

## EFFECT OF SOME ADDITIVES ON RESIDUAL NITRITE AND SOME QUALITY ATTRIBUTES IN BEEF SAUSAGE

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**Abstract:** Seven batches of beef sausage were produced. Sodium tripolyphosphate (STPP) was added to the sausage mixture at concentrations of 0.25 and 0.50%. Sodium lactate (SL) was added at concentrations of 0.75 and 1.5%. A combination of STPP + SL were added at concentrations of 0.125% STPP + 0.375% SL and 0.25% STPP + 0.75% SL. STPP and SL were replaced by starch in the control sample. It was found that the use of STPP resulted in a higher pH value and a higher residual

nitrite level than the control group. It also improved WHC, cooking loss and texture. Addition of SL to the sausage mixture reduced pH value and residual nitrite level compared to the control sample. It also reduced microbial growth, TVN and TBA values, enhanced flavor scores and its cost was the cheapest among all samples. It is recommended not to use STPP in the sausage production; however, SL was advised to be used.

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**Key words:** Sausage - Beef sausage – Residual nitrite – Ascorbic acid – Sodium tripolyphosphate (STPP) – Sodium lactate (SL).

### Introduction

It had been known that sodium nitrite is highly beneficial in the manufacture of cured meat products (Sen and Baddoo, 1997; Heaton *et al.*, 2000). It enhanced flavor of cured products and it had antimicrobial effect towards lots of microorganisms (Bacus and Botrnbae, 1991). It also inhibited the growth of *Clostridium botulinum* (Asku *et al.*, 2005).

However, in recent years, there have been a serious concern about the human consumption of sodium nitrite (Bastian, 2005). There have been some fear about the possibility

of sodium nitrite to encourage human cancer (Cassens, 1997; Cassens, 1998). This is because under conditions of high heat such as occurs during frying of sausage, residual nitrite may react with certain amines and amino acids to produce carcinogenic nitrosamines. Furthermore, among the numerous chemical carcinogens that had been detected in meat products, N-nitrosamines are distinguished by being very potent (Ahn *et al.*, 2002). Volatile N-nitrosamines induced tumors in a variety of organs, including the liver, lung, kidney, bladder, pancreas, esophagus and tongue, but not in the skin, brain,

colon, or bone. For example, N-nitrosodimethylamine in the levels of 20 ppm could induce liver cancer in humans (Lijinsky, 1999). In addition, Francis (2000) reported that the formation of N-nitrosamines in foods occurs due to addition of nitrite, smoking, or drying with combustion gas; therefore, the nitrite in meat products is a primary problem in the formation of carcinogenic volatile N-nitrosamines under high-temperature condition. Moreover, Oliveira *et al.* (2004) reported that sodium nitrite is an important additive for the curing process in the meat industry. However, high nitrite concentrations are very serious for infants because it could lead to infant methaemoglobinaemia (Andrade *et al.*, 2003).

There had been lots of research work trying to find possible techniques to reduce the level of residual nitrite in the finished products. Among these techniques was investigating the effect of adding different substances to the cured meat products and test their effects on residual nitrite levels. One of these substances was sodium tripolyphosphate (STPP). It is known to improve water holding capacity (WHC) and increases cooking yield. In addition, sodium lactate had been known to have an antimicrobial effect towards several microorganisms. Furthermore, it enhances flavor and increases WHC.

The objective of the present study was to determine the effect of sodium tripolyphosphate and sodium lactate on residual nitrite level and on other quality attributes of beef sausage during refrigerated storage.

## Materials and Methods

### Materials:

The beef meat and the constituents of sausage were purchased from the local market. The cost (in Egyptian pounds) per Kg of each sausage ingredient was as follows:

Ingredient	Cost (LE/Kg)	Ingredient	Cost (LE/Kg)
Beef meat	27.00	Sodium nitrite	15.00
Fat	16.00	Ascorbic acid	95.00
Powdered milk	20.00	Spices	24.70
Starch	4.00	Garlic	5.00
Sodium chloride	1.10	STPP	100.00
Sodium glutamate	150.00	SL	120.00

### Sausage preparation :

The sausage was formulated according to the ingredients of samples (Table, 1). From Table (1), samples T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> contained 0.25% and 0.50% STPP, respectively. Samples T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> contained 0.75% and 1.5% SL, respectively. Samples T<sub>5</sub> and T<sub>6</sub> contained (0.125% STPP + 0.375% SL) and (0.25% STPP +

0.75% SL), respectively. Finally, the control sample contained neither STPP nor SL; but they were replaced by 1.5% starch.

