MICROBIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES IN CHICKEN PRODUCTS COLLECTED FROM LOCAL MARKETS.

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the present work is to determine the physical, chemical properties and some pathogenic densities include psychrophilies, mesophilies, *Staphyloccus aureus, Clostridia spp, Salmonella spp, Shigella Spp., Compylobacter spp,* total coliform and *L. monocytogenes* in some chicken procducts purshared from local markets in Cairo city. The results showed that the protein percentage ranged from 15.2% to 15.6% in burger, 13.3% to 13.4% in nuggets, 13.45% to 16.3% in kofta, 11.3% to 14% in luncheon and 13.5% to 14.96% in sausage. Thiobarbituric acid (TBA) mg/ 100g ranged from 0 to 2.69 mg/ 100g in luncheon, sausage, burger, kofta and nuggets.

Microbiological counts showed that all the examined samples ranged from 88 x 10⁴ to 15 x 10⁷ in aerobic bacterial count. All the examined samples were accepted with Egyptian Standard method for psychrophilic bacteria, mesophilic bacteria, *Staph. aureus* and clostridia except sausage samples collected from Nasr City for *Staph aureus*. Also for kofta and nuggets exeption was in mesophilic for samples collected from Shubra, Nasr City and Down Town. However, all the samples are free from Salmonella, Shigella and E. coli except the samples collected from Shubra and Down Town. For the campylobacter, in Shubra, it was found in 66.5 and 33.5% for burger and nuggets, respectively. In Down Town, it was found in 33.5, 66.5, 66.5 and 33.5% for burger nuggets, kofta and luncheon.

INTRODUCTION

Chicken and chicken meat products are consumed in all countries, and they are known as good sources of animal protein of high biological value, besides, it contains a lot of minerals as potassium, iron, phosphorus, magnesium, calcium, sodium, iodine, sulfur, chlorine and traces of vitamins (Mounteny, 1966).

Since chicken meat products are considered as a new developing food industry in Egypt, there are few information and data available concerning their microflora or their level of bacterial contamination in retail market. Many types of microorganisms are present in chicken products as a result of contamination from feather, feat and intestinal contents of slaughtered birds. Equipment and personal on processing lines may play an important role in spreading bacteria. The bacterial flora may be a significant factor causing spoilage or may represent a public health hazard unless by proper sanitation and cooking (Kraft, 1971).

The fitness of any food product should be based on combined information obtained from chemical, bacteriological and organoleptic evaluation which includes smell, appearance and texture (Libby, 1975).

Quantifying the total microbial population is an excellent indicator of contamination, which has already taken place during processing and is a useful tool for predicting a product shelf life (Samah and Saleh, 1997).

The objectives of the present study are to determine the following: physical and chemical properties of chicken products, total microbial densities, psychrophilies, mesophilies, *Staphylococcus arureus, Clostridia sp,* Salmonella, Shigella and Campylobacter, total coliform and faecal coliform (as an indicator for the presence of pathogenic microboes) in chicken products.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two hundred samples of chicken products including chicken kofta, chicken burger, chicken sausage, chicken luncheon and chicken nuggets were collected from different Cairo retail market (Shubra, Nasr City and Down Town). Samples were collected in ice box and taking notes about the sample, (date of collection, production date, expire data, source, color, odor, texture... etc). The samples were transported immediately to the laboratory for the study of the microbiological and chemical quality.

Incidence of pathogenic bacteria in chicken products

Isolation of Salmonella, was carried out according to Ellis et al (1976). The suspected colonies were subcultured on nutrient slope agar and incubated at 37°C for 24hr.

Isolation of Shigella, was carried out according to Ellis et al (1976). Shigella colonies are red on S.S. agar, shigella gives translucent small colonies.

Isolation of E. coli. was carried out according to Collins et al (1998).

Salmonella, shigella and *E. coli* Identification atlempts were made using the criteria described by Kreig & Holt (1984) using the following tests: growth on TSI, urea, indole, M.R,V.P and sugar fermentation. Serological tests of the suspected salmonella strain was carried out according to Kauffmann (1973).

