

# Molecular Gastronomy: Food for Tomorrow

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## Fermentative bioconversion

- obtaining added-value compounds from industrial by-products (e.g. bio-vanillin, omega-3; succinic acid; citric acid; lactic acid; polyols;
- optimization of fermentation processes for the cultivation of probiotic bacteria

## Psychobiotics - Microencapsulation

### Specific probiotic bacteria

- selection, cultivation and production of probiotic bacteria in the form of food supplements
- application of microencapsulation technologies
- the specific use of probiotic bacteria in neurological diseases

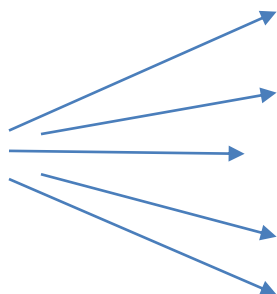
## Antimicrobial, antimutagenic activity of plant extracts

determination of the antimicrobial and antimutagenic activity of natural plant extracts and inorganic compounds

## Molecular Gastronomy

## Introduction in Molecular Gastronomy

### ❖ Molecular Gastronomy



Avant-garde approach

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Chemistry

Culinary Art

Changing the structure and  
texture of the food

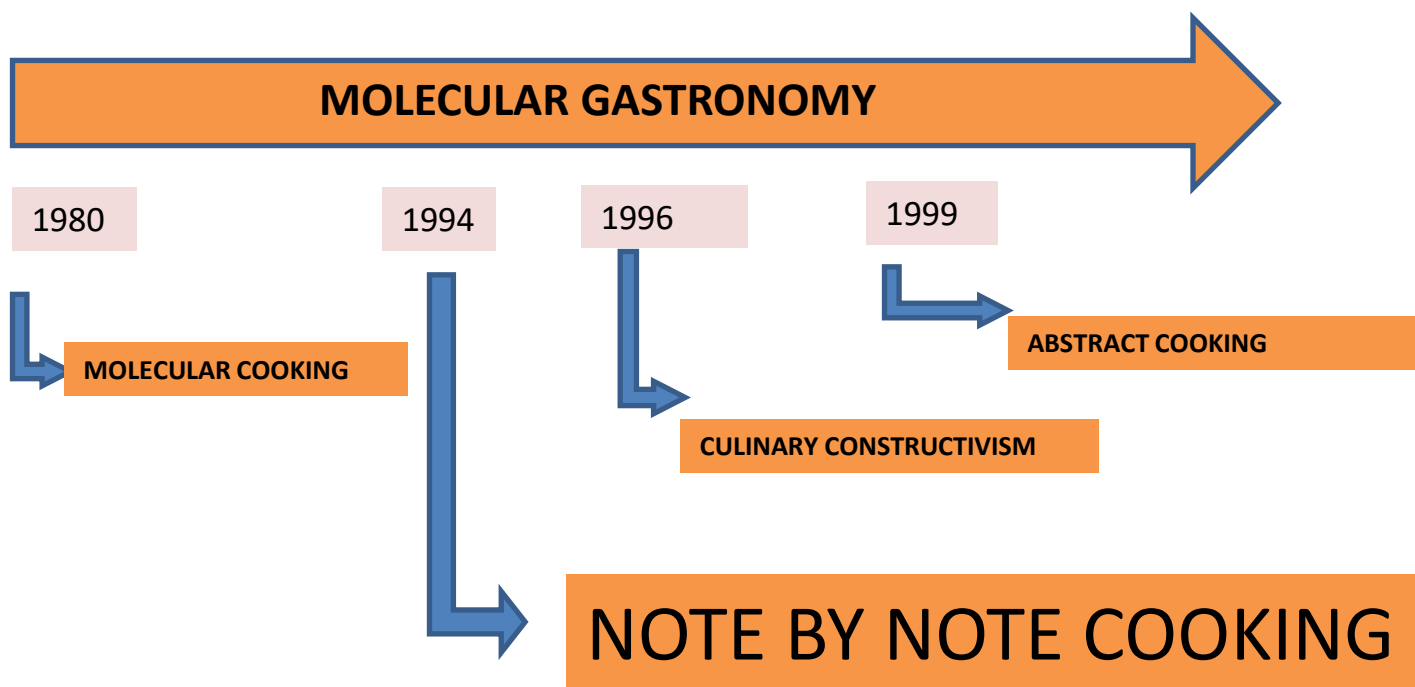
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### ❖ Food for Tomorrow

