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## Effect of different precooling and storage temperatures on quality of mango cv. Alphonso

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### Abstract

An experiment was conducted to study the effect of different precooling and storage temperatures on quality of mango cv. Alphonso. The experiment was carried out during the season May 2016 at R.F.R.S., Vengurle, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli with five precooling temperatures (P<sub>1</sub> – Control, P<sub>2</sub> – 21 ± 2°C, P<sub>3</sub> – 18 ± 2°C, P<sub>4</sub> – 15 ± 2°C and P<sub>5</sub> – 12 ± 2°C) and four storage temperatures (S<sub>1</sub> – Ambient temperature (27-30 °C), S<sub>2</sub> – 18 ± 2°C, S<sub>3</sub> – 15 ± 2°C and S<sub>4</sub> – 12 ± 2°C). After precooling fruits were stored for 21 days at different storage temperatures and again brought to above precooling temperature by air cooling after 21 days. Then the cooled fruits were kept for ripening for seven days at room temperature. It was found that the quality of Alphonso mango fruits were improved with minimum T.S.S. in the P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (15.95 %), reducing sugar (3.75 %) in P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, total sugar (13.15 %) in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, titrable acidity (0.29 %) and β-carotene (10018.95 µg/100 g) in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>4</sub> at 28<sup>th</sup> days of storage due to interactions effect of precooling and storage temperature. Each chemical parameter has shown best result with separate interaction except P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, which showed best results with titratable acidity and β-carotene content.

**Keywords:** precooling, storage, temperature and quality

### Introduction

Mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) is a delicious fruit. Besides its fine taste, high palatability, sweet fragrance, attractive colour and nutritional value, it is called as 'the king of fruits' and is also a national fruit of India. It is good source of vitamin A, and C. India is the largest producer of mango in the world and ranks first in area and production. The total production of mango in India is 18.832 million MT from about 2.218 million ha area with the productivity of 8.49 MT/ha (Anon., 2015 a) <sup>[1]</sup>. In Maharashtra, mango is occupying an area of 0.156 million ha with annual production of 0.876 million MT and productivity of 5.60 MT/ha (Anon., 2015 b) <sup>[2]</sup>. Post-harvest handling is the problem of mango as due to climacteric nature of the fruit. So, post-harvest handling can play a major role to reduce the losses. The post-harvest losses in mango are about 25 to 30 per cent post-harvest losses. This is mainly due to the non-availability of commercial low temperature store houses, lack of cool chain during transport and storage (Krishnamurthy and Rao, 2001) <sup>[7]</sup>. One of the most important factors affecting post-harvest life and quality of horticultural crops is temperature. Similarly, low-temperature storage has been one of the most effective methods for maintaining the quality of most of the fruits and vegetables. This method reduces the rate of respiration, ethylene production, ripening, senescence, undesirable metabolic changes and further decay (Niranjana *et al.*, 2009) <sup>[11]</sup>. Kapse (1993) <sup>[6]</sup> reported that the pre-cooling of mango cv. Kesar at 12 and 16 °C temperature resulted in improving the quality of ripened fruits and delayed ripening. Alphonso is premium export cultivar and the export by air is very costly. Hence, if shelf life of fruits increased without affecting the quality up to about 30 days, it can be exported through sea route. This will reduce the freight cost and will boost the export of fresh fruits. However, harvested mango fruits, are kept in cold storage with or without precooling. After storage they are directly brought to ambient temperature for ripening. This affects the quality of fruits and cause losses. In order to reduce these losses, it is necessary to standardize precooling and storage methods at different temperatures. In view of this, the present investigation was undertaken.

### Materials and Methods

Physiologically mature, hard green fruits at optimum maturity of mango Cv. Alphonso were

harvested with the help of Nutan Zela with keeping 2.5 to 3.5 cm stalk during morning hours from the Regional Fruit Research Station, Vengurle Dist. Sindhudurg (Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli) during May 2016. After harvesting, the fruits were treated with 0.1% carbendazim and kept under shade for 1-2 hours in order to dry them. The experiment was laid out in Factorial Completely Randomized Design (FCRD) with two replications. Initial observation was recorded and fruits were kept in forced air cooling chamber for the pre-cooling at P<sub>1</sub> – Control, P<sub>2</sub> – 21 ± 2 °C, P<sub>3</sub> – 18 ± 2 °C, P<sub>4</sub> – 15 ± 2 °C and P<sub>5</sub> – 12 ± 2 °C. The precool temperature was checked by using thermometer which was inserted in the pulp of the fruit and the constant temperature maintained. Precooled fruits were stored for 21 days at different storage temperature like S<sub>1</sub> – Ambient temperature (27-30 °C), S<sub>2</sub> – 18 ± 2 °C, S<sub>3</sub> – 15 ± 2 °C and S<sub>4</sub> – 12 ± 2 °C. After 21 days storage, fruits were again brought to above precooling temperature by forced air cooling and kept for ripening for 7 days at room temperature.