Isolation of Staph. aureus. The densities of Staph. aureus were determined on Vojel Johnson agar medium (Gouda Hanan, 2002). Biochemical confirmation of Staph. Aureus, Representative colonies on a suitable plate were transferred to nutrient agar slants and the cultures were examined through the following tests, Gram staining, and non-spore forming cells, Catalase test was done according to Bailey and Scott (1962) and coagulase production test using technique according to Morrison et al (1962).

Isolation of Campylobacter, it was carried out according to Oosterom et al (1983)

Determination of total microbial densities in chicken products was carried out according to Berrang et al. (2001).

Clostridia counts, was carried out according to Gouda Hanan, (2002). Organoleptic. properties were done by using boiling and roasting test according to Gracey and Collins (1992).

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Crude protein was determined by kjeldahel automatic method using kjel. Tec automatic (16210) analyzer seweden as described in A.O.A.C (2002).

Moisture content was determined at 105°C until a constant weight according to the method described in the A.O.A.C. (2002) Ash content was described as in the A.O.A.C. (2002)

Fat content was determined according to the method described in AOAC (2002).

Thiobarbituric acid (TBA), was determined according to Tarladgis et al., (1960).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1- Physical properties:

A spoiled food is simply a food that is unacceptable to consumer for reasons of smell, taste, appearance, texture or the presence of foreign bodies.

Perceptible changes in odours or flavours in the food occur well when the level of organisms reach 10⁶/g or per ml or per cm² of food surface.

Colour examination (faint pink, reddish, brown, yellowish white) were tested in chicken products (burger, nuggets, kofta, luncheon, sausage) collected from Cairo market (Shubra, Down Town and Nasr City).

The data recorded in Table (1) clearly show that the faint pink colour in chicken products was recorded in burger samples as a rate of 100, 66.5 and 66.5 respectively, in nuggets samples at rates of 66.5, 66.5 and 100%, respectively, and in sausage samples recorded at 66.5, 66.5 and 66.5%, respectively.

The faint colour of chicken Kofta was the predominating colour and may be related to the state of freshness due to the retention of myoglobin (Miller, 1958) or may be attributed to the addition of excessive amount of fat, fibrous tissues or food additives as soybean (Hefnawy, 1980 and Ibrahim, 1981).

Nearly similar results were obtained by El-Taher (1998) who revealed that faint pink colour of examined chicken products (Kofta, burger and sausage) was observed in 90%, 100% and 80% of the samples respectively. Also Gab-Allah (1990) found that faint pink was predominant in case of burger (60%) and Gab-Allah (1995) also observed that pink colour was predominant in case of minced meat and sausage being present in 60 and 40% of the samples respectively.

The reddish colour in chicken products predominated in 100, 100, 66.5% of luncheon samples respectively. These results were also recorded by Gab-Allah (1990) who found that the reddish colour was the most observed in case of Luncheon (60%) while El-Morsi (1998) revealed that reddish colour was in 56% in Luncheon samples.

Table (1): Percentage of chicken products showing colour changes collected from Cairo retail markets.

Area			Shu	bra			1	Down To	wn			Nasr City						
Product color%	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage			
Faint pink	100	66.5	100	0	66.5	66.5	66.5	66.5	0	66.5	66.5	100	100	0	66.5			
Reddish	0	0	0	100	33.5	0	0	0	100	33.5	0	0	0	66.5	33.5			
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Yellbish-white	0	33.5	0	0	0	33.5	33.5	33.5	0	0	35	0	0	33.5	0			

Table (2): Average of chemical constituents in burger, nuggets, Kofta, luncheon and sausage samples collected from local markets.

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Area	Area Shubra							own 7	Town		Nasr City					
Product	, -	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	
Protein%	15.2	13.4	13.73	11.3	13.5	15.6	15.6	16.3	13.56	14.96	14.5	15.86	14.9	13.96	13.83	
Fat%	13.61	6.08	15.2	4.33	8.93	15.37	5.83	15.81	5.42	7.18	13.83	8.02	18.04	5.41	9.81	
Moislure%	66.32	61.3	62.03	60.37	60.2	60.36	58.6	57	63.5	61.86	54.8	59.04	51.98	64.16	60.6	
Ash%	1.85	2.12	3.42	5.37	3.46	2.06	2.03	3.23	3.06	6.4	2.20	2.50	4.20	4.66	5.5	
TBA mg/100g	0.13	0.22	0.42	0	0.01	0.41	0.17	1.6	0.01	0.06	0.69	2.69	0.16	0.02	0	

