

# Antioxidant activity of the aqueous extract from spent coffee grounds fermented with *Pleurotus ostreatus*

## Actividad antioxidante del extracto acuoso de granos de café usados y fermentados con *Pleurotus ostreatus*

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### RESUMEN

**Antecedentes:** Los residuos de café, incluido el café molido usado (SCG), son una fuente importante de componentes bioactivos, incluyendo compuestos fenólicos caracterizados por ejercer bioactividad.

**Objetivo:** Evaluar el efecto antioxidante del extracto acuoso obtenido de SCG, bajo fermentación en estado sumergido utilizando *Pleurotus ostreatus*.

**Métodos:** Se utilizó la fermentación en estado sumergido con *Pleurotus ostreatus* para liberar compuestos fenólicos de SCG (0, 5 y 10 %). Después de la fermentación, se monitoreó cualitativa y cuantitativamente el contenido de fitoquímicos (carbohidratos, polifenoles, flavonoides, y ácido cafeoilquinico), así como las propiedades antioxidantes (actividad anti-radical y poder reductor). Además, se evaluaron los niveles de oxidación lipídica de homogeneizados de carne de cerdo incorporados con extracto de SCG durante el almacenamiento.

**Resultados y conclusiones:** Los resultados mostraron un aumento en el contenido de fitoquímicos y propiedades antioxidantes en el extracto acuoso de SCG fermentado con *P. ostreatus*, en dependencia de la concentración de sustrato utilizado. Además, se mostró una reducción en los valores de oxidación de lípidos en homogeneizados de carne de cerdo tratados con el extracto fermentado de SCG. El proceso de fermentación fúngica de residuos de café utilizando *Pleurotus* spp., podría ser una estrategia promisoría para la obtención de aditivos naturales.

**Palabras clave:** antioxidante, compuestos bioactivos, fermentación fúngica, residuo agroindustrial, homogeneizados cárnicos

### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Coffee residues, including spent coffee grounds (SCG), are an important source of bioactive components like phenolic compounds which are characterized to exert bioactivity.

**Objective:** Evaluate the antioxidant effect of the aqueous extract obtained from SCG, under submerged-state fermentation using *Pleurotus ostreatus*.

**Methods:** Submerged-state fermentation using *Pleurotus ostreatus* was used to release phenolic compounds from SCG (0, 5 and 10 %). After fermentation, the qualitative and quantitative phytochemical content was monitored (carbohydrates, polyphenols, flavonoids, and caffeoylquinic acid), as well as the antioxidant properties (antiradical activity and reducing power). In addition, lipid oxidation levels of pork meat homogenates incorporated with SCG extract during storage were evaluated.

**Results and conclusions:** The results showed an increase in phytochemical content and antioxidant properties in the aqueous extract from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus*, in dependence of the used substrate concentration. Also, a reduction in lipid oxidation values was showed in pork meat homogenates treated with the fermented SCG extract. Fungal fermentation process of coffee residues using *Pleurotus* spp., could be a promissory strategy to obtain natural additives.

**Keywords:** agro-industrial residues, antioxidant, bioactive compounds, fungal fermentation, meat homogenates

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## INTRODUCTION

Coffee residues, including spent coffee grounds (SCG), represent a high volume agro-industrial waste worldwide, due to the great demand of the beverage consumption. This waste is generated by coffee consumers after the beverage preparation (instant coffee) and has been associated with toxic and environmental concerns due to their high organic matter content and certain chemical components (Mussatto *et al.* 2011). In contrast, it has been reported that the aforementioned coffee residue is an important source of soluble carbohydrates like monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, and polysaccharides, as well as insoluble polysaccharides including hemicelluloses and cellulose ( $\beta(1-4)$ mannan). Also, lipids (mainly palmitic-16:0 and linoleic acid-18:2 fatty acids), minerals (potassium, magnesium, sodium, iron, zinc, copper, among others), nitrogen compounds (free amino acids, proteins, caffeine, and trigonelline), organic acids (citric, malic, and quinic), and some phenolic compounds have been reported (Campos-Vega *et al.* 2015, Mussatto *et al.* 2011).

Phenolic compounds present in plant residues, like phenolic acids and flavonoids, have been considered bioactive compounds with multiple biological properties such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, cardioprotective, antioxidant, among others. Thus, in recent years many bioactive compounds have been recovered through several conventional extraction methods (Gomes-Araújo *et al.* 2021). However, recently the production or extraction of phenolic compounds using fungal fermentation process from agro-industrial residues has received great attention due to the potential uses in pharmaceutical and food industries. For example, a previous study evaluated the potential effect of solid-state fermentation using *Aspergillus oryzae* and *Rhizopus oligosporus* as fungal strains, and wheat, brown rice, maize, and oat as substrates. This study demonstrate that fungal fermentation increases the antiradical DPPH<sup>\*</sup> and ABTS<sup>•+</sup> potential of the cereals (Bhanja Dey and Kuhad 2014). Also, the effect of solid-state fermentation using *A. oryzae* over the release of phenolic compounds from brewer's spent grain and demonstrated an increase in the extraction of total phenolic compounds like phenolic acids and flavonoids, as well as antiradical activity after three days of fermentation (da Costa Maia *et al.* 2020).