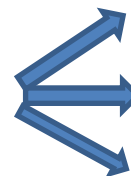
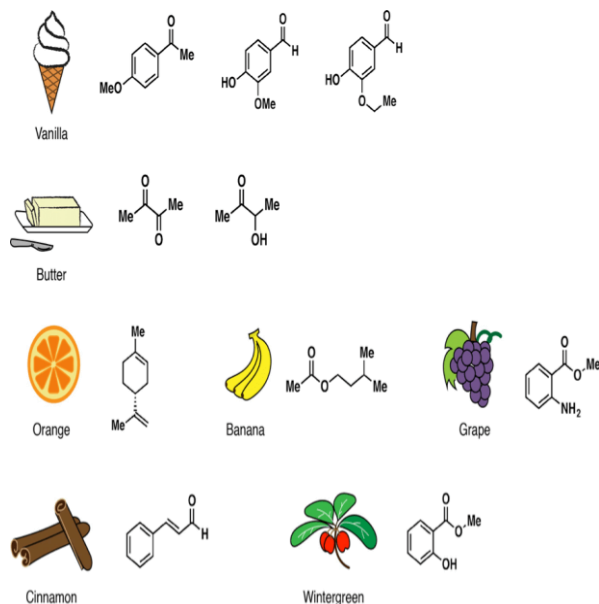
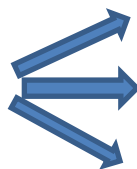


## Concept evolution



## Note by Note cooking

Note by Note cooking-" a painter who uses primary colors or a musician who composes electro-acoustic music, sound with sound, using a computer"- Hervé This





# Production of Valuable Organic Chemicals

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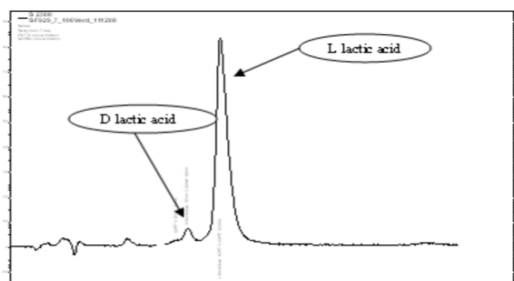
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## Research Article

### Lactic Acid Production by *Lactobacillus paracasei* 168 in Discontinuous Fermentation Using Lucerne Green Juice as Nutrient Substitute

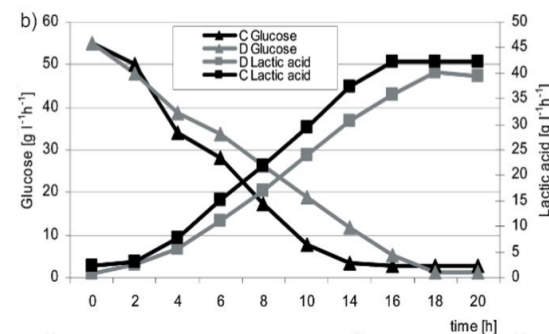
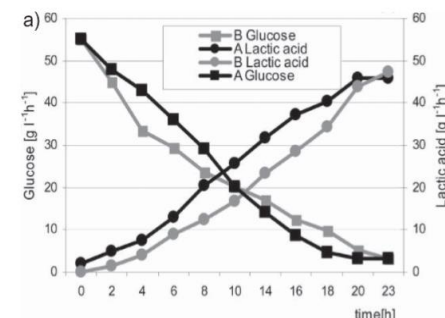
The aim of this study was the utilization of lucerne green juice (LGJ), obtained in 2005 and 2008, as nutrient substitute in lactic acid fermentation using *Lactobacillus paracasei* 168, in a discontinuous fermentation process with the addition of 55 g/L glucose and 15 g/L yeast extract. The LGJ after pressing fresh green mass



**Figure 4.** HPLC (Knauer) chromatogram to identify the optical isomers, L-(+) and D-(-), of lactic acid during the process. L-(+)-Lactic acid:  $t_R = 6.25$  min; D-(-)-lactic acid:  $t_R = 5.3$  min.

