

IMPACT OF VACUUM PACKAGING AND MODIFIED ATMOSPHERE PACKAGING OF MARINATED MACKEREL ON AEROBIC BACTERIA GROWTH

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Abstract: Fish as a food is very acceptable for consumers. Various species of fishes nowadays are everyday on our tables. Fish from north seas are also in high demand from consumers, but it is challenge to keep and transport fish to consumers. That's why as prevention of spoiling fish before consumption is to keep it on special regime. In our challenge we packaged fish in vacuum and modified atmosphere, and then followed the growth of aerobic bacteria mainly cause of spoilage.

Key words: Fish, Mackerel, Vacuum package, Modified atmosphere, aerobic bacteria.

INTRODUCTION

Fish is very significant source of the animal proteins in a whole world. Annual fishing is approximately 100 million tonnes, where approximately 70 million tonnes use for human consumption. Beside of wild fish, for human consumption every year globally demand is approximately 40 million tonnes of aquacultured fish. About ¼ of total quantity is using as fresh fish, and the rest is processing in different ways (freezing, salting, drying, smoking, canning). Mackerel is on top ten list of fishies caught with net in seas, with annual quantity of caught fish from more than 1 million tonnes. Mackerel belongs to a scombroid type fish, containing more fats in its body. Mackerel is significant source of proteins, also rich in unsaturated fatty acids, especially omega-3 fatty acids. Containing omega 3 fatty acids makes this fish as a good choice for human consumption as prevention of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes (Sidhu, 2003; Duyar i Eke, 2009).

Fish as food is easy spoiling food, and spoilage is result of complex chemical, microbiological and physical mechanism. Enzymatic and chemical reactions are most important for spoilage beginning. For quality characterisation of the fish during processing and keeping, methods used for microbiological, chemical, physical and sensoric analysis are internationally standardised. стандардизоване (Stohr и сар., 2001).

Microbiology testing are wide range of methods and one of the most important is total plate count of aerobic mesophilic bacteria.

Fish spoilage can be prevented by processing, canning and packaging. These fish processing enable fish preservation for longer time than fresh fish.

Marinating is one of the oldest type of fish processing, widely used in Europa. This process of marinating mainly use for fishes with higher percent of fat, such as associate, mackerel, herring, and often for crabs and shells to (Duyar i assoc., 2000).

The most suitable way to put fish on the market is as packaged fish. Packaged fish can be provide to consumers as fish packaged in vacuum or modified atmosphere. If packaged in vacuum, removing air from package, we create anaerobic/microaerophilic environment, increasing CO₂ and reduction of pH. Residual oxygen, are used by tissue and bacteria, transforming to CO₂ which enables growth of anaerobic bacteria and facultative aerobes. By simple vacuuming process we extend the usage of fish but also enable drying of the product. For that reasons packaging of fish (food in general) in mixture of gases, or MAP (*Modified Atmosphere Packaging*) leading technology for packaging in 21 st century. Difference between 2 procedures, is that for the vacuum inside we have process of creating mixture of gases while where used MAP we inject gases to create same environment (Günsen и assoc., 2010; Günsen и assoc., 2011).

It is recommendation for fat type of fishes to use MAP as 60% CO₂ и 40% N₂ mixture of gases. Data for marinated fish packaging, are not easily available, so the recommendation for the mixture of gases for this food is not available (Ruis-Capillas i Moral, 2001; Günsen и assoc., 2011; Gökoğlu i assoc., 2004).

