimicrobial infection cultures during sub-acute and chronic states that are recovered directly from the particular human and animal infections. They are useful as therapeutic options in the therapy of drug irresponsive cases on an individual basis and selected cases [personalized]. The advantages of usage are similar to those of simple ABs; besides, balanced bacterin density combinations have minimal antigenic variations [10, 29].

3.2.4. *Bacterin Combinations*

Combined bacterin provided a protective immunity so far to several serotypes, strains of an infectious bacterial pathogen of a single infectious disease, or some infectious diseases in one single injection primed once. This strategy reduces the number of bacterin doses, number of visits, production cost, and the affordability of the subject to be vaccinated. Combined bacterins are

recommended because of safety and unchanged immunogenicity. Such bacterin combinations may be supplied as readymade mixtures or as a set of component containers in one secondary package and admixed before use. In the developmental phases of combined bacterin, each bacterin component should be developed and evaluated individually in terms of quality, safety, efficiency, compatibility, stability, and the presence of adjuvants in the combination. The physical and chemical compatibility of an individual component forming the combination should deserve careful investigations before any clinical trial. The effect of the injected bacterin volume appeared when the number of bacterin entities increased in the bacterin combination. In this concern, studies tempt to concentrate the injected bacterin volume. When the adjuvant is to be used to augment the immune response to the combined bacterins, a special problem may appear due to the variability of absorption ability of the different adjuvant components [3].

The available requirements for application to the individual bacterin should be followed for each component forming any bacterin combinations. Quality testing includes batch testing, safety testing, and potency testing. The laboratory development implies that combined bacterin products must be tested and proved safe in a single dose, overdose, and multiple dosages. In conducting bacterin tests, a standard strategy must be followed to assure testing of an individual component, a small group of antigens, a part from the larger group, and the entire bacterin combination. The efficacy of each component of the combined bacterin shall be demonstrated along with the efficacy of the combined bacterin. The field trial of the protection test results for a smaller combined bacterin may be valuable in consideration for the field trial of larger combinations and vice versa [34-41]. Some gram-negative combined licensed bacterins are useful for human uropathogens in human practice that include mostly enterobacteria [4].

3.2.5. *Competing Bacterins (Immune Interference)*

Bacterins have surface molecular structural regions against which host immune responses are directed. These regions are known as epitopes. In such a large and complex setting, the bacterin may initiate responses in many different epitopes by the host immune system. Some are more immunogenic than others. Thus, the host immune system may respond to a few favored epitopes, and the remaining other epitopes are virtually ignored. Such more immunogenic epitopes are termed immune-dominant ones. Priming the immune cells to the dominant epitope strongly suppresses the other normally dominant epitopes, rendering these normally dominant epitopes into subdominant epitopes [42-44]. Simultaneous mammalian host priming with several

bacterins sharing the same carrier may suppress the immune responses through several mechanisms. Administration of modified live viral vaccine fraction will suppress immune responses to bacteria. The capsular polysaccharide bacterin joined to a protein carrier will either enhance or suppress the immunogenicity to the bacterin as that of *Haemophilus influenzae* B conjugated with either tetanus or diphtheria toxoids. Such phenomena can be interpreted on the basis of competition for antigen capture and presentation to B cells with surface immunoglobulin specific for an epitope on the carrier and B cell-specific for the polysaccharide. Prevention of binding of the conjugated bacterin to the polysaccharide specific B cells by the free protein carrier and/or suppression of the immune responses to polysaccharide B cell induced by previous protein injection of the carrier, thus, targeting the conjugate away from the polysaccharide specific B cells [45-46]. The outcomes of the immune response phenomenology to combined bacterin showing immune interference can be in either of three forms. One enhances the other; one dampens the other, and one does not affect the other [7]. The immune responses of children to polysaccharide-protein conjugate have tremendous in practice importance in pediatric vaccination.

