Plant-Virus Interaction on Orchids Infected Odontoglossum ringspot virus (ORSV) in Bogor Botanical Garden, Indonesia

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Abstract. Biotic stress by *Odontoglossum ringspot virus* (ORSV) infection causes a decrease in the rate of photosynthesis. This study aimed to determine the pattern of plant-virus interactions through analysis of rbcL and coat protein genes. Virus source was collected from Bogor Botanical Garden. Detection of chloroplast and ORSV using Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), respectively. Analyzed change of nucleotide and amino acid sequences using DNASTAR and MEGA Beta programs. Chloroplast DNA and virus RNA amplification managed to get amplicons at ± 599 bp and ± 474 bp, respectively. Sequence nucleotides analysis showed point mutations with increased synthesis of Ser, Glu, Pro, dan Arg amino acids. This study revealed a change in sequence of nucleotides and amino acids were thought to be adaptations and physiological responses of host-virus to natural environments in Indonesia.

Keywords: ORSV, Chloroplast, Coat Protein Gene, rbcL, Plant-Virus Interaction, Bogor Botanical Garden, Indonesia.

1 Introduction

Orchid is the ornamental plant have the highest demand in the market. Infection of pests and disease is still a major obstacle in the attempt of cultivating orchids [6]. Viral infection is the most important limiting factor because it can lower the quality of the plants [12]. Orchids are reported to be infected by the more than 30 types of viruses [16]. One of the most widely reported virus infected by the spread in the world including Indomesia are *Odontoglossum ringspot virus* (ORSV) [14].

ORSV or also known as *Tobbaco mosaic virus* orchid strain (TMV-O) first reported infecting orchids in Indonesia since 1996 [3]. This virus belongs to the Genus Tobamovirus and Familia Virgaviridae. The structure particles of the rigid rod-shaped 300 nm x 18 nm,

same as TMV. Composition nucleic acid of ORSV particle containing 2-5% RNA and the viral protein sub-unit is 157 amino acid residues. Symptoms in the form of mosaic and chlorotic with a pattern of stripes or rings (ringspot) on the surface of the leaves, as well as the colour breaking on flower [4].

Information about orchid disease caused by ORSV infection in Indonesia is very limited. Research on the detection and characterization of ORSV in Indonesia has been reported [6,7,8,9]. Biotic stress affects issues declining ability of photosynthesis. This is due to the presence of chloroplasts damage followed by disruption of rubisco enzyme synthesis. Rubisco (ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase) is the fixatition enzyme of CO^2 generated by the *rbcL* gene. According to [15], these enzymes function in the reaction RuBP carboxylation into 2 molecules of 3-PGA (fosfogliserat acid) in the Calvin cycle.

This research aims to study the host-virus interaction patterns as the process of plant adaptation to changes in the environment through the identification of coat protein genes ORSV and rbcL gene. Similar studies have been carried out but in hybrid orchids. This research is the first study to plant-virus interaction on native orchids infected ORSV in Indonesia.

2 Materials and Methods

2.1 Virus Source

Samples were collected during May-June 2014 and April-May 2016 from Bogor Botanical Gardens, West Java. Orchid leaves positive samples infected ORSV are *Phalaenopsis amabilis* leaves with mosaic and chlorotic mixed symptoms, then referred to as KRB. As a comparison the respective of the *Phalaenopsis amabilis* leave the result of in vitro culture as negative control and the orchid *Phalaenopsis amabilis* leave positive infected ORSV as positive control.

