

Effect of Storage on Bioactive Compounds of Tomato And Its Products

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Abstract

Tomatoes are considered as functional food due its considerable content of anti-oxidant and dietary fibers. Accordingly, the present study was conducted to study the effect of storing tomatoes and their products (juice, ketchup and tomato paste) in the refrigerator for a week and two weeks in the freezer for a month, two months and three months on the bioactive compounds. Results show a marked increase in lycopene content when storing products for two months in freezer was detected for tomato paste (11.06mg/100g) while increase by 221.51%. According to antioxidants content in fresh products showing it was (39.45% Inhibition), On the other hand, effect of storage tomato paste for two weeks in the refrigerator was the best(8.24%). While storing for one month in the freezer was the best (9.56%). The highest vitamin C content after storing one week in the refrigerator was detected in tomato (38.49 mg/100g). Effect of storage Vitamin C percent of tomato paste increased by 22.21% after two months of freezer storage. Thus, tomato paste isadvised due to it contains good amount of antioxidants, Lycopene and vitamin C.

Introduction

Tomato is a member of the Solanaceae family (**Petro – Turza, 1978**). It can be consumed either fresh or processed in the form of tomato products (**Toor and Savage, 2005**). Tomato (*Solanum Lycopersicum L.*) is one of the world's most important vegetables, with an estimated total production of about 159.347 million tons in 2011 (**FAOSTA, 2011**). It is the second most widely consumed vegetable after potato (**Lugasi et al., 2003**). Tomato processing industry has made tremendous advances, developing many forms of tomato-based foods, such as sauces, ketchup, puree, pastes, soups, juices and juice

blends, and canned tomatoes either whole or in diced, sliced, quartered or stewed form.

Tomatoes are low in calories and a good source of vitamin A and C (**Parnell et al., 2004**), minerals (potassium, phosphorus, sulphur, magnesium, calcium, iron, copper, and sodium) (**Viskelis et al., 2005**). The regular consumption of tomatoes and tomato products has been correlated to a reduction the risk of injssed with various types of cancer and cardiovascular diseases. This positive effect is attributed to the antioxidants present in tomatoes (**Borguini and Torres, 2009**). It considered to be a source of carotenoids, in particular lycopene and phenolic compounds (**Pinela et al., 2012**).

The nutritional value of tomato production is a topic attracting much attention particularly regarding the effects resulting from processing and storage treatments (**Capanoglu et al., 2010**). Conversion of tomato into paste provides a way out for extended shelf life storage periods (**Jamil, 1990**). The effect of storage temperature on physiochemical quality and quantity changes in tomatoes, varies with cultivar (**Abou-Aziz et al., 1976**), exposition time (**Hobson, 1981**) and harvesting conditions (**Autio and Bramlage, 1986**). During thermal treatment, several additional changes can occur which affect the appearance, composition, nutritional value, and sensory parameters in terms of color, texture, and flavor of the product (**Capanoglu et al., 2008**). Therefore, the purpose of this study is to evaluate the effect of storage on bioactive compounds of tomato and its products.

Material and methods

1.1. Material

2.1.1. study setting:

- * The Laboratory of Nutrition, Faculty of Specific Education, Alexandria University, Egypt.
- * The Central Laboratory, High Institute of Public Health, Alexandria University, Egypt.
- * The Central Laboratory, Unit of Analysis and scientific services , Faculty of Agriculture, Alexandria University, Egypt.

2.1.2. Sampling

Twenty kilo grams of fresh tomatoes (*Lycopersicon esculentum L*) were bought from Rashid Market . Tomatoes, were processed to make tomato juice,

ketchup and tomato juice . Sensory evaluation of the products was done in the Laboratory of Nutrition, Faculty of Specific Education, Alexandria University. Sensory evaluation was done for fresh store products for analysis by cold(4°C)and freezing at (2°C) storage .

Ingredients used for food preparation of products included: Fresh red tomatoes, parsley, salt, garlic, vinegar, seasoning (spices, black pepper), butter, sugar, onion, Glass jars and polyethylene bags were bought from Fathalla supermarket, Ibrahimieh , Alexandria.

