Study of Histamine Content in Canned Tuna Fish Produced in Iran by ELISA Method


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Histamine is one of the biogenic amines which are produced as a result of enzymatic activity of spoilage agent bacteria. As tuna fish family posses a lot of free tissue histidine, they are susceptible of causing histaminic poisonings.
In this study 88 samples of tuna fish cans were tested by ELISA method. the obtained results showed that 44.3 percent of them contained higher amount of histamine than the permitted limit (50 ppm). Also it became specified that the tuna fish cans produced in southern states, had higher amounts of histamine in comparison to the products of northern and Central regions. Moreover, it was indicated that the newly made cans comparing to the cans that were nearly expired, contained lower histamine levels.

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