

# Modernizing the Ways of Traditional Smoking: Application of Liquid and Dry Smoke in Meat, Poultry and Pet Foods

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# Overview of the History, Uses, and Regulatory Status of Liquid Smoke for Food Applications

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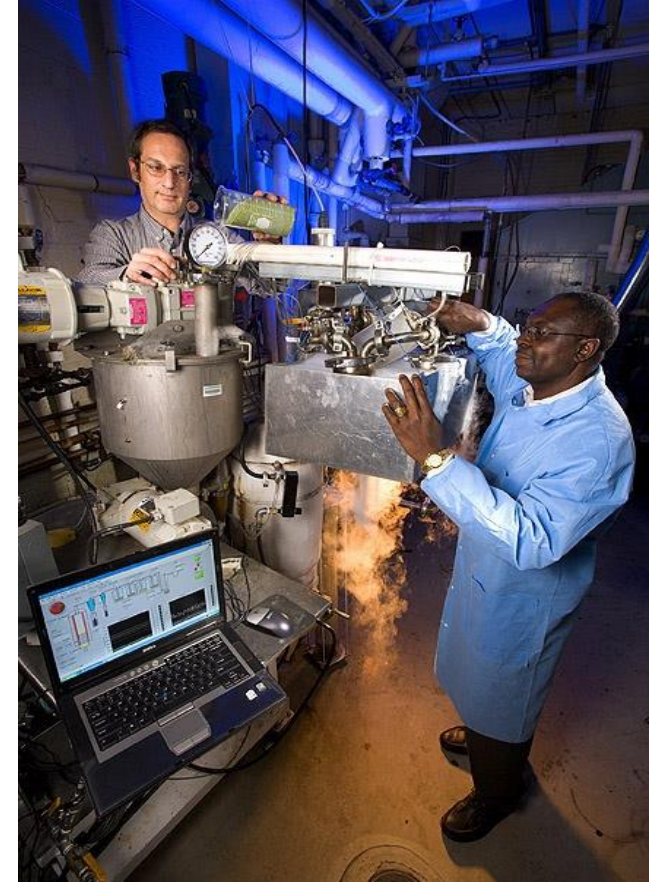


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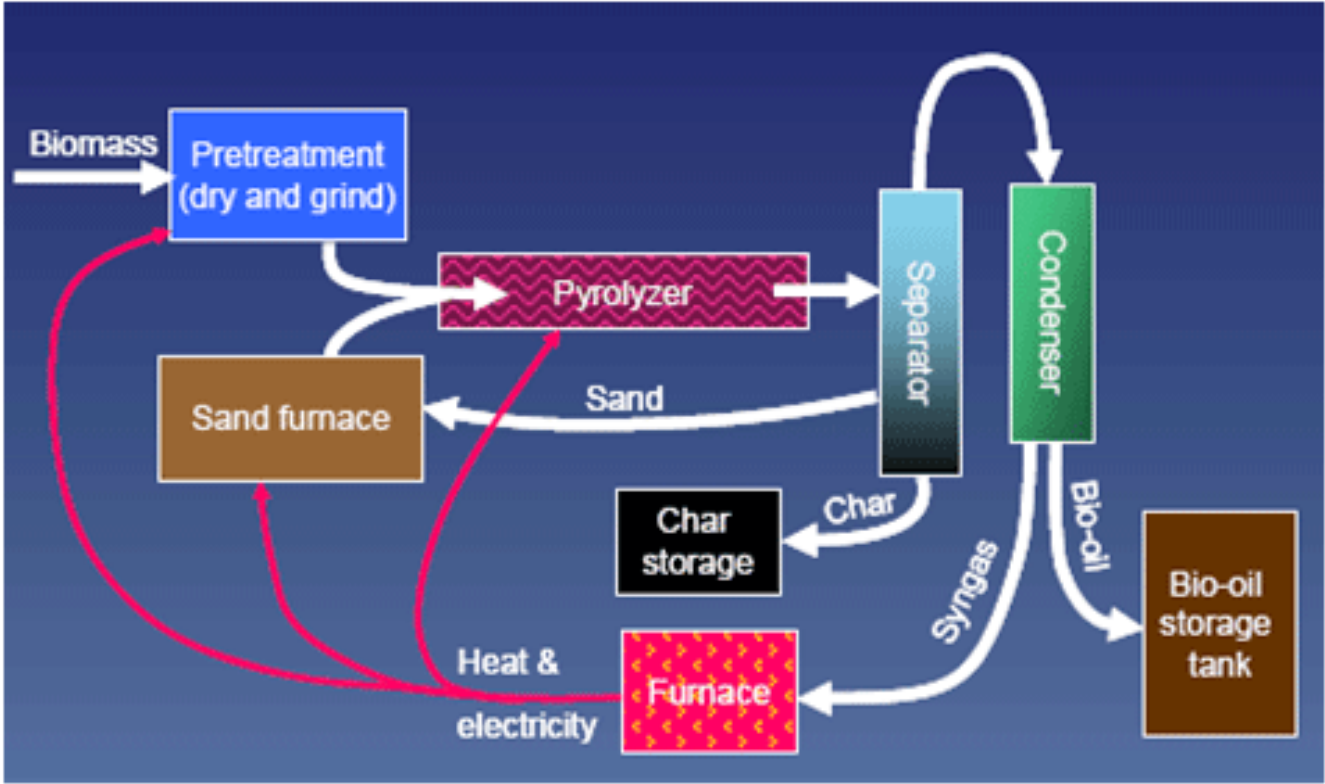
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# USDA-ARS, ERRC Bio-Energy Program Sustainable Biofuels and Co-products Research Unit Fast Pyrolysis Reactors



# Fast Pyrolysis Thermo-Chemical Conversion



# History of Traditionally Smoking Meats





# Colonial Smokehouses in Williamsburg, VA



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# *History* of Traditionally Smoking Meats

- Used for centuries/millennia in cultures around the world
- Involves heating wood/sawdust or other organic feedstocks (e.g., nut shells, coconut hulls, rice husks, etc.) at temperatures and/or oxygen-limiting conditions to promote smoldering and prevent burning
- Hardwoods are favored (e.g., mesquite, maple, oak, hickory, cherry, apple, beech, pecan, etc.), while some softwoods are acceptable
- Hypoxoic fast pyrolysis being studied for its production (>100 publications)



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- Delays microbial spoilage and pathogen growth by the production of antimicrobials
- Delays oxidative spoilage by the production of antioxidants
- Enhances color
- Enhances aroma
- Enhances flavor
- Enhances texture and promotes peeling on some meat products
- Dries/lowers  $a_w$





# *Challenges With Traditionally Smoking Meats*



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- Natural meat smoking is not economically or logistically feasible in many locations and for many (especially small) companies
- Important employee safety/health considerations during production
- Traditional smoking imparts some metabolically toxic and potentially carcinogenic chemical byproducts to foods (e.g., PAHs [Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons])
  - ❖ Natural smoke extract can contain >60 different PAHs, although formation is minimized at < 400°C



*Liquid* Smoke, Smoke Condensates  
and Smoke Extracts  
aka Wood Vinegar or Pyroligneous Acid



# History of *Liquid* Smoke



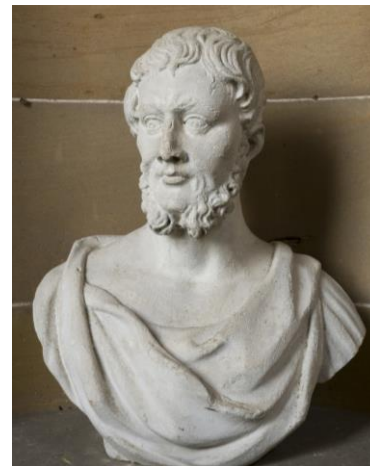
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- Roman naturalist, Pliny the Elder, recorded its use as a superior embalming agent (ca. 50 A.D.)







# History of *Liquid* Smoke

- Wood vinegar first called pyroligneous acid in 1788
- Popularized and first marketed in the U.S. by Missouri pharmacist Ernest H. Wright in 1895 – used by farmers curing meats
- Historically applied to meat & poultry, fish & seafood, and non-meat foods (e.g., nuts, cheese, tofu, beans, pet food, etc.)
- 2023 global market value of ca. \$93 million expected to reach \$245 million by 2033

<https://www.futuremarketinsights.com/reports/liquid-smoke-market>





# *Benefits* of Industrial Liquid Smoke Application



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# *Benefits* of Industrial Liquid Smoke Application

- Some benefits similar to traditional smoking (e.g., enhances color, aroma, and flavor, & includes antioxidants + antimicrobials to prevent microbial and oxidative spoilage)
- Toxic chemical compounds removed by refining condensates with phase separation and filtration (e.g., PAHs)



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# *Benefits* of Industrial Liquid Smoke Application

- Reduces harmful smoke emissions in the vicinity during application (especially urban areas)
- Reduces other employee safety/health hazards
- Reduced labor costs for food application and cleanup
- Increased throughput



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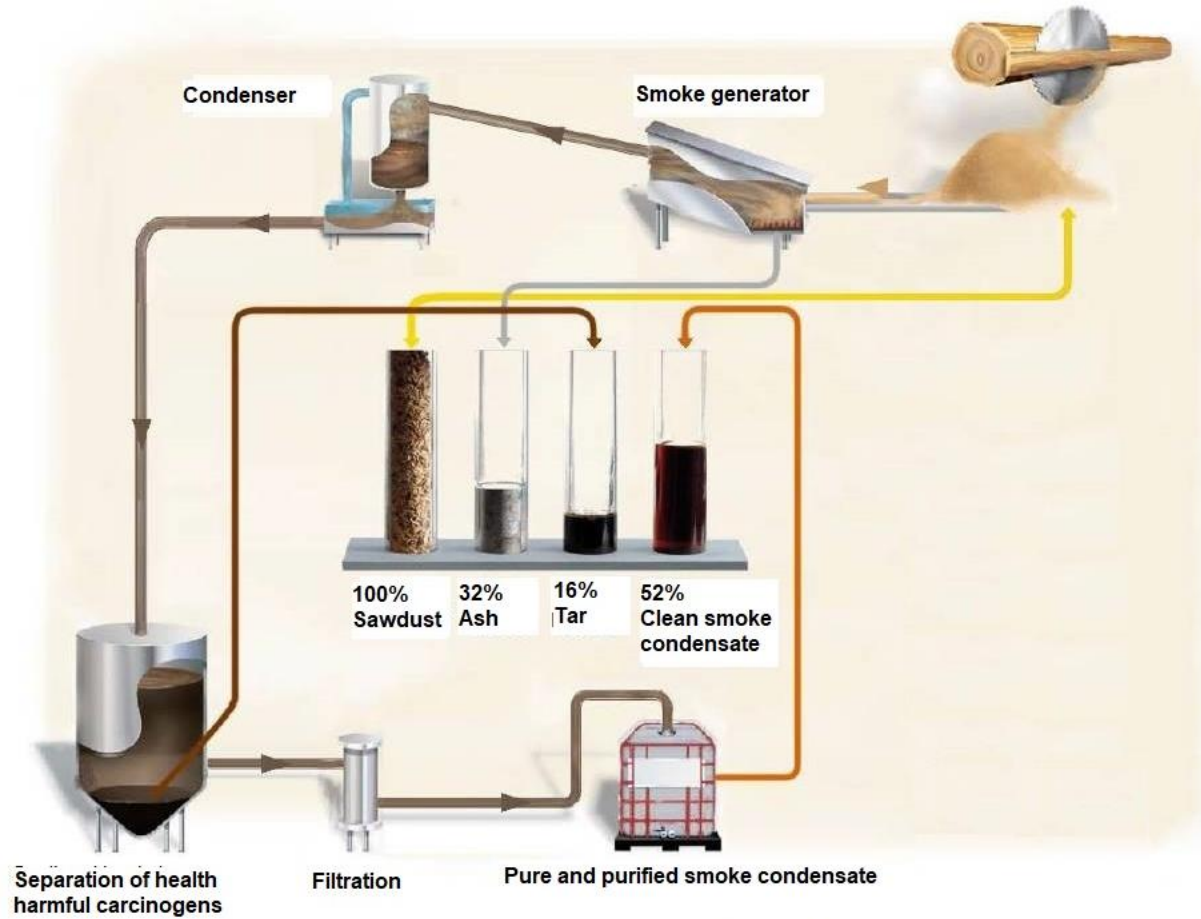
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# *Production of Smoke Condensates and Extracts*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&app=desktop&v=YJUGzk03qeM>



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# *Production of Smoke* Condensates and Extracts

- Research done in 1960s and 1970s refined modern processing
- Produced by batch or continuous feed, typically at 450-500°C
- Reactors include rotary ovens, heated augers, and fluidized beds
- Condenses into an aqueous phase and an oil phase, collected by water baths, scrubbers or shell and tube heat exchangers
- Aged to increase sensory qualities
- Filtration and purification removes unwanted and harmful compounds (e.g., waxes, resins, terpenes, metals, PAHs, etc.)



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# *Chemical Composition* of Smoke Condensates and Extracts

- Important components include water, organic acids (e.g., acetic, propionic), carbonyls, and phenols (with other compounds, e.g. furans and furfurals), many impart tartness
- Condensate contain ca. 400 organic compounds, including ca. 85 phenols, 110 aldehydes and ketones, 65 carboxylic acids, 20 aliphatic hydrocarbons, 80 aromatic hydrocarbons, as well as alcohols, esters, etc.



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# *Chemical Composition* of Smoke Condensates and Extracts

- Wood to generate liquid smoke composed of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignins
- Cellulose & hemicellulose (pyrolyze at 180-350°C) generate organic acids & carbonyls (i.e., aldehydes & ketones) - impart sweetness, color, and antimicrobials
- Lignins (pyrolyze at 300-500°C) generate phenols - impart smoky flavors, aroma, antimicrobials, and antioxidants



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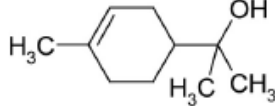
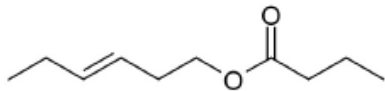
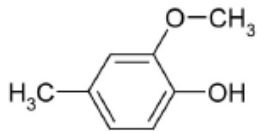
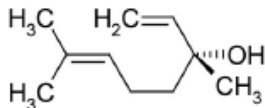
- Type of wood used
- Moisture content
- Particle size
- Temperature
- O<sub>2</sub> concentration
- Vapor residence time



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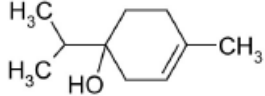
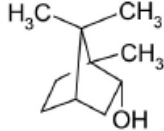
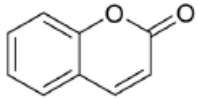
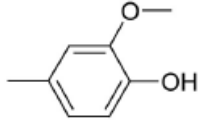
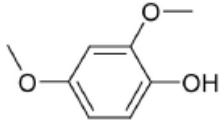
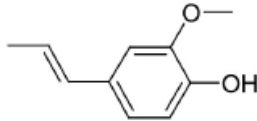
**Table 2.** Organoleptic compounds found in LSC [34, 42].

