

Application and Development of Triple Functional Features of the Novel Light-Emitting Diode Module in Pig Farms

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1. Abstract

In the traditional pig farms, disinfectants are applied for the effective cleaning and disinfection regimen. Disinfectants are used on pig farms for disinfecting the surfaces of floors, walls, equipment, tools. Moreover, it is also used to prepare boot dips which aim at disinfecting boots on the entry of animal accommodation. Disinfectants are also used to disinfect vehicles as they enter the site and to sanitize water delivery systems. The ideal detergents should be left no residue after use which might harbour micro-organisms. Additionally, it should be non-toxic to pigs and must have minimal environmental impacts. Therefore, in order to avoid detergent residues and possible effects on pigs, staffs, and environment, development of a novel method without chemicals to kill micro-organisms, degrade atmospheric fine particulate matter and harmful gases in the pig farms is pioneering and future potential. According to our recent publications and research results, the novel light-emitting diode module with triple functional features, PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀ and harmful gas degradation, and antimicrobial efficacy, have been successfully developed. This novel clean and disinfect tool will be applied in the pig farms in the future to decrease disease occur and reduce the economic losses in pig farms.

3. Application of LED for Antimicrobial Efficacy and Harmful Gases and PM_{2.5} Degradation

Ultraviolet (UV) light has been developed for surface decontamination. However, UV light has some limitations at harmful effects for human and animals [1, 2]. Development of antimicrobial LED visible light is safer than UV. Previously, visible light at 405 nm wavelength can caused the dead of microorganisms without affecting exposed mammalian cells [3, 4]. Despite of LED at 405 nm of wavelength, LEDs at 405, 460, 470, and 520 nm wavelength have also demonstrated antibacterial effects against various foodborne pathogens [2, 5-12]. Antimicrobial efficacy via LED commonly produced reactive oxygen species (ROS) to kill pathogens. The antimicrobial mechanisms included as production of superoxide anion (O₂⁻), and hydroxyl radical (•OH), triplet oxygen, and /or the reactive singlet oxygen. Finally, LED-caused antimicrobial efficacy

via these ROS to induce a number of cellular cytotoxic reactions [11, 13-16].

Recently, hot season than cold season can produce a strong oxidative air condition. The positive PM_{2.5}-O₃ correlations prevailed for high air temperature samples. High O₃ concentrations in a strong oxidative air condition promoted the formation of secondary large size particles, which could decrease atmospheric PM_{2.5} concentration. However, It is need to further verify whether LED-caused PM_{2.5} degradation is related with air temperature and O₃ [17, 18].

Production of gases in the conventional pig industry affects the environment and climate. In the pig husbandry, there are produced mainly ammonia (NH₃), carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and methane. NH₃ is a toxic gas with a direct negative effect on the pigs, staffs, and environment. The urine of pigs is the main source of

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NH_3 and increase ventilation is a method for elimination of NH_3 in pig farms. Therefore, development of another efficacious eliminated tool/method is need and important in the pig husbandry [19].

4. Application of LED Module on Antimicrobial Efficacy and Harmful Gas and $\text{PM}_{2.5}/\text{PM}_{10}$ Degradation in Pig Farms

Previously, according to our previous publication [20], our LED device at 450 nm wavelength significantly induced highly cytotoxic ability for HT-29 and CT-26 colon cancer cell lines *in vitro* and significantly suppressed the tumor growth in the CT-26-bearing mice *in vivo* [20]. On other hand, we also have demonstrated that our developed LED at 450 nm wavelength had the abilities to kill *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and degrade atmospheric fine particulate matter, $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ in laboratory stage. The dual functional features, $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ degradation and antimicrobial efficacy, of our LED devices were first demonstrated previously [21]. Recently, according to our previous results, we develop the new

applied environment, pig farms, to test whether our LED devices is feasible in pig farms. Therefore, the specific-pathogen free (SPF) pig farm and the traditional pig farm were used in this study (Figure 1). According to our results, our LED devices posed antimicrobial efficacy. Antimicrobial efficacy after 8 hour-LED lighting in the SPF pig farm was between about 34.87%-91.63% and antimicrobial efficacy of our LED device was light height-dependent manner (Figure 2A). The degradation percentage of NH_3 were between about 8.98%-9.58% in the SPF pig farm and the degradation efficacy of our LED device was light time-dependent manner (Figure 2B). The degradation percentage of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} were respective between about 8.89%-86.67% and 12.5%-85.0% in the traditional pig farm and the degradation efficacy of our LED device was light time-dependent manner (Figure 3A). Antimicrobial efficacy after 8 hour-LED lighting in the traditional pig farm was between about 11.58%-13.33% and antimicrobial efficacy of our LED device did not present the light height-dependent manner (Figure 3B).



