



Edible Coating for Beef Preservation from Chitosan Combined with Liquid Smoke

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Abstract. This study aims to determine the effectiveness of chitosan (ch) combined with liquid smoke (Ls) as an edible coating for beef preservation. The Ls used in this study was made from rice hulls pyrolyzed at temperatures of 300° C (T1), 340° C (T2), and 380° C (T3). An edible coating was made by dissolving ch levels of 0.5%, 1.0%, and 1.5% (w/v) into 3% Ls. Preservation was accomplished by soaking the beef in an edible coating solution for 15 minutes and subsequently storing it in a refrigerator (4–7°C); it was then observed every 24 hours. A food resistance test was carried out using the total volatile base nitrogen (TVB-N) and organoleptic (odor, color, and texture) tests. The odor value in the A4 sample (T1, 1.5% ch) did not change after four days in storage. By comparison, the other samples changed on the third day. Observations revealed that the beef texture did not change until the fourth day in the A4 (T1, 1.5% ch) and C4 (T3, 1.5% ch) samples. Color changes occurred in all samples on the fourth day, but the panelists considered the color values in the C4 sample (pyrolysis temperature 380° C, 1.5% ch) to be acceptable until the ninth day. The quality of the beef that was only preserved with Ls decreased faster than those preserved using a combination of ch and Ls. The longer the storage time, the greater the produced TVB-N value, indicating a reduction in beef freshness. The TVB-N value of the beef preserved with a combination of ch and Ls was lower than the beef preserved without ch. The TVB-N values significantly increased after four days in storage. However, all samples remained fresh and met the Indonesian National Standard for meat freshness, wherein the TVB-N values do not exceed 0.20 mgN/100g, until the eighth day. The results revealed that edible coatings made from a combination of ch and Ls can serve as alternative beef preservatives.

Keywords: Chitosan; Edible coating; Liquid smoke; Rice hulls; Total volatile base

1. Introduction

Chitosan (ch)-based edible coatings have seen wide use as preservatives for raw materials, such as beef, poultry, and other processed meat products. As a natural and cheap biopolymer produced from chitin, ch is often used for edible coating. During the deacetylation process, chitin-derived ch from shrimp and crabs consists of β -(1-4)-2-acetamido-D-glucose and β -(1-4)-2-amino-D-glucose units with antifungal and antimicrobial properties that are useful as composite materials and in cosmetics,

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biomedical fields, and food preservation (Abdou et al., 2008; Kusriani et al., 2014; Szymanska and Winnicka, 2015; HPS et al., 2016; Da Silva Santos et al., 2017; Hanafiah et al., 2018). Ch possesses antibacterial and antioxidant properties that can be used as biodegradable packaging (Siripatrawan and Vitchayakitti., 2016).

In addition to its antibacterial properties, ch is stable, biodegradable, biocompatible, non-toxic, and relatively inexpensive (Ojagh et al., 2010; Balamurugan 2012; Pérez-Córdoba et al., 2018; Usman et al., 2018). Ch dissolves well in acidic compounds (pH<6.0) (Shariatinia, 2018) and does not dissolve in the neutral pH range. These properties make ch particularly suitable for the formulation of edible coatings. Thus far, the solvents used in ch include organic acids, such as formic acid, acetic acid, lactate, citric, and succinate, as well as inorganic solvents, including hydrochloric acid, nitrate, and phosphorus. Using 2.0% ch with the addition of 1.0% acetic acid can provide a strong barrier to oxygen, higher tensile strengths, and lower elongation, prolonging the shelf lives of sausages (Adzaly et al., 2016). Other, cheaper acid compounds can be used as alternatives to dissolve ch.

