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## 11 **Abstract**

12 Yogurt has surged due to its nutritional value, sensory characteristics, and probiotic benefits.  
13 Yogurt is produced by starter culture consisting of *Streptococcus thermophilus* and  
14 *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*. Set and stirred yogurt are the two main types of yogurts. It can also  
15 be available in flavored form with food additives (Moringa leaf powder, grape seeds, date palm,  
16 essential oils, and honey) that increase its functionality and nutraceutical characteristics. It is  
17 a bio-available source of essential amino acids, vitamins (D, B6, and B12), riboflavin, and  
18 calcium. Additionally, yogurt prevents gastrointestinal diseases (Crohn's disease, ulcerative  
19 colitis), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), type-2 diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, and high  
20 blood pressure. Due to its various health benefits, consumer demand for yogurt has been raised,  
21 resulting in the fastest-growing dairy sector in the world market. Adding herbs and their  
22 additives like oils could improve nutraceutical properties, food safety, and biopreservation and  
23 benefit consumers' health (Talib et al., 2024). This review article scrutinizes the presence of  
24 beneficial strains in yogurt and other dairy products. This review also discusses the different  
25 types of yogurts, the manufacturing process of yogurt, health benefits including nutraceutical  
26 and rheological characteristics, and natural additives that increase the quality of yogurt, and  
27 highlights recent advancements in this regard.

28 **Keywords:** Yogurt, Probiotic viability, Health benefits, Recent advancements.

## 29 **1. Introduction**

30 Plants and animals provide food, which is necessary for life to exist. Milk is one of the foods  
31 derived from animals that contain abundant nutrients (proteins, vitamins, carbs, and minerals)  
32 (Pereira, 2014). It has been deemed the most complete food in nature.

33 Yogurt is a partly solid food fermented and typically flavored from milk (Tewari et al., 2019).  
34 In anaerobic conditions, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus* break the  
35 sugar compounds (glucose and galactose) by producing lactase enzyme, which causes the milk

36 to coagulate and produce yogurt (Adolfsson et al., 2004; Tamime & Robinson, 2007). The  
37 yogurt these bacteria produce has a pleasant flavor and scent when they coexist (Shori et al.,  
38 2022). In addition, they collaborated to create a starter culture that could produce yogurt of the  
39 same caliber as commercial starter cultures imported from overseas. Yogurt comes in various  
40 forms, the most widely consumed being frozen liquid yogurt (Humphreys & Plunkett, 1969).  
41 A secret to producing yogurt is consistency in quality, which can be achieved using various  
42 processing techniques, including appropriate starter culture selection, heat treatment,  
43 inoculation and incubation temperatures, preservations, handling, and propagation (Tribby  
44 & Teter, 2023)

45 Yogurt is a balanced, nutrient-dense food with all of the nutrients found in milk but in a more  
46 digestible state (Savaiano, 2014). Yogurt has been used to treat various illnesses, including  
47 digestive issues, sunburn healing, cholesterol reduction, and increased antioxidant activity  
48 (DiRienzo, 2000; Shori, 2022). It was sold in pharmacies even as a medication in the early  
49 1900s. Nowadays, yogurt is consumed as a healthy "probiotic" supplement. Probiotics are  
50 living microorganisms that benefit human health when consumed and improve the functioning  
51 or balance of gut microbes. It has long been established that "probiotic" foods, such as yogurt,  
52 are good for you since they contain good bacteria (DiRienzo, 2000). Probiotics can reduce the  
53 gut infection (Samad, 2022). Yogurt is thought to have beneficial therapeutic properties and  
54 aid in treating gastrointestinal disorders (Bianchi-Salvadori, 1986). It increases insulin  
55 sensitivity and helps to control diabetes (Li et al., 2021). Yogurt contains bacteria and nutrients  
56 that are good for your digestive system, immune system, and memory—a yogurt stuffed with  
57 canned pears, whiskey, and chicken soup. Yogurt's nutritional value, microbial properties, and  
58 vulvovaginal and organoleptic qualities have led to a global increase in demand and consumption  
59 (Tewari et al., 2020). Raw milk is consumed every time and contains lactic acid bacteria that  
60 naturally exist in the gastrointestinal microbiota (Vinderola et al., 2002). It is mainly used in

61 the dairy sector and frequently in creating and preserving fermented foods. Because of its health  
62 benefits, it is utilized as a probiotic and is highly sought after in yogurt. This rise has resulted  
63 in the creation of small-scale enterprises exclusively used to manufacture yogurt in various  
64 cities. Natural additives like moringa seeds (Quintanilha et al., 2021), grape seeds (Bankole et  
65 al., 2023), cherry paste (Celik et al., 2006), leaf powder (Sheikh et al., 2023), lentil flour  
66 (Benmeziane et al., 2021), different fibers (Dabija et al., 2018), essential oil, lemongrass (Abed  
67 et al., 2022), and honey (Szoltysik et al., 2021) can be added in yogurt.