Tabela 1. Effect on expiration date of fish and fish products in mixture of gasest (Siverstvik i assoc., 2002)

Fish/product	T (°C)	Atmospher CO ₂ : N ₂ : O ₂	Days	Refernce
Filets catfish (<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>)	2	80 : 20	28	<i>Silva and White (1994)</i>
	16	Vazduh	3	
	16	75 : 25 : 0	4	
	16	Vakuuum	3	
Filet african catfish	8	Vazduh	6	<i>Reddy and assoc.. (1997a)</i>
	8	75 : 25 : 0	13	
	8	Vakuuum	6	
	4	Vazduh	13	
	4	75 : 25 : 0	38-40	
	4	Vakuuum	20-24	
	1	CA 60 : 40 : 0	12	
Filet cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	1	60 : 40 : 0	12	<i>Woyewoda and assoc.. (1984)</i>
	1	Vazduh	9	
	2	40 : 60 : 0	11	
Filet Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	2	40 : 60 : 0	20	<i>Guldager and assoc.. (1998)</i>
	2	40: 40 : 20	13	
	16	Vazduh	3-4	
Filet Cod	16	75 : 25: 0	6	<i>Reddy and assoc.. (1999)</i>
	16	Vakuuum	3-4	
	8	Vazduh	13-17	
	8	75 : 25: 0	24-27	
	8	Vakuuum	13	
	4	Vazduh	20-24	
	4	75 : 25 : 0	55-60	
	4	Vakuuum	24-27	
Filet Cod	0	40 : 30 : 30	12,5	<i>Cann and assoc.. (1983)</i>
	5	40 : 30 : 30	<7	
	10	40 : 30 : 30	3	
	0	Vakuuum	9	
	5	Vakuuum	<4	
	10	Vakuuum	2	
Cod (<i>G. morhua</i>)	2	100 : 0 : 0	10	<i>Jensen and i assoc.. (1980)</i>
	2	60 : 40 : 0	10	
	2	40 : 60 : 0	9-10	
	2	Vakuuum	8-9	
	2	Vazduh	7	
Cod (<i>G. morhua</i>) fish/Filet	0	Vazduh	12-13	<i>Villemure and assoc.. (1986)</i>
	0	25 : 75	20	
Filet Cod (<i>G. morhua</i>)	0	2 : 98 : 0	14	<i>Dalgaard and assoc.. (1993)</i>
	0	3: 97 : 0	13	
	0	29 : 71 : 0	16	
	0	48 : 52 : 0	20	
	0	97 : 3 : 0	15-16	

	26	100 : 0 : 0	2-3	
	26	Drugi gasovi	2	
	12	Vazduh	6	
	12	Vakuu	10	
	12	0 : 100 : 0	13	
	12	100 : 0 : 0	11	
Filet Cod (<i>G. morhua</i>)	8	Vazduh	6	<i>Post and assoc.. (1985)</i>
	8	Vakuu	16	
	8	0 : 100 : 0	17	
	8	100 : 0 : 0	23	
	8	90 : 8 : 2	17	
	8	65 : 31 : 4	16	
	4	100 : 0 : 0	40-53	
	3	100 : 0 : 0	49	
Blue Cod (<i>Arapercis colias</i>) smoked Filet	3	Vakuu	14	<i>Penney et al. (1994)</i>
	3	Vazduh	14	
	-1.5	100 : 0 : 0	113	
	-1.5	Vakuu	35	
	-1.5	Vazduh	28	
Crab (<i>Pacifastacus leniusxulus</i>)	4	80 : 20 vazduha	21	<i>Wang and Brown (1983)</i>
	4	Vazduh	14	
	26	Vazduh	2	
	26	Vakuu	2	
	26	0 : 100 : 0	4	
	26	100 : 0 : 0	1	
	12	Vazduh	5	
Romb fish (<i>Limanda ferrugina</i>)	12	Vakuu	8	<i>Post and assoc.. (1985)</i>
	12	0 : 100 : 0	7	
	12	100 : 0 : 0	8	
	8	Vazduh	5	
	8	Vakuu	7	
	8	0 : 100 : 0	4	
	8	100 : 0 : 0	10	
	0	40 : 30 : 30	10	
	0	Vazduh	8	
Cod, (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	5	40 : 30 : 30	7	<i>Dhananjaya and Stroud (1994)</i>
	5	Vazduh	7	
	10	40 : 30 : 30	4	
	10	Vazduh	4	
Cod, Filet (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	0	60 : 20 : 20	14	<i>Dhananjaya & Stroud (1994)</i>
	0	Vazduh	10	
Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>) slajs- ovani Filet	2	50 : 45 : 5	14	<i>Pastoriza and assoc.. (1998)</i>
	2	50 : 45 : 5	16	
	2	Vazduh	7-8	
	2	20 : 80 : 0	3	
	2	20 : 80 : 0	3	
Herring, Filet	2	40 : 60 : 0	6	<i>Randell and i assoc.. (1995)</i>
	2	40 : 60 : 0	8	
	2	Vakuu	3	
	0	60 : 40 : 0	14	<i>Dhananjaya and Stroud (1994)</i>
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) fillets	0	Vazduh	12	<i>(1994)</i>
	0	60:40:0	14	<i>Dhananjaya and Stroud (1994)</i>
Herring, cela (<i>C. harengus</i>)	0	Vazduh	12	<i>(1994)</i>
	0	60:40:0	14	<i>Dhananjaya and Stroud (1994)</i>
BAss (<i>Morone saxatilis, M. chrysops</i>)	2	60 : 34 : 6	13	<i>Handumrongkul and Silva (1994)</i>
	2	Vazduh	7	<i>(1994)</i>