According to the Egyptian standards (1995)

Fat: No increased than 15%

Ash: No increased than 2.5%

Protein: No decreased than 12%

Moisture: No increased than 70%

TBA (Thiobarbituric acid): No increased than 0.9 mg/ 100g

2 - Chemical analysis of chicken products:

Microorganisms are capable of producing a wide range of chemicals associated with their metabolic activities (metabolic byproducts) in food giving odours and flavours that are unacceptable or highly objectionable to the consumer (off odours and flavours).

The major chemical components (protein, fat, moisture, ash and thiobarbituric acid (TBA) were determined in chicken products (burger, nuggets, Kofta, Luncheon and sausage) colleted from different area in Cairo markets i.e. The obtained data recorded in Table (2)

Protein percentage ranged from 15.2 to 15.6 in burger, 13.4 to 15.86 in nuggets, 13.73 to 16.3 in Kofta, 11.3 to 14 in Luncheon and 13.5 to 14.96 in sausage.

Fat percentage ranged from 13.61 to 15.37 in burger, 5.83 to 8.02 in nuggets, 15.2 to 18.04 in Kofta, 4.33 to 5.42 in Luncheon and 7.18 to 9.81 in sausage.

Thiobarbituric acid (TBA) values (mg/100g) ranged from 0.13 to 0.69 in burger, 0.17 to 2.69 in nuggets, 0.16 to 1.6 in Kofta, 0 to 0.02 in luncheon and 0 to 0.06 in sausage. Nearly similar results were obtained by Beebe et al., (1989); Mohamed (2000); Ahmed (2002) and conchillo et al., (2003).

The moisture content, ash content and thiobarbituric acid (TBA) values were agreed with Egyptian standards (1995), in burger, nuggets, Kofta, Luncheon and susage.

3- Microbiological counts:

The data presented in Table (3) show that total aerobic count in burger, nuggets, kofta, luncheon and sausage ranged from 15x10⁵ to 34x10⁶, 14x10⁵ to 47x10⁵, 43x10⁵ to 15x10⁷, 91x10⁵ to 8x10⁷ and 88x10⁴ to 66x10⁵ cfu/g respectively. In this study estimation of aerobic plate count was the performance parameter in evaluation of the sanitary condition during manufacturing and handling processes even if there no pathogenic organisms (Thatecher and Clark, 1968). All the examined samples were accepted with Egyptian standards (1995) for psychrophilic, mesophilic, *Staph. aureus* and Clostridia, except the sausage samples collected from Nasr City for *Staph* aureus. Also for Kofta and nuggets there were exception in mesophilic for samples collected from Shubra, Nasr City and Down Town.

The obtained results agreed with those of Refae (1988) and Gab-Allah (1990) who recorded total count of 20.3x10⁵, 14.52x⁵, 38x10⁵, 17.2x10⁵ and 4.42x10⁵ and mean *Staph aureus* count of 5.56x10³, 4.52x10³, 2.7x10³, 5.51x10³ and 5.02x10³ cfu / g. for minced meat, sausage, burger, Luncheon and kababe, respectively. Osman (2001) recorded total count of 4.1x10⁵, 2.4x10⁶, 1.8x10⁶ and 1.8x10⁶ cfu / g. for nuggets, luncheon, sausage, burger and minced meat, respectively.

The results presented in Table (4) show evident incidence of pathogenic bacteria in chicken products.

Table (3): Average microbial load in chicken products collected from Cairo retail markets.

