

Fig. 1: Formation of 2-hydroxy isobutyric acid from 3-hydroxy butyric acid by intact cells of strain HCM-10 (Example 1).

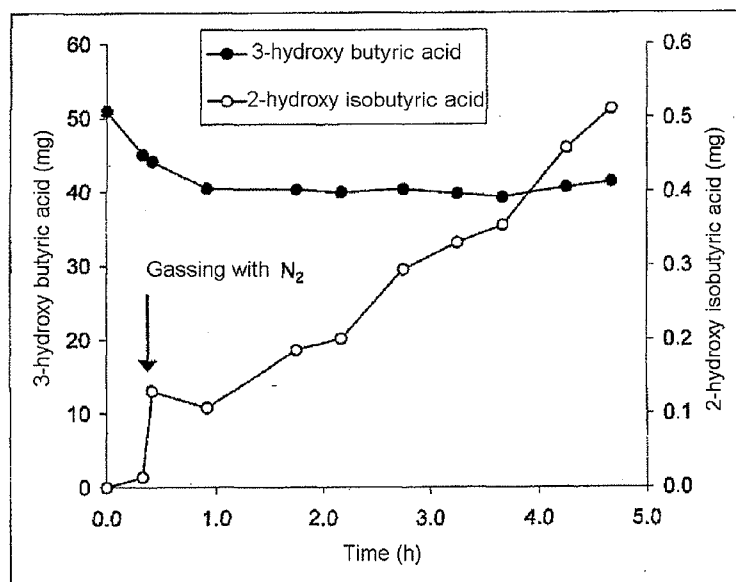


Fig. 2: Formation of 2-hydroxy isobutyric acid from 3-hydroxy butyric acid by a crude extract obtained from cells of strain HCM-10 (Example 2).

