



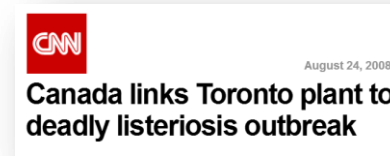
In vitro evaluation of the competing effect of *Carnobacterium maltaromaticum* isolated from vacuum packed meat against food pathogens

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INTRODUCTION

Foodborne disease outbreaks are one of the leading causes of infections, hospitalisations and deaths provoked by pathogenic bacteria.



These diseases remain a global public health challenge.

Besides the application of good hygiene practices, the development of new hurdles and processing methods could help to maintain the proper quality of food.

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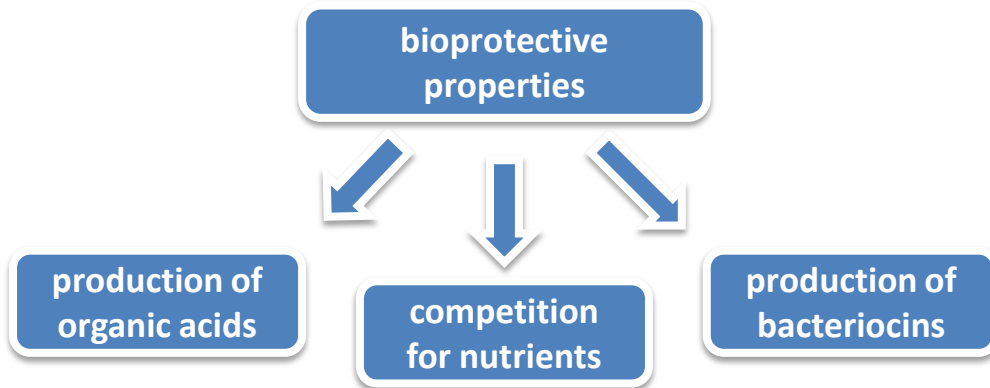
Biopreservation: use of controlled microorganisms or its metabolites to preserve food and extend its shelf-life

Carnobacteria:

- ubiquitous lactic acid bacteria
- part of the natural flora from meat
- can inhibit pathogenic and spoilage microorganisms



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Could *Carnobacterium* be a hurdle against pathogenic and spoilage bacteria in refrigerated meat and meat products?



OBJECTIVE

This study aims to evaluate *in vitro* the bioprotective potential of *Carnobacterium maltaromaticum** against major food pathogens:

- *Escherichia coli* O157:H7
- *Listeria monocytogenes*
- *Salmonella* Typhimurium

* background



vacuum packed beef (*longissimus dorsi*)
commercial shelf life = 140 days at **-1 °C**



three *C. maltaromaticum* strains

CM_824

CM_827
(lab. ref.)

CM_829

adapted to low temperatures

EXPERIMENT 1

Evaluation of the antimicrobial effect of *C. maltaromaticum* in cocultures

① Cocultures



10 mL BHI broth



C. maltaromaticum 10⁶ CFU/mL
CM_824 or CM_827 or CM_829

+

E. coli O157:H7 or
L. monocytogenes or
S. Typhimurium 10³ CFU/mL

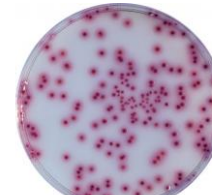
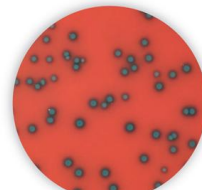
② Incubation



150 RPM

- 1°C	28 days
4°C	14 days
25°C	48 hours

③ Counting



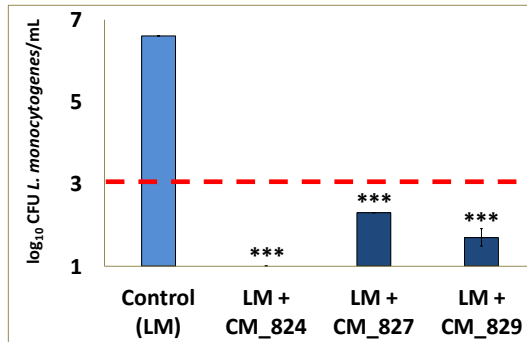
PCA
total count

Chromogenic media
pathogenic bacteria

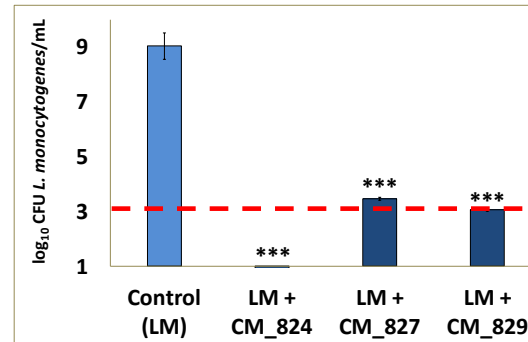
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E. coli and *S. Typhimurium* were not inhibited when in coculture with *C. maltaromaticum* at any temperature.

