OXIDATIVE STABILITY OF MINCED PORK TREATED WITH COFFEE SILVERSKIN FERMENTED WITH *PLEUROTUS PULMONARIUS* MYCELIUM

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I. INTRODUCTION

The coffee industry generates a large amount of waste derived from ground processing, which is an important source of antioxidant compounds like polyphenols, including phenolic acids and flavonoids [1]. Recovery of these compounds through extraction methods is a strategy to obtain new additives for enhancing quality of meat and meat products subjected to oxidative damage [1,2]. In this context, fungal-fermentation-assisted extraction is an alternative to conventional methods like maceration-assisted extraction [2]. Therefore, the present work aimed to evaluate the effect of the extract obtained from coffee silverskin (CSS) fermented with *P. pulmonarius* mycelium (PPM) on the oxidative stability of pork homogenates.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Czapek-Dox medium (100 mL) was used for liquid fermentation, and treatments were as follows: 1) CN (control), medium without PPM; 2) T1, medium + PPM; 3) T2, medium + PPM + 1.5% CSS. After fermentation (150 rpm/29 °C/10 d), the medium was filtered and dried [3]. The resulting extracts were analysed for total phenolic and flavonoid content (TPC and TFC, respectively). Also, 2,2- diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl radical (DPPH) and ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP) tests were determined. Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) was used as a positive control. Also, an aqueous pork homogenate (m. *Semimembranosus*, 1:10 ratio) was treated with the antioxidants, pro-oxidized with potassium ferrocyanide (0.5%, w/v), and tested for pH, thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBARS), and metmyoglobin formation (MMb) [4,5]. Obtained data (n=6) were subjected to ANOVA and mean separation (Tukey-Kramer test) at P<0.05 (NCSS v11).

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 indicates that T2 showed the highest (P<0.05) TPC and TFC values. Also, BHT showed the highest (P<0.05) DPPH and FRAP values. However, an increase (P<0.05) in DPPH and FRAP values of fermented samples (T1 and T2) with respect to CN was observed.

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Item		BHT	SEM	P-value		
	CN	T1	T2			
Polyphenols						
TPC (mg gallic acid equivalents/g)	2.00 ^a	5.10 ^b	5.69 ^c		0.032	<0.001
TFC (mg quercetin equivalents/g)	0.06 ^a	0.81 ^b	1.02 ^c		0.005	<0.001

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Antioxidant activity						
DPPH (% inhibition)	8.54ª	11.32 ^b	11.28 ^b	73.56 ^c	0.123	<0.001
FRAP (mg Fe ^{2+/} g)	0.07ª	0.24 ^b	0.28 ^c	1.38 ^d	0.019	<0.001

Values expressed as mean ± SD. Different superscript letters within a row indicate differences between treatments (P<0.05).

Using natural extracts in processed meat products has been considered a potential strategy to reduce meat quality loss [1,2]. However, investigations on the use of extracts obtained by fungal fermentation and their use as additives for meat products are still limited. Phenolic compounds are secondary metabolites widely found in agro-industrial residue extracts, which can be used as functional ingredients [2]. In agreement with our study, it has been reported that a natural extract obtained from fermented agro-industrial residues with fungi mycelium exerts antioxidant properties related to the release of bioactive compounds [3].

Results from assays of pro-oxidized meat homogenates (Fig. 1) indicate that T1 and T2 resulted in lower (P<0.05) pH values than CN and BHT, while TBARS and MMb values were significantly reduced by the antioxidant treatments in the following order: BHT>T2>T1.

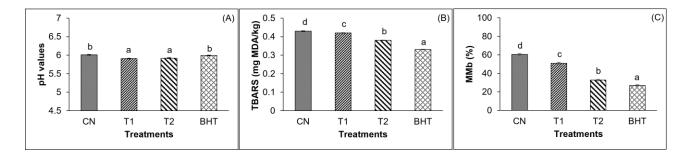


Figure 1. pH (A), TBARS (B), and MMb values (C) of pork meat homogenates subjected to pro-oxidation.

IV. CONCLUSION

The addition of the extract obtained from coffee silverskin fermented with *P. pulmonarius* mycelium can improve the oxidative stability of pork meat.

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