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#### Introduction

Cheese is used to preserve the essential constituents of milk (protein, fat, vitamin and minerals).[1]

In West Africa, a traditional cheese named "wagashi" is manufactured using an extract of Calotropis procera leaves, a small latex tree

Materials and methods

Heating up to 75°C

Adding of *Calotropis procera* extract (filtrate of 1 milk liter mixed with 50g of *Calotropis procera*Dried leaves powder during 1h)

Milk coagulation in 24min

Cutting of the curd 20min after coagulation in

5mmx5mmx5mm cubes

Draining and pressing during 3h with a mass of 0,01Kg per cm<sup>2</sup>

Reconstitued milk at 10% dry matter

Storage at 4°C overnight

Heating up to 30°C

Adding of chymosin previously diluted at 1/10 with distilled water

Milk coagulation in 20min

Cutting of the curd 20min after coagulation in

5mmx5mmx5mm cubes

Draining and pressing during 3h with a mass of 0,01Kg per cm<sup>2</sup>

Curd

Milk coagulation with chymosin

Milk coagulation with Calotropis procera extract (A) stilled water Low heat skim powder Reconstitued milk at 10% dry matter

# Objectives

The aim of this work was to investigate the biochemical composition and mineral profile of curds manufactured using an extract of dried leaves of Calotropis procera as coagulant.

The results obtained have been compared to those of control curds coagulated using

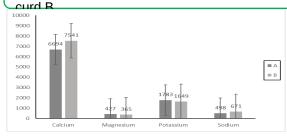
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#### Results and discussion

Table 1: Biochemical composition of processed milks, Calotropis procera (A) and rennet (B)

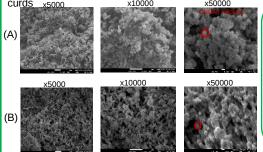
curds	A (Calotropis procera)					
	pH (at 20°C)	Dry matter (g.Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Ash (g.Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Total nitrogen (g.Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	NCN (g.Kg <sup>-1</sup> )	NPN (g.Kg <sup>-1</sup> )
Milk	6.76±0.02	100.60±2.62	8.10±0.10	32.07±1.28	16.76±0.59	2.39±0.09
Curd	6.52±0.06	310.91±16.14	31.10±0.30	231.91±2.59	9.82±1.19	3.10±0.49
			B (Chymosin)			
Milk	6.73±0.04	100.97±0.20	8.15±0.20	33.50±0.89	17.32±1.02	2.16±0.06
Curd	6.69±0.04	305.75±9.31	25.52±1.25	207.84±16.81	7.84±1.70	1.83±0.28

The processed milks have similar composition. The contents in dry matter, ash and protein were more important in curd A than



The two curds exhibited same contents in minerals.

Figure 2: Mineral contents of Calotropis procera (A) and rennet (B)



protein network appeared well organized curd compared to A.

Casein micelles were observed at high magnification in both curds.

Figure 3: Microstructure of Calotropis procera (A) and rennet (B) curds observed on scanning electron microscopy

#### Conclusion

The curds manufactured with Calotropis procera extract exhibited a good content in protein and minerals. This conclusion leads to encourage traditional dairy products consumption for a good protein and mineral supplementation in populations whose diet is poor in these elements.

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