In the same way, it has been reported an increase of total phenolic and flavonoids contents from orange peel waste after 54 h, during submerged-state fermentation using *Aspergillus fumigatus* (Sepúlveda *et al.* 2020). Also, it has been reported an increase of antioxidant activity and antibacterial properties against foodborne pathogens (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, among others) of extracts obtained from fermented residues (pine apple peel, mango peel, plantain peel, walnut husk wastes, groundnut shell, and coconut husk), using *Pleurotus pulmonarius* in submerged culture (Ogidi *et al.* 2020). It has been demonstrated an increase of phenolic components release and antioxidant activity of rice bran, a byproduct of the rice industry milling, fermented with *A. oryzae* under solid-state fermentation (Punia *et al.* 2020). In another study, it was compared the bioactive compounds extraction from grape pomace by solid-state and submerged fermentation, using *A. niger* as fungal strain, and the results revealed that both fermentation systems increase bioactive compounds release (Amaya-Chantaca *et al.* 2022).

Nevertheless, the use of fungal fermentation as potential alternative to extract bioactive compounds from coffee residues, to be used as possible antioxidant additives are not well studied.

Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate the antioxidant effect of the aqueous extract obtained from SCG, under submerged-state fermentation using *Pleurotus ostreatus*.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Raw material

The coffee residue (SCG) was collected from a local commercial supplier (CAFFENIO®, Hermosillo, Mexico), dried at 60 °C (drying oven Yamato DX402, Tokyo, Japan) until 10 % of moisture content was reach, and sterilized at 121 °C for 20 min (high-pressure steam sterilizer Yamato SM300, Tokyo, Japan). Furthermore, filamentous *Pleurotus ostreatus* strain, belonging to the fungal collection of the Plant-based Food Technology Department from the Food Research and Development Center (Hermosillo, Mexico), were grown on petri dishes containing PDA medium at 25 °C for 5 days (incubator Yamato IC602, Tokyo, Japan), until mycelia fully covered the surface, and stored at 4 °C.

### Culture medium and fermentation conditions

The fermentation medium used for substrate moistening was sterilized at 121 °C for 20 min and composed as follows: glucose (20 g/L), yeast extract (5 g/L),  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  (1 g/L),  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.5 g/L), and ascorbic acid (0.05 g/L). The pH was adjusted to 5.4 by addition of either HCl (0.1 N) or NaOH (2.5 M). Shake flask culture was carried out in 250 mL Erlenmeyer flasks containing 100 mL of the medium and SCG (0, 5, and 10 %), without or with *P. ostreatus* mycelium. The flasks were incubated at 150 rpm at 32 °C (rotary incubator shaker MaxQ™ 5000, Fisher Scientific, Nepean, Canada) for 10 d, in the dark.

### Extract preparation

The culture media (aqueous solution) was homogenized at 10,000 rpm for 30 s (Ultraturrax T25, IKA®, Staufen, Germany), filtered (Whatman 1 filter paper) under vacuum (vacuum pump MVP 6, Soosung Vacuum Co., Ltd., Jeju, Korea), and dried (freeze dryer Yamato DC401, Tokyo, Japan). The obtained aqueous extract was stored at -20 °C in the dark, until analysis (Liu et al. 2018).

### Phytochemical screening

The qualitative phytochemical analysis of the aqueous extract was carried out according to standard methods reported previously (Nguyen et al. 2022, Vargas-Sánchez et al. 2023). A total of 0.5 g of the aqueous extract was homogenized with 10 mL of distilled water at 10,000 rpm for 1 min (vortex mixer, Fisher Scientific™, CA, USA) and filtered (Whatman 1 filter paper), in order to extract phytochemicals (stock solution).

For carbohydrates analysis (Phenol-sulfuric acid test) the stock solution (2 mL) was mixed with 1 mL of aqueous phenol (1 %, v/v) and 1 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  concentrated, and incubated (100 °C for 5 min, in the dark). Reddish-brown precipitate indicates a positive result.

For phenols analysis (Ferric chloride test) the stock solution (2 mL), previously incubated at 100 °C for 10 min and filtered, was mixed with 2 mL of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  solution (0.1 %, w/v). Blue-black precipitate indicated a positive result.

For flavonoids analysis (Shinoda test) few pieces of magnesium ribbon and 0.1 mL of HCl concentrated were carefully added to 1 mL of the stock solution. Red color formation indicates a positive result.

For chlorogenic acid analysis (Sodium nitrite test) the

stock solution (1 mL) was mixed with 1 mL of urea (0.17 M), 1 mL of glacial acetic acid (0.1 M), and 2.5 mL of distilled water. After, 2.5 mL of  $\text{NaNO}_2$  (0.14 M) and 2.5 mL NaOH were added (0.5 M). Red color formation indicates a positive result.

### Phytochemical content

The total carbohydrate content was determined by the phenol-sulfuric acid procedure (Albalasmeh et al. 2013). An aliquot of the extract (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , at 5 mg/mL) was added to 96-well clear microplate and mixed with 25  $\mu\text{L}$  of aqueous phenol solution (5 % v/v) and 125  $\mu\text{L}$  of concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The resultant mixture was incubated at room temperature (25 °C) for 10 min, in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 490 nm in a spectrophotometer (Multiskan FC UV-Vis, Thermo Scientific, Vantaa, Finland). Total carbohydrate content values were calculated from a standard curve of glucose (62.5 to 1,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ;  $y = 0.6533x$ ;  $r^2 = 0.9990$ ), and results were expressed as mg of glucose equivalents per g of dried extract (mg GE/g).

