

*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

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*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

*Agrobacterium*

*tumefaciens*

Chloramphenicol

(Tumor- inducing Plasmid) **Ti**

Rifampicin

*A. tumefaciens*

**Ti**

*Rhizobiaeaceae*

## **Genetic Transformation of *Sinorhizobium meliloti* by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* Plasmids Using Conjugation Technique**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The present study included isolation of *Sinorhizobium meliloti* bacteria from the root nodules of Alfalfa plants, Transformation process was conducted by conjugation with transformed bacteria *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. The results showed the efficiency of the process, where the antibiotic tests acquire two genetic labels, resistance to chloramphenicol and rifampicin on the conjugated strain, proved that Ti plasmid (Tumor-inducing Plasmid) transferred from the *A. tumefaciens* as well as that the conjugated strain produces melanin pigment. For more assurance, Alfalfa plants were inoculated with the conjugated strain, and the results showed the success of conjugation via crown gall formation on stem which formed by Ti plasmid in addition to root nodules in same plant. These results indicate the capability of performing conjugation technique between different species of *Rhizobiaeceae* to acquire new isolates carrying beneficial characteristics that are able to be transfer to plants and produce a new desired genetic transformed plants.

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

(Tumor-inducing Plasmid) Ti

Crown gall tumor

*Sinorhizobium meliloti* (Hooykaas and Schilperoort, 1992)

Rhizobiaeceae

( Streit *et al.*, 2004 )

(Garcia-de los *et al.*, 1996)

.(Schultze and Kondorsi, 1998)

tra DNA (F<sup>-</sup>) DNA (F<sup>+</sup>)  
 Pili genes  
 Pilus DNA (Ferguson *et al.*, 2002)  
 DNA mob gene  
 .(Strohmaier *et al.*, 1998 )  
 (Vicente *et al.*,1989)  
 R plasmids  
 .(Lujan *et al.*, 2007 ) r  
 Pili *Agrobacterium*  
 ( DNA )  
 (Fullner *et al.*, 1996)  
 (Kunik *et al.*, 2001 De Groot, 1998 Hooykaas and Bundock, 1996)  
 .(Hill, 1999 Nerey *et al.*, 2002)

*S. meliloti*

*A. tumefaciens*

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens* C58C1 rifR(pM90)

(UGent-VIB Research Belgium)

*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

*S. meliloti*

Yeast Extract Mannitol (YEM)

*A. tumefaciens*

Yeast Extract Beef (YEB)

(Vincent, 1970)

Nutrient agar

(Lichtenstein and Draper, 1986)

Nutrient broth

48 *A. tumefaciens*

Ti

*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

*Rhizobium*

(Atlas *et al.*, 1995)

10 %70

5 %6 ( )

.....*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

N. agar

. ° 28

24

.YEM

***Sinorhizobium meliloti***

3/1

%6

(

)

%70

(Fahraeus , 1957 )

Nitrogen Fixation (NF)

° 28

20-15

NF

:

(1)

(Atlas *et al.*,1995)

: 1

	<sup>3</sup> /	<sup>3</sup> /		
70%	50	50	AMP	Ampicillin
70%	100	100	RIF	Rifampicin
	40	80	GM	Gentamicin
	35	35	CHL	Chloramphenicol
70%	20	20	SM	Streptomycin
	30	30	CTX	Cefotaxime

(Tzfira and Citovsky , 2006 )

*A. tumefaciens*( Ferenczi *et al.*, 2004 )*S. meliloti*

DNA

Rifampicin Chloramphenicol

*S. meliloti**A. tumefaciens**A. tumefaciens*( Olsen *et al.*,1992)

Co cultivation

Gentamicin

Rifampicin

YEB

YEM

*S. meliloti*

24-18

° 28

Chloramphenicol

*A. tumefaciens*<sup>3</sup> 0.7

1

*S. meliloti*<sup>3</sup> 0.3

N. broth

<sup>3</sup><sup>3</sup> 0.1

° 28

Rifampicin <sup>3</sup> /

100

N. agar

Chloramphenicol<sup>3</sup> / 35

72-48 ° 28

Rifampicin Chloramphenicol

.(2)

. *S. meliloti* *A. tumefactions*

: 2

µg/ml						
CTX (30)	SM (20)	CHL (35)	GM (40)	RIF (100)	AMP (50)	
R	R	S	R	R	R	<i>A . tumefaciens</i>
R	R	R	R	S	R	<i>S. meliloti</i>

: S

: R

( *Rhizobium* )

.(2008 )

.(Cho *et al.* ,2009)

*Agrobacterium* DNA

*S. meliloti*

(3)

*A. tumefactions* C58C1 rifR (pM90)

: 3

*S. meliloit*

		<i>S. meliloti</i>	<i>A. tumefaciens</i>
$10^{-7} \times 1.9$	RIF <sup>R</sup> , CHL <sup>R</sup>	AMP <sup>R</sup> , RIF <sup>S</sup> , GM <sup>R</sup> , CHL <sup>R</sup> , SM <sup>R</sup> , CTX <sup>R</sup>	AMP <sup>R</sup> , RIF <sup>R</sup> , GM <sup>R</sup> , CHL <sup>S</sup> , SM <sup>R</sup> , CTX <sup>R</sup>

