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1 **Abstract**

2 *Pleurocybella porrigens* is a mushroom-forming fungus, which had been consumed as a
3 traditional food in Japan. However, in 2004, 55 people got poisoned by eating the mushroom and 17
4 people among them died of acute encephalopathy. We have already reported the purification,
5 characterization, and cDNA cloning of a lectin from the mushroom (PPL) which might have caused
6 the poisoning. Here, we report the heterologous expression of recombinant PPL by basidiomycete
7 *Phanerochaete sordida* YK-624.

8 The glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase gene promoter was used to drive the
9 expression of the PPL gene (*ppl*) in *P. sordida* YK-624. Furthermore, the signal peptide of lignin
10 peroxidase which is an extracellular protein was used to secrete rPPL into extracellular region.
11 Seven regenerated clones were cultured on kirk HNHC broth, and the presence of lectin activity in
12 the culture broth was checked by agglutination assays. The results indicated that the culture broth of
13 rPPL-6 clone showed the strongest hemagglutination activity, and it was therefore used for
14 subsequent analysis. The heterologous expression of rPPL by *P. sordida* YK-624 was confirmed by
15 SDS-PAGE, lectin activity by the hemagglutination assay, and mass of rPPL by MALDI-TOF
16 respectively, indicating that the extracellular secretion of rPPL as active form was successful.

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19 **Highlights:** The heterologous expression of a lectin by basidiomycetes, *P. sordida* YK-624.
20 The glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase gene promoter was used to drive
21 the expression of the PPL gene.
22 The signal peptide of lignin peroxidase was used to secrete rPPL into extracellular
23 region.

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1 1. Introduction

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3 A basidiomycete *Pleurocybella porrigens* (division : Basidiomycota, order : Agaricales) is a
4 mushroom-forming fungus, which had been consumed as a traditional food in Japan. In 2004,
5 however, 55 people got poisoned by eating the mushroom and 17 people among them died of acute
6 encephalopathy. Since then, the Japanese government has been alerting Japanese people to take
7 precautions against eating the mushroom. Ever since the food-poisoning incident, we have been
8 trying to elucidate the molecular mechanism for the acute encephalopathy and have reported the
9 isolation and characterization of a lectin and unusual amino acids from the mushroom, which might
10 have been related to the accident (Kawaguchi et al., 2009, Suzuki et al., 2009, Wakimoto et al.,
11 2010). There are also some papers concerning the mushroom reported by other researchers
12 (Hasegawa et al., 2007, Sasaki et al., 2006, Takata et al., 2009). However, the molecular mechanism
13 for the acute encephalopathy still remains unsolved. Thus, to elucidate the molecular mechanism for
14 poisoning, a recombinant expression system of *ppl* gene is needed as it is possible that native
15 *Pleurocybella porrigens* lectin (PPL) from the mushroom also contains trace amounts of unknown
16 toxins too.

17 Lectins are proteins (or glycoproteins) unlike antibodies and enzymes they bind specifically
18 and reversibly to carbohydrates, resulting in cell agglutination or precipitation of glycoconjugates
19 (Goldstein et al., 1980). Mushroom lectins have attracted wide attention due to their biological
20 activities (Horibe et al., 2010, Kawagishi, 1995, Kobayashi et al., 2004, Kobayashi et al., 2004,
21 Kobayashi et al., 2005, Kobayashi et al., 2010, Suzuki et al., 2012). Some mushroom lectins have
22 been expressed at very high yields in *Escherichia coli* (Lam and Ng, 2011, Shimokawa et al., 2012,
23 Tateno and Goldstein, 2003, Tateno et al., 2004) with yields ranging from 1 to 4 mg/l. Furthermore,
24 yeast expression systems such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Pichia pastoris* have been used for
25 recombinant lectins production (Singh et al., 2010, Walser et al., 2004) with yields ranging from 1 to
26 190 mg/l. We previously tried heterologous expression of rPPL in conventional *E. coli* and yeast
27 *Kluyveromyces lactis* expression system but the expressed protein did not show lectin activity. Thus,
28 an alternative expression systems using basidiomycetes might be able to overcome the problem was
29 tried.

30 Recently, gene transformation systems for several species of white-rot basidiomycetous fungi
31 have been developed for the overproduction of ligninolytic enzymes and facilitating
32 structure-function studies of these enzymes by site-directed mutagenesis (Mayfield et al., 1994,
33 Tsukamoto et al., 2003, Tsukihara et al., 2006). We have previously constructed a gene
34 transformation system for *Phanerochaete sordida* YK-624 using glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate
35 dehydrogenase gene (*gpd*) promoter for heterologous expression of enhanced green fluorescent
36 protein (EGFP) and homologous expression of recombinant lignin peroxidase (LiP) (Sugiura et al.,
37 2009). Furthermore, a novel gene (*bee2*) promoter was used to drive the expression of the manganese
38 peroxidase gene (*mnp4*) in *P. sordida* YK-624 under ligninolytic condition (Sugiura et al., 2012).

