



Bioconversion of conjugated linoleic acid by *Lactobacillus plantarum* CGMCC8198 supplemented with *Acer truncatum bunge* seeds oil

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Abstract Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) isomers, *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA, have been proved to exhibit excellent biomedical properties for potential use in anti-cancer applications and in reducing obesity. *Acer truncatum Bunge* (ATB), which is rich in unsaturated fatty acids, including oleic acid, linoleic acid, and nervonic acid, is a new resource for edible oil. In the present study, we developed a new method for producing two CLA isomers from ATB-seed oil by fermentation using *Lactobacillus plantarum* CGMCC8198 (*LP8198*), a novel probiotics strain. Polymerase chain reaction results showed that there was a conserved linoleate isomerase (LIase) gene in *LP8198*, and its transcription could be induced by ATB-seed oil. Analyses by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry showed that the concentration of *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA in ATB-seed oil could be increased by about 9- and 2.25-fold, respectively, after being fermented by *LP8198*.

Keywords Conjugated linoleic acid · *Acer truncatum Bunge* · *Lactobacillus plantarum* · Linoleate isomerase

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Introduction

Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) is defined as a naturally occurring group of conjugated diene acid isomers derived from linoleic acid, and the most common positional and geometric isomers are those with conjugated double bonds at C10 and C12 or at C9 and C11 [1, 2]. In 1987, CLA was firstly isolated and identified in fried ground beef [3]. In all of the possible *cis* and *trans* combinations of CLAs, *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA have been implicated as the most valuable isomers with noteworthy biological activities such as anti-carcinogenic, anti-obese, anti-diabetic and anti-hypertensive activities [4]. For example, it has been reported that *c9, t11*-CLA could inhibit the proliferation of estrogen receptor positive breast cancer cells by hormone-mediated mitogenic pathways, and *t10, c12*-CLA could ameliorate disorders of glucose and lipid metabolism through PPAR γ and some other signal pathways [5–8]. Therefore, how to elevate the production of *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA has become a hot spot.

Acer truncatum Bunge (ATB) seed oil was approved as a New Resource Food by the National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China in 2011, and this novel edible oil is richer with oleic acid, linoleic acid, and nervonic acid than other edible oils including rapeseed, peanut, grape and sunflower oils [9]. In addition, it was reported that the ATB extract might reduce weight and inhibit tumor cell proliferation by inhibiting fatty acid synthesis [10].

In this study, a conserved linoleate isomerase (LIase) gene in *Lactobacillus plantarum* CGMCC8198 (*LP8198*), a novel probiotics strain isolated in our previous study [11], was identified and analyzed. Subsequently, the effect of ATB-seed oil on the transcription of this LIase gene was examined via RT-PCR, and the bioconversion of *c9, t11*-

CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA in the fermentation of *LP8198* supplemented with *ATB*-seed oil was finally detected by gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS).

Materials and methods

Plant materials, strains, media, and growth conditions

ATB seeds were obtained from Jindao Seed Company in Yangling, Shaanxi province, in October 2013, and the seeds were stored at -80°C until further use. The strain of *Lactobacillus plantarum* CGMCC8198 (*LP8198*) isolated from fermented herbage was cultured in de Man, Rogosa and Sharpe (MRS) medium comprising 1% tryptone, 0.5% meat extract, 0.5% yeast extract, 2% glucose, 0.1% Tween 80, 0.2% K_2HPO_4 , 0.5% sodium acetate, 0.2% triammonium citrate, 0.02% $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and 0.005% $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{pH } 6.2 \pm 1$) under anaerobic conditions at 30°C for 24 h.

Total RNA extraction and RT-PCR

Prior to extraction of the total RNA of *LP8198* using a Trizol reagent, the seeds were ground in liquid nitrogen. Then 2 μg total RNA was reverse-transcribed using M-MLV reverse transcriptase (Promega, BJ, CA) according to the manufacturer's instructions with N6 primers (Invitrogen, BJ, CA).

Semi-quantitative PCR (semi-PCR) was performed using Applied Biosystems thermocycler (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA). The PCR amplifications included an initial 5 min denaturation incubation at 95°C followed by 30 cycles of denaturation (95°C), annealing (52°C), and elongation (72°C) for 20 s by using 1.25 U of Taq DNA polymerase (TransGen Biotech, BJ, CA). Besides, an additional 72°C final extension was performed for 10 min. PCR products were visualized on 2% agarose gels stained with ethidium bromide under UV transillumination. The gene of 16 s rRNA was used as an internal control to show equal loading of the cDNA samples. Besides, quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR) was further performed using a StepOneTM real-time PCR system (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA). Bestar[®] SybrGreen qPCR Mastermix was obtained from DBI[®] Bioscience. The thermal profiles were 95°C for 10 s and 60°C for 1 min. Melting curve analysis was performed for each PCR to confirm the specificity of amplification. At the end of each phase, fluorescence was measured and quantified. Data was shown as a relative expression level of mRNA after normalization to 16 s rRNA. The primers for semi-PCR and qPCR analyses were as follows: Liase, 5'-

CAACACGCCTGCTCCTGAA (forward), 5'-
TGGGTGGTG ATCCGAACGA (reverse); 16S:
AAGGCTGAAACTCAAAGG (forward), AACCAA
CAT CTCACGAC (reverse).

Lipid extraction

The oil from *ATB* seeds was extracted by the Soxhlet extraction method. Prior to lipid extraction of the seeds, all experimental material was dried for 12 h at 45°C . About 4 g of the seed powder was placed in a 250 mL distillation flask, and 150 mL of anhydrous diethyl ether was added. Extraction was conducted at 45°C for 12 h, and the residual solvent of the extraction was dried under nitrogen. The obtained *ATB*-seed oil was added with a 30 mg mL^{-1} stock solution containing 2/3 (w/w) Tween 80 and filter sterilized through a 0.22 μm Minisart filter (Agilent) and stored in the dark at -20°C before use.

Fermentation of *ATB*-seed oil by *LP8198*

LP8198 was inoculated (1%) in MRS broth with or without 0.5 mg mL^{-1} *ATB*-seed oil and then incubated anaerobically at 30°C with a mixture of 80% nitrogen, 10% carbon dioxide, and 10% hydrogen. After 24-h fermentation, the cultures were centrifuged at 5000 g for 10 min at room temperature. The lipid of the culture supernatant fluid was extracted by using a hexane/methanol (2:1, v/v) solution at room temperature and then centrifuged at 5000 g for 10 min at 4°C after being shocked fully. The chloroform phase was finally dried under nitrogen.

GC-MS analysis of fatty acid in total lipid extracts

Fatty acids were converted to the corresponding methyl esters before GC-MS analysis. In brief, the total lipid extracts were reacted with 1 mL 0.5 M NaOH-CH₃OH at 65°C for 30 min, and then 1 mL BF₃-CH₃OH was added to the reaction liquid at 70°C for 2 min after cooling down. Subsequently, the esterified products were extracted with n-hexane by oscillating, and then a saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added to the entire mixture. After being agitated for 2 min, the fatty acid methyl esters (FAMEs) were removed from the upper layer and stored at -20°C .