## Results and Discussion

### Total soluble solid (<sup>0</sup>Brix0029)

The data pertaining to total soluble solids of mango as influenced by precooling and storage temperature is given in Table 1. The results indicated that the total soluble solids of mango fruits was increased during storage at different storage temperature, irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 7th day, Minimum T.S.S. was observed in S<sub>4</sub> (9.8 0B) and it was significantly superior over others. On 21st day, 18±2 0C (S<sub>2</sub>) recorded significantly the lowest T.S.S.

(14.90 0B) and it was superior over rest of the storage treatments. At 28 day storage, fruits of ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>) at different precooling temperatures were found to be spoiled, hence reading were not taken. The minimum T.S.S. was observed in P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (15.95 0B). From the present findings it is evident that in the storage condition up to 7 days storage, the increase in T.S.S. was noticed at ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>) than the cold temperatures. After 7 days decrease in T.S.S. was observed at ambient temperature, it may be due to higher rate of microbial fermentation as high temperature is favourable for microbial growth was available at ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>). However in case of S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>3</sub> and S<sub>4</sub> T.S.S. was found to increase during storage. It may be due to enhanced carbohydrates degradation metabolism. At 21 day storage fruits were removed from cold storage and kept for ripening at ambient storage. Hence from the data of 21 days storage it was observed that T.S.S. of fruits at 12±2°C (S<sub>4</sub>) and 15±2°C (S<sub>3</sub>) storage was suddenly increased, irrespective of precooling temperature. It may be due to sudden change in storage temperature. Whereas in case of precooling temperature, lowest T.S.S. was recorded by P<sub>2</sub> (21±2°C) may be due to minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compared to other precooling temperatures. Minimum T.S.S. was recorded by P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> may be due to effect of precooling and storage temperature and minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compared to other precooling and storage temperatures. Similar findings were recorded by Padhye (1997) [12] and Joshi and Roy (1985) [5] in mango.

**Table 1:** Effect of precooling and storage temperature on TSS (<sup>0</sup>Brix) of mango fruits during storage

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean
S1	6.25	7.15	7.10	6.80	6.25	6.71	19.35	19.15	19.60	19.10	18.35	19.11	16.25	15.75	16.75	17.30	16.75	16.56
S2	7.10	7.35	7.25	6.50	8.20	7.28	11.75	11.25	12.25	12.25	10.75	11.65	15.25	13.50	13.25	14.25	15.25	14.30
S3	8.40	5.90	6.40	7.30	7.15	7.03	11.75	12.50	13.00	12.25	13.25	12.55	13.25	13.00	14.75	14.25	14.25	13.90
S4	6.15	7.30	6.30	6.60	7.95	6.86	10.25	9.25	10.25	9.75	9.50	9.80	10.75	11.00	10.75	11.25	11.25	11.00
Mean	6.98	6.93	6.76	6.80	7.39	6.97	13.28	13.04	13.78	13.34	12.96	13.28	13.88	13.31	13.88	14.26	14.38	13.94
	S.Em+		C.D.@ 1%				S.Em+		C. D.@ 1%				S.Em+		C.D.@ 1%			
S	0.19		NS				0.11		0.43				0.11		0.46			
P	0.21		NS				0.12		0.48				0.13		0.51			
SxP	0.42		NS				0.24		0.96				0.25		1.02			
Treatment	21 Days						28 Days											
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean						
S1	15.50	15.30	16.35	15.75	16.60	15.90	-	-	-	-	-	-						
S2	15.25	14.75	14.25	15.25	15.00	14.90	16.45	16.50	15.95	16.25	16.30	16.29						
S3	18.50	17.75	19.40	18.90	19.10	18.73	19.25	19.15	19.25	19.35	18.90	19.18						
S4	18.95	18.85	19.25	18.25	18.75	18.81	18.75	18.85	18.75	18.40	19.60	18.87						
Mean	17.05	16.66	17.31	17.04	17.36	17.09	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	S.Em+		C. D.@ 1%				S.Em+		C. D.@ 1%									
S	0.11		0.44				-		-									
P	0.12		0.49				-		-									
SxP	0.24		0.98				-		-									