1 The *bee2* promoter demonstrated to be a useful regulator for high expression of genes under
2 ligninolytic condition. Thus, gene transformation systems of white-rot fungi are effective in protein
3 expression. However, there are not many reports on heterologous expression of various genes in
4 white-rot fungi.

5 In the present study, we tried heterologous expression of recombinant PPL (rPPL) by the
6 basidiomycete *P. sordida* YK-624. The *gpd* promoter was used to drive the expression of the *ppl* in *P.*
7 *sordida* YK-624. Furthermore, the signal peptide of lignin peroxidase (SPL) was used to secrete
8 rPPL at extracellular region. Moreover, hemagglutination activity of rPPL was examined in detail.
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11 2. Materials and Methods

13 2.1. Strains

14 *P. sordida* YK-624 (ATCC 90872) and uracil auxotrophic strain UV-64 were used in this
15 study. The fungus strain YK-624, was isolated from a decayed wood and identified as *P. sordida*
16 (Hirai et al., 1994). The uracil auxotrophic strain UV-64 derived from *P. sordida* YK-624 were
17 generated using a combination of ultraviolet radiation and 5- fluoroorotate resistance (Yamagishi et
18 al., 2007).

19 2.2. Materials and reagents

20 All sugars and glycoproteins for hemagglutination inhibition tests were from Nacalai Tesque
21 (Tokyo, Japan), Wako Pure Chemicals (Osaka, Japan), Calbiochem (La Jolla, CA, USA), or Sigma
22 (St. Louis, MO, USA). Sepharose 4B was from GE Healthcare (Uppsala, Sweden). Acid treated
23 Sepharose 4B was prepared by the method of Errson et al.(Ersson et al., 1973)
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25 2.3. Erythrocytes

26 Rabbit erythrocytes were prepared as described previously (Kawagishi et al., 1994, Kawagishi
27 et al., 2001, Kawagishi et al., 2001, Suzuki et al 2009). Briefly, rabbit erythrocytes were washed
28 three times with 10 mM phosphate buffered saline, pH7.4 (PBS). A 10% suspension of the
29 erythrocytes in PBS (10.0 ml) was treated with Pronase E (4.0 mg) for 10 min at 45°C and then the
30 erythrocytes were washed three times with PBS and suspended at a concentration of 4% in PBS.
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32 2.4. Construction of PPL gene expression vector, cotransformation of UV-64, and screening of 33 regenerated clones

34 rPPL was expressed using *gpd* promoter since *gpd* is expressed strongly and stably in many
35 species and the promoter has been used for endogenous and exogenous gene expression experiments
36 on many kinds of white-rot basidiomycetes (Alves et al., 2004, Hirano et al., 2000, Irie et al., 2001).
37 Lignin peroxidase (LiP) is known as an extracellular heme protein peroxidases, and we have
38 previously constructed a gene transformation system for *P. sordida* YK-624 using *gpd* promoter for

1 homologous expression of recombinant LiP (rLiP) (Sugiura et al., 2009). Since these results of
2 homologous expression of rLiP have indicated that the extracellular secretion of this protein was
3 successful, we chose the SPL to secrete rPPL in extracellular region.

4 The procedure for constructing the PPL gene expression plasmid, *pGPDpro-ppl*, is shown in
5 Fig. 1. The plasmid *pPsGPD-EGFP*, which was generated in our previous study (Yamagishi et al.,
6 2007), was used for the construction of the *ppl*-expression plasmid. The *ppl* expression vector was
7 constructed by a series of PCR procedures using the primers listed in Table 1. Primers *gpdproF1*
8 and *gpdproR1* were designed to amplify the full-length sequence of the *gpd* promoter to introduce a
9 multi-cloning site (*Kpn* I-*Afl* II-*Bgl* II-*Xba* I) in the 3'-terminal sequence and a *Spe* I site in the
10 5'-terminal sequence of the *gpd* promoter, respectively. These primers were used to amplify the *gpd*
11 promoter using TaKaRa Ex Taq (TaKaRa, Kyoto, Japan) (step 1). Primers *gpdterF1* and *gpdterR1*
12 were designed to amplify the region including the *Nsi* I site in the *PsGPD* terminator and to add a
13 multi-cloning site (*Kpn* I-*Afl* II-*Bgl* II-*Xba* I) in the 5'-terminal sequence of the *PsGPD* terminator.
14 These primers were used to amplify the *PsGPD* terminator fragment (step 2). A mixture of the step
15 1 and 2 PCR products was used as templates in a third PCR using the primers *gpdproF1* and
16 *gpdterR1* (step 3). The amplified DNA fragment and *pPsGPD-EGFP* were digested with *Spe* I and
17 *Nsi* I (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA, USA) (step 4), and the digested DNA fragment was
18 inserted into the *Spe* I and *Nsi* I sites of *pPsGPD-EGFP*, yielding plasmid *pGPDpro* (step 5).
19 *pGPDpro* was sequenced to verify the absence of PCR errors.