The total phenolic content was determined by the Folin-Ciocalteu's method, reported previously (Bibi et al. 2022). An aliquot of the extract (20  $\mu\text{L}$ , at 5 mg/mL) was homogenized with 160  $\mu\text{L}$  of distilled water, 60  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (7 %, w/v), and 40  $\mu\text{L}$  of Folin-Ciocalteu's reagent (2 M). The resultant mixture was incubated at 25 °C for 1 h, in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 750 nm. Total phenolic content values were calculated from a standard curve of gallic acid (62.5 to 1,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ;  $y = 0.4933x$ ;  $r^2 = 0.9996$ ), and results were expressed as mg of gallic acid equivalents per g of dried extract (mg GAE/g).

The total flavonoids content was determined by the  $\text{NaNO}_2$ - $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ -NaOH procedure reported previously (Bibi et al. 2022). An aliquot of the extract (500  $\mu\text{L}$ , at 5 mg/mL) was mixed with 1 mL of  $\text{NaNO}_2$  (5 %, w/v), 1 mL of  $\text{AlCl}_3$  (10 %, w/v), and 10 mL of NaOH (1 M). The resultant mixture was adjusted to 25 mL with ethanol (70 %), and incubated at 25 °C for 15 min (water bath Yamato BM510, Tokyo, Japan), in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 510 nm. Total flavonoids content values were calculated from a standard curve of quercetin (62.5 to 1,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ;  $y = 0.0299x$ ;  $r^2 = 0.9995$ ), and results were expressed as mg of quercetin equivalent per g (mg QE/g).

The caffeoylquinic acid content was determined as previously described (Nguyen et al. 2022). An aliquot

of the extract (100 µL, at 5 mg/mL) was homogenized with 200 µL of urea (0.17 M), 200 µL of glacial acetic acid (0.1 M), and 500 µL of distilled water. The resultant mixture was mixed with 500 µL of NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.14 M) and 500 µL of NaOH (0.5 M) and centrifuged at 2,250 g at 4 °C for 10 min, in the dark (Sorvall ST18R, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, USA). The absorbance was measured at 510 nm. Total caffeoylquinic acid content values were calculated from a standard curve of chlorogenic acid (62.5 to 1,000 µg/mL;  $y = 0.1201x$ ;  $r^2 = 0.9990$ ), and results were expressed as mg of caffeoylquinic acid equivalents per g (mg CQA/g).

### Antioxidant activity

The free-radical scavenging activity (FRSA) was determined according to the DPPH\* method, reported previously (Bouhlal *et al.* 2020). An aliquot of extract (100 µL, at 100 µg/mL) was homogenized with 100 µL of DPPH\* solution (300 µmol), and incubated at 25 °C for 30 min, in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 520 nm, and results were expressed as inhibition percentage and calculated as follow:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = [1 - \text{Absorbance of antioxidant} + \text{DPPH}^* \text{ solution at 30 min} / \text{Absorbance of DPPH}^* \text{ adjusted solution at 0 min}] \times 100.$$

The radical-cation scavenging activity (RCSA) was determined according to the ABTS<sup>•+</sup> method, reported previously (Bouhlal *et al.* 2020). An aliquot of extract (20 µL, at 100 µg/mL) was homogenized with 980 µL of ABTS<sup>•+</sup> solution (absorbance 0.8 nm, in ethanol), and incubated at 25 °C for 30 min, in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 730 nm, and results were expressed as inhibition percentage and calculated as follow:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = [\text{Absorbance of ABTS}^{\bullet+} \text{ adjusted solution at 0 min} - \text{Absorbance of antioxidant} + \text{ABTS}^{\bullet+} \text{ adjusted solution at 30 min} / \text{Absorbance of ABTS}^{\bullet+} \text{ adjusted solution at 0 min}] \times 100.$$

The reducing power ability (RPA) was determined by the Ferricyanide/Prussian blue method (Berker *et al.* 2010). An aliquot of extract (100 µL, at 5 mg/mL) was homogenized with 300 µL of phosphate buffer (0.2 M, pH 6.6) and 300 µL of potassium ferricyanide (1 %, w/v). The resultant solution was incubated at 50 °C for

20 min in a water bath, under dark. After cooling at 25 °C for 10 min, the mixture was homogenized with 300 µL of trichloroacetic acid (10 %, w/v) and centrifuged (4,200 g at 4 °C for 10 min). Then, 100 µL of the supernatant were mixed with 100 µL of distilled water and 250 µL of ferric chloride (0.1 %, w/v). The absorbance was measured at 700 nm, and results were expressed as absorbance increase at the same wavelength.

Ferric-reducing antioxidant power (FRAP) was determined (Berker *et al.* 2010). An aliquot of extract (20 µL, at 5 mg/mL) was homogenized with 150 µL of FRAP solution [10:1:1, 300 mM buffer sodium acetate in glacial acetic acid at pH 3.6 and 10 mM 4,4,6-tripyridyl-S-triazine (TPZ) in 40 nM HCl and 20 mM FeCl<sub>3</sub>]. The reaction mixture was incubated at 25 °C for 8 min, in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 595 nm, and results were expressed as mg of Fe<sup>2+</sup> equivalents per g (mg Fe<sup>2+</sup>/g).