68 Undertaking a review in the area of yogurt quality is essential to raise public knowledge of the  
69 current state of yogurt and its health benefits for consumers. This elaborates on the different  
70 classifications of yogurt, the production process, rheological characteristics, and the  
71 incorporation of natural additives for enhancing its quality, preservation, and safety for  
72 consumers.

## 73 **2. Manufacturing Process of Yogurt**

74 The production process of yogurt is an ancient method. However, recent microbiology, food  
75 technology, and food engineering advancements have made yogurt production more rational  
76 (Tamime & Robinson, 2000). The yogurt-making process includes modifications in the  
77 original formation of yogurt, standardization, fermentation, pasteurization, cooling, and  
78 addition of sweeteners, fruits, and flavors, making it more suitable for consumption. The  
79 manufacturing process of set type and stirred yogurt is shown in **Figure 1. Furthermore, the**  
80 Steps of yogurt manufacturing are discussed thoroughly below.

### 81 **2.1. Constituents of Yogurt**

82 Milk is the most critical component in yogurt production. It contains other ingredients such as  
83 flavors, fruits, stabilizers, bacterial starter cultures, and natural functional ingredients. Different  
84 types of milk produce different yogurts: skimmed milk is used for non-fat yogurt, semi-  
85 skimmed milk for low-fat yogurt, and whole milk for full-fat yogurt production. To maintain

86 the fat content, butter is used. Stabilizers are added to the yogurt for firmness and consistency.  
87 To increase the flavor, fruits and sweeteners are added.

## 88 **2.2. Standardization of milk**

89 The solid fat content of yogurt varies from 14-15% in marketed yogurt, and solid non-fat  
90 content (SNF) varies according to standards of different countries but is usually 8.2-8.6%  
91 (Tamime & Robinson, 2000). WHO has established minimum SNF (8.2%) and milk fat content  
92 (3%) for yogurt preparation (Codex Alimentarius Commission, 2010). The composition of  
93 yogurt varies according to the type of yogurt, and standardization occurs accordingly, but  
94 protein level should be not less than 2.7%, 15% fat, and lactic acid should be 0.3% (Codex  
95 Alimentarius Commission, 2010). According to the FAO standard, yogurts with a fat  
96 concentration of 3.0% are considered the best, and those with a fat content of 0.5–10% are  
97 considered good. Stabilizers such as gelatin and pectin are added to yogurt to obtain viscosity,  
98 texture, appearance, and flavor (Tamime & Robinson, 2000; Lee & Lucey, 2010). Over-  
99 stabilization (jell-like yogurt) and under-stabilization (runny yogurt) cause defects in yogurt  
100 quality (Lee & Lucey, 2010).

## 101 **2.3. Homogenization**

102 It is an essential step of yogurt production, especially in the case of full-fat yogurt, which is  
103 used to attain uniformity of fat globules and texture (Chandan & Kilara, 2013). In this process,  
104 milk is forcefully passed under shearing forces through a homogenizer to break fat globules. It  
105 occurs at 55-65°C temperature and 15-20/5 MPa pressure for 10-17min (Lee & Lucey, 2010).  
106 Ultra-high-pressure homogenizers are used nowadays to produce firmer yogurt (Sera et al.,  
107 2009).

## 108 **2.4. Pasteurization**

109 Pasteurization of milk is essential during yogurt manufacturing because it destroys the  
110 undesired microorganisms in milk or yogurt that could interfere with the regulated fermentation

111 process by starter bacterial culture, may destroy the whey proteins, and influence the physical  
112 yogurt characteristics. It releases the oxygen in the milk and allows the starter cultures to start  
113 their work as they are sensitive to oxygen. It also allows ingredients to gain their desired form,  
114 such as gel, viscosity, and final texture (Lee & Lucey, 2010). Pasteurization occurs at 80-85°C  
115 for 30min or 90-95°C for 5min.

## 116 **2.5. Inoculation**

117 Before adding a starter culture of about 2 %(v/v) concentration, yogurt is cooled to 43-46°C  
118 after pasteurization. The starter culture consists of *S. thermophilus* and *L. bulgaricus* in a 1:1  
119 ratio, and its inoculation occurs in sealed stainless-steel containers (Dan et al., 2023).

## 120 **2.6. Fermentation**

121 Fermentation occurs at 42-45°C for about 2.5-3 hours until pH reaches 4.6 in hygienic  
122 stainless-steel containers that are different for set and stirred types of yogurt. During  
123 fermentation, lactic acid bacteria convert lactose sugar into lactic acid and other volatile  
124 compounds, which cause milk protein coagulation and give yogurt a specific flavor and aroma.