Liquid smoke (Ls) can be produced from biomass materials, such as rice hulls, by using the pyrolysis method (Abdullah et al., 2017). In recent years, rice hulls have primarily been used for silica (Dhaneswara et al., 2020), ash (Ramadhansyah et al., 2011), and exothermic material (Idamayanti et al., 2020). Ls has an acidic pH and can serve as a substitute for the more popular acetic acid. In addition to containing acetic acid, Ls comprises phenol compounds that have antibacterial and antioxidant properties (Faisal et al., 2017) that can replace glacial acetic acid. Ls can affect the odors, textures, colors, tastes, and shelf lives of food products. The low pH and phenol compounds in Ls can also damage bacterial cells and inhibit bacterial growth. Edible coatings have been produced by combining ch with various natural ingredients, such as mint (Kanatt et al., 2008), calcium gluconate (Hernandez-Munoz et al., 2008), rosemary extract (Xiao et al., 2010), cassava starch (Araújo et al., 2018), tapioca (Vásconez et al., 2009; Pratama et al., 2019), gelatin (Kumar et al., 2018; Yi et al., 2018), green tea extract (Apriyanti et al., 2018), spermidine, and glycerol (Sabbah et al., 2019). The combination of Ls and ch as an edible coating that is safe for health can also be used as an alternative natural preservative for maintaining the quality of food products.

Edible coatings from ch and Ls have frequently been developed in the food industry, especially for processed meat products (Kanatt et al., 2008). Meats contain complete nutrients, but their quality can decrease due to chemical, microbiological, and physical processes. High protein levels in meat can easily undergo lipid oxidation, which causes decay due to pathogenic microorganisms. Meat preservation is usually carried out by adding natural preservatives, such as garlic (Rakshit and Ramalingam., 2013), eugenol from cloves (Roller et al., 2002), turmeric starch, and gelatin (Tosati et al., 2018) or by freezing, irradiation, cooling technology, and packaging (Zhou et al., 2010). Few studies have investigated edible coatings for food preservation that use both Ls and ch. Strawberries' shelf lives can be extended to 6 days in the refrigerator (10°C) using 1.0% ch and 1.5% calcium gluconate as preservatives (Hernandez-Munoz et al., 2008), and sausages' shelf lives can be maintained for up to 15 days in the refrigerator using ch as a preservative (Roller et al., 2002). Edible coatings to preserve beef have already been created from ch and Ls derived from palm shells (Faisal et al., 2019). While adding 3.0% Ls from palm shells with 1.0% ch to meat preserves its taste, odor, and texture so that it is acceptable to consumers six days after storage (Hanafiah et al., 2018), tofu and meatballs can be preserved for three days through a combination of 1.5% Ls and 2.5% ch (Purba et al., 2014). The combination of ch and Ls from rice hulls can serve as an alternative beef

preservative. This study aims to determine the feasibility of using ch and Ls from rice hulls as a natural preservative for beef in cold storage.

2. Methods

2.1. Tools and Materials

The tools in this study included a pyrolysis reactor (locally designed) made of stainless steel with a capacity of 5 kg (diameter = 40 cm, height = 60 cm) and a series of distillation devices that included a distillation flask (Iwaky-Pyrex). The materials used in this study consisted of rice hulls, ch from shrimp skin (Chitosan Pharmaceutical Medical Grade, CV. Chimultiguna, Indonesia), 96% ethanol (Brataco, Indonesia), potassium carbonate (KGAA, Germany), boric acid (KGAA, Germany), 7.0% trichloroacetic acid (TCA) (KGAA, Germany), 38% hydrochloric acid (Merck, USA), and a phenolphthalein indicator (Merck, USA).

2.2. Preparation of Liquid Smoke

The raw materials of rice hulls were dried in the sun for two days. To start, 3 kg of raw materials were put into the pyrolysis reactor and then hydrolyzed at temperatures of 300°C, 340°C, and 380°C for roughly 2 hours to produce smoke, which was then condensed to produce Grade 3 Ls, tar, and charcoal using the methodology of a previous study (Faisal et al., 2018). Figure 1 shows a schematic illustration for the production of Ls. Ls was purified by distillation at 190°C in order to produce food grade Ls and separate the tar.