Precooling temperature: - 1) P<sub>1</sub> – Control, 2) P<sub>2</sub> – 21 ± 2 °C, 3) P<sub>3</sub> – 18 ± 2 °C, 4) P<sub>4</sub> – 15 ± 2 °C, 5) P<sub>5</sub> – 12 ± 2 °C

Storage temperature: - 1) S<sub>1</sub> – Ambient temperature, 2) S<sub>2</sub> – 18 ± 2 °C, 3) S<sub>3</sub> – 15 ± 2 °C, 4) S<sub>4</sub> – 12 ± 2 °C

SxP: - Interaction (Storage x Precooling), NS: - Non Significant

(At 28 days storage, fruits at ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>) with different precooling temperatures were found to be spoiled, hence reading were not taken.)

### Titrateable acidity

The data pertaining to titrateable acidity of mango as influenced by precooling and storage temperature is given in Table 2. The results indicated that the titrateable acidity of mango fruits decreased up to 21 days during storage at different storage conditions, irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 7<sup>th</sup> day, maximum titrateable acidity

(2.74 %) was recorded when the fruits which were kept in storage temperature at 12±2°C (S<sub>4</sub>) and it was significantly superior over others. On 21<sup>st</sup> day, it was observed that storage temperature showed significant difference. S<sub>4</sub> (12±2°C) treatment recorded significantly the maximum acidity (1.19 %) and was superior over rest. The maximum titrateable acidity was observed in P<sub>5</sub> (0.74 %) which was at par with P<sub>4</sub>

(0.73 %). In interactions, the maximum titratable acidity was observed in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (1.38 %) and it was at par with P<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (1.28 %). At 28 days storage, Maximum titratable acidity was noticed in S<sub>4</sub> (0.25 %) while, minimum titratable acidity was noticed in S<sub>2</sub> (0.10 %). In interactions, the maximum titratable acidity was observed in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (0.29 %) and minimum titratable acidity was recorded in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (0.07 %). Considerable decline in the acidity content in the mango fruit during ripening can be attributed mainly due to decrease in citrate and malate present in high amount in unripe fruits but decrease towards ripening (Medlicott and Thompson, 1985). The acidity of mango fruits

was found to be decreased in both the storage conditions, irrespective of precooling. Ambient temperature storage exhibited greater reduction in acidity than cold storage. The slower decrease in acidity of mango fruits at cold storage could be possibly due to slower degradation of organic acids due to low temperature and high humidity in cold storage. The reduction in acidity during storage might be associated with the conversion of organic acids into sugars and their derivatives or their utilization in respiration. Present results are in conformity with the findings reported by Gole (1986)<sup>[3]</sup> and Kulkarni (2000)<sup>[8]</sup> in mango fruits.

**Table 2:** Effect of precooling and storage temperature on titratable acidity (%) of mango fruits during storage

Treatment	0 Days						7 Days						14 Days					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean
S1	3.55	3.10	3.07	3.64	3.60	3.39	0.42	0.65	0.60	0.65	0.48	0.56	0.23	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.22	0.19
S2	2.95	3.65	3.08	3.51	3.26	3.29	2.11	2.11	2.08	2.21	2.24	2.15	1.57	1.63	1.86	1.89	1.66	1.72
S3	3.08	3.40	3.64	3.49	3.20	3.36	2.37	2.30	2.46	2.21	2.30	2.33	1.54	1.47	1.60	1.73	1.76	1.62
S4	3.45	2.98	3.60	3.72	3.17	3.38	2.59	2.91	2.78	2.59	2.82	2.74	1.34	1.38	1.38	1.54	1.50	1.43
Mean	3.26	3.28	3.35	3.59	3.31	3.36	1.87	1.99	1.98	1.92	1.96	1.94	1.17	1.16	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.24
	S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C. D. @1%			S.Em+			C.D.@ 1%		
S	0.07			NS			0.02			0.06			0.02			0.07		
P	0.08			NS			0.02			0.07			0.02			0.07		
SxP	0.16			NS			0.03			0.14			0.04			0.15		
Treatment	21 Days						28 Days											
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean						
S1	0.17	0.14	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.20	-	-	-	-	-	-						
S2	1.09	0.99	0.90	1.02	0.83	0.97	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.14	0.07	0.10						
S3	0.38	0.45	0.48	0.38	0.48	0.44	0.17	0.21	0.23	0.26	0.26	0.23						
S4	1.04	1.12	1.12	1.28	1.38	1.19	0.29	0.22	0.20	0.27	0.26	0.25						
Mean	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.73	0.74	0.70	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	S.Em+			C. D.@1%			S.Em+			C.D.@1%								
S	0.01			0.05			-			-								
P	0.01			0.05			-			-								
SxP	0.03			0.10			-			-								

