

Staphylococcus aureus and E.coli in some street vended products

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Abstract

One hundred and sixty samples of street vended ready -to - ea meat products sandwiches were collected from different districts in Minufiya Governorate. Collected samples include luncheon, sausage pasterma and liver (40 of each). The mean values of Staph.aureus coun per g. were $9.1 \times 10^3 \pm 1.3 \times 10^3$; $1.0 \times 10^3 \pm 0.16 \times 10^3$; $2.8 \times 10^3 \pm 0.54 \times 10^3$ and $0.63 \times 10^3 \pm 0.092 \times 10^3$ for luncheon, sausage pasterma and liver , respectively. E.coli was isolated according to the number of samples in percentage of 20 %, 25 %,15 % and 17.5% from luncheon, sausage, pasterma and liver samples, respectively Serological typing of fifty six isolated strains of E. coli proved that they were belonged to six serovars O111: K58 (B4), O55: K59 (B5), O126 K71 (B16), O26: K60 (B6), O86: K61 (B7), O114: K90 (B).

Introduction:

Meat and meat products is an important food item in most countries and its contribution in solving the problem of animal protein shortage . Meat and meat products contain high amount of protein of high biological value that contain essential amino acids , many vitamins and minerals which are required for growth and maintenance of body health (Siriken et al., 2006) .

Street vended meat products are convenient source of nourishment available in factories, offices, markets and public places, thereby they have an important role in assuring an adequate nutritional status of large section of working population in addition to generating a very substantial economic activity.

In Egypt , most of street vendors are using either the pavement, the adjacent area or the cart itself for cooking and washing dishes & utensils in contaminated water buckets. The food provided by them is often of questionable microbiological quality and it was prepared in large quantities early in the day and hold for hours until sold. Lack of control, so can facilitate the growth of microorganisms which contaminate meat products from numerous sources during handling, transportation, processing, and serving (Hegazy-Salwa 1999).

Meat products have implicated in many cases of foodborne diseases, particularly Staphylococcal food poisoning and Coliforms infections (Koutsoumanis et al ., 1999). The global spread of Escherichia coli has well documented . The incidence of E . coli infection is one of the major outbreak resulting from contaminated meat products(Madden et al . 2001).

Presence of large number of Staphylococci , in general , and particularly Staphylococcus aureus in meat products is considered as a good indicator of inadequate sanitation and less temperature control. The possibility of pres

enterotoxin producing strains of *S. aureus* may be due to food handlers, the primary source of contamination in the processing plant (ICMSF, 1978). In Egypt, the most common ready-to-eat meat products and offals sold by vendors are luncheon, cooked sausage, pasterma and cooked liver which are sold in the form of sandwiches.

This study was planned out to detect the rate of contamination of such products with *S.aureus* and *E.coli*.

Materials and methods

1-Sampling:

A total of 160 random samples of street vended meat products as luncheon, sausage, pasterma and cooked liver which are sold in form of sandwiches (4) were collected from different street vendors in Minufiya Governorate.

All collected samples were aseptically transferred without any delay in an insulated box to the laboratory.

2- Preparation of the samples (A.P.H.A., 1992):

Twenty five grams of each examined sample (the content of sandwiches remaining of it was hygienically discarded) were homogenized with 225ml buffered peptone water (0.1%) in a sterile blender jar (Moulinex, France) with a dilution of (10⁻¹), one ml of the clear homogenate was mixed carefully with buffered peptone water (0.1%), then decimal serial dilutions were prepared.

3- Isolation and identification of *S. aureus*. The technique applied was recommended by FAO(1992) using Baird parker agar medium for isolation.

4- Isolation and identification of *E.coli* as recommended by A.P.H.A.(1984).

5- Serological identification of isolated *E.coli*, by using diagnostic sera as described by Varnam and Evans (1991).

* Statistical analysis procedure:

All data were subjected to statistical analysis according to the procedures recommended by Snedecor and Cochran (1980).

Results

Table (1) : Statistical analytical results of *S.aureus* count of Egyptian street vended meat product samples (n = 40).

