【CLAIMS】

【Claim 1】

A *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* CJLM119 strain having accession number KCTC 13043BP producing decreased amounts of gas.

【Claim 2】

A fermentation starter composition comprising a Leuconostoc mesenteroides CJLM119 strain having accession number KCTC 13043BP or a culture thereof.

【Claim 3】

The fermentation starter composition of claim 2, comprising the *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* CJLM119 strain having accession number KCTC 13043BP at a concentration of 10^7 cfu/ml or more.

【Claim 4】

The fermentation starter composition of claim 2, further comprising one or more cryoprotectants selected from the group consisting of glycerol, trehalose, maltodextrin, powdered skim milk, and starch.

【Claim 5】

Kimchi comprising the *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* CJLM119 strain having accession number KCTC 13043BP of claim 1 or the fermentation starter composition of any one of claims 2 to 4.

【Claim 6】

A method for preparing kimchi, comprising a step of

bringing the *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* CJLM119 strain having accession number KCTC 13043BP of claim 1 or the fermentation starter composition of any one of claims 2 to 4 into contact with a material to be fermented.