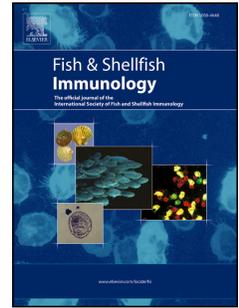


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13 **ABSTRACT**

14 Previously, we found that the expression of several genes, including *HR*, varied in
15 *Drosophila melanogaster* after white spot syndrome virus (WSSV) infection. In this
16 present study, we further investigated the role of *HR* in Kuruma shrimp,
17 *Marsupenaeus japonicus* and determined its anti-apoptosis and anti-inflammation role
18 in the innate immune system. We successfully identified a partial sequence (866 bp in
19 length) of the *M. japonicus* hormone receptor ligand binding domain
20 (*mjHR_LBD/mjHR*). The 5' end of *mjHR* was successfully obtained; the open reading
21 frame (ORF) ran from 33 to 701 bp, and encoded a protein containing 222 amino
22 acids. *mjHR* belonged to the ligand binding domain of hormone receptors, was most
23 likely part of a nuclear hormone receptor, and shared a close evolutionary relationship
24 with other arthropods, such as insects. *mjHR* was expressed predominantly in
25 immunity tissues such as gills, hemolymph and the hepatopancreas. WSSV infection
26 could cause the down-regulation of *mjHR*, while infection with *Vibrio alginolyticus*
27 could cause significant up-regulation of *mjHR*. The expression of *mjHR* was knocked
28 down by dsRNA expressed by an engineered LITMUS 38i-HR plasmid. Virus and
29 bacteria challenge experiment showed that the mortality of WSSV-infected shrimps

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