Types of examined samples	+ve samples		Minimum	Maximum	Mean ± SEM
	No.	%			
Luncheon	40	100	8.0 X 10 ²	3.5 X 10 ⁴	9.1 X 10 ³ ± 1.3 X 10 ³
Sausage	34	85	< 10 ²	4.6 X 10 ³	1.0 X 10 ³ ± 0.16 X 10 ³
Pasterma	40	100	3.0 X 10 ²	1.6 X 10 ⁴	2.8 X 10 ³ ± 0.54 X 10 ³
Liver	34	85	< 10 ²	2.5 X 10 ³	0.63 X 10 ³ ± 0.092 X 10 ³

Fig. (1) : Staphylococcus aureus count of examined street vended product samples.

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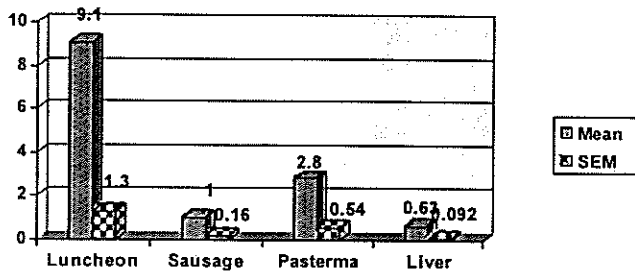


Table (2) : Frequency distribution of examined street vended product samples based on their S.aureus count (n = 40).

Examined samples Intervals	Luncheon		Sausage		Pasterma		Liver	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 10 ²	0	0	6	15	0	0	6	15
10 ² < 10 ³	3	7.5	19	47.5	15	37.5	25	62.5
10 ³ < 10 ⁴	24	60	15	37.5	23	57.5	9	22.5
10 ⁴ < 10 ⁵	13	32.5	0	0	2	5	0	0

Fig. (2) : Incidence of E.coli serovars isolated from examined street vended meat product isolates.

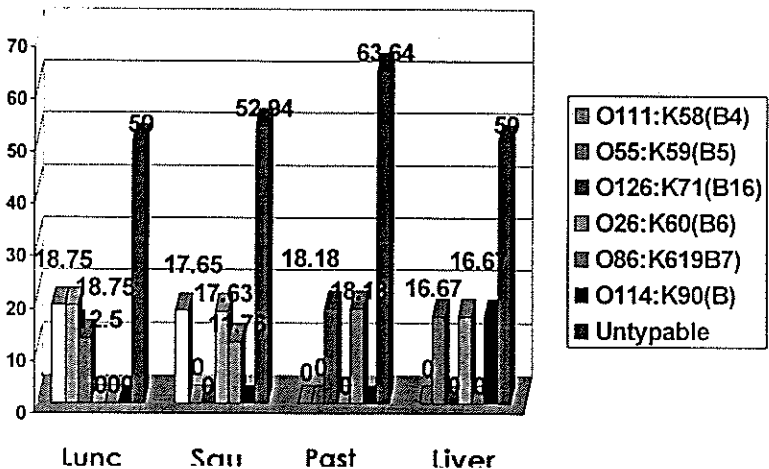


Table (3): Incidence of E.coli isolated from examined street vended meat product samples and isolates.

Examined products	Total No. of samples	Total No. of isolates	Positive No. of		%	
			Samples	Isolates	Samples	Isolates
Luncheon	40	240	8	16	20	6.6
Sausage	40	240	10	17	25	7.1
Pasterma	40	240	6	11	15	4.5
Liver	40	192	7	12	17.5	6.2

Fig.(3): unacceptability of the examined samples based on bacteriological criteria of Egyptian Organization for Standardization Quality Control

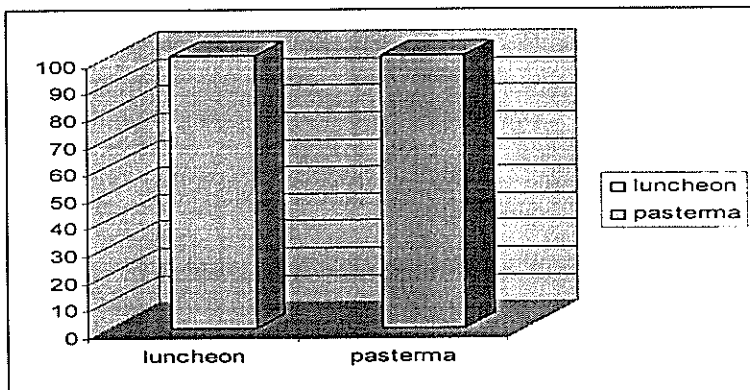


Table (4) : Serological identification of E.coli isolated from examined street vended meat product isolates.