2.2 Molecular Detection of Coat Protein Gene

RNA isolation on a sample positive infected ORSV based on ELISA, using a Total RNA isolation kit (SBS Genetech Co., Ltd., China). According to [7], amplification of RNA by RT-PCR was performed with a separate method using specific primer, i.e. ORSV CP-F1 (5'-ATGTCTTACACTATTACAGACCCG-3') and ORSV CP-R1 (5'-GGAAGAGGTCCAAGTAAGTCC-3'). The process of RT using the first strand cDNA synthesis kit (Thermo scientific, USA), subsequently cDNA molecules that form is used as the mold in the process of PCR using GoTaq GreenMaster Mix (Promega, USA). RT reaction performed at temperature 37° C for 60 minutes, followed by incubation 96° C for 5 minutes and terminated at a temperature of 4° C. Amplification of cDNA are begining with predenaturasi at 95° C for 5 minutes, followed by 34 cycle, including denaturation temperature 95° C for 30 seconds at a temperature of 50° C, annealing for 45 seconds, and extension at a temperature of 70° C for 1 minute. PCR products were analyzed using electrophoresis on agarosa gel 2%, in 1x TBE buffer previously soaked in ethidium bromide. DNA visualization on UV transluminator (Bio-Rad Transilluminator 2000).

2.3 Molecular Detection of rbcL Gene

Genomic DNA isolation done in accordance with the protocols of DNA isolation kit (Phytopure). According to [10], amplification of DNA by PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) using a pair of primary, i.e. rbcLa-F (5'-ATGTCACCACAAACAGAGACTAAAGC-3') and rbcLa-R (5'-GTAAAATCAAGTCCACCGCG-3'). The reaction is performed using a Thermocycler (Boeco) with PCR kit GoTaq GreenMaster Mix (Promega, USA). DNA amplification is started by predenaturasi phase at a temperature of 94° C for 3 minutes, followed by 34 cycle, includes the denaturation at temperature 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at temperatures of 55° C for 30 seconds, and extensions at 72° C for 1 minute. After the cycle was completed, then followed post-elongation 10 minutes at a temperature of 70° C and cooling at a temperature of 4° C. PCR products were analyzed using electrophoresis on agarosa gel 2%. DNA visualization shows base pair length indicate the size of *rbcL* gene.

2.4 DNA Sequence Analysis

Nucleotide sequence analysis is performed by sending a sample of the results of the amplification to 1st Base company, Malaysia. The data is analyzed and combined using the Software Suite for Sequence Analysis DNASTAR Lasergene DM Version 3.0.25. Analysis of the parallel sequence performed with Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis (MEGA).

3 Results and Discussion

3.1 Molecular Detection of CP Gene ORSV and rbcL Gene Chloroplasts

Results of detection with PCR against control and positive samples ORSV showed fragments of DNA amplification sized \pm 474 bp dan \pm 599 bp which is *CP* gene and *rbcL* gene, as reported [6,7,8,9,10].

3.2 Sequence Analysis of CP Gene ORSV

Sequence analysis of *CP* gene sequencing results obtained total nucleotide control and isolates each 480 bases. The percentage of isolates of both sequence homology is 99.97%. KRB isolate has a percentage of GC base content higher than control i.e. 20.35% of average 20.3. While the percentage content of bases AT 29.65% lower than the average of 29.7%. Based on the analysis of the parallel sequence obtained the presence of point mutations in the form of a deletion, and substitution transition. On this research not found insertions. The effect of mutation are able to cause a change in the codon triplet encoder amino acid (**Table 1**). The percentage of amino acids that are translated on the controls and KRB isolates are 160 and 155 amino acids. Analysis of the frequency of amino acids showed isolates KRB has decreased amino acid Cys and Leu, as well as an increase in Ser and Glu (**Table 2**).

 Table 1. Point mutations on CP gene sequence and changes of amino acids on orchid infected

 ORSV isolate KRB

The Type of Mutation]	Numb	er of	Seq	uenc	e					
Point mutation	G2	Т	С	Т	A5	Gl	Т	С	Т	Т	G	Α	С	А	Т
sequence	6C	3	3	5	6G	43	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4

		0	6	5		А	7	0	9	8	1	4	4	4	4
		-	G	-			6	0	3	9	9	0	1	2	4
							G	А	С	С	-	-	-	-	-
Change of	C9	Ν	-	*	*19	S4	L	А	L	Ι	R	Y	Y	Т	Т
amino acid	S	1		1	-	8N	5	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	1
		0		9			9	7	8	3	4	4	4	4	4
		-		-			R	Е	S	0	0	7	7	8	8
										Т	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2. Frequency of amino acid CP gene on control and orchid infected ORSV isolate KRB

