# Detection of an Adulteration Present in Milk and Milk Products

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Abstract: Milk contains many other nutrients and the carbohydrate lactose. An emulsion is a suspension of droplets of one liquid into another liquid. Milk is an emulsion of fat in water. Butter is an emulsion of water in fat. The solute is known as the dispersed phase and the solvent is known as the continuous phase. Other examples of emulsions include margarine, mayonnaise, cream, and salad dressing. A colloidal solution is when matter exists in a state of division in between a true solution, which is sugar in water, and a suspension, which is chalk in water. The characteristics of a colloid are small particle size, electrical charge, and affinity of the particles for water molecules. In milk, the whey proteins are in colloidal solution. Milk is a pale liquid produced by the mammary glands of mammals. It is the primary source of nutrition for young mammals before they are able to digest other types of food. Early-lactation milk contains colostrums, which carries the mother's antibodies to its young and can reduce the risk of many diseases

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Milk is a complex mixture and a liquid food, which can easily be adulterated. According to PFA-1954 (prevention of food adulteration act) definition, "Milk is the normal mammary secretion derived from complete milking of healthy milk animal without either addition there to or extraction there from. There are many methods known for detection of adulteration in milk but the methods discussed below are simple but rapid and sensitive methods to detect adulteration. in Milk contains more than 100 substances that are either in solution, suspension or emulsion in water, the important being casein -the major protein of milk, lactose -milk sugar, whey and mineral salts.

Milk is an almost ideal food. It has high nutritive value. It supplies body building proteins, bone forming minerals and health giving vitamins and furnishes energy giving lactose and milk fat. Besides supplying certain essential fatty acids. A national survey in India has revealed that almost 70% of the milk sold and consumed in India is adulterated by contaminants such as detergent and skim milk powder, but impure water is the highest contaminant. According to National Survey on Milk Adulteration conducted by FSSAI (India) in 2011, water is the most common adulterant followed by detergent in milk. A survey by FSSAI in 2012, 68% milk samples was found to be adulterated in which 31 % were from rural areas of these 16.7 % were packet or branded milk and rest were loose milk samples from dairies. In the urban areas, 68.9 % milk was found to be adulterated with water, detergent, urea and skim milk powder.

In Gujarat, 89% milk was found to be adulterated. Despite the Jivraj Makadiya et al/Int.J. Pharm Tech Res. 2015,8(4),pp 602-607.603 laws governing the quality and sale of milk existing in India for decades, the adulteration of milk has not been checked completely. Water is an adulterant in milk which is often always added to increase the volume of milk

which in turn decreases the nutritive value of milk which if contaminated poses a health risk especially to infants and children. Detergents are added to emulsify and dissolve the oil in water giving a frothy solution, the characteristic white color of milk.

Detergents cause gastro -intestinal complications. Urea is added to milk to provide whiteness, increase the consistency of milk and for leveling the contents of solid-not-fat (SNF) as are present in natural milk. The presence of urea in milk overburdens the kidneys as they have to filter out more content from the body. Hydrogen Peroxide is also added to milk to prolong its freshness, but peroxides damages the gastro intestinal cells which can lead to gastritis and inflammation of the intestine. Starch, cereal flours or arrowroot are added to make up the density of milk to prevent detection of added water. Starch is also used as an adulterant and if high amounts of starch are added to milk this can cause diarrhea due to the effects of undigested starch in colon. Its accumulation in the body may prove very fatal for diabetic patients. Carbonates and bicarbonates are added to milk too, this can cause disruption in hormone signaling that regulate development and reproduction. Cane Sugar is added to raise the density to prevent detection of extraneous water.

Sodium chloride (common salt) is added to make up the density (lactometer reading) of watered milk. Like urea, ammonium sulphate is a chemical fertilizer, which Is added to milk to raise the density of watered milk. Neutralizers such as caustic soda, caustic potash sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate and lime water etc. are commonly added to milk to neutralize the developed acidity in milk. Some of these chemicals (neutralizers) are also ingredients of detergents which are major components of synthetic milk. Sodium and potassium nitrates are oxidizing agents and hence act as preservative Pond water also contains appreciable quantities of nitrates and such water is usually mixed with milk by rural milk producers. This paper detects various types of adulteration present in the milk and milk products.

# II. ADULTERATION

What Is Food Adulteration?

Food Adulteration: is an act for debasing the quality of food with an admixture or through the substitution of inferior substances or by removing some valuable ingredients from the food product. Food Adulterants are the substances which are added to food items for economic and technical benefits. Such substances reduce the value of nutrients and also causes the food contaminated and not fit for consumption.