FAMEs were analyzed by an Agilent 7890A GC with an Agilent 5975B Inert XL mass selective detector using an HP-5 column (Agilent 19091 J-416, CA; 60 m \times 320 μm \times 0.25 μm) with the following temperature program: initial temperature 50°C , increased to 200°C at 10 $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ and 230°C at 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$, and then raised at 8 $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ to 270°C and held for 15 min. Besides, the inlet temperature was 270°C with constant flow of

Table 1 The Linoleate isomerase gene sequences from 9 strains

Gene Name	Sequence
Linoleate isomerase	ATGGTTAAAGTAAGGCAAAATTAGTATGGGT GCCGGGCTATCAAATATGGCTGGGGCTACTTGATTCAAGATGGTCATGG GATGGTAAGGACATCACATTCATGGTGTGATATGCACGGTGCCAAATGATGG TGGTGCACGACTGATTACTAATGGTATTGGAAATTAAGAATCAGGATCGGATCG CTAACACGGACTGGGTATGTTGCCGGGGTGGTGGATGCTGAATTACCGGACGT ACGTTGACTTAATGGATTATTGGACCGGATTCATGGTAACTGAAACCCGGG ATGACGGCGGCCGAAGATAACGGTGATTGTATGCCAAACATCGGACGTTATG TATTGGCCGCTTGATGCAGGGTGGTAAAGGCATTATAATGCTGGTAAGTAG GATTCAAAATAAGGATCGGACTTTCGACAACGGTTGATTGCTGAGTACTCAAGGA AGTGAAGGAAACGAAGCTCGACAACGGTTCGATTGCTGAGTACTCAAGGA TCGGCATATGTTCCAAAACGAAATTCTGGTATATGGGAAACACCTTGTCT TTGAACCGCAAAGCTCGCTCAAGAACCTGGGTAACTGCAAAATGATT TATGAATTACACAAATTGAAACACTTAGTTGGTGTCAACCGGAACGGTTAAC TCAATTGCAAGCATTGATTGCTTGCATTAATAAGTACTTGTCAAGGGCAAGGTG TGACTTTCATTGATAATAAGGATTGTTAAAGGATTGCAATTAAAGACACGCA ATGCAAGGAGGAAATTACGGTACTGGCTAGTCAAGGATGCGGAGACTGG CGAAACGGGAAGGAAGTTGAAGTTGAAGTGAACAGGGTGAATCTTCAACTAC GTTCAATTACCGATTCGCAACGATGGGTGATTACACACGGCTCTGCTCTGAA AATATGGATTATGGTTAGTGTCTAGTTGTGAAAGAAGGCTACTGAGGGTT CTATAACTTACGGAGGCCAGATAAGTTCTCAACGATCGGAATGCTAGCGAAAT GGTCAGCTTACGGTGGACTAAAGTCAAGGAAATTCATTAATGAAATCTTAAATG CGGATCACCCAGGAACCCGGGAATGGGTGAACCTCTTATCAACTAC GCCAATTACGCCGTGAAACAAAAGGAIGTTAATAATGTCGAICGGTGCACC ACCAACACACTTACGACACAGCAACCAAAACGAACAGTCTGGGGGTAC TTCTGTATCCACGGCTCAAGGTGAGTTGTTAACAAAGCGTATATCAAGAT GACGGGTAAAGGAATGGCTCAAGAATTATTGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATC CGGGTCCAGGCCAATTAAAGGACAAGGAAAGGAATTTGGACAGTATTGTG AACAAATTCCGGTATACATGCCATATGCTTCCGCACTCTTAATAACCGGGC TAAGTCTGATCGGCCAGAAGTCTTACCAAGGACTCAACGAACCTAGCCTTA CGGGTGAATTGGGGAACAAACCATACCAAGATGATCTTCACGGAACAGAGTGC GTCCGCTCTGGTGAATTGGCCGCTTATCACTTTGCTGGGTCCCATAATGGATAA CTTGGTCAAGACACACCGGTACGATAAAGGATCCAAGGATCTGCTCAAGGCAAC TAAGAAGATGTTGATTAA

Table 1 continued

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>gi 325048312 emb FR732045.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> gene for putative linoleate isomerase, strain ATCC 8014	GAACCTAATTACCTATTGGGGCGTTATTAA TGGTAAAGTAAGCAATTATGATGGTGCCTTATCAAATATGGCTGCG GGGTCTACTITGATTCAGATGGTCATTGGATGGTAAAGACATCACATTCA TGGTGTGATAATGCCACGGTGCCAATGATGGTGGCAGACTGATTACTA ATGAGTATTGGAAATAAGAACATCCGATGGTAACACGACTGGTATGGTGC CGGGTGGTGGATGGCTGAATACCGGACGTACGTTGACTTAATGGATTATT GGACCGGATTCCATCGGTAACTGAACCGGGGATGACGGGGCGGAAGATACGC GTGATTGGATGCCAACATCGGACGTATGATAATTGCCCGCTGATGCAGGGT GGTAAGGGCATTATTAAATGCTGTAAGTAGGTGATTCAAGTGCCTTAA TTGCTGACTAAGTGTGATTATGCCAGATACTGTAAGAACCGAAGCTCGACA ACGTTCTGATTGCTGAGTACTCTCAAGGATGATCCGCAATATGTTCTGCTCA TCTGGTATATGCTGGAAACAAACCTTGCCTTAAAGAACGCAAAAGCTCTGCTCA AGAACTGCGGCGTACATGCATAATGATTACAAATTACCAAATTGAAAC ACTTAGTIGGTTGCAACCGGAGCGTGTACAAATCAGGATGATTITG CCATTAATTAAAGTACTTGTCAAGGGCAAGGTGTACTTCATGTTAAAGAT TGTTAAGGATTGGCAATTAAAGAACGCCAATTCAGCAAGAACATTACGGTGA CTGGCTTAAGTCAGGATGGCGAGACTGGGAAACGGGAAGGTGAAGT GATGAGGAAACAGGGTGTACTCTICAATACGGTTCAATTACCGATTCTGCAAC GATGGGTGATTACAACACGGCTGCTCCTGAAAATATGGATTATGGTGTAACTG CTAGTTTGTGGAAAGAAGGCTACTGTGAGGGTCTATAACTTAACTGGACGCCAGAT AAGTTCTCAACGATCGGAATGGGTCAAGCTTCACTGGTGAACGAC TAAAGAATCATTTATCTTAAATGAAATCGTTICGGTACCCAGGAACCCG GGAATCGGTGAACTCCTCTTATCAACTACGCCAAATACGCCGTGAAACCAA AAGGATGTTAATATGTCGAICGGTGCACCCACACTTACGACACAG CAACCAAACGAAACAGTCTGGGGCTACTCTGTATCCACGGGTCAAGG TGAGTTGTTAACAGGCCATAATCAAGATGACGGGTAAAGGAATGGCTCAAG AATTAAATGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATCCGGGTCAAGGAAATTAAAGGAC AAGGAAAGGAAATTGGACAGTATTGTGAACAAATATTCCGGTATACATGCC ATATGCTTCCGGCACTCTTAAATAACCGGGCTAAGTCTGATGGCAGAAGTCTT ACCAAAGCACTCAACGAACCTAGCCTTACGGGTGAATTGGGAAACAACCAT ACCAGATGATCTTCACGGAAACAGACTGGTCCGGTCTGGTGAATTGGCGCT TATCACTTTGCTGGGTCCAATGGATAACTTGGTCAAGACACCGGTACGA TAAGGATCCAAGAACCTTGTCTCAAGGCAACTAAAGGAAGATGTTGATTAATTAA ATGCTGGCCIGTCAGTGGTTAAACTGATGGATGGCTGTTAGTGTG CCATGAAAGATGACTTICATAGGGAGCGTTTATGGAGGCTTGTG

