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1. INTRODUCTION

Raffinose family oligosaccharides (RFOs) are oligosaccharides widely found in leguminous seeds. They are α -galactosyl derivative of sucrose linked with $\alpha(1\rightarrow6)$ bond. The major member of RFOs are raffinose, stachyose and verbascose, which their chemical structures are shown in Figure 1. Biosynthesis of raffinose in legume seeds proceeds by transferring of galactosyl residue (donor) from galactinol (*O*- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 1)-L-*myo*-inositol) to sucrose (acceptor) by the action of raffinose synthase. Subsequently, stachyose synthase transfers another one or two galactosyl residue from galactinol to raffinose molecule, resulting of stachyose and verbascose, respectively (Peterbauer et al., 2002; Karner et al., 2004). The RFOs content in various leguminous seeds; i.e. soybean, lupin, chickpea, mung bean, pigeon pea, jack bean, lentil and groundnut has been reported (Muzquiz et al., 1999; Kadlec, 2001; Martinez-Villaluenga et al., 2005; Giannoccaro et al., 2006; Xiaoli et al., 2008; Kumar et al., 2010). In case of groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.), variation of RFOs in different cultivars was reported by other research groups. However, those of local groundnut cultivars in Thailand have not been investigated yet.

These sugars play an important role in seed by involving in defense mechanism of some abiotic stresses; low temperature, drought, high salinity and oxidative stress (ElSayed et al., 2014). However, these oligosaccharides have been reported as an effective prebiotic substance for human and animal too. The term “prebiotics” was firstly introduced by Gibson and Roberfroid in 1995 and presently, its definition has been modified, for example “a selectively fermented ingredient that allows specific changes, both in the composition and/or activity in the gastrointestinal microflora that confers benefits upon host well-being and health (Gibson et al., 2004)” and “live micro-organisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host (FAO/WHO, 2002)”. According to these concepts, non-digestible oligosaccharides (NDOs) such as fructooligosaccharide (FOS), galactooligosaccharide (GOS), isomaltooligosaccharide (IMO), xylooligosaccharide (XOS), human milk oligosaccharide (HMO) and raffinose family of oligosaccharides (RFO) are accepted as prebiotic (Ziemer and Gibson, 1998; Chow, 2002; Mussato and Mancilha, 2007).

There were some evident that groundnut originated from South America before spreads to other regions, including Thailand. Groundnuts, cultivar Tainan9, Khonkean5 and Khonkean6 are the examples of popular and widespread groundnuts in Thailand. In this study, RFOs composition in seed of these cultivars were quantified. Subsequently, primary prebiotic properties of seed extract containing RFOs were investigated, with respect to growth stimulation ability to 3 probiotics strains; i.e. *Lactobacillus lactis*, *L. acidophilus* and *L. plantarum*, and also normal flora *Escherichia coli* and pathogenic *Salmonella* Typhimurium. The aim of this study was to introduce the prebiotic property of local groundnuts from Thailand, the other functionality apart from consuming as a protein and oil food.

2. METHODOLOGIES

2.1 Groundnut seeds

Seeds of three groundnut cultivars; Tainan 9, Khonkean 5 and Khonkean 6, were kindly obtained from Field Crop Research Center, Thailand, and stored in vacuumed plastic bag at 4 °C.

2.2 Microorganisms

All tested bacteria were from the Thailand Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (TISTR). There are totally three probiotic strains; including *Lactobacillus plantarum* TISTR541, *L. lactis* TISTR464 and *L. acidophilus* TISTR1338. The normal flora and pathogenic strains used in this study were *Escherichia coli* TISTR887 and *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium TISTR292, respectively. Probiotics were maintained on MRS agar, while *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* were maintained on nutrient agar.