20 The *ppl* sequence (GenBank Accession AB449246) was codon-optimized for *Phanerochaete*
21 *chrysosporium* (Fig. 2) and synthesized to add the genomic DNA fragment encoding the SPL in the
22 5'-terminal sequence of the *ppl* gene by GenScript (Piscataway, NJ, USA). Primers *ylpAF1* and
23 *pplR1* were designed to amplify the *SPL* and *ppl* gene, and to introduce *Kpn* I site just before the
24 first methionine codon and to add an *Bgl* II site just after the stop codon, respectively. (step 6). The
25 amplified DNA fragment was digested with *Kpn* I and *Bgl* II (New England Biolabs) and cloned
26 into *Kpn* I-*Bgl* II digested *pGPDpro* (step 7), yielding plasmid *pGPDpro-ppl* (step 8). *pGPDpro-ppl*
27 was sequenced to verify the absence of PCR errors.

28 UV-64 protoplasts were prepared and then transformed with *pPsURA5* and *pGPDpro-ppl*
29 using standard techniques (Yamagishi et al., 2007). The co-transformed clones were selected by
30 PCR, as described previously, with the following modifications: primers *ylpAF1* and *pplR1* were
31 designed to amplify the *ppl* gene.

32 33 **2.5. Screening based on hemagglutination activity**

34 The screening procedure that we have developed is designed to conveniently detect the
35 secreted rPPL as active form. The 15 transformants (rPPL-1 to 15) were grown on PDA plates ($d =$
36 9 cm) for 5 days at 30°C. Two disks (diameter 8 mm) punched from the growing edge of the
37 mycelia were added to a 300 ml Erlenmeyer flask containing 100 ml of Kirk medium (1% glucose,
38 12 mM ammonium tartrate, (Tien et al., 1988). The culture was statically incubated at 30°C for 7

1 days. Each extracellular fluid was separated from the mycelia by filtrations with glass fiber filter
2 paper GA-100 (Advantec, Tokyo, Japan) and membrane filters (pore size = 1, 0.45, and 0.2 μm ;
3 Advantec). The filtered cultures were concentrated by ultrafiltration (1 kDa; Advantec), and then
4 lyophilized. The lyophilized sample was used for the hemagglutination assay and further
5 purification of rPPL.

6 7 **2.6. Purification of rPPL**

8 In the present study, acid-treated Sepharose 4B was selected as the affinity support, as native
9 PPL is inhibited by galactose and lactose, hence acid-treated Sepharose 4B was used in purification
10 of native PPL. Purification of rPPL was basically carried out according to the method described in
11 our report (Suzuki et al. 2009). The concentrated culture fluid described above was percolated
12 slowly through an acid-treated Sepharose 4B column (5 \times 50 cm) equilibrated with PBS, and the
13 adsorbed lectin was eluted with 0.2 M lactose. The eluate was further applied to a PROTEIN
14 KW-2002.5 (2.0 \times 30 cm) equilibrated with PBS. The column was washed with the same buffer,
15 and the eluant was dialyzed extensively against distilled water, ultrafiltered, and lyophilized.

16 17 **2.7. Molecular mass of rPPL.**

18 To confirm whether rPPL was purified homogeneity or not, the molecular mass was analyzed
19 by SDS-PAGE and MALDI-TOF mass spectroscopy. Samples were heated in the presence or the
20 absence of 2-mercaptoethanol for 10 min at 100°C and SDS-PAGE (12% polyacrylamide gel) was
21 done by the Laemmli method (Laemmli, 1970), with Coomassie Brilliant Blue staining. The
22 molecular masses on SDS-PAGE were estimated using recombinant ladder markers (10 to 100 kDa;
23 XL-Ladder Low; APRO Life Science Institute, Tokushima, Japan). The MALDI-TOF mass
24 spectrum was acquired on an AutoFlex (Bruker Daltonics, Billerica, MA, USA). Each sample was
25 dissolved in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA):acetonitrile (2:1 v/v) and mixed with the matrix
26 solution (1:4 v/v). The mixture (1 μl) was put on a stainless steel target and crystallized at room
27 temperature. The spectrum was measured in linear mode using 20-kV ion acceleration without
28 post-acceleration. The spectrum was recorded at a detector voltage of 1.65 kV, and was expressed as
29 the averaged results of at least 300 laser shots. A mass calibration procedure was employed prior to
30 the analysis of a sample using protein calibration standards I (Bruker Daltonics).