*A. tumefacciens* C58C1 rifR(pM90)

(3)

*S. meliloti*

Rifampicin

N. agar

Chloramphenicol

Rifampicin

Rifampicin

.N.agar

*Agrobacterium*

.( Hellens *et al.*, 2000 )

*Rhizobium*

*S. meliloti*

(Cubo *et al.* ,1988)

(Castro *et al.* , 2000 )

DNA



.....*Sinorhizobium meliloti*

( Tejerizo *et al.*, 2010 )

*Rhizobium*

.(Mercado-Blanco *et al.*, 1993)

( )

12-7

(1)

*Agrobacterium*

.(Park, 1996 Beijersbergen ,1993)

*Rhizobium*

*Rhizobiaeaceae*

*Rhizobium Agrobacterium*

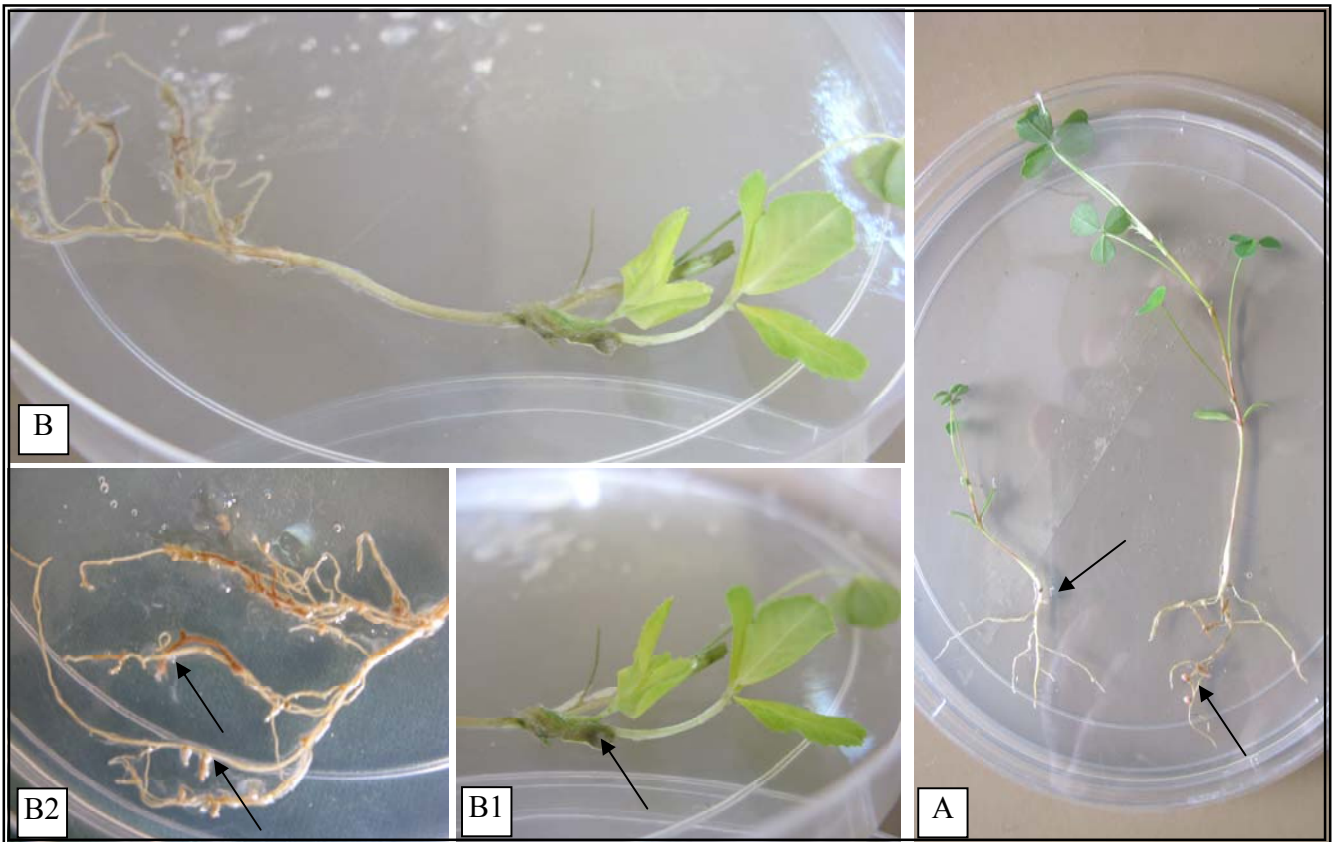


Figure 1. Root nodulation of *S. meliloti* (A) and *A. tumefaciens* (B) on Ti plasmid transformed *S. meliloti* (B1) and *A. tumefaciens* (B2) strains. NF: non-transformed *S. meliloti* strain. (A) *S. meliloti* -A, *S. meliloti* -B. (B) *A. tumefaciens* -B1, *A. tumefaciens* -B2.

*Rhizobium* .(2008)  
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