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### Abstract:

Respiratory microbial infections were a major health problems of Egyptian buffaloes and had economic losses in meat and milk production. That caused pneumonia leading to morbidity and mortality in intensive rearing system. The aim was to study some investigations on some bacterial and fungal causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes. That were by isolation and identification to detect molecularly and antibiogram sensitivities. The methodology were included samples collection, microbial isolation and identification, antibiogram technique, DNA extraction and PCR amplification protocol for microorganisms. in the present study was conducted to examine 100 nasal swabs of buffalos (1\_5 years) reared on private farms at El Dakahlia Governorate showing symptoms of depression, reduced the feed intake, respiratory problems\_ dyspnea with or without nasal discharge and pneumonia also 50 mouth swabs collected from mucous discharge of buffalos suffering from cough and sneezing. *Pasteurella multocida* (*p. multocida*), *Escherichia coli* (*E.coli*) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (*staph aureus*) were isolated in percentage of (12%\_7%\_5%) from nasal swabs respectively and (8%\_4%\_4%) from mouth swabs respectively. The main isolated fungi were *Aspergillus fumigatus* (*A. fumigatus*) and *Aspergillus flavus* (*A.flavus*) that isolated percentage (11% and 5%) from nasal swabs respectively and (8% and 4%) from mouth swabs respectively. *p. multocida* were sensitive to enrofloxacin, spectinomycin, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) to amoxicillin, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, streptomycin, and chloramphenicol. *E. coli* were sensitive to ciprofloxacin, enrofloxacin, spectinomycin, and chloramphenicol, had MDR to amoxicillin,

gentamicin, streptomycin, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. *Staph. aureus* were sensitive to enrofloxacin, and spectinomycin, had MDR to amoxicillin, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, streptomycin, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and chloramphenicol. *A. fumigatus* was sensitive to fluconazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, and amphotericin B, had MDR to clotrimazole. *A. flavus* were sensitive to fluconazole, ketoconazole, and nystatin, had MDR to clotrimazole, and amphotericin B., The PCR using the KMT1 gene confirmed *P. multocida* isolates, developed specific 457 bp molecular size bands. The 16s rRNA gene confirmed *E. coli* isolates, developed specific 662 bp molecular size bands. The Coagulase gene confirmed *Staph. aureus* isolates, developed specific 600-1000 bp molecular size bands. The *Asphs* gene confirmed *A. fumigatus* isolates, developed specific 180 bp molecular size bands. The *aflR1* gene confirmed *A. flavus* isolates, developed specific 798 bp molecular size bands. It was concluded that the microbial respiratory infection affected farm health. It was recommended for taken animal health precaution for protection from respiratory microbial infection for safe farm health.

**Key words:** Egyptian Buffaloes, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Asprigullus fumigatus*, *Asprigullus flavus* .

## INTRODUCTION

Respiratory infections were a major health problems of Egyptian buffaloes and economic losses in meat and milk production and in sever cases may cause pneumonia leads to morbidity and mortality in buff-calves especially in intensive rearing system (Ismail *et al.* , 1993).

*P. multocida* was isolated from respiratory diseases. The most active antibacterial enrofloxacin and gentamycin, Random