1.2. Methods.

1.2.1. Determination of Antioxidants

The sample was weighted by 500 g. The sample was gridded to pass completely through sieve No-20. The ground portion was mixed thoroughly, samples for analysis taken after mixing, using sample splitter. Additional portions prepared from lot sample in the same way if needed.

Extraction of sample

- 50 g of ground sample was mixed with 25 g of calcite and 250 ml of chloroform followed by 25 ml of distilled water in a glass bottle (500ml) then it was added.
- The ground sample was mixed for 30 min on a shaker at 200 rpm speed.
- An aliquant of the chloroform extract was filtered through a Whatman No. 2.v.24 cm. filter paper.
- 50 ml filtrate was passed (= 10.5g sample) through the activated florisil column.

Sample was injected in HPLC(AOAC, 2003)

Determination of lycopene content

The lycopene content was determined following the method of AOAC (1998)

Extraction

Wiegth 5-10 g of the juice, puree, or ketchup. Extract repeatedly with acetone in a pestle and mortar or a blender until the residue is less colour. Transfer the acetone extract to a separating funnel containing 10 to 15 ml of petroleum ether and mix gently. Take up the carotenoid pigments in to the petroleum ether by diluting the acetone (lower phase) with water or water containing 5% Na₂SO₄ . Transfer the lower phase to another separating funnel and the petroleum ether extract containing the carotenoid pigments to an amber

coloured bottle. Repeat extraction of the acetone phase similarly with petroleum ether until it is less colour. Discard the acetone phase. To the petroleum ether extract, add a small quantity of anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , transfer to a 50-ml volumetric flask and dilute to mark with petroleum ether.

Dilute an aliquot (5ml, if the test sample is tomato juice or ketchup and 2ml, if puree) to 50-ml with petroleum ether and measure the colour in a 1cm cell at 503 nm in a spectrophotometer using petroleum ether as a blank.

2.2.3. Vitamin C content

Vitamin C was extracted according to the modified method of **Abdulnabi et al., (1997)**. The sample (10 g) was homogenised with an extracting solution containing meta-phosphoric acid (0.3 M) and acetic acid (1.4 M). The mixture was placed in a conical flask (wrapped with aluminum foil) and agitated at 100 rpm with the aid of an orbital shaker for 15 min at room temperature. The mixture was then filtered through a Whatman No. 4 filter paper to obtain a clear extract. The ratio of the sample to extraction solution was 1 to 1.

All samples were extracted in triplicates.

Results and Discussion

3.1. Lycopene products:

Data in **Table 1 and Figure 1** show that

- a) The highest lycopene content for fresh products was detected in ketchup (5.42 mg/100g), while the least content was detected for tomato (2.56 mg/100g).
- b) The highest lycopene content when storing products for the month was detected for tomato paste (6.52 mg/100g), while the least content was detected for tomato (1.51mg/100g).
- c) The highest lycopene content when storing products for two months was detected for tomato paste (11.06mg/100g), while the least content was detected for tomato (0.55mg/100g).

The tomato paste was the highest in lycopene content when storage. On the other hand, the stored tomatoes had the least lycopene content when storing. These results agree with the published data (**Alda et al., 2016**) (Tomato 2,58 mg/100g). While the results according to ketchup and tomato paste disagree with these findings (for ketchup 7,12 mg/100g, for tomato paste 5,65 mg/100g). That's may be due to the changing in the tomatoes variety or the method for processing.

Results show that lycopene concentration increases by processing. Lycopene concentration also increased significantly at one and two months of freezer storage (-20 C°). **Bernhardt and Schlich, (2006)** mentioned that cooking increases the bioavailability of lycopene by disruption of the plant cell wall and releasing it form protein complexes.

