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Direct identification of bifidobacteria from probiotic supplements

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The DNA of 14 probiotic supplements was isolated directly from various products without previous cultivation. The bifidobacteria composition declared by the manufacturer was determined by species-specific PCR. Such species found were in accordance with those listed on the products. This approach can be performed in less than 5 h and is applicable to other genera of probiotic bacteria. Bifidobacteria were also detected by culturedependent analysis and MALDI-TOF MS. These methods drew the same results; however, they are more expensive and time consuming. So, we propose direct identification of bifidobacteria for routine quality control inspections of species composition in probiotic supplements.

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