### Reducing sugar (%)

The data pertaining to reducing sugar of mango as influenced by precooling and storage temperature is given in Table 3. The results indicated that the reducing sugar of mango fruits increased up to 21 days during storage at different storage conditions, irrespective of precooling and storage temperatures. On 7<sup>th</sup> day, Minimum reducing sugar content was observed in S<sub>4</sub> (2.25 %) and it was significantly superior over others. Maximum reducing sugars were found in S<sub>1</sub> (3.25 %), irrespective of precooling temperature. In precooling temperature minimum reducing sugars were noticed in P<sub>4</sub> (2.66 %). In interactions, minimum reducing sugar was recorded in P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (2.13 %) and significantly the highest reducing sugar was recorded in P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (3.53 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 21<sup>st</sup> day, The minimum reducing sugar was observed in S<sub>1</sub> (2.98 %) however, reducing sugar was found to decrease in S<sub>1</sub> at 21 days storage as compared to 14 days storage (4.45 %). Significantly maximum reducing sugar was recorded in S<sub>4</sub> (3.92 %) and was superior over all other storage temperatures. The minimum reducing sugar was observed in P<sub>3</sub> (3.31 %) and Maximum reducing sugar was recorded in P<sub>5</sub> (3.73 %) irrespective of storage temperatures. In interactions, the minimum reducing sugar as observed in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (2.65 %) and it was at par with P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (2.80 %), P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (2.85 %) and P<sub>4</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (2.95 %) however, reducing sugar was found to decrease in S<sub>1</sub> as explained above. Maximum reducing sugar as recorded in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (4.20 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. At 28 day storage, Minimum reducing sugars were noticed in S<sub>2</sub> (4.00 %) and maximum reducing sugars

were noticed in S<sub>3</sub> (4.08 %). In interactions the minimum reducing sugars were observed in P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (3.75 %), and maximum reducing sugars were recorded in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (4.18 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. The normal ripening marks with the upsurge of ethylene and initiation of conversion of starch to sugars. Mango being a climacteric fruit, temperature surrounding fruit during ripening plays a crucial role in controlling the ethylene production and overall starch metabolism (Lee *et al.*, 1995 and Walls *et al.*, 2007). After 14 days decrease in reducing sugar was observed at ambient temperature, it may be due to higher rate of microbial fermentation as high temperature is favourable for microbial growth was available at ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>). Hence, from the data of 21 days storage it was observed that reducing sugar of fruits at 12±2°C (S<sub>4</sub>) and 15±2°C (S<sub>3</sub>) storage was suddenly increased, irrespective of precooling temperatures. An increase in reducing sugar content during cold storage was probably due to conversion of starch in to soluble sugars and dehydration of fruits and further due to sudden change in storage temperature. Whereas, in case of precooling temperature the lowest reducing sugar was recorded by P<sub>3</sub>, followed by P<sub>4</sub> and P<sub>2</sub>, may be due to minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compared to other precooling temperatures. Minimum reducing sugar as recorded by P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>1</sub> it may be due to higher rate of microbial fermentation due to high temperature which was available at ambient temperature (S<sub>1</sub>) favourable for microbial growth. Similar results were obtained by Naik (1985)<sup>[10]</sup> and Padhye (1997)<sup>[12]</sup> in mango which are in conformity with present findings. At the end of storage (28

day) minimum reducing sugar was recorded by P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> and hence found to be best.