Studies by **Hadley et al.,(2002)**, have shown that cooking or heating tomatoes release the lycopene. For example, fresh tomatoes contain between 30 and 70 mg of lycopene per kilogram, whereas tomato paste contains 300 mg per kilogram (**Lyc-o-mato, 2003**). Other processed tomato products, such as ketchup and pizza sauce, also contain large amounts of lycopene. **Rao and Agarwal (2000)** mentioned that tomato and processed tomato products are good source of lycopene. Its quantity is affected by tomato variety and ripening stage

Table 1. Analysis of lycopene in tomato and its products

Products	Lycopene mg/100g		
	Fresh	One month storage	Two months storage
Tomato	2.56	1.51	0.55
Tomato juice	4.39	6.09	2.40
Ketchup	4.49	5.42	2.55
Tomato paste	3.44	6.52	11.06

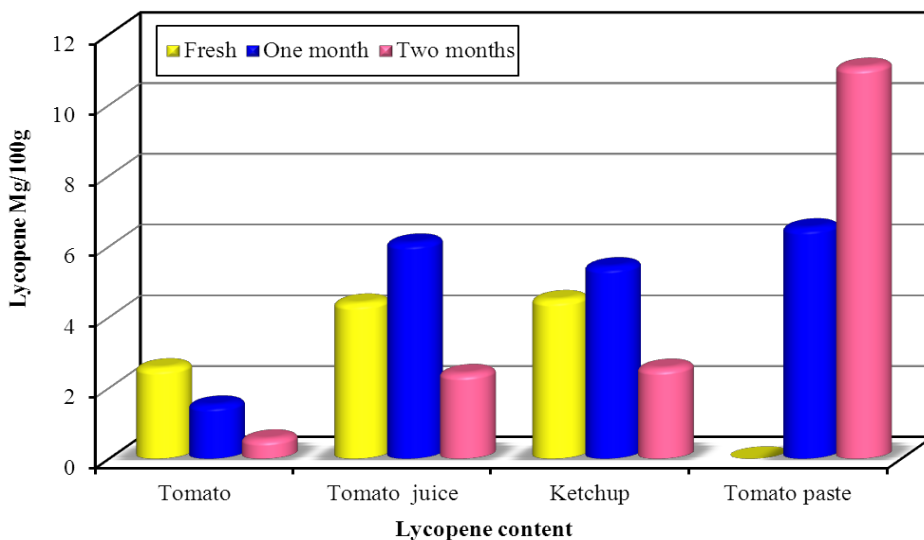


Figure 1. Analysis of lycopene in tomato and its products.

3.2. Antioxidants

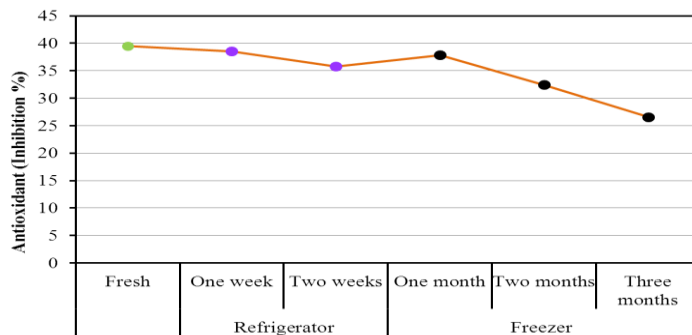
Tomatoes and tomato products are rich in food components that are antioxidant (George *et al.* 2004.; Sahlin *et al.* 2004.; Ilahy *et al.* 2011 and Pinela *et al.* 2012).

