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Abstract

Calpain system consists of L- calpain , m- calpain, the calcium- dependent neutral proteases, and their endogenous inhibitor , calpastatin. Calpain system is probably the major proteolytic enzyme in protein degradation, which plays an important role in myofibrillar protein degradation, so the activity of calpain system is expected to have an effect on muscle texture(Jin Haili et al., 2012). This paper reviews the structure, function and regulation of calpain system, and presents the significant differences mean value of calpain activity between families, so does the texture break force. And then tells about the correlation between calpain activity and muscle texture .

Key words

Calpain activity, Texture, Break force, Atlantic salmon

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Abbreviations

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| ADP | Adenosine diphosphate |
| ATP | Adenosine triphosphate |
| DEAE | Diethylaminoethyl |
| EDTA | Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid |
| EGTA | Ethylene glycol tetraacetic acid |
| F_{break} | Breaking force |
| F_{max} | Force at maximum compression |
| N | Newton |
| SDS | Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate |
| TCA | Trichloroacetic acid |

1. Introduction

1.1 Atlantic salmon industry in Norway

According to the fisheries statistics report released by the UN Food and Agriculture (FAO), the global commercial valued salmon are more than 30 varieties, but the most common breeding species are four kinds of salmon (Pacific salmon, Coho salmon, Atlantic salmon, Arctic white spots salmon) and trout (rainbow trout, three text trout). The global aquaculture industry is continuously growing, and today it is one of the leading industries in many countries, especially in Norway. In 2009, Norway produced over 860 000 tons of Atlantic salmon and 76 000 tons of rainbow trout (Ministry of fisheries and costal affairs, 2010).

1.2 Living environment of Atlantic salmon

Under natural conditions, salmon like habitat in clear and pollution-free waters, its life limited to temperatures between 0 °C and 30 °C, the optimum temperature for growth is 16 to 18 °C (Luo Gang, 2009). Best appetite and rapid growth within a temperature range. When the water temperature drops below 8 °C or higher than 20 °C, salmon loose appetite, which also lead to growth reduction. Salmon likes the countercurrent and aerobic water environment, where they can keep good metabolism. Therefore, the salmon farming always use flow water, appropriate water flow rate is from 2 to 30 cm / s, dissolved oxygen demanding the suitability of dissolved oxygen in the amount of 6 mg / L or more. The optimum pH range is 6.5 to 7.5. Salmon is a carnivorous fish, small trash fish and aquatic insects can be the normal food in natural waters (Huang Zhiqiu, 2006).

With the considerable increase of aquaculture industry, farmed fish, especially salmon, has raised several challenges known as salmon lice, escaping, disease control, and product quality. To meet these challenges The Norwegian Research Council is

financing research projects to procure basic knowledge about which factors in farming, slaughter, handling and processing that affects the nutritional and sensory quality of farmed seafood(Mari Gaarder et al., 2011).

1.3 Muscle structure

In vertebrates, three muscle types are present: smooth muscle, cardiac muscle and skeletal muscle. It is the skeletal muscle which is considered as the muscle that is referred to as meat post mortem. The skeletal muscle constitute 50% of the body weight in pelagic fish species(Lynum, 1996). This muscle is mainly composed of myofibrillar protein, and the myofibrillar content of the total protein content is higher in fish(60-80%) than in mammals(40%)(Delbarre-Ladrat et al., 2006)

1.4 Texture analyses

Texture was analysed by a texture analyser, model TA-XT2 (SMS, Stable Micro Systems; Surrey, England), equipped with a Warner–Bratzler blade. A computer using the Texture Expert Ver.1.0 software from SMS was used to operate the instrument. In the front and the tail of the fillet, cylindrical longitudinal muscle samples from the epaxial part of the fillet were cut out with a borer of 11 mm in diameter (Fig. 1). The muscle samples were kept wrapped in plastic in a cold store, 6 ± 1 °C, until one measurement per muscle sample was made. In case of an atypical power curve, the measurement was repeated.

The Warner–Bratzler blade was pressed down at a constant speed of 2 mm/s through the sample, cutting the muscle fibre transversely. Maximum shear force (N) and total force (N) were measured. They are the maximum resisting (toughness or break point) and total forces needed to cut the sample, respectively. These two measurements represent the texture of the fillet and were run in parallel in the statistical evaluation.

Because both gave the same overall results and maximum shear force gave the most consistent data, it is used in the present paper as the primary measurement of the fillet softness.

