CHAPTER V



RESULT

PART I: IDENTIFICATION OF Vibrio parahaemolyticus.

Two hundred and eleven samples were examined in this study. These 211 samples consisted of one- hundred and eighty-nine of non-clinical isolates of *Vibrio spp.*, which were randomly collected from shrimp, sediment, coastal water, and cockle samples and twenty-two strains of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* isolated from stool samples. All isolates were tested using 23 selected biochemical methods as listed in Table 5.

Seventy isolates were identified as *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. Of these isolates, 32 isolates showed 5 atypical biochemical characteristics. The negative results were found in 28 isolates for ornithine decarboxylation test, 6 isolates for arabinose fermentation test, 1 isolate for MR test. The positive results were found in 3 isolates for 10 % NaCl requirement test.

Table 5: Characteristics of the 70 isolates of Vibrio parahaemolyticus identified.

Strain no	o. Source	Ovidose*	Caluado	Indole*	MR	Vp*	Citrate		Motility TSI*	O% NaCI*	3% NaCI*	6% NaCI*	8% NaCI*	10% NaCl *	Arginine*	Ornithine*	Lysine*	Glucose*	Manito!*	Mannose	Arabinose*	Sucrose*	Lactose*	Inositol	Rhamnose
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CA 21	C	+	+		+	-	-	+		66	+	+	+		-	+	+	+	+	+	+			-	-
CA 22	С	+	+		+	-	-	+	K/A		+	+	+	_		+	+	+	+	+	· +				-
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EP 25	RP/CHN	+	+	+	-	-	+	K/A	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-		-
EP 26	RP/CHN	+	+	+	-	Į.	+	K/A		+	+	+	-		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
EP 29	RP/CHN	+	+	+	-		+	K/A	-	+	+	+		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-		-
EP 35	RP/CHN	+	+	+	-	-	+	K/A	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
SMV 1	SP/SRT	+	+	+	-	-	+	K/A	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		-	-
SMV 2	SP/SRT	+	+	+	-	- 7	+	K/A	-	+	+	+		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
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K/A: alkaline top and acidic bottom; +, positive; -, negative

 $C: clinical \ isolate \ ; \ RP: shrimp \ from \ shrimp \ pond \ ;$

SP: sediment from shrimp pond; CHN: Chonburi province;

SRT: Suratthani province

^{*} Test is recommended as part of the routine set for Vibrio identification

PART II: ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING.

The results of antimicrobial susceptibility test of ciprofloxacin were summarized in Table 6. MIC distribution of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* isolates are shown in Fig 4 - 8. For 70 *Vibrio parahaemolytiucus* isolates (Fig 4.), 5 isolates have MIC $\leq 0.064~\mu g/ml$, 24 isolates have MIC = 0.128 $\mu g/ml$, 16 isolates have MIC = 0.256 $\mu g/ml$, 7 isolates have MIC = 1 $\mu g/ml$, 12 isolates have MIC = 2 $\mu g/ml$, 5 isolates have MIC = 4 $\mu g/ml$ and 1 isolates has MIC \geq 8 $\mu g/ml$. MIC distribution of 48 environmental isolates is shown in Fig. 5. Two isolates have MIC \leq 0.064 $\mu g/ml$, 5 isolates have MIC = 0.128 $\mu g/ml$, 16 isolates have MIC = 0.256 $\mu g/ml$, 7 isolates have MIC = 1 $\mu g/ml$, 12 isolates have MIC = 2 $\mu g/ml$, 5 isolates have MIC = 4 $\mu g/ml$ and 1 isolates have MIC \geq 8 $\mu g/ml$.

