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## 꿀벌에 대한 dsRNA의 급성섭식독성 평가

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### Acute Oral Toxicity of dsRNA to Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** RNA interference (RNAi) eliminates or decreases gene expression by disrupting the target mRNA or by interfering with translation. Recently, RNAi technique was applied to generate new crop traits which provide protection against pests. To establish the environmental risk assessment protocol of RNAi LMO in lab scale, we developed dsRNA expression system using *E. coli* and tested acute oral toxicity assay to honey.

**METHOD AND RESULTS:** The dsRNA expression vector, L4440, was chosen and cloned 240 bp of Snf7 and GFP gene fragment. To develop the maximum dsRNA induction condition in *E. coli*, we tested induction time, temperature and IPTG concentration in media. To estimate the risk assessment of dsRNA to honey bee, it has been selected and cultured with dsRNA supplement for 48 hours according to OECD guideline. As a result, the optimum condition of dsRNA induction was 37°C, 4 hours and 0.4 mM IPTG concentration and the difference between Snf7 and GFP dsRNA molecules from *E. coli* was not significant in survival and behavior to honey bee. Furthermore, blast search results indicated that effective match of predicted dsRNA fragments were not existed in honey bee genome.

**CONCLUSION:** In this study, we developed and tested the acute oral toxicity of dsRNA using *E. coli* expression system to honey bee.

**Key words:** Acute oral toxicity, *Apis mellifera*, dsRNA, Living modified organisms

#### 서론

가 가  
 (Living Modified, LM) . International  
 Service for the Acquisition of Agribiotech Application  
 (ISAAA) 2016 LM  
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 가  
 39 LM  
 LMO가  
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 RNAi LMO가 가  
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 LMO

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가 LMO Snf7 V-ATPase GFP dsRNA  
 RNA (RNA interference, RNAi) *Caenorhabditis* *in vitro* transcription  
*elegans* (Fire et al., 1998) HT115 (DE3) dsRNA  
 가 가 Snf7 GFP dsRNA  
 가 LMO RNAi 가 dsRNA 가  
 mRNA dsRNA dsRNA가 dsRNA 가  
 RNAi *Aedes aegypti*,  
*Harmonia axyridis*, *Acyrtosiphon pisum*, *Epiphyas*  
*postvittana* (Niimi et al., 2005,  
 Turner et al., 2006, Jaubert-Possamai et al., 2007, Coy  
 et al., 2012). RNAi *Hyalophora*  
*cecropia*, *Spodoptera litura*, *Plutella xylostella*,  
*Spodoptera frugiperda*, *Choristoneura fumiferana*  
 (Bettencourt et al., 2002; Rajagopal et al.,  
 2002, Bautista et al., 2009, Rodriguez-Cabrera et al.,  
 2010, Quan et al., 2013), *Spodoptera litura*  
*Bemisia tabaci*  
 RNAi 가 (Jeon et al.,  
 2014, Kim et al., 2015).  
 RNAi LMO  
 가 (WCR, *Diabrotica*  
*virgifera virgifera* Leconte)  
 Snf7 mRNA dsRNA  
 (Bolognesi  
 et al., 2012, Ramaseshadri et al., 2013, Ko i et al., 2014).  
 Snf7 ESCRT-III endosomal-  
 autophagic  
 (Henne et al., 2011, Wegner et al., 2011).  
 가 가  
 가 (Henry et al.,  
 2012). 가 OECD  
 semi-filed  
 가  
 가  
 가  
 가  
 DvSnf7 mRNA  
 dsRNA 가  
 (Tan et al., 2015, Vélez et al., 2016).

