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Food safety assessment of frozen storage full liquid diet

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Background: Dysphagia is a common symptom in elderly people and patients suffering from degenerative diseases such as stroke, dementia, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease and head and neck cancer. In these persons, food with a modified texture may facilitate safe oral intake. Full liquid diet is smooth liquids at room temperature. It contains fiber and variety of nutrients that can provide sufficient nutrition.

Aim: Assessing frozen storage full liquid diet.

Methods: Tested liquid diet were cooked and stored at -18 °C for 7 and 14 days. Samples for microbiological analysis were collected from refrigerator thawing, microwave thawing, stove reheating, microwave reheating and after recooking 1 hour. We determined the aerobic plate count, coliform, *E. coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Results: At thaw and reheat, the mean aerobic plate counts for all samples were <103 CFU/g. The mean coliform counts for all samples were <10 CFU/g. The *E. coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* counts for all samples were not detected.

Conclusion: The microbial quality of the frozen storage full liquid diet after 14 days is safe.

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