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ABSTRACT

The effect of *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus plantarum* and the combination of both on Enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* was determined. Initial and final concentrations of ETEC subjected to treatments were compared. It was elucidated that *Lactobacillus casei* and *Lactobacillus plantarum* inhibited the growth of ETEC at almost the same significant level ($p<0.05$). When these two probiotic treatments were combined, a significant decrease in growth of ETEC was observed, as compared to individual treatments ($p<0.05$). Positive and negative controls were also performed. With these results, it was concluded that there is a synergistic effect between *Lactobacillus casei* and *Lactobacillus plantarum* against ETEC, which can be very useful for further studies in search for alternative treatments to ETEC-induced diseases.

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