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Evaluation of quality attributes of flavoured goat milk incorporated with microencapsulated vitamin-C

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Abstract

Goat milk has received much attention due to its better nutritional and therapeutic properties. However, its flavor limits its use by the consumers. To increase its acceptability flavoured goat milk was developed. Vitamin-C microcapsules were prepared using 3% sodium alginate and 0.2M CaCl₂ through extrusion process. Encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk prepared by using 8% sugar, 0.75% Pista flavour was adjudged the best on 9-point hedonic scale. The physico-chemical, sensory and microbiological attributes of the flavored goat milk were determined. The prepared encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk showed specific gravity, viscosity, vitamin-C, fat, protein, ash, total carbohydrate, total solids & titratable acidity of 1.032, 2.36 cP, 33mg%, 3.61%, 4.25%, 0.89%, 11.5%, 20.25% & 0.14% lactic acid respectively. The total bacterial, yeast and mould count were within limits of legal standard till 6th day at storage temperature at 5±1°C fit for consumption.

Keywords: Goat milk, microencapsulation, flavoured milk, vitamin-C, encapsulation efficiency

Introduction

Milk can be considered a source of macro- and micronutrients, and also contains a number of active compounds that play a significant role in both nutrition and health protection. There are twenty well defined breeds of goats in India, although 70% population are non-descript and meat type. Some of the breeds such as Jamunapari, Barbari, Beetal, Surti, Jakhrana produce fairly good amount of milk [1]. Today, goat milk is of particular interest due to its specific composition, which has led to it being considered a high-quality raw material for manufacturing food for infants and the elderly, as well as for certain sectors of the population with particular needs. Global worth of goat milk and product in 2018 was 8 billion US dollar and it is estimated to hike about 15 billion dollars in 2024 with a growth rate of 10% ^[2]. The fatty acids caproic, caprylic, capric named after goat cause goaty flavour in goat milk because of their predominance [3]. Goat milk has about 1.5-2 mg% of vitamin C. The average size of goat milk fat globules is about 3.5 µm as compared to 4.5 µm for cow milk fat hence it is called naturally homogenized milk^[4]. Further, goat milk as such is not preferred by consumers because of its unacceptable caprine flavour. So, preparation of flavoured goat milk can improve the acceptability, palatability and render its health benefits to the consumers. Microencapsulation has numerous applications in areas such as the pharmaceutical, agricultural, Medical and food industries, being widely used in the encapsulation of essential oils, colours, flavours, sweeteners, microorganisms, vitamins, among others ^[5]. It has been used to improve the stability of ascorbic acid. Encapsulation of ascorbic acid as a functional dietary ingredient has drawn more attention in recent years (Desai et al., 2005)^[6]. The known instability of free ascorbic acid requires establishing stable forms that protect the encapsulated compounds from factors such as heat and humidity, thus improving their stability and bioavailability. There is a barrier protection against oxygen, water, and light, avoiding contact with other particles or ingredients (Mortazavian et al., 2007)^[7]. Alginate hydrogels are extensively used in cell encapsulation and calcium alginate is preferred for encapsulating because of its simplicity, non- toxicity, biocompatibility and low cost. FDA has granted the generally recognized as safe (GRAS) status to alginates (Rowley et al., 1999)^[8].

From economic point of view flavoured milks are important because it makes milk more palatable to those who don't relish goat milk as such. Flavoured milk is one of the good vehicles for supplying milk constituents to the milk consumption world and survives an ambient condition. Keeping these in view, the present investigation to develop flavoured goat milk enriched with encapsulated vitamin C was carried out and the sensory and physico-chemical and keeping quality of the product were explored.

Materials and Methods

Materials

Fresh raw goat milk was procured from (Basta goat milk) Vistara Farm Pvt. Ltd, Kengeri Bengaluru, Pista flavour was procured from Sheriff unani & Ayurvedic pharma, Excelsior plaza, Bangalore-01, Calcium chloride of food grade was procured from Nandu Chemical industries, N- 12, Industrial Estate, Hubli, Food grade Sodium alginate (E401) manufactured by Urban Platter, Mumbai-16, and L-Ascorbic acid of food grade manufactured by I and Z essentials. LBS Marg, Mumbai procured from online shopping

Optimization of levels of sodium alginate and calcium chloride for formation of alginate beads

It was carried out as per the methods of Thangaraj and Seethalakshmi (2015)^[9].

Encapsulation Efficiency of vitamin-C encapsulated beads

Encapsulation efficiency of vitamin- C content was estimated by 2,6 dichloro phenol indophenol titrimetric method as described in the AOAC 1980^[10].