1.5 Calpain system

The calpain system is widely found in livestock and human tissue. Normally, it plays a very important role in integrity of the structure and function of the maintenance of various types of cells. With the development of molecular biology techniques and related technologies, such as auxiliary markers selective breeding (MAS) technology, the calpain, and calpain inhibitor protein genes can be used as molecular markers for meat tenderness. This can again, produce more livestock and poultry meat products. Therefore recombinant DNA technology can also be used, over Calpastatin expression, to achieve controlling of the degradation of myofibrillar accelerate protein deposition objectives. On the other hand, according to the study of physiological characteristics and their pathological role of calpain, produce similar as calpain inhibition of calpain inhibitor protein, can be a solution for a variety of diseases, such as cataracts, cancer.

1.6 Calpain activity in muscle

It has been found that changes in muscle tissue of the biological characteristics (such as muscle fibers, collagen, fat, and enzymes) can affect meat quality, especially muscle fiber properties. Muscle growth rate depends on three factors: the number of muscle cells, muscle protein synthesis and degradation speed. The number of muscle cells mainly degradation by the speed of the genetic traits that embryonic muscle protein. Muscle protein degradation rate Relatively lower growth rate would result in an increase of muscle will provide high intake of nutrients to the muscles of conversion efficiency(Cui Yan et al., 2010).

Myofibrillar protein is the main protein component of skeletal muscle, accounting for 50% to 60% of the total amount of mature skeletal muscle protein. Muscle protein

degradation pathways are mainly the three: lysosomal cathepsin pathway, pathways and ATP calpain protein metabolic pathways.

The first step in the degradation of myofibrillar degradation assembled into filaments, which may be myofibrillar protein degradation rate-limiting process steps. Numerous studies have shown that the calpain system is involved in this too adjustment process, degradation of the desired filaments only by a special cut of calcium proteasome system. Skeletal troponin enzyme present in the interior of cells in the Z-line The highest concentration. In vitro tests showed myofibrillar pure μ -calpain Or m-calpain in the presence of Ca^{2+} and cultured under conditions, Z Line completely disappeared, myofibrils released filaments in calpain (Bice T et al., 2003).

The presence of inhibitors, the release of muscle fiber ratio. Calcium Protein Enzyme myofibrillar protein degradation triggered the possible mechanism is as follows: calcium Protease Z line (the thin filaments anchor in the myofibrils) and muscle Associated protein, with actin (the thick filaments and thin filaments fixed in Myofibrils) degradation of myofibrils released filaments. Thin filaments of Myofibril protein and tropomyosin and thick filaments of C-protein drop Solution. Thick filaments and thin filaments were dissociated myosin and actin protein, releasing thick filaments and thin filaments with the parent or other Myofibril reassembly also be cytoplasmic or lysosomal proteases Cathepsin degraded into amino acids; myofibrils stub fully functional, contraction strength weakened. By calpain system Regulating muscle development, thereby enhancing lean and improve meat quality. Kristensen and other research indicates, m-calpain involving pork Growth(Yang Xiao-jing, et al., 2009). It was found that injection of recombinant growth hormone for pigs Su, the longissimus dorsi muscle calpain 3 mRNA expression of a rising trend Potential, semitendinosus muscle calpain 3 mRNA relative abundance significantly on L, in the process of muscle growth may also be involved in calpain 3 eggs Degradation of the white matter.

2. Materials and methods

This experiment used several different kind of methods for purification and activity measurement of the calpains (Camou et al., 2007; Geesink and Koohmaraie 1999c; Geesink et al., 2005b). It is quite common to use column chromatography to purify the calpains and then quantify the activity with assays. These methods, however, requires several steps and is time consuming. In addition to column chromatography, casein zymography is widely used to detect calpain activity (Raser et al., 1995; Veiseth et al., 2001). The above mentioned methods are time consuming, and kits for calpain activity measurement have been developed.

2.1 Sampling of Atlantic salmon

The salmon samples are taken from Averøy Norway, October 2012. We slaughtered around 100 salmon to get their fillet. Then the fillets were pre-rigor and stored on ice.

2.1.1 Texture Analysis-Force test

Fillet texture was measured instrumentally at 5 days post-mortem. Significant differences in fillet texture were found between families, and the loss of fillet firmness also varied significantly between families.

We measured weight and length for whole fish, and weight, PH, temperature, Fbreak, Max Force for the fillets.

2.2 Extraction

The m-calpain enzyme was purified for the first time from pork muscle several years ago (Dayton et al. 1976), however, it is still a hard job to purify calpain and separate it from its inhibitor, calpastain. The most important calcium chelator in the buffer is

EDTA or EGTA.

2.2.1 Homogenization of muscle samples

A relatively small number were taken from the freezer each time(12), and kept on ice. Small pieces of each muscle sample were cut out, and weighted very carefully in 300 mg(297-303) into the special homogenization tube. The weight for each sample was registered. 900 micro-liter of cold extraction buffer (containing DTT) added.

