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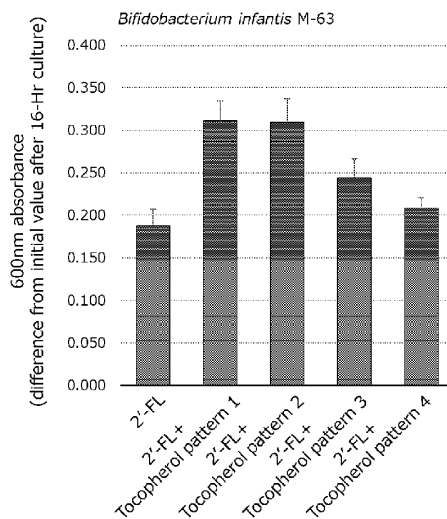
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(57) Abstract: A technique for promoting the assimilation of an oligosaccharide such as an HMO by an intestinal bacterium, especially a bifidobacterial strain, is provided. As a first aspect, a composition for promoting the assimilation of an oligosaccharide containing a tocopherol is provided. As a second aspect, a nutritional composition (excluding breast milk) containing an oligosaccharide and a tocopherol is provided. The tocopherol in the aspects contains one, two or more kinds selected from the group consisting of β -tocopherol, γ -tocopherol and δ -tocopherol. The oligosaccharide in the aspects is preferably a human milk oligosaccharides. The mass ratio of the δ -tocopherol content to the β -tocopherol content (δ/β) in the aspects is preferably 5 or more, and the mass ratio of the γ -tocopherol content to the δ -tocopherol content (γ/δ) is preferably 8.8 or less.

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