Compound	Structure	Flavour
$\alpha$ -terpineol		sweet, floral, lilac flavour
3-hexenylbutanoate		wine-like, green, cognac or brandy, slightly buttery flavour
4-methylguajacol		spicy, aromatic, sweet, smoky, caramel, vanilla-like
linalool		light lavender flavour

Simon, et al., 2005. Composition and analysis of liquid smoke flavouring primary products. *Journal of Separation Science*. 28:871-882



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terpinen-4-ol		pepper, woody, earthy, musty
endo-borneol		camphoraceous, earthy, pine
2H-1-benzopyran-2-one		fragrant, resembling vanilla beans, burning taste
guaiacol		phenolic, spicy, peppery hot, sweet, dry, smoky
4-methoxyguajacol		phenolic, smoky, burnt, Whiskey, dry, peppery hot
i-eugenol		sweet fruity, mildly smoky, dry, peppery hot

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# *Commercially Marketed* Condensed Liquid Smoke Preparations



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# *Commercially Marketed* Condensed Liquid Smoke Preparations

1. Concentrated liquids for atomizing, or smoke regeneration in smoking/cooking chambers
2. Extracts added to meat by injection or mixing
3. Water-miscible solutions for direct liquid surface applications
4. Powders added to carriers to provide smoke flavor
5. Condensates to be directly added to sauces for meat application



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- Incorporating into ingredients, breading, batters, other coatings
- Injecting
- Spraying, dipping, brining
- Impregnated into meat casings, stuffed and cooked



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# Regulatory Status of Liquid Smoke Application for Meats and Poultry



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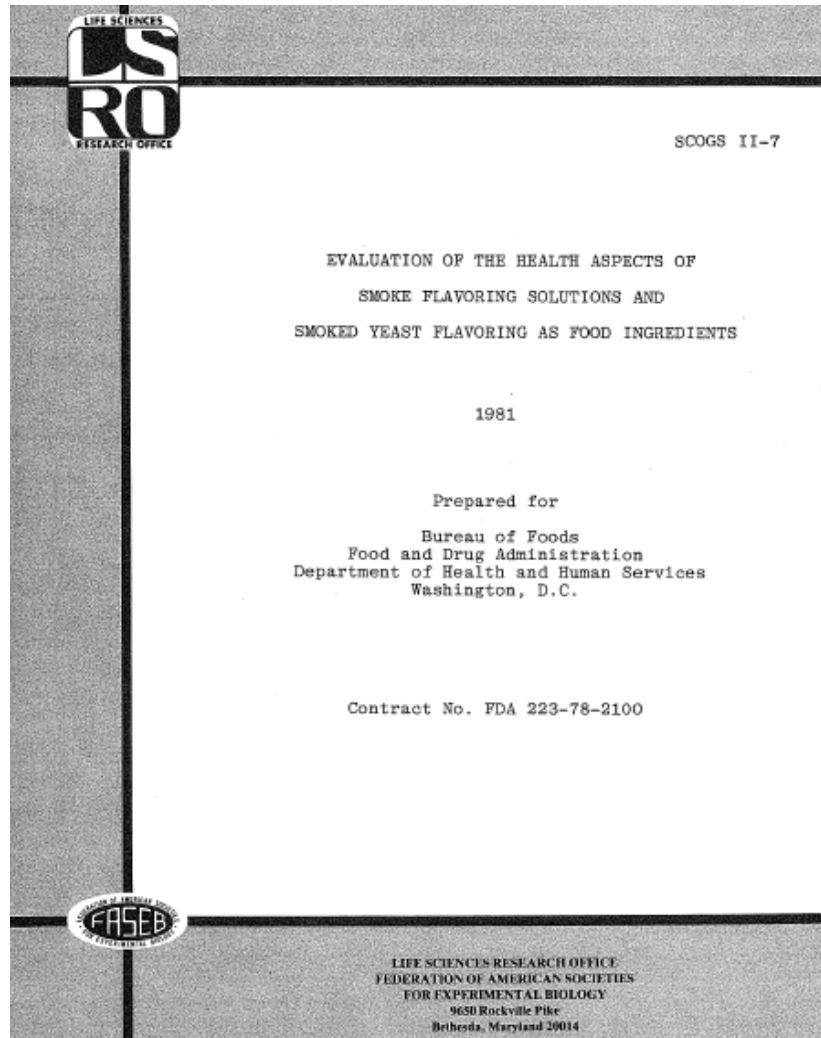
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Classified as a Generally  
Recognized as Safe (GRAS)  
compound by the FDA



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<https://ask.usda.gov/s/article/askFSIS-Public-Q-A-sf>



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9 CFR 317.2 (j) (3)

*“When an artificial smoke flavoring or a smoke flavoring is added as an ingredient in the formula of a meat food product, as permitted in part 318 of this subchapter, there shall appear on the label, in prominent letters and contiguous to the name of the product, a statement such as “Artificial Smoke Flavoring Added” or “Smoke Flavoring Added,” as may be applicable, and the ingredient statement shall identify any artificial smoke flavoring or smoke flavoring so added as an ingredient in the formula of the meat food product.”*

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-9/chapter-III/subchapter-A/part-317/subpart-A/section-317.2>



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*“Meat or poultry products which have been exposed to natural liquid smoke flavor which has been transformed into a true gaseous state by the application of heat or transformed into vapor by mechanical means, e.g., atomization, may be labeled “Smoked.””*

USDA, FSIS. 2024. Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book.

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/import/Labeling-Policy-Book.pdf>



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# Regulatory Status of Liquid Smoke

## Application for Fish and Fishery Products

21 CFR 123.3 (s)



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# Regulatory Status of Liquid Smoke Application for Fish and Fishery Products 21 CFR 123.3 (s)

*“Smoked or smoke-flavored fishery products means the finished food prepared by:*

- (1) Treating fish with salt (sodium chloride), and*
- (2) Subjecting it to the direct action of smoke from burning wood, sawdust, or similar material and/or imparting to it the flavor of smoke by a means such as immersing it in a solution of wood smoke.”*

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-21/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-123>



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# Multifunctional Smoke Systems for Antimicrobial and Antioxidant efficacy in Food Application

Revolutionizing Food Preservation With  
Innovative Clean Label Smoke Technology





# Smoke solutions for meat and poultry preservation

Why smoke?

Issues in safety and quality of meat ?

How smoke can preserve meat?

Delaying spoilage: **Fresh Poultry**

Shelf-life extension and *Listeria* control:  
**Frankfurters**

***Salmonella* control** in fresh poultry

Sensory validation

Other applications - **Beverages**





# Bacteria impacting the meat safety and stability

## Common Defects in Meat Products & Causal Bacteria

Defects	Meat product	Causative Bacteria
Slime	Meats	<i>Pseudomonas, Lactobacillus, Enterococcus, Weissella, Brochothrix</i>
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Greening	Meats	<i>Weissella, Leuconostoc, Enterococcus, Lactobacillus</i>
H <sub>2</sub> S Greenin	Vacuum Packaged Meats	<i>Shewanella</i>
H <sub>2</sub> S Production	Cured Meats	<i>Vibrio, Enterobacteriaceae</i>
Sulfide Odor	Vacuum Packaged Meats	<i>Clostridium, Hafnia</i>
Cabbage Odor	Bacon	<i>Providencia</i>
Putrefaction	Ham	<i>Enterobacteriaceae, Proteus</i>
Bone taint	Whole Meats	<i>Clostridium, Enterococcus</i>
Souring	Ham	Lactic acid bacteria, <i>Enterococcus, Micrococcus, Bacillus, Clostridium</i>

Nychas et al. (2008)

## Microbial risk for meat safety

Risk	Causative Bacteria
<b>INFECTION</b>	<i>Salmonella, Campylobacter jejuni, Listeria monocytogenes</i>
<b>Production of TOXINS</b>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus, Bacillus cereus, Clostridium botulinum</i>





# How to maintain food stability and food safety

Delay the growth  
of spoilage  
bacteria

Inhibit the  
pathogen

**Food  
Safety  
first!**

Control oxidation

Control Yeast &  
Molds

Nychas et al. (2008)





# Smoking of poultry, fish and red meat has been increasing in popularity

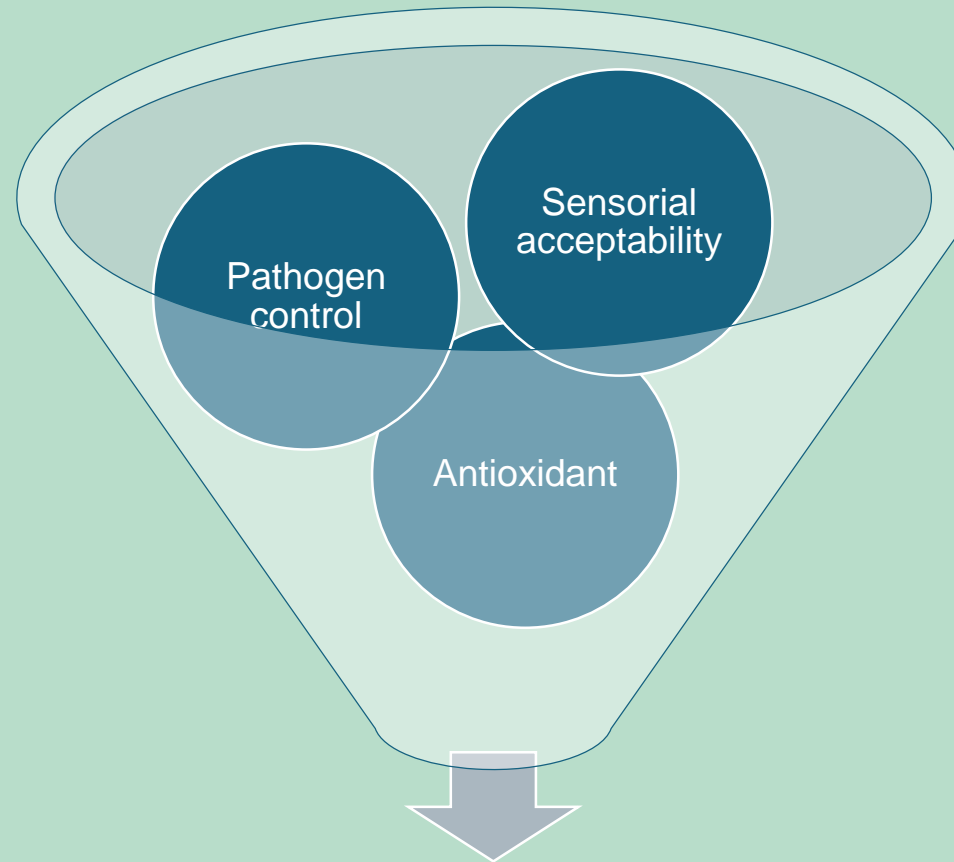
## Benefits of Liquid smoke

1. Application of liquid smoke requires less time
2. Ease of application
3. Use of liquid smoke allow the processor to control the concentration of smoke being applied – good reproducibility of desired characteristics obtained in the final product



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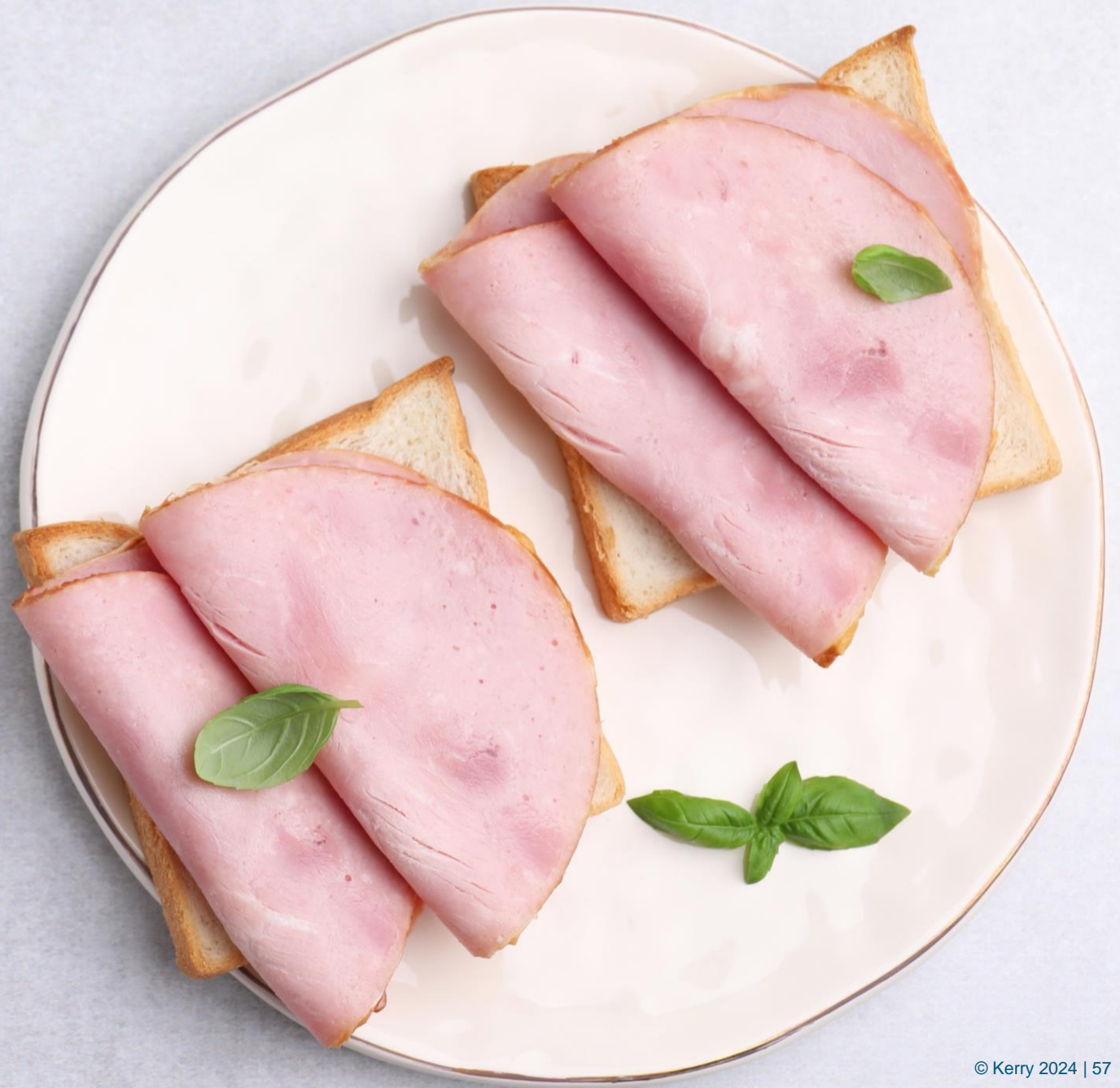
# The Power of Smoke



**One package preservative solution**



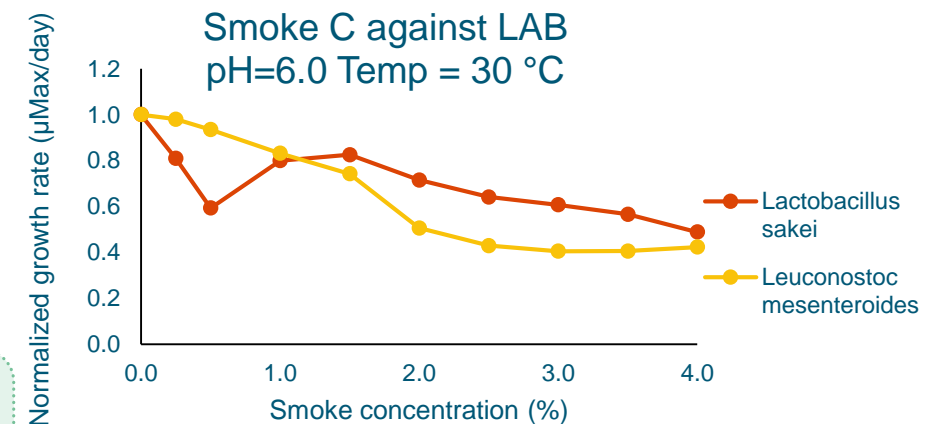
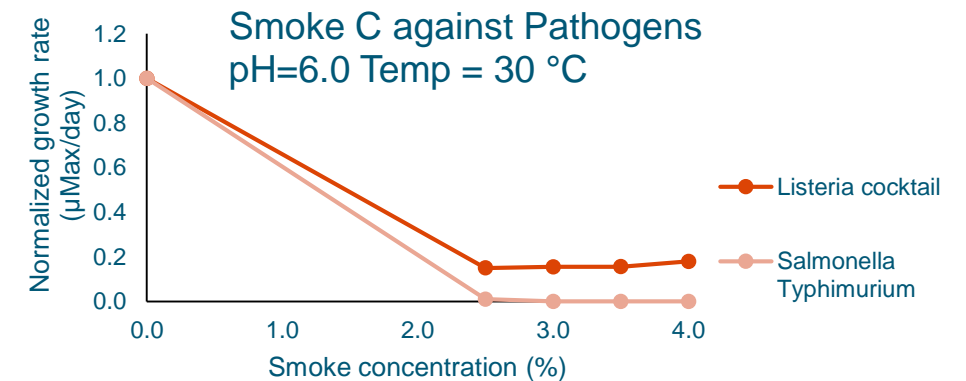
# In-vitro studies