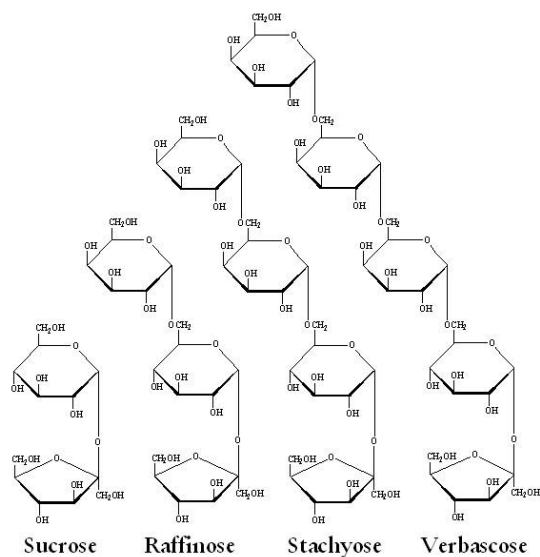


Figure 1. The chemical structures of raffinose family of oligosaccharides (RFOs)

2.3 RFOs-rich extract preparation

The crude extract containing low molecular weight sugar (LMWS) and rich of RFOs was prepared from ground and dried seeds according to the modified method of Xiaoli et al. (2008). Ground seed was defatted using hexane and mixed with 50% (v/v) ethanol with the ratio of 3 g : 50 ml. The mixture was continuously shaken for 1 hr at 30 °C and then filtered through filter paper (Whatmann® No. 1). The obtained filtrate was subsequently centrifuged at 8,000 rpm for 10 min at 4°C to remove the remaining particles. Supernatant was concentrated using rotary vacuum evaporator (Buchi®) under the temperature below 50°C.

2.4 Analysis of sugars

Reducing sugar and total sugar and in the extract was determined by DNS and phenol-sulfuric acid method; respectively. Size of sugar, in term of an average degree of polymerization (DP) was calculated by the ratio between total sugar and reducing sugar content. Quantity of some LMWSs were analyzed using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) apparatus, consisting of 5 µm Previal Amino column (Alltech®), series III HPLC pump and Evaporative Light Scattering Detector (ELSD) (Alltech®). The column temperature was controlled at 30±1 °C during analysis. Acetonitrile: deionized water (75: 25) was used as mobile phase at the flow rate of 1.0 ml/ min. The injection volume was 20 µl and all samples were filtered through nylon membrane (VERTICAL®) (0.45 µm) prior injection. HPLC grade of glucose (Fluka®), sucrose (Fluka®), raffinose (MERCK®), stachyose (ALDRICH®) and verbascose (Fluka®) were used as standard sugars.

2.5 Primary prebiotic properties of RFOs-rich extracts

Growth stimulation of individual bacteria by groundnut sugar extracts were investigated. The extract was supplemented in basal medium (g/ L: 0.3 K₂HPO₄, 0.1 KH₂PO₄, 1.0 yeast extract, 1.0 peptone, 0.2 MgSO₄, and 2.5 (NH₄)₂SO₄, pH 7.0) as a carbon source at a concentration of 1% (w/v). Approximately 10⁸ CFU of 24 hr-old inoculum of tested bacterium was transferred to 100 ml sterilized basal medium and statically incubated in anaerobic jar for 24 hr and at 37°C. Viable cell (CFU/ml) of probiotics, *Sal. Typhimurium* and *E. coli* was enumerated on De Man, Rogosa and Sharpe agar (MRS) (Himedia®), *Salmonella – Shigella* agar (SS agar) (Himedia®) and Eosin methylene blue agar (EMB agar) (Himedia®); respectively. The growth dynamic of each bacterium in defined-mixed culture was also studied. Total 10⁸ CFU of 3 probiotic strains (~3.3 x 10⁷ CFU for each strain), 10⁸ CFU of *S. Typhimurium* and 10⁸ CFU of *E. coli* were transferred as a mixed inoculum to 100 ml basal medium supplemented with groundnut sugar extract. The culture conditions were as described in previous experiment. The bacterial population were monitored

at 0, 12 and 24 hr of cultivation. In both experiment, basal media with glucose as a carbon source and without carbon source were used as control treatments.