**Table 4.** Quantity of L-(+)- and D-(-)-lactic acid in all trials.

Trial	L-(+)-Lactic acid		D-(-)-Lactic acid	
	[g/L]	[%]	[g/L]	[%]
A	42.07	91.520	3.9	8.480
B	46.09	97.605	1.13	2.395
C	38.12	90.189	4.14	9.811
D	43.48	91.873	3.84	8.127
Control medium	41.56	98.987	0.42	1.013



## Production of Valuable Organic Chemicals

### L (+) lactic acid production on biodiesel crude glycerol

Vodnar et al. *Microbial Cell Factories* 2013, **12**:92  
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### L (+)-lactic acid production by pellet-form *Rhizopus oryzae* NRRL 395 on biodiesel crude glycerol

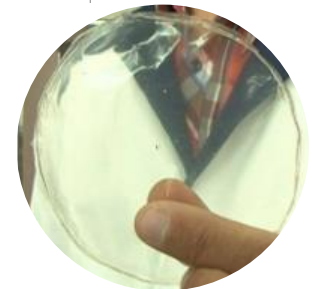
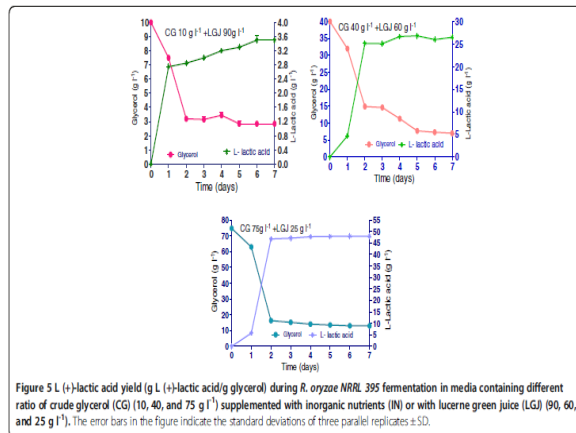
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↑ **C % Crude Glycerol**

↓  
↑ **Lactic acid**

→ **Polylactic acid (PLA)**

→ **Antimicrobial Biofilm**



## Production of Valuable Organic Chemicals

### 2. Utilization of biodiesel derived-glycerol for 1,3 –Propandiol, Citric acid and Beta-carotene production

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#### Utilization of biodiesel derived-glycerol for 1,3-PD and citric acid production



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#### Isolated Microorganisms for Bioconversion of Biodiesel-Derived Glycerol Into 1,3-Propanediol

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### Valorification of crude glycerol for pure fractions of docosahexaenoic acid and $\beta$ -carotene production by using *Schizochytrium limacinum* and *Blakeslea trispora*

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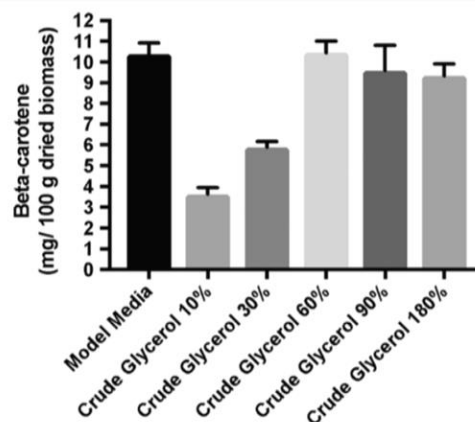


Fig. 7  $\beta$ -Carotene production during fermentation processes on media containing crude glycerol

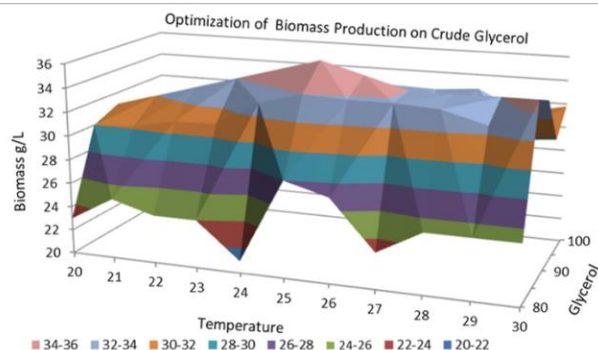


Fig. 10 Optimization of biomass production by *S. limacinum* on crude glycerol media

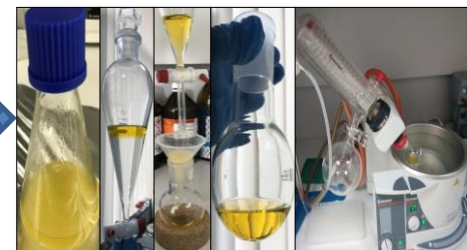
Table 2 Percental assessment of  $\beta$ -carotene and lutein purification by TLC and SPE

