

Abstract

STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS FERMENTATION PROMOTING AGENT

The present invention provides a lactic acid bacterial fermentation-promoting agent suitable for use in food production. The present invention relates to a fermentation promoting agent for *Streptococcus thermophilus*, comprising a solution prepared by exposing an alkaline solution comprising a reducing sugar to a temperature in the range of 5°C or more and 135°C or less to induce a color reaction of sugar, and a production method thereof; and a method for promoting fermentation for *Streptococcus thermophilus* using the fermentation promoting agent and a method for producing a fermented food such as fermented milk.

[Fig. 4]