2.6 Statistical analysis

All experiments were performed in triplicate. STATISTIX© software version 9 was used to analyze the significant difference between treatments.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Sugar analysis

The ethanolic sugar extract from seed of three groundnut cultivars composed different amount of soluble LMWSs between 2.82-4.00 g/ 100g dry seed, while soluble reducing sugar contents were between 0.48-1.71 g/ 100g dry seed. Then, the average size of LMWSs from all cultivars in term of DP were found in the range of short chain oligosaccharides (Table 1). The results from HPLC were also showed that these three groundnut seeds contained low amount of raffinose and verbascose, while high amount of stachyose was found at 0.39-1.17 g/ 100g dry seed. Moreover, low molecular weight; i.e. glucose and sucrose were also detected (Table 1). Sucrose was found in these groundnuts with remarkably large proportion similar to other groundnut cultivars previously reported as shown in Table 2, correlating to their sweet attributes. Comparing to other leguminous seeds, sucrose and total RFOs composition were not much different (Muzquiz *et al.*, 1999; Ekvall *et al.*, 2007; Xiaoli *et al.*, 2008; Saldivar *et al.*, 2010; Wongputtisinsin *et al.*, 2015). However, content of these sugars can be variable, depending on genetic and environmental factors, i.e. vegetation time, storage time, temperature and packaging as earlier reported in lupin and soybean seed by Trugo *et al.* (1988) and Saldivar *et al.* (2010).

3.2 Prebiotic properties of ethanolic extract from groundnut seeds

The results showed that growth of three probiotic strains were promoted after 24 hr cultivation in broth supplemented with ethanolic extract containing RFOs from groundnut seeds ($p < 0.05$), especially *L. lactis*, as shown in Figure 2. Considering on the basal medium with glucose, the most common monosaccharide for microorganism to utilize, we found lesser growth than using groundnut extract as carbon source. On the other hand, groundnut extracts did not promote growth of *S. Typhimurium* and *E. coli* (Figure 2). We also found the obvious inhibitory effect on growth of *E. coli* by the extracts of Khonkean5 and Khonkean6 ($p < 0.05$).

Table 1. Sugar content in seeds of three cultivars of groundnut, Tainan 9, Khonkean 5 and Khonkean 6

Soluble sugar content (g/ 100 g dry seed)	Cultivars		
	Tainan 9	Khonkean 5	Khonkean 6
total sugar	3.63±0.46	4.00±0.30	2.82±0.47
reducing sugar	1.71±0.24	0.56±0.15	0.48±0.13
degree of polymerization	2.2	7.0	5.8
glucose	0.16±0.04	0.09±0.07	trace
sucrose	1.48±0.05	1.32±0.33	0.88±0.17
raffinose	0.01±0.02	0.04±0.04	trace
stachyose	0.56±0.034	1.17±0.17	0.39±0.079
verbascose	trace	0.05±0.05	trace

Table 2. comparison of LMWSs detected in some leguminous seeds

Legumes	Content (g/ 100g seed)				References
	Sucrose	Raffinose	Stachyose	Verbascose	
<i>Groundnut</i>					
60 Spanish cultivars	2.44 – 7.61	0.17 – 1.56 (total RFOs)			Bishi et al. (2013)
40 Indian cultivars	2.61 - 6.50	0.01 - 0.12	0.11 - 0.67	0.00 - 0.07	Bishi et al. (2014)
30 Spanish cultivars	2.79 – 5.33	0.02 – 0.06	0.35 – 0.79	No report	Mahatma et al. (2016)
30 Virginia cultivars	3.85 – 6.90	0.04 – 0.16	0.46 – 1.03	No report	Mahatma et al. (2016)
3 Thai cultivars	0.81 – 1.48	0.00 – 0.04	0.39 – 1.17	0.00 – 0.05	This study
<i>Soybean</i>					
Chiang mai60	1.32	0.67	14.53	0.16	Wongputtisin et al.(2015)
V95-7456	4.96	0.64	3.77	No report	Saldivar et al. (2010)
<i>Vine pea</i>	No report	0.29	0.14	0.13	Ekvall et al. (2007)
<i>Lupin</i>	16.2	19.0	54.0	10.8	Muzquiz <i>et al.</i> (1999)
<i>Chick pea</i>	2.56	0.89	2.38	0.42	Xiaoli <i>et al.</i> (2008)