# Antimicrobial efficacy in-vitro of liquid and dry smoke products

MIC % (Minimum inhibitory concentration) at pH= 6.0 and Temp= 30 °C

	Pathogenic bacteria	Smoke A (Liquid) (%)	Smoke B (Liquid) (%)	Smoke C (Liquid) (%)	Smoke D (Dry) (%)
1	<i>Listeria cocktail</i>	0.25	1.0	>4.0	0.4
2	<i>E. coli</i>	0.20	1.0	>4.0	0.4
3	<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i>	0.25	1.0	3.0	0.4
4	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1.50	1.0	3.0	0.4
5	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	0.20	1.0	3.0	0.4
	<b>Lactic acid bacteria</b>				
6	<i>Lactobacillus sakei</i>	0.50	0.5	>4.0	0.1
7	<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i>	0.25	0.5	>4.0	0.4



## Conclusion

Antimicrobial efficacy in-vitro of Smoke A > Smoke D > Smoke B > Smoke C



# Application studies





# Antimicrobial efficacy of liquid smoke against spoilage and pathogenic bacteria in meat application

## Frankfurters



## *L. monocytogenes*

**Zesti Smoke @ 2.5% LS** -2 log CFU/mL reduction;  
**5% LS** -listericidal after 6 weeks;  
**10% LS** -listericidal after 4 weeks (Morey et al., 2012)

**Zesti B 100% sprayed** - Undetectable

1 log -after 1 week;  
2 log -after 4 weeks;  
3 log -slowly increased to 3.8 logs over 10 weeks  
Control -increased by 7 logs.

**CharSol-10 100% dipped** - 1 log reduction after 72 h  
(Messina et al.,1988)

## Ground pork bellies



## *Staphylococcus aureus*

**Charsol Supreme @1.25%** - 1.7 log reduction after 3 h (Taormina and Bartholome, 2005)



# Antimicrobial efficacy of liquid smoke against spoilage and pathogenic bacteria in seafoods application

Salmon



*L. monocytogenes*

**C10 *Staphylococcus aureus***

25% No reduction after 5 days at 25%.

50% Below detection after 5 days

75% Below detection after 3 days

100% Below detection after 3 day

(Paranjpye et al., 2004)

**AM-3, AM-10 @0.9%**

2 log CFU/g reduction *Listeria innocua* after 2 weeks

(Montazeri, Himelbloom et al., 2013)

**CharSol Supreme 60%, 15 s dip**

3 log reduction of *Listeria innocua* (Vitt et al., 2001)

Trout



**Smoke fractions 100% dip, 1 min**

*L. monocytogenes* -

L1 and L2 - below detection limit immediately;

S - below detection limit by 21 days;

L3 - no inhibitory affects (Suñen et al., 2003)

# Additive Combinations for Delaying Spoilage in Fresh Poultry



**Market Dynamic**

Shelf life without preservation is very short, needing to be ground onsite at the retailer and often creating large quantities of retail and consumer waste.

**Approach**

Focusing on spoilage, we looked for additive impact of two individual ingredients when used in combination, to further extend shelf life

**Impact**

Extra Shelf-Life Days	Smoke (230)	Buffered Vinegar	Combination
Versus Negative Control (no preservatives)	3 days	5 days	13 days

\*Depending on microorganisms present/of concern



**Before**

- No preservative

**After**

- Vinegar
- Natural (Smoke) Flavour



**Microbes of concern:**  
Spoilage (APC)



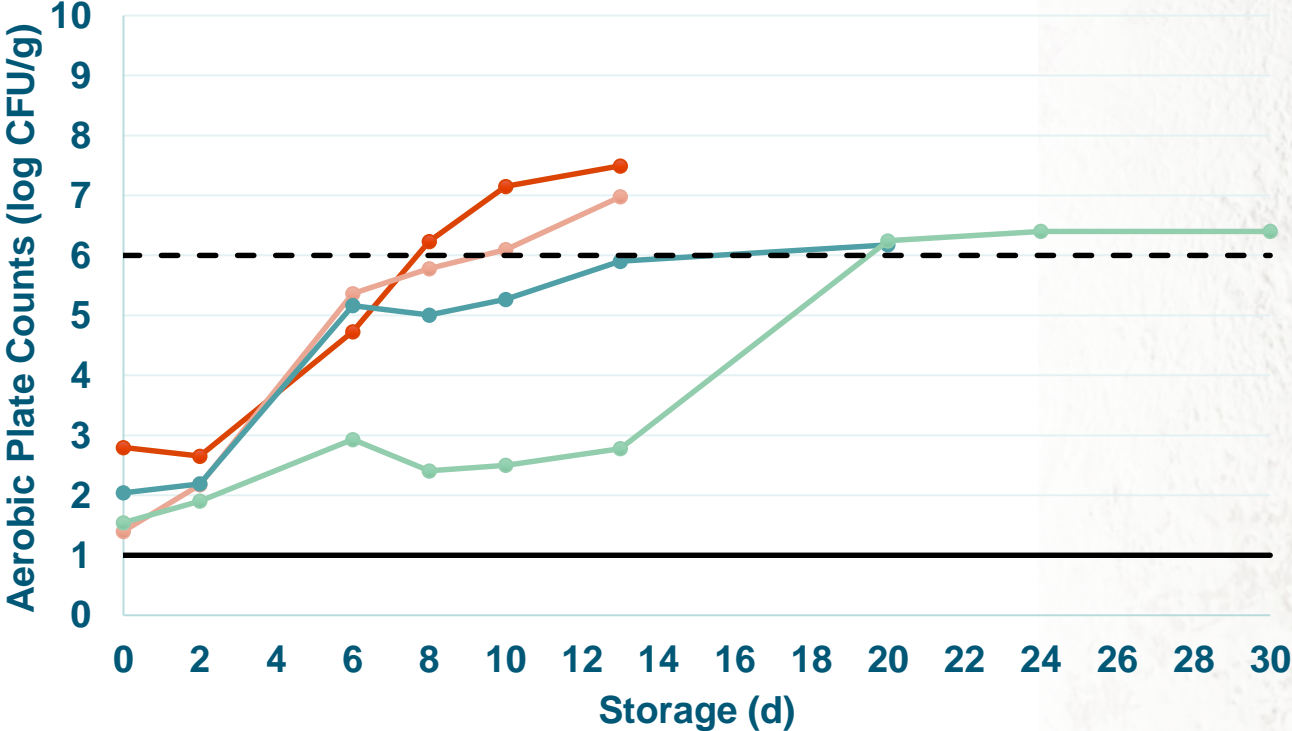
**13 days+**  
Minimum additional shelf life versus no preservatives





# Refrigerated Fresh Poultry treated with Buffered Vinegar and Smoke had An Enhanced Shelf Life

Fresh Poultry Aerobic Plate Count at 4°C  
pH: 6.5 | Moisture: 75% | Salt: 0.5%



- Control
- IsoAge DV110 (0.67%)
- Spoilage limit
- Cloud 230 (1.5%)
- Cloud 230 (1.5%)+IsoAge DV110 (0.67%)
- Detection limit





# The use of multifunctional ingredients to improve food safety

## Clean label shelf-life extension solutions for meat applications



Combined ingredient systems are key for longer shelf life



Microbial and oxidative delay are possible with clean label ingredients



Extra shelf-life days can translate into positive environmental impact





# Enhancing Sensory, Texture and Shelf Life of Hot Dogs



## Market Dynamic

Hot dogs are affordable and delicious meat products, beloved around the world. They have a long shelf-life expectation from retailers and consumers alike.



## Approach

Hurdle approach: Combining organic acids with an ingredient with a different mode of action can extend shelf life through additive effects.

## Impact

Extra Shelf-Life Days with 1.5% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	<i>Listeria</i>	<i>L. sakei</i>
Versus Negative Control (no preservatives)	>60 days	15 days
Versus Market Solution (IsoAge DV100)	28 days	13 days



**Before**

- Vinegar

**After**

- Vinegar
- Natural Smoke Flavour



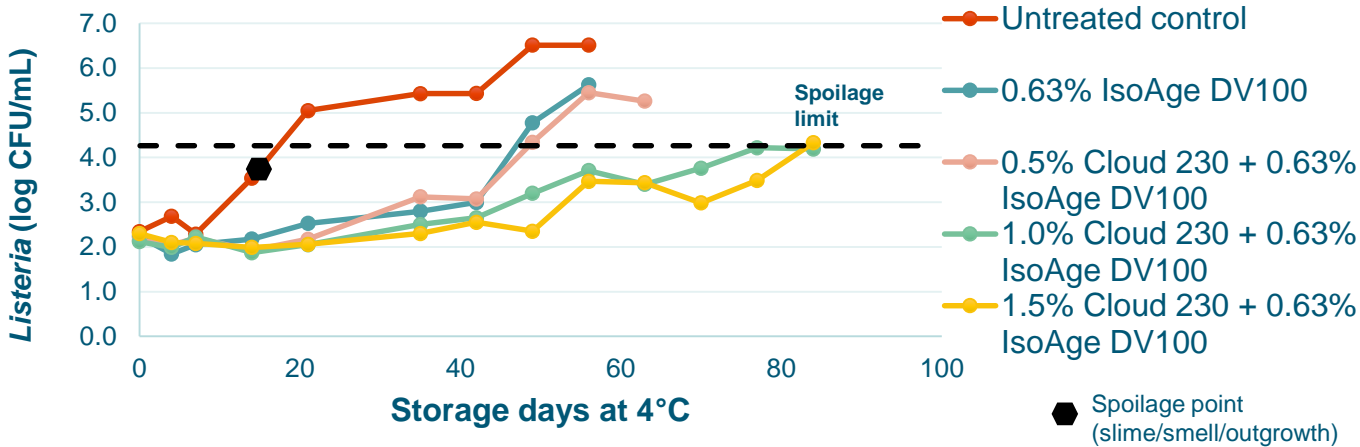
**Microbes of concern:**  
Pathogen (*Listeria monocytogenes cocktail*), Spoilage (*Lactobacillus sakei*)

**15 days+**  
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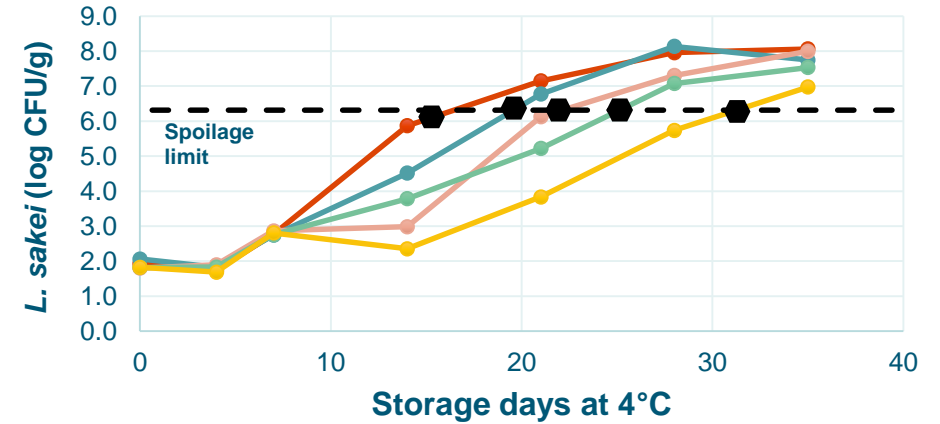


# Combined Efficacy of Vinegar and Smoke on Refrigerated Hot Dog Over Shelf Life

Hotdogs *Listeria* cocktail at 4°C pH: 6.7 | Moisture: 64% | Salt: 2.77%



Hotdogs *L. sakei* cocktail at 4°C pH: 6.7 | Moisture: 64% | Salt: 2.77%



Treatments	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (Days to ≥2 log outgrowth)
Control – no preservatives	17
0.63% IsoAge DV100	49
0.5% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	50
1.0% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	77
1.5% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	84

**Addition of Cloud 230 enhances Umami and Bite**

Treatments	<i>L. sakei</i> (Days to 7 log CFU/g)
Control – no preservatives	15 (smell) 20 (7 log)
0.63% IsoAge DV100	22
0.5% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	25
1.0% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	28
1.5% Cloud 230 + 0.63% IsoAge DV100	35

**Conclusion:** Hot Dogs treated with IsoAge DV100 in combination with Cloud 230 have been found to have a longer shelf life - stored at 4°C.



# Sensory Analysis

Sensory analysis was conducted to determine the sensorial impact of the Cloud 230 at three usage levels on key frankfurter attributes.

## Methods:

- Samples were blinded with three-digit codes and compared to reference (0.63% IsoAge DV100).
- Panelists used a 9-point relative to reference scale to determine how different and the directionality of that difference (more or less) for key attributes.

