

1 **Yeast species and genetic heterogeneity within *Debaryomyces hansenii***  
2 **along the ripening process of traditional ewes' and goats' cheeses.**

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25 **ABSTRACT**

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27 The yeasts present during the ripening process of ewes' and goats' cheeses  
28 produced in a small traditional dairy in Mediterranean Spain were isolated and  
29 identified. Five hundred and thirty strains pertaining to eleven yeast species  
30 representing eight genera were identified using molecular methods.  
31 *Debaryomyces hansenii* was the yeast species most frequently isolated in all  
32 cheeses. Other yeast species commonly found in dairy products were present  
33 at the first maturing weeks. Two yeast species *Trichosporon coremiiforme* and  
34 *Trichosporon domesticum* have been reported in cheeses for the first time, and  
35 *Meyerozyma guilliermondii* has been newly isolated from goats' cheeses. Yeast  
36 species composition changed greatly along the process; although, *D. hansenii*  
37 dominated at the end of ripening in all cheeses. Most yeast isolates were able  
38 to hydrolyze casein and fatty acid esters. One hundred and eighty seven *D.*  
39 *hansenii* isolates were genotyped by PCR amplification of M13 satellites and a  
40 UPGMA dendrogram was constructed. The majority of isolates were grouped in  
41 5 clusters while 7 profiles were represented by 1 to 3 isolates. These results  
42 demonstrate the genetic heterogeneity present in *D. hansenii* strains isolated  
43 from raw milk cheeses.

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46 genotyping

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## 49 **1. Introduction**

50 Mediterranean European countries account for the production of most  
51 caprine and ovine milk worldwide. The majority of this production is converted  
52 into cheese in small artisanal dairies, using traditional making methods leading  
53 to the development of different cheese varieties with unique organoleptic  
54 characteristics (Freitas and Malcata, 2000).

55 The development of flavor and texture distinctive of a cheese variety are  
56 the result of complex processes involving microbiological and biochemical  
57 changes to the curd during ripening. Cheese microbiota may be divided into  
58 lactic acid bacteria and secondary microorganisms (Beresford et al., 2001).  
59 Yeasts are an important constituent of the secondary microbiota, which  
60 development is favored by the physicochemical properties of the cheese such  
61 as low pH, low moisture content, elevated salt concentration and refrigerated  
62 ripening and storage (Fleet, 1990; Viljoen et al., 2003). Regarding the  
63 biochemical changes, these yeasts play an important role in proteolysis,  
64 lipolysis, fermentation of residual lactose, and assimilation of lactic and citric  
65 acid during the ripening of cheese, contributing to aroma development and to  
66 the rheological properties of the final dairy product (McSweeney, 2004).  
67 Additionally, some cheese yeasts have been recognized by their probiotic  
68 character and DNA-bioprotective action against model genotoxins (Kumura et  
69 al., 2004; Trotta et al., 2012).

70 Freitas and Malcata (2000) reviewed the most important aspects of the  
71 microbial characteristics of cheeses manufactured from ovine and caprine milk  
72 in Spain. These studies have focused mainly on the identification and

73 characterization of bacteria; however, there is little knowledge about the yeast  
74 population associated with these cheeses.

75         The impact of yeasts on the production and quality of the cheese is  
76 related to their ecology and biological activities (Fleet, 2007). Physico-chemical  
77 characteristics of cheese such as low pH, low water activity and high salt  
78 content and refrigerated storage favor yeast growth (Fleet, 1990). The number  
79 of yeast species frequently isolated from milk and dairy products listed in the  
80 Encyclopedia of Dairy Sciences is substantial (Büchl and Seiler, 2011). Species  
81 identification and characterization are therefore essential to understand the  
82 occurrence and role of yeast in cheeses.

83         In order to understand the differences between cheese varieties, we  
84 need to increase our knowledge on the yeast microbiota leading the ripening  
85 process. Several authors have pointed out the main role of *Debaryomyces*  
86 *hansenii* leading during cheese ripening (Fleet, 1990; Fox et al., 2000). In most  
87 Mediterranean ewes' and goats' cheeses, the yeast species *D. hansenii* seems  
88 to be predominant in the ripening process (Capece and Romano, 2009;  
89 Cosentino et al., 2001; Fadda et al., 2004; Gardini et al., 2006; Pisano et al.,  
90 2006). However, regardless of the importance of *D. hansenii* in the ripening  
91 process, very few efforts have been done to investigate changes in the  
92 succession of *D. hansenii* population (Capece and Romano, 2009; Petersen  
93 and Jespersen, 2004) . Other yeast species such as *Trichosporon cutaneum*  
94 (Corbo et al., 2001), *Candida zeylanoides* (Fadda et al., 2010; Pereira-Dias et  
95 al., 2000) and *Geotrichum candidum* (Tornadijo et al., 1998) have also been  
96 identified as the main yeast in the ripening process of some cheese varieties.

