Elaboration, evaluation of nutritional information and physical-chemical stability of dairy fermented drink with caja-mango pulp

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ABSTRACT: Whey is a by-product of the dairy industry of great importance due to its high nutritional value, and can be used for the manufacture of fermented dairy drinks which, combined with fruit, increase the nutritional value and add characteristic flavors. Therefore, a fermented dairy beverage with caja-mango pulp (Spondias dulcis) was elaborated and its nutritional information as well as the physical-chemical stability were evaluated during storage. The results showed that the nutritional information met the requirements stipulated by the Brazilian legislation. The physical-chemical stability of the dairy fermented drink in terms of pH, acidity, syneresis and sedimentation was influenced by the storage time, possibly associated with uncontrolled factors in this study, such as the initial and final dairy culture concentration of the processed product, protein biodegradation during storage and low solids contents. It is concluded that the elaborated drink constitutes a food source of several nutrients, and may complement the daily diet of children, adolescents and adults, supplying nutritional deficiencies.

Key words: whey, dairy industry, nutritional value, Spondias dulcis.

INTRODUCTION

Considered as a by-product of the dairy industries, the whey has shown great importance due to their high nutritional value (ALMEIDA et al., 2001; MONTESDEOCA et al., 2017). Being a food made up of water, lactose, proteins, lipids, vitamins and minerals has been used in the elaboration of dairy drinks, proving to be a rational form of utilization in the dairy industry (CALDEIRA et al., 2010; MONTESDEOCA et al., 2017). Moreover, it is seeing that, in the last years, the production of dairy fermented drink has been gaining market share in reason of their good sensorial acceptance, low production price and more accessible prices for the consumer (THAMER & PENNA, 2006; CALDEIRA et al., 2010; JANIAISKI et al., 2016).

According to Normative Ruling nº 16/2005, which deals with the technical regulation of identity and quality of milk drink, milk beverage is the dairy product resulting from the mixture of milk and whey, whether or not added food products or substances, vegetable fat and other milk products, where the dairy base (whey and milk) accounts for at least 51% of total ingredients (BRASIL, 2005a). Conversely, fermented milk drinks can be obtained by

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RESUMO: O soro lácteo é um subproduto da indústria de laticínios de grande importância devido ao seu alto valor nutritivo, podendo ser utilizado para fabricação de bebida láctea fermentada que, associada a frutas, aumenta o valor nutricional e agrega sabores característicos. A partir disso, foi elaborada uma bebida láctea fermentada adicionada de polpa de cajá-manga (Spondias dulcis), sendo avaliada sua informação nutricional bem como a estabilidade físico-química, durante o armazenamento. Os resultados mostram que a informação nutricional atendeu os requisitos estipulados pela legislação brasileira. A estabilidade físico-química da bebida, quanto aos parâmetros analisados de pH, acidez, sinnerese e sedimentação, sofreu influência pelo o tempo de armazenamento, possivelmente, associados a fatores não controlados neste estudo como a concentração de cultura láctea iniciadora e final do produto elaborado, a biodegradação de proteínas durante a estocagem e baixos teores de sólidos. Conclui-se que a bebida elaborada constitui um alimento fonte de diversos nutrientes, e poderá complementar a alimentação diária de crianças, adolescentes e adultos, suprindo as carencias nutricionais.

Palavras-chave: soro lácteo, indústria de laticínios, valor nutricional, Spondias dulcis.
adding a specific culture of microorganisms or by adding fermented milk to the formulation (BRASIL, 2005a).

According ZULUETA et al. (2007), the dairy fermented drink can be associated with fruits, increasing the nutritional value and still adding characteristics flavors, thus, awakening sensorial characteristics that resemble yoghurt and non-fermented dairy drinks, so they are well marketed.

The caja-mango fruit (*Spondias dulcis*), have pleasant smell and taste, yield over than 60% in pulp and is highly used on the elaboration of juices, jelly, nectar, ice creams and some beverages like wines and liquors (BUSANELLO, 2014). However, due to their acidity, it isn’t appreciated or few appreciated in natura (RUFINO, 2008). Nevertheless, the caja-mango pulp has been aroused interest of many regions of Brazil, as it is not too thick around the voluminous core, juicy, acid flavor, sugary and very pleasurable. It is rich in sugar, carotenoids and Vitamin C (SACRAMENTO & SOUZA, 2000).