Amplified Polymymerase DNA (RAPD) diagnosed *P. multocida* ( **Zakaria et al., 2013**). El-Menoufea Ruminant Nasal swabs had pneumonia resulted *P. multocida* 18% and 14% in nasal swabs and lung tissues. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnosed *P. multocida* sensitive to florfenicol, gentamicine, amoxicilline, enrofloxacin and trimethoprim ( **Sayed et al., 2014**). The five selective *P. multocida* had similar size of PCR products having *KMT1* gene. The phylogenetic tree and similarity of the five selective from GenBank shared 94.08% homology with buffalo isolates ( **Hassan et al., 2017**). *P. multocida* were confirmed by PCR. They were sensitive to nitrofurantoin, florfenicol, ciprofloxacin, enrofloxacin, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, oxytetracycline, and ceftriaxone. It was resistance to tylosin and oxacillin ( **Gharibi et al., 2017**). Isolates were *P. multocida* either morphological and biochemical, multiplex PCR identified using universal primers ( **Abbas et al., 2018**). The etiological of buffaloes respiratory disease were *P. multocida*, was identified by PCR ( **Reddy and Subramanyam, 2018**). Buffaloes samples had *P. multocida*, had multi-drug resistance (MDR)to penicillin, cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones ( **Choudhary et al., 2019**). *P. multocida* isolated from pneumonia ruminant in Beni-Suef and El-Fayoum. PCR *kmt1* showed 87.9% positive for corresponding universal gene ( **Abed et al. 2020**). Nasal swabs from El-Menoufea and El-Qalyubia, Egypt, were confirmed by *kmt1* existence. They resistances chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin, amoxicillin/clavulanic acid, and levofloxacin ( **Elsayed et al., 2021**). *P. multocida* 16.22% were isolated from Egyptian buffaloes had respiratory manifestations. It had MDR against ampicillin, amoxicillin, penicillin-G, tetracycline, streptomycin, cefotaxime and chloramphenicol ( **Bahr et al., 2021**).

The nasal discharges from clinical cases revealed *E. coli* 8.33% ( **Reddy and Subramanyam, 2018**). Buffaloes Nasal

swabs had bacterial isolates by *16S rRNA* sequence analysis. The predominant were *E. coli*, MDR was 90% (Choudhary *et al.*, 2019). Calves samples had *E. coli* 16.4%, had MDR to gentamicin, erythromycin, streptomycin and trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazol (Algammal *et al.*, 2020).

Broncho-pneumonia, in buffalo, were isolated *Staph. spp.* (Sayed and Zaitoun, 2009). Isolated *Staph. aureus* 33.8% from nasal swabs of buffalo-calves in Turkey (Esra and Hakan, 2010). The nasal swabs, and pharyngeal swabs from Egyptian buffaloes had respiratory symptoms, revealed *Staph. spp.* The nasal swabs were 24%, and pharyngeal swabs were 8%. The most isolates were *Staph. spp.* 43% (Hassan *et al.*, 2014). Buffaloes' nasal swabs, had *Staph. aureus* 40% (Hassan *et al.*, 2017). *Staph. aureus* had cefoxitin and methicillin resistant, had MDR to macrolides, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, tetracyclines, and lincosamides (Gajdács, 2019). The predominant samples isolates were *Staph. aureus* (Choudhary *et al.*, 2019). The pneumonic calves had *Staph. aureus* 11.8%, examined *coa genes*, showed MDR to amoxicillin, ampicillin and tetracycline (Algammal *et al.*, 2020).

The *alfR* gene were detected in *A. flavus* by PCR and different results of DNA bands occurred (Cruz and Buttner, 2008). Primers *aflR1-F/aflRS1-R* were utilized *A. flavus* (Levin, 2012). Egyptian dairy buffaloes at El-Sharkia and Giza had respiratory symptoms. Nasal swabs, pharyngeal swabs revealed *Aspergillus* 53%, *A. flavus* from nasal swab was 40%, and from pharyngeal swabs 52%, *A. fumigatus* from nasal swab was 32% and from pharyngeal swabs 40% (Hassan *et al.*, 2014). Nasal swabs had *A. fumigatus* and *A. flavus* 16% and 8% also 8% and 8% in nasal swabs and lung tissues. PCR was rapid diagnosis of *A. fumigatus* and *A. flavus* (Sayed *et al.*, 2014). Buffaloes' nasal swabs, had *Aspergillus spp.* 40% (Hassan *et al.*, 2017). The

molecular detection of *virulent genes* of *A. flavus* (*AflR*) by PCR and the Real-Time PCR (RT-PCR) rapidly of than genetic methods (**Hassan et al., 2020**).