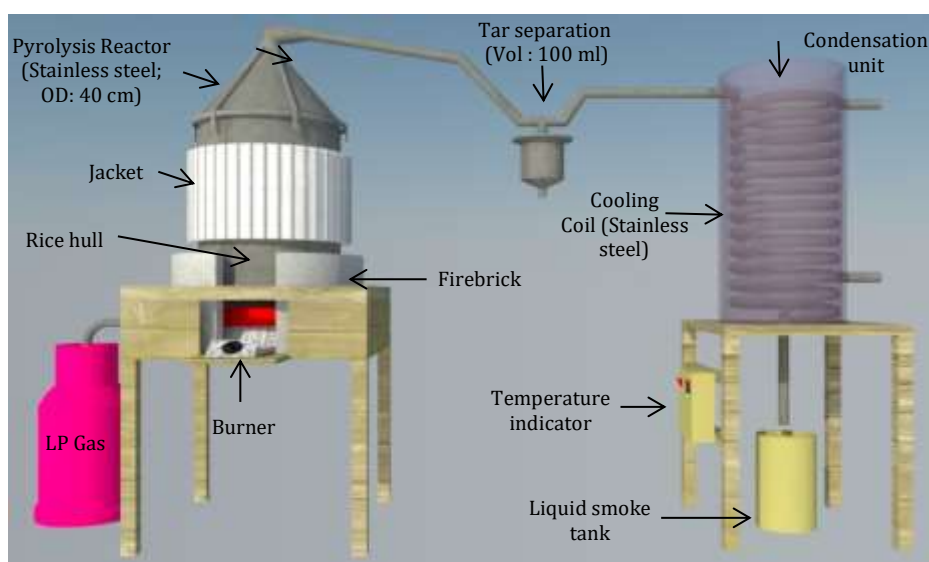


Figure 1 Schematic illustration for the production of liquid smoke

2.3. Preparation of Edible Coating

Ch of various weights (kg) was added to 3.0% Ls. As in a previous study (Hanafiah et al., 2018), it was then stirred using a magnetic stirrer (IKA C-Mag HS 7) for 30 minutes at a temperature of 50°C to produce a homogeneous mixture. The symbols for each combination of ch and Ls are presented in Table 1. Prior research (Usman et al., 2018; Kusriani et al., 2015) was used to determine ch concentrations (<2 g). The schematic illustration for the edible coating's preparation is shown in Figure 2. The Ls this study used was produced from the pyrolysis of rice hulls at various temperatures. The beef was cleaned and thinly sliced along the muscle tissue at 5 g each. It was then soaked into an edible coating solution for 15 minutes, stored in a refrigerator, and observed every 24

hours. The beef's resistance to decay was determined by observing organoleptic (odor, texture, and color) and total volatile base nitrogen (TVB-N) parameters.

2.4. Organoleptic test

Organoleptic testing uses human sensory organs to test food and includes examining texture with the hands or tongue, food color using the eyes, and food smell with the nose. In this study, organoleptic tests were carried out using the same method described in a previous study (Faisal et al., 2019).

The average quality score was calculated as follows:

$$x = \frac{\sum xi}{n} \quad (1)$$

where x is the average quality score, xi is the organoleptic score of panelist i , and n is the number of panelists.

Table 1 Proportions of chitosan and liquid smoke for edible coating

Symbol	Liquid smoke	Chitosan (%)
A1	T1	0
A2	T1	0.5
A3	T1	1.0
A4	T1	1.5
B1	T2	0
B2	T2	0.5
B3	T2	1.0
B4	T2	1.5
C1	T3	0
C2	T3	0.5
C3	T3	1.0
C4	T3	1.5

Note: The study used Ls obtained from the pyrolysis of rice hulls at different temperatures, which are represented as follows: T₁ = 300°C, T₂ = 340°C, and T₃ = 380°C

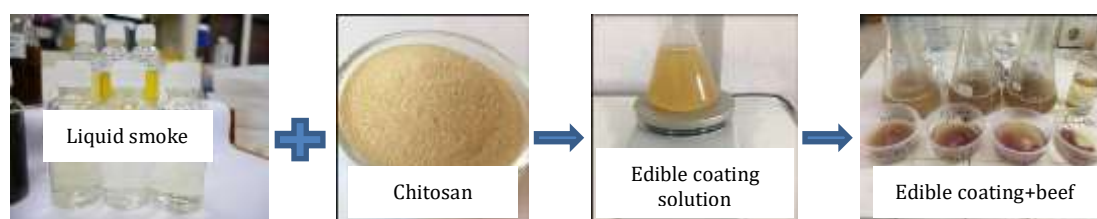


Figure 2 Schematic illustration for the preparation of edible coating

2.5. TVB-N test

The TVB-N measurement is used to determine the freshness of beef according to the accumulation of basic compounds, such as ammonia, trimethylamine, and other volatile compounds that evaporate. Beef freshness can be determined through the TVB-N value. The TVB-N value is higher when the quality of beef is lower. The TVB-N test seeks to determine the amount of content that is present in volatile acidic/basic compounds due to protein degradation (Botta et al., 1984).