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Gene Name	Sequence
>gi 30088540 gb HM569265.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> linoleate isomerase (lin) gene, complete cds	ATGGTTAAAAGTAAAGCAATTATGATTGGTGCCTGG CTATCAAATAIGGCCGGGGCTACTTGTATTCAAGAGGGTCAATTGGGATGG TAAGGACATCACATCTATGGTGTGATATGCCAATGATGGTGGT CCACGACTGATTACCAATGAGATTGGAAATAAGATCATCCGATGGCTAAC ACGACTTGGGTATGTGCCCCGGGGTGGCTGGATGCTGAATTACCGGACCTACGT TGACTTAATGGATTATTGGACCGGATTCCATCGGTAACTGAAACGGGGATGA CGGGGCCGAAGATAACGGTGAATTGGATGCGAAACATCGGACTATGATT GCCGCTTGATGCAAGGCTTAAGGCAATTAAATGCTGGTAAGTAGGATT CAATAATAAGGATCGGACTTTGACTAAGTTGATTGATGTCAGATACTG AAGAAACGAAAGCTCGACAACGTTTCGATGCTGAGTACTCTCAAGGATGATCCG CATATGTTCCAACCGAATTCTGGTATATGGGGAAACAAACCTTGTCCCTTAG AACGCCAAAGCTCTGCTCAAGAACTGCGGGTTACATGCAATGATTATG AATTACACAAATTGAACACTTAGTTGGGTCAACCGGACCGGTTACAATCAA TTCGAAAGCATGATTTGCCATTAATAAGTACTTGCAGGGCAAGGTGTCAC TTTCATTGATAATAAGAATGTTAAGGATTGGCAATTAAAGACGCCAATGC AAGACGAAATTACCGGTGACTGGCTTAGTTGAGGATGCGCAGACTGGGAA ACGGAAAGTTGAAGTGTGAGGACACAGGGTGAATCTCAACGGTT AATTACCGATTCTGCAACCGATGGGTGATTACAACACGCCCTGCTCTGAAATA TGGATTATGGTGTGTTAGTGTCTAGTTGTGAAAGGGCTACTGAGCGGTCT AACTTACGGACGCCAGATAAGTTCTCAACGATCGCAATGCTAGCGAATGGT CAGCTTACGGTGAAGCTGACTAAGAATCATTTATTCITAAATGAAATCGTICGGA TCACCACCCAGGAACCCGGGAATGGTGAACTCTCTTATCAACTACGCCA ATTACGCCGTITGAACCCAAAGGATGTTAATAATGTCGATCTGGTGCACCCA ACCACACTTACGACACAGCAACCAAAACGAAACAGTCTGGGGCTACTCT TGTATCCACGGGTCAAGGTGAGTTGTTAACAGCGTATATCAAGATGAGC GGTAAGGAAATGGCTCAAGAAATTAAATGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATCCGG TCCAGGGAAATTAAAGGACAAGGAAAGGAATTGGACACGTTGTTGACA ATATTCCGGTATAACATGCCATATGCTTCCGCACTCTTAAATAACGGGCTAAG TCTGATGGCCAGAACGACTCAACGAAACCTAGCTTACCCAAAGC TGAATTGGGGAAACAAACCATACCGATGATCTTCAGGAACAGAGTGGGTCC GCTCTGGTGGAGATTGCCGCTTATCACTTGGGTCCAAATGATAACTTG GTCAAGAGACACCACCGTACGATAAGGATCAAGGCAACTAA GAAGATGTTGATTAA

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>gi 319657088 gb HQ831447.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> strain lp15-2-1 linoleic acid isomerase gene, complete cds	ATGGTTAAAAGTAAAGCAATTATGATTGGTGC GCTATCAAATAATGGCTGGGGCTACTGTGATTCAAGAGGGTCATTGGGATG GTAAGGACATCACATTCTATGGTGTGATATGCACGTGCCAATGTGTTGGT GCCACGACTGATTACCAATGAGTAATTGAAATAAAGATCATCGATGGCTAA CACGACTGGGTATGGTGGCCGGGGTGGTGGATGCTGAATTACCGGACGTACG TTGACTTAATGGATTATTGGACCGGATTCCATCGTAACTGAACCGGGATG ACGGCGGCCGAAGATACCGGTGATTGATGCCAAACATGGACGTATGATAT TGCCCCGCTTGATGCAGGGTGGTAAGGGCATTATAATGCTGGTAAGTTAGGGAT TCAATAATAAGGATCGGACTTTGCTGACTAAGTTGATTATGATGCCAGATAGT GAAGAAACGAAAGCTCGACAACCGTTTCGATTGCTGACTCTAACGGATGATCC GCATATGTTCCAAAACGAATTCTGGTATATGTTGAAACAAACCTTIGCCTTA GAACCGCAAAAGCTCTGCTCAAGAAACTGCGCGTTACATGCTCAAAATGATTAT GAATTIACACAATTGAACACTTAGTGGTGTCAACCGGACCGGTTACAATCA ATTGAAAGCATGATGTTGCCATTAAATTAAAGTACTTGCAGGGCAAGGTGTA CTTCATGATAATAAAGATTGTTAAGGATTGGCAATTAAAGAACGCGCAATG CAAGACGAAATTACGGTACTGGCTTAGTGGATGCGAGACTGGCAA ACGGAAAGTGAAGTGTGAGGGACACAGGGTGCATCTCAACCGTTACCGTT AATTACCGATTCTGCAACCGATGGGTGATTACAACACGCCTGCTCTGAAATA TGGATTATGGTGTGTTAGTGTCTAGTTGTGAAAGGGCTACTGAGCGGTTCTAT AACTTACGGACGCCAGATAAGTTCTCAACCGATCGCAATGCTAGCGAATGGT CAGCTTACGGTACGACTAAAGTAAATCATTATTCITAAATGAAATCGTICGGA TCACCACCCAGGAACCCGGGAATGGTGAACCTCTTATCAACTACGCCAA TIA CGCCGTGAACCAAAGGATGTTAATATGTCGAATCGGGTGCACCCAA CCACACTTACGACACAGCAACCAAAACGAAACAGTCTGTTGGCTACTCTT GTATCCACGGCGTCAAGGTGAGTTGTAAACAAGCGTATATAAGATGACGG GTAAGGAAATGGCTCAAGAATAATTGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATTCGGGT CCAGGCAATTAAAGGACAAGGAAAAGGAATTGGACAGTTGTGAACCAA TATTCCGGTATACATGCCATATGCTTCCGACTCTTATAACCGGGCTAAGT CTGATCCGGCCAGAACGACTTACCAAGGACTCAACGACTCAACGACTTACGGGT GAATTTCGGGAACAAACCATACAGATGATCTTCACGGAAACAGAGTGGTCCG CTCTGGTGTGAGATGCCGCTTATCAGTTGCTGGGTCCCATAATGATAACTTGG TCAAGACACCAACGCTACGATAAGGATCCAAAAGACCTTGGCTCAAGGCAACTAAG AAGATGTTGACTAA

