

Title Antifungal activity of vanillin on fresh-cut tropical fruits
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Abstract

The antifungal activity of vanillin against eighteen fungi isolated from stored fresh-cut mangoes, fresh-cut mangosteens and fresh-cut pineapples was verified in vitro in laboratory media. Minimum inhibitory concentrations were 5.0-15.8 mM indicating that all the tested species were sensitive to the antimicrobial effects of the compound. Fresh-cut mangoes, mangosteens and pineapples were sprayed with 40 and 80 mM of vanillin solutions before packing and stored at 5 and 10°C. It was found that using vanillin concentration at 80 mM significantly delayed the growth of fungi populations in the fresh-cut fruits.