The samples were then homogenized at 6500 for 20 seconds (two times) and then centrifuged using the table centrifuge at 13000 rpm for 30 minutes at 4 °C.

The supernatant was then transferred (by pipetting) to new tubes, and the volume measured. If the samples had to be frozen, they were divided into three tubes and frozen on liquid nitrogen before storing them at -80 °C (If the total volume is less than 500 micro-liter the whole process had to be repeated).

2.2.2 Buffer

Weigh in 6.1 gram of Trizma base, 1.86 gram of EDTA, then adjust pH to 8.3, fill up with water to 500 ml. This buffer is stable and can be stored in the fridge. When using the buffer, 1 micro-liter of 1M DTT has to be added per milliliter buffer.

2.3 Gel

Set up the gel flat with shelf, layer gels about 5.5 cm high. In cassettes 6 ml solution added, also a layer of water-saturated butanol (a mixture of 50% dest. water and 50% butanol) added. Let the gels polymerize in about 1 hour then use dest. water to remove butanol residues. Then use the filter to draw water residue.

Making 4 gels solution:

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1.5 M Tris-HCL, ph 8.8 | 6.25 ml |
| dd H2O | 625 µl |
| Casein solutions | 7.5 ml |

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 30% acrylamide(37.5:1) | 10.4 ml |
| 10% APS | 125 μ l |
| TEMED | 12.5 μ l |

Layer stacking gels with the desired number of wells. Allow stacking gels polymerize for about 1 hour or put straight into the refrigerator if not used the same day. Use water to remove any remaining in the wells after well combs is removed. Gels are best for using when they are new, but can be stored 2 days in a refrigerator.

Making 4 gels solution:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 0.5 M Tris-HCL, ph 6.8 | 1.88ml |
| dd H2O | 4.63ml |
| 30% acrylamide(37.5:1) | 1.0ml |
| 10% APS | 50 μ l |
| TEMED | 7.5 μ l |

① casein-solutions: 7 mg casein/ml in 100mM Tris, adjust pH to 8.8, Sprinkle very gently under weak agitation, this takes a long time. Keep refrigerated.

② 100mM Tris-HCL pH 8.8: 6.1 g Trisma Base add water until 500ml, adjust pH with HCL until 8.8, keep in fridge.

③ 1.5M Tris-HCL pH 8.8: 181.7 g add water to 1000ml, adjust pH with HCL until 8.8, keep in fridge.

④ 10%APS: 100 mg Ammonium Persulfat add 1 ml water, can be maximum kept 1 week in fridge.

⑤ 5M Tris-HCL ph 6.8: 30.3 g Trisma Base to 500ml water, adjust pH to 6.8, keep in fridge.

⑥ 1M DTT: 15.4 g DTT put in 100ml pure water, keep in the freezer with -20°C.

2.4 Electrophoresis and solutions

2.4.1 Sample Preparation

Sample preparation must be done the same day as you drive electrophoresis. mixed sample and sample buffer gently by pipetting up and down a few times.

Calculate the dilution of the sample so that 1 ul = 0.1 mg muscle and total volume of 500 ul and dilute the sample in sample buffer.

A. concentration in the supernatant(C)

$$C = \text{mg muscle} / \text{ul supernatant}$$

B. volume of supernatant(V) $V = 100 \text{ ul} * 0.1 \text{ mg/ul} / (C)$

C. volume of sample buffer(X) $X = 100 \text{ ul} - V$

Sample buffer(20 ml):

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 0.5 M Tris, ph 6.8 | 6ml |
| 87% Glycerol | 4.6ml |
| 8 mg/ml bromophenol blue | 0.2 ml |
| dd H ₂ O | 9.2 ml |

2.4.2 Electrophoresis

① Assemble equipment.

② Remove the cams in gels, rinse with dd H₂O and remove white tape on the bottom of the gel.

③ Fill the inner chamber with electrophoresis buffer and fill the outer chamber with the rest of the buffer and the chamber is full. Full outer chamber will probably help keep the gels cool while driving.

④ Let gels run at 100 volts for 15 min before the samples added to the wells.

Everything happens on cold room 4°C.

⑤ Apply 10 ul sample in each well. Standard in the first and last well, each sample in 2 wells.

⑥ Electrical Forer: 100 volts for 4 hours at refrigerated.

⑦ After elektroforesen gels taken out of the plates (remember to take off the corner of the homepage) and incubate incubation buffer:

3 * 20 min in 50 ml of incubation buffer at 4°C.

17 hours in 100 ml buffer at 4°C.

⑧ The gels stained with Coomassie blue (R-250) for 1 hour at room temperature, 50 ml per gel.