For present good nutritional and sensorial characteristics, and having attracted the interest of processing industries for the low manufacturing cost and which seeking to developed health products with differential tastes, this article had as aim to elaborate, to evaluate nutritional information, physical-chemistry stability of dairy fermented drink added with caja-mango pulp, along the storage.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The dairy production was made at the Food Technology Laboratory of Science Agricultural Institute of Minas Gerais Federal University, according ALMEIDA et al. (2001) methodology, with modifications.

The ingredients of the elaborated dairy were whole milk (39.04%), whey reconstituted (39.04%), sugar (10.00%) and modified starch (0.80%). This first mixture received heat treatment (65°C by 30 minutes), with subsequent cooling (43°C) and inoculation of Direct Vat Set (DVS) thermophilic (1.00%) acid lactic culture with a mix of *Streptococcus thermophilus* and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* subsp. *bulgaricus* strains. After this step, the blend was incubated at 43 °C on BOD oven (EL202/4E model) until reaching the casein isoeletric point (pH 4.60) and the curd formation. After that, was did the cooling at 5 °C by 5 hours. The dairy fermented drink was agitated and the pasteurized pulp fruit (10.00%), potassium sorbate (0.12%) were added with posterior homogenization. The dairy was bottled and stored under refrigeration (5 °C).

In order to recognize the nutritional quality, the nutritional information of the fermented dairy beverage was elaborated, based on the formulation used and Resolution RDC 360/2003, which deals with the obligatory nutritional labeling for packaged foods (BRASIL, 2003), and Resolution RDC n° 269/2005, which deals with the Recommended Daily Intake of proteins, vitamins and minerals (BRASIL, 2005b).

The pH analyzes were performed by direct measurements in pH meter (PHS-3E model) and titratable acidity (titrator method) according to the methodology of BRASIL (2006).

The syneresis index was determined using the method described by AMAYA-LLANO et al. (2008) with modifications. Samples of 2 g were weighed and conditioned in microcentrifuge tubes (model SL-5AM), and centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 10 minutes at 25 °C. The supernatant was removed and weighed. The syneresis index, expressed as a percentage (%), was obtained by the ratio of the mass of the supernatant (whey) to the total mass of the sample multiplied by 100.

For the sedimentation analysis, we used the method described by WHITE et al. (2008) with modifications. Thus, 10 g of samples were weighed and packed in hermetically sealed cylindrical plastic tubes, refrigerated at 5 ± 1 °C for 72 hours. The percent sedimentation rate (%) was determined by the ratio of sediment mass to total sample mass, multiplied by 100.

The analyzes were carried out in triplicate in the samples stored under refrigeration at 5 ± 1 °C. Results were tabulated and submitted to analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Tukey’s test for average difference at 95% confidence (P≤0.05), with the support of Software R version 2.11.1 (R Development Core Team - 2010).

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The nutritional information of the fermented dairy beverage is presented in table 1. The general requirements for nutritional information stipulated by Resolution RDC 360/2003 have been verified and attend the requirements. According the same resolution the energy value and the percentual of diary value (% DV) must be declared in whole numbers (BRASIL, 2003).

According the table 1, the dairy beverage presents significant amounts of carbohydrates (34 g), proteins (4.0 g) and total fats (2.4 g) for a 200 mL portion of liquid product, because according BRASIL (2003) with amounts of 0.5 g or less than per portion.
of the said nutrients, will be declare “zero” or “does not contain” meaning amounts.

The significant value of carbohydrates shows as a positive aspect due to the presence of that nutrient in appropriate concentrations on foods became important, since they are nutrients that, among other functions constitute as the main source of energy on human dietary and also as a determinant factor of post-meal blood glucose levels in the body (GIACCO et al., 2016). In other way, the proteins values shows too as an important data, since that for the body human it is one of the essentials macronutrients which constitute about of half human dry weight. Beyond that, the many amino acids like lysine, methionine and tryptophan which are proteins components are essentials for the growth, tissue repair and substitution, can even be used as source of energy (DAY, 2016).