This study used beef sliced to 5 g with the addition of 15 ml of 7.0% TCA solution that was homogenized for 1 minute. The solution was filtered and placed in the outer chamber of a Conway dish, and 1 ml of boric acid solution was put into the inner chamber of the Conway dish. With the Conway dish almost closed, 1 ml of K₂CO₃ was added to the outer

chamber. The dish was then closed tightly using Vaseline as an adhesive and shaken for one minute. The sample was incubated for 2 hours at 35° C. After incubation, the sample was titrated with HCL 0.1N (Faisal et al., 2018).

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Organoleptic test

3.1.1. Odor

Adding 0.5–1.5% ch to Ls affected the beef's odor in storages of 4–7° C. The results of the observations are presented in Table 2.

Table 2 Hedonic test values for the odor of the beef preserved with various concentrations of chitosan and liquid smoke

Symbol	Chitosan (%)	Odor Value									
		Day									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A ₁	0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.1	3.5	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.0
A ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.0
A ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.7	3.1	2.4	2.3	1.7
A ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.2	3.6	3.1	2.6	1.7
B ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.2	3.5	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.0
B ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.4	3.0	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.0
B ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	1.4
B ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.0	3.0	2.1	1.5
C ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.0	1.9	1.0
C ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.2	4.1	2.9	2.2	1.2
C ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.1	3.3	2.4	1.6
C ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.2	3.6	2.7	1.8

Notes: 1 = Very smelly; 2 = Smelly; 3 = Fairly smelly; 4 = Quite smelly; 5 = Not smelly

Table 2 shows that the combinations of ch and Ls resulted in different odor changes depending on storage time. The panelists preferred the A₄ sample's odor because its score was still 5.0 on day four and they found its smell acceptable until day eight. The odor values decreased with storage time. In other words, the odor scores decreased when the storage time was longer. While samples A₂–A₄ retained scores of 5.0 until day three, the odor scores for the sample without ch (A₁) decreased by day two. Nonetheless, the panelists considered the odor for A₁ to be acceptable until day six. The panelists found that the odor values for samples A₂ and A₃ were acceptable until day six. The best conditions were represented by sample A₄, whose odor remained good until day eight. Due to the decay that occurs in beef, longer storage times lead to lower odor scores. Samples with 3.0% Ls and 1.0–1.5% ch had pleasant odors after seven days in storage (Hanafiah et al., 2018). The produced odors were influenced by the oxidation of fatty acids that produce peroxide and hydroperoxide compounds (Botta et al., 1984).

The panelists preferred the odor of the B₃ beef. Although the odor score for the B₁ sample started to decrease on day three, it remained acceptable until day seven. The odor values decreased with storage time. The B₂–B₄ samples retained their good odors until day three. By day eight, the only sample with an acceptable odor was B₃ with a score of 2.9. The B₄ sample had the highest odor score on each observed day. Odor score values were better for longer periods of storage time when the concentrations of ch were higher. A study by Purba et al. (2014) revealed that using 2.5% ch to preserve meatballs made it so the odor did not change for three days in refrigerated storage.

Adding high concentrations of ch can slow the development of poor odors in beef during storage. Table 2 shows that the C1–C4 samples did not undergo odor changes until day three. While the panelists considered the odors for the C1 and C2 to be unacceptable by day seven, they found the odors of the C3 and C4 samples to be acceptable by that same time. On day eight, the beef had produced a bad odor and was not suitable for consumption. By comparison, fish that have been preserved using Ls from durian skin have lasted up to 48 hours at room temperature (Faisal et al., 2019). In Saloko et al. (2014) study, the use of Ls and 1.5% ch maintained the freshness and odor of tuna for 24 hours at room temperature.

