CHAPTER THREE

RESULTS

Construction of pWHM3-picK

The recombinant plasmid, pWHM3-picK was constructed from 7.2 kbp of pWHM3 and 1.4 kbp picK gene fragment of pMC-picK. Thus, pWHM3-picK was approximately sized 8.6 kilobase pairs (kpb) E. coli strain XL1-Blue was used to be electrotransformation host. The twenty- four of potential clone was chosen and pWHM3-picK was screened by plasmid isolation as shown in Figure 3.1. The picture show mobility shift of recombinant plasmid that was compared by plasmid pWHM. The recombinant clone number (lane 9) was chosen for restriction enzymes digestion.

The clone was further confirmed by restriction enzyme digestion and DNA sequencing. The **Figure 3.2** shows restriction map of clone number 8. The unique site of recombinant plasmid was digested by *EcoRI*, *EcoRV*, *PstI*, *XbaI* and *XhoI* (lane 5, 6, 10, 14 and 15, respectively). Digestion of *HindIII* yielded 2 fragments of 1.4 kbp and 7.0 kbp (lane 7). The six kilobase pairs and 1.6 kbp were observed by *NdeI* digestion (lane 9). The linear form of plasmid expected sized of recombinant clone, pWHM3-picK (8.6 kbp). The restriction map of pWHM3-picK was drawn and shown in **Figure 3.3**.

The picK gene in recombinant plasmid was confirmed by sequencing. The sequence of 1.4-kbp of *picK* gene fragment shown in **Figure 3.4** and two nucleotides was changed (indicated by arrow) by comparing with picK gene from *Streptomyces*

venezuelae. Thus, the deduced amino acid was resultant changing Glu 146 to Gly146 that only first position of nucleotide was changed. **Figure 3.5** represented the deduce amino acid of PicK and the changed amino acid was indicated by arrow. The changing of amino acid residue was not interfered to important sites. The important sites of P450 are oxygen binding site and heme binding regions (underline).

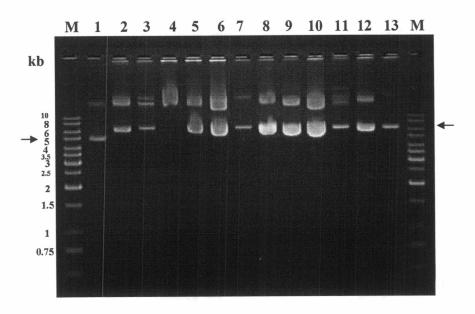


Figure 3.1a Agarose gel electrophoresis of recombinant plasmid extraction. The arrow indicated mobility of plasmid, pWHM3 and arrow was recombinant plasmid.

Lane M GeneRulerTM 1 kb DNA Ladder

Lane 1 pWHM3

Lane 2-13 Extracted of recombinant clone no. 1 - 12

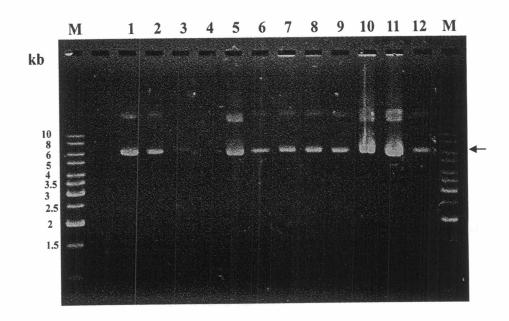


Figure 3.1b Agarose gel electrophoresis of recombinant plasmid extraction. The arrow indicated mobility of plasmid, pWHM3 and arrow was recombinant plasmid.