Figure 1: Test of LED device in the SPF pig farm and the traditional pig farm. (A) SPF pig farm. (B) Replace the LED lamp in SPF farm. (C) Erection of LED lamps in the traditional pig farm. White visible LED light was at 450 nm wavelength.

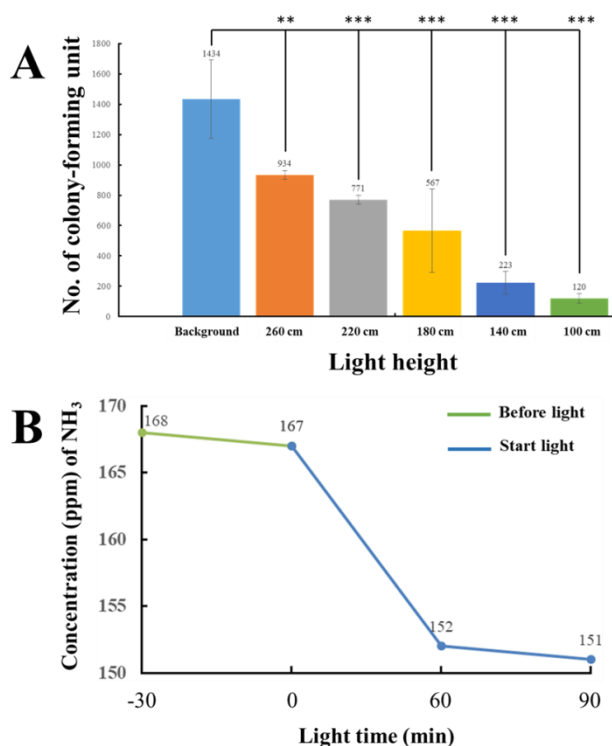


Figure 2: Antimicrobial efficacy and degradation of NH₃ via LED device (white visible light at 450 nm wavelength) in the SPF pig farm. (A) Antimicrobial efficacy. (B) Degradation of NH₃.

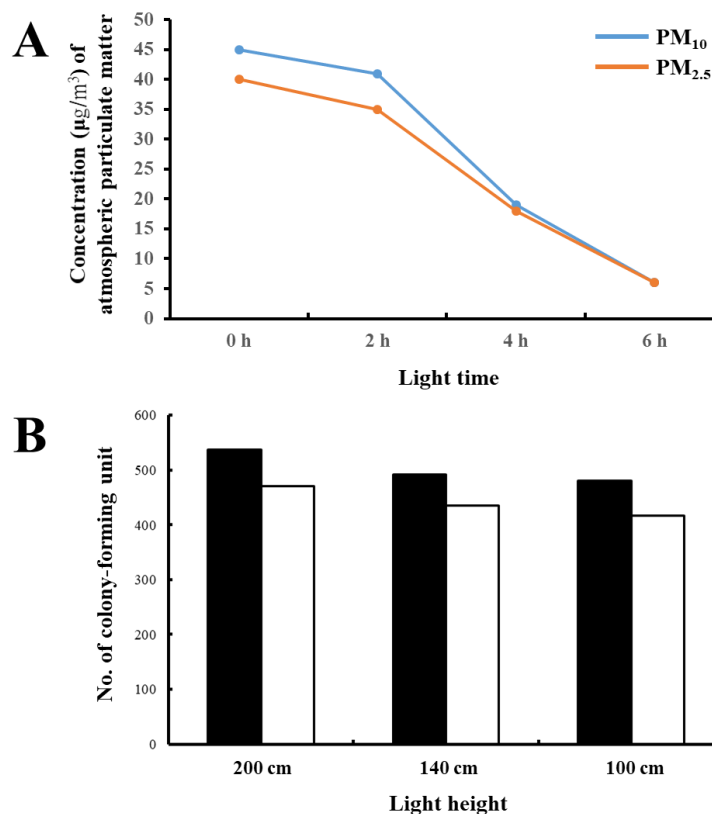


Figure 3: Degradation of PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀ and antimicrobial efficacy via LED device (white visible light at 450 nm wavelength) in the traditional pig farm. (A) Degradation of PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀. (B) Antimicrobial efficacy.

5. Conclusion

The triple functional features, degradation of atmospheric fine particulate matter, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀, harmful gases, and antimicrobial efficacy, in our LED device were first demonstrated in this study. In the future, this powerful LED devices have the promising applications in the human and animal life environment and biomedical application to serve as disinfection, bacteriostatic, and improvement of pig farms.

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