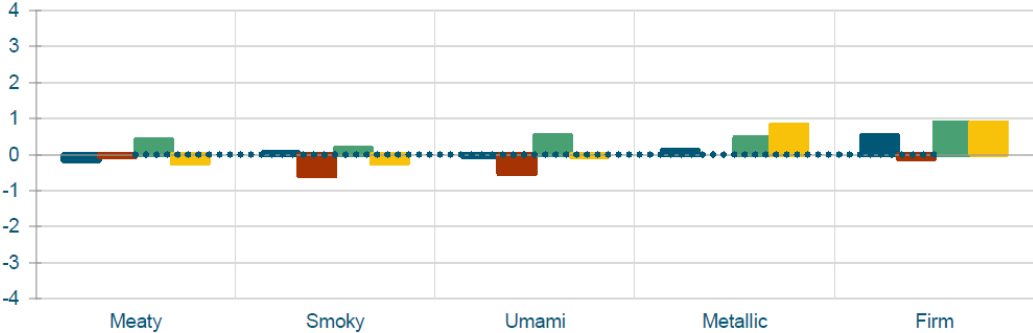
## Data Analysis:

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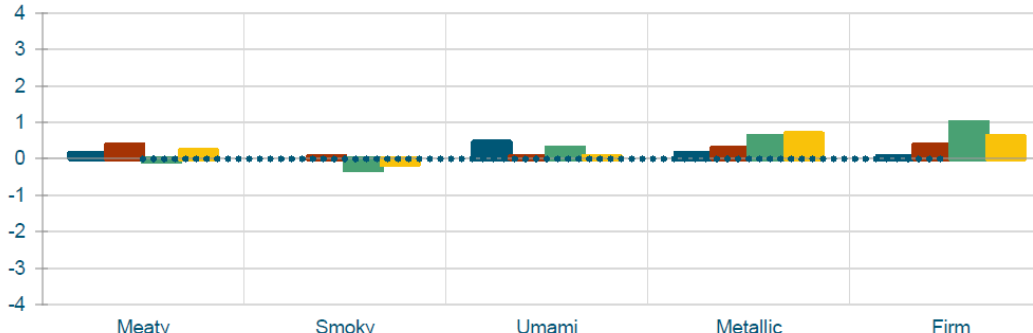


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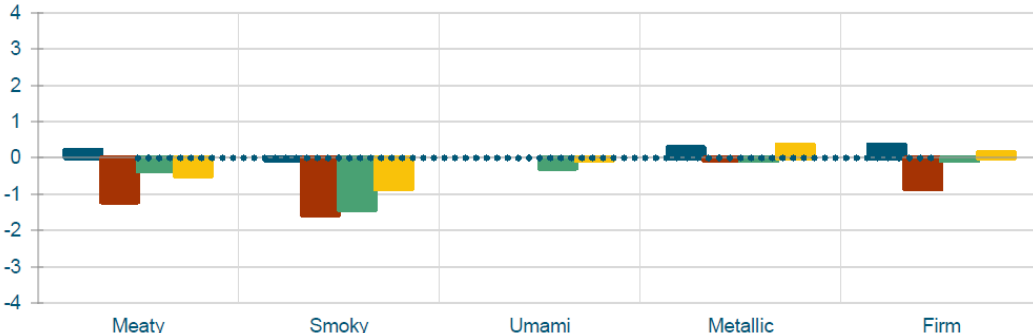
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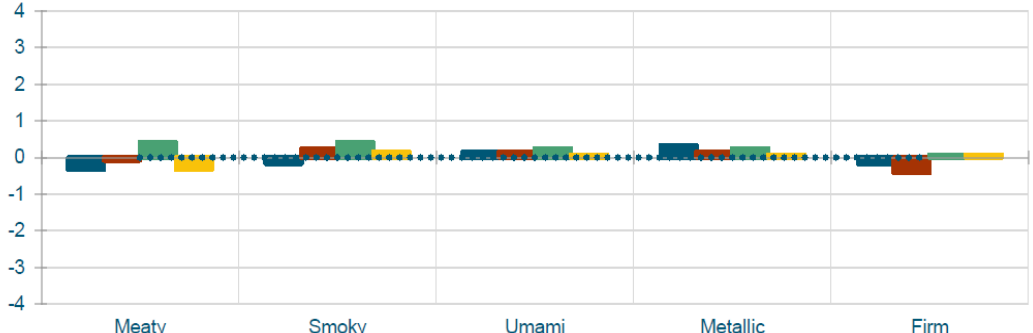
Day 14



Day 30



Day 60



■ (Blind) 0.63% IsoAge DV100  
■ 0.63% IsoAge DV100+ 1.0% Cloud 230

■ 0.63% IsoAge DV100+ 0.5% Cloud 230  
■ 0.63% IsoAge DV100+ 1.5% Cloud 230

# Salmonella Inhibition in Fresh Chicken

## Market Dynamic

- *Salmonella* -10 large-scale recalls in the US in 5 years  
(Source: USDA FSIS 2019 – 2024).
- About 1.35 million cases of salmonellosis, with 26,500 hospitalizations and 420 deaths  
(Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)).
- There are limited ingredients today that will protect food in the event of a *Salmonella* contamination.



**Microbe of concern:**  
*Salmonella*



# Evaluation of Smoke as an Intervention for *Salmonella spp.* in Ground Chicken

## Methodology

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Chicken breasts were cut into 4IN X 4IN SQUARES 100gr

Placed on a disinfected tray



25 pieces per tray

2



Chicken pieces were inoculated with 1ml of a diluted cocktail



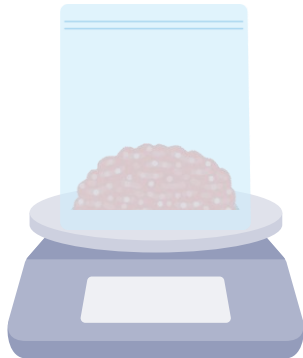
Diluted cocktail 2-3 LogCFU/ml enteritidis/infantis/typhimurium

3



Before the respective intervention pieces were left for 1 h for bacterial attachment and sprayed with smoke solutions

After intervention Pieces were grinded

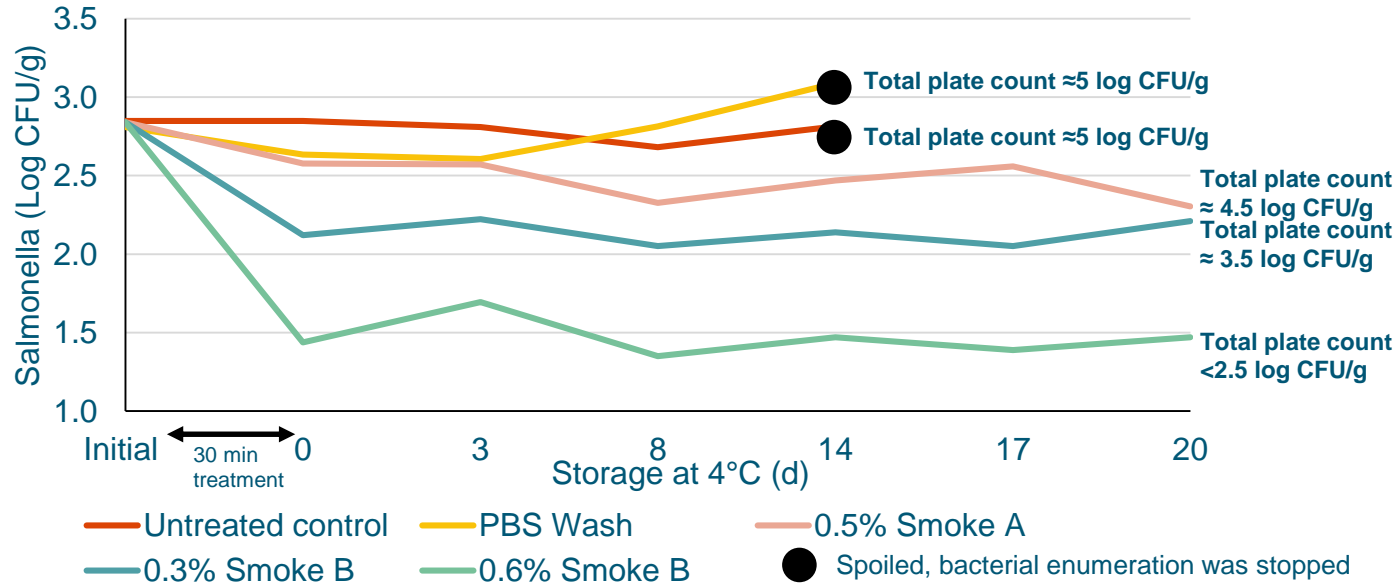


50 g samples and packaged until further processing.



# Challenge Study: Log Reduction of *Salmonella* in Various Fresh Poultry Formulations

Fresh poultry: Effect of Smoke A and Smoke B against *Salmonella*  
pH= 6.0; aw =0.962; Temp =4°C; MAP packaging (30% carbon dioxide and 70% nitrogen)



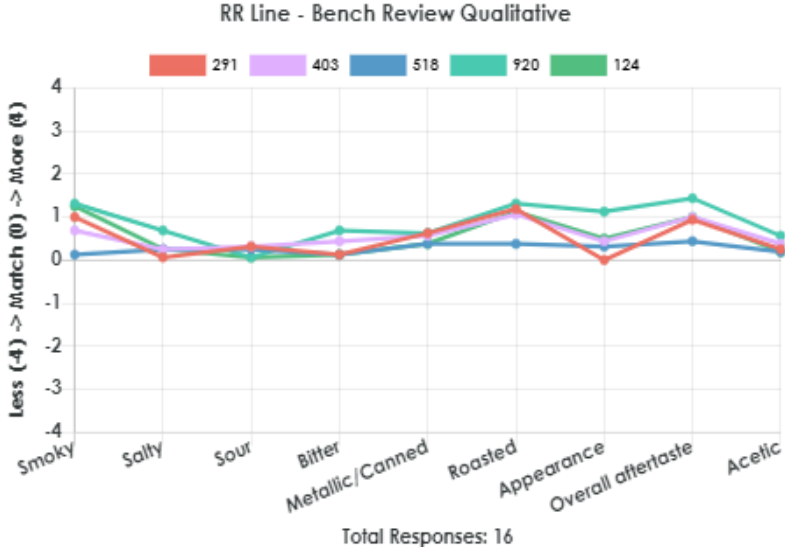
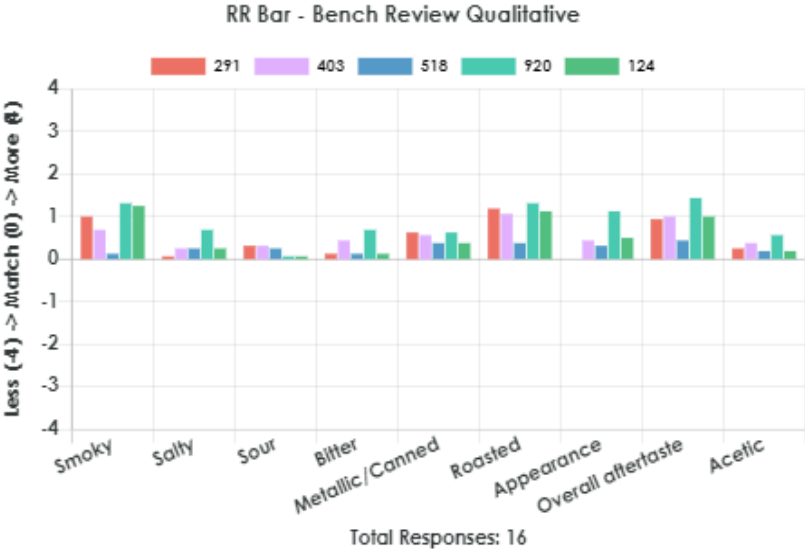
Treatments	Total <i>Salmonella</i> reduction (Log CFU/g) on day 0
Untreated control	No reduction observed
PBS wash	0.2
0.5% Smoke A	0.3
0.3% Smoke B	0.6
0.6% Smoke B	1.4

## Conclusion

- 0.3% Smoke B provided 0.6 log reduction maintained throughout storage.
- 0.5% Smoke A achieved 0.3 log CFU/g reduction of *Salmonella* cocktail in ground poultry which remained stable throughout storage.
- 0.6% Smoke B achieved 1.40 log CFU/g reduction of *Salmonella* cocktail in ground poultry which remained stable throughout storage. This treatment could impart smoky flavor and color so advantageous for applications such as smoked sausages.

# Sensory Validation of Various Ground Poultry Concepts Containing Smoke and Vinegar

Kerry Bench Review (KBR) system was used to evaluate the sensory characteristics by 17 panelists. **Attributes evaluated:** Acetic, Smoky, salty, sour, sweet, meaty, roasted, texture, appearance, and overall aftertaste.



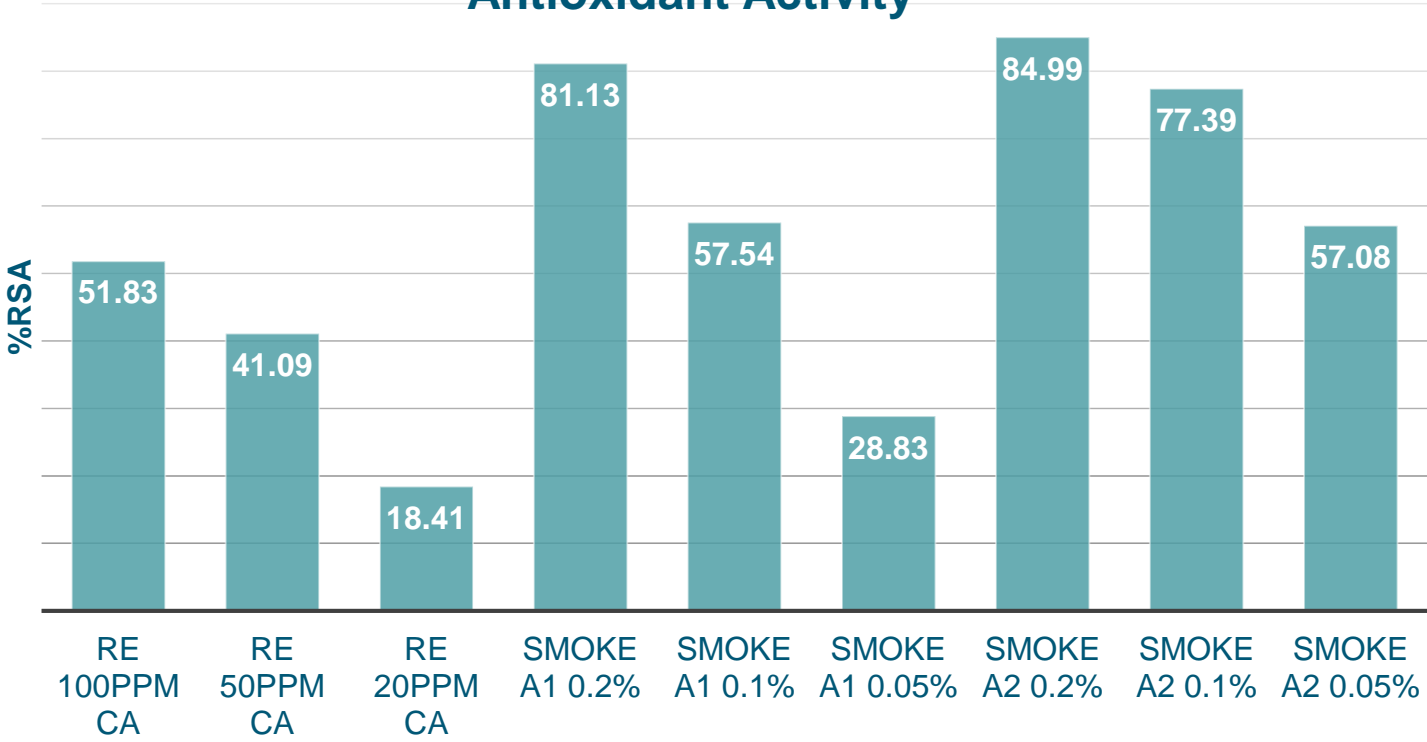
Sensory codes	Treatment
291	0.5% Smoke A
403	0.3% Smoke B
518	Untreated control
920	0.3% Smoke B + 0.19% Vinegar
124	0.3% Smoke A + 0.19% Vinegar

## Conclusion

1. Overall, there is an increased perception of smoky, roasted, acetic, and overall aftertaste with inclusion of 0.5% Smoke A and 0.3% Smoke B.
2. Metallic/Canned perception of samples with smoke were not significant different as compared to control.
3. 0.3% Smoke B imparted slightly bitter taste as compared to 0.5% Smoke A.
4. Addition of vinegar did not impact the sensory perception. Combination of smokes and vinegar at 0.49% can be used for ground chicken application.

# Antioxidant Analysis of smoke fractions (In vitro) via DPPH

### Comparison of Different Smokes with High Antioxidant Activity



Several smoke fractions were evaluated for radical scavenging capacity and found to have moderate to excellent antioxidant capabilities.






# Potential of Smoke in diverse food matrices





A photograph of three glasses of iced coffee on a light-colored, textured surface. The foreground glass is in sharp focus, showing condensation on the glass and several ice cubes. In the background, two more glasses are visible, slightly out of focus. To the right, there is a small plate with a wooden-handled knife and several slices of lime. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a clean and refreshing aesthetic.