Lane M GeneRulerTM 1 kb DNA Ladder

Lane 1-12 Extracted of recombinant clone no. 13 - 24

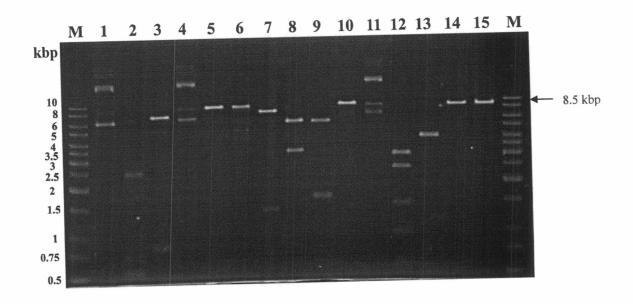


Figure 3.2 Restriction enzymes digestion of constructed plasmids, pWHM3-picK. The arrow pointed 8.5 kbp of unique site was digested by EcoRI, EcoRV, PstI, XbaI and XhoI, respectively.

Lane M GeneRuler™ 1 kb DNA Ladder		Lane 8	Clone no. 8/Kpn1
Lane 1	Clone no. 8 undigested	Lane 9	Clone no. 8/NdeI
Lane 2	Clone no. 8/ BamHI	Lane 10	Clone no. 8/PstI
Lane 3	Clone no. 8/BstEII	Lane 11	Clone no. 8/PvuI
Lane 4	Clone no. 8/ without enzyme	Lane 12	Clone no. 8/SalI
Lane 5	Clone no. 8/EcoRI	Lane 13	Clone no. 8/SmaI
Lane 6	Clone no. 8/EcoRV	Lane 14	Clone no. 8/XbaI
Lane 7	Clone no. 8/ HindIII	Lane 15	Clone no. 8/XhoI

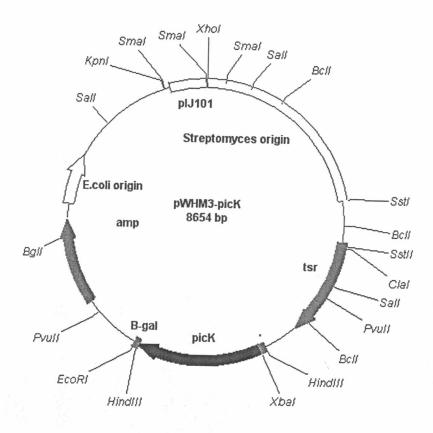


Figure 3.3 The restriction map of plasmid, pWHM3-picK. The Streptomyces origin, E. coli origin, thiostrepton resistant gene (tsr), ampicillin resistant gene (amp) and β -galactosidase gene (β -gal) inserted picK are composed to pWHM3-picK.

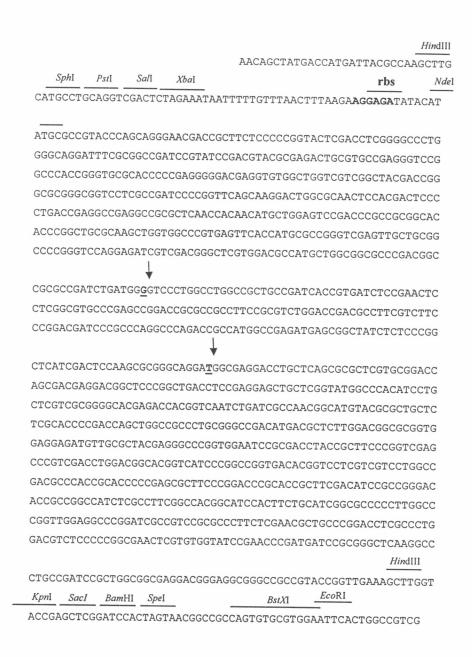


Figure 3.4 Nucleotide sequence of *picK* gene in pWHM3-*picK*. The arrows were changing residues and rbs are ribosome binding site.