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Gene Name	Sequence
>gi 325048318 emb R732048.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> gene for putative linoleate isomerase, strain LMG 6907	GAACCTAACTTACCTATTGGGGGGCTTATT ATGGTTAAAAGTAAGCAATTATGATTTGGTGC GGGGTCTACTGTGATTCAGATGGTCATTTGGGATGGTAAGGACATCACATCT ATGGTGTGATATGCACGGTGGAATGATGGTGGTGCACGACTGATTACCATTTAAC AATGAGTAATGGAATAAGAATCATCCGAAGGCTAACACGACTGGGTATGGTGC CGGGGTGGTGGGATGCTGAATTACGGGAGTACGTTGACTTAATGGATTAT TGGACCCGGATTCCATCGGTAACCTGAACCGGGGATGACGGGGCGAAGATAACG CGTGAATTGATGCGAAACATCGGACGTTATGATGGCAGGG TGGTAAAGGCATTATTAAATGCTGGTAAGTCTAGGATTCATAATTAAAGGATCGGA CTTGCTGACTAAAGTGTATGATGCCAGATAGTGAAGAAACGAAAGCTCGAC AACGTTTCGATTGCTGAGTACTTCAGGATGATCCGCATATGTTCCAACCGAA TTCTGGTATATGTGGGAAACAAACCTTGGCTTAGAACGCAAAGCTCTGCTC AAGAACTGGGGCTTACATGCAATTGATTAAATGCAATTACAACAAATTGAA CACTTAGTGGTGTCAACCGGGAACCGGTTACAATCAATTGCAAGGCTGATGATT GCCATTAAATTAAAGTACTTGTCAAGGGCAAGGTGTGACTTTCATTGATAATAAGA TGTAAAGGATGGCAATTAAAGAACGCCAACGAAATTACGAAATTACGGTGA ACTGGGCTTACGGCATGGGATGGCAGACTGGGGAAGGAAAGGTTGAAGT TGATGAGGACACACGGGTGATCTTCACTAACGGTTCAATTACCGATTCTGCAA CGATGGGTGATTACAAACACGGCTGTCTCCTGAAAATATGGGATTATGGTGT GCTAGTTTGTGGAAAGGGCTACTGAGGGTTCTATAACTTAACTTGGGACGCCAGA TAAGTTCTTCAACGATGGGAATGCTAGCCAAATGGTCAAGCTTACGTTGACGA CTAAGAATCAATTATCTTAAATGAAATCTGTTICGGATCACCACCCAGGAACCC GGGAATGCGTTGAACCTCCCTTCAACTACGGCCAATTACGGCCGTGAACCA AAAGGAATGTTAAATATGTCGAATCGTGGTGCACCAACACACTTACGACAC AGCAACCAAACGAAACAGTCTGTGGGGCTACTCTGTATCCACGGGTCAA GGTAGGTTGTTAACAAAGCGTATATCAAGATGACGGGTAAAGGAATGGCTCA AGAATTAAATGGTCAACTTCCAAAGTAGATCGGGTCCAGGAATATTAAAGG ACAAGGAAAAGGAAATTGGGACAGTATCGTGAACAAATTCCGGTATACTG CCATATCCTTCCGCACTCTTTAATAACCGGGTAAAGTCTGATGGCCAGAAGT CTTACCAAGGACTCAACGAACTTAGCCTTACGGGTGAATTGCGGAACAAC CATACCAAGATGATCTTCACGGAAACAGAGTGCCTGGCTCTGGTGAAGATTGCC GCTTATCCTACTTGTGGTGGTCCCAATGGATAACTTGTCAAGAACCCACGCTA CGATAAGGATCCAAGAACCTTGTCAAGGCAACTAAGGAAGATGTTGATTAAAT TAAATGGCTGGCCTGTCAGTGGTTAATGCTGATGCAATGATGTTAGTGT TCCCCATGAAAGATGACTTCATAGGGAGCGTTTGTGT

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Gene Name	Sequence
>gi 325048314 emb FR732046.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> gene for putative linoleate isomerase, strain IMDO 130201	AGAACCTTAATTACCTTATTGGGGGGCTTATT ATGGTTAAAAGTAAGCAATTATGATTTGTCGGGCTATCAAATATGGCTGC GGGGGTCTACTTGTAAAGATGGTCATGGGATGGTAAGGACATCACATCTA TGGTGTGATATGCAACGGTGCAAATGATGGTGGCAGACTGATTTACCA ATGAGTATTGGAAATAAGAATCATCCGATGGTAACACGACTGGTATGTTGCC CGGGTGGTGGATGGCTGAATACCGGACGTACGTTGACTTAATGGATTATT GGACCGGAAATTCCATCGGTAACTGAACCGGGGATGACGGGGCTGAAGATAACGC GTGATTGGATGCCAACATCGGACGTATGATAATTGGCCGCTTGATGCAGGGT GGTAAGGGCATTATAATGCTGTTAAGTAGGTGATTATGCCAGATACTGTAAG TTGCTGACTAAGTGTGATTATGCCAGATACTGTAAGAACCGAAGCTCGACAA ACGTTCTGATTGCTGAGTACTCTCAAGGATGATCCGCAATATGTTCCAAGGAAT TCTCTGGTATATGCTGGAAACAAACCTTTCGCTTTAGAACGCCAAAGCTCTGCTCA AGAACTGCGGCGTACATGCAATTACAAATTGAAATTACACAATTTGAAAC ACTTAGTIGGTTGTCACCCGGACCGGTACAAATCAATCAGTGAAGCTGATTITG CCATTAATTAAAGTACTTGTCAAGGGCAAGGTGTACTTCAATTGATAATAAGAT TGTTAAGGATTGGCAATTAAAGAACGCCAATGCAAGCAAAATTACGGTGA CTGGCTTAAGTGGGATGGGAGACTGGGAAACGGGAAGGTTGAAGT GATGAGGACACAGGGTGTACTTCAACTAACGGTTCAATTACGGTCAAC GATGGGTGATTACAACACGGCTGCTCCTGAAAATATGGATTATGGTGTAACTG CTAGTTTGTGGAAAGAAAGGCTACTGTGAGCGGTTCTAACTTAACTGGACGCCAGAT AAGTTCTCAACGATCGGAATGGGTCAAGCTTCACTGTTGACCGAC TAAGAATCAATTGTCCTAAATGAAATCGGATCCACCCAGGAACCCG GGAATGCGTTGAACTCCTCTTATCAACTACGCCAAATACGCCGTGAAACCAA AAGGATGTTAATATGTCATGTTGCAACCACACTTACGACACA GCAACCAAAACGAAACAGTTCTGTGGGGCTACTCTTGTATCCACGGCGTCAG GTGAGTTGTTAACAAAGCCGTATATCAAGATGACGGTAAGGAATGGCTAA GAATTAAATTGGTCACACTTCCCAGGTAGATCGGGTCCAGGAATAATTAGGA CAAGGAAAAGGAAATTGGACAGTATTGTGAACAAATTCGGTATACATGC CATATGGCTTCCGCACTCTTAAATAACCGGGCTAACGCTGATGCCAGAAGTC TTACCAAAAGCACTCAACGAACCTAGCCTTACGGGTGAATTGGGGAAACACC ATACCAAGATGATCTTCACGGAAACAGAGTGGTCCCTCTGGTAGATTGCCG CTTATCACTTTGCTGGGTCCCCTGGATAACTTGGTCAAGACACCACGGTAC GATAAGGATCCAAAGGAAAGACCTTGTCTCAAGGCAACTAAAGGAAGATGTTGATTAA AAATGGCTGGCTGTCAGTGGTTAATGCTGATGGCATGATTAAAAACGCT CCCCATGAAAAGATGACTTCAAGGGACGT

