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## Characteristics of Beer-Like Drink Produced by Mushroom Fermentation

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In general, Saccharomyces cerevisiae is a main microorganism in beer brewing, because this microbe has potent ability to produce alcohol dehydrogenase. Recently, we discovered that some genera of mushroom produce alcohol de-hydrogenase, and made a beer-like drink using a mushroom in place of $S$. cerevisiae. The highest alcohol concentration in this drink was achieved with Tricholoma matsutake ( $1069 \mathrm{mM}, 4.6 \%$ ). This beer-like drink contained about $0.17 \%$ B-D-glucan, which is known to have preventive effects against cancer. The drink showed thrombosis preventing activity: prolonged thrombin clotting time 2.3 fold that of control. Thus, the beer-like drink made using mushroom seems to be a healthful alcoholic beverage.

Keywords: beer, mushroom, fermentation, alcohol dehydrogenase, b-D-glucan, antithrombin substance

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