31 32 **2.8. N-terminal sequence analysis.**

33 N-Terminal sequence analysis of rPPL was performed to confirm the sequence with that of
34 native PPL. The N-terminal sequence of rPPL was determined by Edman degradation using a
35 Shimadzu PPSQ-21A automated protein sequencer (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) coupled to reversed
36 phase separation of PTH-amino acids on a WAKOSIL-PTH (4.6 \times 250 mm) column (Wako) at 1
37 ml/min with detection at 235 nm.

2.9. Hemagglutination and inhibition assay.

Due to conformational differences between native PPL and rPPL, it is possible that rPPL shows different sugar-binding specificity. Therefore, hemagglutination inhibition assay was done to examine the sugar-binding specificity of rPPL. The hemagglutination activity of rPPL was measured by a 2-fold serial dilution procedure using rabbit erythrocytes. The hemagglutination titer was defined as the reciprocal of the highest dilution exhibiting hemagglutination. Inhibition was expressed as the minimum concentration of each sugar or glycoprotein required for inhibition of hemagglutination of titer 4 of the lectin.

3. Results

3.1. Construction of a *ppl*-expression transformant and screening of rPPL-producing fungi by hemagglutination activity

The codon of *ppl* sequence (GenBank Accession AB449246) was optimized for *P. chrysosporium* (Fig. 2) and synthesized to add the genomic DNA fragment encoding SPL in the 5'-terminal sequence of the *ppl*. A plasmid for the expression of *ppl* was constructed from *pPsGPD-EGFP* (Yamagishi et al., 2007) by inserting the genomic DNA of the SPL and the cDNA of *ppl* in frame with the *gpd* promoter and *gpd* terminator (Fig. 3A). The expression plasmid, *pGPDpro-ppl*, was introduced into UV-64 using *pPsURA5* as the marker plasmid. The presence of the SPL-PPL fusion gene in each uracil prototrophic clone was confirmed by PCR using genomic DNA as the template (Fig. 3B). Fifteen regenerated clones were cultured in Erlenmeyer flasks containing Kirk culture for 7 days, and the culture liquid from each flask was used to confirm the hemagglutination activity. Most of the transformants displayed hemagglutination activity, and rPPL-6 (16 titer/mg protein) showed the strongest lectin activity among them (Fig. 3C), and it was therefore used for subsequent analysis.

3.2. Purification and molecular properties of rPPL

Acid-treated Sepharose 4B was chosen as the affinity support since the hemagglutination activity of native PPL was inhibited by galactose and lactose. Initially, the filtered cultures were applied to acid-treated Sepharose 4B. Almost all of the lectin activity of the culture fluid was adsorbed to the affinity column and eluted with 0.2 M lactose. The eluate was further purified by PROTEIN KW-2002.5 gel filtration chromatography, and a pure rPPL was obtained (Fig. 4A). In this protocol, the yield of rPPL is approximately 0.2 mg/liter culture. After purification procedure, the hemagglutination activity of rPPL was 128 titer/mg protein.

rPPL gave a single band with an apparent mass of 14 kDa on SDS-PAGE (Fig. 4A). The MALDI-TOF mass spectrum gave a main peak at m/z 14244 (Fig. 4B). Furthermore, *N*-terminal

1 amino acid sequence analysis of rPPL gave a sequence of 14 amino acids (SIPAGTYLIRNVES),
2 which is same as that of native PPL.

3 4 **3.3. Properties of rPPL as a lectin**

5 Table 2 shows the inhibition of hemagglutination activity of rPPL by various monosaccharides,
6 oligosaccharides, and glycoproteins. The sugar-binding specificity of rPPL was almost the same as
7 that of native PPL. Among the monosaccharides tested, the most potent inhibitor was GalNAc; its
8 MIC was 0.78 mM. Lactose, lactulose, galactose, and methyl β -galactoside were also inhibitory at
9 higher concentrations, 12.5, 25, 25, and 25 mM, respectively, than GalNAc. Asialo-BSM exhibited
10 the strongest inhibitory activity among the glycoproteins used, and PSM and BSM also inhibited
11 agglutination at higher concentrations than asialo-BSM.

12 13 14 **4. DISCUSSION**

15 In the present study, we succeeded in heterologous expression of rPPL showing lectin activity
16 by the basidiomycete *P. sordida* YK-624. Yield of the rPPL is approximately 0.2 mg/liter culture.
17 The heterologous expression of rPPL using other expression systems such as *E. coli* and a yeast *K.*
18 *lactis* were not successful due to difficulty in protein folding or post-translational modifications. In
19 contrast, the current basidiomycete *P. sordida* YK-624 expression system was appropriate for proper
20 expression of rPPL.