Lipid oxidation (LOX) was determined by the thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBARS) method previously reported (Kim *et al.* 2016), with slight modifications. Meat homogenates were obtained homogenizing (4,500 rpm at 4 °C for 1 min) pork meat with distilled water (1:10, w/v) and the respective antioxidants at 500 ppm. The resultant solution was incubated for 60 min at 65 °C in a water bath. Then, meat homogenates (0.5 mL) were mixed with 1 mL of TCA solution (10 %, w/v). After, 1 mL of the resultant filtered solution (Whatman 1 filter paper) was homogenized with 1 mL of TBA solution (0.02 M) and placed in a water bath (97 °C for 20 min), and subsequently cooled. The absorbance was measured at 531 nm, and results expressed as mg of malondialdehyde per kg of meat (mg MDA/kg).

### Statistical analysis

Mean ± standard deviation values were used as descriptive statistics. All data were obtained from three independent experimental trials (with three replications). Data of phytochemical composition and antioxidant activity were submitted to one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with the fixed effect of treatment. While data of meat extract measurement were subjected to a two-way factorial ANOVA, which treatment and storage time were considered the main effects in the model. A Tukey-Kramer multiple comparison test was performed for meat separation ( $p < 0.05$ ). Furthermore, a Pearson's correlation analysis and a principal component analysis were performed to determine the relationships among the analyzed variables (SPSS, version 21).

## RESULTS

### Chemical composition

Table 1 reports the preliminary phytochemical profile of the aqueous extracts obtained from SCG after fungal fermentation process. The results showed that phytochemicals like carbohydrates, polyphenols, and flavonoids were highly present in the in the aqueous extract obtained from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus*, at the highest substrate concentration 10 % (SCG 10 % + PO). While caffeoylquinic acid was highly present in SCG 5 % + PO and SCG 10 % + PO. In addition, the aqueous extract obtained from SCG 0 % + PO, as well as the aqueous extracts from fermented samples without *P. ostreatus*, showed slight presence of these compounds. Furthermore, polyphenols, flavonoids, and caffeoylquinic acid were not detected in the control sample (SCG 0 %).

Table 2 reports the phytochemical content of the aqueous extracts obtained from SCG after fungal fermentation process. The results showed that the aqueous extract obtained from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus*, at the highest substrate concentration (SCG 10 % + PO), showed the highest ( $p < 0.05$ ) carbohydrates, polyphenols, flavonoids, and caffeoylquinic acid

content in comparison to fermented samples without *P. ostreatus*.

### Antiradical and reducing power properties

Table 3 reports the antioxidant properties of the aqueous extracts obtained from SCG after fungal fermentation process. The results indicate that the highest ( $p < 0.05$ ) antiradical activity (FRSA and RCSA) was showed in the aqueous extract obtained from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus*, at the highest substrate concentration (SCG 10 % + PO). Regard reducing power properties, the results indicate that aqueous extracts obtained from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus* showed higher ( $p < 0.05$ ) RPA and FRAP values than fermented samples without *P. ostreatus*, in concentration dependence.

### Lipid oxidation inhibition

Figure 1 reports the effect of the inclusion of the aqueous extracts obtained from SCG after fungal fermentation process and thermal storage time on lipid oxidation of pork meat homogenates. The results indicate that lipid oxidation was significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) affected by treatment x thermal storage period. At the beginning of storage, lipid oxidation of meat homo-

Table 1. Effect of liquid culture fermentation of SCG by *P. ostreatus* on the phytochemical profile of their aqueous extract

Extracts	Carbohydrates	Polyphenols	Flavonoids	Caffeoylquinic acid
SCG 0 %	+	-	-	-
SCG 5 %	+	+	+	++
SCG 10 %	+	+	+	++
SCG 0 % + PO	+	+	+	+
SCG 5 % + PO	++	++	++	+++
SCG 10 % + PO	+++	+++	+++	+++

SCG, spent coffee grounds. PO, *P. ostreatus*. (-), absent. (+), slightly present. (++) , moderately present. (+++) , highly present.

Table 2. Effect of liquid culture fermentation of SCG by *P. ostreatus* on the phytochemical content of their aqueous extract

Extracts	Carbohydrates (mg GE/g)	Polyphenols (mg GAE/g)	Flavonoids (mg QE/g)	Caffeoylquinic acid (mg CQA/g)
SCG 0 %	21.88 ± 0.78 <sup>a</sup>	1.46 ± 0.25 <sup>a</sup>	0.76 ± 0.05 <sup>a</sup>	2.01 ± 0.50 <sup>a</sup>
SCG 5 %	23.85 ± 0.30 <sup>b</sup>	8.68 ± 1.09 <sup>b</sup>	4.07 ± 0.77 <sup>b</sup>	56.52 ± 2.30 <sup>c</sup>
SCG 10 %	23.84 ± 0.31 <sup>b</sup>	9.62 ± 0.82 <sup>b</sup>	3.75 ± 0.92 <sup>b</sup>	92.93 ± 2.19 <sup>d</sup>
SCG 0 % + PO	28.62 ± 1.73 <sup>c</sup>	8.07 ± 0.35 <sup>b</sup>	4.59 ± 0.22 <sup>b</sup>	31.88 ± 1.79 <sup>b</sup>
SCG 5 % + PO	87.98 ± 1.96 <sup>d</sup>	19.23 ± 2.41 <sup>c</sup>	9.99 ± 1.30 <sup>c</sup>	226.36 ± 1.55 <sup>e</sup>
SCG 10 % + PO	101.46 ± 0.75 <sup>e</sup>	24.75 ± 2.01 <sup>d</sup>	12.52 ± 0.32 <sup>d</sup>	329.98 ± 4.72 <sup>f</sup>