⑨ The gels decolorized for 2 hours at room temperature, 100 ml avfargingsløsning per gel.

⑩ The gels is then in dd H₂O until scanning.

2.4.3 Solutions

10 * electrophoresis buffer (2L):

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Tris(Trizma base, 12114g/mol) | 60.57g |
| Glycine(75.1g/mol) | 288.38g |
| EDTA(Titriplex, 372.24 g/mol) | 7.44g |

This is dissolved in 1.5L dd H₂O and the pH adjusted to 8.3 with 6 M HCl. Water added up to 2000ml and cooling down to 4°C before using.

Using: dilute electrophoresis buffer 1:10 and add DTT

150 ml 10 * buffer

1.5 ml 1M DTT

Adjust the volume up to 1500 ml with H₂O

2.5 Scanning

We use Epson scan machine, set professional mode: Film w / film area guide; positive film; 16 bit greyscale; 300 dpi.

Place the gel on the surface, do preview, and select scan area to storage. At last, type TIFF, get images of the gels.

2.6 Analysis of calpain

Using software called ImageQuant to calculate the total amount of calpain contains in

salmon muscle samples.

Found the ratio between each sample and the standard to express the activity of calpain activities in each sample.

Grand up all the results according to their families. While there are 10 families of salmon samples in total and 10 different individual(roughly) in each family.

Calpain activity was then expressed as done by Veiseth et al.(2001), with the density from each band relative to the density of the standard within each gel.

2.7 Data analysis

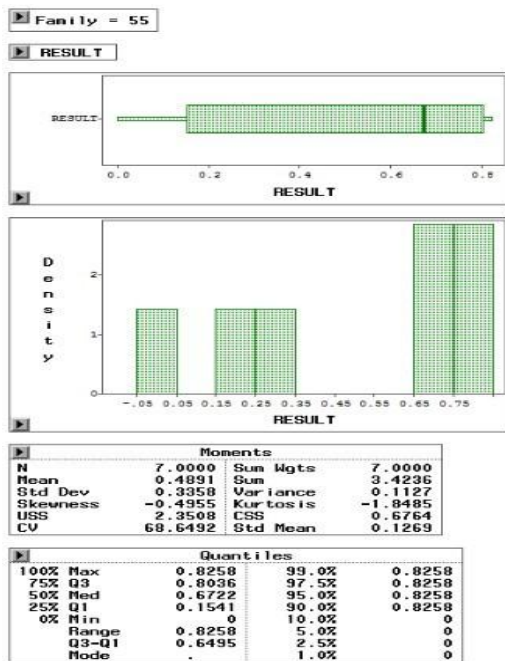
Use SAS9.2 software.

Attachment 1 presented all the data from this experiment.

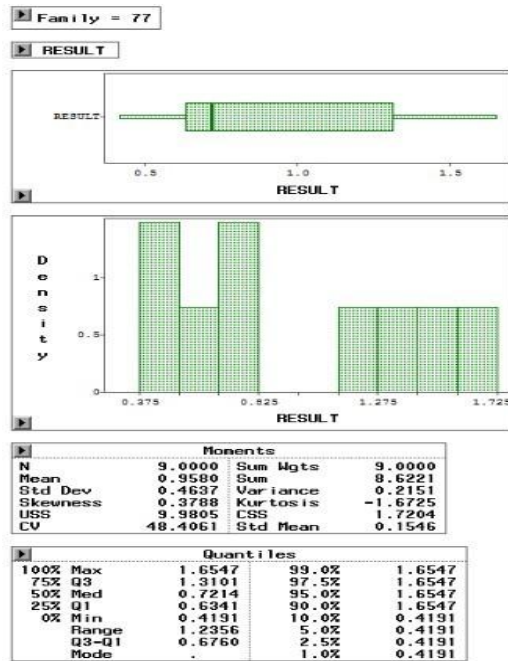
3. Results

3.1 Mean of calpain activity for each family

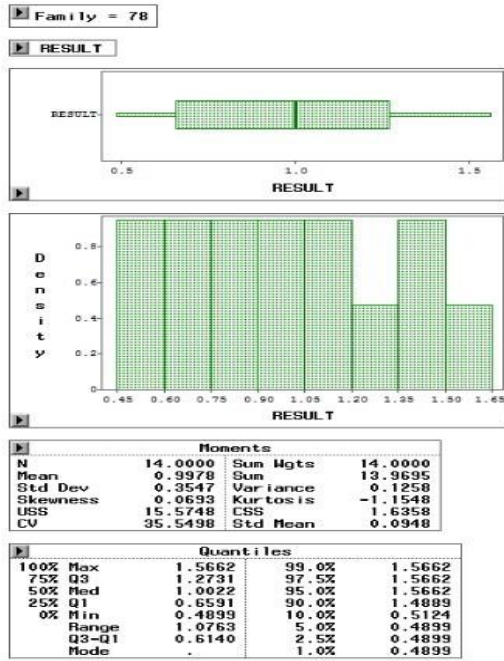
The mean value of calpain activity from each family and the comparison is presented below.