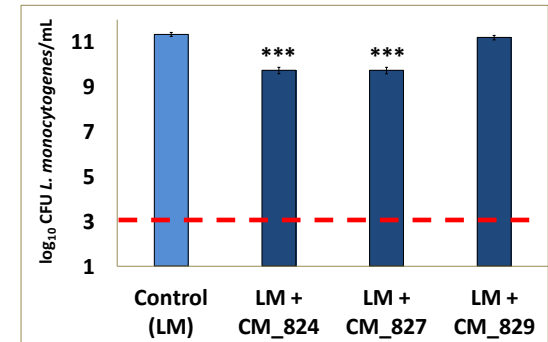
At -1°C and 4°C , the three strains of *C. maltaromaticum* showed an inhibition effect against *L. monocytogenes*.



L. monocytogenes (-1°C)



L. monocytogenes (4°C)



L. monocytogenes (25°C)

This experiment confirmed the antilisterial activity of the *C. maltaromaticum* strains at low temperatures. This activity might be related to competition for nutrients or to a possible production of organic acids and/or bacteriocins.

EXPERIMENT 2

Evaluation of the antimicrobial effect of *C. maltaromaticum* in cocultures with the addition of EDTA

1 Cocultures



10 mL BHI broth
EDTA 1 mM



C. maltaromaticum 10⁶ CFU/mL
CM_824 or CM_827 or CM_829

+

E. coli O157:H7 or
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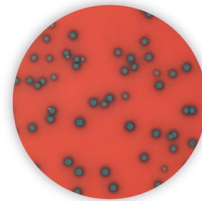
2 Incubation



150 RPM

25°C 48 hours

3 Counting

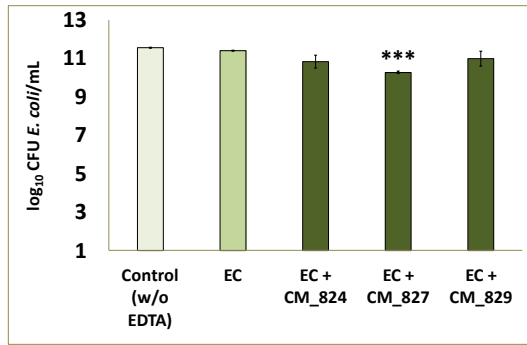


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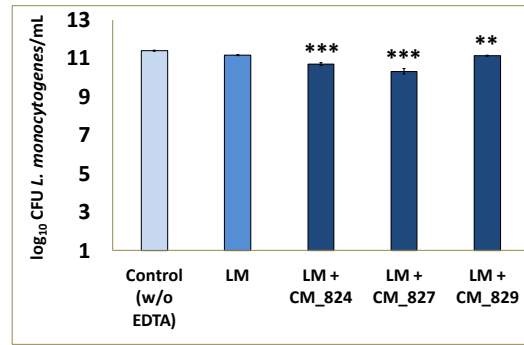
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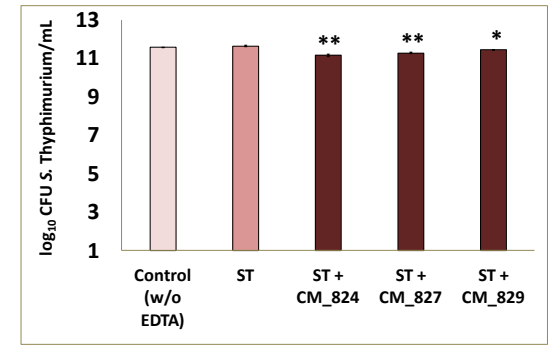
A weak, but significant, inhibition effect against all pathogenic bacteria tested was observed.