**Yeast and Mold  
inhibition in  
Beverages,  
Supplements,  
Plant Based and  
Dairy**

# Carbonated Beverage: Yeast Challenge Study

## Aim

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To evaluate efficacy of Flavoset 5400L in carbonated beverage against Yeast.

## Trial Conditions

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- Products prepared in commercial trial
- 100 mL aliquoted into crimp top vials with rubber stopper (3 samples/treatment)
- Treatments inoculated with yeast cocktail at 2-4 log CFU/mL, mixed gently to attain uniform dispersion of inoculum
- Samples stored at 25 °C throughout the study.

## Microbiological analysis – Tested in Triplicate

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- Yeast and Mold on PDA incubate at 25 °C for 4-7 days.

## Product Characteristics & Sensory

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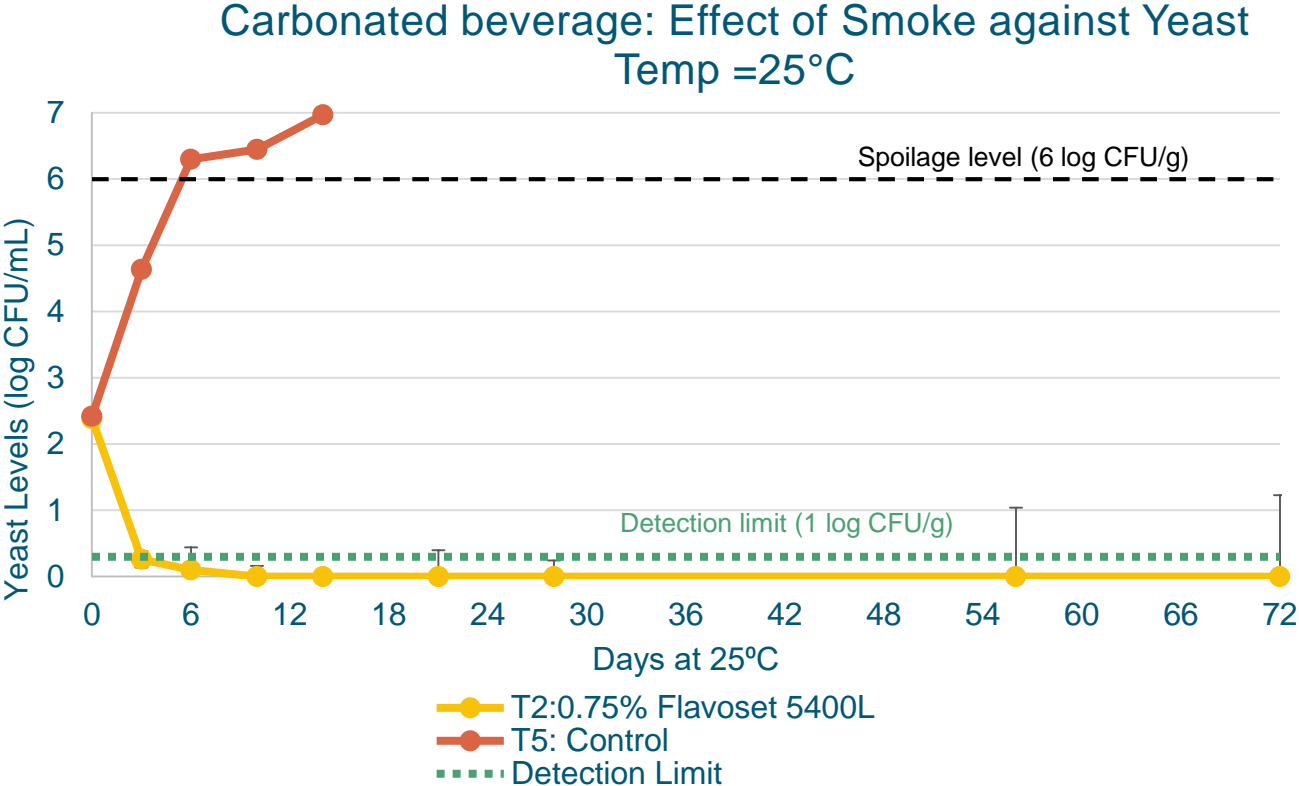
- pH, water activity (aw), colour

S. No.	Strain name
1	<i>Zygosaccharomyces bailii</i>
2	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>
3	<i>Candida tropicalis</i>
4	<i>Dekkera bruxellensis</i>
5	<i>Brettanomyces naardensis</i>

S.no.	Treatments	Smoke %
1	Untreated Control	-
2	Flavoset 5400L	0.75



# Carbonated Beverage - Antimicrobial Screening



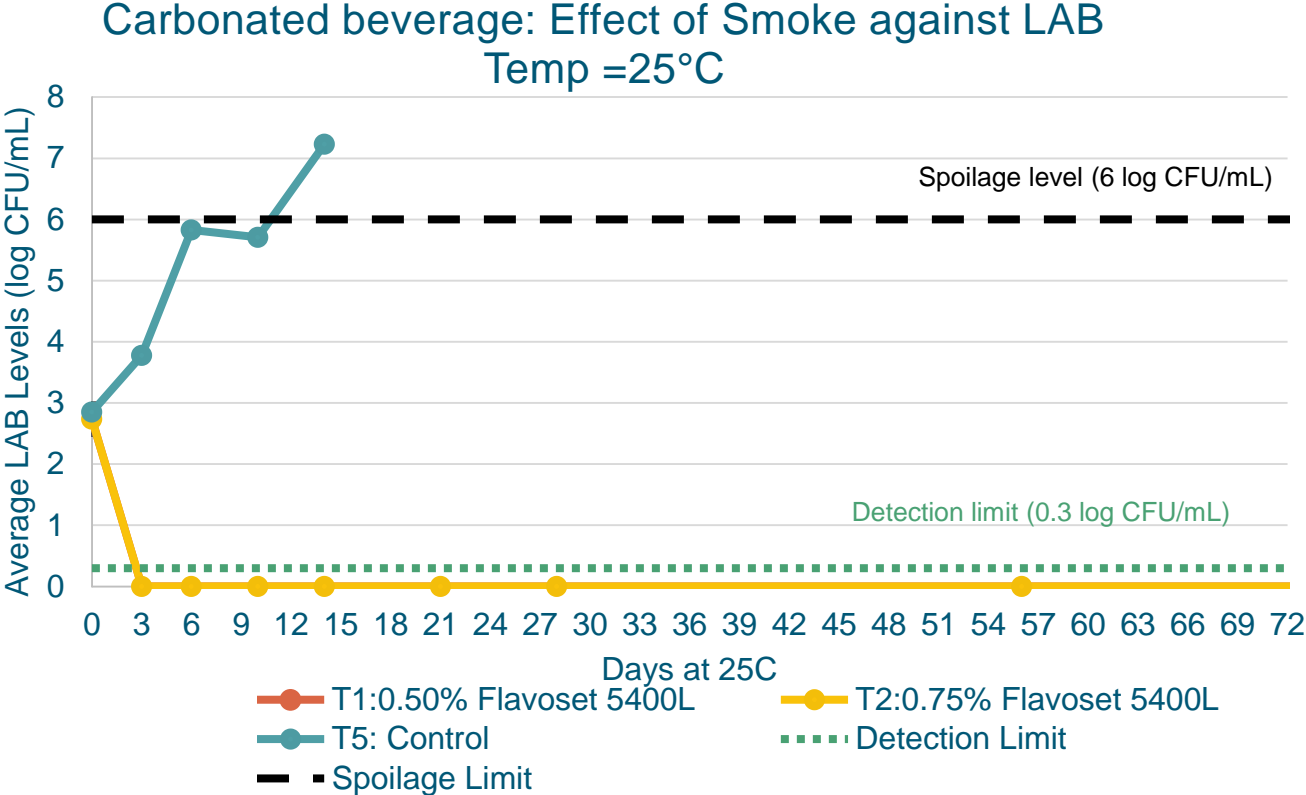
## Product characteristics

S. no.	Treatment	pH	Aw	Brix
1	T2: 0.75% Flavoset 5400L	3.42	0.9390	2.38
2	T5: Control	3.52	0.9488	2.18

### Conclusion

1. T5 (no antimicrobial control) reached spoilage limit around day 6
2. Yeast levels in T2: 0.75% Flavoset 5400L below detection limit post day 3 timepoint and continued to be below detection limit for >72 days.

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### Conclusion

1. T5 (no antimicrobial control) reached spoilage limit around day 10
2. LAB levels dropped below detection limit in T2, on day 3 and continued to be below detection limit for >72 days

# Smoke shows **potential efficacy** in a variety of applications



## RTD alcoholic beverage

- 4.0 - 7.9% ABV
- pH 2.9 - 4.0
- Brix 2.0 - 7.5

10 months challenge study – data available



## BFY prebiotic soda

- pH 3.3 - 3.6
- Brix 2.0 - 2.5

12 weeks challenge study – data available



## Beverage Concentrates

- pH 2.3 - 3.5
- Brix 5 -70

8 weeks challenge study – data available



## RTD tea-based drinks

- pH 3.5 - 4.5
- Brix 4 - 8

21 days challenge study – data available



# Cloud Smokes key takeaways

- 1) Cloud smokes provide a broad-spectrum antimicrobial efficacy.
- 2) Clean label preservative solution for wide variety of food products.
- 3) Smoke based solutions were effective in inhibiting and controlling the growth of *Salmonella* in fresh poultry.
- 4) Smoke solutions did not impact the sensory perception.
- 5) Multifunctional Systems- Combined technologies / products are more effective to meet specific goals.



# Cloud Smokes



## Label Friendly

Natural smoke enables consumer-friendly flavor labelling.



## Product Quality

Smoke attributes inherently maintain quality over shelf life.



## Sustainable

Captures the best of the smoking process and removes and repurposes undesirable fractions.

## IAFP WEBINAR

# Modernizing the Ways of Traditional Smoking: Application of Liquid and Dry Smoke in Meat, Poultry and Pet foods

## APPLICATION OF LIQUID SMOKE IN THE MITIGATION OF MOLDS AND MITES IN A SEMI-MOIST PET FOOD MODEL

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# Outline

- Introduction to intermediate moisture/semi-moist pet foods
- Spoilage & food safety issues
- Current challenges with conventional additives
- Liquid smoke: What we know/do not know
- Case studies:
  - Liquid smoke as an **acaricide** to control mite infestation in semi-moist pet food
  - Liquid smoke as an **antimycotic** to control mold spoilage in semi-moist pet food

# Introduction

- Semi-moist pet food
  - A popular **intermediate moisture food** in the pet food category
  - Current worldwide revenue of \$2.65 billion out of a total \$70 billion revenue from pet foods
  - Primarily contains meat and grain-based ingredients, fat, **20-30% moisture**, with **0.76  $a_w$**  Example: Chewy dog treats
- Spoilage & food safety issues in semi-moist pet food
  - Baked/formed (no kill step)
  - High moisture &  $a_w$ ; rich in proteins & fats
  - Very conducive for storage **mold** and **mite** infestation
    - *Tyrophagus putrescentiae* (cheese mite, ham mite or mold mite)
    - *Aspergillus flavus*, *Fusarium graminearum* (storage molds)
    - **Mycotoxins** like aflatoxin, zearalenone, DON
    - **Wild-type mold** (environmental/mixed molds)



Semi-moist pet food - Dog Treats



Mold infected pet food



Mite infested pet food

# Pet food industry challenges with conventional additives

Additive	Advantages	Challenges
<b>Propylene glycol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Humectant (controls <math>a_w</math>)</li><li>✓ Used in dog food</li><li>✓ Keeps mites away</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× <b>Synthetic</b> (confused with anti-freeze 'ethylene glycol')</li><li>× <b>Toxic to cats</b> (Heinz body formation in blood)</li></ul>
<b>Glycerin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Natural</li><li>✓ Humectant (controls <math>a_w</math>)</li><li>✓ Used in dog &amp; cat foods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× <b>Favorable for mites</b></li></ul>
<b>Potassium sorbate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Mold inhibitor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>× <b>Synthetic</b></li></ul>

**Solution: A NATURAL, FOOD-SAFE additive with MULTI-functionality**



**Liquid smoke**

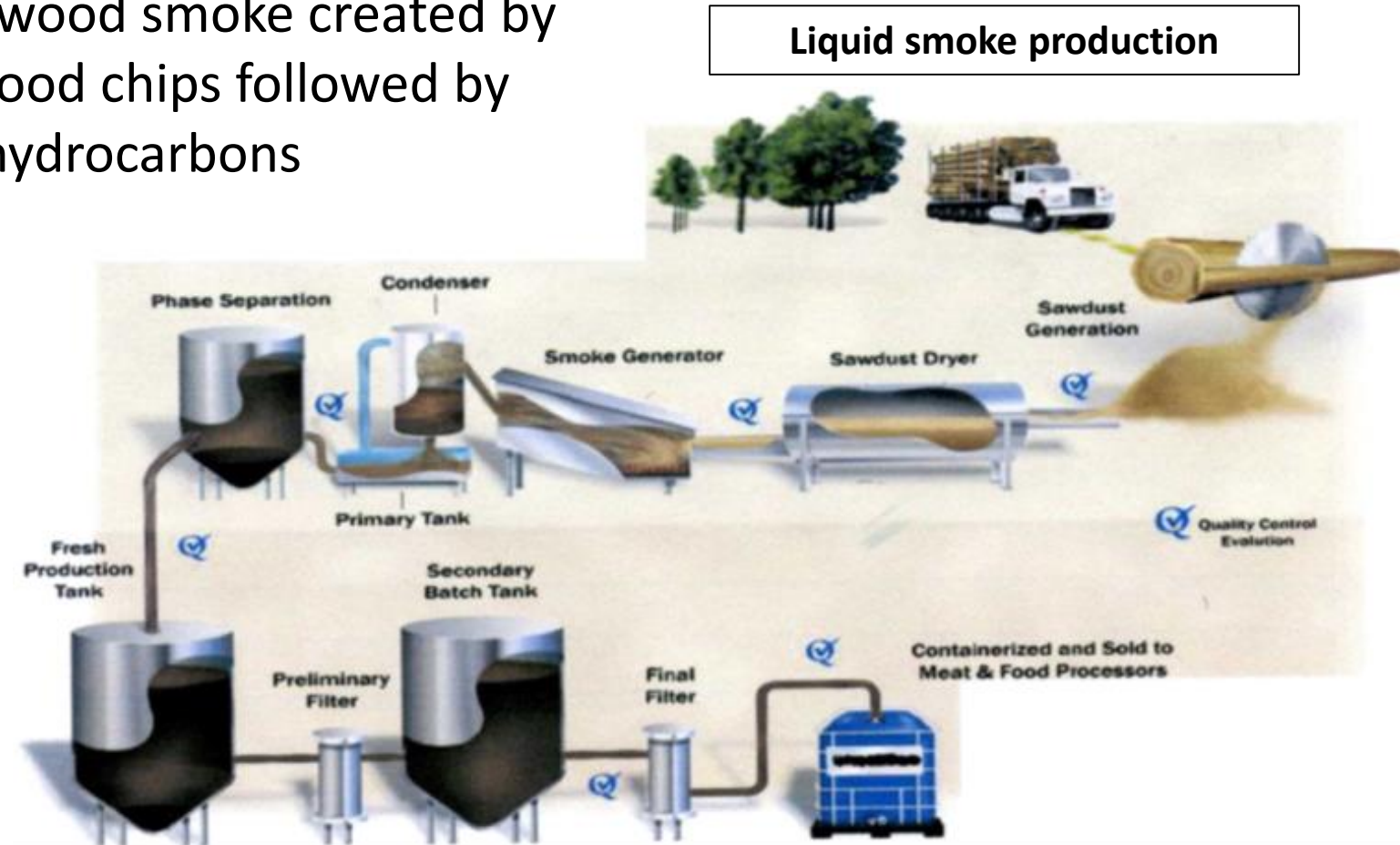


# Liquid smoke

- Produced by condensing wood smoke created by pyrolysis of sawdust or wood chips followed by removal of carcinogenic hydrocarbons
- Contains carbonyls, phenols & organic acids in various proportions
- Natural, GRAS
- Color & flavor additive
- Antimicrobial



Liquid smoke



# Liquid smoke as an acaricide & antimycotic

What we know	What we do not know
<b>Wood smoke</b> from different plants used to control ' <b>bee mites</b> ' in apiaries <sup>1</sup> .	<b>Can liquid smoke be effective against stored food mites?</b>
<b>Liquid smoke (phenolic fraction)</b> is effective against pathogenic bacteria like <i>Listeria</i> , <i>E.coli</i> , <i>Staphylococcus</i> in some meat products <sup>2,3</sup> .	<b>What will be the effects of liquid smoke fractions against storage molds?</b>  <b>How can it affect mold growth pattern &amp; shelf life in a food substrate?</b>
<b>Liquid smoke</b> is effective against the mold <i>Aspergillus niger</i> in a <b>nutrient broth</b> assay <sup>4</sup> .	

