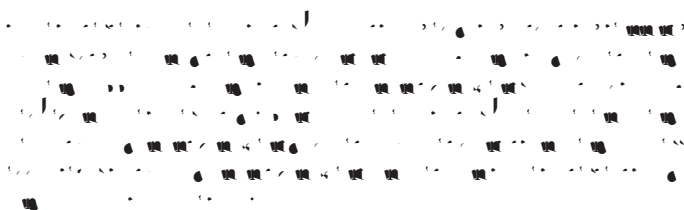


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LSD (LSD<0.05)										
Room Temp.	NS					NS				
Ref. Temp.	NS					NS				

NS: Non significant

Effect of packaging and storage on bacterial, yeast and mould count acceptability of tomato salsa stored under room and refrigeration temperatures (n=3).



At refrigeration temperature (4-10°C) there was non significant effect of storage on the sensory parameters of tomato salsa packed in all packaging materials. The shelf life of fresh (unprocessed) salsa was 1 week at room temperature (28-35°C) and 2 months at refrigeration temperature (4-10°C) while that processed salsa remained highly acceptable up till 4 months of storage studies at both the temperatures in all kind of packaging material used. Microbiological studies (Table 7) found negligible plate count (cfu/g) of bacteria, mould and yeast in processed tomato salsa packed in cans, glass jars and retort pouches during 4 months of storage studies at room as well as refrigeration temperatures.

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