E.coli serovars	Luncheon		Sausage		Pasterma		Liver	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
O ₁₁₁ : K ₅₈ (B ₄)	3	18.75	3	17.65	0	-	0	-
O ₅₅ : K ₅₉ (B ₅)	3	18.75	0	-	0	-	2	16.67
O ₁₂₆ : K ₇₁ (B ₁₆)	2	12.5	0	-	2	18.18	0	-
O ₂₆ : K ₆₀ (B ₆)	0	-	3	17.63	0	-	2	16.67
O ₈₆ : K ₆₁ (B ₇)	0	-	2	11.76	2	18.18	0	-
O ₁₁₄ : K ₉₀ (B)	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	16.67
Unlypable	8	50	9	52.94	7	63.64	6	50
Total	16	100	17	100	11	100	12	100

Table (5) :Unacceptability of the examined some street vendec product samples based on bacteriological criteria of Eg Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (n=40) .

Organisms Examined samples	S. aureus			E.coli		
	E.O.S limit	Unacceptable samples		E.O.S limit	Unacceptable samples	
		No.	%		No.	%
luncheon	0	40	100	0	8	20
pasterma	0	40	100	0	6	15

Discussion

It is evident from the results recorded in table (1) and fig. (1) that the incidence of *S. aureus* were 100% , 85 % , 100 % and 85 % of the examined samples of luncheon, sausage, pasterma and liver , respectively. Regarding the recorded *S.aureus* count of the examined samples of meat products varied from 8.0×10^2 to 3.5×10^4 to 4.6×10^3 ; 3.0×10^2 to 1.6×10^4 and. $< 10^2$ to 2.5×10^3 for luncheon , sausage, pasterma and liver samples , respectively .

The mean count values of *S.aureus* in the examined meat products samples were $9.1 \times 10^3 \pm 1.3 \times 10^3$; $1.0 \times 10^3 \pm 0.16 \times 10^3$; $2.8 \times 10^3 \pm 0.54 \times 10^3$ and $10^3 \pm 0.092 \times 10^3$, respectively.

The present results of luncheon samples were nearly similar to those obtained by Gab - Allah (1990) ($5.51 \times 10^3 \pm 2.64 \times 10^3$ cfu/g.) and Shaltout & Ibrahim-T (1997)(7.91×10^3 cfu/ g.).

The obtained results are comparatively higher than those reported by Tolba (2×10^2 cfu / g.) and Aiedia-Hoda (1995) ($< 10^2$ to 3×10^3 cfu / g. with mean of 4.8×10^2 cfu/g.) , while the obtained results were lower than those obtained by Saleh (1991) (3.4×10^4 cfu/g.) and Nassar (1999) ($2.9 \times 10^4 \pm 0.82$ cfu/g.).*S.aureus* failed to be detected in luncheon samples by Hemeida et al. (1998) but *S.aureus* could be detected in percentage of 14.29 % by Abd El- Aal (1999); El - Aziz et al . (1996) (5 %) ; Nassar (1999) (10%) ; Ouf-Jehan (2001) (15 %) ; Abou - Hussien-Reham (2004) (56 %).

The obtained results of examined sausage samples were comparatively similar to those obtained by El - Sherif-Amal (1983) (1.53×10^3 cfu/g.) , while higher results were recorded by Gouda (1991) (3.6×10^4 cfu/g.) and Hussein et al . (1998) (0.15×10^6 cfu/g.) , but lower results were recorded by Hegazy-Salwa (1999) ($< 10^2$ cfu/g.) .

S.aureus failed to be detected by Sachindra et al.(2005),while could be detected in 43 % by Mousa et al. (1993) (43 %) ; Ouf-Jehan (2001) (10 %) and Abou - Hussien (2004) (72 %) .