Mackerel, Filet (<i>Scombrus scombrus</i> L.)	-2	100 : 0 : 0	>21	Hong and assoc.. (1996)
Cod, Filet (<i>Sebastes spp.</i>)	1.7	CA 80 : 20 vazduha	13	Parkin and assoc.. (1981)
	1.7	Vazduh	6	
Salmon, Filet (<i>Salmo salar</i>)	2	100:0:0	18	Pastoriza and assoc.l. (1996)
	2	Vazduh	8	
Salmon, Filet (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>)	4.4	60 : 15 : 25	12	Stier and i assoc.. (1981)
	4.4	Vazduh	6	
	22.2	60 : 15 : 25	2	
	22.2	Vazduh	1	
	16	Vazduh	4	
Salmon, Filet	16	75 : 25 : 0	5-6	Reddy and assoc.. (1997b)
	16	Vakuuum	3	
	8	Vazduh	13-17	
	8	75 : 25 : 0	20-24	
	8	Vakuuum	>6; >10	
	4	Vazduh	24-27	
	4	75 : 25 : 0	55-62	
	4	Vakuuum	34-38	
	0	60 : 40 : 0	12,9	
Salmon,	5	60 : 40 : 0	7.1	Cann and assoc.. (1984)
	10	60 : 40 : 0	3.4	
	0	Vakuuum	11.8	
	5	Vakuuum	8	
	10	Vakuuum	3	
Salmon, Filet (<i>S. salar</i>) fillets	2	60 : 40 : 0	17	Randell and assoc.. (1999)
	2	40 : 60 : 0	17	
	2	Vakuuum	17	
	2	Vazduh	11	
Assoc.dine (<i>Assoc.dinops melanostictus</i>)	5	80 : 20 : 0	4	Fujii and i assoc. (1989)
	5	20 : 80 : 0	4	
	5	Vazduh	2	
Shrimp, sa glavom ili bez nje (<i>Pandalus platyceros</i>)	0	CA 100 : 0 : 0	>14	Matches and Layrisse (1985)
	0	Vazduh	7	
	0	Vazduh	7	
Snaper, Filet (<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>)	3	100 : 0 : 0	6-8	Scott and assoc.. (1984)
	3	Vakuuum	3	
	3	Vakuuum	6	
	3	Vazduh	3	
Snaper, Filet (<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>)	-1	40 : 60 : 0	9	Scott and assoc.l. (1986)
	-1	Vazduh	9	
	-1	100 : 0 : 0	18	
Swordfish, (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	2	Vazduh	6	Oberlender and assoc.. (1983)
	2	CA 100 : 0 : 0	>22	
	2	CA 70 : 0 : 30	>22	
	2	CA 40 : 0 : 60	14	
	2	CA 70 : 30 : 0	>22	
	2	CA 40 : 60 : 0	20	
Tilapia, Filet (<i>Tilapia spp.</i>)	4	75 : 25 : 0	>25	Reddy and assoc.. (1995)
	8	75 : 25 : 0	13-16	
	16	75 : 25 : 0	9-13	
	4	Vazduh	9-13	
	8	Vazduh	6-9	
	16	Vazduh	3-6	