97           This paper reports the identification by molecular methods of yeast  
98 isolated along the ripening process of four ewes' and goats' cheeses produced  
99 with raw milk using traditional methods in a small dairy sited within the borders  
100 of the Natural Park "Sierra de Espadán" (Castellón, Spain). The yeast isolates  
101 were also characterised by several technological features. In addition, the  
102 genetic heterogeneity within *D. hansenii* strains isolated at different stages of  
103 the ripening process was analysed by minisatellite M13 PCR.

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## 105 **2. Materials and methods**

### 106 *2.1. Cheese sample processing*

107           Two goats' (G1 and G2) and two ewes' (E1 and E2) commercial semi-  
108 hard cheeses produced in the spring season with raw milk and bacterial starters  
109 were sampled during the ripening process. Samples were weekly taken from  
110 the first day of ripening after salting and along six weeks of the process.  
111 Cylindrical samples (0.5 cm x 5 cm approximately) consisting of rind and  
112 cheese interior were taken along the cheese ripening process, collected into  
113 sterile flasks and transported refrigerated to the laboratory.

114           Cheese samples of 5 g were aseptically weighted into 10 mL of saline  
115 solution in a sterile tube and homogenized using a Polytron PT 2100  
116 (Kinematica AG, Switzerland). Microbiological analyses were performed  
117 immediately after sample homogenization.

### 118 *2.2. Yeast content and isolation*

119           Decimal dilutions from  $10^{-1}$  to  $10^{-7}$  of the homogenized samples were  
120 carried out for microbiological assays. Samples of 0.1 mL from all dilutions were  
121 spread on GPYA medium plates (glucose 2%, peptone 0.5%, yeast extract

122 0.5% and agar 2%) supplemented with chloramphenicol (100 mg/L) and  
123 incubated at 25 °C for 2 to 3 days. Approximately 20 colonies per sample were  
124 picked up randomly. Colonies showing differences in shape, size or color were  
125 additionally selected. Yeast colonies were purified on GPYA plates and pure  
126 cultures preserved in 15% glycerol at -80 °C.

### 127 *2.3. Yeast identification: RFLPs of 5.8S ITS rDNA region and sequencing of* 128 *D1/D2 of 26S rDNA gene*

129 PCR reaction and RFLPs of the 5.8S-ITS rDNA region were performed  
130 following the methodology of (Esteve Zarzoso et al., 1999) using primers ITS1  
131 (5'-TCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGG-3') and ITS4 (TCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC-  
132 3') (White et al., 1990) and restriction enzymes *CfoI*, *HaeIII* and *HinfI*. Band  
133 sizes of RFLPs of the 5.8S-ITS rRNA were compared against the Yeast-id  
134 database (<http://www.yeast-id.com>) and the yeast isolate assigned to a known  
135 species. Identifications were confirmed by sequencing the D1/D2 domains of  
136 26S rRNA gene. PCR products using the primers NL1 (5'-  
137 GCATATCAATAAGCGGAGGAAAAG-3') and NL4 (5'-  
138 GGTCCGTGTTTCAAGACGG-3') (White et al., 1990) were purified with High  
139 Pure PCR Product Purification Kit (Roche, Germany). DNA sequencing was  
140 performed using the BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Sequencing kit (Applied  
141 Biosystems, Calif., USA) in an Applied Biosystems (Model 310) automatic DNA  
142 sequencer. Sequences were edited using MEGA5 (Tamura et al., 2011) and  
143 then subjected to GenBank BLASTN tool.

