

***Candida apícola* STRAIN AND PROCESS OF PRODUCING ENZYMES AND SHORT-CHAIN FRUCTOOLIGOSACCHARIDES BY ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS THEREOF**

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Sector:	Food
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

Problem to be solved:

Short-chain fructooligosaccharides (FOS) are compounds used in the food industry in the formation of functional foods given their prebiotic properties as reported by Mussato and Mancilha. These compounds can be obtained from modified plants that accumulate FOS, or enzymatically in two ways: (i) Hydrolysis from inulin and agave fructans, or (ii) enzymatic synthesis from sucrose according to the revision by Velázquez-Hernandez et al.

Solution:

The present invention refers to a *Candida apícola* strain, along with an enzyme production process and the use thereof in a process to produce short-chain fructooligosaccharides (FOS), which can be applied in the food and pharmaceutical industries.

New and Innovative Aspects:

- The present invention describes and claims a yeast, *Candida apícola* (NRRL Y-50540), which is useful in the production of enzymatic filters containing fructosyltransferase for the high-yield synthesis of FOS.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The present invention relates to the production and application of enzymes produced by the yeast *Candida apícola* (NRRL Y-50540) in order to produce FOS by enzymatic synthesis from sucrose. The characteristic details of this invention refer to a process for the production and application of enzymes capable of sucrose transfructosylation obtained from the *Candida apícola* (NRRL Y-50540) yeast in the synthesis of FOS.

Main advantages derived from its utilization:

- The percentage of transfructosylation in the enzyme filter produced by the yeast *Candida apícola* (NRRL Y-50540) in this process was higher than 80% from a sucrose concentration of 300g/l.
- The yield is higher than that reported in other yeasts, such as *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa*, *Kluyveromyces marxianus* and *Schwanniomyces occidentalis*.

Applications:

- Food and Pharmaceutical Industries

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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Presentation:

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