The aim was to study some investigations on some bacterial and fungal causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes. That were by Microbial isolation and identification, detect molecularity and antibiogram sensitivity of microbial isolates causative agents which affected the animal health and money losing from ruminant farms.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Samples collection:** The samples were 100 nasal swabs of buffaloes aged (1-5 years) reared on private farms at El-Dakahlia Governorate. They had symptoms of depression, reduced the intake feed, respiratory problems, dyspnea with or without nasal discharge and pneumonia. The other samples 50 mouth swabs were collected from mucous discharge of Buffaloes suffering from cough and sneezing. The collected samples were kept in ice box then were transfer to laboratory (**Reddy and Subramanyam, 2018**).

**Microbial isolation and identification:** The samples were diluted by Peptone Water then were incubated at 37°C for 24 hour. The tubes were centrifuged, the sediment was firstly streaked on Mannitol salt agar, Blood agar, MacConkey agar and Eduards media. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24-48 hour. The bacterial growth were identified by biochemical tests and API (**Abdullah, 2010**). The sediment was secondly streaked on modified Rose Bengal agar (MRBA). The plates were incubated for 3 days at 31°C. *Aspergillus* colonies were identified by colony morphology. Then were sub cultured onto *A. flavus* parasiticus agar and incubated at 28°C for 42-72 hours to confirm *Apergillus* section Flavi by colony reverse colour (**Nyongesa et al., 2015**).

**Antibiogram technique:** The isolated bacteria and fungi were

tested against the most commonly antibacterial and antifungal agents using in livestock farms. It was used the standard disc technique (Page and Gautier, 2012).

**DNA extraction:** That using PathoGene-Spin™ DNA/RNA Extraction kit iNtRON Cat. No. 17154, Korea according manufacturer's instructions. That was following the DNA concentration was determined spectrophotometrically at 260/230 nm. DNA used as template. DNA extraction from *Asprigullus* DNeasy plant Mini kit Qiagen Genomic described by manufacturer manual of Qiagen, Germany. Cat. No. 69104. The PCR primers were used corresponded to sequences were synthesized by metabion international AG, (Germany); (Table 1); (Uerlings *et al.*, 2021).

**Table 1: Oligonucleotide primer sequences of virulence genes of bacterial isolates (Uerlings *et al.*, 2021)**

Microorganism	Gene	Primer name	Primer sequence (5'–3')	amplified size (bp)	Reference
* <i>P. multocida</i>	<i>KMT1</i>	KMT1T7 KMT1SP 6	ATCCGCTATTTACC CAGTGG GCTGTAAACGAAC TCGCCAC	457	(Townsend <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
* <i>E. coli</i>	<i>16s rRNA</i>	F R	GCTTGACACTGAA CATTG GCACTTATCTCTTC CGCATT AG	662	(Riffon <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
* <i>Staph. aureus</i>	<i>Coagulase</i>	F-Eco 2083 R-Eco 2745	ACCACAAGGTACT GAATCAACG TGCTTTCGATTGTT CGATGC	600-1000	(Aarestrup <i>et al.</i> , 1995)
* <i>A. fumigatus</i>	<i>Asphs</i>	F-Asphs R-Asphs	TGGTACAAGGACG GTGACAA GTCCCAGTGGACT CTTCCAA	180	(Dennis and Allen, 2006)
* <i>A. flavus</i>	<i>aflR1</i>	F-aflR1	AACCGCATCCACA	798	(Farber <i>et</i>

	R-aflR1	ATCTCAT AGTGCAGTTCGCT CAGAACA	<i>al.</i> , 1997)
* <i>P. multocida</i> : <i>Pasteurella multocida</i> , * <i>E. coli</i> : <i>Escherichia coli</i> , * <i>Staph. aureus</i> : <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , * <i>A. fumigatus</i> : <i>Asprigullus fumigatus</i> , * <i>A. flavus</i> : <i>Asprigullus</i> <i>flavus</i>			

The positive control with DNA of *A. fumigatus* Af293, and a no-template control (NTC). PCR reaction was performed in an Gradient Thermal cyler (1000 S Thermal cyler Bio-RAD USA). The reaction mixture (total volume of 50 µl) was 25 µl Thermoscientific PCR Mix (Green PCR Master Mix (2X) thermoscientific Company,cat., No.K1080, USA.), 3 µl target DNA, 1 µl of each primers (containing 10 p mole/ µl) and the mixture was completed by sterile D. W. to 50 µl. Amplification condition for all bacteria done; (Table 2); (Johnson, 2014).