Preparation of encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk

The filtered goat milk was preheated to 40°C. The sugar levels tried were 7, 8, 9 per cent and pista flavour at 0.5, 0.75 and 1 per cent. Calculated amount of microencapsulated vitamin-C was added based on recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for children and adult's microcapsule containing 40 mg per cent of vitamin- C were added in 100 ml flavoured milk and free vitamin-C of 40 mg per cent was incorporated to 100ml flavoured milk, as this led to flakes formation upon heating. Maximum quantity that prevented flakes formation was used i.e., 6.5 mg per cent in free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk and Encapsulation efficiency (EE) was also calculated. The sample was pasteurized at 72°C for 15secs and cooled rapidly to 5°C. As, goat milk is not susceptible sterilization temperature. So, pasteurization was only done. Sensory attributes of encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk was evaluated on 9-point Hedonic scale by a panel of 5 judges.

Sample details

Control: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured cow milk, B1: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk, B2: Free vitamin C incorporated flavoured goat milk

Physico-chemical analysis

The Specific gravity, viscosity, fat, protein, total solids, titratable acidity, total carbohydrate in the sample was determined as per method described in (IS: SP:18: Part XI, 1981)^[10]. The total ash and vitamin-C was determined by following the method as per method in ^[11].

Microbiological analysis

The total bacterial count, coliforms and yeast and mold count of control and experimental samples was determined by following the procedure of ^[12].

Results and Discussion

 Table 1: Optimization of levels of sodium alginate and calcium chloride for formation of alginate beads

Calcium chloride	Sodium alginate %						
solution (M)	1	2	3				
0.10	-	+	++				
0.15	-	++	+++				
0.20	-	++	+++				

- No beads formed + Loose beads ++ Soft textured beads +++ Rigid textured beads

Optimization process of 1 percent sodium alginate powder showed no bead (microcapsule) formation, with 2 per cent sodium alginate in 0.2 M CaCl₂ was observed soft texture of beads but with 3 per cent sodium alginate in 0.2M CaCl₂, the beads were rigid and soft body. Hence, it was better to develop the beads for encapsulation of vitamin-C.

 Table 2: Encapsulation Efficiency (%) of vitamin-C on optimized encapsulated beads

Encapsulation Efficiency %	Vitamin – C (mg)						
	100	200	300	400	500		
	80	70.6	65.8	62.2	59.4		

 Table 3: Sensory attributes of Optimized Flavoured goat milk

 incorporated with microencapsulated vitamin-C

Type of sample	Colour & appearance	Body & texture	Flavour	Overall acceptability
Control	7.83 ^a	7.81ª	8.16 ^a	8. 13 ^a
B1	7.93 ^a	7.83 ^a	8.20 ^a	8. 20 ^a
B2	8.32 ^b	8.26 ^b	8.10 ^a	8. 36 ^a
CD (<i>P</i> =.05)	0.27	0.34	0.72	0.33

Control: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured cow milk B1: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk B2: Free vitamin C incorporated flavoured goat milk

Different superscripts indicate significant difference

From the table 3, it is clear that the sensory scores secured for control and flavoured goat milk with added beads were decreased compared to the sensory scores obtained for free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk. This indicates its effect on colour and appearance of encapsulates treated product. Similar observations were reported by Thangaraj and Seethalakshmi (2015)^[9] who evaluated encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured milk and found that colour and appearance score of control and sample scored 7.5 and 7.3 respectively.

The incorporation of encapsulated beads to goat milk to prepare encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk resulted in decreased body and texture scores compared to free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk as free vitamin-C dissolved in the goat milk. However, it indicated that incorporation of encapsulated vitamin-C beads in flavoured goat milk showed homogeneous distribution without causing any adverse effects.

The flavour score for the control and the experimental flavoured goat milk samples had no impact. Since alginate is a polysaccharide, it does not contribute to flavour. Similar observations were reported by Chitra *et al.* (2015) ^[13] who evaluated the sensory characteristics and oxidative stability of fortified milk and reported that from the first to the fifth day and reported that the sensory scores of iron salt fortified milk were significantly lower as compared with milk fortified with microencapsulated iron control and sample scored 9.2 and 8.3 respectively.