Values are expressed as mean ± standard deviation. SCG, spent coffee grounds. PO, *P. ostreatus*. Means with different superscripts (a–f) among samples indicate significant differences with the Tukey test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

Table 3. Effect of liquid culture fermentation of SCG by *P. ostreatus* on the antioxidant activity of their aqueous extract

Extracts	FRSA (% Inhibition)	RCSA (% Inhibition)	RPA (abs)	FRAP (mg Fe <sup>2+</sup> /g)
SCG 0 %	27.78 ± 0.59 <sup>a</sup>	52.94 ± 1.23 <sup>a</sup>	0.42 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	3.25 ± 0.04 <sup>a</sup>
SCG 5 %	56.93 ± 0.61 <sup>d</sup>	85.23 ± 0.43 <sup>c</sup>	0.53 ± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	9.72 ± 0.04 <sup>c</sup>
SCG 10 %	63.96 ± 0.32 <sup>e</sup>	85.55 ± 0.98 <sup>c</sup>	0.55 ± 0.02 <sup>b</sup>	10.95 ± 0.10 <sup>d</sup>
SCG 0 % + PO	31.47 ± 0.95 <sup>b</sup>	78.98 ± 1.27 <sup>b</sup>	1.28 ± 0.02 <sup>c</sup>	4.01 ± 0.17 <sup>b</sup>
SCG 5 % + PO	43.22 ± 1.83 <sup>c</sup>	85.32 ± 0.50 <sup>c</sup>	1.30 ± 0.03 <sup>c</sup>	16.64 ± 0.71 <sup>e</sup>
SCG 10 % + PO	71.59 ± 0.58 <sup>f</sup>	88.89 ± 0.35 <sup>d</sup>	1.57 ± 0.01 <sup>d</sup>	28.50 ± 0.95 <sup>f</sup>

Values are expressed as mean ± standard deviation. SCG, spent coffee grounds. PO, *P. ostreatus*. FRSA, free-radical scavenging activity (DPPH<sup>•</sup> method). RCSA, radical-cation scavenging activity (ABTS<sup>•+</sup> method). RPA, reducing power ability. FRAP, ferric-reducing antioxidant power. Means with different superscripts (a–f) among samples indicate significant differences with the Tukey test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

genates was significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) reduced by the aqueous extracts obtained by fungal fermentation. Although lipid oxidation values increased ( $p < 0.05$ ) during the whole period for all treatments, at the end of storage, meat homogenates treated with the aqueous extracts obtained from SCG and fermented with *P. ostreatus* (SCG 5 % + PO = SCG 10 % + PO) showed the lowest ( $p < 0.05$ ) lipid oxidation values when compared with another treatments.

#### Pearson's correlation analysis

Table 4 reports the association between treatments and analyzed variables. The results of Pearson's correlation analysis indicate that FRAP values showed a high positive correlation with total carbohydrates, polyphenols, flavonoids and caffeoylquinic acid content (0.893, 0.951, 0.921 and 0.977, respectively). While, RPA values showed a high positive correlation with total carbohydrates, polyphenols and flavonoids content (0.820, 0.813 and 0.867, respectively). In contrast, FRSA and RCSA values showed a slight relationship with the metabolites content ( $<0.75$ ). In addition, TBARS values showed a negative correlation with the metabolites content.

#### Principal component analysis

Figure 2 reports the principal component analysis carried out in order to evaluate the differences between treatments and analyzed variables. The first and second component showed a variance of 75.9 % and 14.8 %, respectively; thus, an accumulative of 90.7 % of the total variation was explained by the two components. In addition, the results showed a separation of analyzed treatment and antioxidant activity ( $p < 0.05$ ), for example, SCG 5 % + PO and SCG + PO treatments showed highest relationship with total carbohydrates, polyphenols, flavonoids, and caffeoylquinic acid, as well as FRAP and RPA values.