Multivalent conjugations with tetanus toxoid were found to be at risk of reduced polysaccharide responses. However, those with multivalent diphtheria toxoid conjugated were at lower risk for reducing polysaccharide responses [45]. Whole-cell bacterin for specific fish gram-negative pathogens using a strategy for specific immune priming with monotypic and multitypic bacterin settings in salmonid fish. Single monotypic bacterin *A. salmonicida* confer cross-immune protection to other gram-negative pathogens challenge. Multi-typic bacterin confers protection against the challenge with live *A. salmonicida* [47]. Current child vaccination schedules include administering several vaccines simultaneously, thereby increasing the risk of immune interference positively and negatively to the antigen administered. Immune interference may result from carrier-specific T helper cell interactions, bystander interference, and carrier-specific epitope suppression [3, 48]. Bacterin competition in bacterin combinations can be of inter or intra-molecular types. Such competition is ensembled in two interaction types as reciprocal and non-reciprocal types [6, 49-51].

4. Research Methodology

The development of the monotypic and combined bacterin was performed as in [7]. The criteria and scoring parameters of the immune interference complied with those described in [6].

5. Results and Discussion

5.1. E. Coli in Bacterin Combinations

E. coli in natural urinary tract infections as a uropathogenic interplayed positive competent and negative competent principle in combined gram-positive and gram-negative, and in gram-negative -gram-negative combinations (Table 5).

Table 5 Immune interference and combined bimicrobial urinary tract infections [6], [52]

Combined infection nature	Urinary mucosal globulin concentration, g/L	Titers
E. Coli-P. Aeruginosa	0.6	64 -16
	0.8	8 – 64
K. Pneumoniae-S. saprophyticus	0.6	4 – 128
K. Pneumoniae-Streptococcus spp.	0.8	8 – 128
	0.7	128- 16
E. Coli- S. aureus	0.6	64- 32
	0.8	4 - 32

5.2. Humoral Immune Responses to Combined Bacterin

Neither unilateral nor bilateral shared antigenicity was noted between E. coli and P. aeruginosa bacteria. Essential growth media yielded antigens of low immunogenicity. This can be caused by limited numbers of the immunodominant epitopes of these antigens to which immune recognition by TH2 cells is ascribed and, in turn, mediate low titer antibody responses. In the bacterin suspensions, as the antigenic density increase per unit volume, their specific antibody titers increase within the limits of immune tolerance [6]. Enriched media like brain heart infusion agar supports the bacterin strain growth with high antigen density raising high antibody titer responses (Table 6 and 7) in contrast to those grown on essential media. Hence it is a matter of quantity. Monotypic E. coli and P. aeruginosa bacterin induce higher specific antibody titers than those in bacterin combinations, which indicated reciprocal immune interference of antigen competition type. However, E. coli bacteria-specific antibody titer means were higher than those of P. aeruginosa bacteria. Thus, E. coli bacteria in the combination is the main competitor, and the competition is of intermolecular T cell-dependent type [6].

Table 6 Bacterin density and antigenic competition

Bacterin	Anti-EC5-PA5 titer means	Anti-EC10-PA5 titer means	Anti-EC5-PA10 titer means
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EC10	240	133.3	426.6
EC5	33.3	66.6	173.3
PA10	20	20	20
PA 5	46.6	15	80

Table 7 Bacterin competition in balanced and unbalanced bacterin units per unit volume as scored by antibody titer means

	Anti-EC5-PA5 R1 320 80	Anti-EC5-PA5 R2 160 80	Anti-EC5-PA5 R3 160 20	Titer Means
EC5 bacterin				213.3
PA5 bacterin				50
	Anti-EC10-PA5 160 80	Anti-EC10-PA5 320 80	Anti-EC10-PA5 320 80	266.6 80
EC 10 bacterin				
PA5 bacterin	Anti-EC5-PA10 320 40	Anti-EC5-PA10 160 40	Anti-EC5-PA10 40 80	170.3 53.6
EC5 bacterin				
PA10				

5.3. Cytokine IL4 Responses versus Immune Interference

The balanced EC5-PA5 bacterin combination induced the IL4 concentration of 23.04 pg/ml compared to control rabbits 59 pg/ml and the monotypic EC and PA bacterin. Such a combination inhibits the IL4 responses. It is a case of negative immune interference in the form of one dampen the other. Both of the unbalanced bacterin combinations EC5-PA10 and EC10-PA5 were inducing rise up of the concentrations of IL4 as 174.324 and 203, 853 pg/ml, respectively, compared to the monotypic bacterin responses and control rabbits (Table 8) [6].