MIC distribution of 34 sediment isolates is demonstrated in Fig 6 comprising of 1 isolates have MIC $\leq 0.064~\mu g/ml$, 5 isolates have MIC = 0.128 $\mu g/ml$, 11 isolates have MIC = 0.256 $\mu g/ml$, 6 isolates have MIC = 1 $\mu g/ml$, 8 isolates have MIC = 2 $\mu g/ml$, 3 isolates have MIC = 4 $\mu g/ml$. For 14 shrimp isolates MIC distribution are shown in Fig 7. One isolates have MIC $\leq 0.064~\mu g/ml$, 5 isolates have MIC = 0.256 $\mu g/ml$, 1 isolates have MIC = 1 $\mu g/ml$, 4 isolates have MIC = 2 $\mu g/ml$, 2 isolates have MIC = 4 $\mu g/ml$ and 1 isolates has MIC \geq 8 $\mu g/ml$. MIC distribution of 22 clinical isolates are shown in Fig 8. Three isolates have MIC $\leq 0.064~\mu g/ml$ and 19 isolates have MIC = 0.128 $\mu g/ml$. MIC 90 and MIC 50 value are demonstrated in Table 8.

Twenty-one isolates of 70 Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates were indicated to have MIC values \geq 1 µg/ml. Of these isolates, none of Vibrio

parahaemolyticus clinical isolates were found to have MIC values \geq 1 µg/ml. All selected isolates were comprised of 13 sediment isolates and 8 shrimp isolates. MIC values ranged between 1-8 µg/ml. The highest MIC values, 8 µ g/ml, was isolated from shrimp in Chonburi province.



Table 6: MIC of 70 Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates.

Strain no.	Source	MIC (μg/ml)	Strain no.	Source	MIC (μg/ml)	Strain no.	Source	MIC (μg/ml)
CA I	С	0.064	EP 16	RP/CHN	2	SMV 21	SP/SRT	0.128
CA 5	С	0.064	EP 18	RP/CHN	2	SMV 22	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 6	С	0.128	EP 22	RP/CHN	1	SMV 29	RP/SRT	0.256
CA 10	С	0.128	EP 25	RP/CHN	8	SMV 31	RP/SRT	0.256
CA 11	С	0.128	EP 26	RP/CHN	4	SMV 33	RP/SRT	0.256
CA 12	C	0.128	EP 29	RP/CHN	4	SMV 34	RP/SRT	0.256
CA 13	C	0.128	EP 35	RP/CHN	0.064	SMV 35	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 17	C	0.128	SMV I	SP/SRT	2	SMV 36	SP/SRT	1
CA 19	C	0.128	SMV 2	SP/SRT	2	SMV 37	SP/SRT	4
CA 20	С	0.128	SMV 3	SP/SRT	0.064	SMV 38	RP/SRT	0.256
CA 21	С	0.128	SMV 5	SP/SRT	0.128	SMV 39	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 22	С	0.128	SMV 6	SP/SRT	0.128	SMV 40	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 23	С	0.128	SMV 7	SP/SRT	0.128	SMV 41	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 24	С	0.128	SMV 8	SP/SRT	0.256	SMV 43	SP/SRT	1
CA 25	C	0.128	SMV 9	SP/SRT	0.256	SMV 44	SP/SRT	2
CA 32	С	0.128	SMV 12	SP/SRT	1	SMV 45	SP/SRT	3
CA 33	C	0.064	SMV 13	SP/SRT	1	SMV 46	SP/SRT	2
CA 34	С	0.128	SMV 14	SP/SRT	0.128	SMV 47	SP/SRT	0.256
CA 35	С	0.128	SMV 15	SP/SRT	1	SMV 48	SP/SRT	1
CA 36	С	0.128	SMV 16	SP/SRT	0.256	SMV 49	SP/SRT	2
CA 40	С	0.128	SMV 17	SP/SRT	0.256	SMV 50	SP/SRT	4
CA 41	С	0.128	SMV 18	SP/SRT	0.256	SMV 51	SP/SRT	2
EP 10	RP/CHN	2	SMV 19	SP/SRT	2	SMV 52	SP/SRT	2
EP 11	RP/CHN	2						

C: clinical isolate; RP: shrimp from shrimp pond;

SP: sediment from shrimp pond; CHN: Chonburi province;