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Gene Name	Sequence
>gi 333037510 gb JF747255.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> strain ZS2058 putative linoleate isomerase gene	ATGGGGGGGTATTATGGTTAAAAAGTAAG CAATTATGAAITGGIGCCGGGCTATCAAATATGGCTGGCGGTACTTACTGTGATT CAAGATGGTCATTGGGATGGTAAGGACATCACATTCTATGGTTGATATGCA CGTGCCAAATGATGTTGGCACGACTGATTACAATGAGTATTGGAAATA AGAACATTCGGATGGCTAACACGACTGGTATGGTGCCTGGGGTGGTCGGATG CTGAATTACCGGAAGTACGGTGAACCTAATGGATTATGGACCTTGTGATTCCCATC GGTAACCTGAACCGGGGATGACGGGGTGAAGATAACGGTGAAGGGATTGATGCGA AACATCGGACGTATGATATTGCCCGCTGTGAGGGTGTAAAGGCATTATT AATGCTGGTAAGTTAGGATTCAATAAGGATCGGACCTTGTGACTAAGTT GATCATGATGCCAGATACTGTGAAGAACCGAACGCTCGACAACCGTTTCGATTGCTG AGTACTTCAAGGGATGATCCGGCATATGTTGCTGATATGTTGTTGTTG GAAACAAACCTTGGCCTTTAGAACGCAAAAGCTCTGCTCAAGAACGCGGCGTTA CATGCATCAAATGATTGAAATTACACAAATTGAACTAGTTGGTCA ACGGGACGGGTTACAAATCAATTCGAAGACATGATTGCTCAITAATTAAAGTAC TTGCAAGGGCAAGGGTGTGACTCTATTGATAATAAGATTGTTAAGGATTGGCA ATTAAAGAACACGCCAATGCAAGAACAAATTACGGTGACTGGCTTAGTCATTG GGATGGCGAGACTGGCAAAACGGAAAGAATTGAAAGTGGAGGACAGCGGG TGATCTCTCACTAACGGTTCAATTACCGATCTGCAACGGATGGGTGATTACAC ACGCTCTCTCCCTGAAATAATGATTGATTATGGCTTAGTGTCTAGTTGTTGGAAGAA GGCTACTTGAGGGTTCTATAAACCTTAGGGACGCCAGATAAGTTCTCAACGATC GGAATGCTAACGGGTCAAGTGGTCACTTGAACGACTAACGAAATCATTATTC TAAATGAAATCGTTGGATCACCCCGGAACCCGGGAATGGCTTGAACCTC CTTCTTATCAACTACGCCAAATTACGCCGTTGAACCAAAGGATGTTAATATGT CGATCGGGTGCACCAACACACTTACGACACAGCAACCAAACGAAACA GTTCTGTGGGGCTACTCTTGATTCACGGCGTCAAGGTGAGTTGTTAACAA GCGTATATCAAGATGACGGGTAAAGGAATGGCTCAAGAATTAAATGGTCAAC TTCCAAGTAGATC CGGGTCAAGGCAATTAAAGGACAAGGAAGGAATT TTGGACAGTATCGTGAACAAATTCCGGTATACATGCCATATGCTTCGCAC CTTAATAACCGGGCTAACGTCTGATGGCAGAAAGTCTTACCAAAGCACTCAA CGAACCTAGCCCTTACGGGTGAATTGGCGAACAAACCATACCGAGTGTCTC ACGGAACAGAGTGGCGTCCGCTCTGGTGAAGATTGGCGCTTATCACTTTGCTGG GGTCCCCAATGGATAACTTGGTCAAGACACCAACGGTACGATAAGGATCCAAGA CCTTGCTCAAGGCCAACTAAGAAGATGTTGAT

Table 1 continued

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>gi 325048316 emb FR732047.1 <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> gene for putative linoleate isomerase	CAGAACCTAATTACCTTATTGGGGGT TATTATGGTAAAGCAATTATCATTGGGGTATCAAATATG GTCGGGGCTACTTGATTCAAGATGGTCAITGGATGGTAAGCACATCAC ATTCTATGGTTGATATGCACGGTGCATGATGGTGGCAATGATGGTGGCCACGACTGATT TTACAAATGAGTAATGGAATAAGAAATCATCGATGGCTAACACGACTGGTAT GTTGCCGGGGTGGCTGGATGCTGAATTACCGGACCTACGTTGACTTAATGGGA TTATTGGACCGGATTCCATCGTAACTGAACCGGGATGACGGCGGCCGAAAG ATACGGCGTGAATTGATTCGAAACATCGGACGTAATGATATTGGCCGCTTGATG CAGGGTGGTAAAGGCATTATTATGCTGGTAAGTTAGGATTCAATAAGGA TCGGACTTTGCTGACTAAGTGTGATCATGATGGCCAGATAGTGAAGAAAACGAAGC TCGACAACGTTTCGATTGCTGAGTACTTCAGGATGATCCGCATATGTTICCAA ACGAATTTCCTGGTATATGTTGGAAACAAACCTTIGCCCTTAGAACGCCAAAGCTC TGCTCAAGAACACTGGGGFTTACATGCATCAAATGATTGAAATTACACAA TTGAAACACTTAAAGTGGTGTCAACCGGACCGCGITACATCAATTGCAAGGCAATG ATTTTGCCCCATTAAITAAGTACTTGTCAAGGGCAAGGTGTGACTTCAITGATAA TAAGATTGTTAAGGATTGGCAATTAAAGACACGCCATGCAAGCAGAAATT CGGTGACTGGCTTACGGATGGTCACTTGTGGGATGGCAAGACTGGGAAAGGTT GAAGTTGATGGGCAACACGGGGTCAATTACGGGTTCAATTACCGATTTC TGCAACCGATGGGTGATTACAACACGGCTGCTCCCTGAATAATATGGATTATGGT TTAGTGCTAGTTGTGGAAAGAAGGCTACTGAGCGGTCTATAACCTTAGGGAGC CCAGATAAAGTCTTCAACGATGGAAATGGGTCACTTCACGTT GACGACTAAGAACATTTTCTTAAATGAAATCGTICGGATCACCCCGG AACCCGGGAATGGGTGAACTCTCTTCTCAACTACGCCAATTACGCCGTG AACCAAAGGATGTTAATATGTCGATCGTGGTGCACCCAACACATTAC GACACAGCAACCAAACGAAACAGITCTGTTGGGCTACTCTGTATCCACGGC GTCAAGGTGAGTTGTTAACAGCGTATATCAAGATGACGGGTAAAGGAATG GCTCAAGAATTAAATGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATCGGGTCAAGGCAATT TAAGGACAAGGAAAGGAAATTITAGACAGTATCGTGAACAATATTCCGGTAT ACATGCCATATGCTCCGCACCTTTAAACCGGGCTAACGCTGATGGCCA GAAAGCTTACCAAGGCACTCAACGAACTTAGCCTTACGGGTGAATTGGGGA ACAACCATAACCAAGATGATCTTCACGGAACAGAGTGGGGTCTGGTGA TGGCGCTTATCAGTTGCTGGGTTCCCAATGGATAACTTGGTCAAGACACA CGGTACGATAAGGATCCAAGGAAACCTTGGCTCAAGGCAACTAAAGAAGATGTTGA TIAATTAAATGCTGGCTGTCAGTGGTTAATGCTGAATGGCATGATGTTAA AACGCTCCCCATGAAAGATGACTTCATAGGAGGCTTAAAGT

