A study of the effect of TBA (Thiobarbituric acid) on the microbiological and sensory qualities of some foods

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TBA(Thiobarbituric acid) is an indicator of lipid per-oxidation in foods and increase in lipid per-oxidation and TBA concentration is a sign of food deterioration. Moreover, it reduces the sensory properties of food. In most studies performed in different foods, the increase of TBA did not affect sensory qualities and even increased in sensory quality. Likewise it has also increased in microbial quality. Thus, the foods can be said that through storage, presence of TBA may inhibit bacterial growth and contamination. This research is concerned with the changing characteristics of TBA in different foods.

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