Ethanol production using glucose/xylose mixture by P. stipitis mutants

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To develope the process of bioethanol production, Immobilized Cell Reactor (ICR) was performed with glucose/xylose mixtures by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Pichia stipitis*. However *S. cerevisiae* cannot ferment xylose and *P. stipitis* is relatively low in ethanol tolerance compared with *S. cerevisiae*. To overcome this problem, we designed the continuous process which xylose was first utilized by *P. stipitis* mutants and then residual glucose was used by *S. cerevisiae*. Also, we developed the strain, which was developed based on *P. stipitis* transformation system using antisense technology and selected *P. stipitis* mutants exhibiting a decreased ability to consume glucose.