Isolate	Frequency of Amino Acid (%)																				
	Α	С	Α	G	Р	G	Н	Ι	L	L	Μ	Α	Р	G	Α	S	Т	V	Т	Т	Т
	1	у	S	l	h	l	i	1	у	e	e	S	r	l	r	e	h	a	r	у	0
	a	S	р	u	e	у	S	e	S	u	t	n	0	n	g	r	r	l	р	r	t
																					al
Control	2	0	1	4	4	4	2	8	3	1	6	2,	2	5	4	9	6	5	2	3	2,
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	8,	,	7	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	0
	0	6	3	1	8	8	0	9	4	6	2	6	7	5	8	6	2	5	0	4	7
	7	9	8	4	3	3	7	7	5	2	1		6	2	3	6	1	2	7	5	
KRB	1	0	1	4	4	4	2	8	3	1	6	2,	2	5	4	1	6	5	2	2	1,
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	7,	,	8	,	,	,	0	,	,	,	,	4
	4	0	4	9	9	9	1	5	5	7	3	4	8	6	9	,	3	6	1	8	2
	2	0	2	6	6	6	3	1	5	3	8		4	7	6	6	8	7	3	4	
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3.3 Sequence Analysis of *rbcL* Gene Chloroplasts

Sequence analysis of *rbcL* gene sequencing results obtained total nucleotide control and isolates each 587 bases. The percentage of isolates of both sequence homology is 99 %. KRB isolate has a percentage of GC base content higher than control i.e. 20.7% of average 20.65%. While the percentage content of bases AT 29.3% lower than the average of 29.35%. Obtained the presence of point mutations in the form of a deletion, insertion, and substitution transition. The percentage of amino acids that are translated on the controls and KRB isolates are 201 amino acids (**Table 3**). Analysis of the frequency of amino acids showed isolates KRB has decreased amino acid Ser and Trp, respectively, as well as an increase in Pro and Arg (**Table 4**).

 Table 3. Point mutations on *rbcL* gene sequence and changes of amino acids on orchid infected ORSV isolate KRB

The Type							N	umb	er of	Seq	uen	ce						
of																		
Mutation																		
Point	Т	G	С	-	Т	-	Т	С	С	Т	Т	Α	Т	Α	Т	G	Т	С
mutation	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
sequence	6	6	5	5	6	6	1	1	2	2	5	6	0	4	7	7	7	7
•	6	9	6	8	6	7	4	3	5	7	1	9	2	7	6	7	8	9
	Α	Т	Т	G	С	С	С	Т	А	С	С	G	С	-	А	Т	G	Т
Change of	С	G	-	-	-	-	L	S	S	С	S	S	S	-	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν

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amino acid	5	5	8	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	6	7	6	6	9	9	0	3	4	4	5	5	6	9	9	9	9
	S	С	W	W	А	А	5	8	2	3	1	7	8	2	3	3	3
							Р	F	Y	R	Р	G	Р	Κ	С	С	С

The Type of	Number of Sequence													
Mutation														
Point mutation	T5	A5	C5	G5	C5	G5	C59	T59						
sequence	80	81	82	83	84	85	1G	2G						
1	С	Т	А	С	G	С								
Change of amino	Y1	Y1	Y1	A1	A1	A1	-	L19						
acid	94	94	94	95	95	95		8W						
	L	L	L	R	R	R								

 Table 4. Frequency of amino acid *rbcL* gene on control and orchid infected ORSV isolate

 KRB

Isolate							F	rec	quer	ncy o	of Ar	nino	Aci	id ('	%)						
	Α	С	Α	G	Р	G	Η	Ι	L	L	Μ	Α	Р	G	A	S	Т	V	Т	Т	Т
	1	у	S	l	h	1	i	1	у	e	e	S	r	1	r	e	h	a	r	у	0
	a	S	р	u	e	у	S	e	S	u	t	n	0	n	g	r	r	l	р	r	t
																					al
Control																1					
	1	7	2	1	3	6	1	8	2		3		3	4	8	5	3	3	4	7	
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	6,	,	4,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	1,
	6	6	7	0	2	0	0	7	1	5	2	3	8	3	7	3	8	2	3	6	6
	4	5	3	9	8	1	9	4	9	6	8	7	3	7	4	0	3	8	7	5	4
KRB																1					
	1	7	2	1	3	5	1	8	2		3		5	4	9	3	3	2	5	7	
	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	5,	,	3,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	1,
	6	6	7	0	8	9	0	1	7	9	2	8	4	3	7	0	8	7	4	6	6
	3	1	2	9	0	8	9	5	2	8	6	0	3	5	8	4	0	2	3	1	3

