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Immunoglobulin Y production by yeast-immunized hens

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gY can be used for different biological functions, which are quite versatile and helpful to control microbiota in different ecosystems. Although egg yolk has been recognized as a convenient and inexpensive source of antibodies, vaccines and schedule immunizations change IgY concentrations in egg volks, production, and economic efficiency. This work aimed to evaluate immunization schedules using spoilage yeasts during polyclonal antibody production to select the most efficient method. Spoilage yeast strains were thawed, grown in plates, collected by scratching, and aseptically transferred to a broth tube. The control vaccine (vaccine A: adjuvant plus PBS) was compared against three vaccines containing antigen strains known to consume lactic acid (vaccine B with 8.83 × 109 cells of Candida glabrata, Pichia kudriavzevii, and Pichia manshurica), sugar (vaccine C with 6.86 × 109 cells of Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Torulospora delbrueckii, and Schizosaccharomyces pombe), and mixed cultures combining B and C. One mL of each vaccine was deeply inoculated at 14, 28, or 42 interval days in the pectoral muscles of 252 hens. The experimental design was randomized plots in the 4 × 3 factorial arrangement. There was a significant interaction between vaccines and schedule immunizations. The treatments A, B, C, and D injected

each at 14, 28, and 42 interval days presented as 22.62, 21.15, and 23.29; 58.89, 125.08, and 87.43; 149.06, 109.80, and 81.79; 192.20, 114.43, and 79.70 mg/yolk of IgY, respectively. The antimicrobial activity against yeasts prevented spoilage and ensured quality of the sugarcane silage. The IgY production procedure is simple and allows utilization of the remaining egg yolk as a food product. An added advantage is the elimination IgY purification steps, which can improve economic efficiency of IgY production. In conclusion, vaccine D injection at 14 days produced large-scale, high-yield active IgY and should be selected as the preferred method.



Biography

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