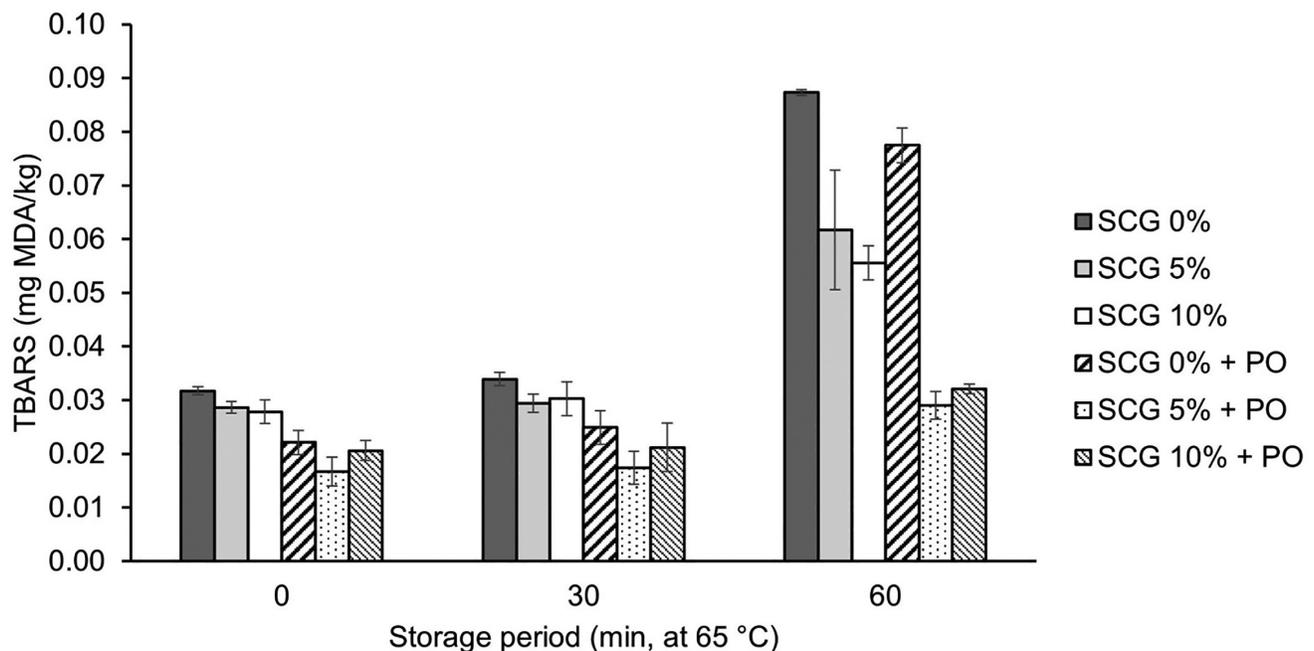


Figure 1. Effect of treatment x thermal storage on lipid oxidation of pork meat homogenates.

Table 4. Correlation between metabolites and antioxidant activity of the treatments

	Carb.	Polyph.	Flav.	CQAs	FRSA	RCSA	RPA	FRAP	TBARS
Carb.	1.000	0.944	0.962	0.961	0.405	0.471	0.820	0.893	-0.394
Polyph.		1.000	0.992	0.982	0.632	0.724	0.813	0.951	-0.647
Flav.			1.000	0.968	0.539	0.678	0.867	0.921	-0.615
CQAs				1.000	0.638	0.612	0.751	0.977	-0.508
FRSA					1.000	0.743	0.184	0.763	-0.607
RCSA						1.000	0.509	0.635	-0.980
RPA							1.000	0.654	-0.535
FRAP								1.000	-0.507
TBARS									1.000

Carb., carbohydrates. Polyph., polyphenols. Flav., flavonoids. CQAs, caffeoylquinic acid. FRSA, free radical scavenging activity. RCSA, radical cation scavenging activity. RPA, reducing power ability. FRAP, ferric-reducing antioxidant power. TBARS, thiobarbituric acid reactive substances.