### 144 *2.4. Genetic characterization of D. hansenii strains.*

145 Minisatellite PCR amplification using the M13 primer  
146 (5'GAGGGTGGCGTTCT3') was performed as described in (Fadda et al.,

147 2004) with minor modifications using a PCR (Mastercycler Pro, Eppendorf,  
148 Hamburg, Germany). Final volume reaction, 50  $\mu$ L, contained 0.3  $\mu$ L rTaq (5U)  
149 DNAPolymerase, 4  $\mu$ L dNTP mix (2.5 mM), 5  $\mu$ L buffer (Takara Bio Inc., Shiga,  
150 Japan), 3  $\mu$ L  $MgCl_2$  (1.5 mM) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA), 1  $\mu$ L M13 primer  
151 (Isogen Life Science, PW de Meern, The Netherlands) and 80–100 ng of  
152 genomic DNA (Querol et al., 1992). PCR amplification conditions were as  
153 follow: 95 °C for 5 min followed by 40 cycles at 93 °C for 45 s, 44.5 °C for 1 min  
154 and 72 °C for 1 min with a final extension step at 72 °C for 6 min. The PCR  
155 products (10  $\mu$ L) were resolved by electrophoresis on 2% agarose gel in 1 $\times$   
156 TAE buffer at 90 V for 3 h, stained with RedSafe (INtRON Biotech., Spain) and  
157 visualized under UV light. DNA fragment sizes were determined using a 100-bp  
158 DNA ladder (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA).

### 159 *2.5. Technological characterization of yeasts: evaluation of proteolytic and* 160 *lipolytic activities*

161 Proteolytic activity was evaluated in GPYA medium containing 10% of skim milk  
162 (Difco, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) following the methodology of (Gardini et al.,  
163 2006). Proteolysis was considered positive when a light halo was visible (1 to 5  
164 mm) after 15 days. Lipolytic activity was assayed on Tween agar medium  
165 containing 1% peptone, 0.5% NaCl, 0.01%  $CaCl_2$  supplemented with 1% of  
166 Tween 40 (palmitic acid ester), Tween 60 (stearic acid ester) or Tween 80  
167 (oleic acid ester) (Sigma, St Louis, MO, USA) following the methodology of  
168 (Sierra, 1957). Presence of a precipitation ring around the colonies after 15  
169 days of incubation indicated lipolytic activity.

### 170 *2.6. Data analysis*

171 Graphics were produced using SPSS Statistics v.19.0 (Statistical  
172 Package for the Social Sciences, IBM, USA). UPGMA (unweighted pair-group  
173 method using arithmetic averages) dendrogram was constructed using the  
174 Jaccard Similarity Index in the NTSYS package version 2.21p (NTSYS  
175 Numerical Taxonomy and Multivariate Analysis System, Exeter Publishing Ltd.,  
176 USA). The Similarity Matrix was based on presence (1) and absence (0) of  
177 homologous bands in the electrophoretic patterns.

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### 179 **3. Results**

#### 180 *3.1. Yeast counts and species succession*

181 Yeast counts increased from day one (24 hours after salting) to the sixth  
182 week of the ripening process. Initial counts of ewes' cheeses, E1 and E2,  
183 started at  $10^4$  and  $10^5$  CFU / g, respectively. These yeast counts increased to  
184  $10^7$  CFU / g at the third week of the ripening process and they were maintained  
185 until the end of the sampling procedure. Goats' cheeses, G1 and G2, initial  
186 counts started at  $10^4$  and  $10^5$  CFU / g raising to  $10^8$  and  $10^7$  CFU / g,  
187 respectively, at the sixth sampling week.

188 A total of 530 yeasts were isolated from the six samples taken from each  
189 cheese. Table 1 shows the results from the molecular identification using the  
190 RFLPs of 5.8S ITS rDNA and their correlation with the result of the BLASTN  
191 sequence comparison for the D1/D2 of 26S rDNA gene. The identification of  
192 isolates from the species *Pichia kudriavzevii*, *Trichosporon coremiiforme* and  
193 *Trichosporon domesticum* was done by BLASTN of the D1/D2 26S rDNA gene  
194 sequences against GenBank as ITS-5.8S rDNA restriction patterns for these  
195 species are not included in the Yeast-id database.



196 The most abundant yeast species in all cheeses was *Debaryomyces*  
197 *hansenii* (Figure 1) except in cheese G1, which rendered a higher number of  
198 *Kluyveromyces lactis* isolates. Other yeast species were isolated in minor  
199 numbers. In all cheeses, yeast diversity decreased along cheese maturation,  
200 being *D. hansenii* the most abundant yeast at the end of the process. In  
201 cheeses E1 and G1, yeast species *D. hansenii* appeared at the second or third  
202 maturation week although concurring with *K. lactis* and other yeast species up  
203 to the fifth or sixth week of the process. On the contrary, in cheeses E2 and G2,  
204 yeast species *D. hansenii* appeared at the initial stages of cheese ripening and  
205 dominated the process since the fourth and third ripening weeks, respectively.