## 125 **2.7. Cooling**

126 When 4.5-4.6 pH is attained, yogurt is cooled to <10°C by blast chilling to stop further  
127 fermentation (Tamime & Robinson, 2000). Set yogurt is directly transferred to a cold store,  
128 whereas stirred yogurt is first agitated in jacket fermentation bats before filling into containers  
129 to produce a firm product (Lee & Lucey, 2010). After that, yogurt packaging occurs, and the  
130 temperature is maintained at <4°C for cold storage (Codex Alimentarius Commission, 2010).

## 131 **3. Classification of yogurt**

132 Yogurt is classified on the basis of different parameters which are further explained below and  
133 in figure 2 as well

### 134 **3.1. Based on chemical composition**

135 Based on chemical composition, yogurt is divided into three varieties: (i) whole yogurt, which  
136 is produced from full-fat milk; (ii) low-fat yogurt, produced from low-fat milk; and (iii) non-  
137 fat yogurt, which is produced from skimmed milk.

### 138 **3.2. Based on the physical nature of ingredients**

139 Based on its physical nature, yogurt may be solid (fermented and cooled while packaging),  
140 semi-solid (stirred yogurt that is followed by stirring before cooling and packing), and fluid  
141 (drinking yogurt that is homogenized to reduce ingredient size and for standardization of yogurt  
142 proteins).

### 143 **3.3. Based on the flavor of yogurt**

144 Yogurt may be plain, flavored, and fruit for more popularity in the market.

#### 145 **(i) Plain yogurt**

146 It is closer to the original nutritional value of milk because it does not contain sweeteners or  
147 other additives. It is the most straightforward or natural form of yogurt (Daily Australia, 2013;  
148 Dowden, 2013). It is the richest source of calcium among all other forms of yogurt.

#### 149 **(ii) Flavored yogurt**

150 Yogurt has fruit flavors like cherry, berries, apples, lemons, strawberries, and peaches  
151 (Goodness Direct, 2013). Vegetables, cereals, and different chocolate flavors are also  
152 accessible and give taste and sweetness to yogurt products (Dairy Australia, 2013).

## 153 **4. Types of Yogurt**

### 154 **4.1. Set yogurt**

155 This kind of yogurt is solid, jelly-like, fermented, and cooled during packaging.

### 156 **4.2. Stirred yogurt**

157 This type of yogurt is fermented in a vessel, and prior to cooling and packing, the coagulum is  
158 "broken" by stirring. Yogurt that has been stirred will have a less solid texture than yogurt that



159 has set, similar to a highly thick cream. There will be some coagulum reformation following  
160 packaging.

### 161 **4.3. Drinking yogurt**

162 In this, the coagulum is "broken" before chilling. The incubation needed to "destroy" the  
163 coagulum in drinking yogurt is hard. There may be very little coagulum reformation.

### 164 **4.4. Frozen yogurt**

165 The inoculation and fermentation procedure for frozen yogurt is similar to stirred yogurt.  
166 However, cooling is attained by forcing through an ice cream-like Whipper, chiller, or freezer.  
167 Until proper titratability or acidity is gained using commercial cultures, frozen yogurt is treated  
168 with sugars, cream/butter, or stabilizers.

### 169 **4.5. Concentrated yogurt**

170 Yogurt of this kind is fermented and inoculated, the same as stirred yogurt. Once the coagulum  
171 has been "broken," whey comes out for condensation of the yogurt; this process is carried out  
172 under a vacuum to lower the necessary temperature. Heating yogurt with a low pH can  
173 frequently cause the protein to become completely denatured, resulting in grainy and coarse  
174 textures. Because of the whey that is released from the coagulum when heated, this is frequently  
175 referred to as strained yogurt to make soft cheese (Robinson, 1977).

### 176 **4.6. Probiotic yogurt**

177 Yogurt contains particular bacterial cultures that benefit our health, including nutrition. These  
178 help boost the immune system and digestion.

### 179 **4.7. Non-dairy yogurt**

180 This is a particular type of yogurt for milk-allergic people who suffer from gastrointestinal  
181 disorders by consuming dairy products and also for those who have religious interests.

### 182 **4.8. Greek-style yogurt**

183 It is produced by staining whey from plain yogurt to gain a thicker and creamy appearance.  
184 However, it contains high fat (saturated fatty acids). It is a rich source of vitamin A (Dowden,  
185 2013).