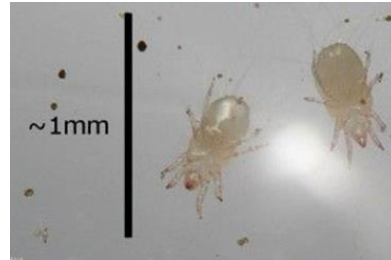
## **Case Study 1:**

**Liquid smoke as an acaricide in  
semi-moist pet food**



# Background

- ***Tyrophagus putrescentiae* (cheese mite or mold mite)**
  - Cosmopolitan stored-product mite species of the food industry including pet foods
  - Cause allergic asthma and rhinitis among food industrial workers
  - Cause allergy in dogs with atopic dermatitis; acute enteritis in humans on ingestion of mite-infested product
  - Vector for transmission of pathogens
- Isolated from pet food industry locations<sup>5</sup>, and sealed commercial dog food bags<sup>6</sup>
- Current mitigation strategy – fumigation & pesticides (DEET); unsafe for the environment and human workers
- Liquid smoke can be a natural alternative



Mites under a microscope  
(used in this study)

# Liquid smoke fractions used in the study

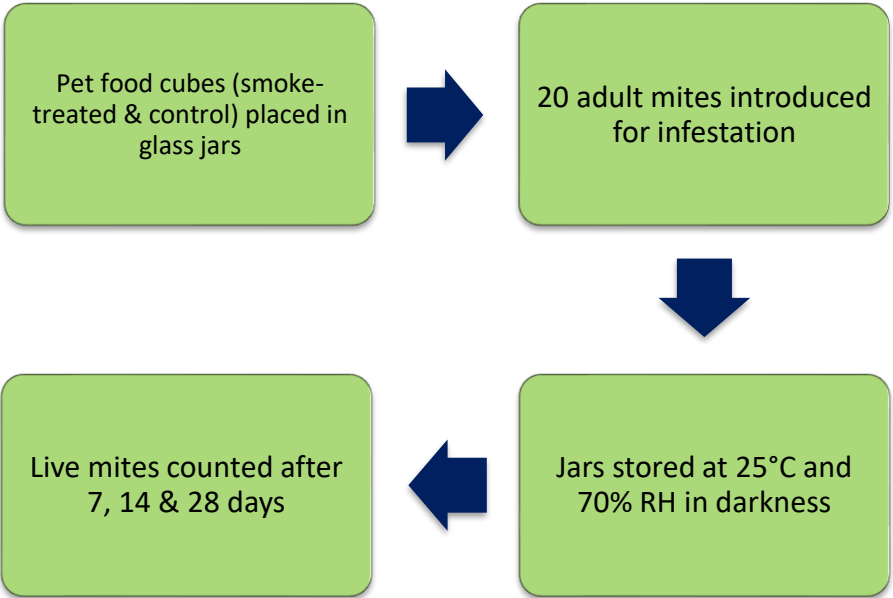
SMOKE	NAME	DESCRIPTION
S1	P-1720	Buffered Low Phenol Smoke, Medium Carbonyl
S2	Cloud S-5	Buffered pH, Low Acid, Low Carbonyl, No Phenol
S3	Cloud S-C100	<b>Carbonyl Preparation:</b> High Carbonyl, Low Acid, Very Low Phenol
S4	Black deli	Basic pH Smoke, Zero Carbonyls, Organic Acid Salts, Phenols
S5	Hickory OS 1473	<b>Phenol Preparation:</b> High Phenol, Low Acid, No Carbonyl
S6	Code 10	<b>Base Smoke:</b> Organic Acid/Carbonyls/Phenols
S7	Code V	<b>Organic Acid Preparation:</b> Low pH, Medium Acid, Medium Carbonyl, Low Phenol
S8	Cloud S-AC15	High Buffered Organic Acid + Medium Carbonyl Preparation

# Experiment 1: Mite reproduction & survivability assay

Semi-moist pet food



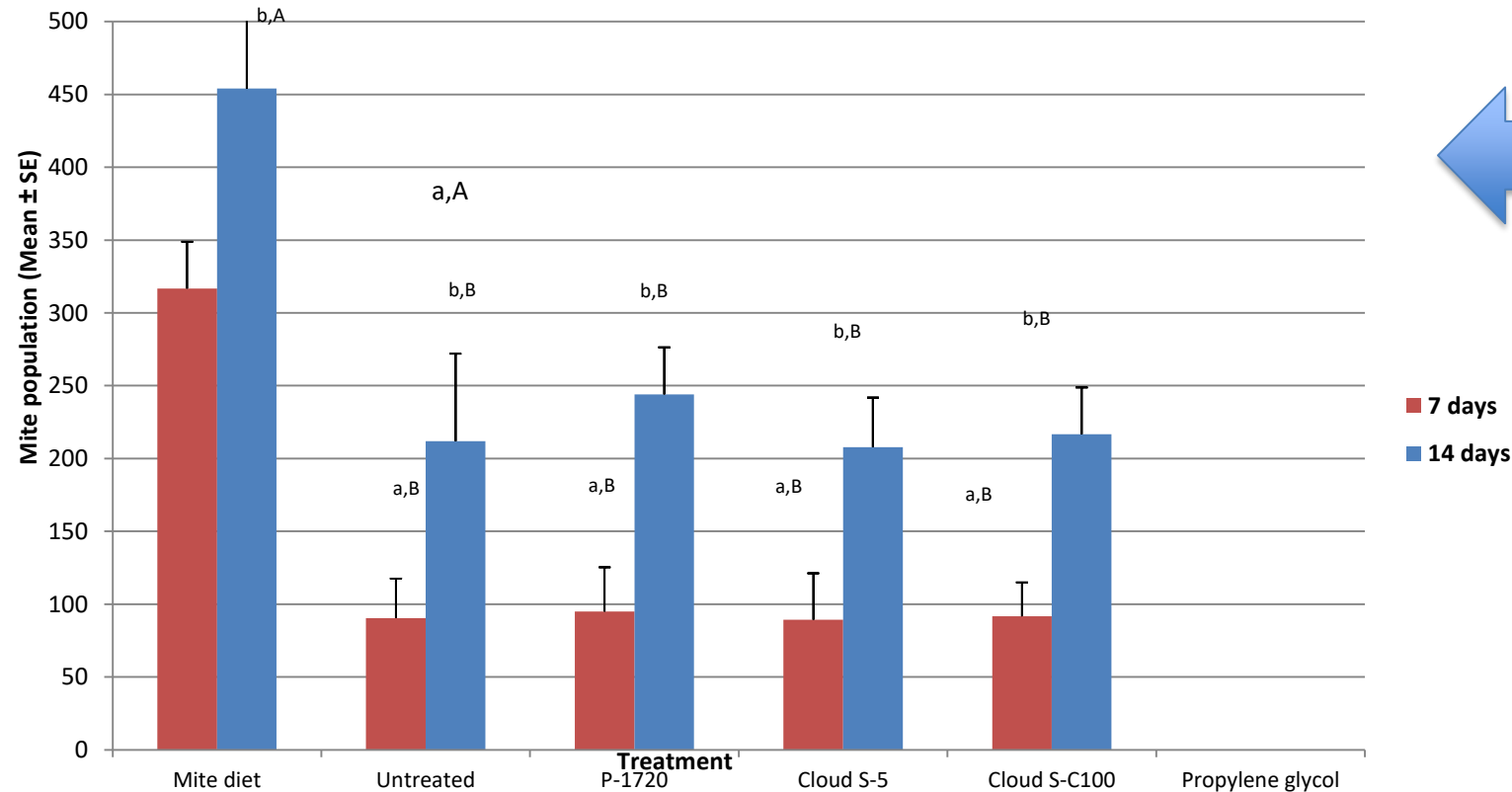
## Procedure:



Mites observed in the assay



Mean mite population growth at 7 and 14 days on semi-moist pet food treatments with inclusion of liquid smoke preparations P-1720, Cloud S-5 and Cloud S-C100 at 0.3% w/w, in comparison to the untreated (0% smoke) and mite rearing diet. The positive control (propylene glycol treatment) did not show mite population growth.



Liquid smoke **did not kill the mites** or inhibited their population growth when included in food formulation.

Each mean is based on  $n = 3$  replications. Means among treatments across **day 7 and day 14** followed by different letters in **lower case** are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ , Tukey's test). Means among **treatments within each time period** of 7 or 14 days followed by different letters in **upper case** are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ , Tukey's test).

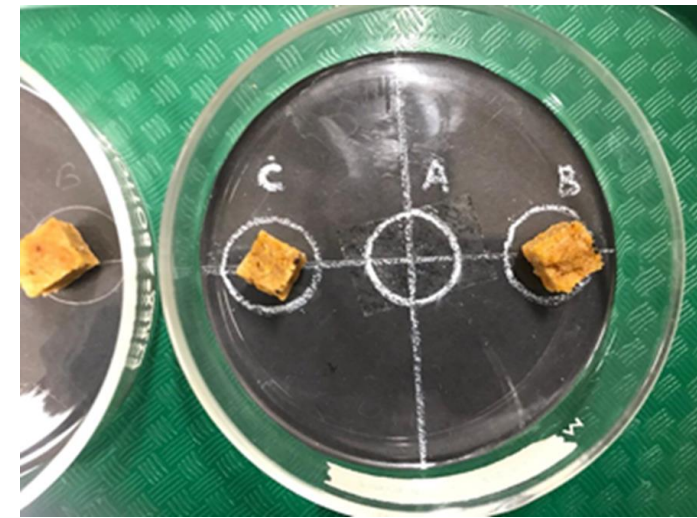
# Experiment 2: Mite orientation behavior assay (attraction/repellency)

## Procedure:

- Two-choice behavioral assays with mites in bio-assay arenas
- A 'treated' and a 'control' pet food cube placed in each of the circle **B** and **C**
- 20 adult mites released into middle circle **A**
- Arenas placed in darkness at 25°C and 70% RH
- Mites that oriented towards each of the pet food cubes within the circles counted after 1, 8 and 24 h
- Attraction or repulsion of mites quantified as Repellency Index (RI)

$$RI = (N_c - N_t) / T \times 100$$

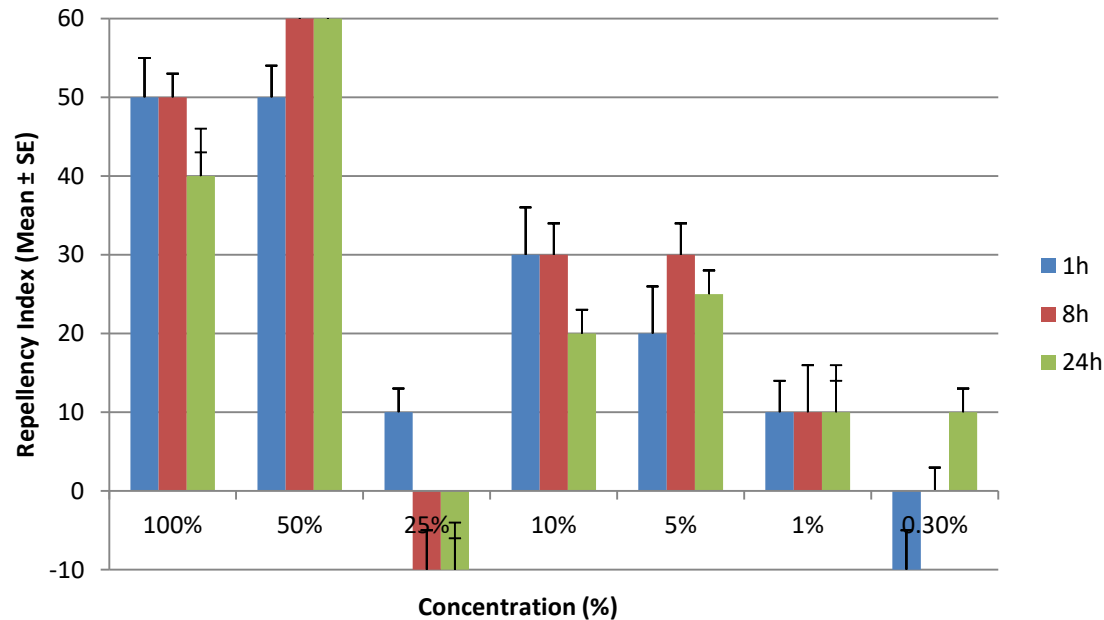
where  $N_c$  = no. of mites on control;  $N_t$  = no. of mites on treated;  
T = total number of mites released (T=20)



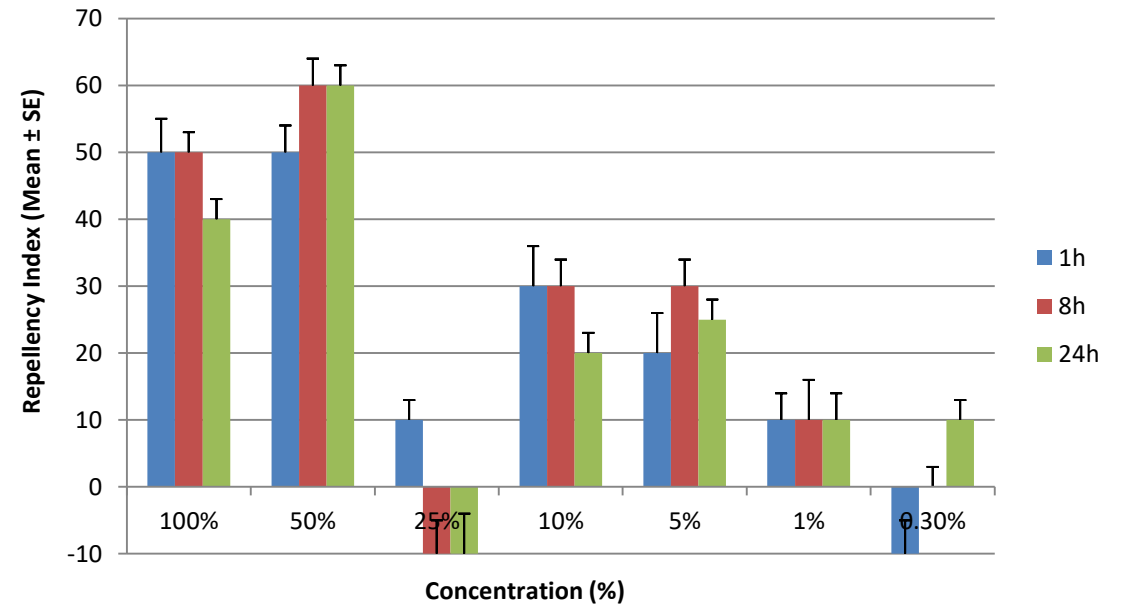
Bioassay arena for two-choice behavioral assay of mites

Mean mite repellency indices (RI) for liquid smoke preparations at 100%, 50%, 25%, 10%, 5%, 1% and 0.3%, coated on semi-moist pet food at enumeration time points 1 h, 8 h, and 24 h. Positive control (propylene glycol treatment) showed 100% repellency. RI values which are “+” indicate repellency and “-” indicate attraction.