MRRTQQGTTASPPVLDLGALGQDFAADPYPTYARLRAEGPAHRVRTPEGDEVWLVVGYDR

ARAVLADPRFSKDWRNSTTPLTEAEAALNHNMLESDPPRHTRLRKLVAREFTMRRVELLR

PRVQEIVDGLVDAMLAAPDGRADLMGSLAWPLPITVISELLGVPEPDRAAFRVWTDAFVF

PDDPAQAQTAMAEMSGYLSRLIDSKRGQDGEDLLSALVRTSDEDGSRLTSEELLGMAHIL

oxygen binding region

LVAGHETTVNLIANGMYALLSHPDQLAALRADMTLLDGAVEEMLRYEGPVESATYRFPVE

heme binding pocket

PVDLDGTVIPAGDTVLVVLADAHRTPERFPDPHRFDIRRDTAGHLAFGHGIHFCIGAPLA

RLEARIAVRALLERCPDLALDVSPGELVWYPNPMIRGLKALPIRWRRGREAGRRTG

Figure 3.5 Deduced amino acid sequence with PicK. The arrow indicates amino acid changed from Glu146 to Gly146 and indicated oxygen binding region and the heme binding pocket, respectively.

Expression of picK gene in E. coli strain XL1-Blue

E. coli XL1-Blue carrying pWHM3-picK was expressed by 1.0 mM IPTG induction. The samples of the cell lysate were analyzed using SDS-PAGE as shown in Figure 3.6 and potential PicK protein band was observed. The molecular weight of the potential PicK was estimated to be nearly 45,000 daltons. The P450 was detected by carbon monoxide difference spectra measurement of whole cell. The induced cell culture was measured difference spectra by scanning 400 to 500 nm and represented in Figure 3.7. The uninduced cell was indicated by dash line and strong line was CO difference spectrum of 24 hours post-induction cell which was observed the peaks at 420 and 450 nm, approximately. The difference spectrum of P450 was used to calculation of P450 content. The content of P450 was estimated to be 16.5 nM.

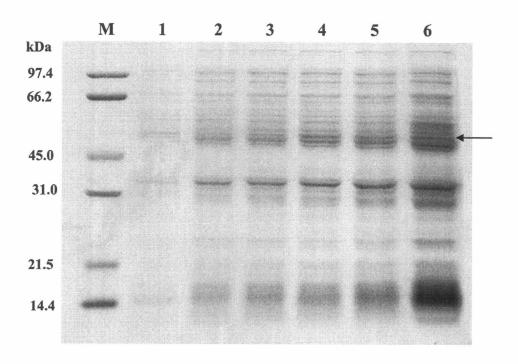


Figure 3.6 SDS-PAGE analysis of protein pattern of *E. coli* XL1-Blue carrying pWHM3-*picK*. The arrow indicates the potential PicK.

Lane M	Molecular weight standard marker
Lane 1	cell lysate of uninduced
Lane 2	cell lysate of 1 hour post-induction
Lane 3	cell lysate of 2 hours post-induction
Lane 4	cell lysate of 3 hours post-induction
Lane 5	cell lysate of 4 hours post-induction
Lane 6	cell lysate of 5 hours post-induction

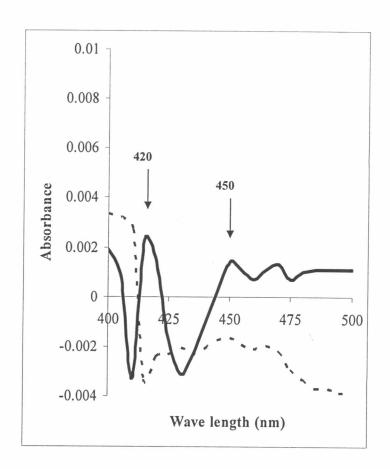


Figure 3.7 The carbon monoxide difference spectra of whole cell of the *E. coli* XL1-Blue transformants carrying pWHM3-picK of 24 hours induction.