**재료 및 방법**

**dsRNA 발현 시스템 구축**

dsRNA L4440 vector HT115  
 (DE3) L4440 vector  
 T7 promoter가 IPTG  
 (Isopropyl β-D-thiogalactopyranoside)  
 RNA가 dsRNA vector, HT115 (DE3)  
 RNaseIII가 dsRNA  
 (Timmons et al., 2001). L4440  
 vector 240bp Snf7 GFP  
 Bachman(2013) Snf7 (주)  
 GFP  
 mGFP PCR N-  
 BamH I C- Xho I  
 L4440 Snf7 BamH I /Xho  
 I L4440 GFP BamH I /Xho I  
 plasmid  
 plasmid HT115 (DE3)  
 colony T7 promoter primer  
 PCR plasmid

**dsRNA 발현 조건 확립 및 정제**

Snf7 GFP dsRNA  
 (22°C, 30°C, 37°C), IPTG (0.1 mM, 0.4  
 mM, 1 mM) (2, 4 )  
 4°C, 4,000 rpm 10  
 200 µl  
 TE (Tris-EDTA) pellet Lysozyme  
 (400 µg/ml) DNaseI (1 unit/ml) RNeasy mini kit  
 (Qiagen, Germany) total RNA  
 RNA (NanoDrop ND-2000,  
 Thermo Scientific, USA) -80°C

**dsRNA 발현 확인**

dsRNA 10 µg total

RNA 1.5% agarose gel 150 V, 20  
 ChemiDoc™ XRS+ System(Bio-Rad, USA), 48  
 band dsRNA  
 1 µg total RNA  
 ReverTra Ace-α(TOYOBO, Japan)  
 primer cDNA cDNA  
 10<sup>2</sup>, 10<sup>3</sup>, 10<sup>4</sup> 10<sup>4</sup>  
 cDNA 1 µl PCR (Quantitative  
 Realtime PCR, qRT-PCR) Power SYBR Green  
 PCR Master Mix (ThermoFisher Scientific, USA)  
 StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR system(Applied  
 Biosystem, USA) qRT-PCR  
 primer GFP Snf7  
*E.coli* 16SrRNA reference  
 (Clifford *et al.*, 2012).  
 (one-way ANOVA)

시험물질 처리농도  
 가  
 10~100 Snf7 dsRNA가  
 LMO Snf7 RNA  
 , 가  
 10~100  
 1 µg/g Snf7 dsRNA  
 GFP dsRNA가 total RNA 50% 1:1

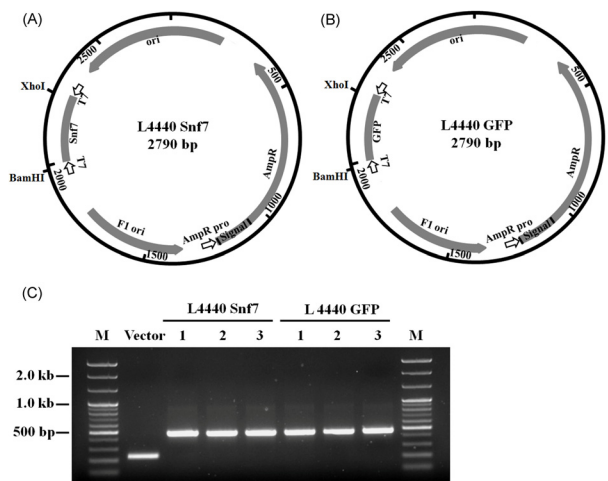
꿀벌 준비  
 4  
 ( 15 cm, 5 cm)  
 10  
 25%  
 Snf7 dsRNA  
 GFP dsRNA total RNA(2 µg/ml) 1 ml 50%  
 1 ml  
 stock solution 0.2 ml  
 2 4  
 25%  
 (assay control)  
 GFP dsRNA  
 (SATO, Japan)