Minced meat was mixed with all ingredients except fat and half of the ice flakes. The mixture was blended for 2 minutes in a meat chopper then fat and remaining ice were added and mixed for 15 minutes (for

emulsification). The sausage was stuffed in natural casings, then the casings were closed and clipped. The sausage was steam cooked after 10 min to an internal temperature of 70°C. It was immersed in an ice water for 30 min. The sausage was stored in the refrigerator (4°C) for 22 days. Analysis were carried out at 1, 8, 15 and 22 days.

**Table(1):** Formulation of each beef sausage batch

Ingredients	Concentration (%)						
	C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
Meat	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
Fat	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
P. Milk	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Starch	1.50	1.25	1	0.75	---	1	0.50
Sodium chloride	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80
Sodium glutamate	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Sodium nitrite	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Ascorbic acid	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Spices	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93
Ground garlic	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Water ice	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
STPP	---	0.25	0.50	---	---	0.125	0.25
SL	---	---	---	0.75	1.50	0.375	0.75

**Analytical methods :**

The gross chemical composition (protein, moisture, fat and ash) was determined according to A.O.A.C. (1995) methods. Carbohydrate was calculated by difference. pH Value was measured using the pH-meter (Alken *et al.*, 1962). The water holding capacity (WHC) was measured using the Press method, and was presented as

cm<sup>2</sup> according to Soloviev (1966). Cooking loss and cooking yield were calculated as (El-Nemr, 1979).

% cooking loss was calculated as follows : [(Fresh sample weight – cooked sample weight)/fresh sample weight] × 100

Cooking yield was calculated as follows : 100 - % cooking loss.

Thiobarbituric acid (TBA) was

determined according to the method of Pearson (1991). Total volatile nitrogen (TVN) was estimated by the method of Winton and Winton (1958). Nitrite concentration was determined in the Central Lab., Horticultural Research Inst., Agric. Research Center according to Pearson and Tauber (1984).

#### Microbiological determination :

Total plate count (TPC) and psychrophilic count were determined using the nutrient agar according to Difco Manual (1984). Petri plates were incubated at 37°C/48 h and 4°C/10 d, for TPC and psychrophilic count, respectively.

#### Sensory evaluation :

Organoleptic evaluation was conducted at day 1 and day 22. Samples were heated by boiled for 2 min.

Organoleptic evaluation was carried out according to Watts *et al.* (1989) by aid of 10 panelists. Judging scale was as follows :

Very good	8-9
Good	6-7
Fair	4-5
Poor	2-3
Very poor	0-1

Data of organoleptic evaluation were analyzed statistically by determining the least significant difference (LSD).

## Results and Discussion

Table (2) presents the gross chemical composition, pH value and total plate count (TPC) of raw beef meat. The data revealed that, the pH value was 5.79 which indicated high quality of meat. This pH is favorable for attaining low cooking loss, high water holding capacity (WHC) and protein gel formation. In addition; from Table (2), it is clear that the fresh meat had a TPC of  $4.2 \times 10^4$  cfu/g, which indicated good sanitation conditions in slaughtering and transportation processes because the upper safe limit for beef meat is  $1.0 \times 10^6$  cfu/g (Egyptian Standards, 1991).

**Table(2):** Gross chemical composition, pH and total plate count of raw (fresh) beef meat

Characteristics	Values
Moisture	63.96%
Protein	18.25%
Fat	16.75%
Ash	0.92%
Carbohydrate	0.12%
pH	5.79
TPC	$4.2 \times 10^4$ cfu/g*

\*cfu/g = Colony forming unit per gram of sample

#### Effect of STPP and SL on chemical composition of beef sausage:

Table (3) presents the chemical composition of the 7 batches of sausage as described in Table (1). It is obvious that at the first day of refrigerated storage, the highest moisture content was for sample T<sub>6</sub>

which had STPP + SL added at concentrations of 0.25% + 0.75%, respectively; in comparison to T<sub>2</sub> or T<sub>4</sub> samples which had STPP or SL added at concentrations of 0.5% or 1.5%, respectively. This probably indicated some synergistic effect in sample 6 between STPP and SL in cooking yield and WHC. This resulted in the highest moisture content for sample T<sub>6</sub>.

Protein and ash contents recorded the same pattern of moisture content, at the first day of storage, as they were the highest in concentration in T<sub>6</sub>. This was a result of T<sub>6</sub> being the highest in WHC and cooking yield. Hence, during cooking, T<sub>6</sub> lost the

least amount of small peptides, amino acids, vitamins and minerals in the drip that came out of the sausage mixture (Fouda *et al.*, 2000; Sharaf, 2002).

