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Identification of Dairy Fungal Contamination and Reduction of Aflatoxin M₁ Amount by Three Acid and Bile Resistant Probiotic Bacteria

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خلاصه مقاله:

Aflatoxins (AFs) released by fungi are observed in the cow's milk even after pasteurization. Aflatoxin M₁ (AFM₁) has particularly an incredible clinical significance, as a critical carcinogenic agent for humans. Several strategies have been implemented for lowering the AFM₁ amount, such as the employment of probiotics, particularly lactobacilli or lactic acid bacteria (LAB). However, this strategy has not been applied routinely until today. This study aimed to evaluate the effect of three LABs on the reduction of AFM₁ in traditional milk and cheese samples. In total, 85 milk (n=45) and cheese (n=40) samples were obtained from the open markets of Shiraz, Iran, from February to June 2018. Additionally, the AFM₁ levels were evaluated, compared to those of the National Iranian Standard. The data were then analyzed in SPSS software (version 20) through the Chi-square test. Statistical analysis was performed at a 95% confidence level (p-value of <0.0001). Out of 50 purchased LABs, the efficient antifungal property and resistance to bile salts were observed in five strains. The mean value of these five strains was calculated after adding 5 ppm AFM₁, compared to natamycin. The strains with a reduction in AFM₁ level were sequenced and registered in the NCBI database. In total, 15 samples with contamination higher than the allowed limit included *Penicillium* spp, *Aspergillus niger*, *Saccharomyces cerevisia*, *Saccharomyces paradoxus*, and *Yarrowia lipolytica*. The results also showed reduced AFM₁ levels in three LAB-treated strains. *Lactobacillus fermentum* CECT562 (T), *Lactobacillus brevis* ATCC14869 (T), and *Enterococcus faecium* LMG 11423 (T) had this capability to 0.05, 0.03, and 0.03 respectively. The National Iranian Standard should be implemented to have control over traditional dairy products with more care. The three LABs selected in the current study revealed a significant effect on reducing AFM₁ levels in traditional milk and cheese

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