### 206 3.2. Technological characterization

207 Yeast isolates were evaluated for their proteolytic activity towards casein  
208 and lipolytic activity towards palmitic, stearic and oleic acid esters. Table 2  
209 shows the percentage of yeast isolates within each species displaying  
210 enzymatic activities. Most yeast isolates showed proteolytic activity (83%). This  
211 enzymatic activity was remarkable in *D. hansenii* and *K. lactis*, representing  
212 more than 90% of the total activity measured as number of positive isolates.  
213 Isolates pertaining to the species *C. parapsilosis* and *K. unispora* also showed  
214 notable proteolytic activity.

215 Regarding lipolytic activity, around 60% of the isolates were able to  
216 hydrolyze palmitic acid and stearic acid esters whereas this number decreased  
217 below 40% in case of oleic acid ester hydrolysis. Most isolates showing lipolytic  
218 activity on palmitic acid ester were also able to hydrolyze stearic acid ester; but  
219 from these very few isolates could hydrolyze oleic acid ester (data not shown).  
220 The exception was *Y. lipolytica* which five isolates displayed lipolytic activity on

221 oleic acid while not showing lipolytic activity on palmitic acid ester and low  
222 activity on stearic acid ester. No significant differences were found in the  
223 percentage of strains showing proteolytic and lipolytic activities within each type  
224 of cheese (data not shown).

### 225 3.3. Genetic typing of *D. hansenii*

226 Minisatellite M13 PCR amplification of 187 *D. hansenii* isolates generated  
227 12 different electrophoretic patterns (Figure 2) labeled A1 to A5, B1 to B5, C1  
228 and D1. The most abundant pattern was A1 (48%) constituted by 6 bands, the  
229 heaviest band at 1500 bp and the smallest at 400 bp. Pattern B1 displayed the  
230 largest number of bands, 11, the top band at 1400 bp and the bottom one  
231 around 300 bp. Patterns A2 to A5 and B2 to B5 displayed minor differences  
232 respect to A1 and B1, respectively; these pattern differences, which consist of  
233 few additional or absent bands are indicated with arrows on Figure 2.

234 Band presence or absence in the electrophoretic patterns was used to  
235 construct an UPGMA dendrogram (Figure 3). *D. hansenii* isolates were divided  
236 into four groups, A to D, at 70% similarity approximately. Groups A and B were  
237 subsequently separated into five clusters each.

238 *D. hansenii* A patterns were displayed by isolates from all cheeses,  
239 whereas patterns B were displayed only by isolates from goats' cheeses.  
240 Pattern C1 appeared in one isolate from cheese G2 while D1 was observed in  
241 isolates from ewes' cheeses. Within the most populated clusters, A1 and A2, *D.*  
242 *hansenii* isolated from all cheeses could be found while clusters A3, A4 and A5  
243 were constituted solely by *D. hansenii* isolates from cheese G2. Moreover  
244 clusters A1, A2 and A3 contained only cheese G2 *D. hansenii* isolates from the  
245 first three ripening weeks while clusters A4 and A5 contained only isolates from

246 the last three weeks. Similarly, B patterns were found in *D. hansenii* strains from  
247 goats' cheeses isolated from the three last weeks of the ripening process. The  
248 overall level of diversity in the M13 patterns was higher in goats' cheeses than  
249 in ewes' cheeses. Furthermore, M13 pattern heterogeneity increased as the  
250 ripening process of goats' cheeses progressed, indicating that the number of  
251 different *D. hansenii* isolates increased from the first weeks to the last weeks of  
252 cheese maturation.

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#### 254 **4. Discussion**

255 Yeast identification using the RFLPs of the ITS-5.8S rDNA region  
256 produced the same results as sequence comparison of the D1/D2 26S rDNA  
257 gene, thus confirming the value of the former technique as already mentioned in  
258 previous reports (Álvarez-Martín et al., 2007; Dlauchy et al., 1999; Esteve  
259 Zarzoso et al., 1999; Gardini et al., 2006). Our results show that the main yeast  
260 species isolated from ewes' and goats' cheeses are common inhabitants of  
261 dairy products. However, few yeast species such as *Trichosporon coremiiforme*  
262 and *T. domesticum* have been isolated from cheeses for the first time. Early  
263 reports on yeast microbiota of dairy products point to *T. ovoides*, *T. cutaneum*  
264 and *T. capitatum* as the sole species of the genus *Trichosporon* found in dairy  
265 products. Similarly, *Mz. guilliermondii* has been isolated from goats' and ewes'  
266 cheeses for the first time although has been previously found in numerous dairy  
267 products (Büchl and Seiler, 2011).