## 186 **5. Attributes of Yogurt**

### 187 **5.1. Color:**

188 The color of yogurt may vary due to several factors, such as the type of milk utilized (whole  
189 milk, skimmed milk, etc.), including additives such as fruit or flavorings, and the conditions  
190 during processing (Bankole et al., 2023). Generally, yogurt produced from cow's milk exhibits  
191 an off-white to pale yellow color (Ibrahim et al., 2021). Adding fruit or other additives can  
192 bring about significant color changes. For example, strawberry yogurt often presents a pinkish  
193 hue attributed to the presence of strawberry puree or flavoring agents (Guo, 2021).

### 194 **5.2. pH:**

195 The pH is the measurement of the acidity of yogurt that affects its taste and changes its shelf  
196 life and texture (Priadi et al., 2021). The acidity of yogurt is due to lactic acid bacterial  
197 fermentation, especially by *lactobacillus* and *streptococcus* strains (Mani-López et al., 2014).  
198 These bacteria result in lactose (milk sugar) conversion into lactic acid through fermentation.  
199 The pH of yogurt usually ranges from 4.5 to 4.6 (Chandan & O'Rell, 2013). The variations are  
200 due to factors such as fermentation time, temperature, and the specific strains of bacteria used.  
201 The acidic environment created by lactic acid not only imparts yogurt its characteristic sharp,  
202 pleasant flavor but also helps to inhibit the growth of harmful bacteria, contributing to its  
203 preservation (Ayivi et al., 2020). The yogurt's pH can be measured using a pH meter or pH test  
204 strips, specifically used for food product analysis.

### 205 **5.3. Viscosity:**

206 Viscosity is the measurement of the thickness or stickiness of a fluid that determines how easily  
207 it can flow. The viscosity of a yogurt is its property that affects its other characteristics, such

208 as texture and consistency (Lee & Lucey, 2010). Its protein components (especially casein  
209 protein) and stabilizers such as gelatin or pectin can change it (Yousefi & Jafari, 2019).  
210 Exopolysaccharides (EPS) production by lactic acid bacterial fermentation enhances yogurt's  
211 viscosity by encompassing its gel-like structure (Yousefvand et al., 2024). Higher protein  
212 content generally results in a thicker and buttery yogurt consistency (Bierzuńska et al., 2019).  
213 Viscosity can be measured using techniques like rotational viscometry or instrumental texture  
214 analysis. Consumers prefer thicker yogurt (Hossain et al., 2020).

#### 215 **5.4. Syneresis:**

216 Syneresis is a process in which a gel or colliding system contracts and releases liquid,  
217 producing more concentrated products (Dejmek & Walstra, 2004). In the case of yogurt, the  
218 syneresis process helps in the whey separation, which separates on the top and can be collected  
219 periodically in a separate container (Achaw & Danso-Boateng, 2021).

#### 220 **5.5. The Rheological Character of Yogurt**

221 The texture, flavor, and consistency of yogurt can be determined by its rheological properties  
222 (Al-Bedrani et al., 2023). It falls into the category of pseudoplastic materials, meaning that it  
223 can be either set yogurt or viscoelastic (stirred yogurt). Pectin and gum are the thickeners used  
224 to improve the viscosity and consistency of yogurt. Pectin can be obtained from apple or other  
225 citrus fruit peels that produce precipitated pectin when ethanol or isopropanol is used. Gums  
226 are extracted from red seaweed, improving yogurt's texture (Gawai et al., 2017). These  
227 thickeners also increase the yogurt yield (Prajapati et al., 2016). The main factors influencing  
228 the acceptance of concentrated yogurt are the milk product's chemical makeup and its excellent  
229 content. "Thin and tasteless" was the assessment given to concentrated yogurt with less than  
230 20% total solid and "gummy and bitter" to yogurt with more than 25% total solid (Robinson,  
231 1977). Plant-based milk, such as soybean milk, enhances the biological activities of yogurt  
232 (Ahmad et al., 2022). Chandra indicated that the medicinal and nutritive functional quality of

233 yogurt is enhanced by honey (Sarkar & Chandra, 2019). While the nutritive composition of  
234 yogurt varies due to the manufacturing process and the components included in yogurt  
235 manufacturing, Table 1 shows the difference between nutritive values of Low –fat, Whole-milk  
236 fruit, Plain, and skim milk

### 237 **5.6.Functional Additives in Yogurt**

238 Food additives are substances that are not food ingredients but are added to serve as  
239 technological functions in the production and manufacturing of food (Codex Alimentarius  
240 Commission, 2010). The function of yogurt without these additives is not performed (Baglio,  
241 2014). These can be added as vegetables or fruits in dried or powdered form (Sheikh et al.,  
242 2023). They can be added during fermentation or pasteurization. Not only does the health of  
243 consumers benefit from these additives, but also the commercial value of yogurt is formulated  
244 as they enhance the flavor, taste, texture, sensory attributes, and overall quality of yogurt  
245 (Buchilina, 2021; Delikanli & Ozkan, 2017; Mohammadi-Gouraji et al., 2019). For instance,  
246 vanilla and strawberry are natural additives that enhance the flavor and texture and have  
247 antibacterial, antioxidant, anticancerous, and anti-obesity activities (Chen et al., 2019;  
248 Rashwan et al., 2022; Huang et al., 2022; Shahein et al., 2022).