21 Many gene transformation systems in white-rot basidiomycetes including *P. chrysosporium*,
22 *Schizophyllum commune*, *Trametes versicolor*, *T. hirsuta*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *Lentinula edodes*, and
23 *Pycnoporus cinnabarinus* have been reported (Akileswaran et al., 1993, Alic et al., 1989, Alves et al.,
24 2004, Bartholomew et al., 2001, Kim et al., 1999, Munoz-Rivas et al., 1986, Sato et al., 1998,
25 Tsukamoto et al., 2003, Yanai et al., 1996). As easier method for the purification of recombinant
26 protein, using a SPL to secrete rPPL in extracellular region provides an efficient method.

27 The results of the SDS-PAGE, MALDI-TOF mass and *N*-terminal amino acid sequence
28 analysis of rPPL indicated that the molecular properties of rPPL were completely identical to those
29 of native PPL. The results of the inhibition of hemagglutination activity of rPPL by various
30 monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, and glycoproteins suggested that sugar-binding specificity of
31 rPPL was similar to that of native PPL. The hemagglutination activity of rPPL (128 titer/mg protein)
32 indicated that the production of active recombinant lectin was successful.

33 To our knowledge, this is the first report of the heterologous expression of a lectin by another
34 basidiomycete. In addition, the utilization of SPL region successfully demonstrated the secretion of
35 rPPL to extracellular region. Thus, this gene transformation system is more efficient, especially for
36 the difficult-to-express fungal proteins. Because we used the *P. sordida* expression system, rPPL was
37 never contaminated with other toxins derived from *P. porrigens*. We are now trying to elucidate the
38 molecular mechanism for this acute encephalopathy using this rPPL.

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1 **Table 1** Oligonucleotides used as primers in this study.

Primer name	Sequence (5'-3')
gpdproF1	GGACTAGTCTTGCTCCCAGAGTTATTCAGATTC
gpdproR1	TCTAGAAGATCTCTTAAGGGTACCTAGAGGATGGATGTGAGGGG
gpdterF1	GGTACCCTTAAGAGATCTTCTAGAGCGTCGCGTCACACCCATTC
gpdterR1	CTACCTCCGAGCTCGCATTC
ylpAF1	GGTACCATGGCCTTCAAGCAG
pplR1	AGATCTTCAGACCGCCTCGAAG

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1 **Table 2** Inhibition of rPPL-mediated hemagglutination by mono- and oligo-saccharides and
 2 glycoproteins

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Inhibitor ^a	MIC ^b	
	native PPL (mM)	rPPL (mM)
<i>N</i> -Acetylgalactosamine	0.39	0.78
Lactose	12.5	12.5
Lacturose	12.5	25
Galactose	25	50
Methyl β -galactoside	25	25
Methyl α -galactoside	50	50
Lactitol	50	25
Fucose	50	50
	(μ g/ml)	(μ g/ml)
Asialo-BSM	0.49	0.39
PSM	1.95	1.56
BSM	3.9	3.9

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 5 ^a Glucose, mannose, L-fucose, arabinose, L-arabinose, ribose, glucosamine, galactosamine,
 6 mannosamine, raffinose, *N*-acetylglucosamine, *N*-acetylmannosamine, *N*-acetylneuraminlactose,
 7 methyl α -glucoside, methyl β -glucoside, methyl β -mannoside, melibiose, chitobiose, chitotriose,
 8 chitotetraose, chitopentaose, xylose, galacturonic acid, glucono-1,5-lactone, saccharose, rhamnose,
 9 ribulose, glucosamine hydrochloride, galactosamine, hydrochloride, mannosamine hydrochloride,
 10 methyl α -*N*-acetylglucosamine, methyl β -*N*-acetylglucosamine, 2-deoxyribose, 2-deoxyglucose,
 11 *N*-acetylchitotriose, phenyl α -*N*-acetylglucosamine, and phenyl β -*N*-acetylglucosamine did not
 12 inhibit at all at concentrations up to 400 mM. *N*-acetylneuraminic acid and *N*-glycolylneuraminic acid
 13 did not inhibit at concentrations up to 40 mM. Lactbionic acid, mannan, albumin (bovine), albumin
 14 (chicken egg), transferrin (human), α_1 -acid glycoprotein (human), fetuin, and asialo-fetuin did not
 15 inhibit at all at concentrations up to 1 mg/ml.

16 ^b Minimum inhibitory concentrations required for inhibition 4 hemagglutination doses of the lectin.