Concerning fat content, at the first day of storage, it was the highest in sample T<sub>4</sub> followed by sample T<sub>3</sub>, then the control. The lowest fat content was in sample T<sub>5</sub> followed by T<sub>6</sub>.

In addition, in the first day of storage, the carbohydrate content was the highest in the control, as a result of having the highest content of starch (Table, 1). The lowest carbohydrate level was in sample T<sub>4</sub> which had zero starch content.

**Table(3):** Effect of STPP and SL on the chemical composition of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C), on dry weight.

Constituents	Storage time (d)	Concentration (%)						
		C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
Moisture	1	55.29	55.87	55.97	55.68	55.88	56.71	56.83
	8	54.86	55.45	55.56	55.25	55.47	56.30	56.41
	15	54.03	54.34	54.46	54.10	54.31	55.19	55.30
	22	52.87	53.15	53.27	53.03	53.25	54.00	54.09
Protein	1	31.38	32.14	32.16	31.81	32.00	32.96	33.15
	8	30.86	31.56	31.66	31.33	31.51	32.45	32.92
	15	29.61	30.18	30.32	30.02	30.16	30.91	31.05
	22	28.43	31.18	29.32	28.78	28.98	29.63	29.88
Fat	1	58.15	58.03	58.33	59.21	60.40	57.33	57.91
	8	58.97	58.54	59.00	59.84	61.04	58.08	59.21
	15	60.50	60.23	60.61	61.46	62.64	59.90	60.45
	22	62.00	61.64	61.87	62.91	64.04	61.46	61.90
Ash	1	3.79	3.74	3.77	3.68	3.72	3.86	3.91
	8	3.52	3.68	3.69	3.60	3.68	3.75	3.87
	15	3.41	3.58	3.58	3.51	3.50	3.64	3.71
	22	3.31	3.44	3.47	3.36	3.40	3.54	3.59
Carbohydrate	1	6.73	6.31	5.75	5.30	3.88	5.84	5.03
	8	6.65	6.21	5.65	5.23	5.61	5.72	4.98
	15	6.48	6.05	5.49	5.07	3.70	5.56	4.79
	22	6.26	5.87	5.35	4.94	3.57	5.37	4.62

With prolonged storage, sausage drip took place which resulted in a loss of moisture, protein, ash and carbohydrate for all samples, which resulted in higher concentrations of fat.

**Effect of STPP and SL on pH value of beef sausage:**

Table (4) presents the pH values of the 7 batches of sausage as described in Table (1). It is obvious that at first day of refrigerated storage, the highest pH value was for sample T<sub>2</sub> (6.6). It was clear that addition of STPP to sausage mixture

resulted in raising the pH value. On the contrary, SL resulted in producing the lowest pH of the beef sausage mixture at the first day of storage (T<sub>4</sub>, pH = 5.4). Hence, STPP is expected to have a good effect on the physical properties of sausage as outlined in Table (5).

With prolonged refrigerated storage, the pH values of most samples decreased. Probably, that was due to the activity of some members of lactic acid bacteria which produced organic acids (Wally *et al.*, 2004).

**Table(4):** Effect of STPP and SL on the pH values of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C).

Storage time (d)	pH values						
	C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
1	6.3	6.4	6.6	5.8	5.4	5.9	6.2
8	6.4	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.5	5.9	6.3
15	6.2	6.5	6.7	5.8	5.3	5.8	6.1
22	6.1	6.5	6.6	5.6	5.2	5.7	6.0

**Effect of STPP and SL on physical properties of beef sausage:**

Table (5) presents the values of WHC, cooking loss and cooking yield of sausage. It was clear that at the first day of storage, WHC was the best for T<sub>6</sub> (WHC = 0.30) and it was the worst for the control sample (WHC = 1.25). In addition, STPP produced a better WHC compared to

SL (T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> = 0.78 and 0.67 vs T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> = 0.95 and 0.84, respectively).

Furthermore; probably, there was some synergistic effect between STPP and SL resulted in the WHC for T<sub>5</sub> and T<sub>6</sub> (contained a combination of both STPP and SL) which were better than the WHC for either STPP or SL alone.