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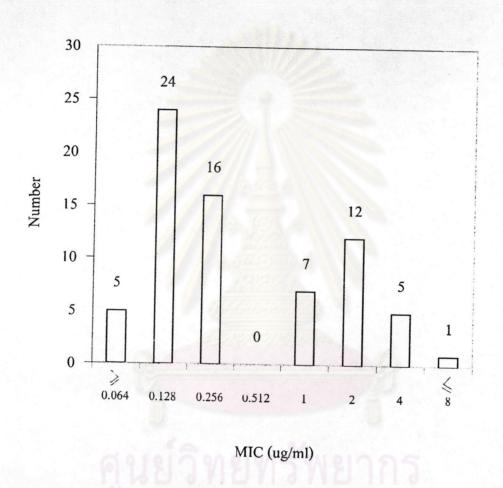


Fig. 4 MIC distribution of 70 Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates

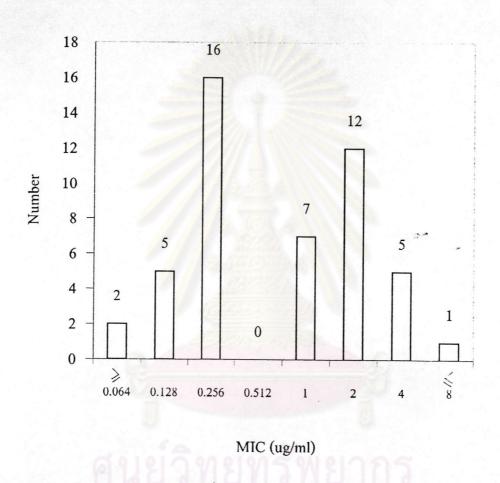
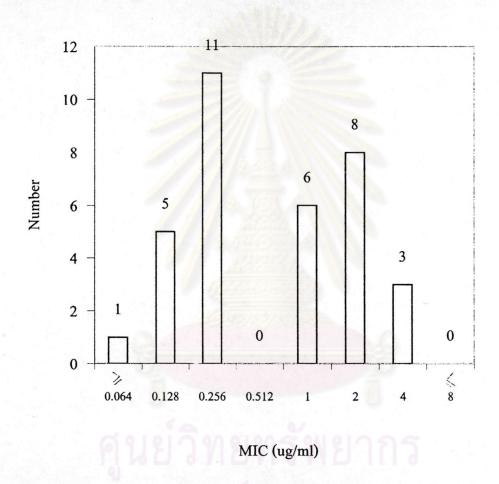


Fig. 5 MIC distribution of 48 environmental isolates



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Fig. 6 MIC distribution of 34 sediment isolates

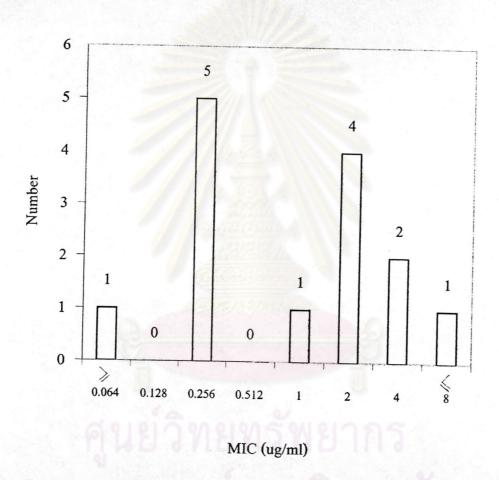


Fig. 7 MIC distribution of 14 shrimp isolates

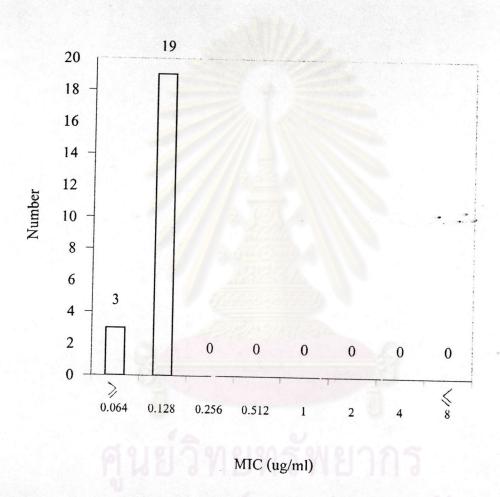


Fig. 8 MIC distribution of 22 clinical isolates

Table 7 : MIC_{50} and MIC_{90} of Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates from different sources