**Table 2: Cycling conditions and predicted sizes of PCR products for virulence genes (Johnson, 2014)**

Target gene	Initial denaturation °C/min	Actual cycles °C/sec				Final extension °C/min
		Denaturation	Annealing	Extension	No. of cycle	
<i>KMT1</i>	95/5	94/60	55/60	72/60	30	72/9
<i>16S-rRNA</i>	94/2	94/45	57/60	72/120	35	72/10
<i>Coagulase</i>	94/45 sec	94/20	57/15	72/15	30	72/10
<i>Asphs</i>	95/10	95/60	60/60	72/60	32	72/10
<i>Afl</i>	95/10	94/30	55/45	72/75	30	72/10

**PCR amplification protocol for microorganisms:** It was for *P. multocida* by an initial denaturation at 95°C for 5 min followed by 30 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 55°C for 1 min, and 72°C for 1 min, and final step at 72°C for 9 min. It was for *E. coli* by an initial denaturation at 94 °C for 2 min, 35 cycles of 45 sec denaturation at 94°C, 1 min annealing at 60°C, 2 min extension at 72°C, and a final 10 min extension at 72°C. It was for *coagulase* gene of *Staph. aureus* by one cycle of 5 min at 94°C,



30 cycles of 20 sec at 94°C (decentralization), 15 s at 57°C (annealing), 15 sec at 72°C (extension) and finally 1 cycle of 2 min at 72°C. It was for *A. fumigatus virulence gene* by an initial denaturation at 95°C for 10 min followed by 32 cycles of 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 1 min, and 72°C for 1 min, and a final step at 72°C for 10 min. It was for *A. flavus gene* by an initial denaturation at 95°C for 10 min followed by 30 cycles of 94°C for 30 sec, 55°C for 45 sec., and 72°C for 1.15 min, and a final step at 72°C for 10 min. The PCR was amplified products were electrophoresis in Agarose Gels (2% w/v) (Agarose, Sigma ,USA) was used for running of DNA stained with ethidium bromide Using GeneRuler 100bp DNA Ladder: Thermoscientific Company,Cat.No.SM0243,US (Devi *et al.*, 2018).

**Following the bio-safety procedures:** It was in the specialized laboratory while conducting the experiments (Nieuwenweg *et al.*, 2021).

**Data analysis:** The data were treated by “Simple Excel Program” (Gündüz and Asan, 2021).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Incidence of isolated bacteria causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes:** Table 3 showed isolated bacteria were *P. multocida*, *E. coli*, and *Staph. aureus* as 12%, 7% and 5% from nasal swabs. As well were 8%, 4% and 4% from mouth swabs. Through the result, *P. multocida*, was main bacterial causes than others bacteria. It was isolated from samples (Abed *et al.*, 2020). Then were *E. coli*, this revealed *E. coli* as 8.33% (Reddy and Subramanyam, 2018). *Staph. aureus* was predominant (Sayed, and Zaitoun, 2009). Isolated *Staph. aureus* 33.8% from nasal swabs (Esra and Hakan, 2010). Nasal swabs, pharyngeal swabs revealed *Staph. spp.*, nasal swabs 24%, pharyngeal swabs 8%. The most was *Staph. spp* 43%, (Hassan *et al.*, 2014).

Buffaloes' nasal swabs, had *Staph. aureus* 40% (Hassan et al., 2017).