**Table(5):** Effect of STPP and SL on the physical properties of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C), based on wet weight

Constituents	Storage time (d)	Concentration (%)						
		C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
W.H.C. (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1	1.25	0.78	0.67	0.95	0.84	0.56	0.30
	8	1.27	0.79	0.68	0.98	0.87	0.57	0.32
	15	1.28	0.81	0.69	1.02	0.89	0.58	0.33
	22	1.30	0.83	0.71	1.04	0.93	0.60	0.35
Cooking loss (%)	1	40.26	37.25	36.98	38.37	37.84	33.63	32.51
	8	40.65	37.64	37.37	38.70	38.23	34.27	32.88
	15	41.06	38.50	37.77	39.16	38.63	34.42	33.31
	22	41.45	38.81	38.11	39.55	39.05	34.80	33.68
Cooking yield (%)	1	59.74	62.75	63.02	61.63	62.16	66.37	67.49
	8	59.35	62.36	62.63	61.24	61.77	65.73	67.12
	15	58.94	61.50	62.23	60.84	61.37	65.58	66.69
	22	58.55	61.19	61.89	60.45	60.95	65.20	66.32

Cooking loss recorded the same trend of WHC; as the lowest cooking loss value was for sample T<sub>6</sub>, at the first day of storage, and the highest cooking loss was for the control sample.

During storage, WHC, cooking loss and cooking yield deteriorated due to the loss of protein molecules as (Sharaf, 2002).

**Effect of STPP and SL on total plate count and psychrophilic count of beef sausage:**

From Table (6), it is clear that at day 1, TPC for all samples were much lower than the count of the fresh meat (Table, 2). That was due to the addition of sodium nitrite, salt and spices, and due to the cooking process. In addition, the lowest TPC was for sample T<sub>4</sub> and the highest TPC was for the control sample. Knowing that T<sub>4</sub> contained 1.5% SL, it is obvious that SL exerted an antimicrobial effect which resulted in a low microbial count.

**Table(6):** Effect of STPP and SL on total plate count and psychrophilic count of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C).

Micro-biological evaluation	Storage	Microbial count (cfu/g)*						
	time (d)	C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
TPC	1	3.7×10 <sup>3</sup>	3.2×10 <sup>3</sup>	3.0×10 <sup>3</sup>	7.6×10 <sup>2</sup>	6.3×10 <sup>2</sup>	9.1×10 <sup>2</sup>	8.5×10 <sup>2</sup>
	8	9.2×10 <sup>3</sup>	8.0×10 <sup>3</sup>	7.5×10 <sup>3</sup>	8.2×10 <sup>2</sup>	7.1×10 <sup>2</sup>	3.0×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.3×10 <sup>3</sup>
	15	1.9×10 <sup>4</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>4</sup>	9.1×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.7×10 <sup>3</sup>	9.3×10 <sup>2</sup>	6.2×10 <sup>3</sup>	5.1×10 <sup>3</sup>
	22	8.3×10 <sup>4</sup>	7.9×10 <sup>4</sup>	6.8×10 <sup>4</sup>	4.1×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.0×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.9×10 <sup>4</sup>	2.3×10 <sup>4</sup>
Psychrophilic	1	9.5×10 <sup>2</sup>	8.7×10 <sup>2</sup>	8.0×10 <sup>2</sup>	3.1×10 <sup>2</sup>	2.2×10 <sup>2</sup>	6.8×10 <sup>2</sup>	5.9×10 <sup>2</sup>
	8	5.1×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.6×10 <sup>3</sup>	2.8×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.0×10 <sup>2</sup>	3.1×10 <sup>2</sup>	1.9×10 <sup>3</sup>	8.7×10 <sup>2</sup>
	15	7.6×10 <sup>3</sup>	6.9×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.5×10 <sup>3</sup>	8.2×10 <sup>2</sup>	5.9×10 <sup>2</sup>	6.7×10 <sup>3</sup>	4.0×10 <sup>3</sup>
	22	3.7×10 <sup>4</sup>	2.2×10 <sup>4</sup>	1.3×10 <sup>4</sup>	2.1×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.0×10 <sup>3</sup>	1.3×10 <sup>4</sup>	9.6×10 <sup>3</sup>

\*cfu/g = Colony forming unit/gram

**Effect of STPP and SL on freshness indices of beef sausage:**

Table (7) shows the freshness indices, total volatile nitrogen and thiobarbaturic acid and TBA, of the beef sausage. It is obvious that at the first day of storage, the lowest TVN value was for sample T<sub>4</sub> which had the higher concentration of SL (Table, 1). It is well known that the microbial growth leads to proteolysis which results in the production of

nitrogenous compounds. The latter leads to raising the TVN value. Furthermore; during refrigerated storage, there was a continuous increase in TVN values for all samples. That was due to the increase in microbial growth. However, TVN for all samples after 22 days of refrigerated storage were lower than the upper safe limit (20 mg/100g, Egyptian Standards, 1991).