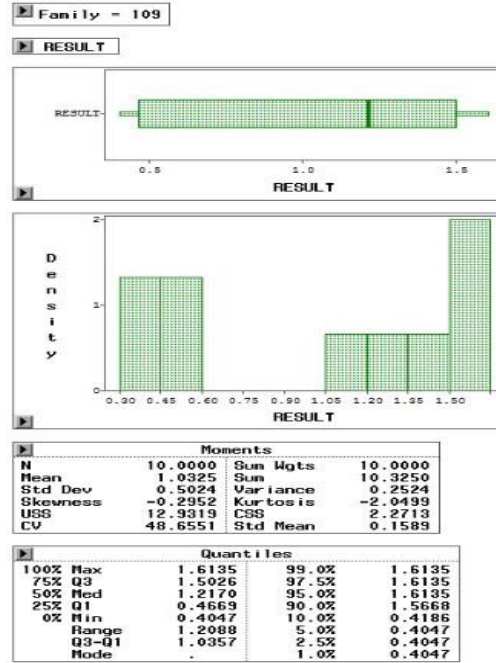
Graphic 1



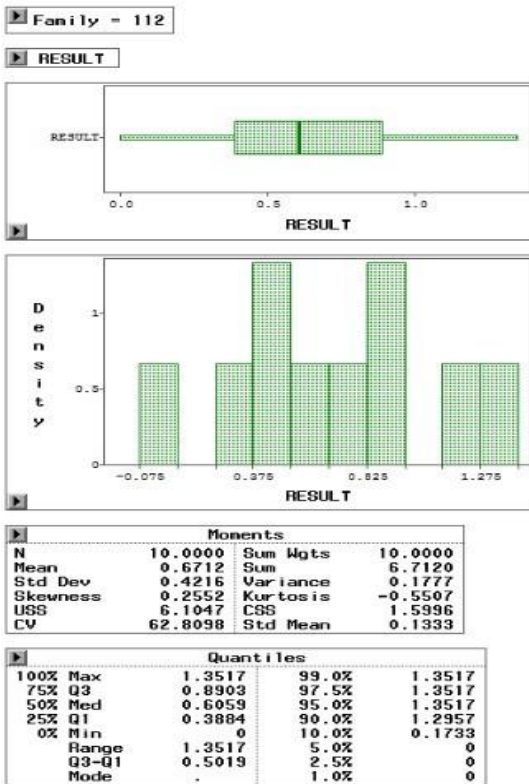
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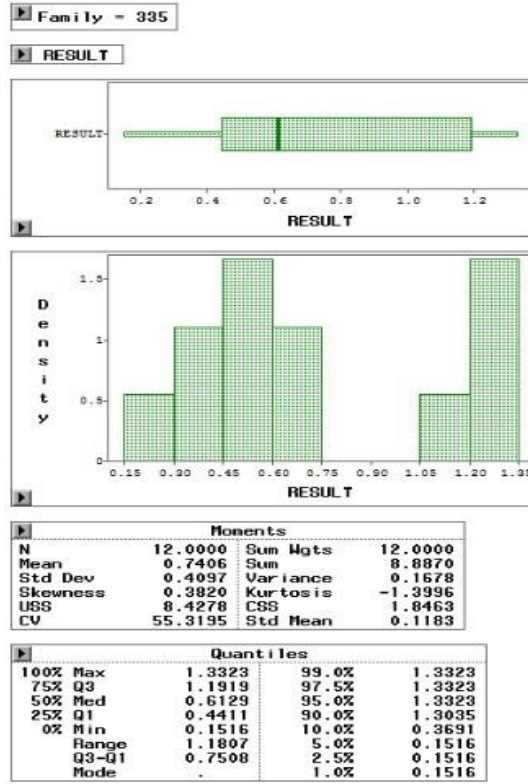
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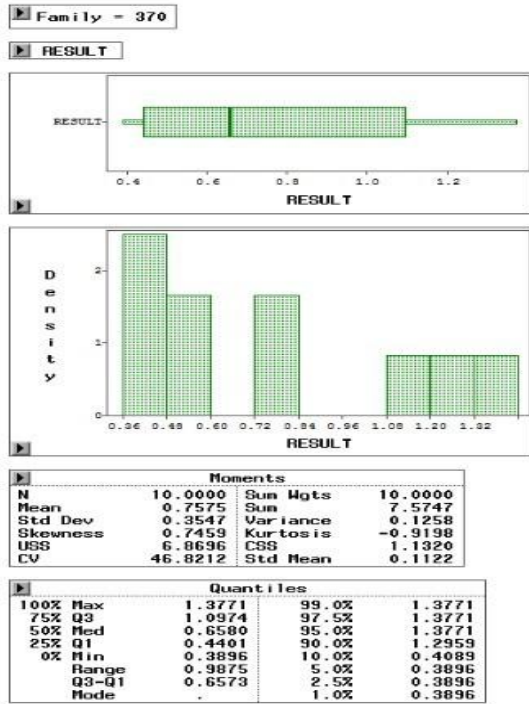