In relation of total fats content (Table 1), the elaborated beverage was a food with lower fat content, because presented 2.4 g of total fat per 200 mL and according BRASIL (1998), to be considered a food with low value of fat, should present at maximum 1.5 g of fat by a portion of 100 mL of liquid product. Besides that, in relation to saturated fat and trans fat amounts, the dairy has significant amounts of saturated fat, as it has a value of 1.6 g for a 200 mL portion of liquid product, which according to BRAZIL (2003), if the quantity of this component is less than or equal to 0.2 g per 100 mL portion of liquid product, it will be declared on the label as “zero” or “does not contain” significant quantities. However, fats can’t be considered as a negative aspect, because are macronutrients responsible for 35% off total caloric intake, especially on the triacylglycerols form. Also, fats can increase palatability of food products and provides essential fatty acids (LUCA, 2019).

According to BRASIL (1998), the minimum value for a liquid product to be classified as a fiber source is 1.5 g of fibers per 100 mL of liquid product. However, dietary fiber levels were not identified for the elaborated beverage, as presented in table 1.

For sodium, the elaborated fermented milk beverage presented with low contents according to BRASIL (1998), which stipulates as “low” the maximum of 120 mg of sodium in 100 mL of liquid product. The low values of sodium are important once exist an intense preoccupation with reduction of salt n industrialized foods. Although, the presence of sodium in rights concentrate o food is exceptional for the nutrients absorption on small intestine as well for maintenance of the cellular membrane potential (KLOSS et al., 2015).

For calcium, its presence can be considered as a positive aspect, as it is involved in a wide range of life functionalities, through the interaction between several proteins distributed in different cell compartments. This macroelement is essential for muscle contraction, cell differentiation, immune response, enzymatic activation as well

| Table 1 | Nutritional information of fermented dairy drink produced. |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| **NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION** | **%VD** |
| Quantity portion | 200 mL portion (1 unity) |  |
| Energetic Value | 174 kcal= 731 kJ | **9** |
| Carbohydrates | 34 g | **11** |
| Proteins | 4.0 g | **5** |
| Total fat | 2.4 g | **4** |
| Saturated fat | 1.6 g | **7** |
| Trans fats | *** | **”** |
| Food Fibers | *** | *** |
| Sodium | 159 mg | **7** |
| Calcium | 199 mg | **25** |
| Ferro | 7 mg | **49** |

1 Daily Values (DV) of reference on basis at a diet with 2000 kcal (kilocalories) or 8400 kJ (kilojoules). Those values can be bigger or smaller depend on your energy needs.
2 Daily values not established.
3 “Zero or don’t contain significant amounts.”
as neuronal activity and programmed cell death (CHEN et al., 2012; ZHAO et al., 2012; ZHONG et al., 2013; ZHANG et al., 2014; ZHANG & ZOWALATY, 2016).

Moreover, according to the nutritional information presented in table 1, it is possible to observe that the elaboration of the fermented milk drink, added with cashew mango pulp, constitutes a source food of several nutrients.

The physical-chemical stability of the elaborated dairy beverage was evaluated for pH, acidity, syneresis and sedimentation parameters during 14 days of refrigerated storage. The results of pH and acidity during storage under refrigeration at 5 °C for 14 days are shown in table 2.

Based on table 2, occurred variation on the average value of pH over the storage time, being this significant difference (P≤0.05) for pH (4.31) at 14 days of storage. The pH reduction and acidity growth are named by after acidification and are resulted by continuous activity of lactic microorganisms, under refrigeration, mainly Lactobacillus, which one the cells have bigger capacity to tolerate acids environments and to produce lactic acid until levels of 1.7% (ROBINSON et al., 2006). Besides that, it was verified the opposite effect, occurring the growth of pH during the storage.

According to FRANCO & LANDGRAF (2008), the increase in pH may be an indicator of protein biodegradation, resulting in ammonia generation. Thus, the amino acids in the beverage are the main nitrogen source of the bacteria, allowing a large amount of nitrogen compounds (JAY, 2005). In this sense, the degradation of proteins is initiated by the action of enzymes that hydrolyze them to peptides and then to amino acids, since the structure of the intact protein is not able to cross the cell membrane.

The pH values on dairy drinks have your importance on physical stability related from visual aspect in the final product. Thus, REIS et al. (2013) reported that pH values bigger than 4.6 favor the syneresis process, because the gel structure is not formed sufficiently. Conversely, if the pH value is below 4.0, the clot will contract, related to the reduction of protein hydration, causing desorption. In this way, it is fundamental existing a strict pH control to not occur separation of phase and elevated acidification influenced by fermentation time.

