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PREFACE

The 1st Edition of the *CRC HANDBOOK OF MICROBIOLOGY* consisted of four volumes. Updating and additions have increased the length of the text to the point that the 2nd Edition of this series will probably consist of nine volumes. Some chapters have become extremely long, necessitating the splitting of some volumes into parts.

The present book contains data on growth and metabolism of microorganisms. New topics have been added in this edition, more than doubling the number of subjects covered. We draw attention to the monumental review on the effect of nutrition on microbial cellular differentiation written by L. Kalakoutskii and S. Dobritsa. We hope that those who will consult this book will find useful the subjects covered though, no doubt, they will regret many omissions.

We join the staff of CRC Press in thanking all the authors who so generously contributed to this volume and the members of our advisory board who helped in its planning.

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A recipient of Fellowships from the National Research Council of Canada, from Rutgers University, and from the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Lechevalier was also awarded membership in Sigma Xi and is an Associate Member of the Société Française de Microbiologie. In 1976 he received the Lindbach Award for Distinguished Research and in 1982, jointly with his wife Mary, the Charles Thom Award of the Society for Industrial Microbiology for outstanding contributions in the field of industrial microbiology.

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CARDINAL TEMPERATURES OF YEASTS

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GENERAL

While the temperature range of microbial growth in general extends from several degrees below the freezing point of water to a few degrees below its boiling point at normal pressure, the temperature ranges of individual strains do not normally comprise more than 40 to 50°C and are often much narrower. This is also the case with the yeasts.¹

Depending on whether the maximum temperature for growth (T_{max}) is well above 50°C, between about 25 and 50°C or below 25°C, microorganisms are conventionally and roughly subdivided into three temperature groups: thermophilic, mesophilic, and psychrophilic microorganisms. Nearly all known yeasts are mesophilic, a few are psychrophilic, while thermophilic yeasts as defined above have so far not been encountered. Yeasts such as *Cynicomyces guttulatus*, *Saccharomyces telluster* (*Candida bovina*), *Candida slooffii*, and *Torulopsis pintolopesii* (which are able to grow only within a narrow range of temperatures with 20 to 30°C as the lower limit and 42 to 45°C as the upper limit¹) are sometimes referred to as "thermophilic" yeasts² but are more appropriately called "psychrophobic" yeasts.³

Widely scattered references indicate that many yeasts are able to grow at 37°C and some at 45°C.⁴⁻⁸ The highest T_{max} so far reported is 49 to 50°C for a strain of *Hansenula polymorpha*.⁹ Interest in the biology of the Antarctic and other cold habitats, which reached a peak in the 1960s, led to the description of a number of psychrophilic yeasts with T_{max} values around 20°C.¹⁰⁻¹²

Stokes¹³ compiled cardinal temperatures of 40 yeast strains belonging to 31 species (Table 1). Vidal-Leiria et al.¹⁴ determined the T_{max} values of 594 yeast strains belonging to 112 species of the genera *Candida*, *Torulopsis*, *Hansenula*, *Pichia*, *Metschnikowia*, and *Leucosporidium* (Table 1). Less than 2% of these strains were psychrophilic having T_{max} values below 24°C. More than 98% consisted of mesophilic strains with T_{max} values ranging from 26 to 48°C, with the highest frequency in the 34 to 38°C range. No thermophilic strains were encountered. Davenport¹⁵ compiled cardinal temperatures of 82 yeasts and yeast-like organisms reported to have been isolated from cold environments (Table 1).

CARDINAL TEMPERATURES AND YEAST TAXONOMY

Wickerham⁴ in his monograph on the genus *Hansenula* introduced the ability to grow at 37°C as a test in yeast identification. Later it was found^{16,17} that T_{max} was fixed within narrow limits on the species level in a number of species. T_{max} was used as a character in yeast species description in the taxonomic treatments of the following genera: *Lipomyces*,¹⁸ *Metschnikowia*,¹⁹ *Nematospora*,²⁰ *Schizosaccharomyces*,²¹ *Candida*,²² *Oosporidium*,²³ *Torulopsis*,²⁴ *Trichosporon*²⁵ and *Trigonopsis*²⁶ (Table 1).