**Table(7):** Effect of STPP and SL on freshness indices of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C), based on wet weight

Micro-biological evaluation	Storage time (d)	Sample no.						
		C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
TVN mg/100g	1	12.70	12.25	12.10	11.90	11.80	12.05	11.98
	8	12.95	12.49	12.38	11.99	12.01	12.19	12.15
	15	13.30	12.77	12.68	12.32	12.24	12.57	12.49
	22	14.28	13.81	13.73	13.31	13.29	13.60	13.50
TBA (mg/Kg)	1	0.51	0.42	0.39	0.28	0.27	0.35	0.33
	8	0.54	0.44	0.40	0.28	0.27	0.36	0.33
	15	0.57	0.47	0.42	0.31	0.29	0.38	0.35
	22	0.61	0.50	0.45	0.35	0.32	0.42	0.41



Concerning TBA values, the data showed that the lowest and highest values of TBA were for samples T<sub>4</sub> and C, respectively. These samples contained the lowest and highest microbial counts, respectively (Table, 6). It is well established that the microbial activity would lead to fat oxidation raising TBA values (Vasavada and Cornforth, 2005). The TBA values for all samples after 22 days of refrigerated storage were lower than the upper safe limit (0.9 mg/Kg, Egyptian Standards, 1991).

**Effect of STPP and SL on residual nitrite level of beef sausage:**

From Table (8), it is clear that at day 1, the highest residual nitrite level was for sample T<sub>2</sub>. The latter contained 0.50% STPP, and had a

pH value of 6.6. Hence, the effect of STPP in raising the residual nitrite level might have been due to raising the pH of the sausage mixture. This results are coincided with Sebranek (1979) and Fox (1974) who reported that the effect of pH might be taken into account when considering the use of phosphates in curing, particularly for products such as bacon. They added that alkaline phosphates resulted in a higher ultimate pH in the tissue and would probably also result in raising residual nitrite due to the effect of pH. Furthermore, Krause *et al.* (1978) found a higher residual nitrite in tumbled than non-tumbled hams; this might have been caused by slightly higher pH levels in tumbled products (Addis and Schanus, 1979).

**Table(8):** Effect of STPP and SL on residual nitrite level of beef sausage during refrigerated storage (4°C), based on wet weight

Storage time (d)	Residual nitrite levels (ppm)						
	C	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	T <sub>5</sub>	T <sub>6</sub>
1	0.233	0.260	0.365	0.168	0.129	0.141	0.230
8	0.230	0.255	0.360	0.129	0.125	0.135	0.229
15	0.224	0.232	0.245	0.122	0.115	0.118	0.150
22	0.100	0.111	0.234	0.102	0.095	0.112	0.143

On the contrary, SL decreased the residual nitrite levels of sausage at day 1. The lowest residual nitrite level was for sample T<sub>4</sub> which had a

SL concentration of 1.5% and a pH of 5.4. This was supported by Zaika *et al.* (1976) who reported that a reduction in pH will drastically

lower residual nitrite levels. In addition, according to Goodfellow (1979) and Sebranek (1979), the idea of utilizing a low pH to reduce residual nitrite and thus potential nitrosamine formation has been applied in several instances with chemical acidulants. They added that acid compounds such as sodium acid pyrophosphate will lower the pH and also the residual nitrite. The same authors suggested another approach for increasing acidity for bacon which was to incorporate a lactic acid starter culture into the curing pickel for injection. They added that this procedure not only reduced nitrosamine formation upon frying, but also contributed some additional protection against *Clostridium botulinum* in storage because of the lowered pH (Gonzalez and Diez, 2002). Furthermore, Sink and Hsu (1977) showed a lowering of residual nitrite in a liquid smoke dip process for frankfurters when the pH also was lowered.

Further research is needed to elucidate if the change in residual nitrite levels due to the addition of either STPP or SL to the sausage mixture, was totally because of the change in pH of the product or there might have been other factors.

With refrigerated storage, residual nitrite levels were reduced as a result of pH change and exudate drip. The final result after a 3-week cold storage was (similar to the

result at day 1) that the highest and lowest residual nitrite levels were for samples T<sub>2</sub> and T<sub>4</sub>, respectively. Hence, after storage; STPP and SL resulted in the highest and lowest residual nitrite levels, respectively.