The change in population of total probiotics, *S. Typhimurium* and *E. coli* in defined-mixed culture experiment were illustrated in Figure 3. It was found that survivability of all bacteria declined along with cultivation time in broth without carbon source, while growth of total probiotic and *E. coli* increased non-significantly and that of *S. Typhimurium* was not significantly changed when glucose was used as carbon source. The interesting results were found in treatment of Tainan9 extract addition. Sugar extract of this cultivar was able to promote growth of total probiotics, resulting in decreasing of *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* survivals markedly. Sugar extracts of Khonkean5 and Khonkean6 also gradually enhanced total probiotic growth but not obviously different. However, inhibitory effect on growth of *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* still could be observed. The growth pattern of probiotic strains and *S. Typhimurium* in media with groundnut sugar extracts were consistent with the results from single culture study.

From all results above, it was clear that sugar extract from groundnuts could stimulate all tested probiotic strains but not for *E. coli* and pathogenic *S. Typhimurium*. This characteristic is considered as an important primary property prior accepted as prebiotic substance. Probiotic growths could be from both RFOs, which were major sugars in the extract, and the other LMWSs; i.e. glucose and sucrose. To utilize RFOs, bacterial cell required α -galactosidase to hydrolyze α linkage and raffinose delivery system into cell. Mechanisms of RFO utilization in *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacilli* probiotics were also reported by Hachem et al. (2012). Glycoside hydrolase family 36 (GH36) α -galactosidase encoding genes, sugar transport systems of the glycoside – pentoside – hexuronide cation symporter family (GPH), sugar phosphotransferase systems (PTSs) or ATP-binding cassette systems (ABCs) are key factors. Schmid and Schmitt (1976) reported that *E. coli* cells lack of raffinose delivering system. Moreover, there have been no report on the activity of α -galactosidase in *S. Typhimurium* and *E. coli*, while that was reported in three *Lactobacilli* used in this study (Donkor et al., 2007; Sumarna, 2008; LeBlanc et al., 2004; Fredslund et al., 2011; Silvestroni et al., 2002; Jeong et al., 2008). Thus, there was high possibility that growth of *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* observed in this work were from LMWSs not from RFOs. The expected results were obtained in media added by groundnut sugar extracts. Promoted probiotic population subsequently exhibited the inhibitory effect on *E. coli* and *S. Typhimurium* growth. The mechanisms involved might be commonly explained that lactic acid bacteria produce various inhibitors, for example, organic acids (lactate and acetate), short chain fatty acids, hydrogen peroxide and bacteriocins (lactacin B, lactacin F and acidocin CH5, nisin and lactocin S (Parada et al., 2007; Vrese and Schrezenmeir, 2008; Zhou et al., 2010; Gao et al., 2019).