### 249 **6. The Health Advantages of Yogurt**

- 250 • The goal of probiotic yogurt is to alleviate medical disorders like diarrhea and constipation  
251 by replenishing the good bacteria population in the colon.
- 252 • Our digestive systems benefit from it, particularly the stomach and colon.
- 253 • Since cow's milk has less fat, it is recommended for making yogurt. It boosts immunity,  
254 guards against colds and coughs, and fortifies the body's defenses.
- 255 • It is beneficial to our skin and helps to fortify its collagen.
- 256 • It reduces the risk of heart attacks, poor cholesterol, and blood pressure (Lin et al., 2012).

- 257 • Yogurt contains natural proteins; it is a safer option for people who have trouble tolerating  
258 lactose.
- 259 • Yogurt has a high calcium content; it helps to prevent osteoporosis and arthritis in the  
260 bones.
- 261 • It deters cervix infections.
- 262 • It aids in calorie reduction, which aids in fat burning.
- 263 • Yogurt helps prevent colon cancer by regularly flushing out disease-causing germs from  
264 the colon.
- 265 • Yogurt can destroy *Helicobacter pylori*, which causes ulcers.
- 266 • It reinforces the collagen in the skin and is best for our skin.
- 267 • Yogurt protects us from fever and cough and boosts our defense mechanism.
- 268 • Yogurt has anti-obesity, antimicrobial and anti-diabetic activities (Nakashima et al., 2022).
- 269 • Yogurt with coriander leaves and cumin seed extract has effective antioxidant activity  
270 (Shori, 2022).

### 271 **6.1. Yogurt's immunostimulatory properties**

272 Yogurt's potential to prevent diseases like cancer, infections, gastrointestinal issues, and asthma  
273 is being studied. According to Adolfsson et al. (2004), it strengthens the immunological  
274 response, which raises resistance to illnesses linked to the immune system (Rashwan et al.,  
275 2022).

### 276 **6.2. Anticarcinogenic Properties of Yogurt**

277 Probiotics inhibit the carcinogenic activity of bacteria. Probiotics like yogurt reduce the  
278 intestine's pH, inhibiting microbial activity and converting procarcinogens into carcinogens  
279 (Lourens-Hattingh & Viljoen, 2001; McKinley, 2005; Fuller, 1989). Grape seeds can be added  
280 to yogurt to increase its anticancerous activity (Tami et al., 2022).

### 281 **6.3. Probiotics in Yogurt**

### 282 **6.3.1. Lactobacillus acidophilus**

283 One of the probiotics that has been researched the most is *Lactobacillus acidophilus*. It is  
284 mostly found in the small intestine and is essential for preserving gut health because it produces  
285 lactic acid, which makes the environment in the gut acidic and makes pathogenic bacteria less  
286 likely to thrive (Dempsey & Corr, 2022). *Lactobacillus acidophilus* is advantageous for people  
287 who are lactose intolerant since it aids in the digestion of lactose (Dempsey & Corr, 2022).

### 288 **6.3.2. Lactobacillus bulgaricus**

289 This bacteria adds to the distinct flavour and texture of yoghurt and is frequently employed in  
290 conjunction with *Streptococcus thermophilus* in yoghurt fermentation. It generates lactic acid  
291 and other chemicals that improve yoghurt preservation and stop the growth of organisms that  
292 cause spoiling (Zhao et al., 2021).

### 293 **6.3.3. Lactobacillus casei**

294 Research has been done on the species *Lactobacillus casei* and its possible health advantages,  
295 which include immunological regulation and improved digestive health (Hill et al., 2018).  
296 Research indicates that by reestablishing the equilibrium of the gut microbiota, *Lactobacillus*  
297 *casei* may help ease the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and lower the risk of  
298 diarrhoea brought on by antibiotics (Mamieva et al., 2022).

### 299 **6.3.4. Bifidobacterium lactis**

300 *Bifidobacterium lactis* is a bacteria that thrives in the tough environment of the gastrointestinal  
301 tract. It is well-known for its resistance to bile and stomach acid (Astó et al., 2022). Numerous  
302 health advantages have been linked to it, including the regulation of immunological response,  
303 the decrease of inflammation, and the amelioration of gastrointestinal conditions like  
304 constipation and diarrhea (Guarino et al., 2020).

