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Digital holographic PTV analysis of the motile performance of the red-tides alga "Cochlodinium polykrikoides" M. SOHN, S. LEE, Y. CHOI, G. SEO, POSTECH, Y. KANG, Y. KANG, NFRDI, BIOFLUID AND BIOMIMIC RESEARCH CENTER, POSTECH COLLABORATION, MARINE ECOLOGY RESEARCH DIVISION, NFRDI COLLABORATION — The outbreaks of Cochlodinium polykrikoides causes severe damages to fisheries in Korea and Japan. C. polykrikoides actively makes chains in its exponential and stationary growth phase. The role of the chain formation has not been clearly known yet. In the present study, the motility characteristics of C. polykrikoides was investigated using 3D digital holographic PTV technique. The moving trajectories and average velocities of the single and multi-chained C. polykrikoides were compared to investigate the effect of the chain formation on the motile performance. Most of the multi-chained C. polykrikoides exhibited zigzag or helical trajectory and the translational velocity of the 4-chained C. polykrikoides was at least two-times larger than the single one.

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