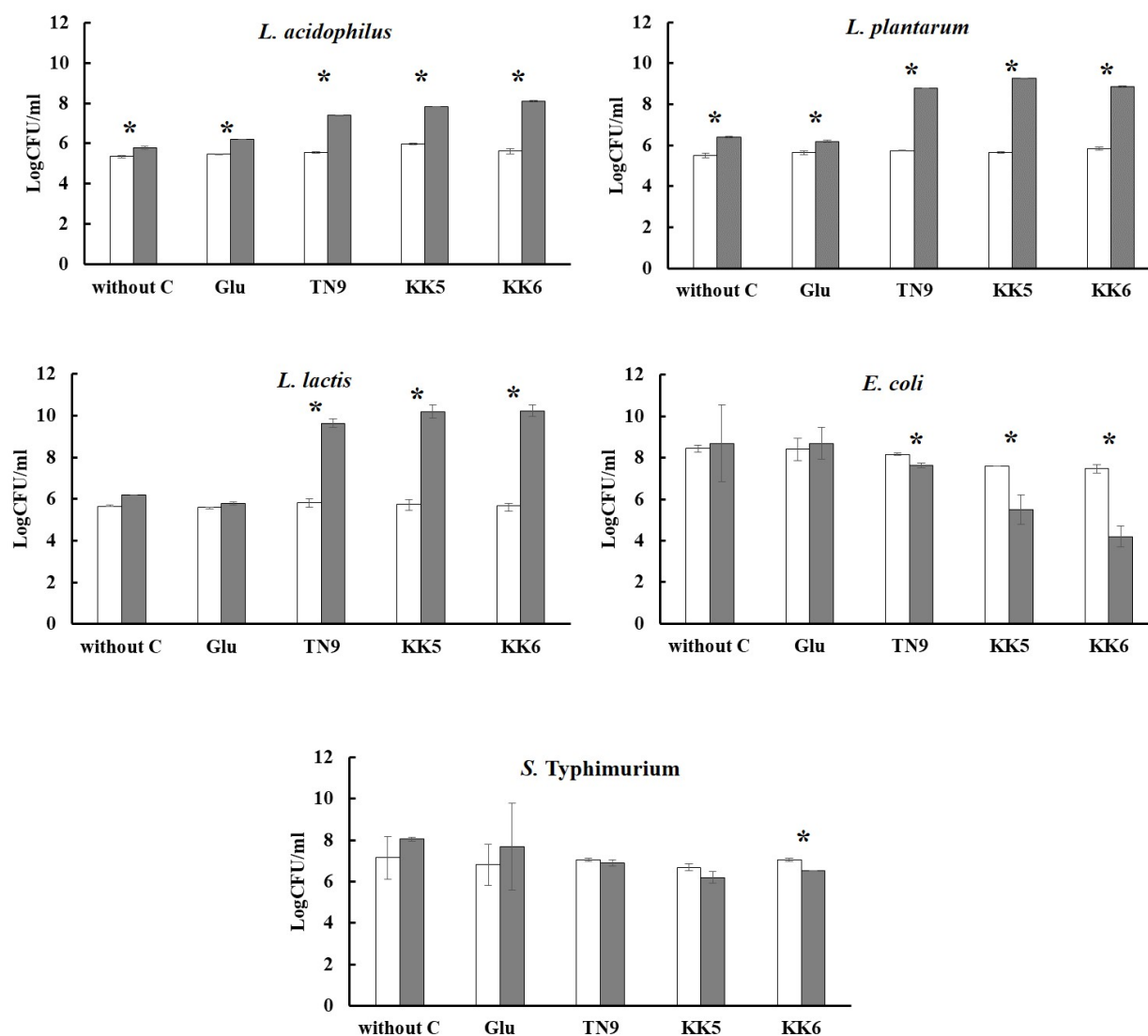


Figure 2. Growth of single tested strains in basal medium supplemented with different carbon source when cultivating for 0 hour (□) and 24 hours (■). The (*) in each experiment indicates significant difference at $p < 0.05$.