(-----uninduced, -----induced)

Expression of pWHM3-picK in Streptomyces species

Expression of pWHM3-picK in Streptomyces lividans TK24

The Streptomyces lividans TK24 protoplasts suspension were assessed to protoplasts and non-protoplasts and estimated to 5.13 x 10¹³ protoplasts per milliliter. Percentage of protoplast forming was 99.80 %. The transformation of S. lividans TK24 was optimized by various concentration of plasmid, pWHM3. The concentration of plasmid was used by 0, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 µg per one transformation. The transformant colony was monitored by thiostrepton resistant forming colony. The transformant colony was absented in plates of 0 and 0.5 µg of DNA. When protoplasts suspension was transformed by 1.0 µg of DNA, resistant colony yielded 36 colonies and estimated to be 7.2 x 10⁴ per µg DNA and 2.0 µg of DNA was scored 394 colonies and 7.88 x 10^5 was transformation efficiency. Both transformation of 1.0 and 2.0 μg DNA was observed from colonies of 50 µl undiluted transformation mixture plates. Late, the tree microgram of DNA was transformed and scored resistant colony; 50 µl of undiluted transformation mixture was large number of colony (uncountable), 100fold dilution was observed 250 resistant colonies, and 10,000-fold dilution was score the resistant colonies, yielded 18 colonies. The transformant efficiency of 3.0 µg DNA transformation was calculated to be 7.17 x 10⁴ and this concentration was chosen for recombinant plasmid, pWHM3, transformation. The transformation of pWHM3-picK was yield 400 resistant colonies on 50 µl of undiluted transformation mixture plates and 68 colonies on 100-fold dilution plates. Thus, the transformant efficiency was estimated to be 2.77 x 10⁵ per μg DNA.

The thiostrepton resistant colonies were screened pWHM3-*picK* by plasmid extraction. Eleven colonies which were single colony were selected. The plasmid was

isolated and agarose gel electrophoresis of eleven colonies was shown in **Figure 3.8**. Lane one was pWHM3-*picK* from *E.coli* XL1-blue. The transformant number 1 and 2 represented low quantity of plasmid (Lane 2 and 3). The plasmid showed 2 bands in transformant number 6, 8, 9, and 10 have 3 bands of plasmid.

The size of transformant plasmid was confirmed by restriction enzymes digestion as shown **Figure 3.9.** The transformant number 10 was digested by *Eco*RI, *Xba*I, *Hin*dIII, *Eco*RV and *Nde*I The unique site of pWHM3-*picK* was cut by *Eco*RI, *Xba*I and *Eco*RV (shown in lane 2, 3 and 5) and the yield fragment was 8.5 kbp. The double site was digested by *Hin*dIII and *Nde*I (shown in lane 4 and 6). These results of digestion were related to pWHM3-*picK* of *E. coli* XL1-Blue.

However, the growth periods of *Streptomyces lividans* TK24 was differed from *E. coli*. The log phase was begun at 30 hours and reached to mid-log phage at 36 hours until the stationary phase at 40 hours. The SDS-PAGE of protein expression was represented at **Figure 3.10**. Similarly, the transformant of *Streptomyces lividans* TK24 was measured difference spectra by scanning between 400 to 500 nm and represented in **Figure 3.11**.

 Table 3.1 The transformation efficiency of Streptomyces lividans
 TK24 protoplasts

Concentration	Viable count	Transformant	Transformantion
of DNA	(CFU)	colony	efficiency
(µg)		(CFU)	(per μg DNA)
pWHM3			
0	5.20 x 10 ⁹	0	0
0.5	1.40 x 10 ⁹	0	0
1.0	1.50 x 10 ⁹	7.20 x 10 ⁴	7.20 x 10 ⁴
2.0	2.70 x 10 ⁹	7.88x 10 ⁵	3.99 x 10 ⁵
3.0	4.30×10^9	2.15 x 10 ⁵	7.17 x 10 ⁴
pWHM3-picK			
3.0	1.10 x 10 ⁸	6.8 x 10 ⁵	2.27 x 10 ⁵

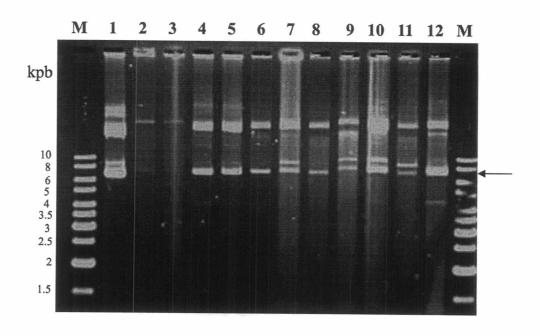


Figure 3.8 Agarose gel electrophoresis of isolated plasmid from *S. lividans*TK24 transformant