3.1.2. Texture

To examine beef texture, texture checking is carried out by hand. As shown in Table 3, although the texture of the A4 sample was well preserved until day six, the textures for the A1–A3 samples were only sustained until day five. According to Table 3, the texture of the B4 sample was slightly hard until day six. On that same day, the textures of the B1–B3 samples began to soften. The panelists considered the samples' textures to be unacceptable by day seven. The best textures were recorded on day six for the C2–C4 samples and day five for the C1 sample. The panelists considered the C4 sample to be in the best condition, as they liked the beef's slightly firm texture. Overall, the meat remained firm from days zero to three, and the texture score began to decline by day four of storage. Adding high concentrations of ch to beef can produce antimicrobial films that extend the shelf life of beef. A previous study confirmed that using starch and ch at a ratio of 70:30 can extend the shelf life of meat to three days in the refrigerator (Valencia-Sullca et al., 2018).

Table 3 Hedonic test value for the texture of beef preserved with various concentrations of chitosan and liquid smoke

Symbol	Chitosan (%)	Texture Value									
		Day									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.1
A ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.0	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.0
A ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.1	2.5	2.4	1.8
A ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.2	3.7	2.9	2.0	1.6
B ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	3.5	3.0	2.1	1.7	1.0
B ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	3.1	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.0
B ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	1.6
B ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.0	3.1	2.1	1.5
C ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.1	2.0	1.1
C ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.3	1.3
C ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.1	3.4	2.6	1.9
C ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.1	3.6	2.7	1.8

Notes: 1 = Squishy; 2 = Soft; 3 = A bit firm; 4 = Quite firm; 5 = Firm






3.1.3. Color

The addition of ch significantly affected the beef's color. Ch in high concentrations made the color of the beef's surface redder. Beef is considered to be in good condition if its color is bright red (Indonesian National Standard, 2008). The results of the observation of the beef's color changes during storage are presented in Table 4. The use of Ls in various conditions and concentrations of ch did not significantly affect the beef's coloration. The results of the observation show that the same score (i.e., 5.0) was given to all the samples from day one to day four. Table 4 shows that the A1–A4 samples remained bright red until

day seven, indicating that the beef was still good. While sample B4 had the best conditions by day seven, the B1–B3 samples were bright red until day six. Furthermore, the C4 sample was bright red until day nine, and the C1–C3 samples were bright red until day eight. In a study by [Robledo et al. \(2018\)](#), the use of 2.0% ch in strawberries maintained their red color until their fifth day of storage in the refrigerator. Changes in color can be caused by lactic acid bacteria that produces hydrogen peroxide during the storage process or be attributed to the oxidation of myoglobin due to lipid oxidation ([Cayre et al., 2005](#)). In [Faisal et al. \(2019\)](#) study, the use of 0.5–3.0% Ls to preserve fish produced positive results, possibly due to the high content of phenol and acetic acid, which kept the fish fresh. The fish's color only began to change after 42 hours of soaking at room temperature. This particular color change is associated with the Maillard reaction between the carbonyl group and ch amino group ([Valencia-Sullca et al., 2018](#)). The intensity of discoloration in the samples was indicative of the presence of the melanoidin pigment from the Maillard reaction ([Geng et al., 2019](#)).

Table 4 Hedonic test value for the color of beef preserved with various concentrations of chitosan and liquid smoke

Symbol	Chitosan (%)	Color Value									
		Day									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.6	2.4	2.0
A ₂	0,5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.0	3.6	2.4	1.9
A ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.0	2.9	2.3
A ₄	15	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.4	3.7	2.9	2.4
B ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.0	2.4	1.9
B ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.9
B ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	3.4	3.0	3.0	2.7
B ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.4	4.0	3.4	2.6
C ₁	0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.0	2.6
C ₂	0.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.0	3.4	2.6
C ₃	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.5	3.4	2.7
C ₄	1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.0

Notes: 1 = pale red ; 2 = light red ; 3 = bright red ; 4 = blood red ; 5 = dark red 