Cloud S-AC15

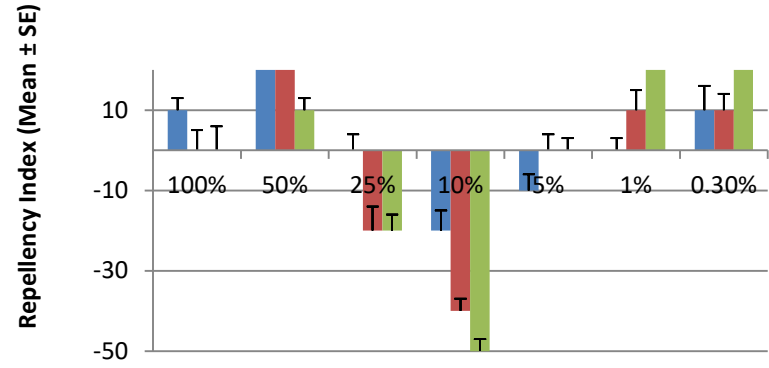


Cloud S-C100

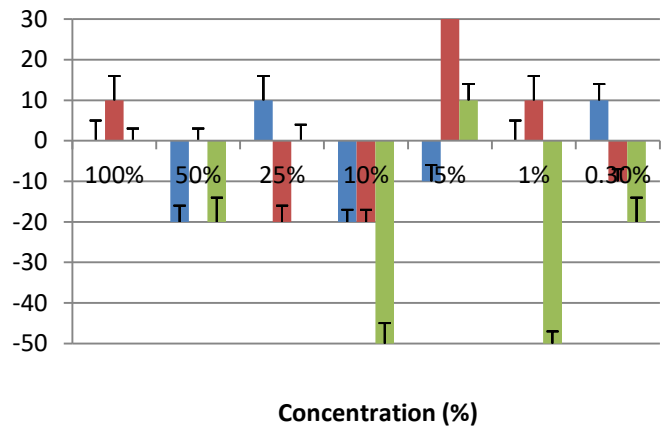




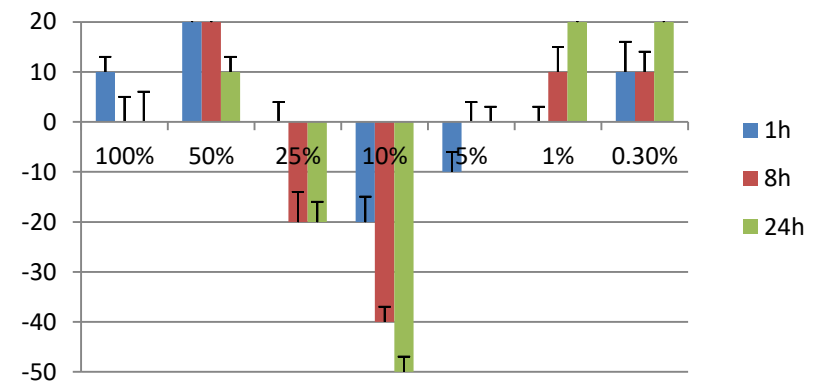
### Cloud S-5



### Black deli

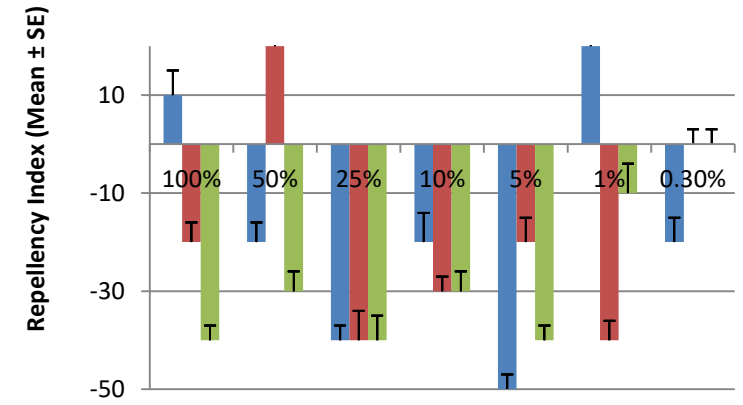


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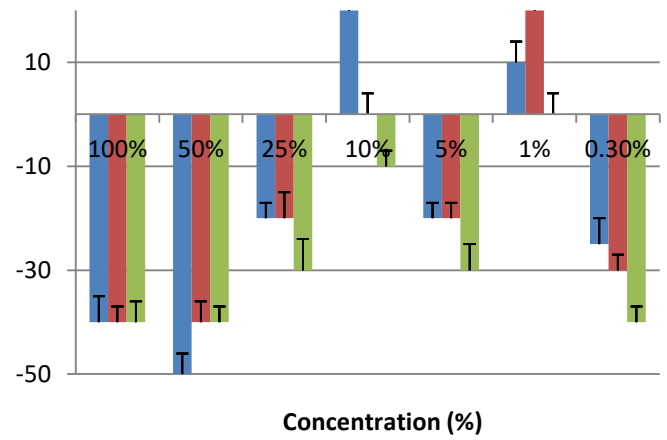


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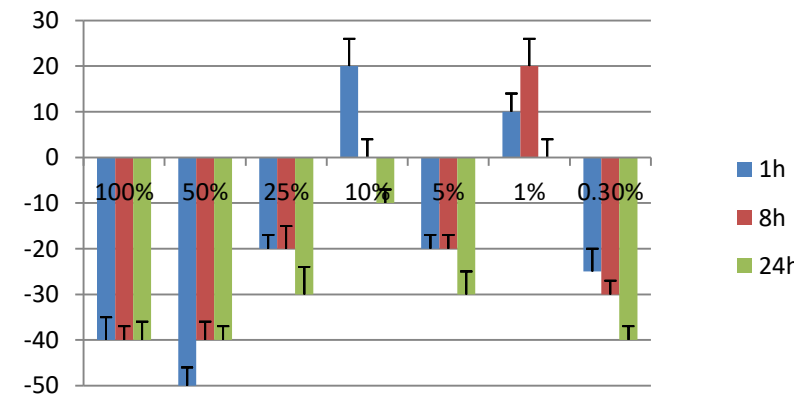
### Hickory OS-1473



### Code 10



### P-1720



1h  
8h  
24h

# Conclusions

- On average, at 24 h, P-1720 attracted mites the most (+20 to -50% RI), while Cloud SC-100 repelled them the most (-10 to +60% RI)
- **Cloud SC-100, Code-10 and Cloud S-AC15** which contained **high to medium carbonyl** concentration may provide some repellency to retard mite infestation in stored semi-moist pet food

## Case Study 2:

**Liquid smoke as an antimycotic in semi-moist pet food**

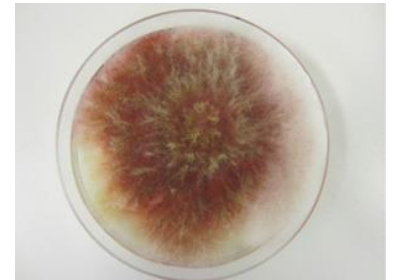


# Background

- ***Aspergillus flavus* & *Fusarium graminearum***
  - Predominant genera isolated from commercial pet foods<sup>7</sup>
  - Mold spores from environment contaminate packaged foods opened by the consumer and amplify during storage
  - Produce mycotoxins (aflatoxin, DON & zearalenone) toxic to humans & pets
  - Cooking does not reduce mycotoxin content
  - Pet fatalities & dog food recalls due to aflatoxin – Sportmix™ & Sunshine Mills, 2020
- **Wild-type mold**
  - Environmental/mixed mold
  - Relevance to the consumer; aesthetic quality
- Liquid smoke can be a natural intervention to mitigate mold growth in semi-moist pet food



***Aspergillus flavus***



***Fusarium graminearum***



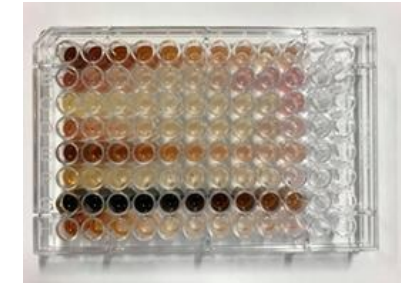
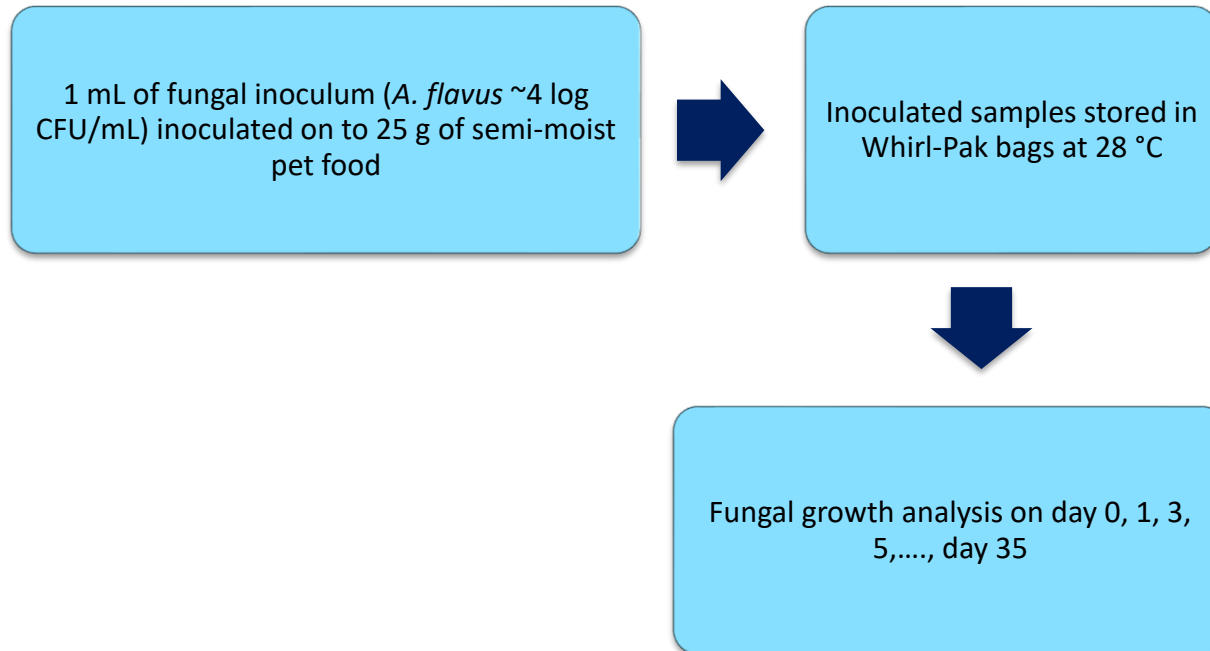
**Wild-type spoilage mold on pet food**

# Experiment 1: Mold challenge study with *Aspergillus flavus*

## Procedure:

**Step 1:** Initial screening of smoke concentrations in nutrient broth assays (MIC & MFC)

**Step 2:** Evaluating in semi-moist pet food



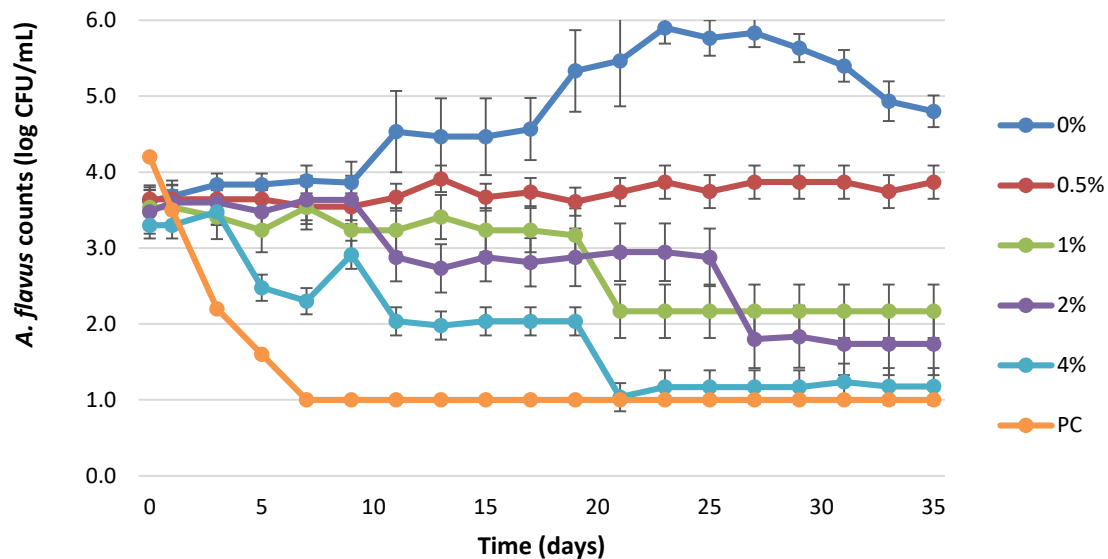
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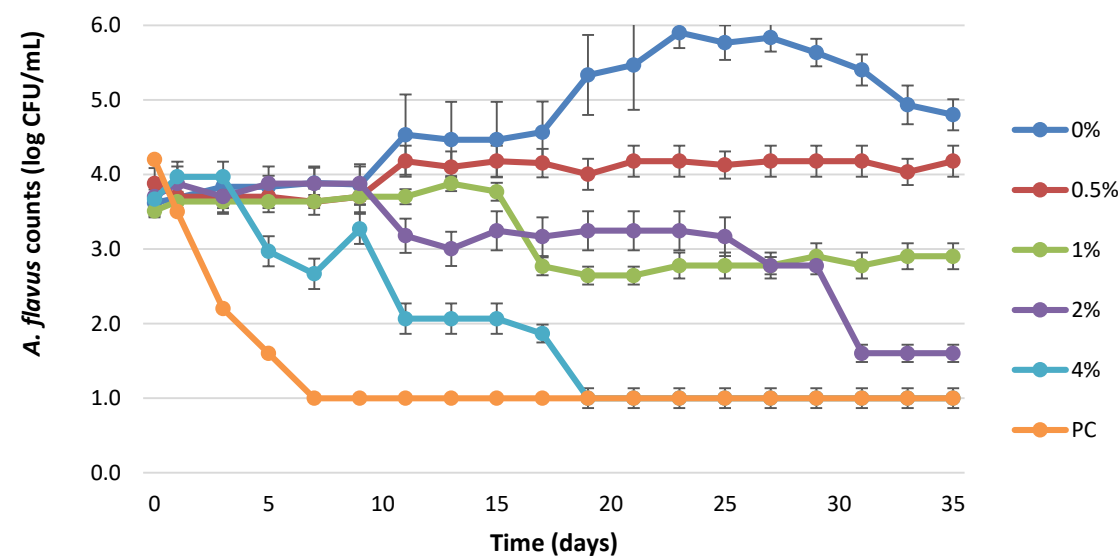
*Aspergillus flavus* colonies

Mean logarithmic counts (log CFU/mL) of *A. flavus* in semi-moist pet food treatments with inclusion of liquid smokes at 0.5%, 1%, 2% and 4% concentrations in comparison with untreated (0% smoke) and positive control (potassium sorbate treatment). Limit of detection is 1 log CFU/mL for this study. Counts at 0 h indicate initial load of *A. flavus* in inoculum.

