

Development of screening method for highly enriched peptides toward a multiple LPS using epoxy bead

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Abstract

Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-binding peptides were enriched by using epoxy beads as a novel support to immobilize LPS for a phage displayed peptide library screening. The sequence of Phe-Ala-Pro-Trp (FAPW) was identified as the most significant consensus motifs of the 10 selected clones, and Pro-Phe (PF) was the key dipeptide for binding at the apex of a disulfide-constrained heptametrical loop. Moreover, AWLPWAK, one of the highly conserved heptamer peptides, could detect selectively Gram-negative bacteria *via* a whole cell binding test. The effective screening method for ligand-binding peptides or proteins will provide a wealth of information for understanding ligand-receptor identification and the possibility of application as a bacteria biosensor.