Carotenoids	Total $\beta$ -carotene of TLC fraction (%)	Cis isomers % of TLC fraction (%)	Total lutein after SPE separation (%)	Cis isomers % of SPE fraction (%)
$\beta$ -Carotene	99.9	38.83	99.9	31.53
Lutein	93.7	45.9	90	31

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Bioreactor  
fermentation of glycerol  
by microorganisms  
(*Blakeslea trispora*)



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## 4. Identification of bioactive compounds from agro-industrial by-products

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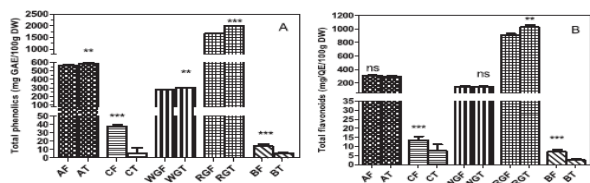


Identification of the bioactive compounds and antioxidant, antimutagenic and antimicrobial activities of thermally processed agro-industrial

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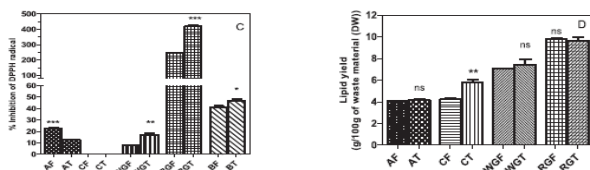
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Total phenolic content of extracts via Folin-Ciocalteu method

Total flavonoids content of extracts



Antioxidant activity of the extracts

Total lipid content of the extracts

Table 1

Identification of the phenolic compounds (mg/100 g DW) in the extracts via HPLC-DAD-ESI-MS method.

Phenolic compounds	[M+H] <sup>+</sup> ion fragments	Samples (mg/100g DW)									
		AF	AT	CF	CT	WGF	WGT	RGF	RGT	BF	BT
Anthocyanins	Petunidin 3-O-(6'-p-coumaroyl)-glucoside	625, 317							2.454 <sup>a</sup>	2.356 <sup>b</sup>	
	Malvidin 3-O-(6'-p-coumaroyl)-glucoside	639, 331							7.358 <sup>b</sup>	8.365 <sup>a</sup>	
	Cyanidin 3-O-arabinoside	419, 287							7.745 <sup>b</sup>	7.625 <sup>a</sup>	
	Peonidin 3-O-glucoside	463, 301							2.984 <sup>a</sup>	1.892 <sup>b</sup>	
	Malvidin 3-O-glucoside	493, 331							13.015 <sup>b</sup>	13.958 <sup>a</sup>	
Cinnamic acid	Caffeic acid	181, 163					2.138 <sup>b</sup>	2.56 <sup>a</sup>			
	Caffeic acid-4-O-glucoside	343, 181, 163	2.492 <sup>b</sup>	3.165 <sup>a</sup>							
	5-Caffeoylquinic acid	355, 181, 163				14.146 <sup>a</sup>	4.265 <sup>b</sup>				
	3-Caffeoylquinic acid	355, 181, 163	1.27 <sup>b</sup>	2.65 <sup>a</sup>							
	3,4-Dicaffeoylquinic acid	515, 355				2.457 <sup>a</sup>	0.263 <sup>b</sup>				
Dihydrochalcones	Phloridzin (Phloretin 2'-O-glucoside)	437, 275	5.714 <sup>a</sup>	4.652 <sup>b</sup>							
	Phloretin 2'-O-xylosyl-glucoside	569, 437, 275	1.125 <sup>a</sup>	0.958 <sup>b</sup>							
Flavan-3-ols	Epicatechin	291						2.368 <sup>a</sup>	2.261 <sup>b</sup>		
	Catechin 3-O-glucose	453, 291						2.262 <sup>a</sup>	2.265 <sup>a</sup>		
Flavonol	Rutin (Quercetin 3-O-rutinoside)	611, 303	4.318 <sup>a</sup>	4.316 <sup>a</sup>							
	Quercitrin (Quercetin 3-O-rhamnoside)	449, 303	2.12 <sup>b</sup>	2.46 <sup>a</sup>							
	Quercetin 3,4'-O-diglucoside	627, 465, 303	0.903 <sup>b</sup>	1.362 <sup>a</sup>							
Betacyanins	Betanidin	389, 345									
	Isobetanidin	389, 345									
	Betanidin-5-O-β-glucoside	551, 389									
	Isobetanidin-5-O-β-glucoside	551, 389									

