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Effect of Sodium Ascorbate on Some Quality Characteristics of Turkish Pastırma

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Abstract: Different amounts of sodium ascorbate (0, 150, 300 and 450 mg/kg) were used in curing stage of Turkish pastirma production and the effect of sodium ascorbate was investigated on some quality characteristics of pastirma. It was observed that there was no effect of sodium ascorbate on pH and penetrometler value of pastirma. Sodium ascorbate caused to decrease of TBA-value and residual nitrite content (P<0.01). The increasing of sodium ascorbate content caused high nitrosopigment corversion (P<0.01). In sensorial evaluation, the use of sodium ascorbate increased the acceptability of color (P<0.05) but there was no effect on chewing and flavor (P>0.05).

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