268 Fox et al. (2000) found that *D. hansenii* was by far the dominant yeast  
269 found in most cheeses, followed by *K. lactis*, *Y. lipolytica* and *T. beigelii*  
270 However, the progression in yeast species occurring during ripening is not

271 clear, since in most studies the stage of ripening at which the yeasts were  
272 isolated is not defined (Beresford et al., 2001).

273         The results of our study demonstrate that yeast species composition  
274 changes greatly along the cheese ripening process. The first day of cheese  
275 maturation several yeast species could be found; however, at the sixth week of  
276 the process most yeast species had vanished and *D. hansenii* was the yeast  
277 species most frequently isolated. Numerous studies point to the low water  
278 activity, acidic environment and high salt content in cheese as the factors  
279 favoring the prevalence of *D. hansenii* (Beresford et al., 2001; Büchl and Seiler,  
280 2011; Fleet, 1990). The second yeast species repeatedly found in this study  
281 was *K. lactis*. This yeast together with *K. marxianus* is able to ferment lactose  
282 which promotes their growth in the interior of the cheeses, where other  
283 dominant yeasts are scarce (Fleet, 1990). *Y. lipolytica* described in numerous  
284 studies of dairy microbiota was also found in the cheeses investigated in this  
285 study; although it seems not to be a dominant yeast in the ripening process as  
286 already reported by other authors (Gardini et al., 2006; Fadda et al., 2004;  
287 Fadda et al., 2010; Pereira-Dias et al., 2000; Pisano et al., 2006; Suzzi et al.,  
288 2001; Tornadijo et al., 1998).

289         Only two species of the genus *Candida* were found, *C. parapsilosis* and  
290 *C. mesenterica*, both present in appreciable numbers during the first weeks of  
291 ripening. Similarly, *Kz. unispora* previously recovered from Spanish and French  
292 goats' cheeses (Nahabieh and Schmid, 1990; Tornadijo et al., 1998) has now  
293 been also found in ewes' cheeses. Finally, *P. kudriavzevii* has been previously  
294 found in Italian ewes' and goats' cheeses (Cosentino et al., 2001; Fadda et al.,  
295 2010).

296           Microbial proteolysis and lipolysis promote complex metabolic changes in  
297 the cheese which are vital for proper development of both flavor and texture  
298 (Bintsis et al., 2003; Klein et al., 2002; Leclercq-Perlat et al., 2007; Roostita and  
299 Fleet, 1996). The evaluation of enzymatic activities conducted in this study  
300 shows that most *D. hansenii* isolates were able to hydrolyze casein as well as  
301 palmitic and stearic acid esters. Oleic acid ester, probably due to the presence  
302 of a double bond, was hydrolyzed by very few isolates with the exception of *Y.*  
303 *lipolytica* and *M. guilliermondii*. Although the wide array of substrates and  
304 conditions used to test these enzymatic activities hinders comparison among  
305 studies (Capece and Romano, 2009; Cosentino et al., 2001; Fadda et al., 2004;  
306 Fadda et al., 2010; Gardini et al., 2006; Pereira-Dias et al., 2000) our results  
307 show the proteolytic and lipolytic potential of these yeasts. The contribution of  
308 these dairy yeast enzymatic activities to cheese quality deserves future studies.

309           PCR amplification of M13 minisatellites revealed a remarkable diversity  
310 within the *D. hansenii* isolates although the similarity between most patterns  
311 indicates a notable degree of genetic closeness. Similar studies by Capece and  
312 Romano (2009) showed a comparable level of diversity in *D. hansenii* isolated  
313 from two dairies in Basilicata region, Italy. By contrast, other studies have found  
314 scarce diversity among different dairies using similar techniques (Fadda et al.,  
315 2004; Romano et al., 1996). The overall genetic diversity within *D. hansenii* has  
316 been analyzed by several authors using different methodologies demonstrating  
317 the complexity of taxon *D. hansenii* (Groenewald et al., 2008; Nguyen et al.,  
318 2009; Jacques et al., 2009; Lopandic et al., 2013). The analysis by Sohier et al.  
319 (2009) revealed that *D. hansenii* strains isolated from the same origin are  
320 genetically closely related what would be in agreement with our results.