3.2. TVB-N Results

TVB-N is an indicator that is used to determine the damage to meat associated with enzyme and bacterial activity. Figures 3–5 present the results of the TVB-N analysis of beef over eight days of storage. TVB-N values are lower when there is a higher concentration of ch. The maximum TVB-N value for consumable beef is 0.20 mgN/100g ([Pearson, 1968](#)). Preliminary observations indicated that the A₁, B₁, and C₁ samples—which lacked the addition of ch—had TVB-N values of 0.024 mgN/100g, 0.023 mgN/100g, and 0.023 mgN/100g, respectively. According to the Figures 3-5, the A₁, B₁, and C₁ samples were not suitable for consumption because their TVB-N values were greater than 0.20 mgN/100g on day nine. Overall, the TVB-N values did not significantly increase until day three.

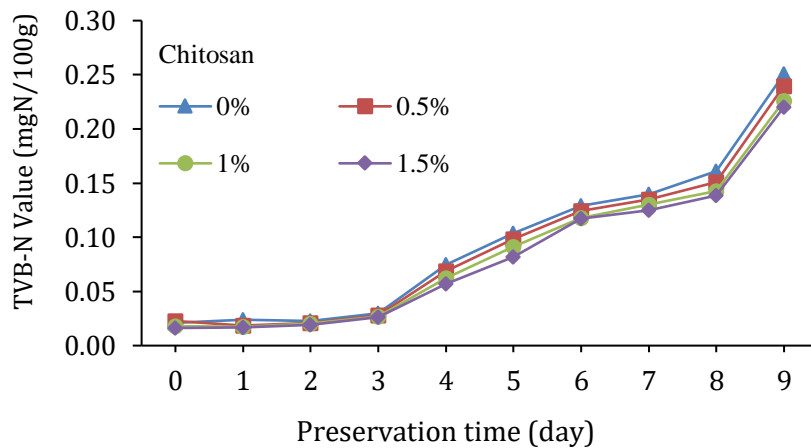


Figure 3 Effect of storage time on TVB-N values of beef preserved with chitosan and T1

As illustrated in Figure 3, the A2, A3, and A4 samples remained suitable for consumption on day four with TVB-N values of 0.047 mgN/100g, 0.040 mgN/100g, and 0.039 mgN/100g, respectively. While the TVB-N values did not reach 0.1 mgN/100g after three days of storage, they tripled by day five, with the A2–A4 samples reaching 0.087 mgN/100g, 0.080 mgN/100g, and 0.075 mgN/100g, respectively and the A1 sample (without the addition of ch) reaching 0.090 mgN/100g. The TVB-N values slowly increased after five days of storage and did not exceed the maximum limit until day eight, when they reached 0.173 mgN/100g, 0.152 mgN/100g, 0.147 mgN/100g, and 0.139 mgN/100g. The TVB-N values exceeded the maximum limit after that point. In a previous study that used Ls for tofu preservation (Ginayanti et al., 2015), the tofu was found to be suitable for consumption for up to 60 hours (with a TVB-N value of 19.61 mgN/100g).

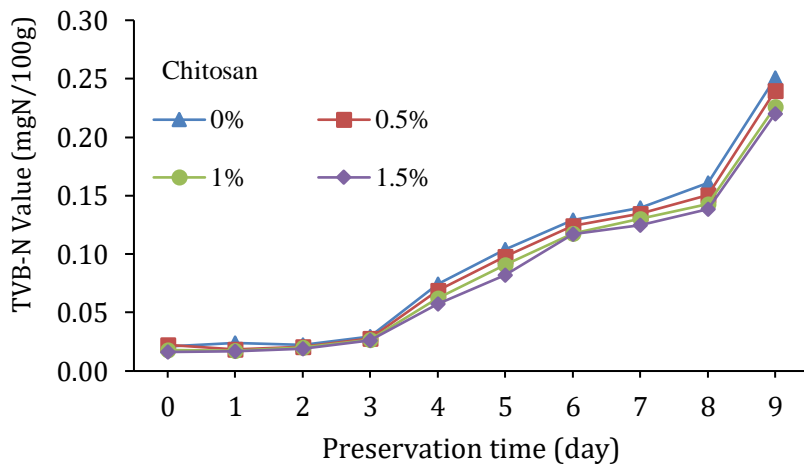


Figure 4 Effect of storage time on TVB-N values of beef preserved with chitosan and T2