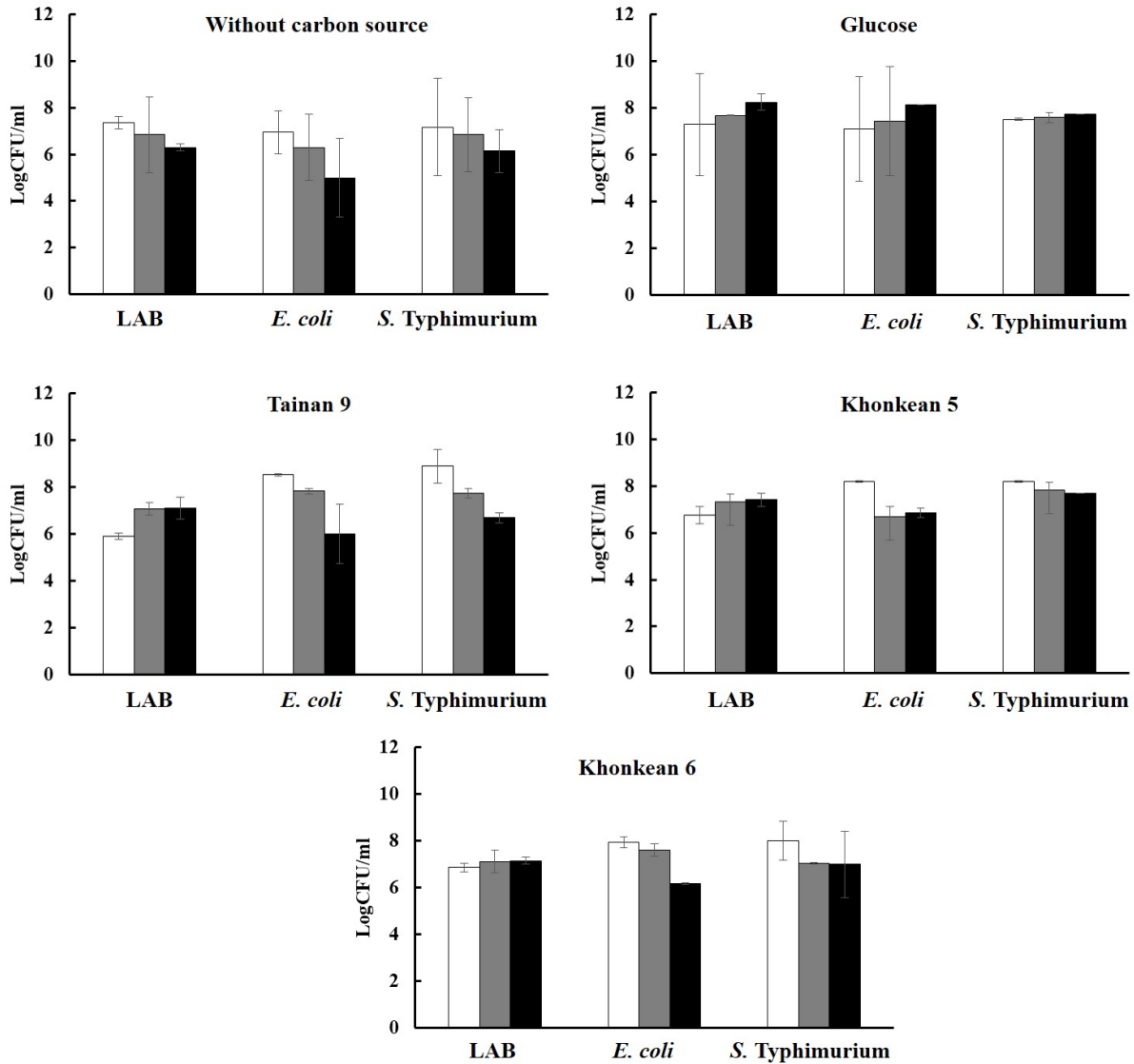


Figure 3. Dynamic of the bacterial population in defined-mixed culture supplemented with different carbon source after 0 hour (□), 12 hours (■) and 24 hours (■) of cultivation

4. CONCLUSION

From all of the results above, the extract prepared from groundnut seeds cultivar Tainan9, Khonkean5 and Khonkean6 showed a potential to be source of an effective prebiotic substance and preliminary exhibited the prebiotic properties by promote growth of probiotic strains; resulting in inhibition of pathogenic growths. Thus consuming of groundnut seed may help to improve the bacterial balance in gastrointestinal tract and receiving of many advantages from grown probiotics. Moreover, synbiotic food containing groundnut RFOs and selective probiotics can be manufactured and promoted as functional foods.

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