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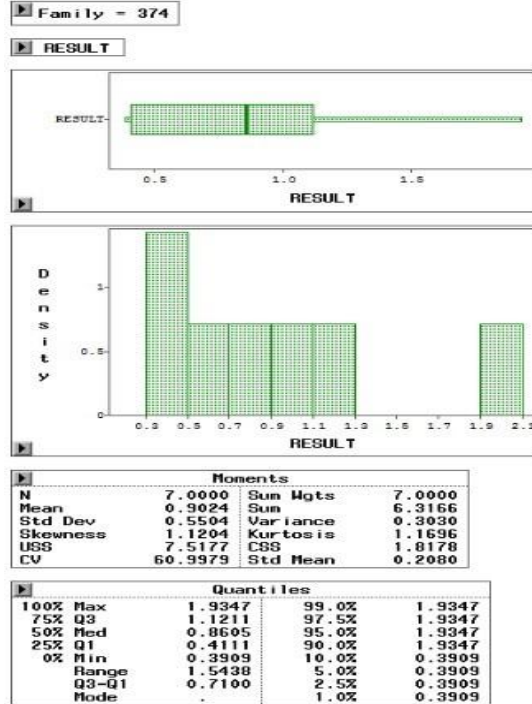
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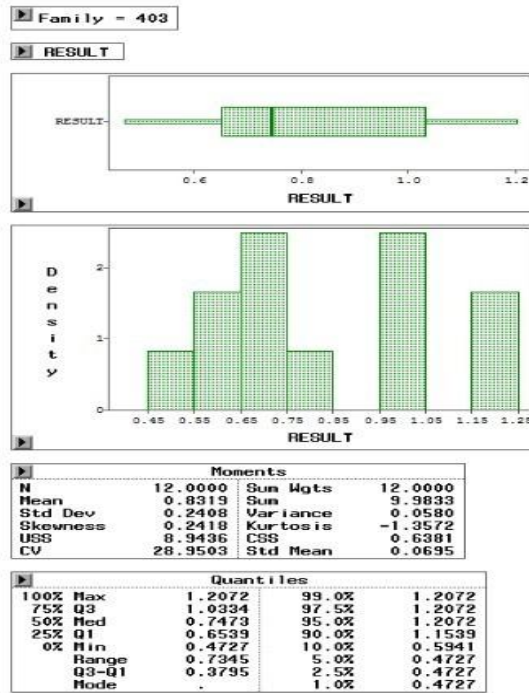
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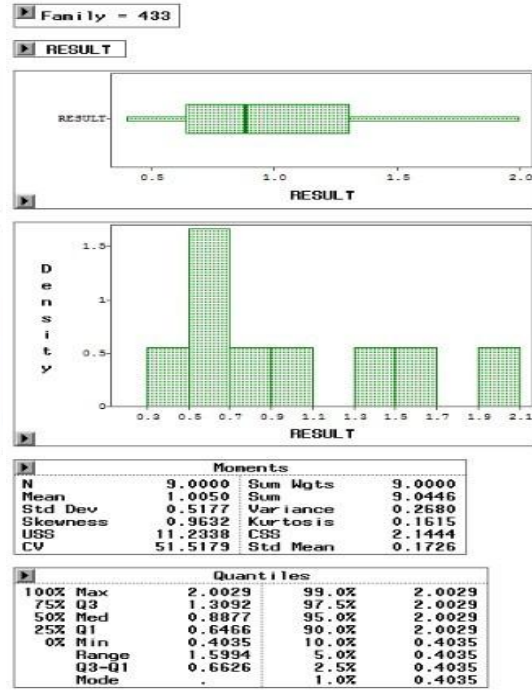
Graphic 7