Table 2 and Figure (2) show that:-

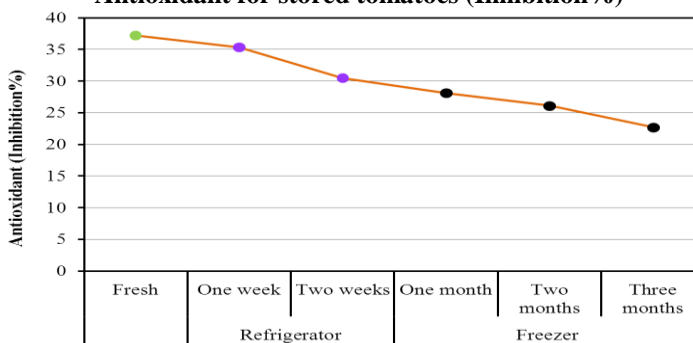
- a- The highest antioxidants content in fresh products was detected in tomato (39.45% Inhibition), while the least content was detected in ketchup (28.45% Inhibition).
- b- The highest antioxidants content after storing one week in the refrigerator was detected in tomato (38.49 % Inhibition), while the least content was detected in tomato paste (20.24 % Inhibition).
- c- The highest antioxidants content after storing two weeks in the refrigerator was detected in tomato (35.77 % Inhibition), while the least content was detected in ketchup (25.60 % Inhibition).
- d- The highest antioxidants content after storing one month in the freezer was detected in tomato (37.87 % Inhibition), while the least content was detected in ketchup (27.43 % Inhibition).
- e- The highest antioxidants content after storing two months in the freezer was detected in tomato (32.45 % Inhibition), while the least content was detected in ketchup (22.34 % Inhibition).
- f- The highest antioxidants content after storing three months in the freezer was detected in tomato (26.57 % Inhibition), while the least content was detected in ketchup (18.34%Inhibition).

Table 2. Antioxidants content for tomato and its products after storage

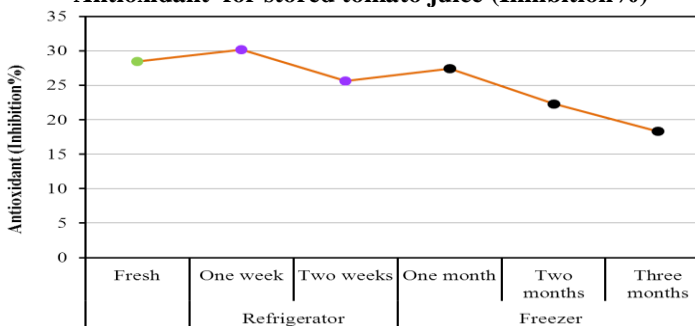
Products	Antioxidants Inhibition%					
	Fresh products	One week storage (refrigerator)	Two weeks storage (refrigerator)	One month storage (freezer)	Two months storage (freezer)	Three months storage (freezer)
Tomato	39.45	38.49	35.77	37.87	32.45	26.57
Tomato Juice	37.17	35.34	30.45	28.11	26.11	22.70
Ketchup	28.45	30.16	25.60	27.43	22.34	18.34
Tomato paste	30.11	20.24	32.59	32.99	26.11	20.56



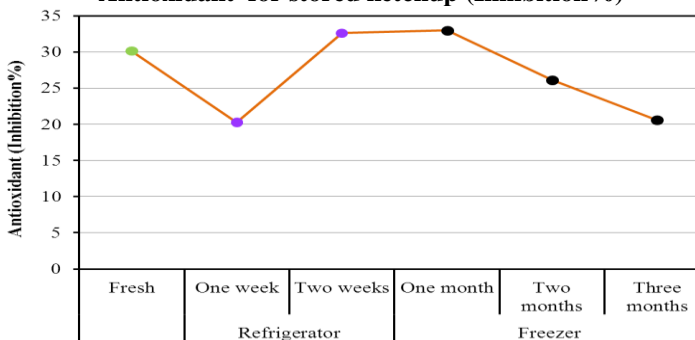
Antioxidant for stored tomatoes (Inhibition%)



Antioxidant for stored tomato juice (Inhibition%)



Antioxidant for stored ketchup (Inhibition%)



Antioxidant for stored tomato paste (Inhibition%)