KRB isolates have undergone mutations and changes in amino acids in the sequence of CP genes and rbcL genes. This mutation is a process of adaptation and physiological response of the host virus to the natural environment in Indonesia. Some nucleotide mutations that occur are able to cause a change in the amino acid formed in the genome arrangement of chloroplasts DNA. Changes in amino acids will change the function of the genes that are arranged, so that the effectiveness also changes. In this study, increased synthesis of amino acids Phe is related to the synthesis of chloroplasts. Synthesis of the amino acid phenylalanyl-tRNA on chloroplasts isolated [11]. The presence of the amino acid is related to the formation of chloroplasts and repair damaged as a result of virus infection. [10] also reported had an increased response to the amino acid. In previous studies, virus adaptation to Indonesia's natural environment caused an increase in Gly, Val, and Ala [9].

Most of conserved genes, including the chloroplast gene, have the proffreading mechanism capability. This causes the organism to make corrections and correct errors that occur during the process of replicating the genome. The relatively large genome size of the chloroplast DNA, a slight error (mutation) will not provide any significant effect. This is different for viruses, mutations are a common to happen. This is accordance with the results of the

sequence analysis, CP gene was obtained most mutation is a deletion, whereas in rbcL gene is substitution. Substitution mutations may affect fewer changes in amino acids than deletions. Deletion of CP gene occurs 7 times, while rbcL gene is 1 time. While the substitution of CP gene occurred 9 times, while rbcL gene was 23 times. The deletion 7 times on CP gene causes changes in 4 amino acids (Asp, Arg, Tyr, and Tre), while substitutions 23 times on rbcL gene only cause changes in 3 amino acids (Leu, Arg, and Trp).

Many mutations that occur in viruses are supported by the ability to adapt to the environment and expand the host range. The hypothesis states that the emergence of a severe type of viral infection in a geographical location and achieving fitness to infect certain types of hosts will cause a loss of the ability of the virus to re-infect its original host. In this study, the presence of host chloroplast DNA mutations is a form of self-adjustment to viral infections leading to fitness due to selection. Mutation rates produce genetic variations in both viruses and hosts. Matthews¹¹ the large number of mutations and genetic variations produced increases the probability of evolution faster. The results of this study can be used as basic information to study plant physiological responses to viral infections through molecular identification of chloroplasts.

Research plant-virus relationships on *rbcL* gene in orchids has never been done before, so information is still limited. Similar studies have been carried out but in hybrid orchids [10]. Studied chloroplasts gene analysis is more commonly reported for phylogenetic studies, data collection on plant species diversity, observing intraspecific variations and knowing the physiological response of plants through host-virus interaction patterns [5]. Similar research still needs to be continued on different types of orchids and sample locations to find out more information about plant-virus relationships in Indonesian orchids.

This study discovered the KRB isolates have undergone mutations and changes in amino acids in the sequence of CP genes and rbcL genes that can be beneficial for plant-virus relationship and as well as data to prevent viral infections on native orchid in Indonesia. This study will help the researchers to uncover the critical areas of Impact of viral infection on damage to chloroplasts based on molecular analysis that many researchers were not able to explore. Thus a new theory on the occurrence of mutation as a process of adaptation and physiological response of the host virus to the natural environment in Indonesia may be arrived.

4 Conclusion

Molecular identification of viral RNA and chloroplast DNA in orchids infected with *Odontoglossum ringspot virus* (ORSV) showed an amplicon measuring \pm 474 pb and \pm 599 bp. The results of sequence analysis of KRB isolates showed a point mutation and an increase in Ser, Glu, Pro, and Arg amino acids synthesis as a process of adaptation and physiological response of the host virus to the natural environment in Indonesia.

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