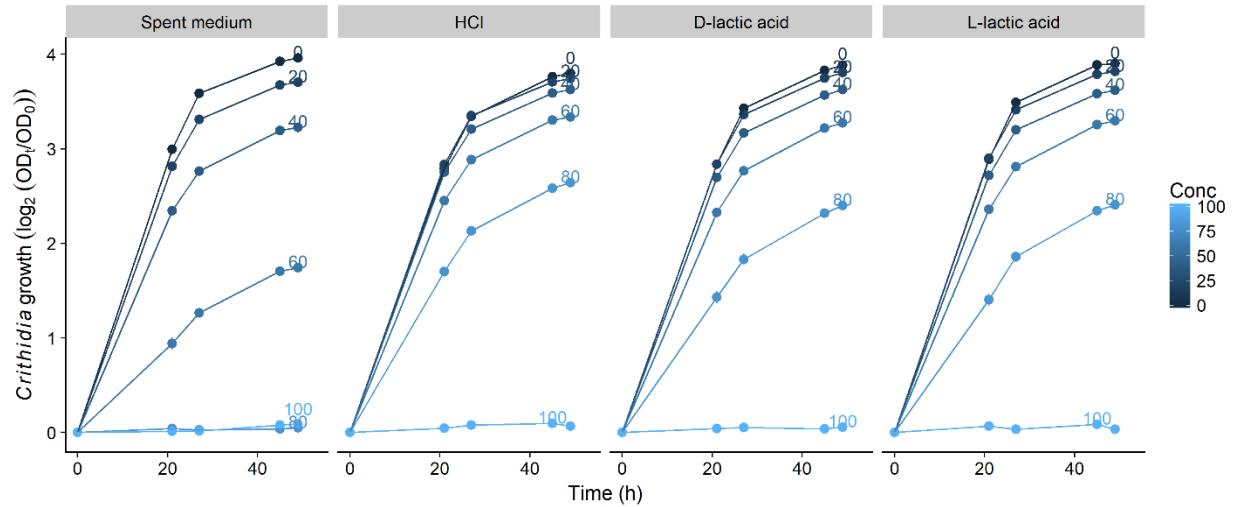


1 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**2 Supplementary Table S1. EC50 values for Acidification and Strain Variation Experiments.**

A. Acidification Experiment		
Treatment	EC50 pH	Std. Error
HCl	5.18	0.004595
Spent medium	5.29	0.008261
D-lactic acid	5.22	0.007991
L-lactic acid	5.20	0.007128
B. Strain Variation Experiment		
Strain	EC50 pH	Std. error
IL13.2	5.24	0.00811
S08	5.49	0.00945
VT1	5.34	0.0229
VT1*	5.19	0.00543