Graphic 8



Graphic 9



Graphic 10

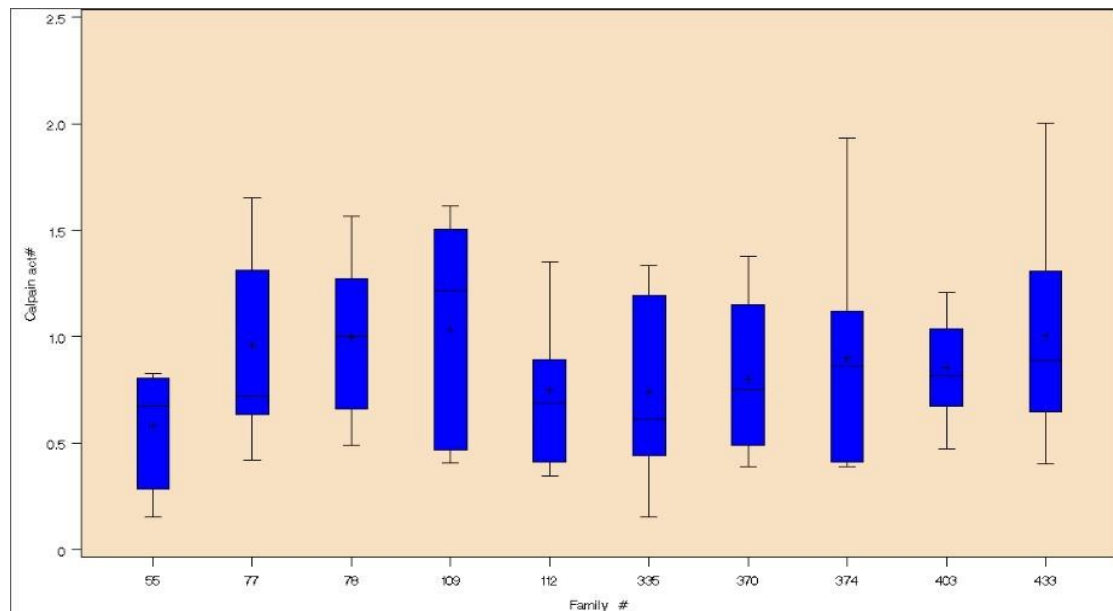
The Graphic 1 shows that the lowest mean value(0.49) of calpain activity happens in family 55, while the highest one is found in family 109(mean =1.03) as presented in graphic 4.

Mean of calpain activity from other salmon families are between 0.67 and 1.01.

3.2 Calpain activity comparison for each family

Here tells the differences between those 10 families for their mean values of calpain activity.

Calpain activity calculated by amount of sample divide amount of standard.

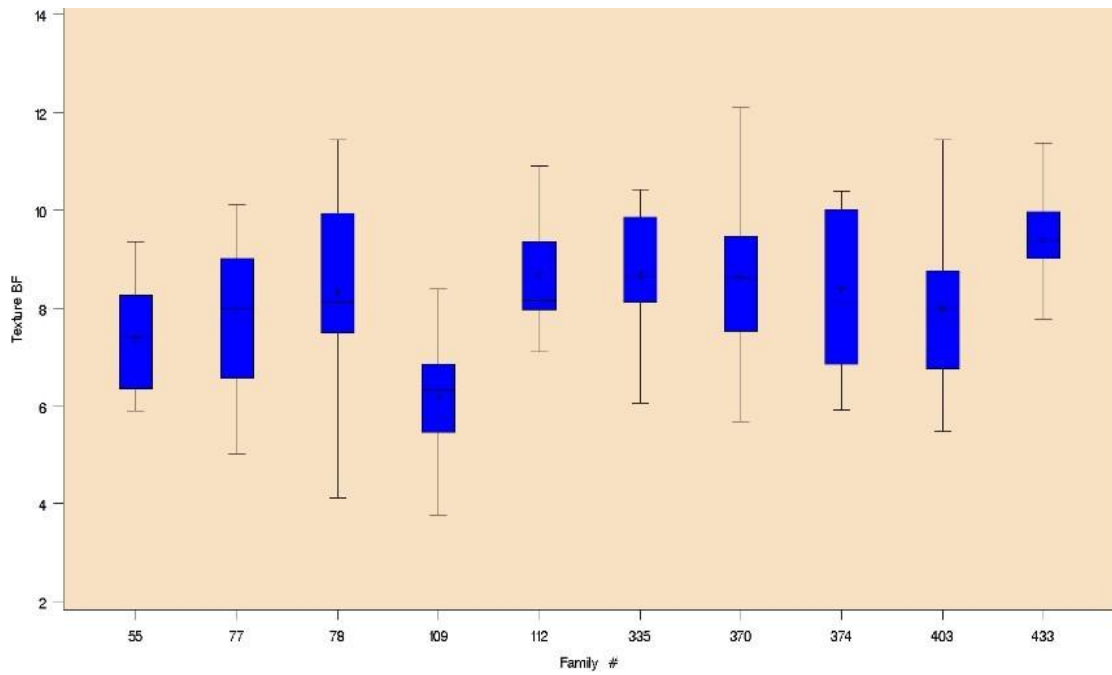


Graphic 11

Blue area from graphic 11 presents the lowest individual to the highest one.