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	H G A N D G G A T T D F T N E Y W N K N H P M A N T T G Y V A R G G R M L N Y R											
241	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320	330	340	350	360
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	V S I A E Y F K D D P H M F Q T N F W Y M W E T T F A F R T Q S S A Q E L R R Y											
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961	970	980	990	1000	1010	1020	1030	1040	1050	1060	1070	1080
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401	CAACCCACACTTACGACACAGCAACCCAGAACAGTCTGIGGGCTACTCTGTATCCACGGCTCAAGGTGATTCTTACACGCCGTATATCACAGATGACGGTAAGGAAATG											
	Q P H F T T Q Q P N E T V L W G Y F L Y P R R Q G E F V N K P Y I K M T G K E M											
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441	GCTCAAGAAATTGGTCAACTTCCAAGTAGATCCGGGCTCAGGCAATTAAAGGACAAGGAAATTTGGACAGTTGGAACAATATTCCGGTATACATGCCATATGCT											
	A Q E L I G Q L S K V D P G P G N I K D K E K E I I L D S I V N N I P V Y M P Y A											
1441	1450	1460	1470	1480	1490	1500	1510	1520	1530	1540	1550	1560
481	TCCGCACTCTTAAATAACCGGGCTAAGTGTGATGCCGAGAACGACTCAACGAAACCTAGCCTTACGGGTGAATTGCGGAACACCATACCCAGATGATCTCACGGAA											
	S A L F N N R A K S D R P E V L P K H S T N L A F T G E F A E Q P Y Q M I F T E											
1561	1570	1580	1590	1600	1610	1620	1630	1640	1650	1660	1670	1680
521	CAGAGTGGCGTCCGCTCTGGTGGAGATTGCCGCTTATCACTTGCTGGGCTTACAGGATAACTGGTCAAGACACCAACGGTACGATAAGGATCCAAGAACCTTGCTCAAGGCAACTAAG											
	Q S A V R S G E I A A Y H F A G V P M D N L V K T P R Y D K D P K T L L K A T K											
1681	1690											
561	AAGATGTTGATTAA											
	K M F D *											

Fig. 1 The predicted ORF of Liase in *Lactobacillus plantarum* CGMCC8198

nitrogen (N_2) at 1 mL/min in split mode (50:1). The transfer lines were set to 280 °C, and the temperature of quadrupole and the MS ion source were 230 and 150 °C, respectively. MS detection mode was set as electron impact ionization, scanning from 35 amu to 800 amu masses. Characteristic peaks were identified by comparing with the NIST08 MS library and retention time of external *c9*, *t11*-CLA analytical standard (Sigma 16413, CA) and *t10*, *c12*-CLA analytical standard (NU-CHEK-PREP, INC. UC-61-A, USA).

The *c9*, *t11*-CLA and *t10*, *c12*-CLA standard curves were constructed using the concentration gradients of the corresponding methyl esters. The methods of methyl esterification and GC-MS were the same as above.

Bioinformatics analysis

Firstly, the amino acid sequence homology comparison was performed by NCBI BLASTP, and 9 Liase gene sequence (Table 1) alignment was analyzed by CLUSTAL-X. Subsequently, a phylogenetic tree was constructed with

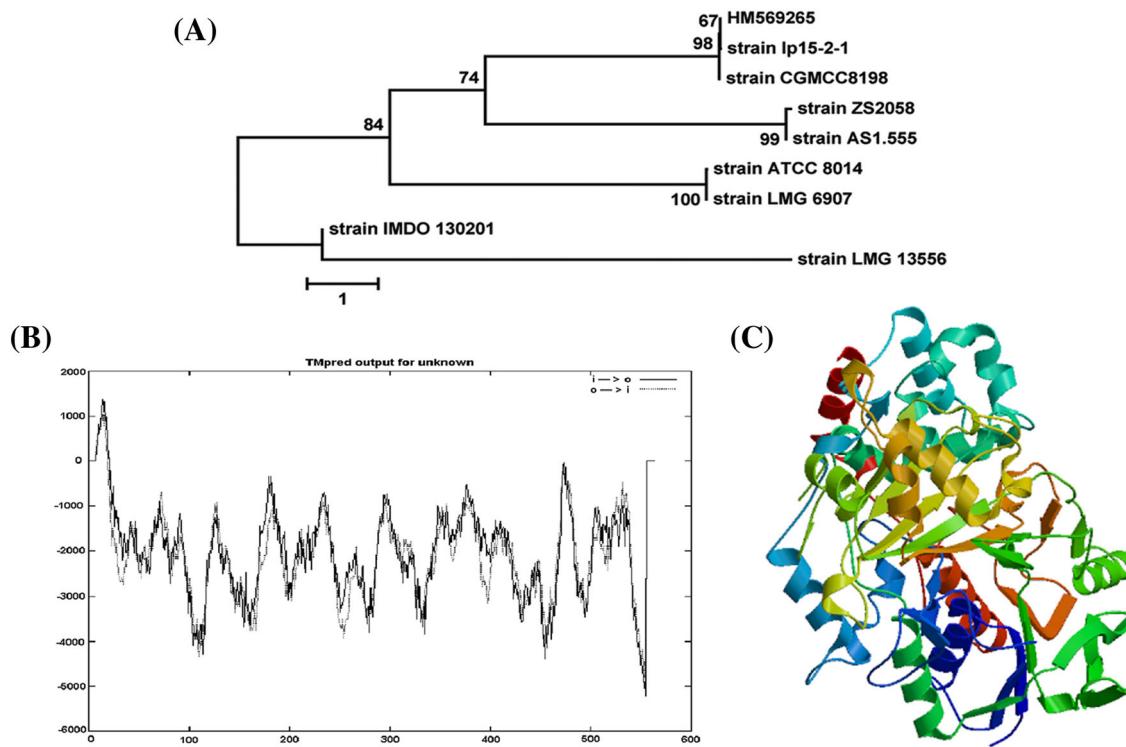


Fig. 2 Bioinformatic analysis of linoleate isomerase in *LP8198*. (A) Phylogenetic tree analysis of a new gene from *LP8198*. (B) The possible transmembrane helices structure analysis of Liase in *LP8198*. (C) Tertiary structure prediction of Liase by the SWISS-MODEL based on homology modeling

MEGA6. Furthermore, the subcellular localization analysis was performed using TargetP 1.1 Server (<http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TargetP/>), the transmembrane segment prediction was performed using the TMpred Server (http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/TMPRED_form.html), and the tertiary structure of this protein was established by SWISS-MODEL (<http://swissmodel.expasy.org/>) and visualized by Swiss-PDB-Viewer based on homology modeling.

Statistical analysis

Statistical evaluations were performed using GraphPad PRISM 5.0, with three independent experiments. The statistics were analyzed using Student's *t* test. Differences at $P < 0.05$ were considered statistically significant.

Results and discussion

Identification, analysis, and phylogenetic analysis of Liase in *LP8198*

As shown in Fig. 1, the full-length cDNA of Liase is 1710 bp, comprising a 5' untranslated region of 15 bp and

an uninterrupted open reading frame (ORF) of 1695 bp, and the complete CDS region was submitted to GenBank by BankIt tool and acquired GenBank ID as KU555936. The predicted ORF of the cDNA encodes a protein of 564 amino acids with a molecular weight of 64.23 kDa and a theoretical pI of 5.36. Besides, it was predicted as a stable protein by the ProtParam tool (<http://web.expasy.org/protparam/>). Furthermore, a phylogenetic tree of the obtained Liase in *LP8198* was constructed, and the results indicated that the gene is most closely related to the linoleic acid isomerase gene of *L. plantarum* strains lp15-2-1 and ZS2058 [Fig. 2(A)].

Further bioinformatics analyses of Liase in *LP8198* by TargetP 1.1 Server indicated that it is a secretory pathway signal peptide (Table 2). Subsequently, the possible transmembrane helices structure performed by the TMpred Server indicated that the N-terminal region includes 18 amino acids (from 6 th aa to 23 th aa) which were predicted as an inside to outside helices structure [Fig. 2(B)]. Besides, the tertiary structure of this protein was also established by SWISS-MODEL and visualized by Swiss-PDB-Viewer based on homology modeling [Fig. 2(C)].