꿀벌 사육 및 치사율 확인  
 dsRNA 가  
 24.5~25.5°C, 61~66%

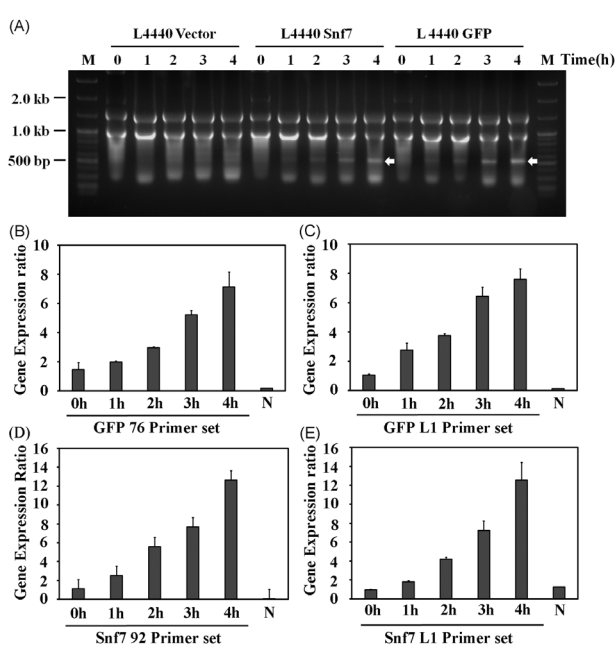
꿀벌 Genome Blast  
 Snf7 dsRNA genome dsRNA  
 가  
 bioinformatic tool tool  
 Ensembl Metazoa (<http://metazoa.ensembl.org/index.html>) Blast Snf7 240 bp  
 genome

**결과 및 고찰**

dsRNA 최적 발현 조건 확립  
 L4440 Snf7 L4440 GFP plasmid가  
 HT115(DE3) plasmid  
 T7 promoter primer PCR (Fig. 1).  
 vector 223 bp 가  
 , Snf7 GFP가 L4440 Snf7 L4440  
 GFP 381 bp 가  
 (Fig. 1).



**Fig. 1.** Diagrams of dsRNA expression plasmid DNA and diagnostic PCR result of transformed HT115 (DE3). (A-B) The dsRNA expression plasmids L4440 with Snf7 (A) and GFP (B) gene fragment. (C) Agarose gel electrophoresis of T7 promoter primer PCR of L4440 empty vector, L4440 Snf7 and L4440 GFP plasmid transformed into *E. coli* HT115. Vector represented L4440 empty vector, lane 2-4 indicated L4440 Snf7 transformed individual *E. coli* cell line and lane 5-7 indicated L4440 GFP transformed individual *E. coli* cell line. M represented 100 bp size marker.



**Fig. 2.** The expression pattern of Snf7 dsRNA and GFP dsRNA. (A) Agarose gel electrophoresis of purified total RNA of empty vector, L4440 Snf7, L4440 GFP transformed *E. coli* HT115. Each lane represented total RNA of time course induction (1-4hr) by 0.4 mM IPTG. (B-E) Real time PCR analysis of GFP dsRNA using GFP 76 and GFP L1 primer sets (B-C) and Snf7 92 and Snf7 L1 primer sets (D-E). N represents None template PCR control. Arrow indicated dsRNA band.

OD<sub>600</sub>                    가 0.5    가  
 37°C                    . Snf7 dsRNA    GFP dsRNA  
    IPTG (final 0.4 mM)    가  
 4                    .  
 total RNA                    1.5% Agarose gel  
    RNA  
    L4440 vector, L4440 Snf7,  
 L4440 GFP plasmid가  
 IPTG                    1                    4                    dsRNA  
    가                    (Fig. 2).  
 Snf7 dsRNA    GFP dsRNA  
 qRT-PCR                    .                    0.4  
 mM IPTG  
 total RNA                    . qRT-PCR    SYBR Green  
 I                    , Reference gene                    16S  
 rRNA U16SRT primer    Snf7, GFP    primer  
 GFP    Snf7 dsRNA  
 dsRNA                    가  
 (Table 1, Fig. 2).  
 qRT-PCR                    plasmid  
 IPTG    가    1                    4  
    가 .  
    L4440 vector  
    IPTG ,                    ,  
    (Zhu *et al.*, 2012, Lima  
*et al.*, 2014).                    Snf7    GFP  
    , IPTG  
 (Fig. 3).                    IPTG    (0.1 mM, 0.4 mM, 1 mM)  
    (22°C, 30°C, 37°C)    HT115 (DE3)