The maximum overall acceptability score was awarded to encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk, which had comparatively similar score for colour and appearance, body and texture and flavour compared to the control. Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk showed slightly lesser score compared to free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk. Similar reports were made by Mousa *et al.* (2014) ^[14] who studied sensory property for creamier yogurt incorporated with alginate beads and found overall acceptability of the control treatment differed significantly in comparison with the treatments of free cells and double-layer microcapsules 6.6, 7.0 and 6.8 respectively. Lee *et al.* (2004) ^[15] reported that L-ascorbic acid microencapsulated with polyacylglycerol monostearate for milk fortification showed no differences for most sensory aspects between control and microencapsulated groups and the sensory test was conducted on commercial whole milk containing encapsulated L-ascorbic acid (0, 100 and 250 ppm) that had been stored at 4°C for 1, 3, 5, 8 or 12 d. The intensity of off-flavor and sourness were scored on a 5-point scale and results scored between 1 and 3 during storage.

Table 4: Physico-chemical characteristics of the optimized encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk

Type of samples	Specific gravity	Viscosity (cP)	Vitamin-C (Mg %)	Fat (%)	Protein (%)	Ash	Total Carbohydrate (%)	Total Solids (%)	Titratable acidity (%LA)
Control	1.031ª	2.10 ^a	34.0ª	3.28 ^a	3.62 ^a	0.78 ^a	12.1ª	19.78ª	0.141ª
B1	1.032 ^a	2.36 ^b	33.0 ^b	3.61 ^b	4.25 ^b	0.89 ^b	11.5 ^b	20.25 ^b	0.143 ^a
B2	1.030 ^a	1.91°	4.1°	3.59 ^b	4.24 ^b	0.83 ^c	11.4 ^b	20.06 ^c	0.161 ^b
CD(<i>P</i> =.05)	0.004	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.04	0.035	0.32	0.03	0.006

Control: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured cow milk **B1:** Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk

B2: Free vitamin C incorporated flavoured goat milk

Different superscripts indicate significant difference

From the table4, it is clear that the specific gravity for control was lower than the recorded for experimental flavoured goat milk with microencapsulated vitamin C. However, there was no significant (P = .05) difference between the control and experimental flavoured goat milk samples. This is in accordance with the reports of ^[16], who clearly reported that the specific gravity of different low-calorie herbal flavoured milk ranges between1.03 to 1.058.

As regards viscosity, it was highest (2.36cP) in case of B1 compared to the other samples. Statistical analysis showed that there was significant (P = .05) difference between the control and experimental flavoured goat milk samples ^[17]. Reported the rheological properties of ice cream had greater viscosity possibly due to the addition of encapsules aggregates.

It is clear from table 4 that maximum vitamin-C was observed in control flavoured milk *viz.*, 34mg per cent as compared to the encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk. The statistical analysis showed that there was significant (P=.05) difference between the control and experimental flavoured goat milk samples. These findings are in agreement with the findings of ^[9] in production of vitamin-C encapsulated flavoured milk sample and found that the sample retained 355 mg per cent of vitamin-C upon incorporation of 500 mg per cent.

It was observed that the fat content was significantly higher in case of the experimental flavored goat milk compared to control which may be due to higher content of fat in the goat milk used for preparation compared to cow milk Similar findings with respect to average fat contents of control flavoured milk (CFM) and palmyrah fruit pulp flavoured milk toned with soy milk (PFM) was 3.93 and 3.0 per cent fat respectively reported by ^[18].

Fat content was higher in encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk (4.25 per cent) and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk (4.24 per cent) as against control sample (3.62 per cent). The content of protein was significantly high in case of the flavoured goat milk

compared to control this may be ascribed to the higher protein content in the goat milk compared to the cow milk. Similar observations of higher protein contents 3.44 to 3.70 per cent were reported in fruit flavoured milk-based beverages by ^[19]. The content of ach for control was 0.78 per cent whereas for

The content of ash for control was 0.78 per cent whereas for encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk was 0.89 and 0.83 per cent respectively. There was a significant (P = .05) difference between the control and experimental flavoured goat milk samples. The higher ash content may be due to the calcium alginate that formed during microencapsulation of vitamin C. This is in accordance with the reports of ^[20] in case of flavoured milk added with *Piper betel* leaves recorded ash content of 0.90 per cent.