The T_{max} variation in 41 yeast species of which more than five strains each were studied did not exceed 5°C in 75% of the species, the highest frequency pertaining to the variation range of 3°C.¹⁴ Indeed, when the T_{max} values of a collection of yeast strains supposedly belonging to the same species cover a wide range of temperatures with subgroups of strains clustering around distinct T_{max} values, these subgroups may represent distinct species.^{27,28}

TEMPERATURE PROFILES

When an Arrhenius plot is prepared of the specific growth rates of a yeast for temperatures

Table 1
CARDINAL TEMPERATURES OF YEASTS (°C)

Species (no. of strains)	T _{min}	T _{op}	T _{max}	Ref.
<i>Aessosporon salmonicolor</i>			30	15
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>			37	15
<i>Bullera alba</i>			30	15
<i>B. gradispora</i>			30	15
<i>B. tsugae</i>			30	15
<i>Candida aaseri</i> (1)			37—38	14, 22
<i>C. albicans</i> (22)			42—46	14, 22
<i>C. albicans</i>		33	38(T _{maxf}) 42(T _{maxi})	31
<i>C. aquatica</i> (1)			26—27	14, 22
<i>C. beechii</i> (1)			31—32	14, 22
<i>C. berthetii</i> (1)			40—41	14, 22
<i>C. blankii</i> (1)			46—47	14, 22
<i>C. bogoriensis</i> (2)			26—27	14, 22
<i>C. boidinii</i> (3)			34—36	14, 22
<i>C. brumptii</i> (1)			32—33	14, 22
<i>C. buffonii</i> (1)			26—28	14, 22
<i>C. cacaoi</i> (1)			45—46	14, 22
<i>C. catenulata</i> (1)			36—37	14, 22
<i>C. cijferrii</i> (4)			37—43	14, 22
<i>C. clausenii</i> (2)			26—27	14, 22
<i>C. conglobata</i> (2)			35—37	14, 22
<i>C. curiosa</i> (3)			22—23	14, 22
<i>C. curiosa</i>		16	17	34
<i>C. curvata</i> (10)			35—38	14, 22
<i>C. diddensii</i> (11)			32—40	14, 22
<i>C. diffluens</i> (1)			30—31	14, 22
<i>C. diversa</i> (1)			37—38	14, 22
<i>C. foliarum</i> (1)			38—39	14, 22
<i>C. freyschussii</i> (2)			46—47	14, 22
<i>C. friedrichii</i> (2)			30—31	14, 22
<i>C. frigida</i>	-5—-7	15	20	13
<i>C. gelida</i>	-5—-7	15	20	13
<i>C. glabosa</i> (1)			29—30	14, 22
<i>C. guilliermondii</i> (12)			38—43	14, 22
<i>C. guilliermondii</i> var. <i>carpophila</i> (3)			37—38	14, 22
<i>C. guilliermondii</i> var. <i>membranaefaciens</i> (<i>Pichia ohmeri</i>) (11)			39—43	14, 22
<i>C. humicola</i> (12)			28—39	14, 22
<i>C. ingens</i> (6)			36—38	14, 22
<i>C. intermedia</i> (7)			34—37	14, 22
<i>C. javanica</i> (1)			29—30	14, 22
<i>C. kefyr</i> (4)			37—42	14, 22
<i>C. krusei</i> (18)			42—45	14, 22
<i>C. lambica</i> (7)			35—39	14, 22
<i>C. langeroni</i> (1)			44—45	14, 22
<i>C. lipolytica</i> (9)			33—37	14, 22
<i>C. lipolytica</i> var. <i>deformans</i> (3)			29—32	14, 22
<i>C. lusitaniae</i> (11)			41—45	14, 22
<i>C. macedoniensis</i> (4)			47—48	14, 22
<i>C. macedoniensis</i>		5	45	13
<i>C. marina</i> (1)			30—31	14, 22
<i>C. maritima</i> (3)			31—32	14, 22

Table 1 (continued)
CARDINAL TEMPERATURES OF YEASTS (°C)