321 Furthermore, our observations regarding goats' cheeses suggested that more  
322 than one strain of *D. hansenii* may be involved in the ripening process as  
323 suggested by Petersen et al. (2001). Moreover, we could not find any dominant  
324 *D. hansenii* strain at the end of the process.

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## 326 **5. Conclusions**

327 This study provides evidence for the remarkable yeast diversity  
328 associated with goats' and ewes' traditional cheeses produced in a small dairy  
329 in Spain. The succession of yeast species along the cheese ripening process  
330 evidences the complex physico-chemical changes taking place in the cheese  
331 eventually restricting yeast growth with the exception of *D. hansenii*. Moreover,  
332 the enzymatic characterization revealed the possible contribution of these  
333 yeasts to liberation of aminoacids and fatty acids from milk. The minisatellite  
334 M13 profiles obtained from most *D. hansenii* strains showed little divergence,  
335 indicating a close genetic relationship associated with the same origin of  
336 isolation. In addition, and based on the distribution by weeks, the diversity of *D.*  
337 *hansenii* isolated from goats' cheeses increased along the ripening weeks.

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476 **Figure Captions**

477 **Figure 1.-** Evolution of yeast species along the ripening weeks of the different  
478 types of cheeses. Ewes' cheeses are coded as E1 and E2 and goats' cheeses  
479 as G1 and G2.

480 **Figure 2.-** Electrophoretic patterns of minisatellite M13 PCR amplification.  
481 Lanes are labeled with the strains patterns or with an "M" showing the 100 pb  
482 ladder.

483 **Figure 3.-** UPGMA dendrogram analysis showing the relationships among *D.*  
484 *hansenii* strains. Groups A, B, C and D appear separated at 70% similarity.  
485 Isolates showing each M13 pattern are coded by the type of cheese (E1, E2 or  
486 G1, G2), sampling week (1 to 6), and number of isolates (between parenthesis).

**Table 1** .- Molecular identification of yeast species by RFLPs of the ITS 5.8S rDNA and sequencing of the D1/D2 of 26S rDNA gene.

RFLPs ITS-5.8S identification	PCR product (bp)	Band sizes (bp) <sup>a</sup>			100% similarity GenBank ACCN <sup>b</sup>	Literature <sup>c</sup>
		Cfo I	HaeIII	Hinfl		
<i>C. mesenterica</i>	390	390	390	195 + 195	U45720	1, 4
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	550	300 + 240	420 + 110	280 + 260	AF374609	2, 3, 4, 5
<i>D. hansenii</i>	650	300 + 300	420 + 150 + 90	325 + 325	JQ689041	1 - 10
<i>K. lactis</i>	740	285 + 190 + 165 + 90	655 + 80	290 + 180 + 120 + 80	U76347	1, 3, 4, 6 - 10
<i>K. marxianus</i>	740	285 + 185 + 140 + 100	655 + 80	240 + 185 + 120 + 80	CR382124	1, 3, 4, 7 - 9.
<i>Kz. unispora</i>	775	350 + 310 + 115	500 + 110	400 + 375	AY048158	1, 9
<i>Mz. guilliermondii</i>	625	300 + 265	400 + 115 + 90	320 + 300	JQ689047	-
<i>P. kudriavzevii</i>	550	220 + 190 + 90	400 + 100	230 + 160 + 140	AY048158	3
<i>T. coremiiforme</i>	550	275 + 275	500	275 + 275	AF139983	-
<i>T. domesticum</i>	550	275 + 275	500	250 + 160 + 100	JN939449	-
<i>Y. lipolytica</i>	380	210 + 170	380	190 + 190	AM268458	1 - 4, 6 - 9

<sup>a</sup> Band sizes smaller than 80 bp could not be accurately estimated by comparison with a 100 bp ladder.

<sup>b</sup> The D1/D2 26S rDNA gene sequences determined in this study showed 100% sequence similarity with the GenBank ACCN numbers listed.

<sup>c</sup> Yeast species isolated from ewes' and goats' cheese reported in previous publications: 1, Nahabieh and Schmidt, 1990; 2, Fadda et al., 2010; 3, Cosentino et al., 2001; 4, Corbo et al., 2001; 5, Pereira-Dias et al., 2000; 6, Gardini et al., 2006; 7, Fadda et al., 2004; 8, Pisano et al., 2006; 9, Tornadijo et al., 1998; 10, Capece and Romano, 2009.