Figure 4 shows that samples B1–B4 passed the threshold for consumption on day nine with TVB-N values of 0.251 mgN/100g, 0.240 mgN/100g, 0.226 mgN/100g, and 0.220 mgN/100g, respectively. By comparison, the TVB-N values for these samples at the beginning of the preservation were 0.023 mgN/100g, 0.021 mgN/100g, 0.018 mgN/100g, and 0.016 mgN/100g. The TVB-N values increased almost eightfold on day four with values of 0.075 mgN/100g, 0.069 mgN/100g, 0.062 mgN/100g, and 0.057 mgN/100g. In addition, day five's TVB-N values were 0.104 mgN/100g, 0.098 mgN/100g, 0.091

mgN/100g, and 0.082 mgN/100g. The meat samples also maintained good freshness by day eight, with TVB-N values that had not yet reached 0.20 mgN/100g.

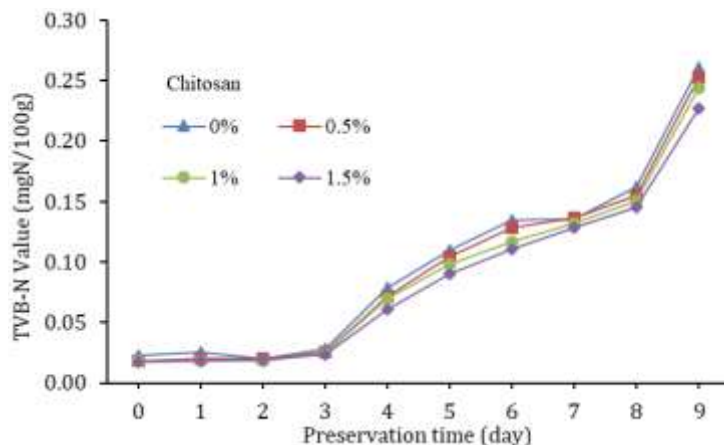


Figure 5 Effect of storage time on TVB-N values of beef preserved with chitosan and T3

According to Figure 5, the TVB-N values for the C1–C4 samples at the start of the preservation were 0.023 mgN/100g, 0.018 mgN/100g, 0.018 mgN/100g, and 0.017 mgN/100g, respectively. After 24 hours, these TVB-N values increased to 0.025 mgN/100g, 0.020 mgN/100g, 0.018 mgN/100g, and 0.018 mgN/100g. The TVB-N values did not reach 0.1 mgN/100g by day four. However, on day six, the TVB-N values almost doubled, and they increased by 50% on day nine. The TVB-N values increased due to increases in trimethylamine from bacterial decomposition and ammonia from the degradation of amino acid (Jinadasa, 2014). The beef samples remained fresh until day eight. TVB-N values are lower when higher concentrations of ch are used. The addition of ch can reduce bacteria's ability to perform oxidative deamination in non-protein nitrogen compounds (Morachis-Valdez et al., 2017). Previous studies have indicated that Ls from durian skin with concentrations of 0.5–3% can enable fish to maintain its freshness for up to 60 hours Faisal et al. (2019). Using concentrations of 3% Ls in meatball preservative can help to maintain their freshness for up to 15 hours of immersion at a TVB-N value of 12.6 mgN/100g (Botta et al., 1984). Edible coatings that use a combination of ch and Ls positively impact fish preservation by reducing the TVB-N value by 50% and are superior to preservation methods that only use Ls (Da Silva Santos et al., 2017). Souza et al. (2010) produced similar results, showing a 33–50% reduction in the TVB values of salmon coated in ch.

4. Conclusions

The present study's results indicated that edible coatings of Ls from rice hulls that have been modified with ch can be used as natural preservatives for beef. Edible coatings can extend shelf life and affect organoleptic and TVB-N values. Beef quality decreased four days after storage, regardless of whether ch had been added. Beef with ch had a longer shelf life and better organoleptic and TVB-N values than the samples without ch. Ch concentrations affected beef preservation and its organoleptic values. Beef preserved with 1.5% ch had the best organoleptic values of the observed samples, and it remained fresh up to eight days after the beginning of storage.

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