**Table 3:** Effect of precooling and storage temperature on reducing sugar (%) of mango fruits during storage

Treatment	0 Days						7 Days						14 Days					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean
S1	1.03	1.03	1.34	1.03	1.35	1.16	3.23	3.20	3.53	3.13	3.18	3.25	4.58	4.48	4.55	3.83	4.82	4.45
S2	0.89	1.20	1.06	1.08	0.86	1.02	2.93	2.83	2.94	2.78	2.98	2.89	3.11	3.03	3.13	3.18	3.23	3.13
S3	1.30	0.93	1.21	0.89	1.08	1.08	2.68	2.73	2.68	2.53	2.78	2.68	3.28	3.23	3.25	3.25	3.33	3.27
S4	0.91	0.88	0.91	1.12	1.10	0.98	2.18	2.13	2.33	2.22	2.43	2.25	3.14	3.08	2.98	3.13	2.93	3.05
Mean	1.03	1.01	1.13	1.03	1.09	1.06	2.75	2.72	2.87	2.66	2.84	2.77	3.52	3.45	3.48	3.34	3.57	3.47
	S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C.D.@1%		
S	0.04			NS			0.02			0.07			0.01			0.05		
P	0.05			NS			0.02			0.08			0.01			0.05		
SxP	0.10			NS			0.04			0.15			0.03			0.11		
Treatment	21 Days						28 Days											
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean						
S1	2.65	2.80	2.85	2.95	3.65	2.98	-	-	-	-	-	-						
S2	3.63	3.23	3.28	3.41	3.29	3.36	4.00	3.75	3.97	4.12	4.16	4.00						
S3	4.20	3.48	3.45	3.48	3.85	3.69	4.13	4.03	3.93	4.13	4.18	4.08						
S4	4.15	4.05	3.65	3.60	4.13	3.92	4.03	3.93	3.98	4.05	4.13	4.02						
Mean	3.66	3.39	3.31	3.36	3.73	3.49	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C.D. @1%								
S	0.05			0.20			-			-								
P	0.06			0.22			-			-								
SxP	0.11			0.45			-			-								

### Total Sugar (%)

The data pertaining to total sugar of mango as influenced by precooling and storage temperature is given in Table 4. The results indicated that the total sugars of mango fruits increased up to 21 day during storage at different storage conditions, irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 7<sup>th</sup> day, Minimum total sugars were observed in S<sub>4</sub> (6.88 %) and Maximum total sugars were found in S<sub>1</sub> (10.80 %), irrespective of precooling temperature. The precooling temperature 12±2°C (P<sub>5</sub>) recorded significantly the lowest total sugars (7.17 %) and it was superior over rest of the precooling temperatures. In interactions between precooling and storage temperature, minimum total sugars were recorded in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (6.71 %) and maximum total sugars were recorded in P<sub>4</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (11.65 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperatures. On 21<sup>st</sup> day, the minimum total sugars were observed in S<sub>2</sub> (11.62 %). However, total sugars were found to decrease in S<sub>1</sub> at 21 days (12.37 %) as compared to total sugar of S<sub>1</sub> (13.39 %) at 14 day storage. Maximum total sugars were recorded in S<sub>4</sub> (13.20 %), irrespective of precooling temperature. The minimum total sugars were observed in P<sub>2</sub> (11.15 %), and Maximum total sugars were recorded in P<sub>4</sub> (13.09 %), irrespective of storage temperature. In interactions the minimum total sugars were observed in P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (9.65 %), Maximum total sugars were recorded in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (14.35 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. At 28 day storage, Minimum total sugars was noticed in S<sub>2</sub> (13.50 %) and maximum total sugars were noticed in S<sub>3</sub> (14.22 %). In interactions the minimum total sugars were observed in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (13.15 %) and maximum total sugars were recorded in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (14.32 %), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. The normal ripening indicate the upsurge of ethylene and initiation of conversion of starch to sugars. Mango being a climacteric fruit, temperature surrounding fruit during ripening plays a crucial role in controlling the ethylene production and overall starch metabolism (Lee *et al.*, 1995 Walls *et al.*, 2007). At 21 days storage, fruits were removed from cold storage and kept for ripening at ambient storage. Hence, from the data of 21 days storage, it was observed that total sugars of fruits at 12±2°C

(S<sub>4</sub>) and 15±2°C (S<sub>3</sub>) storage was suddenly increased, irrespective of precooling temperature. An increase in total sugars content during cold storage was probably due to conversion of starch in to soluble sugars and dehydration of fruits. It may be due to sudden change in storage temperature. Whereas, in case of precooling temperature lowest total sugars were recorded by P<sub>3</sub> may be due to minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compared to other precooling temperatures. Present findings are in agreement with the results reported by Naik (1985) <sup>[10]</sup> and Padhye (1997) <sup>[12]</sup> in mango. At 28<sup>th</sup> day P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>2</sub> recorded minimum total sugars.