Values (mean ± SD, n = 3) in the same row followed by different superscript letters (a, b) indicate significant samples of the same extract (Student's t-test - GraphPad Prism Version 5.0, Graph Pad Software Inc., Sa



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## 4. Identification of bioactive compounds from agro-industrial by-products

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## Bio-vanillin: Towards a sustainable industrial production

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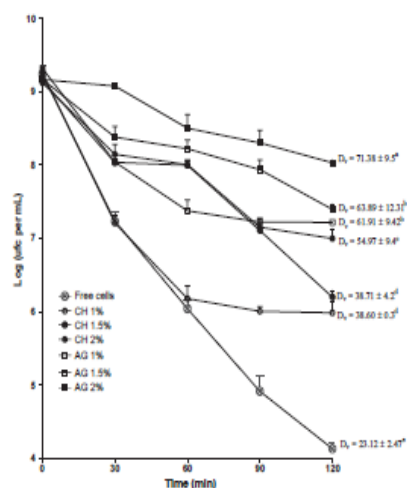


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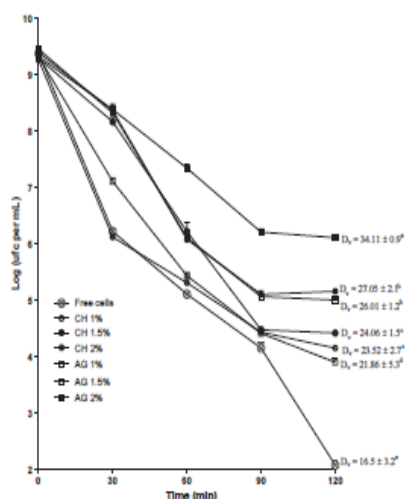
### 5. Microencapsulated probiotic bacteria and their survival after exposure to gastric and intestinal juice

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**Figure 5** Dynamic of bacterial cell density (log cfu mL<sup>-1</sup>) at different periods (after 30, 60, 90, 120 min) after incubation of beads containing bacteria cells (AG or CH at 2%, 1.5% or 1%) in simulated gastric juice (pH 1.5). Values are expressed as average ± standard error of triplicate (n = 3), comparatively with free cells. The decimal reduction time values ( $D_{90}$  - min) are represented for each variant.  $D_{90}$  values that are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ) are marked by different letters.



**Figure 6** Dynamic of bacterial cell density (log cfu mL<sup>-1</sup>) at different periods (30, 60, 90, 120 min) after successive incubation of beads containing bacteria cells (AG or CH at 2%, 1.5% or 1%) in simulated gastric juice (pH 1.5) for 60 min and in simulated intestinal juice at 37 °C, for 2 h. Values are expressed as average ± standard error of triplicate (n = 3), comparatively with free cells. The decimal reduction time values ( $D_{90}$  - min) are represented for each variant.  $D_{90}$  values that are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ) are marked by different letters.





## Microencapsulation

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Original article

### Morphology, FTIR fingerprint and survivability of encapsulated lactic bacteria (*Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* subsp. *bulgaricus*) in simulated gastric juice and intestinal juice

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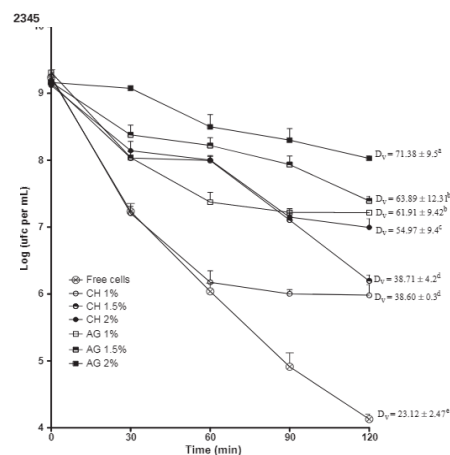
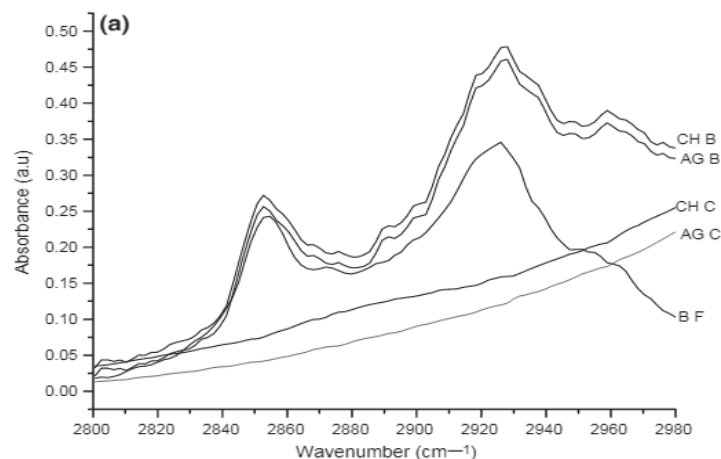