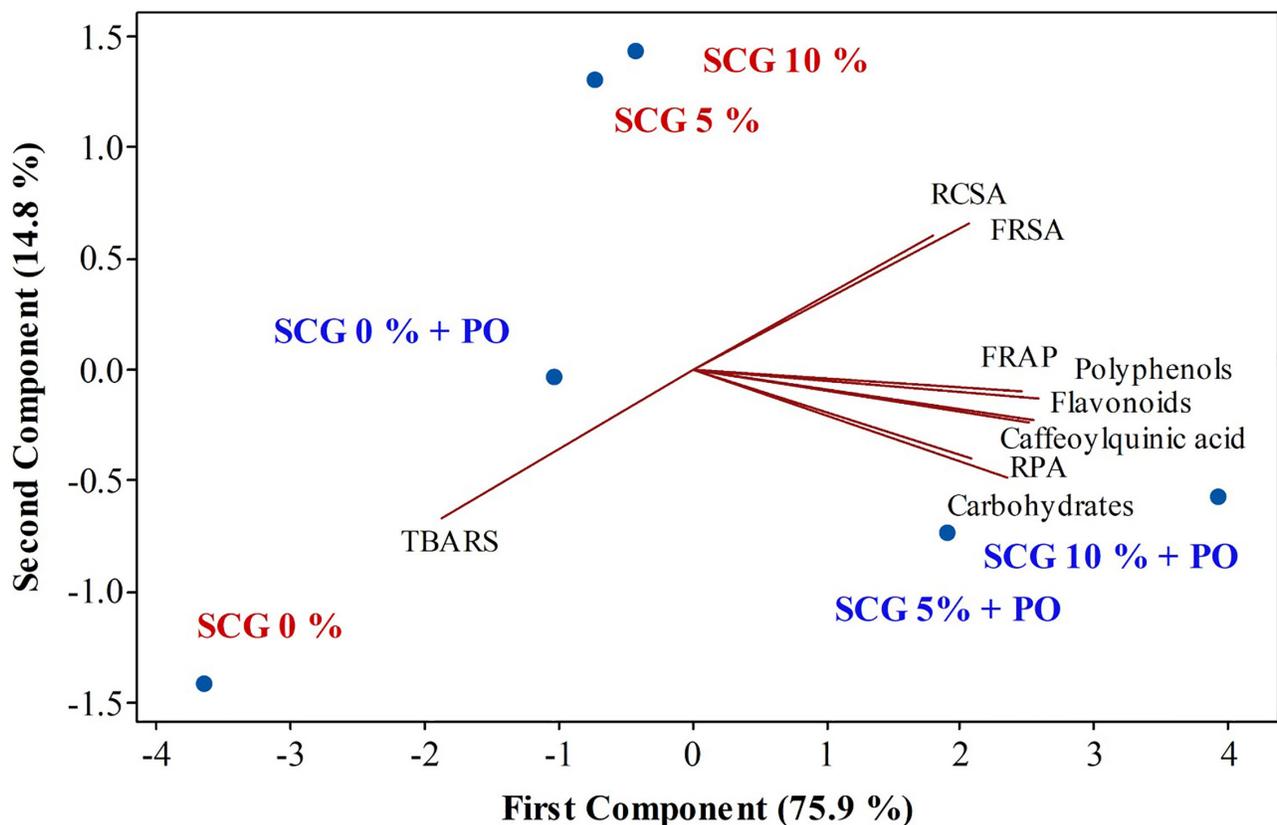


Figure 2. Principal component analysis of treatments and evaluated parameters.

## DISCUSSION

### Chemical composition

Phytochemicals from the Greek (*phyton* = plant), including alkaloids, glycosides, terpenes, terpenoids, saponins, steroids, phenolics, tannins, flavonoids, among others, are chemical compounds presents in plants. These compounds play an important role in plant growth supporting against competitors, pollution, UV-light, diseases and another stress plant factors. In addition, they are associated with human health benefits and with some biological properties of interest for the food industry. However, the bioactivity of natural extracts depends on the constituent's type after separate the phytochemicals from the plant material using extraction techniques (Shaikh and Patil, 2020). This composition can be affected by pre-extraction factors like type of plant material and processing conditions (drying, milling, among others), as well as extraction related factors including solvent type, solvent-solid ratio, time, and the employed method. Regard extraction methods, decoction, hot continuous (Soxhlet), infusion, maceration, and percolation, are commonly employed as conventional extraction methods, while, microwave-assisted, ultrasonic-assisted, subcritical water, supercritical fluid, and membrane technology are considered as unconventional extraction methods. In addition, enzymatic and fermentation extraction process have been used as biotechnology extraction methods (Shaikh and Patil 2020, Gomes-Araújo et al. 2021).

In this context, a preliminary phytochemical screening showed the presence of carbohydrates, phenols, and flavonoids in the ethanol extract obtained from prepared coffee bean powder (*Canephora robusta*) using Soxhlet extraction method (Jankuti et al. 2020). In another study, phenolic components were also reported in aqueous and ethanol extracts from SCG, using percolation extraction and a solvent-solid ratio of 1:10 (Kim et al. 2016). While, phenolic and caffeoylquinic acid were identified in an aqueous extract from SCG, using percolation extraction and a solvent-solid ratio of 1:2 approximately (Belviso et al. 2014). Also, phenolic compounds were reported in SCG extracts (*C. arabica*) using hexane, water, and ethanol as solvent extraction (solvent-solid ratio of 1:7 approx.), and Soxhlet, ultrasound, and accelerated solvent as extraction methods (Mitraka et al. 2021).

Regard biotechnological extraction methods, Machado et al. (2012) demonstrated that phenolic compounds can be extracted from SCG by solid-state fermentation using different fungal strain, including *Aspergillus* sp., *Mucor* sp., and *Penicillium* sp. In another investigation, da Costa Maia et al. (2020) reported a phenolic compounds extraction from SCG by solid-state fermentation using *Aspergillus oryzae*; while trans-ferulic acid, *p*-coumaric acid, ferulic acid, protocatechuic acid, genticic acid 3,7-dimethylquercetin, phlorizine, and naringenin 7-O-glucoside were the identified phenolic compounds. In another study, Han et al. (2021) demonstrated a release of phenolic compounds from SCG by submerged-state fermentation using *Cordyceps sinensis*. Although there is limited information on the use of submerged-culture fermentation using *P. ostreatus* as potential alternative to extract bioactive compounds from coffee residues, a previous investigation was performed to extract bioactive components from SCG by submerged fermentation using *P. ostreatus* (Carrasco-Cabrera et al. 2019). In this context, the findings obtained from our study highlight that the aqueous extracts from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus* is a promising source of bioactive compounds.