**Table 3 : Incidence of isolated bacteria causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes**

Isolated bacteria	Nasal swabs (n=100)		Mouth swabs (n=50)	
	Positive samples	Percent	Positive samples	Percent
<i>*P. multocida</i>	12/100	12%	4/50	8%
<i>*E. coli</i>	7/100	7%	2/50	4%
<i>*Staph. aureus</i>	5/100	5%	2/50	4%
<i>*P. multocida: Pasteurella multocida, *E. coli: Escherichia coli, *Staph. aureus: Staphylococcus aureus.</i>				

**Incidence of isolated fungi causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes:** Table 4 showed the isolated fungi *A. fumigatus* was 11% and *A. flavus* was 5% from nasal swabs, were 8% and 4% from mouth swabs. The pharyngeal swabs revealed *A. flavus* from nasal swab was 40%, and from pharyngeal swabs 52%, *A. fumigatus* from nasal swab was 32% and from pharyngeal swabs 40% (Hassan et al., 2014). Nasal swabs had isolated *A. fumigatus* and *A. flavus* were 16% and 8% also 8% and 8% in both nasal swabs and lung tissues (Sayed et al., 2014). Buffaloes' nasal swabs, had *Aspergillus* spp. 40% (Hassan et al., 2017). It was found from the results of the mixed microbial isolation of the presence of three bacteria and two fungi. That causes infection of the respiratory system of Egyptian buffaloes. This indicated the presence of microbial infection that affects the respiratory system and spreads to the animal. In the terms of infection spread leading to loss animals and the corresponding material value, which affects the livestock materially.

**Table 4: Incidence of isolated fungi causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes**

Isolated fungi	Nasal swabs (n=100)		Mouth swabs (n=50)	
	Positive samples	Percent	Positive samples	Percent
<u>*A. fumigatus</u>	11/100	11%	4/50	8%
<u>*A. flavus</u>	5/100	5%	2/50	4%
<u>*A. fumigatus: Asprigullus fumigatus, *A. flavus: Asprigullus flavus</u>				

**Antibiotics susceptibility of isolated bacteria causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes:** Table 5 showed the isolated *P. multocida* were sensitive to enrofloxacin, spectinomycin, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole only. It had MDR to amoxicillin, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, streptomycin, and chloramphenicol. It was resistance to tylosin 90.9% and oxacillin 54.54% (Gharibi *et al.*, 2017). The total buffaloes samples had *P. multocida*, it was MDR to penicillin, cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones (Choudhary *et al.*, 2019). They had resistances against chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin, amoxicillin/clavulanic acid, and levofloxacin (Elsayed *et al.*, 2021). Also against ampicillin, amoxicillin, penicillin-G, tetracycline, streptomycin, cefotaxime and chloramphenicol (Bahr *et al.*, 2021). *E. coli* were sensitive to ciprofloxacin, enrofloxacin, spectinomycin, and chloramphenicol. It had MDR to amoxicillin, gentamicin, streptomycin, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. The predominant were *E. coli*, MDR in 90% (Choudhary *et al.*, 2019). It had MDR to gentamicin, erythromycin, streptomycin and trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazol (Algammal *et al.*, 2020). *Staph. aureus* were sensitive to enrofloxacin, and spectinomycin. It had MDR to amoxicillin, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, streptomycin, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and chloramphenicol. They had resistant to

cefoxitin and methicillin, and MDR to macrolides, fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides, tetracyclines, and lincosamides (Gajdács, 2019). The pneumonic showed MDR to amoxicillin, ampicillin and tetracycline (Algammal et al., 2020).

**Table 5 : Antibiotics susceptibility of isolated bacteria causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes**

Antibiotics agent	Isolated bacteria					
	* <i>P. multocida</i> n=16		* <i>E.. coli</i> n=9		* <i>Staph. Aureus</i> n=7	
	Sensiti ve	Resist ant	Sensiti ve	Resist ant	Sensiti ve	Resist ant
<i>Ampicillin 10 µg</i>	00	16	7	2	0	7
<i>Amoxicillin 20 µg</i>	00	16	6	3	0	7
<i>Erythromycin 15 µg</i>	00	16	2	7	6	1
<i>Enrofloxacin 5 µg</i>	16	00	9	0	7	0
<i>Gentamicin 10 µg</i>	16	00	1	8	6	1
<i>Norfloxacin 10 µg</i>	16	00	9	0	6	1
<i>Streptomycin 10 µg</i>	00	16	2	7	4	3
<i>Tetracycline 30 µg</i>	14	2	7	2	2	5
<i>Trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole 25 µg</i>	6	10	3	6	7	2