Table 8 IL4 concentrations in pg/ml, in sera raised against the monotypic and combined bacterin

The immunizing bacterin type	IL 4 concentration g/ml, immune sera
EC10	156.16
PA10	102.108
EC5-PA5	23.074
EC10-PA5	203.853
EC5-PA10	174.324
Control	59

5.4. Cellular Immune Responses versus Immune Interference

The monotypic EC and PA bacterin induced increased mitotic index, significant leukocyte inhibitory factors, and a significant increase in splenic body index. Balanced one x strength bacterin induced equivocal mitotic index, significant LIF, and increase in splenic body index compared to normal control rabbits. 2XEC-XPA bacterin combination initiated high mitotic index, significant LIF, and increase in splenic index. XEC-

2XPA combinations showed an equivocal mitotic index value, significant LIF, and increased splenic index (Table

9) [7].

Table 9 The cellular immune features of rabbits' prime boosted with bacterin

	Immune features					
	Mitotic index	LIF	SBI	IL2	IL10	TNF alpha
Control	54 ± 8.49	2.68 ± 9.21	0.025 ± 0.005	18.67 ± 5.37	293.91 ± 0.16	42.5 ± 13.07
xEC-xPA	54.8 ± 3.96	1.52 ± 0.294	0.030 ± 0.0	16.9 ± 4.6	358.16 ± 20.17	54.09 ± 10.71
2xEC-2xPA	60 ± 3.63	1.22 ± 0.886	0.042 ± 0.004	20.29 ± 3.59	391091 ± 15.87	34.01 ± 7.57
2xEC-xPA	55.2 ± 3.89	1.92 ± 0.176	0.032 ± 0.004	15.56 ± 1.99	266.37 ± 37.52	54.09 ± 10.71
xEC-2xPA	63 ± 4	2.00 ± 0.00	0.048 ± 0.004	15.38 ± 1.22	281.85 ± 13.54	68.33 ± 0.36
EC	56.2 ± 7.01	1.74 ± 0.164	0.036 ± 0.008	10.18 ± 0.55	385.52 ± 8.59	50 ± 1.37
PA	56.2 ± 4.74	1.48 ± 0.164	0.046 ± 0.008	15.14 ± 0.78	296. ± 9.56	35.49 ± 3.05

Note: LIF - leukocyte inhibitory factor, SBI - spleen-body index

5.5. The IL2, IL10, and TNF Alpha Cytokine Responses versus Immune Interference

The monotypic EC bacterin showed increased TNF alpha and lowered IL2 and IL10 concentrations compared to normal control rabbits. Monotypic PA bacterin initiated high IL2, IL10, and lowered TNF alpha compared to normal control rabbits. Balanced one x strength EC-PA bacterin combinations induced high IL10 equivocal TNF alpha and lowered IL2 responses compared to control rabbits. Unbalanced two x EC-one x PA induced higher IL2, lowered IL10 and TNF alpha concentrations compared to control rabbits. Unbalanced one x EC-two x PA induced higher TNF alpha and lowered IL2 and IL10 responses compared to control rabbits (Table 10) [7]. The bacterin combinations that enhanced cytokine responses as compared to monotypic and control rabbits indicated immune interference of enhancing type [positive affecting] while those inducing decreased cytokine responses shed light on the immune interference of dampening [negatively affecting type] [48]. The cytokine responses, TNF alpha, IL2, IL4, and IL10, were found to be a rationally good battery to map cellular immune interference of combined and monotypic prototype bacterin (Table 10) of uropathogenic *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa* in lapin models [6-7]. The laboratory-developed prototype monotypic and combined bacterins (pure, safe antigenic, and immunogenic) were found in the rabbits' model [7].

