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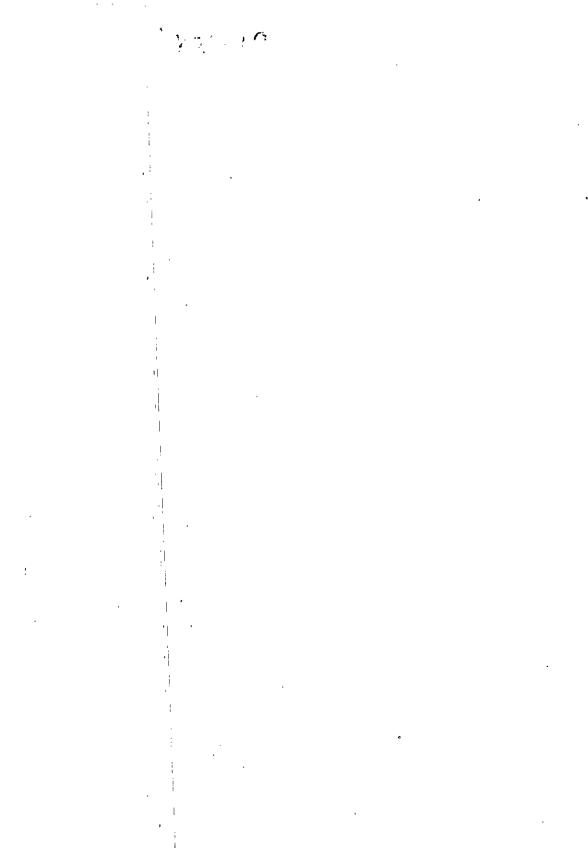
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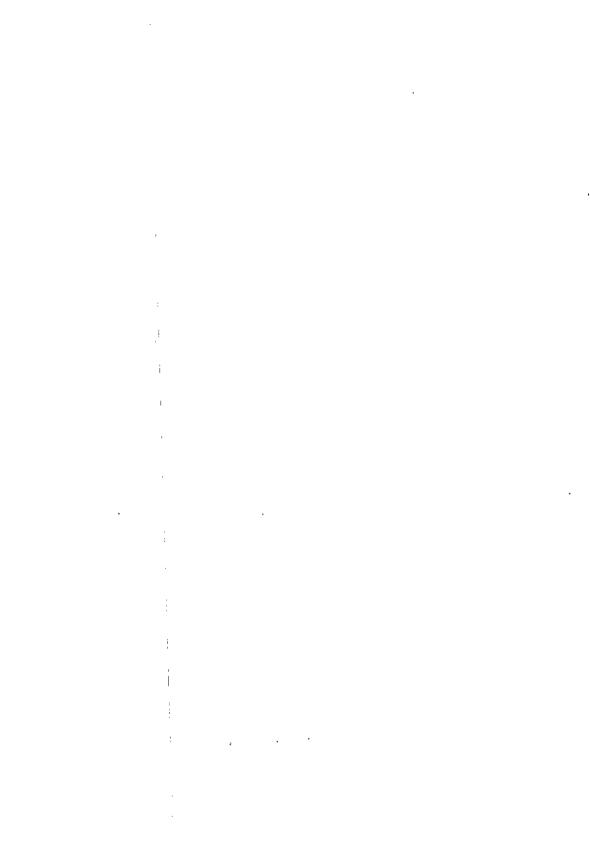
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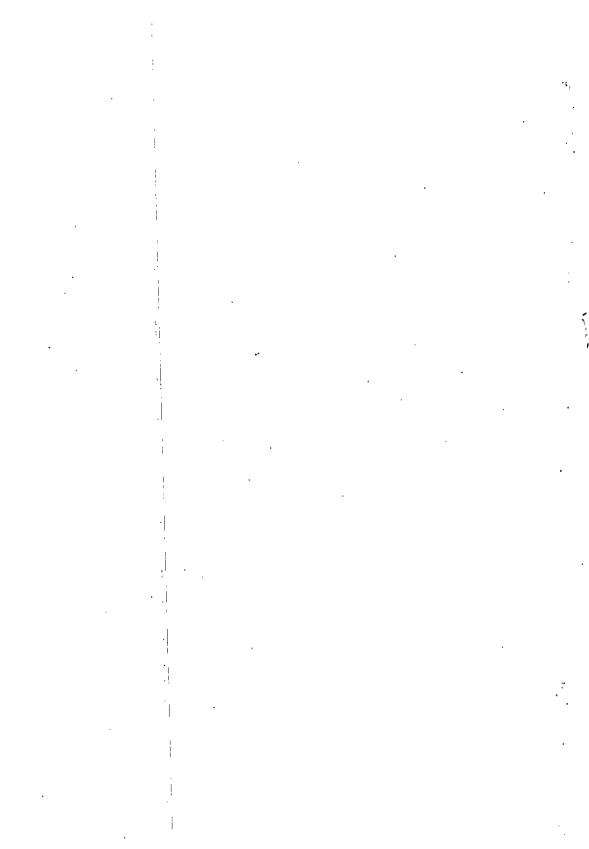
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#### **ABSTRACT**

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The problem at hand is dealing with the changes that occure in cucumber pickles during fermentation and storage, where the softening caused many problems for cucumber pickles during long storage period.

From such point of view this study was undertaken to evaluate the effects of calcium chloride concentrations (from 0.1 to 0.3%) on retarding softening of Giza 6 and Giza 9 cucumbers during fermentation and storage in two levels of sodium chloride (5.0% and 10.0%). The effect of blanching for 3 min at 80°C of cucumbers prior to fermentation on improving the quality of the products was also studied. The evaluation paramaters during fermentation and storage period were moisture content, pH, titratable acidity, total and reducing sugars, NaCl concentrations, firmness as well as Pectin methyl esterase (PME) and Polygalacturonase (PG) activities.

The obtained data showed that, moisture contents of different treated cucumber pickles were reduced gradually during 72 hr. of fermentation and 6 mon. of storage. Unblanched cucumbers pickles recorded higher titratable acidity than that of

blanched ones at the end of fermentation period. Addition of different levels of CaCl<sub>2</sub> generally reduced the titratable acidity of the fermented products. Total and reducing sugars were decreased gradually during fermentation and completely consumption after 6 mon. of pickles storage. Elevating the levels of NaCl and CaCl<sub>2</sub> in brines undoubtedly raised the NaCl content of different pickles during fermentation and storage. A continuous reduction in cucumber firmness was observed during fermentation and storage of the two varieties. Presence of CaCl<sub>2</sub> in brines generally improved firmness retation and minimized the rate of softening of cucumber pickles.

Blanching of cucumbers for 3 min at 80°C caused a complete inactivation of pectin methyl estrase and polygalacturonase but reactivation occurred during storage. Also, the higher levels of CaCl<sub>2</sub> in brines recorded the lower enzyme activity for either unblanched or blanched pickles.

A sensory testing of cucumber pickles proved that, blanching of cucumber pickled in 5.0% NaCl in the presence of 0.3% CaCl<sub>2</sub> was the best treatments than other treatments under investigation, since it recorded the heighest scores.

Key words: Pickles, cucumber pickles, brining, fermented cucumbers, softening, firmness, calcium chloride, sodium chloride, cucumber quality, pectin methyl esterase, polygalacturonase.

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