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The invention relates to biotechnology, in particular to a process for producing dry bacterial leaven for the production of fermented milk products.

The process, according to the invention, provides for the cultivation of a mixture of *Streptococcus thermophilus* CNMN LB-53 and *Streptococcus thermophilus* CNMN LB-54 strains, separation of the bacterial biomass from the nutrient medium, mixing thereof with a protective medium, congelation of the mixture and drying by lyophilization, at the same time the protective medium comprises skimmed milk, glycerol, sucrose, sodium citrate and gelatin.

Claims: 1