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## ABSTRACT

This research was carried out to study the effect of adding xanthan gum as well as sorbitol at various concentrations to maintain the texture of frozen idli for four weeks storage. The study was conducted for the concentration of xanthan gum and sorbitol at 0.2% and 0.3%. Further addition were done with the mixture of both xanthan gum and sorbitol at the concentration of 0.2%, at various ratio [xanthan gum to sorbitol (1:3), (1:2) and (3:1)]. The experiment was repeated for the mixture at concentration 0.3%. The attributes of texture (hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, chewiness, gumminess and resilience) of the idli were observed consecutively for four weeks using the TA – TX texture analyzer. The highest value of hardness was 5266.65g after four weeks storage. The attributes of springiness, cohesiveness, gumminess and chewiness were seemed to have a decreasing trend as the storage time increased. The color of the idli for four weeks storage was also studied for the  $L^*$   $a^*$   $b^*$  value using Minolta Colorimeter. There were no significant changes ( $p > 0.05$ ) for the  $L^*$  value of the idli. The proximate analysis in the control sample of idli was carried out and it showed that idli contained 58%  $\pm$  10.1 of moisture, 0.7%  $\pm$  0.07 of protein, 0.4%  $\pm$  0.08 of fat and 0.7%  $\pm$  0.04 of ash in the control sample of idli. The sensory study on the fresh and frozen storage of idli showed that there were no difference for the surface texture and hardness attributes. The sensory scores were not coherent with the texture analysis using texture analyzer due to the less sensitivity of humans compared to the machines. As a conclusion, the sample of 0.3% at the ratio of [(xanthan:sorbitol)(1:2)] was highly accepted. It showed that there were no significant difference ( $p > 0.05$ ) for most attributes with the control sample and has the score that ranges in the highly accepted value of the sensory evaluation.

## ABSTRAK

Penyelidikan ini telah dijalankan untuk mengkaji kesan penambahan gum xanthan serta sorbitol untuk mengekalkan tekstur idli yang disejukkbeu pada kepekatan yang berbeza bagi tempoh penyimpanan empat minggu. Kepekatan gum yang digunakan adalah pada 0.2%, 0.3% serta penambahan sorbitol pada kepekatan 0.2% dan 0.3%. Penambahan kedua – dua aditif telah dijalankan pada kepekatan 0.2% dan pada nisbah yang berbeza iaitu [xanthan gum to sorbitol(1:3), (1:2) and (3:1)]. Atribut tekstur seperti kekerasan, kekenyalan, kelekatan, kunyahan serta daya tahan idli dikaji menggunakan penganalisis tekstur TA – TX secara berturut – turut selama empat minggu. Didapati bahawa kekerasan yang paling tinggi adalah pada sampel kawalan pada minggu keempat penyimpanan iaitu  $5266.65g \pm 665.4$ . Atribut – atribut yang lain didapati menunjukkan tren yang menurun dengan tempoh penyimpanan. Warna idli juga telah dikaji untuk tempoh penyimpanan selama empat minggu bagi nilai  $L^*$   $a^*$   $b^*$  dengan menggunakan Minolta Colorimeter. Didapati tiada perubahan yang berlaku pada nilai  $L^*$  pada idli yang dikaji selama empat minggu. Analisis proksimat telah dijalankan dan didapati bahawa idli mengandungi kandungan air  $58\% \pm 10.1$ , protein sebanyak  $0.7\% \pm 0.07$ , sebanyak  $0.4\% \pm 0.08$  kandunagn lemak dan kandungan abu sebanyak  $0.7\% \pm 0.04$  dalam sampel kawalan idli. Analisis sensori menunjukkan tiada perubahan yang nyata bagi sampel yang baru dimasak serta yang disejukkbeu bagi atribut permukaan idli serta kekerasan. Pengskoran sensori tidak selari dengan data yang diperoleh menggunakan penganalisis tekstur. Ini mungkin disebabkan oleh deria manusia yang kurang sensitive terhadap perubahan yang berlaku berbanding dengan dengan yang dikaji melalui mesin. Kesimpulannya, sample pada kepekatan 0.3% at the ratio of (xanthan:sorbitol)(1:2)] merukan sampel yang menunjukkan tiada perubahan yang nyata dengan sampel kawalan dan memperoleh skor yang berada dalam lingkungan terbaik bagi atribut tertentu.