Natural sugar reduction in fermented dairy products by combined application of lactase, stevia sweeteners and extra mild starter cultures

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- Dairy market trends and sugar-reduced products
 - Sugar reduction concepts inspired by nature:
 - Sweetness enhancement by lactase
 - Reduced sweetening need by extra mild startercultures
 - High level sugar reduction by high-quality stevia sweetner
 - Synergetic effects of combined application of these concepts
 - Summary







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- Protein is king
- Digestive wellness
- Naturally functional
- Sugar is the bad carb



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Sugar is the bad carb



• Fear of sugar – the ultimate "bad carb" – is now mainstream

80%

of US consumers say they are limiting or avoiding sugar in their diet Consumers are cutting sugar in many ways and are open to all types of sweeteners

Possible sugar strategies

- 1. Reduce, replace, eliminate
- 2. "Natural sugars"
- 3. Sugar for energy

Consumers can forgive high-sugar brands that are honestly indulgent

But they are more demanding about products and categories that are marketed as healthy



High protein level & natural sweetness is a trend in yogurt, often targeting men with high protein snack





USA– Dannon – Oikos triple zero *Featuring NFL football star* Claims: high protein, no added sugar, no artificial sweeteners, no fat



Finland – **Arla - Protein** *Featuring Finnish hiphop star* Claims: low added sugar, lactose-free, no fat, rich in protein, no artificial sweeteners



Main sugar reduction effects by combined application of lactase, stevia sweeteners and extra mild starter cultures



	Maxilact [®] lactase	+ natural sugar flavors	+ high-quality steviol glycosides AVANSYÆverSweet
		+ extra mild starter culture Delvo®FreshYS040 or FVV122	
Total sugar reduction potential	approx. 10% (1-2g sucrose / 100g)	up to 30%	50% - 100%
Advantages	 Natural way of reducing sugar 	 Suitable for natural sugar reduction 	 High level sugar reduction potential
	 Processing aid 	 No additional labeling in flavored yoghurt 	 Non-artificial sweetener produced by yeasts, without bitter or licorice off-notes
Disadvantages	 Limited sugar reduction potential 		 Labeling of stevia glycosides required
Claims	 Low/ no/ reduced lactose 	Sugar reduction claim	Sugar reduction claimNo added sugar

Lactase enzyme enhances the natural sweetness of dairy



- Lactase breaks down lactose into better digestible and sweeter forms of sugar
- These components have a higher relative sweetness than lactose
- This allows for a sugar reduction of 1-2g / 100g in sweetened yogurt (10%-20%)

Relative Sweetness			
100			
22 —			
45 ←			
42 ←			
135			





Invertase - free lactase like Maxilact [®] prevents effective sweetness losses by sucrose hydrolysis





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Source: R.S. Shallenberger, Taste Chemistry, Glasgow, 1993, p.197

Off-notes prevention by highly purified lactases like MAXILACT® assures clean sweetness profile



- Enzyme-catalyzed formation of p-cresol can cause unpleasant cowy/phenolic off-notes in lactose-free dairy products
- Completely arylsulfatase-free lactases like Maxilact[®] prevent the formation of p-cresol from components naturally present in many milks

 Concentrated lactases like DSM's Maxilact® Superare highly efficient in sugar reduction at low enzyme dosage levels



pH-stable yoghurt starters like Delvo®Fresh YS-040 and FVV-122 are synergetic cultures for high mildness and sugar reduction with MAXILACT





- Even lower post-acidification and smaller pH-drop when lactose is co-hydrolyzed during fermentation
- Potential to added considerably less sugar due to milder and less acidic taste



Significant sweetness effects of high

-quality stevia sweeteners



In 2019, the joint venture AVANSYA between Cargill and DSM started the first commercialscale fermentation facility for fermentation-derived stevia sweeteners in the U.S.



Yeasts convert simple sugar into Reb M and Reb D (identical to those produced by the stevia plants) far more efficiently and in much greater quantity than a stevia plant

Reb M and Reb D have significantly more sweetness and less bitterness at high usage levels (than the traditional Reb A extracted from the stevia plant) of the resulting high-quality stevia sweetner EverSweet

→ EverSweet preferred Sucrose Equivalent Value (SEV) of up to 9





Monosaccharides released by lactase harmonize sweetness response profile of stevia sweeteners

- Synergistic effect of monosaccharides released by Maxilact[®] takes place when using a slow impact sweetener
- Examples of slow impact sweeteners are steviol glycosides and (natural) sugar flavors
- → Very high sugar reduction potential in combined application





Source: Hull Peter, 2010, Glucose syrups:, Wieley Blackwell, Oxfort, p.231 Sáinz Javier, 2012, Getting the best from stevia via water purified extracts, Galam Group, p. 6

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Although obesity and reduction of sugar intake from foods have been an issue for years, innovation in the area of sugar reduction in dairy products is still needed. This presentation describes the combined effect of 3 non-artificial sugar-reduction concepts:

- Highly purified and concentrated lactase doubles the natural sweetness of lactose in an efficient way
- Extra mild starter cultures reduce the sweetening need
- Steviol glycosides allow substitution of added sugar

The combined application of these three solutions reduces calories, sugar or artificial sweeteners in a natural way and generates a sucrose-like sweetness profile with superior sweetness quality compared to traditional combinations of artificial sweeteners.

Highly purified and concentrated lactases are efficient in sugar reduction as well as both invertase- and arylsulfatase-free. As resulting benefits, no collateral sweetness losses occur, and no off-flavor notes develop in sugar-reduced dairy products when they areapplied.





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