Source of V. parahaemolyticus	MIC range	MIC 90	MIC ₅₀
Isolates (n)	(μg/ml)	(μg/ml)	(µg/ml)
Environmental isolates (48)	0.064-8	3.3	1
: sediment isolates (34)	0.064-4	2	0.5
: shrimp isolates (14)	0.064-8	4	1.5
Clinical isolates (22)	0.064-0.128	0.128	0.128
All isolates (70)	0.064-8	2	0.256

(n): number of testing isolates

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PART III : CONFIRMATION OF Vibrio parahaemolyticus BY PCR.

PCR assays using gyrB primer described by Venkateswaran et al., 1997 were performed to support biochemical identifications of 21 Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates which have MIC values \geq 1 μ g/ml.

Specific 285-bp amplicon for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* were amplified in all twenty-one isolates including reference strain of *Vibrio parahemolyticus* ATCC 17802. None of *Vibrio alginolyticus*-bands were detected as demonstrated in Fig 9.

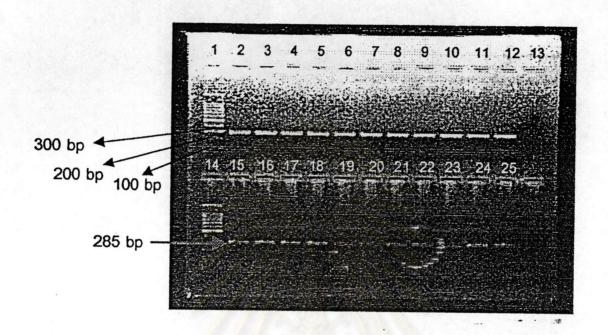


Fig 9. Agarose gel electrophoresis of specific 285-bp amplicon.

Lane 1 & 14: 100bp DNA ladder

Lane 2-11: EP 10, 11, 16, 18, 22, 25, 26, 29,

SMV 1, SMV 2

Lane 12 : Vibrio parahemolyticus ATCC 17802

Lane 13: Vibrio alginolyticus ATCC 17749

Lane 15-25: SMV 19, 37, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49,

50, 51, 52

PART IV: DNA SEQUENCING.

The QRDRs of the gyrA and parC of ciprofloxacin resistant mutants were amplified by single step PCR with specific primers. PCR was expected to yield amplicons of 200 and 214 bp for gyrA QRDR and the parC QRDR, respectively (Fig 10). The nucleotide sequences were determined by automate sequencing method. Mutations detected within the amplified regions of the mutant strains are summarized in Table 9.

The mutations in *gyrA* were found in 19 isolates at codon 83 resulting in amino acid changes from Ser (AGT) to Lle (ATT), however, 200 bp amplicon of *gyrA* QRDR cannot be amplified in two isolates, SMV37 and SMV43. For *parC* gene, the point mutations were found at codon 85 in all isolates resulting in amino acid changes from Ser (TCT) to Phe (TTT), excepted SMV48 which has mutation only in *gyrA*. In additional, silent mutations were found at codon 79 in *gyrA* QRDR of SMV 50 and SMV 51 with no amino acid changes but base changes from CCA to CCG.

