

A food company for optimists

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Our origins trace back to Yellowstone National Park

Starting with NASA-funded research on extreme life in Yellowstone's geothermal features



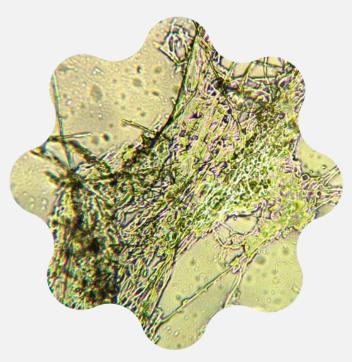


Where we discovered a small, yet mighty organism with remarkable capabilities

In the acidic volcanic springs of Yellowstone, we found a microorganism with extraordinary attributes capable of revolutionizing food – **Fusarium strain flavolapis**

- 50% protein with all essential amino acids, a complete protein
- Texture provides functionality in wide variety of applications
- Robust biology: quick & efficient

F. str. flavolapis



Microscopy image





Fy delivers on nutrition, taste & texture, and sustainability

Naturally occurring organism without genetic modification

50% protein with all essential amino acids at high levels

High levels of fiber, also provides calcium & iron

Natural savoriness richly accentuates additional flavors

Sustainability 99% less land, 99% less water, and 94% less GHG

Compared to traditionally raised beef at scale

Nutritional Composition 50% protein 30% fiber lipids 10% carbs % dry wt.



Fy Protein is high-quality protein, as indicated by an average Protein Digestibility-Corrected Amino Acid Score (PDCAAS) similar to beef

PROTEIN SOURCE	PDCAAS SCORE	
Casein	1.00	
When protein isolate	1.00	
Whey protein concentrate	1.00	
Soy protein isolate	1.00	
Egg	1.00	
Beef	0.92	
Fy protein (in vivo)	0.91	
Pea protein concentrate	0.89	
Pea	0.67	
Cooked kidney beans	0.65	
Cooked rice	0.62	
Cooked peas	0.60	
Roasted peanuts	0.51	
Whole wheat	0.45	

Most importantly, Fy is safe to eat and we've secured Novel Food regulatory approvals across the globe





- Self-GRAS Dec 2019
- FDA No Questions Letter: March 2021













Fy has also been approved by regulatory bodies across the world:

Canada

Hong Kong

Singapore

United Arab Emirates

Japan

Cayman Islands

Composition & Toxicological Tests Confirm the Safety of Fy Protein¹

No safety concerns identified (Digestible protein, non-mutagenic, low allergenicity, and well tolerated up to 15% in animal studies)

Те	sting	Study Details and Results
Composition	Various	 <u>Nutrition</u>: Proximate analysis, micronutrient, amino acid, PDCAAS <u>Safety</u>: Mycotoxins, microbiological, heavy metals
Allergenicity	Codex	 <u>Fy does not represent major risk of allergy</u>: No new allergenic proteins or cross-reactivity identified Literature review, in vitro digestion, and bioinformatics
Antimicrobial activity	EFSA FEEDAP ²	 No evidence of antimicrobial activity: Fy Protein and culture supernatants tested Tested against E. coli, P. aeruginosa, S. aureus, E. faecalis, B. subtilis
Mutagenicity & Genotoxicity	Bacterial Reverse Mutation Test (Ames) (OECD 471)	 No evidence of bacterial mutagenicity: Concentrations up to 5000ug/plate Bacterial Strains TA 1535, TA1537, TA98, TA100, E. coli WP2 in both absence and presence of S9
	In-vitro Mammalian Cell Micronucleus Test (OECD 487)	 Non-mutagenic: Concentrations up to 50 ug/ml. Short term (4h) and long-term exposure (44h) Fy Protein did not induce structural and/or numerical chromosomal damage in human lymphocytes and is considered non-mutagenic
Subchronic Toxicity	Repeated Dose 90 Day Oral Toxicity (OECD 408)	 No adverse effects: Fy protein consumed at dietary concentrations up to 15% of the diet NOAEL determined to be the highest dose tested at 15% or 9,375 mg/kg-bw/day



^{1.} Furey et. al, 2022 Safety evaluation of Fy Protein™ (Nutritional Fungi Protein), a macroingredient for human consumption











Assessing Allergenicity of Novel Proteins

(Codex Alimentarius)¹





- Known allergenicity to similar species
- Identify potential for cross-reactivity
- In vitro, in vivo, clinical, IgE
- No major risk of allergy found in Fy



- Evaluate protein stability in gastric and intestinal fluids
- Food allergens typically resist proteolytic digestion
- Fy is readily digestible



Bioinformatics

- Compare genome to known allergens in allergen databases
- AllergenOnline.org by FARRP²
- >35% identity over 80 Amino Acids
- Fy is absent of matches to major allergens

- 1. WHO/FAO Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology
- 2. Allergenonline.org Food Allergy Research and resource Program (FARRP) University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Abdelmoteleb et. al, Evaluating potential risks of food allergy of novel food sources based on comparison of proteins predicted from genomes and compared to www.AllergenOnline.org



Our first commercial products are dairy-free cream cheese & meatless breakfast patties...and now YOGURT!





...and they're available at grocery stores across the country!













* Nature's Fynd Store Locator *

Fy is grown in Space!

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Partnership with:

NASA

Montana State University

Bioserve Space Technologies – University of Colorado









We are Fynders

We create amazing foods that nourish people and nurture the planet

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