Figure Captions

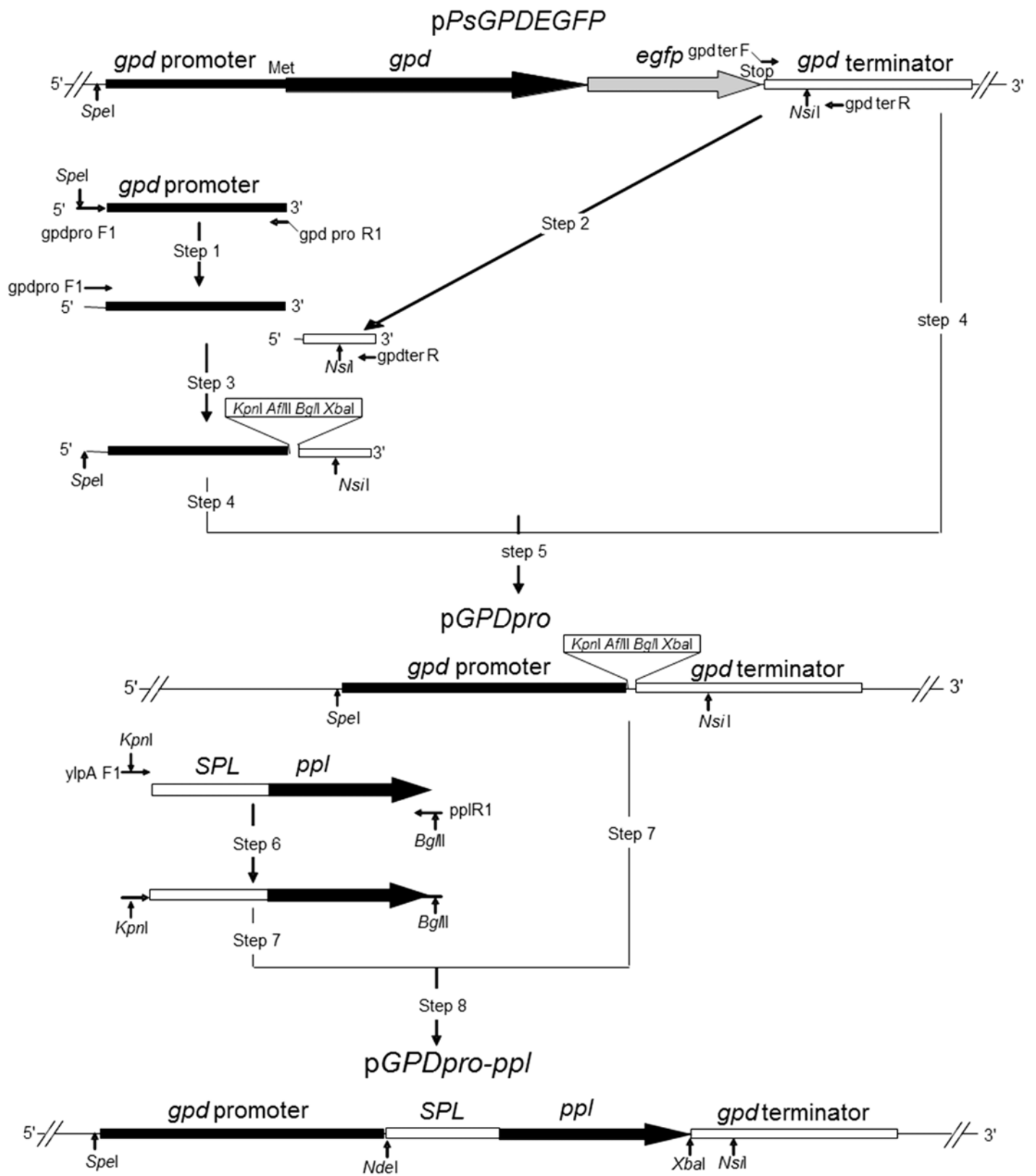
Fig. 1 Procedure used for the construction of the *ppl* expression plasmid p*GPDpro-ppl*. The small horizontal arrows indicate the locations and directions of the primers used for PCR amplification of the target DNA fragments. Genes are indicated by shaded boxed arrows.

Fig. 2 Codon optimization of *P. porrigens* lectin for *P. chrysosporium*. Codon optimization was performed by GenScript. The top and bottom rows show the original and optimized sequence, respectively. Altered codons are boxed in black. The sequence encoding the SPL is boxed.