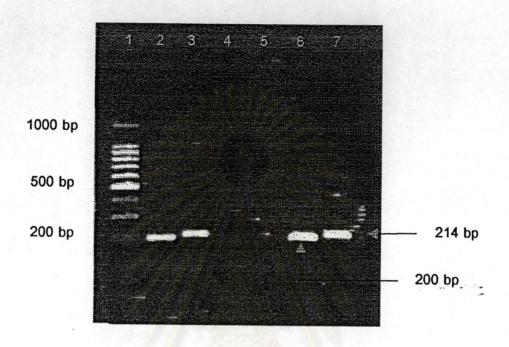


Fig. 10 Agarose electrophoresis showed amplicons of 200 and 214 bp for gyrA QRDR and the parC QRDR, respectively.

Lane 1: 100bp DNA ladder.

Lane 2: gyrA QRDR of Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC 17802.

Lane 3: parC QRDR of Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC 17802.

Lane 6: gyrA QRDR of PCR product of EP10.

Lane 7: parC QRDR of PCR product of EP10.

Table 8: Mutations detected in gyr A and par C sequences of MIC \geq 1 µg/ml of 21 Vibrio parahaemolyticus isolates.

				Mutation in g	yrA	1	Mutation in p	ar C	Silent mutation			
Strain No.	Source ^a	MIC (ug/ml)	Position	Base Change	Aa change	Position	Base change	Aa change	Position	Base change	Aa change	
EP 25	RP/CHB	8	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	TCT→TTT	Ser → Phe	-14		-	
SMV 37	SP/SRT	4	ND	ND	ND	85	тст→ттт	Ser → Phe	-	-	-	
EP26	RP/CHB	4	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser → Phe	-	12	-	
EP29	SP/SRT	4	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr→Phc	-	_	-	
SMV 45	SP/SRT	4	83	AGT→ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser→Phe	-	-	_	
SMV 50	SP/SRT	4	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr→Phc	79	CCA	CCG	
EP 16	RP/CHB	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser → Phe	-	_	-	
SMV I	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	TCT→TTT	Ser→Phc		-	-	
SMV 2	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	TCT → TTT	Ser→Phe	-		_	
SMV 44	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	TCT → TTT	Scr → Phc	1	-	-	
SMV 46	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser → Phe	0 1 - 0	-	-	
SMV 49	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr→Phc	-	-		
SMV 52	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser→Phe		-	-	
EP 10	RP/CHB	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	TCT → TTT	Scr→Phc	-	-	-	
EP 11	RP/CHB	2	83	AGT→ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser→Phe	-	-	-	
EP 18	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr → Phc	-	-	10.	
SMV 19	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Ser→Phe	-	-	33.	
SMV 51	SP/SRT	2	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr → Phc	79	CCA	CCG	
EP 22	RP/CHB	1	83	AGT → ATT	Ser → Ile	85	тст→ттт	Scr→Phc] -	-	_	
SMV 43	SP/SRT	1	ND	ND	ND	85	тст→ттт	Ser → Phe	-			
SMV 48	SP/SRT	1	83	AGT→ATT	Ser → Ile	-	_	- William	_	_		

^a RP, shrimp; SP, sediment;

CHB, Chonburi province; SRT, Suratthani province.

Position: Residue number counted from the N-terminal residue.