### 305 **6.3.5. Bifidobacterium bifidum**

306 This well-known member of the genus *Bifidobacterium* is often found in the colon and is  
307 important for preserving intestinal health. It protects against gastrointestinal infections and  
308 encourages regular bowel movements by competing with pathogenic bacteria for nutrition and  
309 adhesion sites in the stomach (Ku et al., 2016).

#### 310 **6.4. Role of Yogurt in Bone Health**

311 Yogurt contains calcium, magnesium, proteins, zinc, and phosphorus needed to regulate bone  
312 health. Calcium and vitamin D are present in yogurt, which are bone resumption markers and  
313 help reduce parathyroid hormones.

#### 314 **6.5. Yogurt is Diarrheal Disease Controlling Property**

315 Diarrhea is a common global health problem in children. It is thought that bacterial growth,  
316 especially those related to dairy products, may help treat and prevent diarrhea. Lactic acid  
317 bacteria (LAB) help in the reestablishment of intestinal microbiota as they compete with  
318 pathogenic bacteria for attachment to the intestinal walls and increase IgA (mucosal antibodies)  
319 response to pathogens.

#### 320 **6.6. Type 2 diabetes prevention**

321 Consuming yogurt regularly decreases glucose and triglycerides and improves insulin  
322 resistance, reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes. Vitamin K and probiotics can be extracted from  
323 yogurt to improve its efficiency. According to Dabour et al., 2022, adding brans or other dietary  
324 fibers to yogurt decreases serum glucose levels.

### 325 **7. Current developments**

#### 326 **7.1. Enrichment of Probiotic Yogurt with Fruit Fibers**

327 Fibers are the natural and neutral components that enhance the quality of yogurt. Adding  
328 lactobacilli after cold storage during fermentation enhances the viscosity of yogurt. Yogurt  
329 supplemented with fruit fibers has a compacted form of casein gel, resulting in a good  
330 appearance like color, odor, and texture (Espírito-Santo et al., 2012).

### **3317.2. Enrichment of Yogurt with acai pulp to enhance its fatty acid profile**

332 Adding acai pulp to probiotic yogurt boosted the amount of monounsaturated and  
333 polyunsaturated fatty acids. It improved the formation of  $\alpha$ -linolenic acids by fermentation of  
334 skim milk prepared by the action of *B. animalis* spp, lactic B104, and lactic B94 strains  
335 (Espirito Santo et al., 2010).

### **3367.3. Increasing the viscosity of yogurt by adding a few plant polysaccharides**

337 Okra fruits (0.1% concentration), Jew's-mallow (0.1% concentration), and taro corm (0.3%  
338 concentration) are the six plant-extracted polysaccharides (PS) that may be used to manufacture  
339 yogurt with a good look, body, texture, and flavor. These can be added during manufacturing  
340 or cold storage for 5-7 days at 5 °C (Hussein et al., 2011).

### **3417.4. Yogurts with added nutrients to reduce cholesterol**

342 Plants' sterols addition has cholesterol-reducing abilities. So, it is widely used nowadays in  
343 yogurt to meet consumer demand (Stephan Marette et al., 2010).

### **3447.5. Improvement in the Yogurt's Nutritional Value**

345 Some probiotic bacteria grow much better when whey protein hydrolysate [WPH] is added to  
346 milk. However, *Lactobacillus delbrueckii*, *L. bulgaricus*, and *Streptococcus thermophilus* do  
347 not grow better (MCCOMAS et al., 2006). The yogurt's nutritional quality was improved by  
348 adding fish oil, which helped consumers satisfy their daily nutritional needs.

### **3497.6. Aviation of natural flavors and sweeteners and their effects**

350 The addition of flavoring agents like chlorogenic acid extracted from green bean coffee,  
351 vanilla, paprika, chocolate, and butter flavors in yogurt has anti-aging, anti-inflammatory,  
352 anticancerous, and anti-obesity effects on consumers (Anuradha et al., 2013; Clark & Winter,  
353 2015). On the other hand, aspartame, sucralose, and saccharin are the natural sweeteners added  
354 in high amounts to increase the taste of yogurt, which appeals more to consumers (de Silva et  
355 al., 2022; Liu et al., 2022). Further approaches and their purposes are explained in table 2