Lane M GeneRuler™ 1 kb DNA Ladder

Lane 1 pWHM3-picK isolated from Escherichia coli XL1-Blue

Lane 2-12 Isolated plasmids from S. lividans TK24 transformant

no. 1 - 11

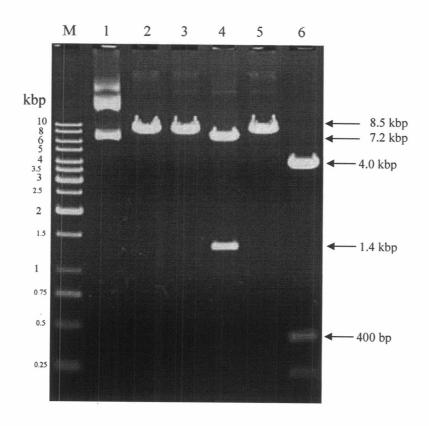


Figure 3.9 Restriction enzymes digestion of S. lividans TK24 transformants no. 10.

Lane M	GeneRuler™ 1 kb DNA Ladder
Lane 1	pWHM3-picK undigested
Lane 2	pWHM3-picK digested EcoRI
Lane 3	pWHM3-picK digested XbaI
Lane 4	pWHM3-picK digested HindIII
Lane 5	pWHM3-picK digested EcoRV
Lane 6	pWHM3-nicK digested NdeI

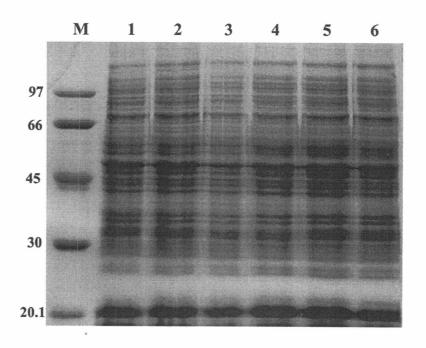


Figure 3.10 Protein pattern of Streptomyces lividans TK24 transformant on SDS-

PAGE

Lane M	Molecular weight standard marker
Lane 1	cell extracts uninduced
Lane 2	cell lysate of 1 hour post-induction
Lane 3	cell lysate of 2 hours post-induction
Lane 4	cell lysate of 3 hours post-induction
Lane 5	cell lysate of 4 hours post-induction
Lane 6	cell lysate of 5 hours post-induction

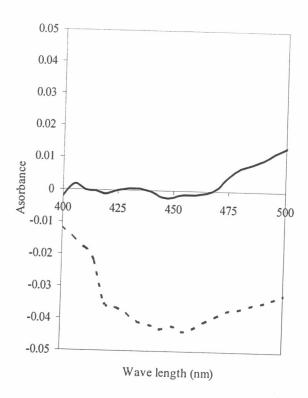


Figure 3.11 The carbon monoxide difference spectra of whole cell of the

Streptomyces lividans TK24 transformant at 6 hours of post-induction.

(...... uninduced, — induced)

Expression of pWHM3-picK in Streptomyces narbonensis

The *Streptomyces narbonensis* protoplasts were estimated to 10⁷ protoplasts per milliliter and transformation was carried out by PEG-mediated protoplast transformation. The transformation efficiency was shown in **Table 3.2**. The transformation of *Streptomyces narbonensis* was unsuccessful.

Table 3.2 The transformation efficiency of Streptomyces narbonensis protoplasts.

Concentration	Viable count	Tronsfe	
1		Transformant	Transformation
of DNA	(CFU)	colony	efficiency
(μg)		(CFU)	(per μg DNA)
0	4×10^{6}	0	0
		V	0
3.0	3×10^6	0	0