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Barrier properties of edible coatings prepared with electro-spraying

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Electro-spraying is a novel technique for the application of coating to foods. In this study, thin lipid-based coatings were prepared by electro-spraying on model surface and evaluated for their moisture barrier functionality. Lipid-based edible coating materials were electro-sprayed at elevated temperature (60°C) using a multiple nozzle system. Sunflower oil-based coatings had coated the sides and top surface of the target surfaces, while chocolate based material deposited primarily on the top surface. This difference in behavior was attributed to the larger droplet size of chocolate based coating. It reduced the charge to mass ratio explained and limited “wrap-around effect”. Sunflower oil based coating penetrated into the target surfaces, which could be reduced by the addition of stearic acid (up to 0.15 g/g). However, this addition resulted in crystallization and crack formation during storage, and ultimately reduced barrier functionality. Conversely, chocolate-based material produced thicker coatings (up to 0.3 mm), which were more stable during storage and exhibited enhanced barrier properties. In short, electro spraying of lipid based coatings exhibited the uniform, thin film formation.

Biography

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