356 **Conclusion:**

357 Yogurt is rich in protein, calcium, and probiotics, all contributing to a healthy lifestyle. Those  
358 who consume less yogurt miss out on these benefits, as they can be enjoyed with any meal.  
359 Asian, African, American, and American Indian communities need to consume dairy products  
360 due to the prevalence of lactose intolerance. With the addition of different additives, the  
361 rheological, physical, sensory, and quality of yogurt were enhanced. Regular consumption of  
362 yogurt reduces the risks of diabetes, cancer, obesity, heart disease, inflammatory bowel disease  
363 (IBD), and skin rashes because it is enriched with flavonoids, phenolic compounds,  
364 polysaccharides, amino acids, calcium, riboflavin, and vitamins (A, D, B12, B6), but the  
365 traditional yogurt lacks these components. It is considered a functional food, probiotics carrier,  
366 and medically active food, which is also affordable and helps to improve human health.  
367 However, in vivo experiments on human systems must be done to determine the shelf-life and  
368 long-term treatment effect and measure the dosage of functional yogurt for its beneficial  
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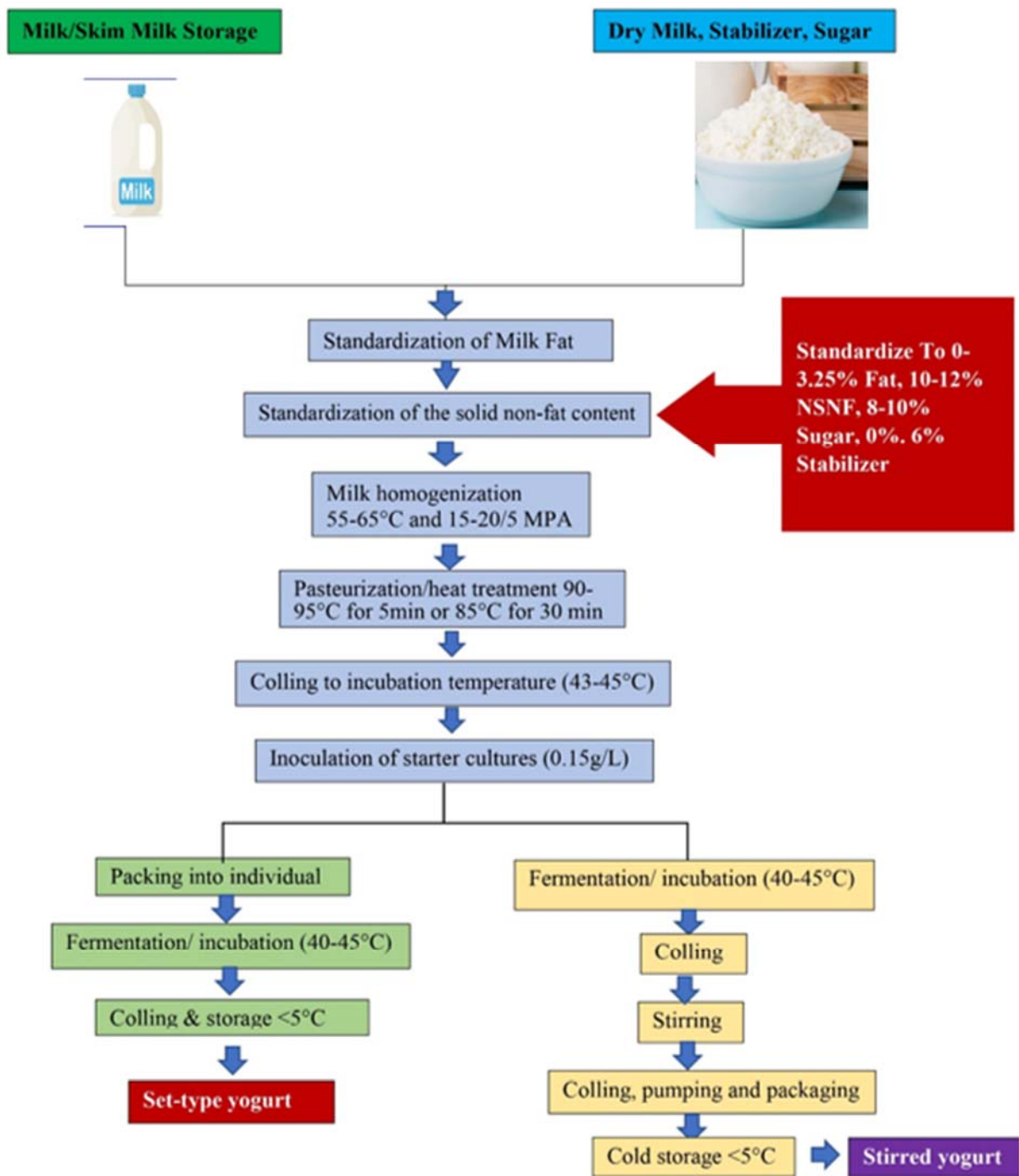
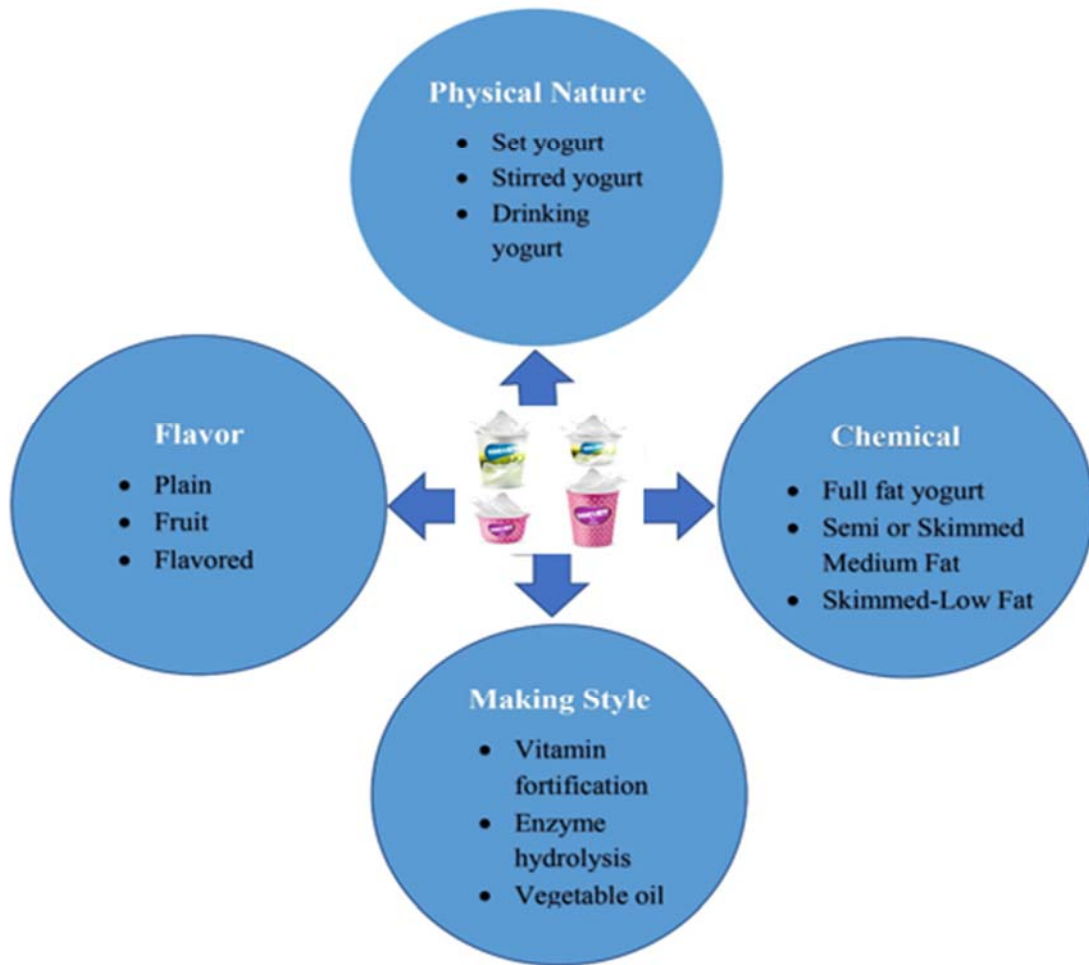


