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Biosynthesis of Ant carcinogenic Conjugated Linoleic Acid by Probiotics

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Received great attention for their beneficial health properties. It has been reported to prevent carcinogenesis [1-3], atherosclerosis [9] and reduce body fat [5, 6] and modulates immune response [7]. It has been found to possess ant oxidative effect which is helpful in preventing many chronic diseases by inhibiting free radicals [8].

CLA is a term for specific isomers (forms) of linoleic acid with conjugated double bonds (double bonds adjacent to each other C=C-C=C). Of the 20 different isomers of CLA that have been identified, the cis 9-trans 11 form (commonly called "rumenic acid") is believed to be the most common natural form of CLA that is found in diet food and dairy substances. The production of CLA by micro-organism has been reported to convert linoleic acid to Conjugated linoleic acid. Jiang [9] reported the formation of CLA from linoleic acid by Propionibacterium, Lin [1], Ogawa [10] Alonso [1] and John [11] reported the formation of CLA from linoleic acid by using Lactobacillus acidophilus bacteria. B. Yang, H. Chen, Z. Gu, [12] Synthesis of conjugated linoleic acid by the linoleate isomerase complex in food-derived lactobacilli. Kim J.H [13] Conjugated Linoleic Acid: Potential Health Benefits as a Functional Food Ingredient keeping above in view the present study was designed to Biosynthesis of anti-carcinogenic conjugated linoleic acid by probiotics.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Microorganisms

Lactobacillus acidophilus MTCC 447 was procured from Institute of Microbial and Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh as freeze dried ampoule and revived on specified media and then in MRS medium at 37°C for 24 h and checked for specificity by routine microbiological methods.

Linoleic acid and Conjugated Linoleic acid

Linoleic acid and conjugated linoleic acid were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich private limited.

Biosynthesis of CLA

The Biosynthesis of CLA (BCLA) was done by the method of Alonso *et al.* [1] by using Linoleic acid. *Lactobacillus acidophilus* was incubated at 37°c for 24 hours and 48 hours respectively in the presence of Linoleic acid. Thereafter flasks were centrifuged and supernatant was collected. The supernatant was analyzed by TLC (Thin layer chromatography). The supernatant was mixed with internal standard Heptadecanoic acid and again centrifuged. The whole

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sample was collected in round bottom flask and dried under Nitrogen gas at 65°C temperature in LV- rotary evaporator. The methylation of mixture was done by adding 14% of Boron- Difluoride in methanol. The organic layer was recovered and analyzed for CLA production by using Gas-chromatography (GC) from National institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), MOHALI (PUNJAB) CLA peaks were identified with Retention time (RT) and were compared with commercial available CLA (CCLA) from Sigma-Aldrich.

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RESULTS

Results of Thin layer chromatography (TLC)

The supernatant of the *lactobacillus acidophilus* culture was collected after centrifugation at 2300xg and was subjected to thin layer chromatography

Quantification of BCLA

% CLA produced = Peak Area produced by the Sample

Peak Area produced by the standard

% CLA produced = (24 hrs)	2840913 3548292	X 100
= 80 %		
% CLA produced = (48 hrs)	<u>1958795</u> 3548292	- X 100
= 55.2%		

(TLC) to confirm the production of Bioconverted conjugated linoleic acid (BCLA) and to compare it with commercially available conjugated linoleic acid (CCLA). The results are given below:

Suitable solvent systems

Hexane: Ethyl acetate 80: 20Derivitizing reagent = Iodine Number of spots = 2 R_f values: CCLA Rf = 0.5BCLA Rf = 0.42

RESULTS OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

It was observed from the chromatogram that the production of BCLA was affected by the time period as it was observed that the higher amount of CLA (80 %) was produced from the culture incubated for 24-hrs. The CLA produced by the culture after 48 hrs reduced to 55.2%. (Given in FIGURES 1,2,3 respectively)

X 100



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Fig-1: Chromatogram of the commercially available conjugated linoleic acid



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Fig-2: Chromatogram of the Bioconverted conjugated linoleic acid after the incubation of 24 hours



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Fig-3: Chromatogram of the Bioconverted conjugated linoleic acid after the incubation of 48 hours

DISCUSSION

In the present work CLA was produced by bioconversion of linoleic acid in vitro to conjugated linoleic acid by *Lactobacillus acidophilus*. On the other hand linoleic acid has been reported in many food articles. Hence it is concluded that microorganism may be employed to produce conjugated linoleic acid from linoleic acid and further BCLA can be applied as an immunotherapeutic agent in many disease which are related to immune response of the individual. The CLA can be employed as safe immunomodulatory even in immunosuppressed host.

Moreover the presence of linoleic acid in many food items increase the application of CLA as food items can be used for production of CLA *in vitro* by *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and collected CLA may be applied to prepare nutraceuticals or *Lactobacillus acidophilus* or probiotics can be given along with foods and linoleic acid so that bioconversion occur in body itself. CLA can be applied as an alternative source of immunomodulatory or immunotherapeutic agent in various infected or non-infected immune related diseases.

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