E. coli (25°C)



L. monocytogenes (25°C)



S. Typhimurium (25°C)

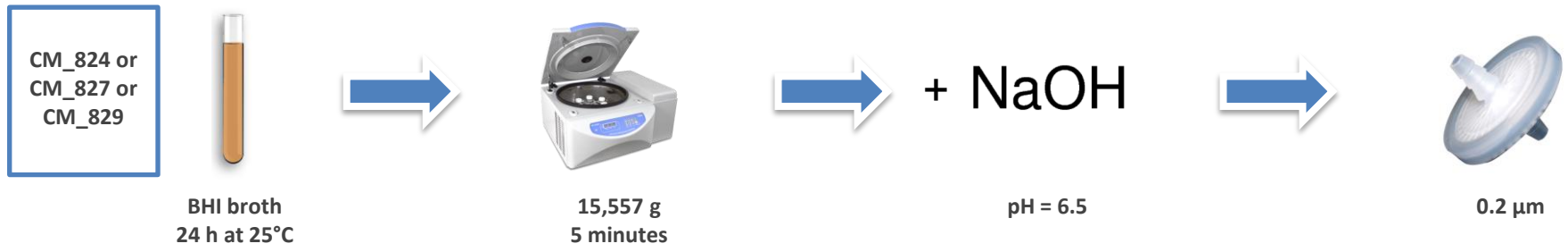
EDTA possibly interacted with the outer membrane of gram-negative bacteria, allowing *C. maltaromaticum* and its metabolites to act against these bacteria.

Tests in lower temperatures could have produced higher inhibition effects.

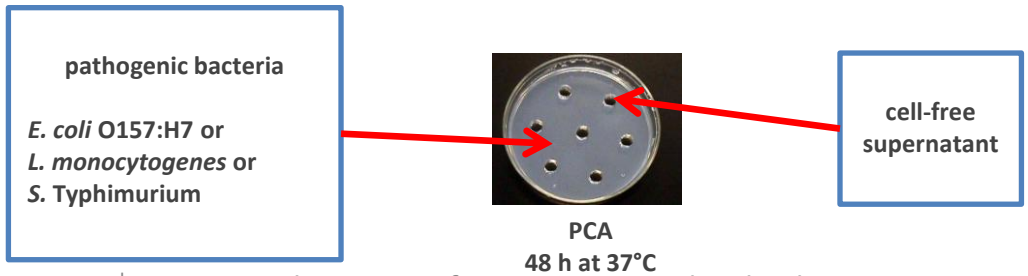
EXPERIMENT 3

Evaluation of the antimicrobial effect of the cell-free supernatant of *C. maltaromaticum*

① *C. maltaromaticum* culture and cell-free supernatant preparation

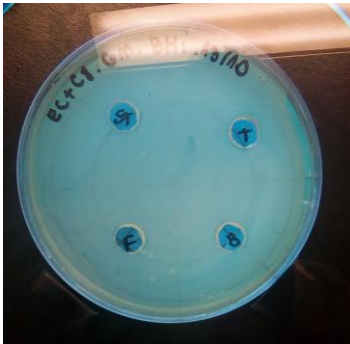


② Supernatant inoculation

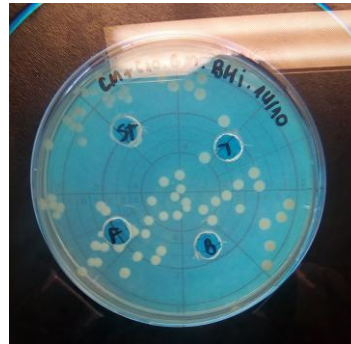


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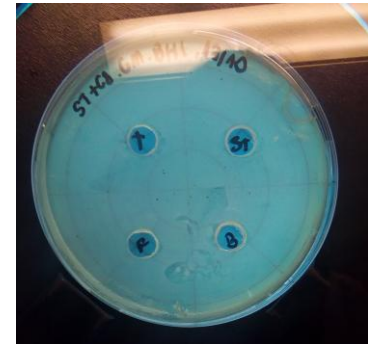
No inhibition effect of the supernatant against the pathogenic bacteria tested was observed.



E. coli



L. monocytogenes



S. Typhimurium

The three *C. maltaromaticum* strains are likely not to produce bacteriocins under the studied conditions.

CONCLUSIONS

The three *C. maltaromaticum* strains tested showed an antilisterial potential, which was greater at -1°C and 4°C than at 25°C .

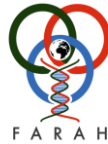
The combination of two hurdles (refrigerated storage and bioprotective cultures) shows great potential to improve quality and food safety.

The behaviour of these strains, as well as their effect against pathogenic and spoilage bacteria, will be studied in meat products.

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