

## **In Silico Identification of Novel Immunogenic Secreted Proteins of *Mycoplasma bovis* from Secretome Data and Experimental Verification**

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### **Abstract**

*Mycoplasma bovis* is a major pathogen, responsible for bovine respiratory diseases worldwide. The present lack of effective control measures leaves cattle owners at considerable perpetual risk of *M. bovis* outbreaks. In this study, we identified *M. bovis* secreted immunogenic proteins in silico as potential candidates for novel diagnostic agents and vaccines. We used immunoinformatics to analyze 438 *M. bovis* proteins previously identified with a label-free proteomics analysis of virulent *M. bovis* HB0801 (P1) and its attenuated P150 strains. The subcellular localization of these proteins was preliminarily screened and 59 proteins were found to be secreted extracellular proteins. Twenty-seven of these proteins contained a large number of predictive T-cell epitopes presented by major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I and II molecules. Twenty-two of these 27 proteins had a high number of conformational B-cell epitopes, predicted from the corresponding 3D structural templates, including one unique to P1, two unique to P150, and 19 common to both strains. Five proteins were selected for further validation, and two of these, MbovP274 and MbovP570, were successfully expressed and purified. Both were confirmed to be secretory and highly immunogenic proteins that induced a mouse antibody response, reacted with cattle serum positive for *M. bovis* infection, and significantly increased the production of interleukin 8 (IL-8), IL-12 and interferon  $\gamma$ (IFN- $\gamma$ ) during the secretion of these three cytokines by both *M. bovis* mutants of these genes. These results should be useful in the development of novel immunological agents against *M. bovis* infection.

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