



Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus Detection System Established Based on MIRA Method

Shuangcheng Chang, Zixuan Zhong, Donglin Liu, Jia Huang, Jianfu Wang, Yujun Kang*, Jinqiang Huang, Zhe Liu

College of Animal Science & Technology, Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou, China

Abstract

IHNV threatens salmonids. A MIRA method targeting IHNV N gene was established, yielding results in 25 min, 100% detection at 10^2 copies/ μ L RNA, showing high consistency with dPCR in testing isolates, supernatants and tissues, suitable for on-site detection.

Research Objective

To enable rapid on-site detection of IHNV in fish tissues, this study designs specific primer-probes for IHNV N gene's conserved region, establishes a MIRA method, validates its performance vs RNA standards and dPCR (8 isolates, 12 supernatants, 67 samples), and provides a new tech for IHNV early diagnosis.

Introduction

- IHNV harms salmonids, causing high mortality and huge losses
- IHNV spreads via horizontal/vertical routes, with hard control due to variation
- Existing IHNV detection methods (eg, RT-PCR, dPCR) have limitations.
- MIRA, a promising isothermal tech, is applied for IHNV

Methods

After DNAMAN V6-aligned IHNV N gene conserved region, 4 primer sets/2 probes (optimal F1+R1+P1) were designed. MIRA (50 μ L system, 42°C/20min, fluorescence read) and dPCR (30 μ L system, microdroplet amplification/detection) were used. MIRA's sensitivity (10-fold RNA dilution $\times$ 32 repeats), specificity, reproducibility, coverage (8 IHNV genotypes) were evaluated; 12 supernatants/67 samples were tested vs dPCR.

Results

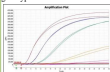
Result 1: Primer/Probe Screening: Optimal primer-probe set (F1+R1+P1) targeting the conserved region of IHNV N gene was confirmed via screening.

Result 2: 12 cell culture supernatants were positive by both methods. For 67 suspected tissue samples, MIRA detected 58 positives (86.6%), dPCR 59 (88.1%), with 98.3% consistency (1 undetected sample by MIRA had 12.5 copies/ μ L, below its limit).

Results

Result 3: Sensitivity & Reproducibility: MIRA detected IHNV RNA at 10^2 copies/ μ L (100% detection rate in 4 experiments, 32 repeats); dPCR detected 10^1 copies/ μ L. MIRA showed stable results (no false positives/negatives) in 4 replicates for 10^1 – 10^5 copies/ μ L RNA.

Result 4: Both MIRA and dPCR were positive only for IHNV (no cross-reaction with 7 other fish viruses) and detected all 8 IHNV genotypes.



Conclusion

The MIRA-based IHNV detection system stably detects 10^2 copies/ μ L IHNV RNA without cross-reaction. It is faster (~25 minutes) than dPCR and only needs a temperature-controlled fluorescence detector. With high sensitivity, specificity, reproducibility, and coverage, it is ideal for on-site IHNV detection, providing technical support for cold-water aquaculture epidemic control.