

Can Bacteriophages Contribute Massively to the Food Safety Future?

Bacteriophages As a Biosensor Tool for a Detection and Biocontrol of Foodborne Pathogens with Emphasis on the Detection of Shiga Toxin Producing E. coli.

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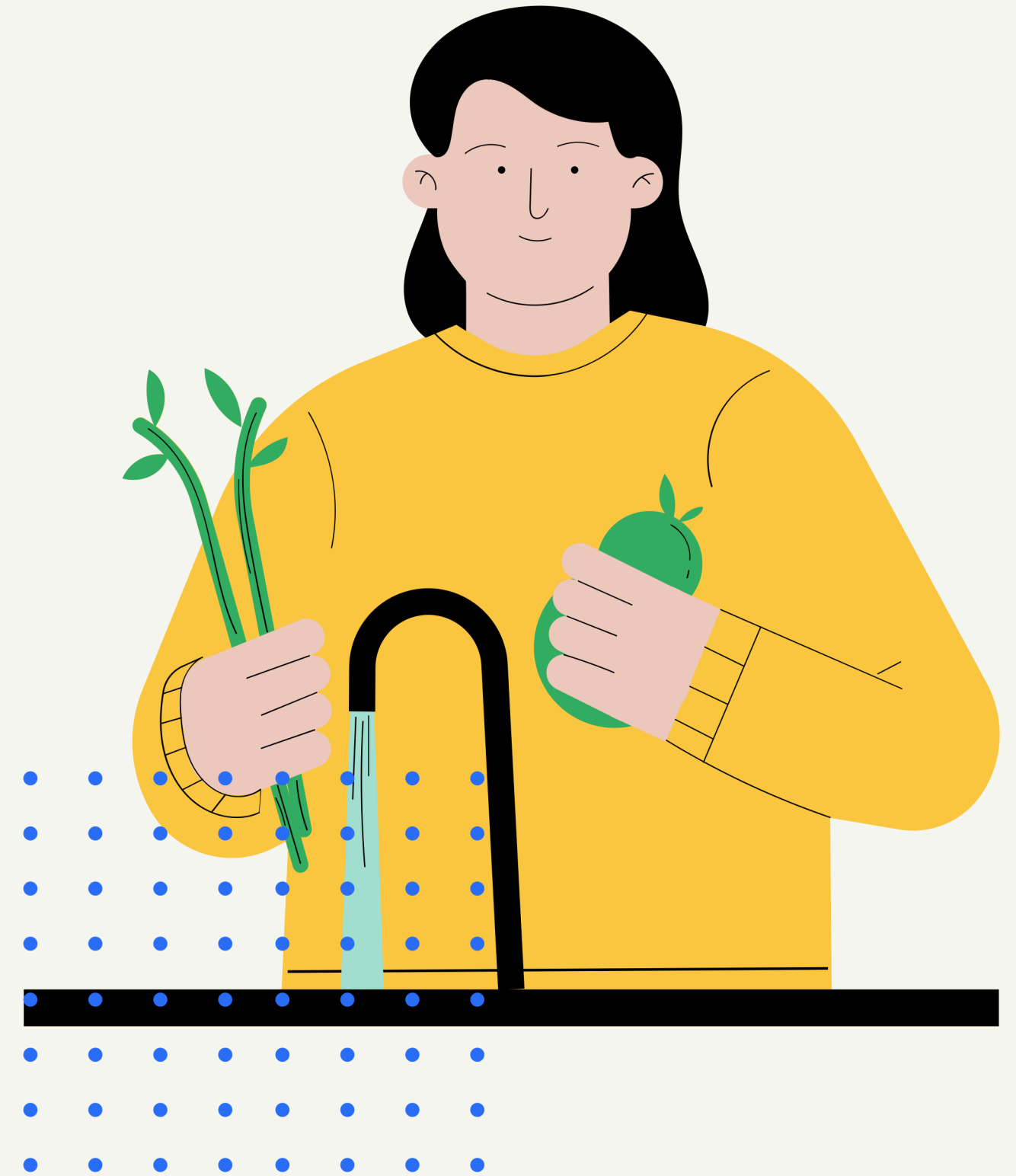
Targeting Non O157:H7 Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli (STEC)

- Isolation of 35 lytic bacteriophages against the "big six" STEC serotypes.
- Selection of 14 phages for further characterization.



Bacteriophages & Food Safety

- What are bacteriophages?
- Their role in detecting foodborne pathogens.





Identifying the Best Phage for Detection

Selection Criteria

- Host range, morphology, and adsorption.
- Selection of AG2A phage for its high specificity against E. coli O45:H2.
- Genome sequencing of AG2A.

AG2A Phage & Food Safety



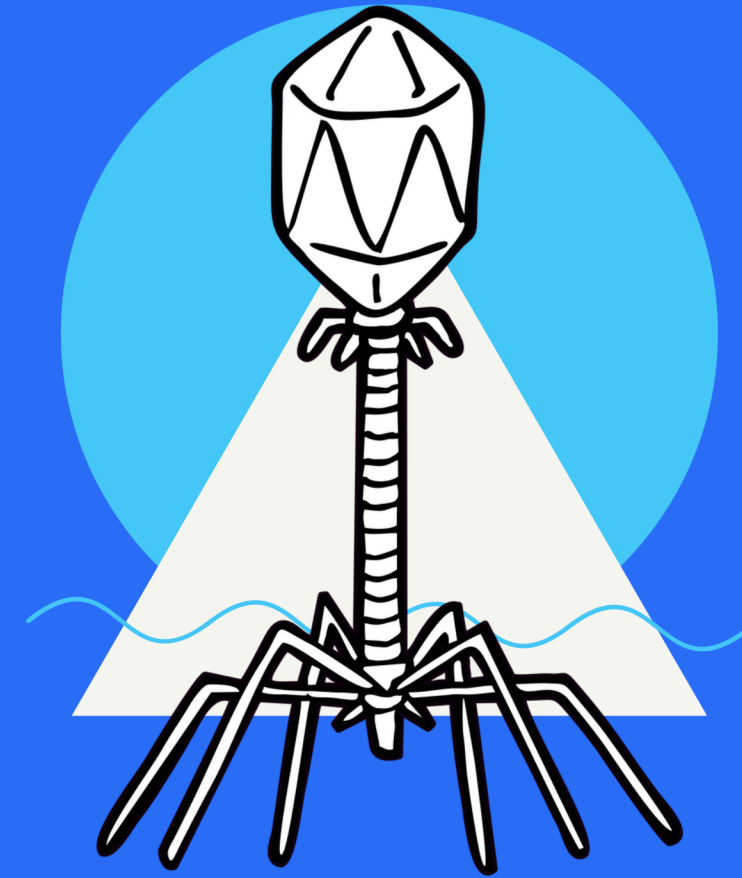
AG2A phage immobilized onto ColorLok paper.



Detection of E. coli O45:H2 in media and food.



Phage capture-amplification assay for rapid detection.



The Future of Food Safety with Bacteriophages



Initial detection as low as 10 CFU/mL in TSB and ground beef.



Rapid results within 8 hours using real-time PCR.



Stability of immobilized phage over a week.



Immense potential for detecting foodborne bacterial pathogens.

Bacteriophages: A Revolution in Food Safety

- Bacteriophages offer a promising tool for food safety.
- Rapid, specific, and efficient detection of pathogens.
- A step towards a safer food future.



Thank You!

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