	0	60 : 40 : 0	8	
	5	60 : 40 : 0	8	
Trout, cela	10	60 : 40 : 0	3.8	<i>Cann and assoc.. (1984)</i>
	0	Vakuuum	9	
	5	Vakuuum	6.5	
	10	Vakuuum	3.7	
Trout, Filet	1.7	80 : 20 : 0	20	<i>Barnett and assoc.. (1987)</i>
(<i>Salmo gairdneri</i>)	1.7	80 : 20 : 0	20	
	1.7	Vazduh	10	
	2	20 : 80 : 0	6	<i>Randell and assoc.. (1995)</i>
	2	20 : 80 : 0	9	
Trout, Filet (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	2	40 : 60 : 0	6	
	2	40 : 60 : 0	9	
	2	Vakuuum	6	
	26	sve vrste pakovanja	2	<i>Post and assoc.. (1985)</i>
	12	Vazduh	5	
	12	Vakuuum	9	
	12	0 : 100 : 0	9	
	12	100 : 0 : 0	12	
Hake	3	Vazduh	4	
(<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>)	8	Vakuuum	10	
	8	0 : 100 : 0	10	
	8	100 : 0 : 0	15	
	8	90 : 8 : 2	13	
	8	65 : 31 : 4	7	
	4	100 : 0 : 0	15	

MATERIALS AND METHODS

For the experiment we used mackerel consume size (350-400 gramms), from fish processing plant. For the packaging from selected fished we used fish carcasses. After that fish is divided in to 2 groups, one treated just with salt solution 10% NaCl, and second group was marinated in marinade (10% NaCl + 1% vinegar. Both groups was packaged in to vacuum and in to MAP. After packaging fish was kepted under same conditions in cold chamber +4 C°. Results were statistically processed as mean average, variation, variance, corelation.

Aim of this experiment was to evaluate influence of package of the marinated fish Mackerel, in the vacuum package and the modified atmosphere, and to evaluate the growth of the aerobic mesophilic bacteria on fish. We used MAP as 60% CO₂ и 40% N₂ mixture of gases.

For that reasons we checked for 2 months (every 10 days) Total bacterial count for aerobic mesophilic bacteria. Results we expected should be in favoure of packaging fish in non aerobic atmosphere.

We used ISO 4833-1 method for total plate count for aerobic mesophilic bacteria.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results for 2 groups respectively packaged in vaccum and modified atmosphere.

Table 2. Total count 0. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	3,17 ^{AB}	0,37	0,15	3,80	2,80	11,42
MAPS	3,00 ^{CD}	0,14	0,06	3,20	2,80	4,71
VKK	2,45 ^{AC}	0,10	0,04	2,60	2,30	4,28
MAPK	2,45 ^{BD}	0,10	0,04	2,60	2,30	4,28

Table 3. Total count 10. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	3,98 ^{ABC}	0,19	0,08	4,20	3,70	4,87
MAPS	3,50 ^{ADE}	0,09	0,04	3,60	3,40	2,56
VKK	3,02 ^{BDA}	0,15	0,06	3,20	2,80	4,88
MAPK	2,73 ^{CEa}	0,12	0,05	2,90	2,60	4,43

Table 4. Total count 20. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	5,92 ^{ABC}	0,15	0,60	6,10	5,70	2,49
MAPS	5,50 ^{ADE}	0,10	0,43	5,70	5,40	1,89
VKK	3,92 ^{BDF}	0,19	0,08	4,20	3,70	4,96
MAPK	3,02 ^{CEF}	0,15	0,06	3,20	2,80	4,88