Figure 2. Antioxidant content for stored tomatoes and its products

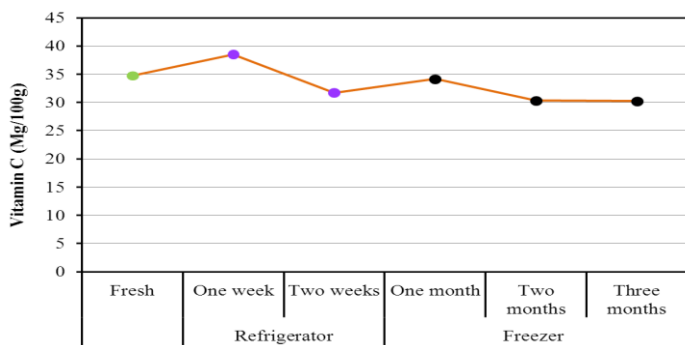
3.3. Vitamin C content on *tomato and its products* after storage

Table 3 and Figure (3) show that

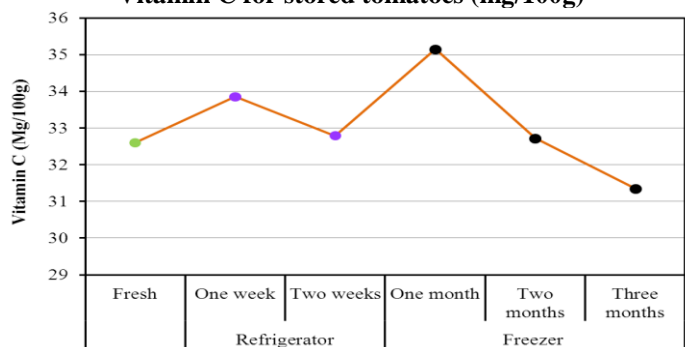
- a- The highest vitamin C content in fresh products was detected in tomato (34.73 mg/100g), while the least content was detected in tomato paste (21.56 mg/100g). This nearly similar to that of **USDA (2009)** when the percentage was 21.9 mg/100g for tomato paste.
- b- The highest vitamin C content after storin one week in the refrigerator was detected in tomato (38.49 mg/100g), while the least content was detected in tomato paste (20.24 mg/100g).
- c- The highest vitamin C content after storing two weeks in the refrigerator was detected in tomato juice (32.79 mg/100g), while the least content was detected in tomato paste (20.28 mg/100g).
- d- The highest vitamin C content after storing one month in the freezer was detected in tomato juice (35.15 mg/100g), while the least content was detected in ketchup (20.55 mg/100g).
- e- The highest vitamin C content after storing two months in the freezer was detected in tomato juice (32.72 mg/100g), while the least content was detected in ketchup (24.76 mg/100g).
- f- The highest vitamin C content after storing three months in the freezer was detected in tomato juice (31.35mg/100g), while the least content was detected in ketchup (20.24mg/100g).

Table 3. Vitamin C content in tomato and its products after storage

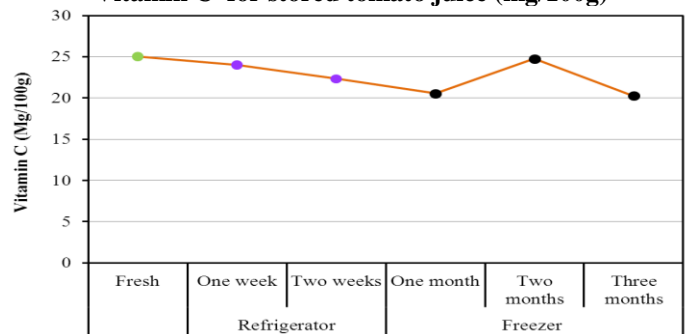
Products	Vitamin C mg/100g					
	Fresh products	One week storage (refrigerator)	Two weeks storage (refrigerator)	One month storage (freezer)	Two months storage (freezer)	Three months storage (freezer)
Tomato	34.73	38.49	31.69	34.15	30.33	30.23
Tomato Juice	32.60	33.85	32.79	35.15	32.72	31.35
Ketchup	25.02	24.01	22.32	20.55	24.76	20.24
Tomato paste	21.56	20.24	20.28	25.91	26.35	22.55



