

## *Kluyveromyces Fragilis* in Food Biotechnology

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### Abstract

*Kluyveromyces fragilis* has a place with the Ascomycetes class, which incorporates families that produce endospores and mycelia without clamp associations. Ascomycetes dont produce urease, yet they ferment explicit saccharides. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* is utilized for biotechnological processes due to its ability to ferment lactose using lactose permeases

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## Introduction

*Kluyveromyces fragilis* is also known as *Kluyveromyces marxianus*, a fungus which belongs to the Ascomycetes class, a budding yeast having an oval or round shaped morphology [1]. This organism doesn't go through urease hydrolysis, rather ferment starch and other saccharides [2,3]. Their genome constitutes 30-52 percent guanine-cytosine (GC) organization [4] and their hyphae is dimorphic either appear as a single cell or filaments [5,6]. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* cells range in size 3-5  $\mu$ m in width and exhibits oval morphology and reproduces through vegetative multiplication [7,8]. *Kluyveromyces*' filamentous stage might be useful for industrial point of view as *Kluyveromyces fragilis* hyphae, for instance, have a significantly large surface area than the yeast cell and may in this way be simpler to immobilize and the expanded surface might help to elevate the availability of released proteins [9,10]. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* have the ability to ferment lactose, xylose, galactose, maltose, and inulin [11].

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*Kluyveromyces fragilis* offers numerous applications in food, synthesis of significant metabolites, food waste valorization etc [12,13]. Recent studies focused on genetically transforming *Kluyveromyces fragilis* using CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technique [14]. Traits like thermotolerance, lipid synthesis etc incorporated into modifies *Kluyveromyces fragilis* for industrial benefits with intrinsically more vigorous features that proposition guarantee for modern environmentally friendly energy generation [15]. In addition, *Kluyveromyces fragilis* is a promising host for modern biotechnology for biosynthetic produced from plant biomass feedstock's since it produces at high temperatures and on an extensive variety of carbon sources [16,17]. In any case, significant limitations in hereditary designing have kept this yeast from displacing the generally utilized yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* [18]. However, genetically altered *Kluyveromyces fragilis* possess a novel thermotolerant trait with promising unsaturated fat synthesis capability [19]. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* is also capable of lactose-fermenting and is widely used in dairy products fabrication [20,21]. Additionally, have mild proteolytic and lipolytic activity [22]. *Kluyveromyces* to metabolize milk constituents such as lactose, proteins, and fat makes them pivotal in fermented cheese/milk products [23]. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* assisted milk fermentation is impacted by temperature and secreted lipase content in milk in order to hydrolyze lactose into galactose, glucose, ethanol, and glycerol [24]. Following 12 days of metabolization at 25 °C, concentration of free unsaturated fats in milk increases essentially [25]. *Kluyveromyces fragilis* also

known to produce ethanol, isoamyl liquor, and ethyl acetic acid derivatives [26]. Genetically designed *Kluyveromyces fragilis* produces high lactic acid because the transformant strains lacks pyruvate dehydrogenase and pyruvate decarboxylase activity [27]. Besides the capacity of *Kluyveromyces fragilis* to adapt to the distressing circumstances brought about by the arrival of inhibitory synthetic substances during biomass handling is expected for the development of lignocellulosic bio refineries [28]. Because of its thermotolerance and ability to metabolize xylose, *Kluyveromyces fragilis* has been examined as an industrially potent microbe [29]. Furfural and 5-hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF), both produced from lignocellulose, are respected appealing structural blocks required into assortments of high-esteem subordinates [30]. Xylose utilization and its tolerance from acids, and furfural, were studied in various *Kluyveromyces fragilis* strains acquired from cocoa fermentation [31,32]. Furfural-reducing ability of *Kluyveromyces fragilis* was related with NADH besides, the inhibitory effect of furans was improved when xylose was consumed [33]. Thus, these discoveries support *Kluyveromyces fragilis* as a reasonable microbial for lignocellulosic biorefineries [34].

## Conclusion

*Kluyveromyces fragilis* K is a thermotolerant yeast with vast applications in food biotechnology and biorefineries.

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