**Table 1.** List of primer for PCR

Primer Name	Sequence (5'→3')	Length (mer)	GC conts (%)	Amplified fragment (bp)	Reference
GFP 76F	GATGGTGTATGTTAATGGGCAC	21	48	76	This work
GFP 76R	GGGTAAGTTTTCCGTATGTTGC	22	45		
GFP L1	TGTCAGTGGAGAGGGTGAAGGT	22	55	100	This work
GFP R1	TGACAAGTGTGGCCACGGA	20	55		
Snf7 92F	GCGTCGAAAATAAAAAGAGTTGC	23	39	92	This work
Snf7 92R	GTTGTAAGGGTCCATCTATTTGTAG	26	38		
Snf7 L1	AGTTGCACTCCAAGCCCTCA	20	55	100	This work
Snf7 R1	CGAGGGCTCCCTCTGCATT	20	60		
U16SRT F	ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGT	21	62	180	Clifford R. J. <i>et al.</i> , 2012
U16SRT R	TATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGC	19	63		
GFP BamH1F	GGATCCATGGTAGATCTGACTAGTAAAGG	29	45	252	This work
GFP Xho1R	CTCGAGATCTGGGTATCTTGAAAAGCATTG	30	43		
Snf7 BamH1F	GGATCCATCCATGATATCGTGAACAT	26	42	252	This work
Snf7 Xho1R	CTCGAGCAAAGAAAAATGCGTCGAA	26	46		

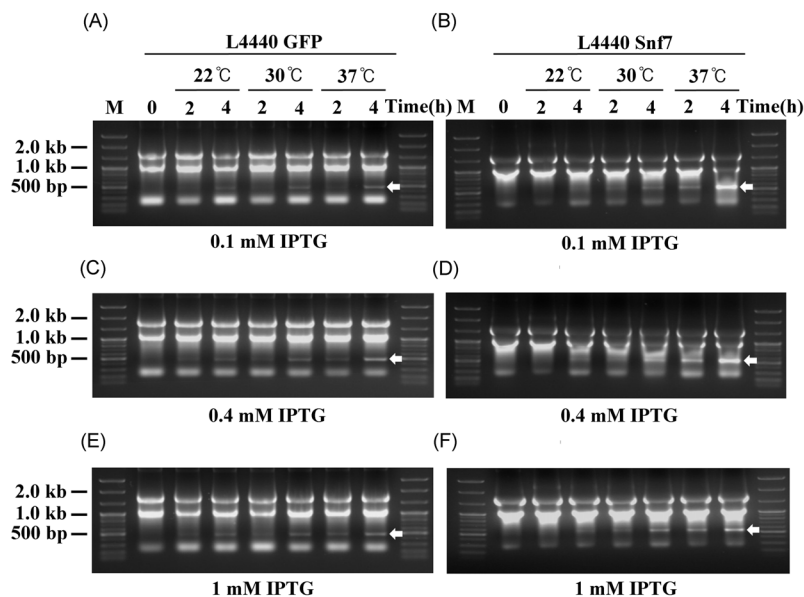


Fig. 3. Optimal induction condition of Snf7 dsRNA and GFP dsRNA. The dsRNA induction test in various IPTG concentrations, induction time and temperature. L4440 GFP and L4440 Snf7 transformed HT115 (DE3) with different IPTG concentration (A-B, 0.1 mM; C-D, 0.4 mM; E-F, 1 mM), induction time(2, 4 hour) and incubation temperature (22 , 30 , 37 ). Arrow indicated dsRNA band.