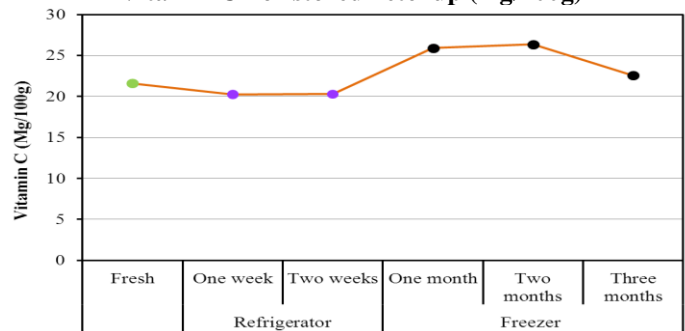
Vitamin C for stored tomatoes (mg/100g)



Vitamin C for stored tomato juice (mg/100g)



Vitamin C for stored ketchup (mg/100g)



Vitamin C for stored tomato paste (mg/100g)

Figure 3. Vitamin C content for stored tomatoes and its products

3.4. *Effect of storage on lycopene content of tomato and its products*

Table 4 shows that

3.4.1. **Tomato**

Lycopene percent of fresh tomatoes decreased by 41.01% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 78.51% after two months.

3.4.2. **Tomato juice**

Lycopene percent of tomatoes juice increased by 38.72% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 45.33% after two months.

3.4.3. **Ketchup**

Lycopene percent of ketchup increased by 20.71% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 76.08% after two months.

3.4.4. **Tomato paste**

Lycopene percent of tomato paste increased by 89.53% after one month of freezer storage while increased by 221.51% after two months. Research results show that the storage of tomato juice, ketchup, and tomato paste for a month in the freezer has increased lycopene percent and it was better than two- month storage, while the percent of lycopene in tomato paste has increased greatly after two months. The percent of lycopene in tomatoes, tomato juice, and Ketchup has decreased after two- month storage in the freezer. The concentration of lycopene has increased by processing than in fresh tomato. **Bernhardt and Schlich (2006)** mentioned that cooking increases the bioavailability of lycopene by disruption of the plant cell wall and releasing it from protein complexes. **Studies by Hadley et al., (2002)**, have shown that cooking or heating tomatoes release the lycopene. For example, fresh tomatoes contain between 30 and 70 mg of lycopene per kilogram, whereas tomato paste contains 300 mg per kilogram (**Lyc-o-mato, 2003**). Other processed tomato products, such as ketchup and tomato paste, also contain large amounts of lycopene.

Lycopene is a natural compound that is found in large quantities in red color tomatoes (**Novelina et al., 2016**). Lycopene is a carotenoid that is present in tomatoes, processed tomato products tomatoes and tomato products containing lycopene (**Agarwal and Rao, 2000**).

Recently, many studies have shown that heat processing of tomato into various products like tomato paste, ketchup and sauces induce isomerization of lycopene from *trans* to *cis* configuration and hence increases its bioavailability (**Stahl and Sies, 1992**). A negligible increase in plasma lycopene level was observed after consumption of unheated tomato juice

(Brown, 1989). However, when oil was mixed with heated tomato juice and consumed, then plasma lycopene concentration was found to increase after 24-48hr of ingestion (Stahl and Sies, 1992). Lycopene absorption and its bioavailability depend upon the fat content of the meal, processing of lycopene-containing food and heat-induced isomerization (Rao and Agarwal, 1999).

Table 4. Effect of storage on lycopene content of tomato and its products

Products	Lycopene %	
	After one month	After two months
Tomato	-41.01	- 78.51
Tomato juice	38.72	- 45.33
Ketchup	20.71	-76.08
Tomato paste	89.53	221.51

3.5. *Effect of storage on antioxidants content inhibition*

3.5.1. Effect of storage on antioxidants content inhibition of tomato and its products in the refrigerator

Table 5 show that

- Antioxidants inhibition percent of fresh tomatoes decreased by 10.42% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 9.33% after two weeks.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of tomato juice decreased by 18.86% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 18.08% after two weeks.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of ketchup decreased by 8.96% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 8.96% after two weeks.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of tomato paste increased by 7.01% after one week of refrigerator storage while increased by 8.24% after two weeks.