Table 2 The subcellular localization prediction of LIase in *LP8198* by the TargetP 1.1 Server

Name	Length	Location	RC ^a
Linoleate isomerase	564	Secretory pathway	4

^aRC is a measure of the size of the difference ('diff') between the highest (winning) and the second highest output scores. There are 5 reliability classes, defined as follows: 1: diff > 0.800; 2: 0.800 > diff > 0.600; 3: 0.600 > diff > 0.400; 4: 0.400 > diff > 0.200; 5: 0.200 > diff. Thus, the lower the value of RC indicates the safer the prediction

ATB-seed oil induced the transcription of *LP8198* LIase

Since the content of linoleic acid was up to about 34% in ATB-seed oil (Fig. 3), we speculated whether ATB-seed oil could affect the transcription of *LP8198* LIase. To confirm this issue, the transcriptional level of *LP8198* LIase was detected by semi-PCR and qPCR with different fermentation times and substrate concentrations. As shown in

Fig. 4, the mRNA level of LIase was upregulated depending on time and dose was time-dependently and dose-dependently upregulated by ATB-seed oil. When the *lactobacilli* were treated by 1 mg/mL ATB-seed oil for 24 h, the mRNA level of LIase could attain a value nearly 15 fold of that of the control group.

c9, t11-CLA and t10, c12-CLA could be biotransformed by LP8198 fermentation with ATB-seed oil

Accumulating evidence has demonstrated that *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA, two major isomers of CLA, have excellent biomedical properties for potential use in anti-cancer applications and for improving immunity, preventing inflammation, reducing obesity by different pathways such as Wnt/beta-catenin pathway, hormone-mediated mitogenic pathway, PPAR γ , 5-lipoxygenase (5-LOX) pathway and NF- κ B pathway [6–8, 12–15]. Although there was tremendous potential for the application of CLA isomers, their source of human daily intake was too limited to reach the recommended dosage, 3 g/d, which would be

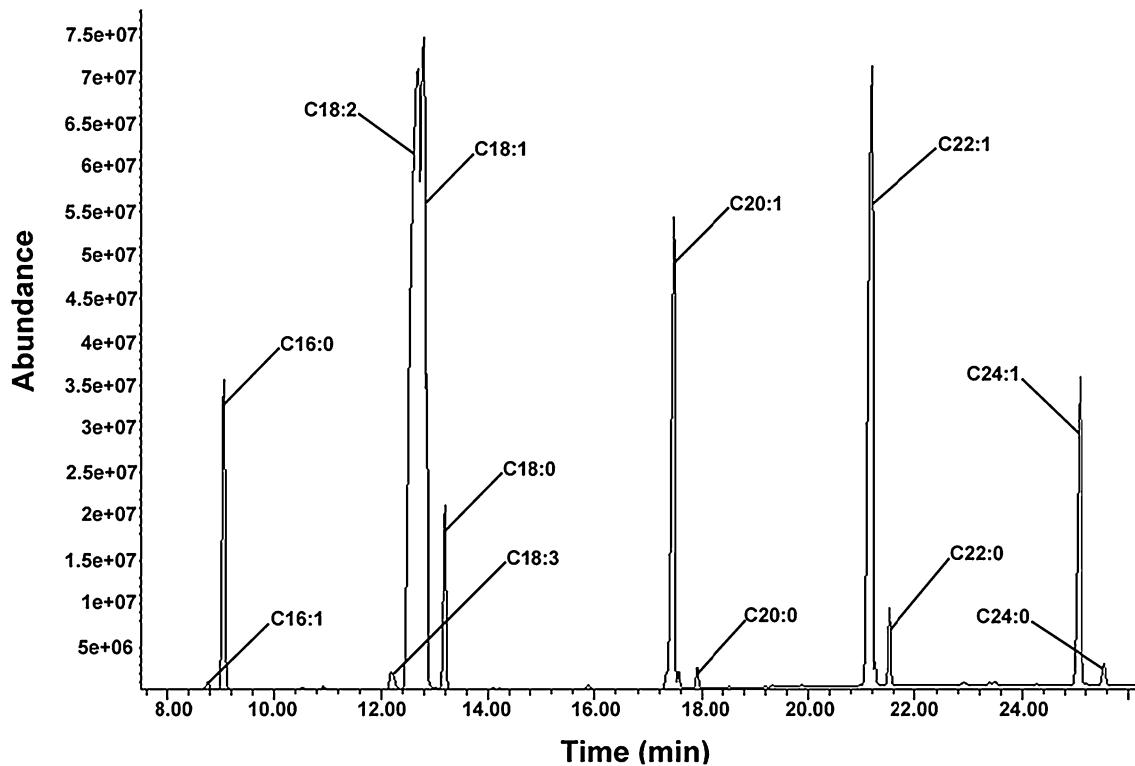


Fig. 3 GC-MS analysis of fatty acid content in ATB-seed oil

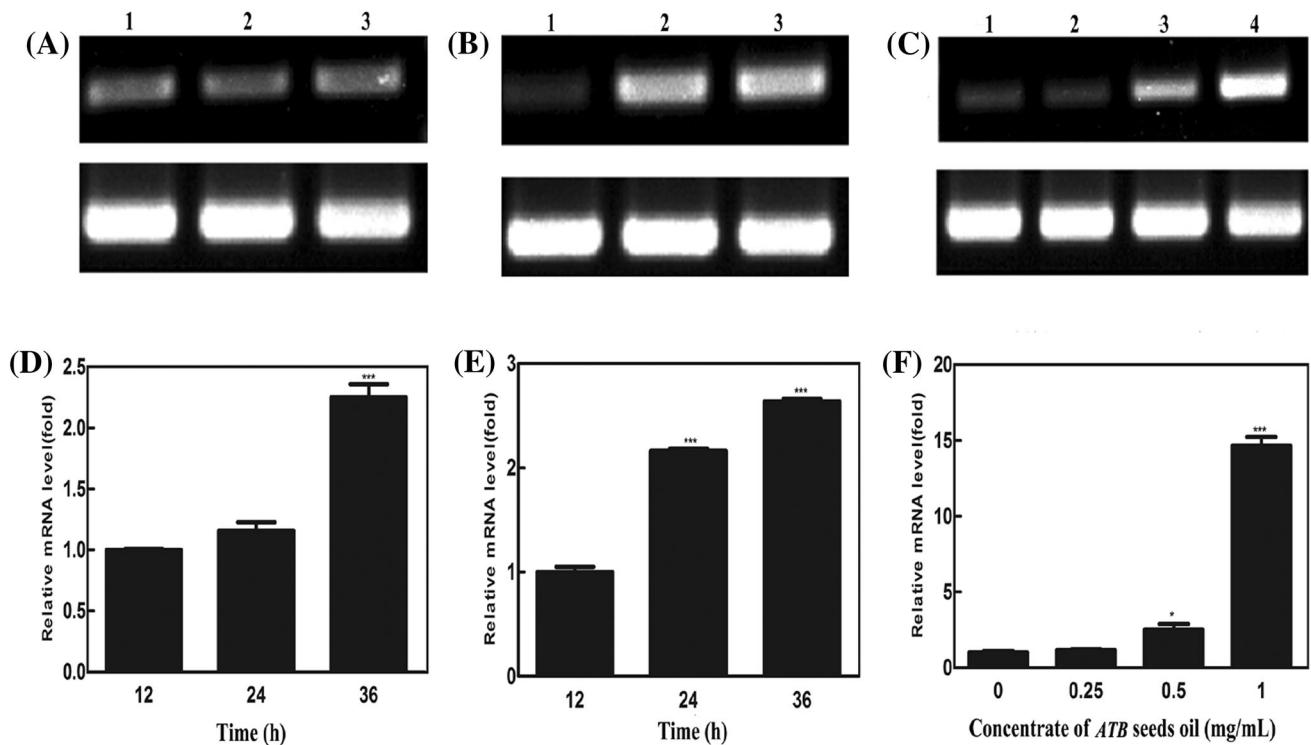


Fig. 4 The effects of ATB-seed oil on transcriptional level of LP8198 LIase. (A) The semi-PCR analysis of the transcriptional level of LIase in LP8198 without ATB-seed oils. Lanes 1–3 represent fermentation for 12, 24, and 36 h, respectively. (B) The semi-PCR analysis of the transcriptional level of LIase in LP8198 treated with 0.5 mg/mL ATB-seed oils for different times. Lanes 1–3 represent fermentation for 12,

