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Upscale fermentation of *Bacillus licheniformis* to produce probiotic for poultry, using cheap media (molasses)

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The main objective of this study was to use *Bacillus licheniformis* as probiotic to get the beneficial effects on poultry birds for the organic chicken, for this purpose *Bacillus licheniformis* KT443923 which has high antimicrobial activity, large zone of inhibition and CFU/g was cultured in molasses which is a cheap media. After optimization of shake flask parameters like pH, temperature, NaCl concentration, time, inoculum size, LB media and molasses upscale batch fermentation process was carried out in 7 liter Bioflo fermenter with 3 liters working volume and 6ml/100 ml of clarified molasses were used as medium at 37°C for 24 hrs on 200 rpm/min for bacterial growth. For the fermentation of aerobic bacteria 2.5 vvm of dissolve oxygen/min was selected. The cell mass was centrifuged at 60,000 rpm for 15 minutes, pellet was lyophilized finally 4 gm (CFU 5.1×10^{10}) product was obtained. It was observed that cell mass production was maximum in fermenter (4 g/L) as compared to the shake flask which was (1g/L).

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