3.5.2. Effect of storage on antioxidants content inhibition of tomato and its products in the freezer

Table 6 shows that

- Antioxidants inhibition percent of fresh tomato decreased by 4% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 17.74% after two months, and after three months it decreased by 32.64%.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of tomato juice decreased by 24.37% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 29.75% after two months, and after three months it decreased by 38.93%.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of ketchup decreased by 3.59% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 21.48% after two months, and after three months it decreased by 35.34%.
- Antioxidants inhibition percent of tomato juice increased by 9.56% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 13.28% after two months and after three months it decreased by 31.72%.

The present study according to antioxidant content for "stored tomatoes"

It is well known that naturally occurring antioxidants could be significantly lost as a consequence of processing and storage. In particular, thermal treatments are generally believed to be the main cause of the depletion in natural antioxidants (Jonsson, 1991).

The resent study (Table 5 and 6) showed that antioxidant decreased by storing in the refrigerator and freezer in tomatoes, tomato juice, and ketchup. While they also showed that storing tomato paste for one week and two weeks in the refrigerator increased similarly. On the other hand, storing for two weeks was the best. While storing for one month in the freezer was the best of all.

Table 5. Effect of storage on antioxidants content inhibition of tomato and its products in the refrigerator

Products	Antioxidants Inhibition (%)	
	After one week	After two weeks
Tomato	-10.42	-9.33
Tomato juice	-18.86	-18.08
Ketchup	-8.96	-8.96
Tomato paste	7.01	8.24

Table 6. Effect of storage on antioxidants content inhibition of tomato and its products in the freezer

Products	Antioxidants Inhibition (%)		
	After one month	After two months	After three months
Tomato	-4	-17.74	-32.64
Tomato juice	-24.37	-29.75	-38.93
Ketchup	-3.59	-21.48	-35.34
Tomato paste	9.56	-13.28	-31.72

3.6. Effect of storage on vitamin C

3.6.1. Effect of storage on vitamin C (%) content of tomato and its products the refrigerator

Table 7 shows that

- Vitamin C percent of fresh tomatoes increased by 10.82% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 8.75% after two weeks. This might be due to that tomatoes were exposed in the refrigerator to chilly injury causing firmness decay and mechanical injury (Farneti *et al.*, 2009).

- Vitamin C percent of tomato juice increased by 3.83% after one week of refrigerator storage while increased by 0.58% after two weeks.
- C percent of ketchup decreased by 4.04% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 10.80% after two weeks.
- Vitamin C percent of tomato paste decreased by 6.12% after one week of refrigerator storage while decreased by 5.94% after two weeks.

3.6.2. Effect of storage on vitamin C (%) content of tomato and its products in the freezer

Table 8 shows that

- Vitamin C percent of fresh tomato decreased by 1.67% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 12.69 % after two months, and after three months it decreased by 12.96%. **Chitarra 1994** mentioned that significant losses of nutrients, especially vitamin C, may occur during the storage.
- Vitamin C percent of tomato juice increased by 7.82% after one month of freezer storage while increased by 0.03% after two months, and after three months it decreased by 3.83%.
- Vitamin C percent of ketchup decreased by 17.87% after one month of freezer storage while decreased by 1.04% after two months, and after three months it decreased by 18.30%.
- Vitamin C percent of tomato paste increased by 20.18% after one month of freezer storage while increased by 22.21% after two months, and after three months it increased by 4.60%.

The present study according to vitamin C content for stored tomatoes

Red tomatoes contain 25mg ascorbic acid /100g of tomatoes by weight. In this way, tomatoes are a valuable source of ascorbic acid that helps to protect our body from various diseases (**Leoni and Jongen, 2002**).

Table (7and 8) show that

- Vitamin C in tomatoes was better when it was stored for one week in the refrigerator. However, it by storing for a week losses were found.