**Table 2.-** Percentage of isolates from each yeast species showing enzymatic activities.

<b>Hydrolysis of:</b>	<b>Casein</b>	<b>Palmitic acid ester</b>	<b>Stearic acid ester</b>	<b>Oleic acid ester</b>
<i>C. mesenterica</i>	8	- <sup>a</sup>	-	-
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	100	43	43	7
<i>D. hansenii</i>	92	86	91	58
<i>K. lactis</i>	97	17	17	8
<i>K. marxianus</i>	50	-	-	-
<i>Kz. unispora</i>	89	-	-	11
<i>M. guilliermondii</i>	60	100	100	100
<i>P. kudriavzevii</i>	44	-	-	-
<i>T. coremiiforme</i>	100	100	100	100
<i>T. domesticum</i>	100	100	100	100
<i>Y. lipolytica</i>	50	-	17	83

<sup>a</sup> No enzymatic activity was detected

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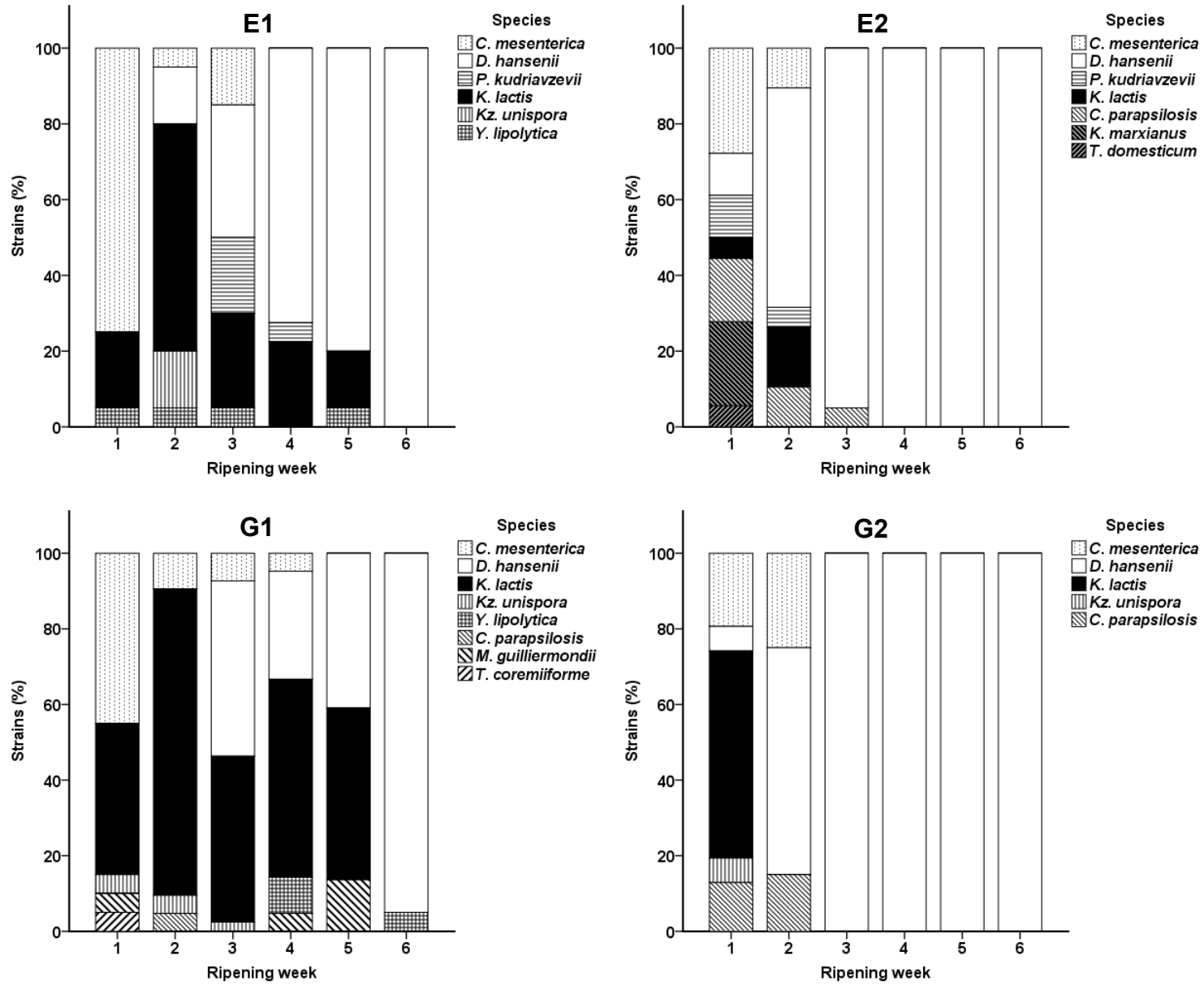