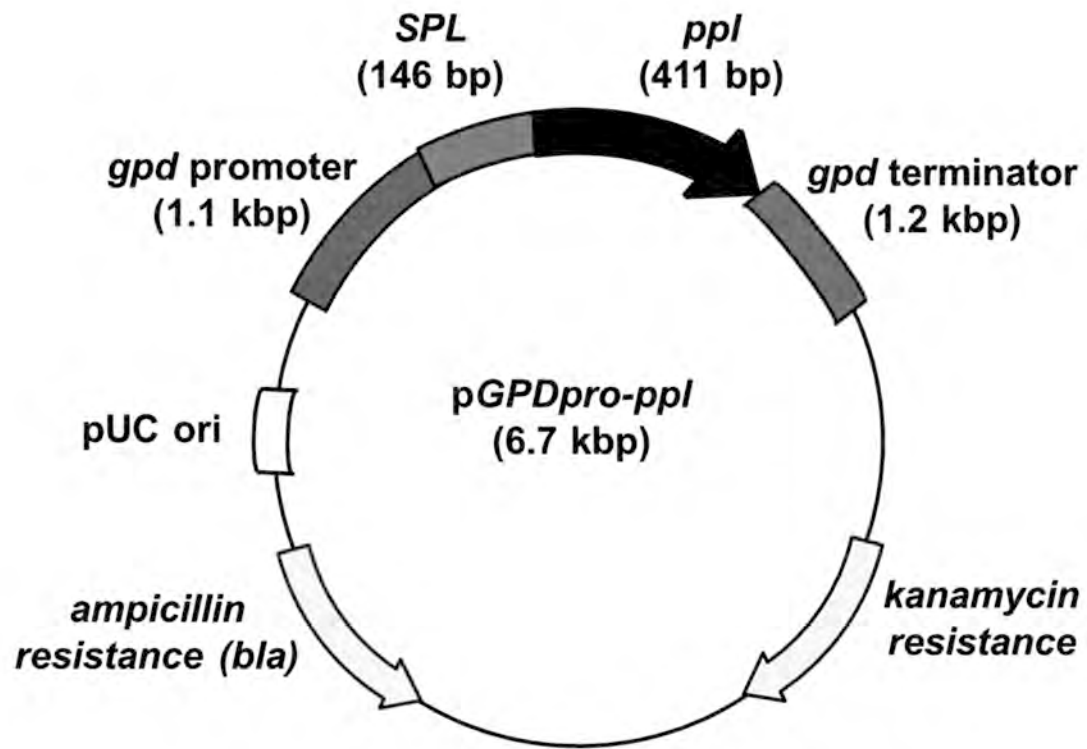
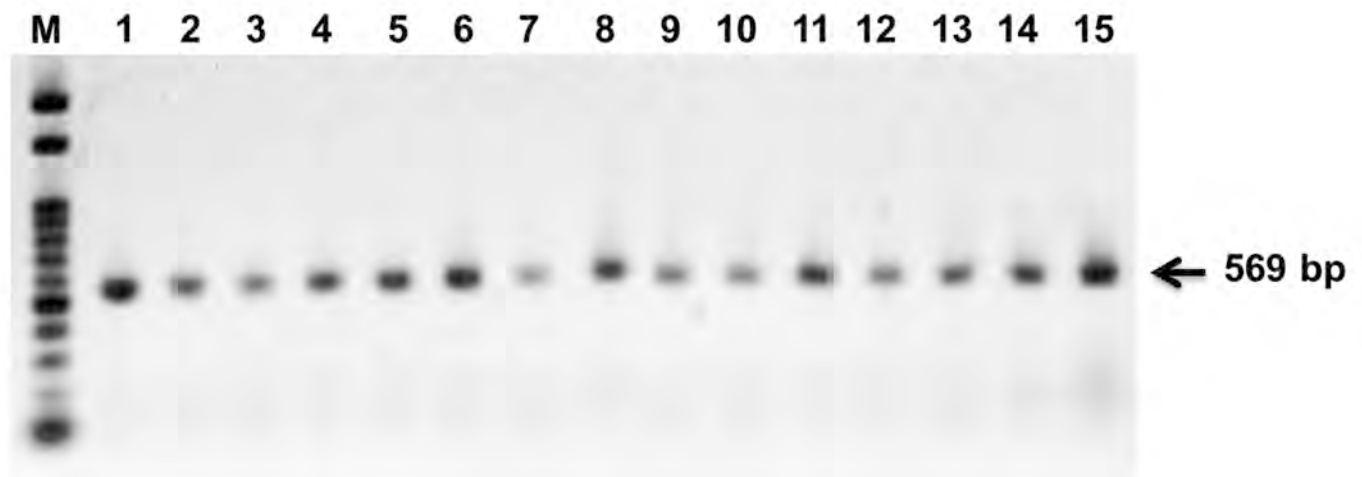
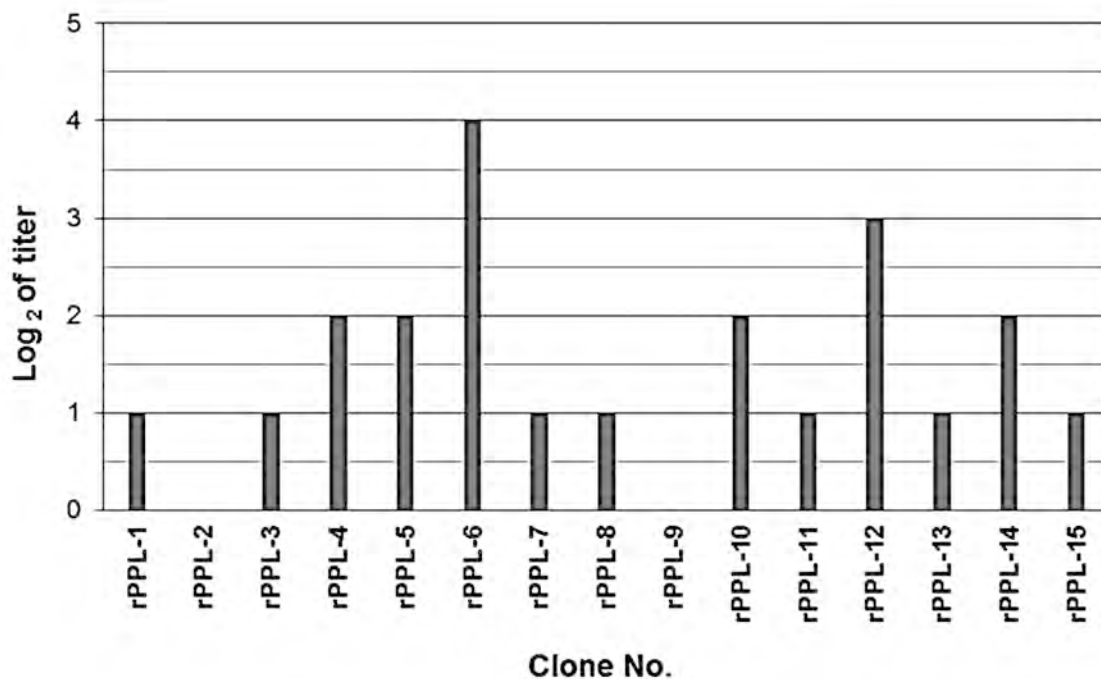
Fig. 3 Cotransformation of UV-64 with the p*GPDpro-ppl* expression plasmid. (A) Restriction map of the expression plasmid p*GPDpro-ppl*. (B) Detection of *ppl* linked with the *LSP* from 15 regenerated clones cotransformed with p*PsURA5* and p*GPDpro-ppl* by PCR. 100-bp ladder size marker was loaded in lane M. The clone numbers are indicated above the gel lanes. (C) Screening of rPPL-producing fungi by hemagglutination activity. Fifteen regenerated clones were cultured in Erlenmeyer flasks containing Kirk culture for 7 days, and the culture liquid from each flask was used to confirm the hemagglutination activity.