### Antiradical and reducing power properties

Moreover, it has been demonstrated that phytochemicals are associated with the antioxidant activity of extracts obtained from coffee residues (Mussatto et al. 2011). Antioxidants are substances that, when used in low concentrations, can reduce the oxidation of macromolecules, including lipids, through the inhibition of free radicals or by reducing chelating metal ions (Echeagaray et al. 2021). In a previous study, Kim et al. (2016) evidenced the FRSA properties of SCG extracts (ethanol > aqueous, in concentration dependence) obtained by percolation extraction. Also, Bouhlal et al. (2020) reported FRSA properties of the aqueous-ethanol extract obtained from SCG (*C. arabica* and *C. Robusta*) using Soxhlet as extraction method. While Okur et al. (2021) demonstrated that SCG methanol-aqueous extract (*C. arabica*) obtained by percolation (solvent-solid ratio of 8:2), high hydrostatic and ultrasound-assisted extraction exert FRSA and FRAP activity. In addition, García-Larez et al. (2021) reported that SCG extracts (aqueous, ethanol, and aqueous-ethanol) showed antiradical activity (FRSA and RCSA), as well as reducing power properties (RPA and FRAP), which was associa-

ted with the presence of phenolic compounds like phenolic acids and flavonoids.

Regarding biotechnological extraction methods, Palomino-García *et al.* (2015) reported that coffee residues obtained by solid-state fermentation using *Penicillium purpurogenum*, exert FRSA (*C. robusta*: husk > pulp), which was associated with an enhancement of phenolic compounds like caffeoylquinic acid, caffeic acid, and rutin. Also, Moreira *et al.* (2018) reported that coffee residue methanol-aqueous extract (*C. arabica*; husk and pulp; solvent-solid ratio of 7:3) obtained by solid-state fermentation using *Rhodotorula mucilaginosa*, exert antiradical activity (FRSA). While Han *et al.* (2021) demonstrated that SCG extract obtained by submerged-state fermentation using *Cordyceps sinensis*, exert FRSA, RCSA and FRAP activity. Although there is limited information on the use of submerged-culture fermentation using *P. ostreatus* as potential alternative to extract bioactive compounds from coffee residues, in our study the potential use of submerged fermentation with *P. ostreatus* for the recovery of antioxidant compounds, which could be used as preservative additives in the food industry.

According to our study a positive correlation was found between phytochemical content and antioxidant properties, mainly for reducing power activity ( $r^2 = 0.90$  approx.). In a previous study, it has also been demonstrated the relationship of phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity ( $r^2 > 0.90$ ) of coffee brews (Mířek *et al.* 2021). Also, it has been demonstrated a high correlation ( $r^2 > 0.90$ ) between phenolic acids with antiradical properties of unprocessed and processed coffee (Pérez-Hernández *et al.* 2012).

According to the findings of antioxidant activity obtained in our study, the aqueous extract obtained from SCG fermented with *P. ostreatus* could be used as an additive to extend the shelf life of fresh meat and meat products.

### Lipid oxidation inhibition

Lipid oxidation is considered one of the main factors that affect the sensory and nutritional quality in food products, and the methods used to determine lipid oxidation level measured the lipid oxidation's primary or secondary products. For example, primary oxidation products can be measured using peroxide, iodine, and conjugate dienes measurements, while the 2-thiobarbituric acid reactive substances method (TBARS) is hi-

ghly used as indicator of secondary oxidation products like malonaldehyde (MDA) (Kim *et al.* 2016).

In a previous study, Jully *et al.* (2016) reported that the inclusion of the aqueous extract from SCG obtained by percolation, reduced lipid oxidation in frozen cooked pork patties during storage (-18 °C for three months). In addition, Kim *et al.* (2016) demonstrated the lipid oxidation inhibition properties of SCG extracts (ethanol > aqueous, in concentration dependence) obtained by percolation extraction, in an oil emulsion model system during storage period, at 37 °C for 72 h. It has been also demonstrated a similar effect against lipid oxidation of raw meat homogenates treated with SCG, during storage at 37 °C for 12 h, as well as in cooked chicken patties incorporated with SCG extracts stored at 4 °C for 5 d. Regarding biotechnological extraction methods, Corrêa *et al.* (2015) reported that an ethanolic-aqueous extract (solvent-solid ratio 7:3) obtained by submerged fermentation using *Pleurotus ostreatoroseus*, exert lipid oxidation inhibition in brain pork tissue homogenates stored at 37 °C for 1 h. However, there is still no information on the use of extracts obtained by fungal fermentation, on oxidative stability in meat products. Therefore, our study confirmed that the extract obtained by fungal fermentation using *P. ostreatus*, exerted activity against the formation of lipid oxidation secondary products.

### Correlation between metabolites and antioxidant properties

According to the findings, Pearson's correlation and principal component analysis demonstrated a positive correlation between metabolites of aqueous extract obtained from SCF fermented with *P. ostreatus*, and their biological properties. It has been extensively reported that metabolites contributing to antiradical and reducing power ability of natural extracts, however, this positive correlation can be affected by the presence or absence of other compounds, which can improve or interfere with their bioactivity (Terpinc *et al.* 2012, Moazzen *et al.* 2022).

## CONCLUSIONS

This investigation demonstrated that the aqueous extract obtained by submerged-state fermentation of coffee residues (SCG, spent coffee grounds) using *P. ostreatus*, increased the release of phytochemicals (carbohydrates and phenolic compounds), as well

the antioxidant properties (antiradical and reducing power), in comparison to the unfermented extract. In addition, the inclusion of SCG extract on pork meat homogenates reduced the lipid oxidation during storage. Therefore, extracts obtained by fungal fermentation process of agro-industrial wastes using *Pleurotus* spp., could be used as a potential strategy to obtain natural additives.

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