

**ABSTRACT****EFFECT OF INLET TEMPERATURE ON VIABILITY  
*Lactobacillus casei* DURING MICROPARTICLE**

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Microencapsulation using suitable technique and matrix was efficient methods to protect probiotic from extreme condition and keep probiotic active through the gastrointestinal tract and release then in their target organ. *Lactobacillus casei* was made into microparticle using combination of methacrylic acid copolymer L type and methacrylic acid copolymer S type (1:1) by spray drying method with three different inlet temperature. Selection of inlet temperature based on minimum film temperature of methacrylic acid copolymer more than 100 °C and transition glass temperature less than 150 °C for methacrylic acid copolymer L type and 160 °C for methacrylic acid copolymer S type. Three different inlet temperature were 100 °C, 120 °C, and 140 °C. Other parameter of spray drying was controlled, outlet temperature was between 70 °C – 79 °C, diameter of nozzle 4 mm, pump speed 32% and feed flow rate 10 ml/minutes. Protection test was performed in all condition of inlet temperature. The result showed that viability of *Lactobacillus casei* on microparticle probiotic increased with increasing inlet temperature but statistically, no significant difference showed between each inlet temperature other temperature ( $p > 0,05$ ). The conclusion of this study is increasing inlet temperature of 100 °C, 120 °C, and 140 °C has no difference on viability of *Lactobacillus casei* on microparticle probiotic using combination of methacrylic acid copolymer L type and methacrylic acid copolymer S type (1:1) by spray drying method.

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