

# Detection of *Wolbachia* from Isolated Nematode in South Korea

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*Wolbachia* sp. are maternally inherited endosymbiotic bacteria that infect a wide range of arthropods and have a variety reproductive effects. Recently, several pathogenic species of filarial nematodes have revealed the presence of *Wolbachia* sp. In this study, we examined the infection of *Wolbachia* sp. from 20 nematode strains which were isolated through the investigation of soil samples from various biotopes and dead insects in South Korea. The detection of *Wolbachia* sp was determined by PCR amplification using primers to specific *Wolbachia* sp. 16s DNA from adults worms. The results showed that *Wolbachia* sp. are present in seven entomopathogenic nematode strains which respectively belongs to *Steinernematidae*, *Heterorhabditidae* and *Tylenchida*. However, *Wolbachia* sp. infection has been not found in phytopathogenic nematodes, *Pratylenchus* sp. and *Meloidogyne incognita*.