- Vitamin C in tomato juice increased by storing for one week in the refrigerator and it was better than storing two weeks but storing for one month in the freezer was the best.
- Vitamin C in ketchup decreased in all stages of storing in the refrigerator and freezer.
- Vitamin C in tomato paste decreased by storing in the refrigerator but it increased by storing in the freezer in all stages, on the other hand, store for two months in the freezer was the best.
- Generally, vitamin C decreased by storing in most products. The loss in the ascorbic acid content of the tomato samples occurred with storage time. The higher temperature at which these samples were prepared is probably responsible for this, the loss of ascorbic acid having been reported to be corresponding to temperature (**Garangyo et al., 1992**).

Losses of vitamin C in the tomatoes stored in the refrigerator are due to the effect of oxidative enzymes in the vegetables. As it is well known that blanching of vegetables before freezing is required to stop the action of the oxidative enzymes present in tomatoes.

Losses of unblanched vegetables before freezing are from 2-3 times as great as those from blanched vegetables (**Ensminger et al., 1995**).

Table 7. Effect of storage on vitamin C content of tomato and its products the refrigerator

Products	Vitamin C (%)	
	After one week	After two weeks
Tomato	10.82	- 8.75
Tomato juice	3.83	0.58
Ketchup	-4.04	-10.80
Tomato paste	-6.12	-5.94

Table 8. Effect of storage on vitamin C content of tomato and its products in the freezer

Product	Vitamin C (%)		
	After one month	After two months	After three months
Tomato	-1.67	-12.69	-12.96
Tomato juice	7.82	0.03	-3.83
Ketchup	-17.87	-1.04	-18.30
Tomato paste	20.18	22.21	4.60

Conclusion

In the present study, the chemical composition for tomatoes and its products were assessed and considered as good sources in lycopene content, antioxidant activities, and Vitamin C content. Tomato paste was highest in lycopene content . Processing of tomatoes using high temperatures significantly increased the lycopene content after two months of freezer storage. Antioxidant activity increase by storing for one month in the freezer. Vitamin C percent of tomato paste increased after two months of freezer storage.

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الملخص العربي

تأثير التخزين على المركبات النشطة بيولوجيا في الطماطم ومنتجاتها

تعتبر الطماطم غذاء وظيفي بسبب محتواها الكبير من الألياف الغذائية ومضادات الأكسدة. وبناء على ذلك ، أجريت الدراسة الحالية لدراسة تأثير تخزين الطماطم ومنتجاتها (العصير والصلصة ومعجون الطماطم) في الثلاجة لمدة أسبوع وأربعين وفي الفريزر لمدة شهر ، شهرين وثلاثة أشهر على المركبات النشطة بيولوجيا . اظهرت النتائج زيادة ملحوظة في محتوى الليكوبين للمنتجات لمدة شهرين في الفريزر فقد كان معجون الطماطم (١١,٠٦ ملجم / ١٠٠ جم) حيث زاد تأثير التخزين بمقدار % ٢٢١,٥١. وفقا لمحتوى المواد المضادة للأكسدة فقد وجد في الطماطم الطازجة بمستوى (%٣٩,٤٥) ، من ناحية أخرى ، كان تأثير معجون الطماطم المخزن لمدة أسبوعين في الثلاجة أفضل (%٨,٢٤). بينما كان التخزين لمدة شهر واحد في الفريزر هو الأفضل (%٩,٥٦). وايضا كان أعلى محتوى من فيتامين C بعد تخزين أسبوع واحد في الثلاجة في الطماطم (٣٨,٤٩ ملجم / ١٠٠ جم) وقد كان تأثير التخزين لمعجون الطماطم ازداد في محتوى فيتامين C بنسبة % ٢٢,٢١ بعد شهرين من تخزينه بالثلاجة. وهكذا ،نوصى بعمل معجون الطماطم بسبب احتوائه على كمية لا بأس بها من مضادات الأكسدة ، الليكوبين وفيتامين C.