Snf7 GFP 37°C, 0.4 mM  
 IPTG Snf7 GFP 가 dsRNA가 (25% ), GFP dsRNA  
 (Fig. 3). (1 µg/ml), Snf7 dsRNA (1 µg/ml) 48  
 dsRNA  
 dsRNA (Table 2). dsRNA  
 dsRNA  
 dsRNA  
 RNA dsRNA total  
 가 (Table 3). dsRNA가  
 Snf7 dsRNA GFP dsRNA가 48 가 mRNA  
 21~22 nt dsRNA

Table 2. Number of dead honey bees after dsRNA exposure

Nominal concentration (µg a.i./bee)	Number of Honey bee tested	Cumulative number of dead Honey bee			
		1 hour	4 hour	24 hour	48 hour
Assay Control	60	0	0	0	0
GFP	60	0	0	0	0
Snf7	60	0	0	0	0

Table 3. Symptoms of general intoxication of acute oral toxicity to adult honey bees with dsRNA treatment

Nominal concentration (µg a.i./bee)	Symptoms of general intoxication			
	1 hour	4 hour	24 hour	48 hour
Assay Control	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)
GFP	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)
Snf7	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)	N (60)

( ): Number of honey bee  
 \* Abbreviation of observable symptoms of intoxication  
 N: Normal

**Table 4. Blast results of honeybee genome to Snf7 sequence**

Genomic Location	Overlapping Gene	Orientation	Length (mer)	Score	E-value	Identity (%)
15:2240755-2240782	GB54443	Forward	28	20	0.046	92.9
6:996087-996105		Forward	19	19	0.18	100.0
8:9822750-9822768	GB54818	Forward	19	19	0.18	100.0
GroupUn98:8202-8224		Reverse	23	19	0.18	95.7
7:1592493-1592514		Forward	22	18	0.72	95.5
2:12443904-12443921		Reverse	18	18	0.72	100.0
GroupUn10:63736-63757		Reverse	22	18	0.72	95.5
GroupUn106:41095-41116		Reverse	22	18	0.72	95.5
15:3706933-3706954	GB49490	Reverse	22	18	0.72	95.5
4:2993224-2993245		Forward	22	18	0.72	95.5
10:11029753-11029770		Forward	18	18	0.72	100.0
5:14182702-14182719		Reverse	18	18	0.72	100.0
11:1290363-1290379	GB43935	Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
11:7439654-7439670	GB47256	Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn121:12940-12956	GB45916	Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn1713:377-393		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn1624:9202-9218		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
7:4249356-4249372	GB49246	Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
2:2666985-2667001		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
1:6855091-6855107	GB40737	Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
1:22868151-22868167		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn4315:178-194		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
13:6204662-6204678		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn299:21884-21900		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
6:17651796-17651816	GB55706	Reverse	21	17	2.8	95.2
GroupUn3912:3027-3043		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn337:40489-40505		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
9:5938018-5938034		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn4008:5044-5060		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
12:1624966-1624982	GB40196	Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn3:266997-267013		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
14:7055042-7055058		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn2563:826-842		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
8:174565-174589	GB47875	Reverse	25	17	2.8	92.0
8:5608614-5608630		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
4:1062331-1062347	GB54885	Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
4:9252465-9252481		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn477:2503-2519		Reverse	17	17	2.8	100.0
GroupUn3426:203-219		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
5:6470785-6470805		Forward	21	17	2.8	95.2
5:6697631-6697647		Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0
5:7735920-7735936	CALX	Forward	17	17	2.8	100.0

(Elbashir *et al.*, 2000).  
 Snf7  
 Bioinformatic tool  
 dsRNA  
 (Table 4). Snf7  
 가  
 240 bp Snf7  
 dsRNA  
 , (17~19 nt)  
 가  
 HT115 (DE3) Snf7 dsRNA GFP  
 dsRNA  
 ,  
 가 dsRNA  
 가 dsRNA  
 가

### 적 요

RNAi LMO  
 LMO  
 가가  
 dsRNA , ( )  
 가  
 . L4440 vector Snf7 GFP  
 plasmid HT115 (DE3)  
 , IPTG  
 37°C, 0.4 mM IPTG, 4  
 가 dsRNA가  
 가 가  
 dsRNA  
 Snf7 dsRNA GFP  
 dsRNA 가  
 가  
 가 dsRNA

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