According to table 2, the acidity did not change significantly (P≤0.05) in the average values during the 14 days of storage. ALMEIDA (2008) studying the influence of the reduction of milk lactose content and the increase of protein concentration in the acidification process during fermentation and yogurt storage, observed no influence on pH variation during storage and that the reduction of lactose content caused that the acidity did not suffer a significant variation, thus avoiding post acidification of the yogurt. Although, the lactose contents were not studied by this research, it can be inferred that, the reduction of lactose in the process of fermentation of the milk beverage, and consequently the production of lactic acid is possibly a cause for the non-significant variation of the acidity during the 14 days of refrigerated storage.

According to THAMER & PENNA (2006), the acidity is related to the concentration of the lactic culture used and the activity of this culture, the value established to finalize the fermentation, type of solid added, to the quantity of cheese serum used in the elaboration of dairy drinks, as well as storage time. Although, do not exist federal legislation specifying pH and acidity values for fermented dairy drinks, was verified the acidity observed on this study attend the minimum value defined for yoghurt (0.6 a 1.5 g of lactic acid/100 g) and fermented milk (0.6 a 2.0 of lactic acid/100 g) established by Fermented Milk Quality Technical Regulation (BRASIL, 2007).

The syneresis and sedimentation results during storage under refrigeration at 5°C for 14 days are shown in figure 1. Comparing the mean values obtained for the syneresis index (Figure 1), significant differences (P≤0.05) occurred during storage days. The syneresis values of the beverage ranged from 6.83% on the first day of manufacture to 25.33% at 14 days of storage.

According to LUCEY (2004), several factors such as fermentation temperature, often high, low solids content and inadequate storage may...

| Time (Days) | pH  | Acidity (% of lactic acid) |
|------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 0          | 4.18a | 0.81a                     |
| 7          | 4.18a | 0.80a                     |
| 14         | 4.31b | 0.80b                     |
| CV* (%)    | 0.30 | 1.17                      |

*aCoefficient of variation given in percentage (%). The average followed by different letters in the columns differs from each other (P≤0.05) and refer to the storage time.
contribute to syneresis in fermented products. Values of 3.5 to 6.7% syneresis in samples containing 0.5 and 0.65% of collagen were found by GERHARDT et al. (2013). Conversely, CUNHA (2008) found value of 49% of syneresis in dairy drink with higher proportion of serum. CASTRO et al. (2009) checked the influence of different contents of cheese whey and oligofructose on fermented dairy drinks proprieties and observed that the increase of cheese whey provided an increase on syneresis index on this beverage. Influence that wasn’t observed on this research, once that dairy drink are constitute by an only one formulation and portion of whey.

In agreement to figure 1, there was variation in sedimentation values throughout the storage, but this difference was significant (P≤0.05) only for sedimentation at 14 days of storage (9.16%). GERHARDT et al. (2013) obtained sedimentation of about 4.5% only in samples with 0.5 and 0.65% of collagen. LUIZ (2008) evaluated the sedimentation in thermally treated milk beverages after fermentation, in their storage at ambient temperature for up to 90 days, verified the non-occurrence of sediments up to 28 days of storage.

Although, several studies present similar and discordant results for syneresis and sedimentation indexes in fermented dairy products, AMATAYAKUL et al. (2006) concluded that the determination of these indexes can present different values and behaviors due to the different methodologies and parameters used by each author.

CONCLUSION

According the nutritional information, it can be concluded that the elaboration of the fermented dairy milk, added by caja-mango pulp, constitute a food source of many nutrients, being able to be included on complementary feed of children, teenagers and adults, supplying nutritional deficiencies, and thus bringing health benefits to them.

Regarding the physicochemical parameters, even though there is no legislation specifying the pH and acidity values for the fermented dairy drink, it was found that the acidity meets the minimum value defined for yogurt and fermented milk. As for syneresis and sedimentation rates, these parameters were influenced by the 14 days of storage, under refrigeration at 5 ± 1 °C, and that, according to the literature, this influence may also be associated with uncontrolled factors in this study. Such as the starter and final milk culture concentration of the elaborated product, protein biodegradation during storage and low solids contents. Thus, future studies are necessary and indispensable to investigate the influence of these factors on the stability of the fermented milk drink and ensure better quality in the final product.

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