### β-carotene (µg /100 g of pulp)

The data pertaining to β- carotene of mango as influenced by precooling and storage temperature are given in Table 5. The results indicated that the β- carotene of mango fruits increased up to 21 day during storage at different storage conditions, irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 7<sup>th</sup> day, Significantly the lowest β-carotene content (1867.97 µg/100 g) was observed when the fruits were kept at 12±2°C storage temperature (S<sub>4</sub>) and it was superior over others. Interactions between precooling and storage temperature showed minimum β-carotene in P<sub>5</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (1841.65 µg/100 g) and maximum β-carotene was recorded in P<sub>3</sub>S<sub>1</sub> (4213.00 µg/100 g), irrespective of precooling and storage temperature. On 21<sup>st</sup> day, the S<sub>4</sub> (12±2°C) storage condition recorded minimum β-carotene in S<sub>4</sub> (8202.05 µg/100 g) and it was significantly superior over others. Maximum recorded in S<sub>1</sub> (10493.81 µg/100 g), irrespective of precooling temperature. However, β-carotene was found to decrease as compared to β- carotene of S<sub>1</sub> at 14 days storage. In interactions, The minimum β-carotene was observed in P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (8006.15 µg/100 g) and it was significantly superior over others. At 28 day storage, However, minimum β-carotene was noticed in S<sub>4</sub> (10236.91 µg/100 g) and maximum in S<sub>3</sub> (11900.05 µg/100 g). In interactions the minimum β-carotene was observed in P<sub>1</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (10018.95 µg /100 g) and maximum β-carotene was recorded in P<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub> (11945.45 µg/100 g), irrespective of precooling and storage temperatures. From the present findings it is seen that,

storage conditions up to 7 days of storage increased the  $\beta$ -carotene content at ambient temperature ( $S_1$ ) than the cold temperatures. After 14 days decrease in  $\beta$ -carotene was observed at ambient temperature, it may be due to that, under ambient temperature ( $S_1$ ) there was high temperature that lead to enhancement of the microbial growth resulted in to the microbial fermentation as compared to cold storage conditions. At 21 days storage fruits were removed from cold storage and kept for ripening at ambient storage. Hence, from the data of 21 days storage it was observed that  $\beta$ -carotene of fruits at  $12\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  ( $S_4$ ) and  $15\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  ( $S_3$ ) storage was suddenly increased, irrespective of precooling temperature. It may be

due to sudden change in storage temperature. Whereas, in case of precooling temperature lowest  $\beta$ -carotene was recorded by  $P_2$  may be due to minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compare to other precooling temperatures. Minimum  $\beta$ -carotene was recorded by  $P_2S_4$  may be due to effect of precooling and storage temperature and minimum change in storage temperature after 21 days as compared to other precooling and storage temperatures. Present investigation are in line with the result reported by Salvi (1991) [13], Gunjate *et al.* (1995) [4] and Padhye (1997) [12] in mango. At 28 day  $P_1S_4$  recorded minimum  $\beta$ -carotene and found to be best.