#### **Effect of STPP and SL on the sensory evaluation of beef sausage:**

Table (9) presents the sensory evaluation of the different samples at day 1 and 22 of refrigerated storage. LSD\* was determined to compare among the different samples at day 1. Furthermore, LSD\*\* was determined to compare between any sample at day 1 and the same sample at day 22.

It is obvious that at the first day of storage, the control sample was significantly better than all other samples concerning color evaluation. Probably that was due to its lowest moisture content which lead to a more color intensity. However, the colors of the treatment samples were still acceptable.

Odor and taste were significantly better for samples T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> in comparison to other samples, in the first day of storage. Knowing that SL provides flavor characteristics, it would be understandable that T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> (contained SL) got the best scores.

Concerning the texture, it was significantly better for sample T<sub>6</sub> than samples C, T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub>, in the first day of storage. This sample



had the best WHC score (Table, 5) which lead to the best texture (Desrosier, 1984).

At 22 days of storage, all samples significantly deteriorated in comparison to the same samples at day 1, except for the odor of sample T<sub>5</sub>. Probably, that was due to the loss of some pigment and protein contents which led to a lower evaluation of the color and texture, respectively. Furthermore, with storage, fat oxidation took place which adversely affected aroma and taste (Vasavada and Cornforth, 2005). However, in spite of these significant deteriorations, still the evaluation (after the 22-day-storage) was acceptable.

#### **Effect of STPP and SL on the cost of beef sausage:**

From Table (10), it is clear that samples T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> (which contained STPP) had costs very close to the control sample. However, since STPP was proven to increase the residual nitrite level, it is not recommended to be added to the sausage mixture.

Concerning samples T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub> (which contained SL), they were a little more expensive than the control. Their costs were 0.87 and 1.75 LE more than the control, respectively. However; since SL was proven to decrease the residual nitrite level; hence, this extra cost is negligible, and it is recommended to be added to the sausage mixture to

decrease the residual nitrite level, and to improve its characteristics.

#### **Conclusion**

STPP addition to sausage mixture raised the pH of the finished product. Furthermore, it resulted in a higher residual nitrite level which might had been due to the higher pH value. Also, it improved WHC, cooking loss and texture. Addition of SL reduced pH value and residual nitrite level of the finished product. Moreover, it reduced microbial growth, TVN and TBA values and improved flavor score of the resulting sausage. It is recommended not to use STPP in cured sausage; however, the use of SL is advisable.

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## تأثير بعض الإضافات علي تركيز النيتريت المتبقي في السجق البقري وعلي بعض خصائص الجودة الأخرى

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لقد تم تصنيع ٧ خلطات من السجق البقري . وتم إضافة تراي بولي فوسفات الصوديوم  
بتركيز ٠,٢٥% ، ٠,٥٠% وإضافة لاكتات الصوديوم بتركيز ٠,٧٥% ، ١,٥% كما تم إضافة  
خليط من تراي بولي فوسفات الصوديوم + لاكتات الصوديوم بتركيز ٠,١٢٥% تراي بولي  
فوسفات الصوديوم + ٠,٣٧٥% لاكتات الصوديوم وأيضاً بتركيز ٠,٢٥% تراي بولي فوسفات  
الصوديوم + ٠,٧٥% لاكتات الصوديوم. وبالنسبة لعينة الكونتروال فقد تم إستبدال تراي بولي  
فوسفات الصوديوم و لاكتات الصوديوم بالنشا بتركيز ١,٥% .

لقد وجد أن تراي بولي فوسفات الصوديوم أدى إلي زيادة رقم الـ pH وزيادة تركيز  
النيتريت المتبقي بالمقارنة بعينة الكونتروال. هذا وقد أدى إضافة تراي بولي فوسفات الصوديوم  
إلى تحسين القدرة علي إمسك الماء ، الفقد بالطبخ والقوام.

إضافة لاكتات الصوديوم إلي خلطة السجق أدى إلي تقليل قيمة الـ pH وتركيز النيتريت  
المتبقي. كذلك أدى إلي تقليل النمو الميكروبي ، قيمة النيتروجين الكلي المتطاير وقيمة حمض  
الثيوباربيتوريك ، وإلي تحسين الطعم والرائحة .

ويمكن التوصية بعدم إضافة تراي بولي فوسفات الصوديوم إلي خلطة السجق حيث أن لاكتات  
الصوديوم تعتبر مادة مفيدة وينصح بإستخدامها في تصنيع السجق.