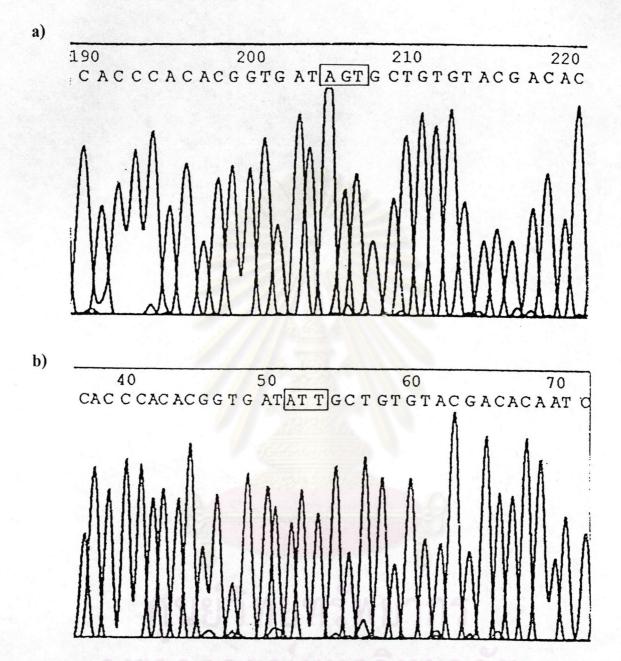


Fig 11. The chromatogram obtained from automate sequencing showed differentiation between nucleotide sequences within gyrA QRDR of Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC 17802 (a) and a ciprofloxacin resistant mutant (b) at the codon 83 (AGT \rightarrow ATT).

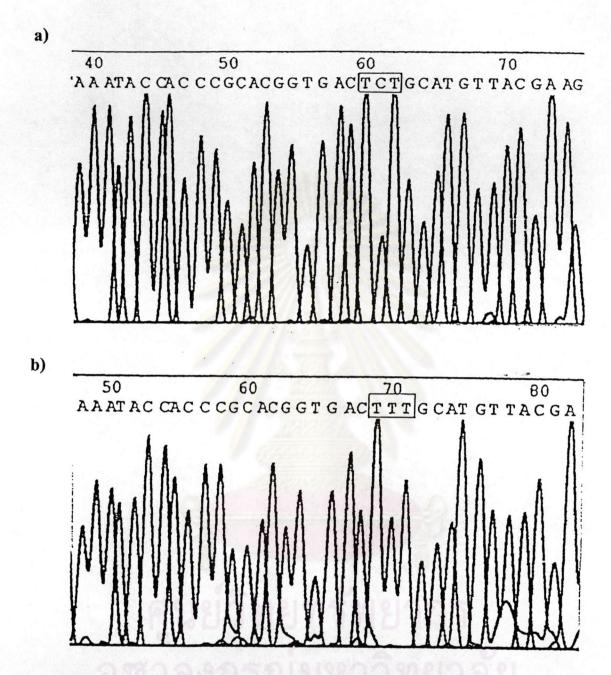


Fig 12. The chromatogram obtained from automate sequencing showed differentiation between nucleotide sequences within parC QRDR of Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC 17802 (a) and a ciprofloxacin resistant mutant (b) at the codon 85 (TCT—TTT).

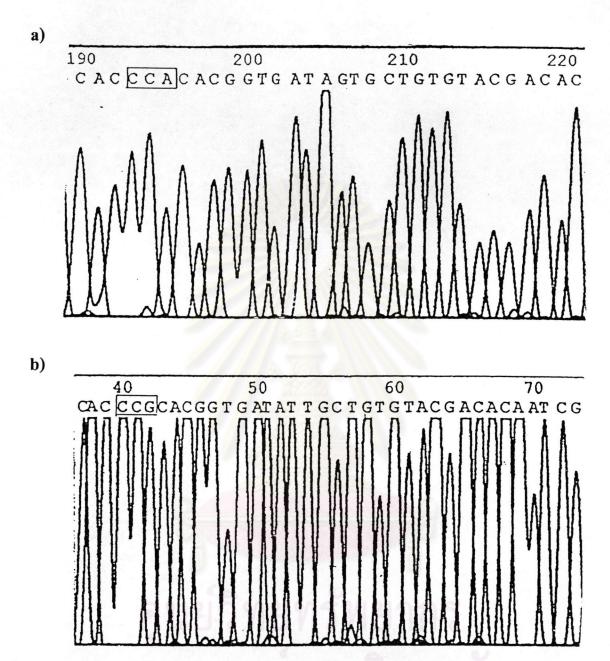


Fig 13. The chromatogram obtained from automate sequencing showed silent mutation within gyrA QRDR of a ciprofloxacin resistant mutant - SMV51 (b) at the codon 79 (CCG) comparing with Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC 17802 (CCA) (a).