Adulteration in Milk & Milk Products:

Milk could be found adulterated by adding water or by removing the cream or by adding artificial coloring agents like Annatto, ceramel, coal tar colors and preservatives like formaldehyde, boric & other acids etc.

As per Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, a food article could be declared adulterated if:

- When a substance is added which depreciates or injuriously affects it.
- Cheaper or inferior substances are substituted wholly or in part.
- Any valuable or necessary constituent has been wholly or in part abstracted.
- 4. It is an imitation.
- 5. It is colored or otherwise treated, to improve its appearance or if it contains any added substance injurious to health.
- For whatever reasons its quality is below the standard.

On the other hand one can explained Adulteration term in detail as below,

Noun contamination, corruption, degradation, deterioration, fraudulence, infection, perversion, pollution, spuriousness.

Associated concepts: drugs, food, purity of food

See also: contaminate, defilement, detriment, dissolution

Adulteration: This term denotes the act of mixing something impure with something pure, as, to mix inerior liquor with wino; au inferior article with coffee, tea, and the like.

Full definition of adulterate:

- 1) Transitive verb
- 2) To corrupt, debase, or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior substance or element; *especially:* to prepare for sale by replacing more valuable with less valuable or inert ingredients

Adulteration" is a legal term meaning that a food product fails to meet federal or state standards. Adulteration is an addition of another substance to a food item in order to increase the quantity of the food item in raw form or prepared form, which may result in the loss of actual quality of food item. These substances may be other available food items or non-food items. Among meat and meat products some of the items used to adulterate are water or ice, carcasses, or carcasses of animals other than the animal meant to be consumer.

#### III. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Adulteration Tests:

*Water*: The presence of water can be detected by putting a drop of milk on a polished slanting surface. The drop of pure milk flows slowly leaving a white trail behind it, whereas milk adulterated with water will flow immediately without leaving a mark.

Starch: Add a few drops of tincture of Iodine or Iodine solution. Formation of blue colour indicates the presence of Starch.

*Urea:* Take a teaspoon of milk in a test tube. Add half teaspoon of soybean or arhar powder. Mix up the contents thoroughly by shaking the test tube. After 5 mins, dip a red litmus paper after half a minute. A change in colour from red to blue indicates the presence of Urea in milk.

*Detergent:* Shake 5-10 ml of sample with an equal amount of water. Lather indicates the presence of detergent.

*Synthetic Milk*: Synthetic milk has a bitter taste, gives a soapy feeling on rubbing between the fingers and turns yellowish on heating.

Synthetic Milk-Test For Protein: The milk can easily be tested by Urease Strips (available in the Medical store). The colour chart of the Urease Strip test given below will show the quantity of Urea present in Milk.

S. No.	Urea in Milk	Colour of the Strip
1	0-0.2	Yellow
2	0.2-0.7	Peach
3	0.7-1.20	Reddish Brown
4	1.20-1.70	Pink
5	1.7-14.00	Magenta

### Test for Glucose/Invert Sugar:

This kind of sugar syrup is added to milk to increase the consistency and enhance the taste. Take a diabetic test strip and dip it in the milk for 30 seconds to 1 minute. If the test strip changes colour, then it shows that the sample of milk contains glucose. If there is no change in the colour of the strip it proves there is no glucose in the milk.

# Presence of Starch in Dahi:

Take about 5 ml of sample in a test tube. Bring to boiling condition and allow the test tube to cool to room temperature. Add 1-2 drops of iodine solution to the test tube. Development of blue colour indicates presence of starch which disappears when sample is boiled and reappears on cooling. The limit of detection of method is 0.02 %.

## Detection of Gelatine in Cream:

Gelatine may be detected by Stokes Test. Mix together 10 ml cream, 20 ml water and 20 ml of Stokes reagent (Dissolve mercury in twice its weight of concentrated nitric acid and dilute to 25 times the volume with water). To the filtrate add an equal volume of saturated picric acid solution. Yellow

precipitate is produced in presence of considerable amount of gelatine; smaller amounts are indicated by cloudiness.

Presence of Sucrose in Khoa:

Take about 5 ml of prepared sample of khoa in a test tube. Add 0.2 ml of iodine solution to the test tube and mix well. Development of blue colour indicates presence of starch and control sample remains yellow. The limit of detection of method is 0.05%

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Adulterated Milk and Milk Products are dangerous to any leaving organism. Knowledge of adulteration of any food is essentional for each and every leaving organism.

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