Area			Shubr	a			1	Down To	wn		Nasr City					
Count (cfu/g)	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	
		32x10			15x10	6x10 ³	14x10	15x10'	8x10'	66x10°	34x10°	47x10°	25x10°	12x10°	88x10*	
Psychrophilic	2.7x10 ¹⁴	3.3x10 ³	8x10°	0	0	1.9x10 ⁴	8x10°	0	0	0	4.1x10*	1.95x10*	0	0	1x10°	
Mesophilic	5x10*	83x10"	4.9x10°	1.6x10°	14x10"	2x10°	77x10 ⁴	5.8xz10 ⁵	12x10°	2.7x10"	87x10°	24x10*	25x10°	10x10°	5.1x10°	
Staphylococcus aureus	<10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4x10 ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	8x10 ²	
Clostridia	<10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Faecal coliform		0	0	0	1x10"	1.5x10°	0	1.3x10°	6.2x10°	4x10 ²	2.5x10°	6.6x10*	8x10 ²	0	3.7x10*	
Total coliform	1.7x10°	0	0	0	3x10*	1.9x10*	0	3.6x10°	17x10°*	2x10°	3.6×10^{3}	9x10"	1.3x10"	0	6.4x10°	

Table (4): Incidence of pathogenic bacteria in chicken products collected from Cairo retail markets (%).

Λrea	ſ		Shub					own		Nasr City					
	Burger	Nuggets	Kofla	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage	Burger	Nuggets	Kofta	Luncheon	Sausage
Salmonella	0	0	0	0	33.5	33.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shigelia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.coli	33.5	0	0	0	0	0	33.5	0	33.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staph. aureus	0	33.5	0	0	66.5	33.5	0	0	100	0	0	0	66.5	33.5	66.5
Campylo-bacter	66.5	33.5	0	0	0	33.5	66.5	66.5	33.5	0	66.5	33.5	0	33.5	0
L.monocyto-genes	33.5	66.2	100	0	0	33.5	66.0	100	0	0	66.5	66.5	100	0	33.5

According to the Egyptlan Standards (1995)

Salmonella: No dedected E. coli: No detected L. monocytogenes: No detected

Shigella: No dedected Compylobacter: No detected

All examined samples ware free from salmonella, shigella and *E.coli* except some samples collected from Shubra and Down Town such as sausage, Burger, Nuggets and Luncheon which 33.5, 33.5, 33.5 and 33.5% of them ware contaminated, respectively. In case of Staph. Aureus it was appeared in nuggets and sausage in 33.5 and 66.5% in Shubra. In Down Town, it was found in 33.5 and 100% in burger and luncheon, respectively. However in Nasr City it was found in Kofta, luncheon and sausage at rates of 66.5, 33.5 and 66.5% respectively.

For campylobacter, in Shbura, it was found in 66.5 and 33.5% for burger and nuggets, respectively. In Down Town, it was found in 33.5, 66.5, 66.5 and 33.5% for burger, nuggets, Kofta and luncheon, respectively. However, in Nasr City, it was found in 66.5, 33.5 and 33.5% for burger, nuggets and luncheon, respectively.

In case of L. monocytogenes, in Shubra, it was found in 33.5, 66.5 and 100% for burger, nuggets and kofta, respectively. In Down Town, it was found in 33.5, 66.5 and 100% for burger, nuggets and Kofta, respectively. In Nasr City, it was found in 66.5, 66.5, 100 and 33.5% for burger, nuggets, Kofta and sausage, respectively.

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الصفات الميكروبولوجية والكيميانية في مصنعات الدواجن المجمعة من الأسهواق المصرية

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يهدف هذا البحث إلى تقدير الصفات الفيزيقية والكيميائية وبعض كثافة البكتريا الممرضة في بعض مصنعات الدواجن المجمعة من بعض أحياء القاهرة متضمنة البكتريا المحبة للحرارة المنخفضة والمحبة لحرارة المتوسطة والاستيافيلوكوكس اوريس والكلوستيرديا والسالمونيلا والشيجلا والكامبيلوباكتر والميكروبات القولونية والليستيريا مونوسيتوجينيس.

أظهرت النتائج المتحصل عليها أن نسبة البروتين تتراوح من ١٥,٢% إلى ١٥,٦% في البرجر، ١٢,٣ إلى ١٠,٤% في اللنشون ١٢,٣ إلى ١٢,٤% إلى ١٢,٤% في اللنشون و ١٢,٥% إلى ١١.٤ أفي اللنشون و ١٠٠٠ إلى ١٠٠٠ جرام) تتراوح من صفر إلى ٢٠٠٠ في اللنشون والسجق والبرجر والكفتة والناجنس.