

COVER LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
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Dear Editor,

We wish to submit a new manuscript entitled "Identification and Characterization of *Lactococcus lactis* spp. *Lactis* Isolated from Raw Milk and Milk Products of Turkey and Iran" for consideration by Food Technology journal.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we identify the varied properties of the natural *L.lactis ssp.lactis* strains from raw milk and dairy products obtained from Turkey and Iran and evaluate its role as starter cultures in industrial dairy fermentation. This paper is of significance since it compares the properties of Turkish dairy products which is cow milk based with Iranian products which is sheep milk based. The paper should be of interest to readers in the areas of milk technology especially in the selection of the milk source for obtaining good quality starter cultures. Having encountered related articles in this journal I think *Asian Journal of Agriculture and Food Science* would be very suitable for publishing our work. I will appreciate if you kindly consider my manuscript in this respect. I shall await to hear from you at your earliest possible convenience.

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Thank you and Best regards,

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