The recorded results of examined pasterma samples were relatively similar to those reported by El - Sherif-Amal (1983) ($13.62 \times 10^2 \pm 8 \times 10^2$ cfu/g.) , while

results were recorded by Rageh (1980) (1.7×10^7 cfu/g.); Yassa (1985) (1.7×10^7 cfu/g.) and Tolba (1986) (44×10^5 to 13×10^6 cfu/g.), but lower results recorded by Abd El - Aziz (1987) (5.75 cfu/g.); Mahmoud (1987) (9×10^2 cfu/g.); Tolba (1994) (5.5×10^2 cfu/g.) and Aiedia-Hoda (1995) (5.3×10^2 cfu/g.).

S.aureus failed to be detected by Hemaide et al . (1986), while could be by Tolba (1986) (70 %); El - Sherbeeney et al. (1989) (30 %); Salem (1989) Abd El-Aal (1993); Mousa et al. (1993) (40 %) and Abd El- Aziz et al . (1996)

The achieved results of examined liver samples were higher than those by Lotfi et al . (1988) (up to 10^2 cfu/g.) and Hegazy-Salwa (1999) (< 10 cfu/g.

Thatcher and Clark (1968) stated that even as low as 5×10^4 *S. aureus* had been implicated as food poisoning agent relatively from fresh food , but processed meat revealed large population of *S.aureus* had been destroyed by heat , might be the less cause of food poisoning owing to the heat resistant enterotoxins produced . So, according to the mean values of the examined luncheon , sausage , pasterma and liver samples which under 5×10^4 so became more safe for consumers and may be due to the less handling in ready - to - eat meat meals

S.aureus plays a great role in bacterial contamination of cooked meat products. Workers during preparation and processing may touch cooked meat that are eaten without further cooking or heating (Al -Tawab , 2004).

In small number of cases , cooked sausage is known to have been responsible for *S.aureus* food poisoning (Varnam and Jane, 1995).

S.aureus is responsible for food poisoning by the production of one or more heat stable extracellular toxins which lead to the symptoms of the disease (Bergdoll, 1980).

Several *Staphylococci* food poisoning outbreaks were attributed to the use of workers hands in preparation of food (Soliman , 1988).

Table (2) showed the frequency distribution of *S.aureus* count in the examined samples of luncheon , sausage , pasterma and liver were (92.5 %) at frequency range $10^3 < 10^5$; (85%) at frequency range $10^2 < 10^4$; (95 %) at frequency range $< 10^4$ and (85 %) at frequency range $10^2 < 10^4$, respectively .

Table(3) The recorded results point out that *E.coli* was isolated according to the number of samples in percentage of 20 % , 25 % , 15 % and 17.5% from sausage , pasterma and liver samples , respectively, and isolated according to the number of isolates in percentage of 6.67% , 7.1 % , 4.58% and 6.25% from sausage , pasterma and liver isolates. Regarding the examined luncheon samples *E. coli* failed to be detected by Hemeida et al . (1986); Tolba (1994) and (2001) , *E.coli* was previously isolated from luncheon by Rafaei and Nash (2001) ; El- Daly (1990) (30 %) ; Gouda (1991) (52 %) ; Fathi et al . (1992) (66 %) ; Ghoniem (1992) (18 %) ; Abd El-Aal (1993) (28.57 %) ; Mousa et al . (1994) (52 %) ; Fathi et al . (1994) (41.6 %) Sayed et al. (2001) (30 %) ; Eleiwa (2003) (4%) and Abou-Hussien-Reham (2004) (40 %) .

Furthermore the sausage samples revealed that *E. coli* failed to be isolated by Palic et al . (1982) , while *E.coli* could be isolated by Catsaras and Grel (16 %); Gobran (1985)(60 %); Hassan (1986) (30 %) ; Lotfi et al . (1986) Tolba (1986) (52.5 %) ; Abd El - Aziz (1987) (50%); Zaki-Eman (1990) Fathi et al . (1992) (25 %) ; Mohamed (1997) (10 %) ; Yassien et al . (1999) ; Fathi and Thabet (2001) (16.67 %) ; Ouf-Jehan (2001) (25%); Eleiwa (2003) (12 %); Zaki-Eman (2003) (40 %) and Abou - Hussien-Reham (2004

Regarding pasterma samples, E.coli failed to be detected previously Sherif-Amal (1983) ; Hemeida et al . (1986) and Tolba (1986) , while detected by Gobran (1985) (12 %) ;

Abd El – Aziz (1987) (80%) ; Rafaie and Nashed (1989) ; Edris an (1990) (14.3 %) ; Zaki-Eman (1990) (84 %) ; Ghoniem (1992) (11 %) ; Al (1993) ; Edris (1993) (8.57 %) and Mousa et al . (1993) (27 %) .

