Edible Films Based on Complex Corn Starch-Galactomannan-Nisin on a Bioassay against *Lysteria monocitogenes*

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Introduction: Edible films and coatings are an interesting alternative to increase the shelf-life of food in spite of packages made of petroleum derivates. Edible films and coatings are capable of providing functional advantages like modified and controlledatmosphere, being carriers of antimicrobials, antioxidants or other preservatives, retaining the volatile flavour and they can also decrease packaging wastage associated with processed foods. Galactomannans are hemicelluloses with ?manose backbone linked in ß (1? 4) and ?-galactosyl residues in a (1? 6) ramification. These polysaccharides are most ones cited in the literature to do constitute ingredients in foods because their unique properties such as the high viscosity. **Objectives:** The aim of this work was to study the nisin performance against Lysteria monocitogenes in different samples of edible films made of blend of galactomannan-corn starch, and glycerol used as a plasticizer. Results: The edible films with nisin at 0.1 and 0.25 mg/mL showed doses dependent effect decreasing the ufcs after 24 and 48 hours of time exposure. When the treatments had been compared among themselves, statistical differences (p<0.05) in the number of ufcs were detected. **Conclusions:** Nisin showed effectiveness against *L. monocitogenes* when blended with galactomannan and corn starch to do different samples of edible films.

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