Species (no. of strains)	T _{min}	T _{op}	T _{max}	Ref.
<i>C. melibiosica</i> (1)			40—41	14, 22
<i>C. melinii</i> (1)			40—41	14, 22
<i>C. membranaefaciens</i> (8)			33—38	14, 22
<i>C. mesenterica</i> (6)			25—27	14, 22
<i>C. mogii</i> (3)			39—40	14, 22
<i>C. muscorum</i> (1)			35—36	14, 22
<i>C. nivalis</i>	-5—-7	15	20	13
<i>C. norvegensis</i> (10)			41—44	14, 22
<i>C. obtusa</i> (2)			42—43	14, 22
<i>C. oregonensis</i> (1)			30—31	14, 22
<i>C. parapsilosis</i> (21)			35—42	14, 22
<i>C. parapsilosis</i>	0	20—25	30	13
<i>C. pelliculosa</i> (<i>Hansenula anomala</i>) (2)			35—37	14, 22
<i>C. pelliculosa</i> var. <i>cylindrica</i> (<i>H. anomala</i>) var. <i>schneeggii</i> (1)			37—38	14, 22
<i>C. pseudotropicalis</i> (7)			44—47	14, 22
<i>C. pulcherrima</i> (<i>Metschnikowia pulcherrima</i>) (16)			31—39	14, 22
<i>C. ravautii</i> (7)			36—40	14, 22
<i>C. reukauffii</i> (<i>M. reukauffii</i>) (7)			30—36	14, 22
<i>C. rhagii</i> (4)			33—37	14, 22
<i>C. rugosa</i> (11)			37—43	14, 22
<i>C. sake</i> (26)			28—42	14, 22
<i>C. salmanticensis</i> (1)			35—37	14, 22
<i>C. salmonicola</i> (1)			30—32	14, 22
<i>C. santamraiae</i> (1)			31—32	14, 22
<i>C. scottii</i> (<i>Leucosporidium scottii</i>) (7)			22—24	14, 22
<i>C. scottii</i>	0	4—15	15—20	13
<i>C. shehatae</i> (6)			32—37	14, 22
<i>C. silvæ</i> (7)			35—38	14, 22
<i>C. silvicola</i> (<i>H. holstii</i>)			37—43	14, 22
<i>C. slooffii</i> (7)			45—46	14, 22
<i>C. slooffii</i>	27		45	13
<i>C. solani</i> (2)			32—34	14, 22
<i>C. sorbosa</i> (2)			37—40	14, 22
<i>C. stellatoidea</i> (5)			41—43	14, 22
<i>C. tenuis</i> (11)			31—42	14, 22
<i>C. tropicalis</i> (14)			41—44	14, 22
<i>C. tropicalis</i>	5		44	15
<i>C. utilis</i> (13)			39—44	14, 22
<i>C. utilis</i>	5—10			13
<i>C. utilis</i>	-2		43	15
<i>C. valida</i> (15)			32—37	14, 22
<i>C. vartiovaarai</i> (3)			30—31	14, 22
<i>C. veronae</i> (1)			42—43	14, 22
<i>C. vini</i> (9)			27—31	14, 22
<i>C. viswanathii</i> (3)			40—43	14, 22
<i>C. zeylanoides</i> , (13)			32—34	14, 22
<i>Cryptococcus albidus</i>	-12		35	15
<i>Cr. gastricus</i>			26	15
<i>Cr. hungaricus</i>			24	15
<i>Cr. laurentii</i>			37	15
<i>Cr. luteolus</i>			34	15
<i>Cr. macerans</i>			<30	15
<i>Cr. neoformans</i>		34	40	36

Table 1 (continued)
CARDINAL TEMPERATURES OF YEASTS (°C)

Species (no. of strains)	T _{min}	T _{op}	T _{max}	Ref.
<i>Cr. skinneri</i>			30	15
<i>Cr. terreus</i>	-10		35	15
<i>Debaryomyces hansenii</i>	0		35	13
<i>Deb. hansenii</i>	-12.5		37	15
<i>Hansenula anomala</i>	2		37	15
<i>H. suaveolens</i>	3	30	30-35	13
<i>H. polymorpha</i>			49-50	9
<i>H. subpelliculosa</i>	5		37	15
<i>H. valbyensis</i>	5		32-33	13
<i>Kloeckera apiculata</i>	3	30	35	13
<i>K. apiculata</i>	8		35	15
<i>Kluyveromyces fragilis</i>	8		47	15
<i>K. lactis</i>	5		40	15
<i>Leucosporidium antarcticum</i>			19	15
<i>Leu. frigidum</i>	<-1		19	15
<i>Leu. nivalis</i>	<-1		19	15
<i>Leu. scottii</i>	-1		35	15
<i>Leu. stokesii</i>			19	15
<i>Lipomyces anomalus</i>	5		35	15
<i>L. kononenkoae</i> (2)			37-40	18
<i>L. kononenkoae</i>		32-33	35	35
<i>L. lipofer</i> (4)			<35	18
<i>L. lipofer</i>	5		35	15
<i>L. starkeyi</i> (11)			37-40	18
<i>L. starkeyi</i>	5		37	15
<i>Metschnikowia bicuspidata</i> (10)			27-34	19
<i>M. krissii</i> (4)			34-35	19
<i>M. pulcherrima</i> (see <i>Candida pulcherrima</i>)				
<i>M. reukauffii</i> (see <i>Candida reukauffii</i>)				
<i>M. zobellii</i> (8)			34-35	19
<i>Nadsonia commutata</i>			<30	15
<i>N. elongata</i>	0		25	13
<i>N. fulvescens</i>			<30	
<i>Nematospora coryli</i> (9)			39-42	19
<i>Oosporidium margaritifera</i>			32-34	23
<i>Pichia membranaefaciens</i>	3		30	13
<i>Rhodospidium bisporidii</i>			30	15
<i>Rhodosp. capitatum</i>			24	15
<i>Rhodosp. dacryoidum</i>			30	15
<i>Rhodosp. diobovatum</i>			35	15
<i>Rhodosp. infirmo-miniatum</i>			30	15
<i>Rhodosp. malvinellum</i>			30	15
<i>Rhodosp. sphaerocarpum</i>			30	15
<i>Rhodosp. toruloides</i>			40	15
<i>Rhodotorula aurantiaca</i>			38	15
<i>Rh. glutinis</i>	-2		39	15
<i>Rh. glutinis</i>	0	23	<30	13
<i>Rh. gracilis</i>	5	27	37-42	13
<i>Rh. grammis</i>			33	15
<i>Rh. lactosa</i>			30	15
<i>Rh. marina</i>			<30	15
<i>Rh. minuta</i>	-2		38	15
<i>Rh. pallida</i>			34	15

