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ABSTRACT

Ohmic heating is a technique that has gained increasing attention because of its capacity to produce uniform heating, and claimed electrical influence on the functional and technological properties of treated protein dispersions. The aim of this work was to evaluate the influence of ohmic heating on the properties of cold gel-like emulsions, comparing them with those obtained by conventional heating. The effect of ohmic and conventional heating on physical and structural properties of lactoferrin was also addressed. Ohmic heating treatment resulted in less pronounced aggregation of lactoferrin, when compared to conventional heating. An increase of particle size, turbidity, intrinsic and extrinsic fluorescence values and a decrease