Table 5. Total count 30. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	6,55 ^{ABC}	0,22	0,09	6,90	6,30	3,31
MAPS	6,05 ^{ADE}	0,15	0,06	6,20	5,80	2,51
VKK	4,62 ^{BDF}	0,12	0,05	4,80	4,50	2,53
MAPK	3,72 ^{CEF}	0,15	0,06	3,90	3,50	3,96

Table 6. Total count 40. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	7,07 ^{ABC}	0,12	0,05	7,20	6,90	1,71
MAPS	6,60 ^{ADE}	0,14	0,06	6,80	6,40	2,14
VKK	5,13 ^{BDA}	0,18	0,07	5,40	4,90	3,41
MAPK	4,75 ^{CEa}	0,27	0,11	5,10	4,40	5,77

Table 6. Total count 50. day

Group	\bar{X}	Variation				Cv %
		Sd	Se	Iv		
				Xmax	Xmin	
VKS	7,30 ^{ABC}	0,14	0,06	7,50	7,10	1,94
MAPS	6,68 ^{ADE}	0,15	0,06	6,90	6,50	2,20
VKK	5,25 ^{BDF}	0,10	0,04	5,40	5,10	2,00
MAPK	4,78 ^{CEF}	0,21	0,09	5,00	4,50	4,47

Table 2. Results for total count in mackerel packaged in vacuum and MAP. Average bacterial count for the first and second group of mackerel ($3,17 \pm 0,37$ log CFU/g I group i $3,00 \pm 0,14$ II group) was statistically significantly higher ($p < 0,01$) of the average total count in 3 and 4 group ($2,45 \pm 0,10$ log CFU/g III group i $2,45 \pm 0,11$ log CFU/g IV group). Average number of total count between first and second group of marinated mackerel, as between average total count of the 3rd group was not statistically significant difference.

After 10 days kept in under 3°C temperature total count in marinated mackerel was $2,73 \pm 0,12$ log CFU/g (IV group) and $3,98 \pm 0,19$ log CFU/g (I group). Average number of total count statistically was significantly lower against 1st and second group ($p < 0,01$) as against 3rd group but with statistical significance of $p < 0,05$. It was confirmed, between total count of 1st, 2nd and 3rd statistically significant difference ($p < 0,01$) (table 3).

Average total count after 20 days was $3,02 \pm 0,15$ log CFU/g (IV group) to $5,92 \pm 0,15$ log CFU/g (I group). Between all groups we have confirmed statistically significant difference ($p < 0,01$) (table 4). Identical results statistically significant difference was ($p < 0,01$) between average values of total count on 30. and 50. days of testing (tables 5 i 6). Average total count on 30. day was $3,72 \pm 0,15$ log CFU/g (IV group) up to $6,55 \pm 0,22$ log CFU/g (I group) and 50. day $4,78 \pm 0,21$ log CFU/g up to $7,30 \pm 0,14$ log CFU/g (I group). Similar results were obtained 40. days where we had statistical significance as III group ($5,13 \pm 0,18$ log CFU/g) and IV group ($4,75 \pm 0,27$ log CFU/g) of $p < 0,05$ (Table 6).

Total count of aerobic mesophilic bacteria in all samples of marinated mackerel was growing from day 0 to 50 day. Growth was from I group $3,17 \pm 0,37$ log CFU/g up to $7,30 \pm 0,14$ log CFU/g, II group from $3,00 \pm 0,14$ log CFU/g up to $6,68 \pm 0,15$ log CFU/g, III group from $2,45 \pm 0,15$ log CFU/g up to $5,25 \pm 0,10$ log CFU/g and IV group from $2,45 \pm 0,11$ log CFU/g up to $4,78 \pm 0,21$ log CFU/g.

CONCLUSIONS

During storage period of marinated mackerel total count of bacteria (Aerobic mesophilic bacteria) between compared groups in most cases were statistically significantly different. In all cases comparison between total counts was lower in groups (samples) previously treated – marinated with addition of 1% vinegar. Total count showed continual growth up to 50 days of storage.

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