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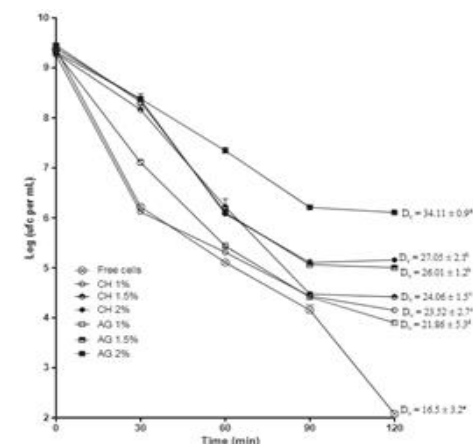


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Selenium enriched green tea increase stability of *Lactobacillus casei* and *Lactobacillus plantarum* in chitosan coated alginate microcapsules during exposure to simulated gastrointestinal and refrigerated conditions

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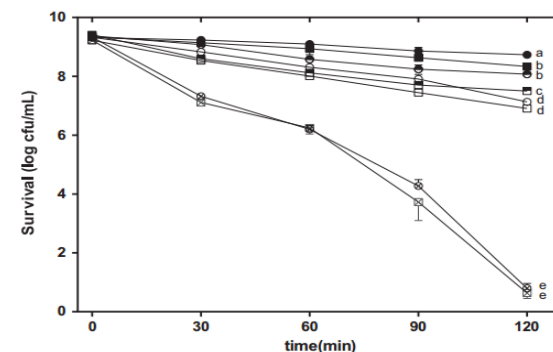
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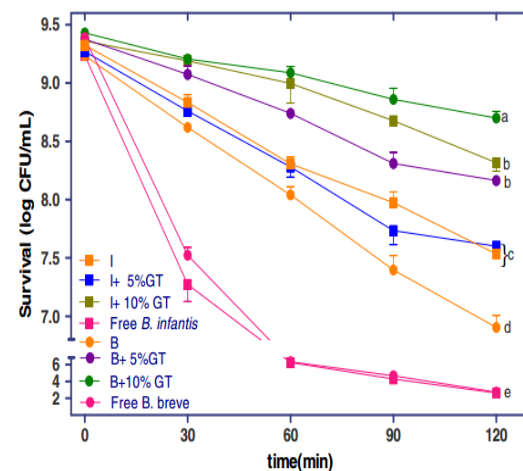


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**Fig. 2.** Survival of free and encapsulated *L. plantarum* (P) and *L. casei* (C) with and without addition of selenium green tea during exposure to simulated gastric juice at 37 °C for 120 min. The error bars indicate standard deviations from the mean values of three replicated experiments. Means ( $n = 3$ )  $\pm$  SD. Means with different letter in a column are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ). Symbols:  $\square$  Free *L. plantarum*,  $\blacksquare$  P,  $\blacksquare$  SGT1P,  $\blacksquare$  SGT2P,  $\circ$  Free *L. casei*,  $\bullet$  C,  $\bullet$  SGT1C,  $\bullet$  SGT2C. For abbrevia-

