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Development of oil-in-water multilayer emulsion as an effective encapsulation systems of astaxanthin

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Interfacial deposition of biopolymer layers on oil droplets may be a suitable strategy for increasing the emulsion stability and protection of functional ingredients. The aim of this study was to design oil-in-water multilayer emulsions stabilized by ionic biopolymers as encapsulation systems of astaxanthin. The emulsions were produced by sequential adsorption of biopolymers with opposite charges at pH 3.0: Lupin protein isolate (LPI), ι -carrageenan and chitosan. The primary emulsion (PE) obtained by homogenization pressures from 100 to 500 Bar and cycles from 1 to 5 was investigated. Then, the secondary (SE) and tertiary (TE) emulsions were homogenized at 5.000rpm for 2min. The physical stability of emulsions under different environmental stresses (pH: 3 to 7, temperature: 25 to 85°C and NaCl concentration: 25 to 300mM) was evaluated. The results showed that PE has stabilized with 0.50% w/w of LPI at 300 bar and 5 cycles. It was stable to a phase separation after 24h of storage at 25°C. Then, the saturation concentration of ι -carrageenan and chitosan were 0.11 and 0.09% w/w on the droplets of SE and TE, respectively. The PE was unstable to droplet aggregation at pH values between 4 and 5. The SE was stable at all pH range and TE was unstable at pH between 6 and 7. The emulsions were stable from 25 to 65°C and at all the NaCl concentration evaluated. Therefore, SE and TE presented greater physical stability than PE providing a stable system of astaxanthin encapsulation for food applications.

Biography

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