Table 10 Rabbits' IL17 cytokine responses to balanced and unbalanced bacterin combinations and the monotypic bacterin and control

Bacterin type	IL17 concentration means in pg/ml.
Balanced XEC-XPA	48.36 ± 3.9
Balanced 2XEC_2XPA	38.75 ± 4.05
Unbalanced XEC-2XPA	37.63 ± 3.05
Unbalanced 2XEC-XPA	36.94 ± 11.37
Monotypic EC	40.12 ± 2.97
Monotypic PA	38.48 ± 4.5
Control	45.45 ± 3.85

The IL17 cytokine concentration means in response to monotypic BEC and BPA were of low-grade responses than that of control animals. This finding may point to inhibitory insults [50], like the presence of an immunosuppressive antigenic epitope. The response of rabbits' IL17 to the two-strength balanced and unbalanced bacterin combinations was of inhibitory type compared to control, which can be determined by antigenic competition. Single strength balanced combination showed increased IL17 concentration mean compared to control rabbits which point to an enhancement in the response of the monotypic and control samples (Table 11).

Table 11 Comprehensive view to *E. coli* immune interfering potentials in bacterin combinations

Response Nature	Immune interference	Reference
Humoral antibody	Reciprocal intermolecular antigenic competition	[4]
TNF alpha	Immune enhancing in balanced, unbalanced combination. Double strength and monotypic PA were of immunosuppressive action.	[7]
IL 17	Balanced single strength combinations were immune enhancing. Other combinations were of immunosuppressive nature	[53]
IL4	Immune enhancing in unbalanced combination and monotypic. Immunosuppressive in balanced combinations	[4]
IL2	Double strength balanced combinations were immune enhancing. Other combinations were of immunosuppressive forms	[7]
IL10	Single and double strength balanced combinations and monotypic EC were immune-enhancing. Other combinations were of immune inhibiting nature	[7]
<i>E. coli</i> role in combination	Major and minor immune interfering effects	[4], [7], [53]

5.6. IL17 Cytokine Responses to Monotypic and Combined Bacterin

Thus, lapin IL17 responses to monotypic and combination bacterin express two forms of immune interference as one enhances the other and one damps the other. However, these responses were affected by antigenic quantity, antigenic competition, weak suppressive epitope, epitope-epitope enhancement, immune interference in both positive and negative forms. Table 11 shows the comprehensive view of the E. coli immune interfering potentials [53].

The gram-negative infections and both of the urinary and respiratory tracts hold a problematic position in diagnosis, management, and prevention worldwide [4]. E. coli monomicrobial, bimicrobial and multimicrobial urinary tract infections implied a need to develop, evaluate and license some combined bacterin both for prevention and treatment, in addition to the production of probiotic biotherapeutic agents for the prevention of concurrent urinary tract infections. P. Aeruginosa chest infections stand as one of the most continually tackled topics in laboratory and clinical settings [5-7]. E. coli and P. aeruginosa are frequently diagnosed as mono-, bi-, and multimicrobial urinary tract infections, and in complicated cases, it seemed to be problematic [5]. Hence, developing, evaluating, and licensing combined E. coli – P. aeruginosa bacterin seemed to be a novel continuation to the already licensed gram-negative Uromune, Urovac, and Uro-Vaxom combined bacterin [4], in addition to attempting to elucidate the mechanisms of E. coli bacterin immune interference in combined bacterin both at humoral and cellular immune levels [3].

6. Conclusions

Both bacterins are not sharing particulate surface antigens for the whole cell originated from different bacterial genera. The developed bacterin combinations were balanced and unbalanced in the sense of quantity per unit volume. All rabbit groups were immunized with two to three runs of multisite injection protocols in a fixed manner. Thus, it is of secondary immune response type. Reduction and/or enhancement in humoral antibody and cytokine responses were the score points. Reduction of anti-monotypic antibody titers in combination compared to the monotypic immune serum titers means it is of a reciprocal type. Although anti-E. coli titers were reduced but remained higher than anti-P. aeruginosa in sera specific for combinations, which in turn means that E. coli is a major competitor, though it may act as a minor competitor in some bacterin combinations. The nature of such antigenic competition is of intermolecular T cell-dependent type. Experimental immunization

programs in both settings indicated that the original observation of mucosal urinary antibody was a real case of intermolecular antigen competition type that can be ascribed to T cell-dependent type.

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