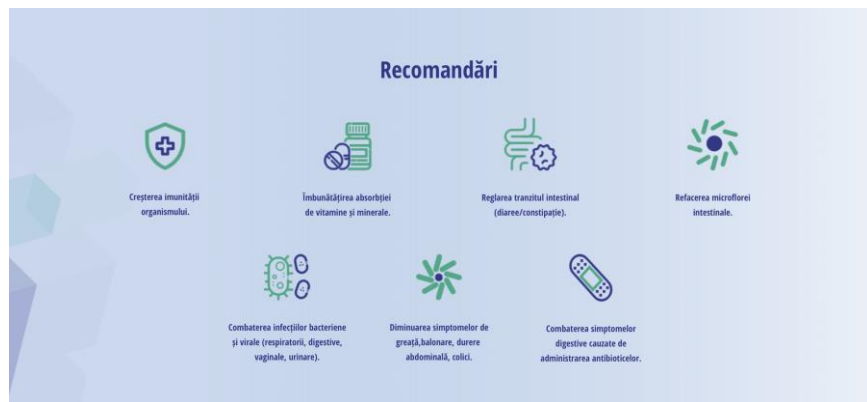


**Figure 3** Survival of free and encapsulated *B. infantis* (I) and *B. breve* (B) with and without addition of 5% and 10% green tea (GT) during exposure to simulated gastric juice at 37°C for 120 min. The error bars indicate standard deviations from the mean values of three replicated experiments. Means with different letter in a column are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). For abbreviations see Table 4.

## Prototypes



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**Antimicrobial  
biofilm**



**Sweet Burger**



**Caprese Salad**

## Applications of Molecular Gastronomy made at USAMV CN



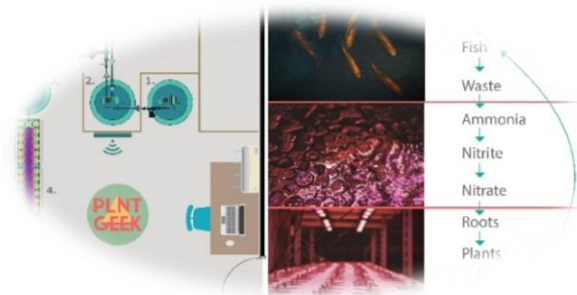
**3D Printed food**



**Molecular Cocktaill**



**Edible Molecular Lipstick**



**PlantGeek**



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### BIOFILM WITH ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY, FORMULATION PROCEDURE AND UTILISATION

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Patent No. 3/270 from 30.12.2016

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#### INTRODUCTION

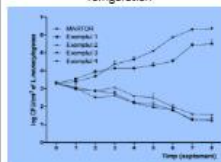
The main objective of the invention relates to a bioactive form of packaging film, designed to reduce the microbial concentration from the "ready to eat" meat products, to a process of obtaining it, and its utilization during the refrigeration. The bioactive packaging film takes the form of a plastic pellicle that when it is applied to the surface of meat products does not change any of the sensory properties (taste, smell, color, consistency). It contains as a main ingredient 2% chitosan combined with aqueous extracts of green tea and basil. The presented biofilm is based exclusively on nontoxic, biodegradable and biocompatible compounds, using aqueous extracts of the plants with antimicrobial activity.



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**ANTIMICROBIAL BIOFILM,**  
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**management system applied in the**  
**development of bioactive packaging with**  
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Fig.1. Inhibitory effect of biofilms on the growth of *L. monocytogenes* during refrigeration



#### RESULTS

Fig.2. FTIR fingerprint of the biofilm formulation

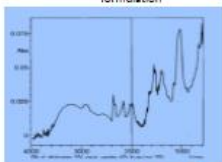


Fig.1 Edible Antimicrobial Biofilm Filled with Dehydrated and Candied Fruits



Fig.3. Chromatographic fingerprint specific for the green tea extract (4%) and basil (2%) used in biofilm formulation