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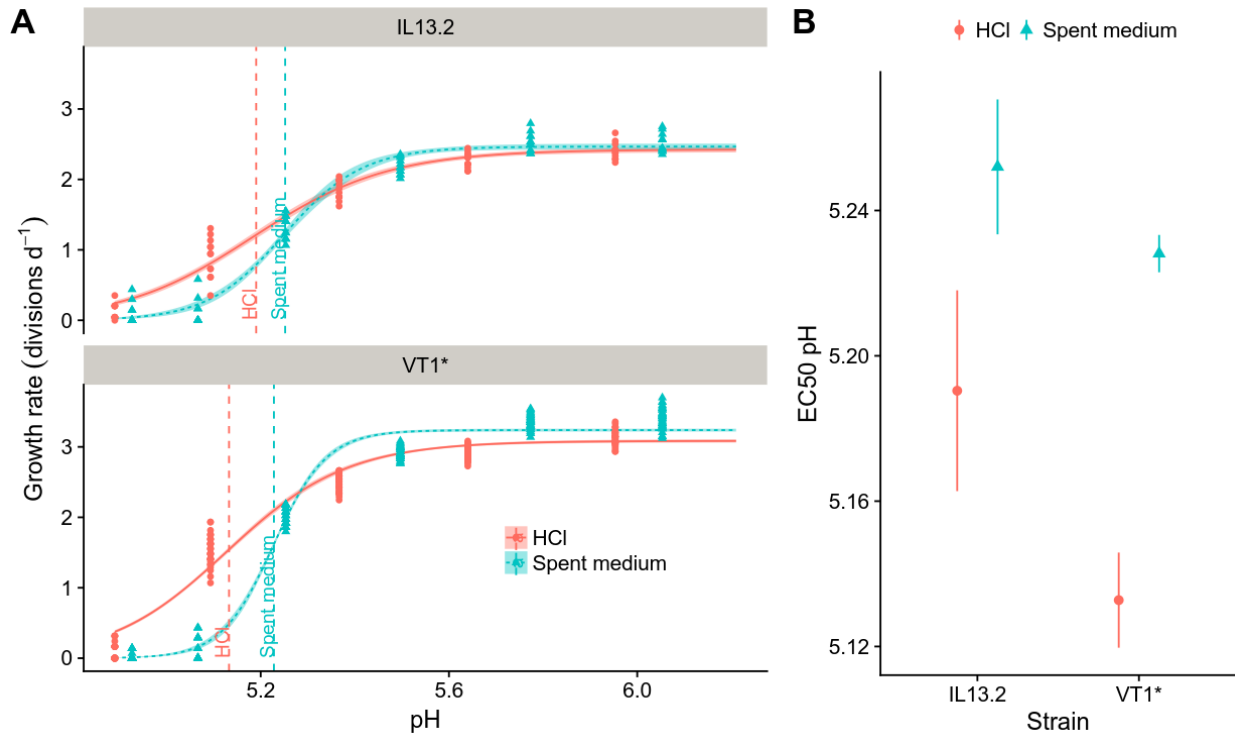
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6 **Supplementary Figure 1. Growth curves for *C. bombi* (Strain VT1) grown in different dilutions of *L.***7 ***bombicola* spent medium or acidified MRS medium (initial pH of 4.65 (spent medium), 4.73 (HCl), 4.82**8 **(D-lactic acid), and 4.77 (L-lactic acid)). X-axis shows incubation time. Y-axis shows approximate number**9 **of cell divisions, computed as log₂ ratio of optical density (630 nm) to initial optical density (OD = 0.010).**10 **Differently labeled and colored lines indicate percentage of acidified medium in MRS fraction. Because**11 **MRS medium was combined with equal volumes of fresh FPFB medium, this percentage is twice the final**12 **concentration to which cells were exposed. Points and error bars (in most cases not visible, because**13 **they are smaller than the points) show mean ± 1 standard error for 12 replicate wells per treatment.**

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16 **Supplementary Figure 2: In both strains tested, spent medium inhibited *C. bombi* growth at a higher**
 17 **pH than did acidified medium (MRS medium acidified with 1M HCl). (A) Dose-response curves relating**
 18 **pH to growth rate for different *C. bombi* strains (panels) and sources of acidity (lines). X-axis shows pH**
 19 **of treatment medium after combination with equal volume of fresh FPFB medium. Y-axis shows growth**
 20 **rate over the initial 20 h incubation period, in number of doublings per day, based on OD. Lines and**
 21 **shaded bands show fitted means \pm SE based on log-logistic model fit. Vertical lines indicate EC50 pH.**
 22 **Points show growth rates for each replicate well. Red lines and circles: spent medium. Blue lines and**
 23 **triangles: acidified medium. (B) 50% inhibitory concentrations (EC50) for each strain and source of**
 24 **acidity. Point estimates and 95% confidence intervals are derived from model fits shown in panel (A).**

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- 26 **Supplementary Data S1 (xlsx). Full model parameters and raw data** for Acidification and Strain
27 Variation Experiments. Each experiment (Acidification and Strain Variation) has a sheet for raw data
28 (_data), model summary (_parameters), and 95% confidence intervals for EC50 ratios (_comparisons).

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