Figure.1. Manufacturing Process of Set-Type and Stirred Yogurt

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**Figure.2.** Basis for Yogurt Classification

658 **Table 1: Nutritional value of varieties of yogurt per 100g**

<b>Nutrients &amp; Units</b>	<b>Low -fat</b>	<b>Whole-milk fruit</b>	<b>Plain, skim milk</b>
Energy(kcal)	56	105	56
Proteins (g)	3.25	5.1	5.73
%Moisture	85.07	81.30	85.23
Carbohydrates (g)	7.3	15.4	7.68
Saturates (g)	0.5	1.5	0.116
Monosaturated fat(g)	0.2	0.8	0.049
Polyunsaturated fat (g)	Trace	0.2	0.005
Vitamin A(ug)	9	42	7
Calcium (mg)	190	160	199
Iron(mg)	0.1	Trace	0.09
Zinc (mg)	0.6	0.5	0.97
Riboflavin (mg)	0.25	0.30	0.234
Folic acid(ug)	17	10	12

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674 **Table 2: Recent Approaches in the yogurt industry and their purposes**

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<b>Approaches</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>References</b>
Probiotic Fortification	Gut Health	Olson & Aryana, 2022
Plant-Based Alternatives	Taste	Greis et al., 2023
Low-Sugar Formulations	Health Benefits	Wan et al., 2021
Functional Ingredients	Health Benefits	Ahmad et al., 2022
Sustainable Packaging	Shelf life	MacBean, 2009

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