24, and 36 h, respectively. (C) The semi-PCR analysis of the transcriptional level of LIase in LP8198 treated with different concentrations of ATB-seed oils for 24 h. Lanes 1–4 represent the treatments of ATB-seed oil at 0, 0.25, and 0.5 mg/mL, respectively. (D), (E), and (F) were detected by qPCR and the treatment was consistent with that of (A), (B), and (C)

required to observe health benefits in human subjects [16]. Thus, the development of production technology of these CLA isomers is very necessary.

Although CLA could be chemically synthesized, this method would produce mixed products, which might contain some unsafe ingredients [12]. Therefore, selective synthesis of CLA isomers by microbial transformation has received great interest. Nowadays, biosynthesis of CLA isomers, especially *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA, by linoleate isomerase in *Butyrivibrio fibrisolvens* and *Propionibacterium acnes*, has been well studied [17, 18]. Besides, a series of *Lactobacillus* have also become the protagonist to produce *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA in the recent years. It has been reported that some *L. plantarum* strains could convert linoleic acid to *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA by LIase [18, 19]. Li and his colleagues analyzed CLA bioconversion by six *L. plantarum* strains cultured in MRS broth supplemented with sunflower oil, and the results showed that the production of CLA was increased by adding high concentration of substrate in sunflower oil, and *L. plantarum* IMAU60042 produced the highest CLA [20]. Besides, the study of Elaheh Sadat

Hosseini had also shown that both sunflower oil and castor oil could be used as substrates for the production of *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA by *Lactobacillus* fermentation [21]. Here, to validate whether LP8198 could biotransform linoleic acid from ATB-seed oil into *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA, the concentration of these two CLA isomers in 0.5 mg/mL ATB-seed oil before and after LP8198 fermentation was detected by GC-MS. As shown in Fig. 5, according to the standard curves, the results showed that the concentration of *c9, t11*-CLA could be increased from 0.23 to 2.06 mg/mL by about ninefold and that of *t10, c12*-CLA could be increased from 1.68 to 3.79 mg/mL by about 2.25-fold.

In summary, here we discovered a new *Lactobacillus* strain which might produce *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA during fermentation with ATB-seed oil, a kind of valuable edible oil which has noteworthy health benefits and has been authorized as a New Resource Food in China [9, 10]. To the best of our knowledge, this study was applied for the first time to ATB-seed oil for producing *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA by microbial fermentation. These findings might provide some new theoretical basis to develop a new

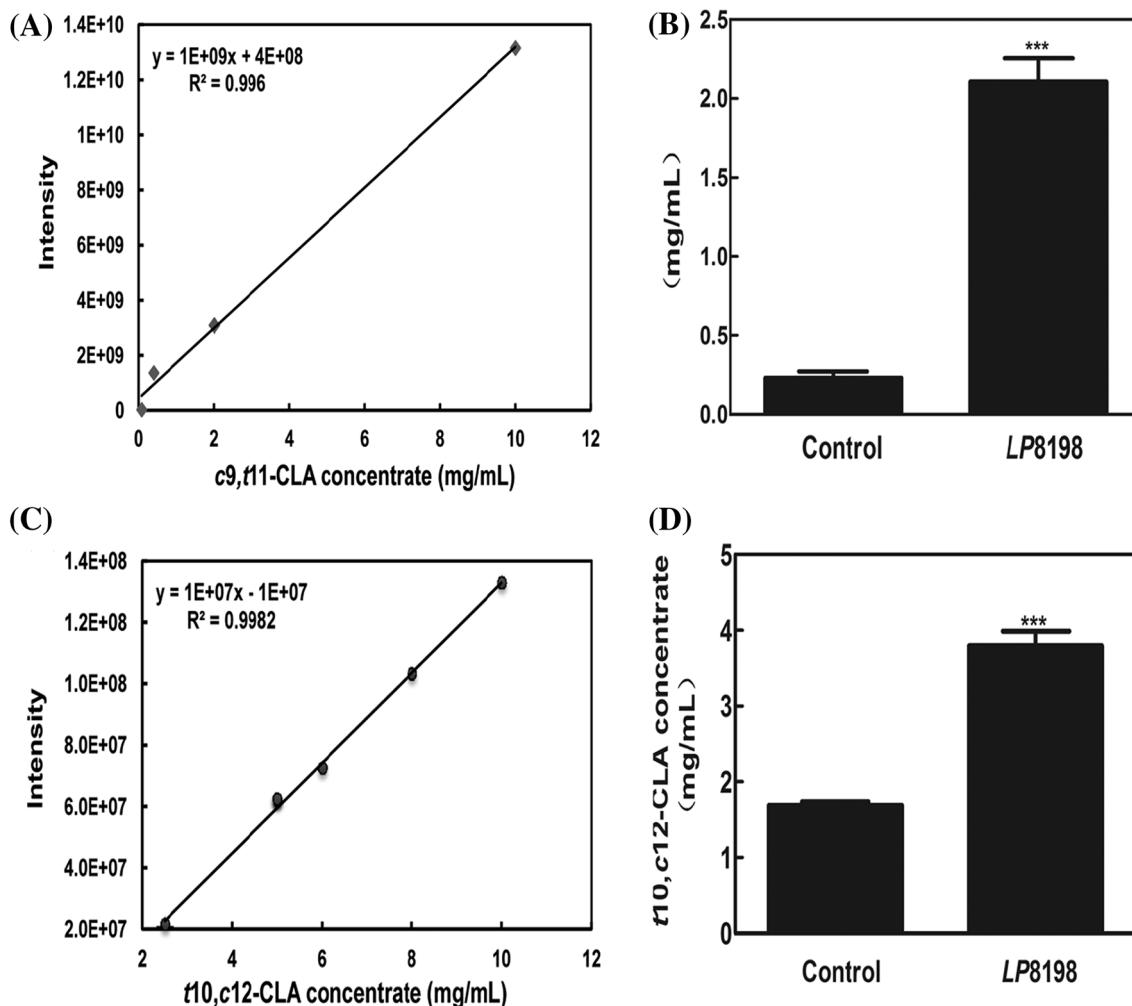


Fig. 5 The concentration of *c9, t11*-CLA and *t10, c12*-CLA in ATB-seed oil before and after being fermented using *LP8198*. **(A)** The standard curve of *c9, t11*-CLA detected by GC-MS. **(B)** The concentration of *c9, t11*-CLA in a 0.5 mg/mL ATB-seed oil emulsion

before and after being fermented using *LP8198* for 24 h. **(C)** The standard curve of *t10, c12*-CLA detected by GC-MS. **(D)** The concentration of *t10, c12*-CLA in a 0.5 mg/mL ATB-seed oil emulsion before and after being fermented using *LP8198*

resource for CLA isomers, and meanwhile, it also might contribute to new applications of ATB.

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