*\*P. multocida: Pasteurella multocida, \*E. coli: Escherichia coli, \*Staph. aureus: Staphylococcus aureus*

**Antifungal susceptibility of isolated fungi causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes:** Table 6 showed antifungal susceptibility, it was found through the fungi carry MDR. The isolates *A. fumigatus* was sensitive to fluconazole, ketoconazole, nystatin, and amphotericin B, while had MDR to clotrimazole. *A. flavus* were sensitive to fluconazole, ketoconazole, and nystatin, while had MDR to clotrimazole, and amphotericin B. *A. flavus* was resistant to amphotericin B (Kiakoju et al., 2021). The most effective antimycotic agents were nystatin followed by terbinafine, ketoconazole, miconazole, fluconazole and povidine

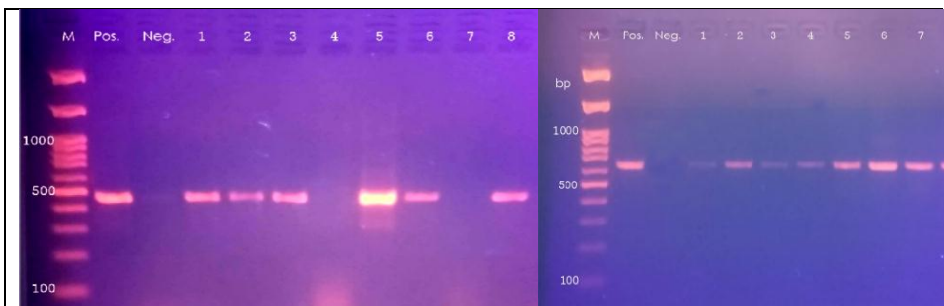
iodine. Griseofulvin, on the other hand, was not effective against any of the fungi tested (Farrag *et al.*, 2012).

**Table 6 : Antifungal susceptibility of isolated fungi causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes**

Antifungal agent	Isolated fungi			
	<u>*A. fumigatus</u> <u>n=15</u>		<u>*A. flavus</u> <u>N=7</u>	
	<i>Sensitive</i>	<i>Resistant</i>	<i>Sensitive</i>	<i>Resistant</i>
<i>Fluconazole</i>	15	0	7	0
<i>Clotrimazole</i>	0	15	0	7
<i>Ketoconazole</i>	15	0	7	0
<i>Nystatin</i>	15	0	7	0
<i>Amphotericin B</i>	15	0	0	7

\*A. fumigatus: Asprigullus fumigatus, \*A. flavus: Asprigullus flavus

**Agarose gel electrophoresis of isolated bacteria causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes:** The PCR using the *KMT1* gene confirmed the culture positive *P. multocida* isolates, developed specific 457 bp molecular size bands (Table 1 and Photo 1). The five selective isolates of *P. multocida* had similar size of PCR products having *KMT1* gene (Hassan *et al.*, 2017). The multiplex PCR identified only 22 isolates as *Pasteurella* species using universal primers (Abbas *et al.*, 2018). PCR *kmt1* showed 87.9% were positive for the corresponding universal gene (Abed *et al.*, 2020). The PCR using the *16s rRNA* gene confirmed the culture positive *E. coli* isolates, developed specific 662 bp molecular size bands (Table 1 and Photo 2). Nasal swabs buffaloes recovered bacterial isolates by the *16S rRNA* sequence analysis (Choudhary *et al.*, 2019). The PCR using the *Coagulase* gene confirmed the culture positive *Staph. aureus* isolates, developed specific 600-1000 bp molecular size bands (Table 1 and Photo 3). The pneumonic calves had *Staph. aureus* examined *coa* genes, showed MDR (Algammal *et al.*, 2020).