E.coli could be isolated from liver samples by Morshdy (1992) and Salwa(1999) (20 %) .

Results recorded in table (4) and fig. (2) declared the incidence of E.coli isolated from examined isolates of street vended meat products , 8 (50%) isolates of E.coli was identified as untypable strains from examined 16 samples , whilemean three serotypes could be recorded as O111 : K58 (E) serotypes could be recorded as O55 : K59 (B5) and two serotypes could be recorded as O126 : K71 (B16) . Regarding the sausage samples ,nine (52.94 %) isolates of E.coli were identified as untypable strains of examined sausage is whilemean three serotypes could be recorded as O111 K58 (B4) , three s could be recorded as O26 : K60 (B6) and two serotypes could be recorded as 61 (B7), Seven (63.64 %) out of 11 isolates of E.coli were identified from e pasterma samples could be recorded as untypable strains , whilemean two s could be recorded as O126 : k71 (B16) and two serotypes could be recorded K61 (B7) .

Moreover , six (50%) out of 12 isolates of E.coli were identified from e liver samples could be recorded as untypable strains , whilemean two serova be recorded as O55 : K59 (B5) , two serotypes could be recorded as O26 : K and two serotypes could be recorded as O114 : K90(B-).

Detection of Enteropathogenic E.coli even in low number, in food revealed health hazard and it may give rise to outbreaks of meat borne gastrointestinal with a significant mortality in infants (ICMSF , 1996 , Fraizer and Westhoff and heat treated foods must be free from E . coli (Gluck, 1995) .

According to Egyptian Organization for Standardization (E.O.S. , 2005) f examined street vended meat product samples showed in table (5) and fig . (3) samples which exceeded the legal standard for S.aureus count in luncheon pasterma were 100% in both .

Furthermore the unacceptable samples for E.coli in luncheon and pasterma 20% and 15% , respectively .

There is no Egyptian Standardization for liver and sausage which sold by vendors in the form of sandwiches .

Conclusion and recommendations: In conclusion , information given by the results indicate that the meat and meat products of street vendors have prepared and handled under poor sanitary conditions due to lack of hygienic practices as well as the use of poor quality ingredients. It is recommended that the concerned authorities should take steps to prohibit or improve street vended meat , through activation the local food laws .

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بكتريا القولونى والميكروب المكور العنقودى الذهبى من بعض منتجات معروضه للبيع مع الباعه الجائلين .

لدراسة على ١٦٠ عينة من بعض منتجات اللحوم المعروضه للبيع مع الباعه الجائلين مثل ت اللانشون، السجق ، البسطرمة و الكبدية) ٤٠ عينة من كل نوع جمعت بطريقة عشوائية الجائلين من محافظة المنوفية لتحديد الميكروبات الدالة علي التلوث ودلت النتائج على ان عدد الكلى للميكروب المكور العنقودى الذهبى هو $9,1 \times 10^3 \pm 1,3 \times 10^3$ ، $1,16 \times 10^3 \pm 0,04 \times 10^3$ ، $2,8 \times 10^3 \pm 0,04 \times 10^3$ و $3,1 \times 10^3 \pm 0,63 \times 10^3 \pm 0,092 \times 10^3$.

الميكروب القولونى (E.coli) من عينات سندوتشات كل من اللانشون والسجق والبسطرمة بية ٢٠ % ، ٢٥ % ، ١٥ % ، ١٧,٥ % . وقد تم تصنيف العترات المعزولة سيروولوجياً و الميكروب العنقودى الذهبى المتجلط من عينات سندوتشات كل من اللانشون والسجق والكبدية بنسبة ٢٧,٣ % و ٢٧,٧ % و ٢٨,٣ % و ٢١,٦٥ % على التوالي. هذا وقد أهمية الصحية للمعزولات وكذلك التوصيات الخاصة بتحسين أو منع تداول تلك المنتجات .