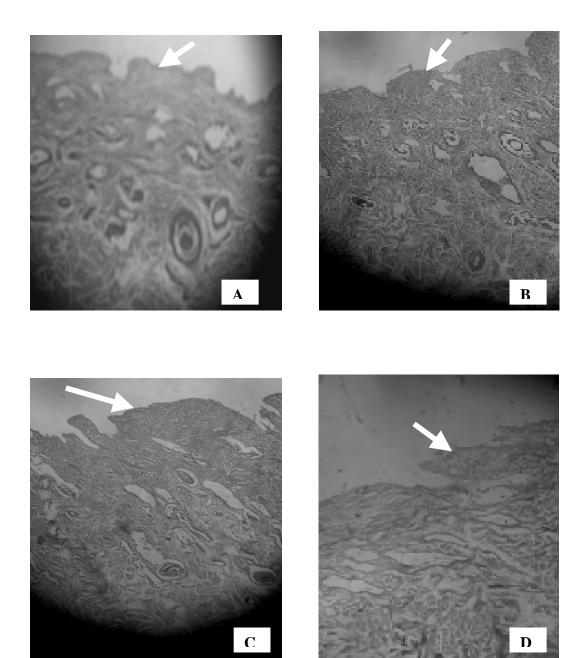


**Figure 7:** Bovine skin treatment with *B. polyfermenticus* GR 01 culture supernatant. Arrow indicates the outer epithelial root sheath, which disintegrated almost completely in the presence of culture supernatant. Sections of the root sheaths incubated in (**A**) Control, water-treated skin; (**B**) Treated skin with culture supernatant – 24 h incubation; (**C**) 36 h incubation; (**D**) 48 h incubation are shown. Incubation conditions: 37°C, pH 8.5, 400 rpm. Hematoxylin and eosin staining; 40X.



**Figure 8:** Bovine skin treatment with *B. polyfermenticus* GR 01 culture supernatant. Arrow indicates the epidermal zone, which disintegrated almost completely in the presence of culture supernatant. Sections of the root sheaths incubated in (**A**) Control, water-treated skin; (**B**) Treated skin with culture supernatant – 24 h incubation; (**C**) 36 h incubation; (**D**) 48 h incubation are shown. Incubation conditions: 37°C, pH 8.5, 400 rpm. Hematoxylin and eosin staining; 40X.