Fig. 4 The molecular structure of rPPL.

(A) SDS-PAGE of rPPL. Lane M, marker proteins; lane 1, rPPL, reduced with 2-mercaptoethanol. (B) MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry of rPPL.



Optimized 1	ATGGCCTTCAAGCAGCTCTTCGCAGCGATCTCCGTCGTTCTCTCGCTCTC
Original 1	ATGGCCTTCAAGCAGCTCTTCGCAGCGATCTCCGTCGTTCTCTCGCTCTC
Optimized 51	GGCTGTGCAAGGTACATTTCTGCGCTGCCGGCGCACTCTGAACGGTGCTG
Original 51	GGCTGTGCAAGGTACATTTCTGCGCTGCCGGCGCACTCTGAACGGTGCTG
Optimized 101	ACGACGACATTTCGCGGCTTGCAGCCGCCGTGGTCAAGGAGAAGCGCTCCA
Original 101	ACGACGACATTTCGCGGCTTGCAGCCGCCGTGGTCAAGGAGAAGCGCTCCA
Optimized 151	TCCCTGCCGGGACCTACCTCATCAGCAACGTCTGAATCCAACTCTACCTC
Original 151	TCCCTGCCGGAACCTACCTTATTCGCAACGTGGAGTCTAACCTCTACCTC
Optimized 201	GACCTCCGCGGGTCCAACCTGCCCTGGCACCACGCGATCGTCTGGGG
Original 201	GACCTCAGAGGTTCTGAACCCGGCGCCTGGGACCGATGCCATCGTTTGGGG
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Original 251	AAGGACGGGAAACAACAATCAGAGGTGGATTGTACGACCCATTTCAGATG
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Original 301	GCACCCGCACCCTCGAGACAGTCGGCATCAATTCAGCGCCTTCATCGCG
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Original 351	ACCATCCAGCCGGGTGGGAGGGTTACAGGCCACCCCAATAACGAAACGAG
Optimized 401	CCTCACCATCACGAACGTC AACCTGGCGAATACAGCATCTCGGCGGGCG
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Original 501	ACCCTTCAGGCTGCCGGTGGTGCTGCTCAGAGCCTCTGGGTCTTCGAAGC
Optimized 551	GGTC
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