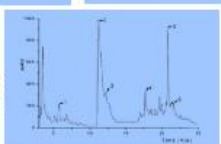


Fig.4. Biofilm on Ready-to-eat meat product

Fig.3. Molecular lipstick



#### APPLICABILITY

- The antimicrobial biofilm is:
- used at the surface of "ready to eat" meat products for its antimicrobial characteristic (Fig.4).
  - used as an edible food packaging filled with different matrices. (Fig.1)
  - applied at the surface of food products, for example "molecular lipstick" for antimicrobial action (Fig.2)
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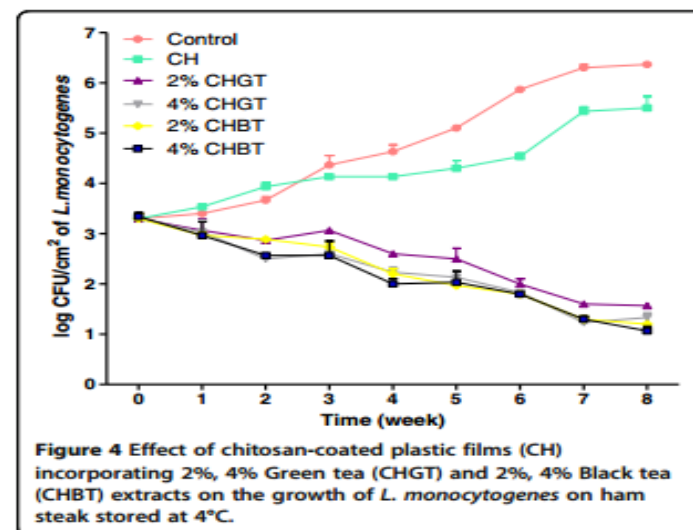
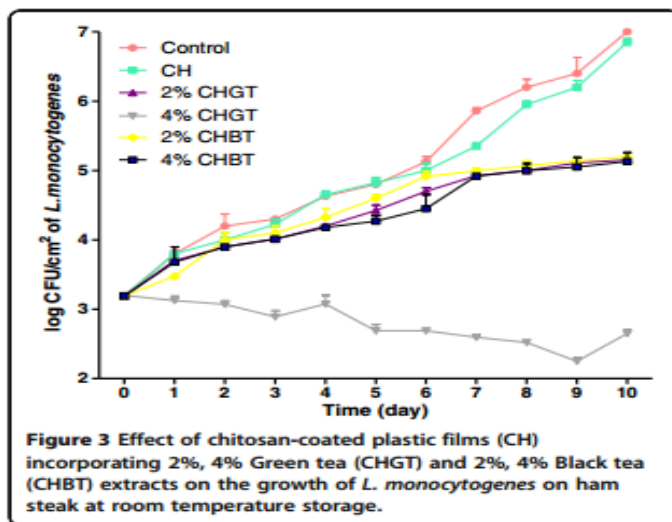


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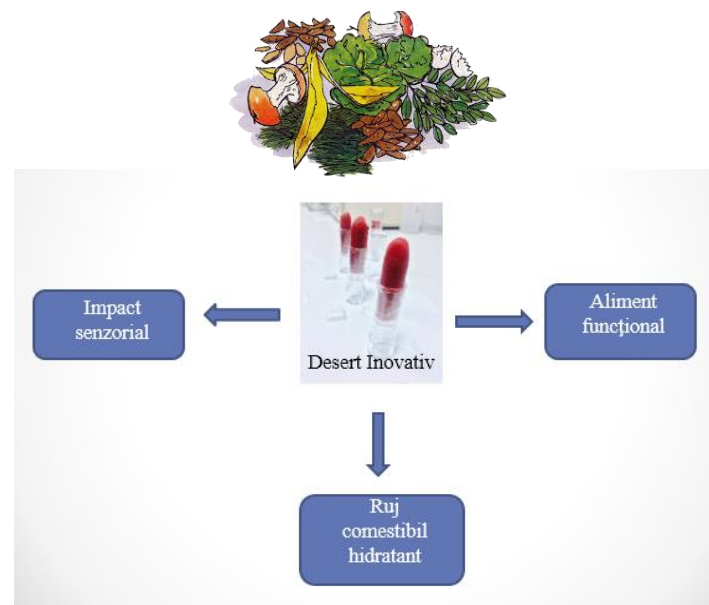
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### Applications



### Edible Molecular Lipstick



## Molecular Restructuring of CAPRESE Salad

**Polydextrose** → concentration 50 g / 100 ml  
Egg white → microstructures → stable foam  
→ oven 100 ° C / 2 h



**Iota Carrageenan** 0.5% concentration → hot dissolution → air incorporation → gel-foam structure



**Siphon tube** (N<sub>2</sub>O loading pressure) → Foam stabilization → **Microwave** 45 sec / 800W



**Calcium** > 3% in **Alginate** bath 0.5% for 3½ minutes → **microspheres - capsules**  
**Methods of injection:** in the alginate bath and above the alginate bath

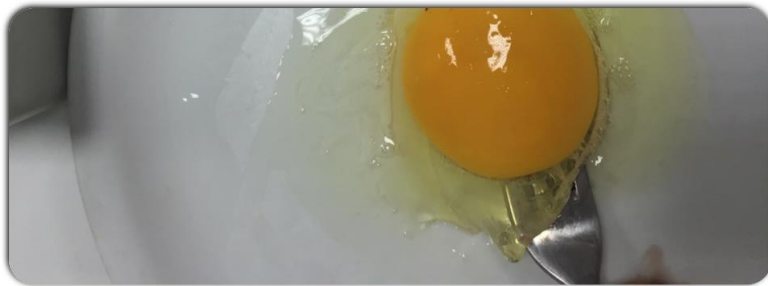




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