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Effects of enzymatic hydrolysis and probiotic fermentation on anti-inflammatory ability of *Chlorella*

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The rigid cell wall of *Chlorella* cannot be easily digested and consequently lowered its nutritional value. Hydrolysis with cellulase and protease at 50°C promote the releasing of reducing sugar, lutein, chlorophyll, and peptides or free amino acid, suggesting the lysis of cell walls occurred. *Chlorella* hydrolysate was further fermented with *L. plantarum* subsp. BCRC 10069 at 37°C for 24 hr. The inhibition of LPS-induced nitric oxide (NO) and O²⁻ production in RAW264.7 cells were used to investigate the anti-inflammatory activity of the hydrolysates and their fermented samples. About 78.30% of NO and 76.72% of O²⁻ productions in LPS-RAW 264.7 cells were inhibited by *L. plantarum* subsp. BCRC 10069 fermented *Chlorella* hydrolysate. Probiotic fermented hydrolysates could inhibit 55.30% of interleukin 6 (IL-6) production and depress the tumor necrosis factor (TNF-α) from 364.80 ng/mL to 161.75 ng/mL, respectively. Further, the *Chlorella* hydrolysate and fermentation could increase interleukin 10 (IL-10) production. These phenomena suggested that hydrolysis and fermentation substantially facilitate the release of nutrients and decrease of ROS production. According to the data obtained, probiotic fermented *Chlorella* hydrolysates have higher potential to process into functional foods with anti-inflammatory ability.

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