**Photo 1: Agarose gel electrophoresis of \*P. multocida PCR products using primer KMT1**  
Lane M: 100 bp DNA ladder,  
Lane +ve: C +ve, Lane -ve: C -ve,  
Lane1-9: Isolates

**Photo 2: Agarose gel electrophoresis of \*E. coli PCR products using 16SrRNA gene primer**  
Lane M: 100 bp molecular weight standard, Lane +ve: C +ve,  
Lane -ve: C -ve, Lane1-9: Isolates

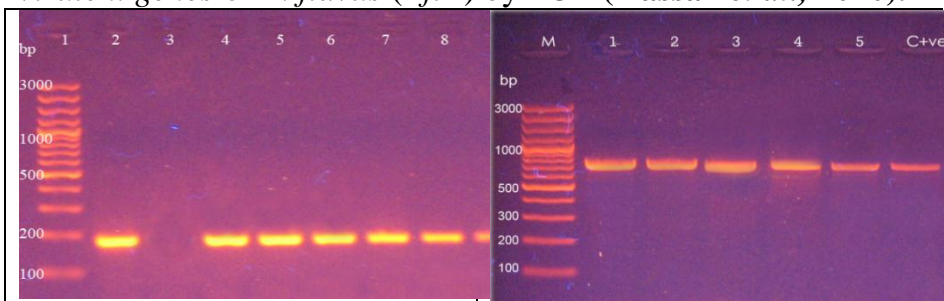


**Photo 3: Agarose gel electrophoresis of \*Staph. aureus PCR products using primer Coagulase gene**  
Lane M: 100 bp DNA ladder, Lane C+ve: C +ve, Lane C-ve: C -ve, Lane1-9: Isolates

**\*P. multocida: Pasteurella multocida, \*E. coli: Escherichia coli, \*Staph. aureus: Staphylococcus aureus**

Agarose gel electrophoresis of isolated fungi causes respiratory infections in Egyptian buffaloes: The PCR using

the *Asphs* gene confirmed the culture positive *A. fumigatus* isolates, which developed specific 180 bp molecular size bands (Table 1 and Photo 4). The PCR using the *aflR1* gene confirmed the culture positive *A. flavus* isolates, which developed specific 798 bp molecular size bands (Table 1 and Photo 5). The *alfR* gene were detected in *A. flavus* by PCR (Cruz and Buttner, 2008). Primers *aflR1-F/aflRS1-R* were utilized *A. flavus* (Levin, 2012). PCR rapid diagnosis of *A. fumigatus* and *A. flavus* (Sayed et al., 2014). Buffaloes' nasal swabs, had *Aspergillus* spp. 40% (Hassan et al., 2017). The molecular detection of virulent genes of *A. flavus* (*AflR*) by PCR (Hassan et al., 2020).



**Photo 4: Agarose gel electrophoresis of \*A. fumigatus PCR products using Asphs gene primer**  
**Lane 1:100 bp molecular weight standard, Lane 2: C +ve,**  
**Lane 3: C -ve, Lane: 4-10: Isolates**

**Photo 5: Agarose gel electrophoresis of \*A. flavus PCR products using aflR1 toxin gene primer**  
**Lane M: 100 bp DNA ladder, Lane C +ve: C +ve, Lane C -ve: C -ve, Lane: 1-5: Isolates**

**\*A. fumigatus: Asprigullus fumigatus, \*A. flavus: Asprigullus flavus**

### Conclusion

It was concluded that according to the results of present study, *P. multocida* and *A. Fumigatus* were main cause of respiratory infections in buffaloes. The bacterial and fungal isolates had MDR.

### **Recommendation**

It was recommended that particularly calves of low immunity must be treated by suitable antibiotics and antifungal. Must used strict hygienic measures in farms as periodical application of disinfectants for protection from respiratory diseases causing microbes. Sun exposure of animals specially in closed system to avoid over crowded and infections speeding. Periodical clinical examination of animals to easy detect any infections. Antibiotics misuse should be avoided and only used according to the laboratory results also must be annual vaccinations according vaccination schedule.

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