Table 1 (continued)
CARDINAL TEMPERATURES OF YEASTS (°C)

Species (no. of strains)	T_{min}	T_{op}	T_{max}	Ref.
<i>Rh. rubra</i>			38	15
<i>Saccharomyces carlsbergensis</i>	0	25	33.5	13
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	0—5	28—36	40—42	13
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>		37.6	40.1(T_{max}); 43.8 (T_{max})	30
<i>S. fragilis</i> (<i>Kluyveromyces fragilis</i>)	5		45	13
<i>S. intermedius</i>	0.5		40	13
<i>S. ludwigii</i>	1—3		37—38	13
<i>S. marxianus</i> (<i>Kluyveromyces marxianus</i>)	0.5		46—47	13
<i>S. mellis</i>	23		35	13
<i>S. octosporus</i>	17		33	13
<i>S. pastorianus</i>	0.5		24	13
<i>S. turbidans</i>	0.5		40	13
<i>S. validus</i>	0.5		39—40	13
<i>Saccharomycopsis guttulata</i> (<i>Cynclomyces guttulatus</i>)	35		40	13
<i>Schizosaccharomyces japonicus</i> (8)			±42	21
<i>Schiz. malidevorans</i> (1)			±42	21
<i>Schiz. octosporus</i> (7)			±40	21
<i>Schiz. pombe</i> (25)			40—42	21
<i>Schwanniomyces alluvius</i>			37	15
<i>Schw. castellii</i>			37	15
<i>Schw. occidentalis</i>			30	15
<i>Schw. persoonii</i>			30	15
<i>Sporidiobolus johnsonii</i>			37	15
<i>Sporid. ruinenii</i>			30	15
<i>Sporobolomyces alborubescens</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. antarcticus</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. gracilis</i>			<30	15
<i>Sp. hispanicus</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. holsaticus</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. odorus</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. pararoseus</i>			30	15
<i>Sp. runicea</i>			<30	15
<i>Sp. roseus</i>			<30	15
<i>Sp. singularis</i>			<30	15
<i>Sterigmatomyces elviae</i>			37	15
<i>St. halophilus</i>			30	15
<i>St. indicus</i>			30	15
<i>Torulopsis anatomiae</i> (1)			35—36	14, 24
<i>T. apicola</i> (4)			32—37	14, 24
<i>T. apis</i> (1)			35—36	14, 24
<i>T. bovina</i> (5)			44—45	14, 24
<i>T. candida</i> (15)			32—37	14, 24
<i>T. candida</i>	5	22	32	13
<i>T. cantarellii</i> (4)			37—38	14, 24
<i>T. colliculosa</i> (1)			37—38	14, 24
<i>T. datila</i> (2)			37—38	14, 24
<i>T. domercqii</i> (3)			33—38	14, 24
<i>T. ernobii</i> (3)			31—32	14, 24
<i>T. etchellsii</i> (5)			33—35	14, 24
<i>T. fujisanensis</i> (1)			27—28	14, 24