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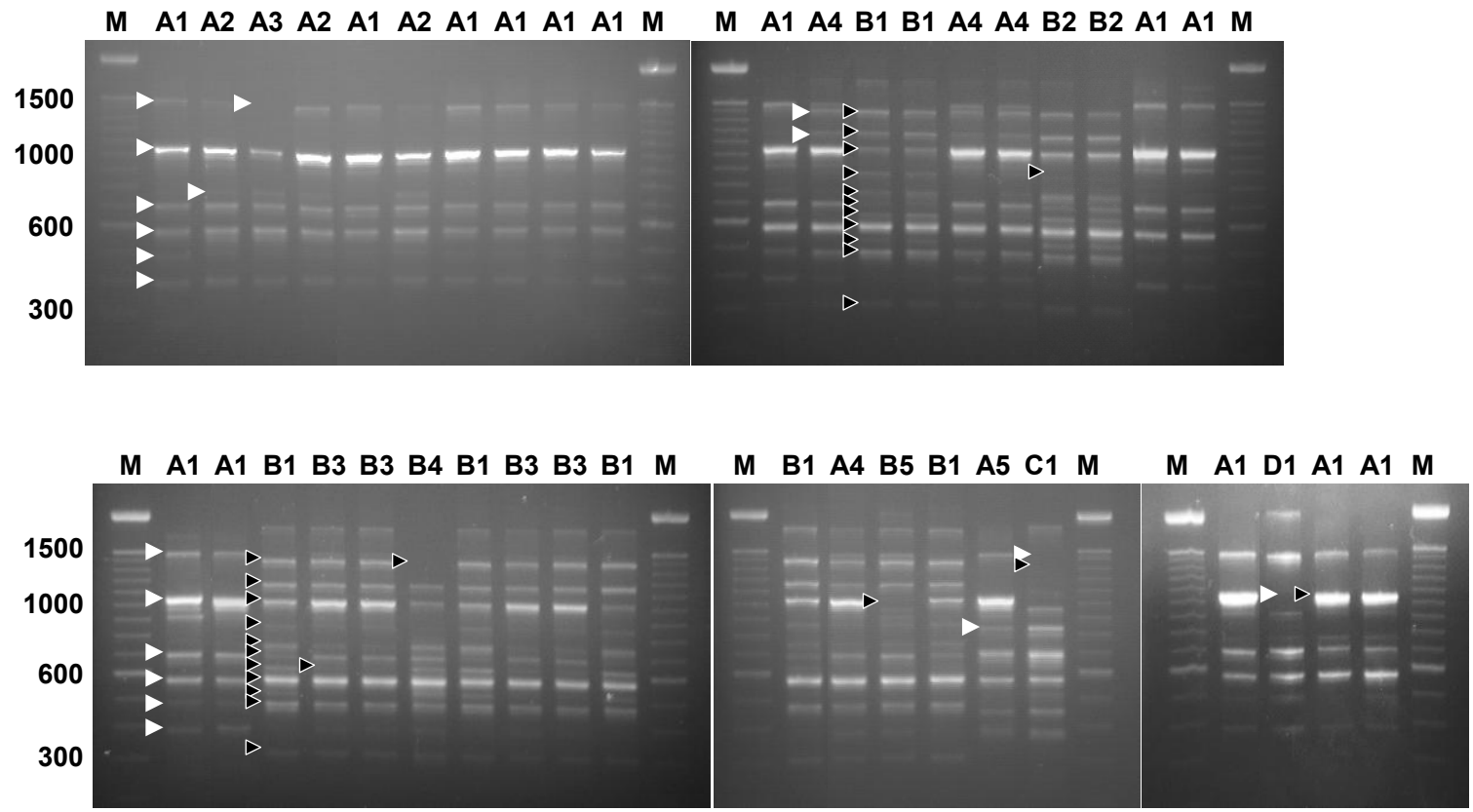


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