

**P-89****The Study of Caffeine as Novel Quorum Sensing Inhibitor**

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Quorum sensing enables bacterial to communicate and at the same time control the gene expression in response to the cell density [1]. It is widely used by both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria to regulate variety of bacterial physiological functions such as biofilm formation [2], bioluminescence [3], virulence factors [4] and swarming [5] which has been shown contribute to bacterial pathogenesis. With this knowledge, the use of QS inhibitor would be a particular value in treating bacterial pathogenicity and infections. In this work we have tested caffeine as quorum sensing inhibitor by using *C.violaceum* CV026 as a bioassay. This *C.violaceum* CV026 mutant strain is incapable of producing the purple pigment called violacein unless there are exogenous supply of *N*-hexanoylhomoserine lactone (C6-HSL) or other short chain AHL. The Inhibitory activity was measured by quantifying violacein production using a spectrophotometer. The results have revealed that Caffeine significantly reduced violacein production in a concentration dependent manner, indicating inhibition of quorum sensing. The presence of caffeine that exhibit anti-quorum sensing activity may be useful as the lead of anti-infective drugs.

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