

**Supplementary Table S4.** Mean colour values of meat pieces from thigh area (standard deviation in parenthesis).

Lot	Storage (Days)	Treatment										Sig.	
		Co	Ch	Ch + Or	Ch + Va	Ch + Or + Va	Va	Al	Al + Or	Al + Va	Al + Or + Va		
L*	0	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ab</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ab</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ab</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Aa</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ac</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ac</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ac</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ac</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Ab</sup>	42.14 (1.45) <sup>Abc</sup>	NS	
	1	47.40 (2.40) <sup>EFc</sup>	42.10 (0.50) <sup>Dbc</sup>	49.17 (0.94) <sup>Fd</sup>	46.70 (0.02) <sup>Eb</sup>	37.16 (0.20) <sup>Aa</sup>	38.10 (0.70) <sup>ABb</sup>	37.30 (0.69) <sup>Aab</sup>	40.80 (0.45) <sup>CDbc</sup>	40.03 (0.03) <sup>BCb</sup>	41.26 (0.35) <sup>CDb</sup>	40.46 (0.12) <sup>CDb</sup>	***
	3	37.77 (0.38) <sup>CDa</sup>	44.21 (0.14) <sup>Fbc</sup>	41.85 (0.62) <sup>Eb</sup>	49.18 (0.86) <sup>Gb</sup>	55.19 (0.48) <sup>Hd</sup>	38.28 (1.23) <sup>Db</sup>	35.08 (0.89) <sup>Ba</sup>	35.31 (1.64) <sup>Ba</sup>	33.15 (0.30) <sup>Aa</sup>	36.28 (0.43) <sup>BCa</sup>	43.23 (0.25) <sup>EFbc</sup>	***
	7	41.59 (1.27) <sup>Cb</sup>	44.25 (0.88) <sup>DEc</sup>	38.72 (0.07) <sup>ABA</sup>	46.32 (0.14) <sup>Eb</sup>	37.97 (0.70) <sup>ABab</sup>	40.51 (0.54) <sup>BCbc</sup>	37.10 (1.40) <sup>Aab</sup>	42.60 (0.20) <sup>CDc</sup>	38.50 (0.01) <sup>ABb</sup>	38.40 (1.96) <sup>ABA</sup>	49.18 (1.85) <sup>Fd</sup>	***
	14	46.29 (0.11) <sup>Ec</sup>	39.39 (0.19) <sup>Ba</sup>	38.48 (0.31) <sup>ABA</sup>	48.17 (1.91) <sup>CDa</sup>	36.47 (0.13) <sup>Aa</sup>	42.86 (0.55) <sup>Dc</sup>	51.72 (1.95) <sup>Fd</sup>	38.41 (1.01) <sup>ABb</sup>	40.37 (1.05) <sup>BCbc</sup>	43.46 (0.04) <sup>Db</sup>	43.35 (1.13) <sup>Dc</sup>	***
	21	41.70 (0.06) <sup>FGb</sup>	43.12 (0.84) <sup>GHbc</sup>	44.05 (0.2) <sup>Hc</sup>	40.43 (1.65) <sup>DEFa</sup>	39.88 (1.65) <sup>DEFbc</sup>	35.18 (0.98) <sup>Aa</sup>	38.69 (0.07) <sup>CDb</sup>	41.07 (0.05) <sup>EFc</sup>	39.29 (0.59) <sup>CDEb</sup>	37.68 (0.57) <sup>BCa</sup>	35.83 (0.43) <sup>ABA</sup>	***
	Sig.	***	**	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
a*	0	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ad</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ac</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Af</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ae</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>AE</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ac</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ad</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ac</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ab</sup>	22.62 (0.22) <sup>Ac</sup>	NS	
	1	16.61 (0.03) <sup>Aa</sup>	20.17 (0.73) <sup>Db</sup>	17.00 (0.45) <sup>Ac</sup>	17.34 (0.32) <sup>ABc</sup>	18.83 (0.11) <sup>Cc</sup>	18.21 (0.12) <sup>BCab</sup>	22.8 (0.02) <sup>Ed</sup>	22.28 (0.19) <sup>Ebc</sup>	21.14 (0.05) <sup>Db</sup>	22.68 (0.94) <sup>Eb</sup>	17.33 (0.56) <sup>ABA</sup>	***
	3	20.66 (0.41) <sup>DEFc</sup>	21.22 (0.36) <sup>EFb</sup>	21.91 (0.28) <sup>FGe</sup>	25.92 (0.03) <sup>Hf</sup>	9.78 (0.07) <sup>Aa</sup>	18.46 (0.67) <sup>BCab</sup>	16.33 (0.68) <sup>Ba</sup>	18.75 (2.78) <sup>CDab</sup>	17.74 (0.61) <sup>BCa</sup>	23.73 (0.18) <sup>Gb</sup>	19.53 (0.16) <sup>CDEab</sup>	***
	7	16.72 (0.38) <sup>Aa</sup>	20.27 (0.95) <sup>BCDEb</sup>	18.17 (0.24) <sup>ABd</sup>	21.69 (0.16) <sup>DEd</sup>	18.60 (0.42) <sup>ABCc</sup>	19.53 (0.21) <sup>BCDb</sup>	20.61 (0.77) <sup>CDEc</sup>	18.02 (1.38) <sup>ABA</sup>	20.70 (0.04) <sup>CDEb</sup>	22.02 (1.80) <sup>Eb</sup>	21.05 (2.02) <sup>CDEbc</sup>	*
	14	19.75 (0.22) <sup>Db</sup>	13.43 (0.21) <sup>Aa</sup>	13.26 (0.25) <sup>Ab</sup>	16.46 (0.19) <sup>Bb</sup>	16.04 (0.07) <sup>Bb</sup>	22.21 (0.25) <sup>EFc</sup>	17.97 (0.16) <sup>Cb</sup>	23.58 (1.83) <sup>Fc</sup>	21.99 (0.09) <sup>Ec</sup>	22.12 (0.31) <sup>Efb</sup>	22.32 (0.75) <sup>EFc</sup>	***
	21	20.14 (0.14) <sup>Ebc</sup>	14.19 (0.12) <sup>Ba</sup>	12.15 (0.01) <sup>Aa</sup>	15.55 (0.43) <sup>Ca</sup>	21.68 (0.25) <sup>Fd</sup>	17.64 (1.53) <sup>Da</sup>	17.31 (0.01) <sup>Dab</sup>	15.05 (0.06) <sup>Ca</sup>	17.69 (0.24) <sup>Da</sup>	15.32 (0.47) <sup>BCa</sup>	17.43 (0.02) <sup>Da</sup>	***
	Sig.	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
b*	0	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Aab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Aa</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ac</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Aa</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Aab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	6.55 (1.03) <sup>Ab</sup>	NS



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Treatment: Co: Control; Ch: Chitosan; Ch + Or: Chitosan + Oregano; Ch + Va: Chitosan + Vacuum; Ch + Or + Va: Chitosan + Oregano + Vacuum; Va: Vacuum; Al: Alginate; Al + Or: Alginate + Oregano; Al + Va: Alginate + Vacuum; Al + Or + Va: Alginate + Oregano + Vacuum; Al + Ol + Va: Alginate + Olive + Vacuum.

A-H Mean values in the same row (corresponding to the same days of storage) not followed by a common uppercase letter differ significantly ( $p$ -value < 0.05).

a-f Mean values in the same column (corresponding to the same treatment) not followed by a common lowercase letter differ significantly ( $p$ -value < 0.05).

\* p-value < 0.05; \*\* p-value < 0.01; \*\*\* p-value < 0.001; NS no significance (p-value > 0.05)