**Table 4:** Effect of precooling and storage temperature on total sugar (%) of mango fruits during storage

Treat ment	0 Days						7 Days						14 Days					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean
S1	4.77	4.17	5.90	3.91	4.47	4.64	11.63	11.37	11.50	11.65	7.85	10.80	14.09	14.61	14.61	14.50	9.18	13.39
S2	4.20	5.34	4.28	4.59	4.04	4.49	8.20	7.17	7.94	7.11	7.36	7.55	9.18	9.01	9.13	9.14	9.15	9.12
S3	4.77	4.39	4.75	4.14	4.77	4.56	7.25	7.14	7.25	7.25	6.71	7.12	9.08	9.18	9.23	9.24	9.75	9.29
S4	4.31	4.26	4.07	4.48	4.94	4.41	7.04	6.85	6.95	6.80	6.76	6.88	9.15	9.45	9.28	9.25	9.38	9.30
Mean	4.51	4.54	4.75	4.28	4.55	4.53	8.53	8.13	8.41	8.20	7.17	8.09	10.37	10.56	10.56	10.53	9.36	10.28
	S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C. D. @ 1%			S.Em+			C.D. @ 1%		
S	0.15			NS			0.10			0.39			0.05			0.18		
P	0.17			NS			0.11			0.44			0.05			0.20		
SxP	0.35			NS			0.22			0.87			0.10			0.41		
Treat ment	21 Days						28 Days											
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean						
S1	13.85	11.30	11.90	11.75	13.05	12.37	-	-	-	-	-	-						
S2	12.58	9.65	13.20	12.40	10.25	11.62	13.15	13.23	13.48	13.70	13.94	13.50						
S3	11.15	11.25	10.65	14.30	12.00	11.87	14.11	14.15	14.22	14.30	14.32	14.22						
S4	14.35	12.40	11.30	13.90	14.05	13.20	13.83	13.90	14.25	14.14	14.26	14.07						
Mean	12.98	11.15	11.76	13.09	12.34	12.26	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	S.Em+			C. D. @1%			S.Em+			C.D. @ 1%								
S	0.31			1.24			-			-								
P	0.34			1.39			-			-								
SxP	0.69			2.77			-			-								

**Table 5:** Effect of precooling and storage temperature on beta carotene (vit. A) (ug/100 g) of mango fruits during storage

Treat	0 Days						7 Days						14 Days					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean
S1	753.20	748.15	749.55	747.50	744.00	748.48	4145.25	4145.45	4213.00	4160.40	4166.90	4166.20	11033.25	10894.85	10997.20	10892.80	11012.20	10966.06
S2	741.25	762.30	747.85	756.25	754.40	752.41	2018.00	2131.30	2055.50	2029.90	2117.70	2070.48	5197.75	5525.15	5400.35	5245.40	5130.55	5299.84
S3	743.25	743.75	763.30	754.85	745.90	750.21	1935.45	1938.85	1948.85	1931.50	1984.95	1947.92	4530.50	4483.00	4445.35	4360.45	4318.00	4427.46
S4	748.85	741.10	754.95	760.55	744.15	749.92	1888.45	1876.45	1847.50	1885.80	1841.65	1867.97	4129.35	4084.75	4120.90	4263.30	4255.35	4170.73
Mean	746.64	748.83	753.91	754.79	747.11	750.26	2496.79	2523.01	2516.21	2501.90	2527.80	2513.14	6222.71	6246.94	6240.95	6190.49	6179.03	6216.02
	S.Em+			C.D. @1%			S.Em+			C. D. @ 1%			S.Em+			C.D. @ 1%		
S	3.692			NS			4.57			18.39			4.48			18.03		
P	4.128			NS			5.11			20.57			5.01			20.16		
SxP	8.257			NS			10.22			41.13			10.02			40.33		
Treat	21 Days						28 Days											
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	Mean						
S1	10535.20	10227.80	10330.55	10530.30	10845.20	10493.81	-	-	-	-	-	-						
S2	9135.45	9145.35	9232.85	9331.30	9445.35	9258.06	10186.15	10237.65	10346.00	10462.65	10582.90	10363.07						
S3	8847.85	8782.80	8660.40	8907.80	8947.90	8829.35	11838.00	11848.00	11872.85	11945.45	11995.95	11900.05						
S4	8172.50	8006.15	8147.70	8287.90	8396.00	8202.05	10018.95	10111.55	10247.90	10345.15	10461.00	10236.91						
Mean	9172.75	9040.53	9092.88	9264.33	9408.61	9195.82	-	-	-	-	-	-						
	S.Em+			C. D. @ 1%			S.Em+			C.D. @ 1%								
S	4.61			18.54			-			-								
P	5.15			20.73			-			-								
SxP	10.30			41.46			-			-								

## Conclusion

Hence, from the data of 28<sup>th</sup> day's storage it was observed that

no any interaction was found to be prominent with respect to changes in chemical composition of mango fruits during

storage. Each chemical parameter have shown best result with separate interaction except  $P_1S_4$ , which showed best results with titratable acidity and  $\beta$ -carotene content.

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