It was observed that the total carbohydrate content for control was 12.1 per cent whereas for encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk was 11.5 and 11.4 per cent respectively. There was a significant difference between control and flavoured goat milk. As goat milk has lower lactose content compared to cow milk, a lower total carbohydrate content was found in case of experimental flavoured milk. These findings are in agreement with the findings of ^[20] in production of flavoured cow milk added with *Piper betel* leaves and found that the sample contain 13.64 per cent of total carbohydrate upon incorporation 9 per cent sugar From the (Table 4) it is also evident that the total solid content for control and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk were 19.78 and 20.06 per cent respectively as the milk used had a higher total solids content. Total solids content was significantly (P=.05) higher in the experimental flavoured milk. The results are also in corroborative with the reports of ^[21] who reported that of total solid contents in flavoured milk from cow milk blended with safflower milk were 15.21 per cent in control.

The titratable acidity (% LA) recorded for encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk were 0.14 and 0.16% LA respectively as against control (0.14% LA). The values were

nonsignificant for encapsulated vitamin C enriched flavoured goat milk. Maximum acidity was observed in free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk i.e., 0.16% LA as compared to the encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk. These values of present investigation are comparable with value reported by Balasaheb *et al.* (2017) ^[22] in case of flavoured milk blended with jackfruit pulp recorded titratable acidity ranged from 0.15 to 0.17% LA.

Microbiological analysis

Table 5: Total bacterial count in optimized encapsulated vitamin-C
enriched flavoured goat milk during storage (5±1 °C)

	Total bacterial count (log10 cfu/ml)						
True of Somelo	Storage period (days)						
Type of Sample	0 2 4 6 8						
Control	3.04 ^a	3.17 ^a	3.28 ^a	4.49 ^a			
B1	3.07 ^a	3.20 ^a	3.31 ^a	4.53 ^a	C		
B2	3.25 ^b	3.53 ^b	3.57 ^b	4.60 ^b	Sponed		
CD (<i>P</i> =.05)	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04			

Control: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured cow milk B1: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk B2: Free vitamin C incorporated flavoured goat milk

Different superscripts indicate significant difference

The total plate count increased gradually during storage of all types of flavoured milk at $(5\pm1^{\circ}C)$. At the 8th day 4.49, 4.53 and 4.60 log₁₀ cfu/ml in control, B1 and B2 flavoured milk. In control, the total bacterial plate count was lesser than the experimental flavoured milk samples. The control and other experimental samples were found to be spoiled on 8th day of storage as the total bacterial count exceeded the limits of standard microbial count. These results are also in relevance with the findings of ^[23] who reported that the total plate count from pasteurized flavoured milk samples from different companies were in the range of 2.3 to 6.3 log₁₀ cfu/ml stored at $5\pm1^{\circ}$ C for 7 days. This indicated the fulfillment of the legal requirements of quality standards of flavoured milk (FSSR, 2017) ^[24] till 6th day of storage. Hence, the optimized encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk samples stored at 5±1°C is safe for consumption only up to 6 days.

Table 6: Coliform, Yeast & mold count in optimized encapsulatedvitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk during storage $(5\pm1^{\circ}C)$

Storage Control		В	1	B2				
period (days)	Coliform	Yeast & mold	Coliform	Yeast & mold	Coliform	Yeast & mold		
	log ₁₀ cfu/ml							
0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
8	Nil	2.36	Nil	1.95	Nil	2.0		

Control: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured cow milk **B1**: Encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk **B2**: Free vitamin C incorporated flavoured goat milk

Different superscripts indicate significant difference

The coliform count was nil throughout the storage period which indicates the hygienic practices followed throughout the study. The yeast and mold count were nil in control, encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk and free vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk up to 6^{th} day of storage but on 8^{th} day, all the samples showed yeast & mold growth. On the 8^{th} day of storage control and experimental samples showed 2.36, 1.95 and 2.0 log₁₀ cfu/ml

of yeast and mold growth respectively probably due to the increased titratable acidity during storage which favored the growth. Hence it can be concluded that the optimized encapsulated vitamin-C incorporated flavoured goat milk samples stored at 5±1 °C is safe for consumption only up to 6 days. The results obtained in the present investigation are comparable with the results reported by ^[25] where no added sugar ready to drink milk supplemented with mango pulp stored at 4±1 °C for a period of 10 days showed 1.48 log₁₀ cfu/ml yeast and mold count on 6th day of the storage period.

Conclusion

Flavoured goat milk was prepared by using microcapsules of 3% sodium alginate and 0.2M Calcium chloride levels. Level of addition of vitamin-C was optimized based on encapsulation efficiency, beads with 80% Encapsulation efficiency were used. Encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk was prepared by utilizing 8% sugar, 0.75% pista flavour was adjudged the finest. Encapsulated vitamin-C enriched flavoured goat milk retained 29.6 mg of vitamin-C up to 6 days

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