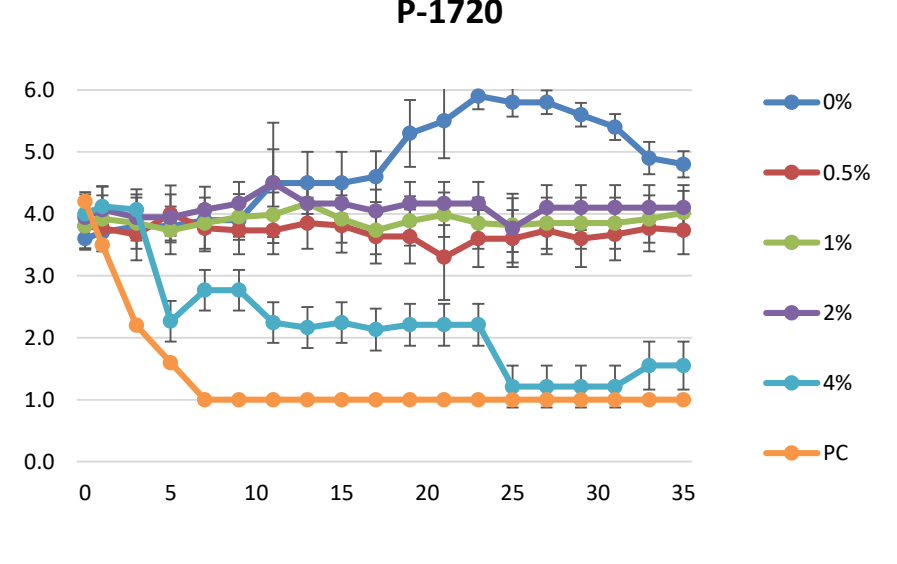
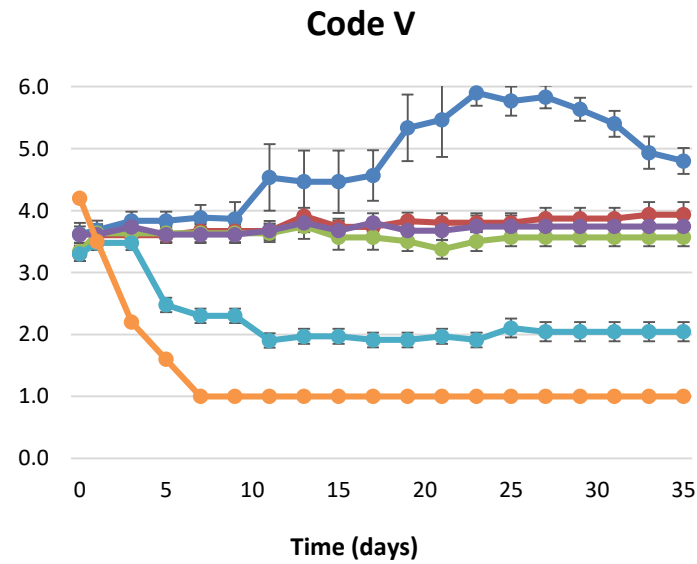
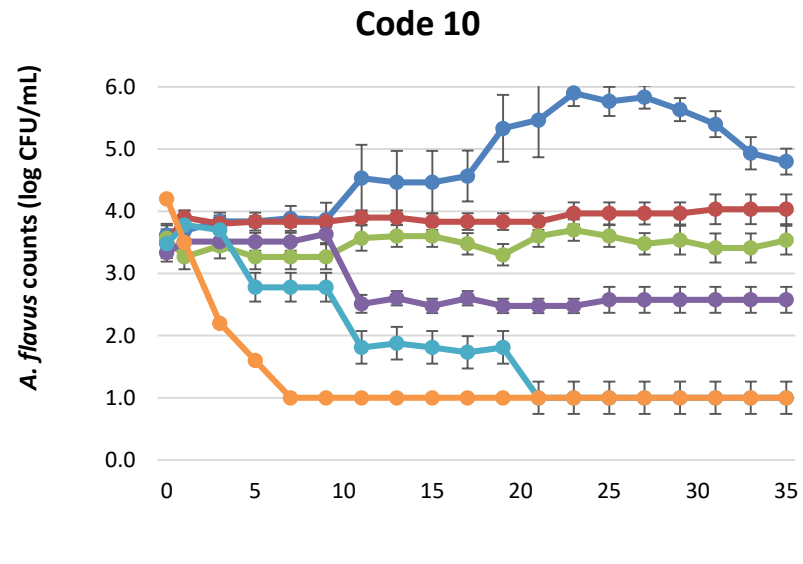
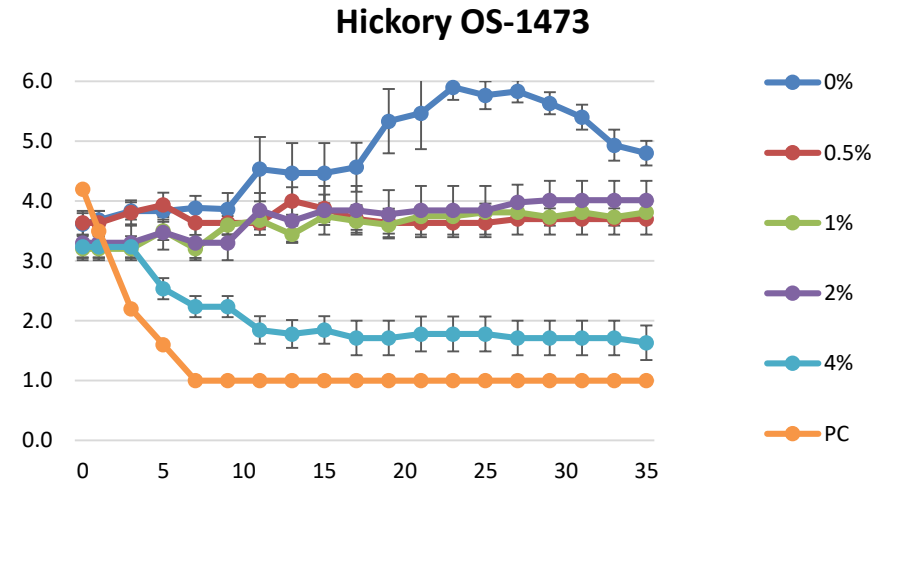
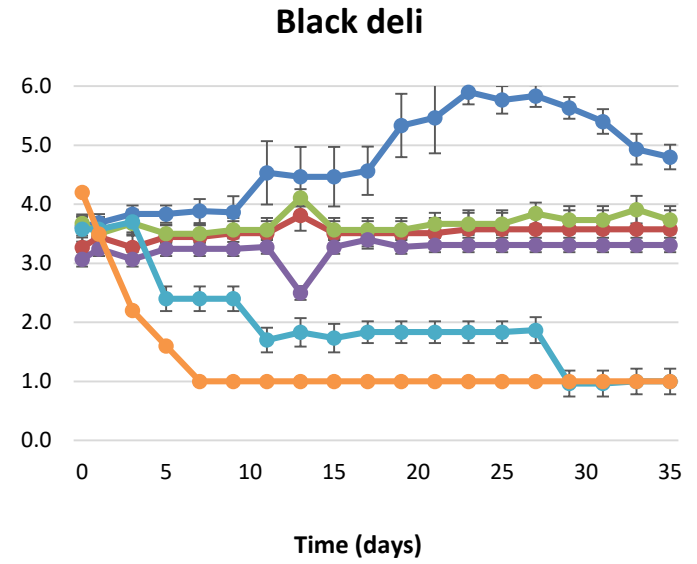
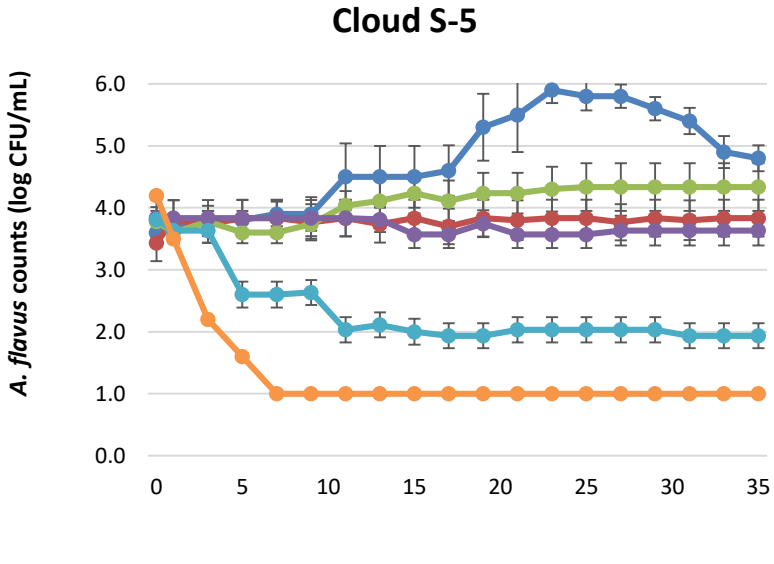
Cloud S-AC15



Cloud S-C100







# Conclusions

- At **4%** , **~2.5 log reduction** observed for Cloud S-AC15, P-1720, Cloud SC-100, Code 10 and Black deli. At **2%** and **1%**, Cloud S-AC15 and Cloud SC-100 had the highest reductions of **~1.7** and **1** log respectively

- Averaging across all concentrations, efficacy is:

**Cloud S-AC15 > Cloud S-C100 > Code 10 > Black deli**

Hickory, Code V, Purepal, and Cloud S-5 were the least effective

- **Cloud S-C100 (high carbonyl) and Cloud S-AC15 (high acid, medium carbonyl)** have the potential to act as an antimycotic or **fungistatic** at modest levels (**~2%**) in semi-moist pet food



Fungal growth on untreated sample on day 29



Fungal growth on smoke-treated sample on day 29

# Experiment 2: Days to mold (shelf life) study

## Procedure:

- About 30 g of semi-moist pet food sample placed in Whirl-Pak bags with 4 pin holes
- Stored at 28°C and 65-70% RH in total darkness
- Samples observed every day over 30 days for visible mold growth on the surface
- Number of days taken for the first mold colony to appear on the surface of the sample was recorded



Days-to-mold shelf-life study

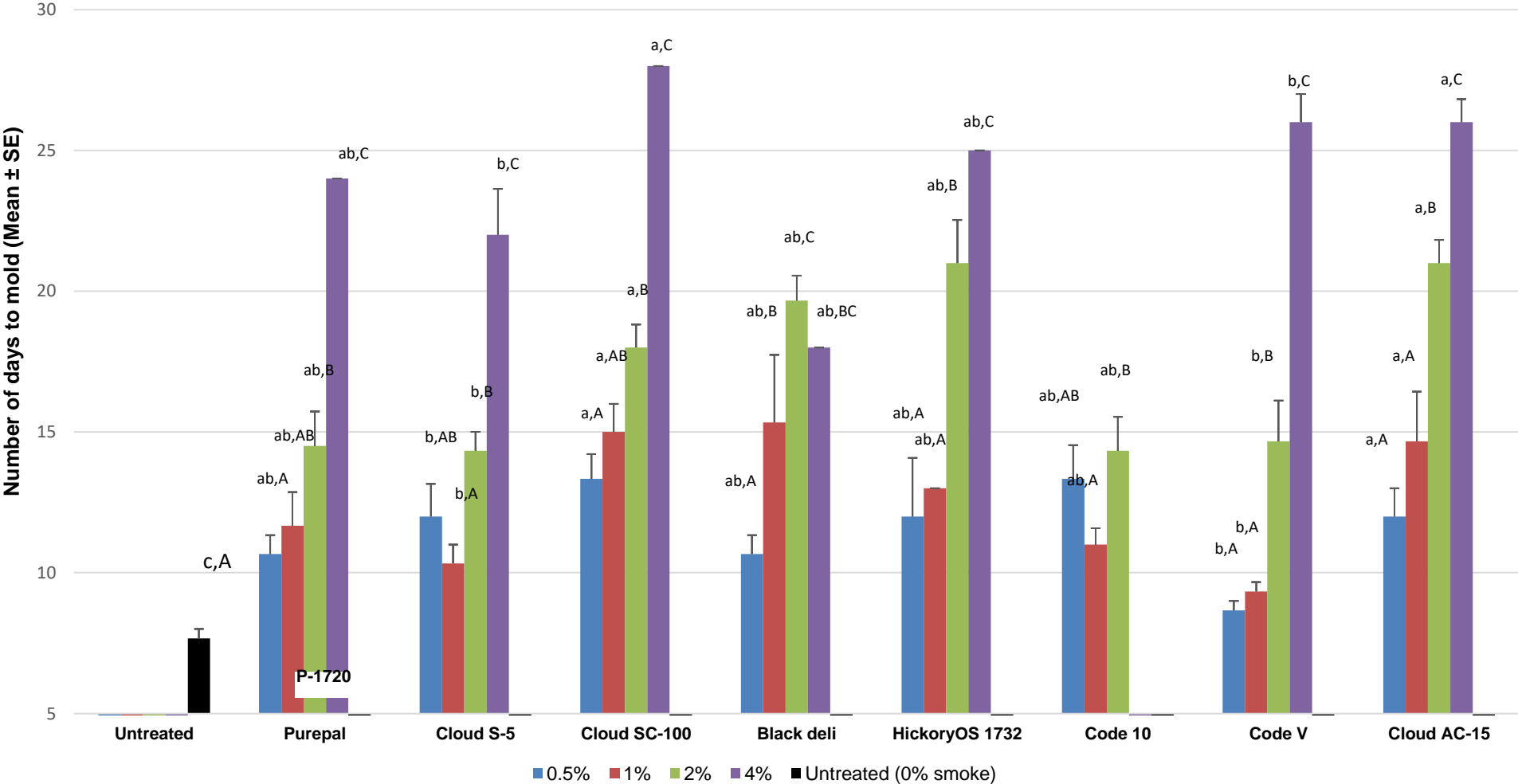


Wild-type mold colony visible on pet food





**Mean number of days taken to observe mold growth in semi-moist pet food with inclusion of liquid smoke (S1 to S8) at 0.5%, 1%, 2% and 4% in comparison to the untreated (0% smoke). Positive control (potassium sorbate treatment) did not show visible mold growth during the 30-day period (data not shown).**



Each mean is based on  $n = 3$  replications. Means among **treatments across concentrations** followed by different letters in **lower case** are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ , Tukey's test). Means among **treatments within each concentration** followed by different letters in **upper case** are significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ , Tukey's test).

# Conclusions

- Liquid smoke preparations at 0.5%, 1%, 2% and 4% extended the shelf life of samples by an average of 3.9, 4.8, 9.5 and 16.4 days respectively when compared to the untreated (7.7 days)
- At 4%, smoke treatments extended shelf life of samples by up to 20 days. At 0.5% the shelf life was prolonged by only up to 5 days
- Overall, **Cloud SC-100 (high carbonyl)** and **Code 10 (medium carbonyl, medium phenol)** seemed to be the most effective in prolonging the number of days to mold by 26-28 days

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