3.3 Break Force of muscle in samples

Break force of muscle presents the tenderness of salmon muscle texture.



Graphic 12

The graphic 12 shows the differences of muscle break force between the 10 families. Lowest mean value(6.18N) of break force is found in family 109, while the highest in family 433(mean =9.41N) as illustrated in graphic 12.

Mean of break force of muscle from the other salmon families are between 7.38 and 8.69.

3.4 Correlations of mean value between Calpain activity and Texture

BF

Here presents the mean value of calpain activity and texture break force in the 10 families is presented in figure 1.

| Family # | Calpain(mean) | Texture BF(mean) |
|----------|---------------|------------------|
| 55 | 0.4891 | 7.3809 |
| 77 | 0.9580 | 7.9189 |
| 78 | 0.9978 | 8.3279 |

| | | |
|-----|--------|--------|
| 109 | 1.0325 | 6.1784 |
| 112 | 0.6712 | 8.6938 |
| 335 | 0.7406 | 8.6742 |
| 370 | 0.7575 | 8.6400 |
| 374 | 0.9024 | 8.3933 |
| 403 | 0.8319 | 8.0039 |
| 433 | 1.0050 | 9.4141 |

Table 1: Mean values of calpain activity and texture in the salmon families.

By using the SAS9.2 analyst function, the correlation between calpain and texture BF was calculated.

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The CORR Procedure
2 Variables:  calpain  texture_bf

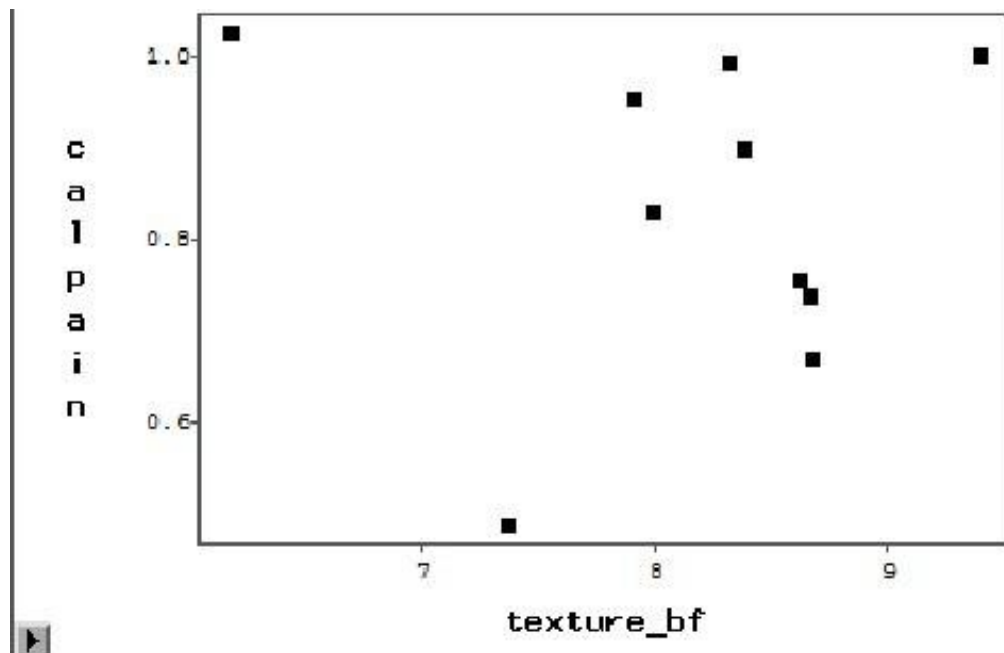
Simple Statistics
Variable      N      Mean      Std Dev      Sum      Minimum      Maximum      Label
calpain      10     0.83860    0.17491     8.38600    0.48910     1.03250    calpain
texture_bf   10     8.16254    0.88514    81.62540    6.17840     9.41410    texture bf

Pearson Correlation Coefficients, N = 10
Prob > |r| under H0: Rho=0

              calpain      texture_
              calpain      bf
calpain      1.00000      -0.04884
calpain      0.8934      0.8334
texture_bf   -0.04884      1.00000
texture bf   0.8934      0.8334

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Correlation coefficient : $r = -0.04884$



Graphic 13

Correlation coefficient is negative, indicating that mean of calpain activity and texture BF is showing inverse relationship, but the correlation coefficient is close to 0, tell in us that there is no significant correlation between the two groups of data.

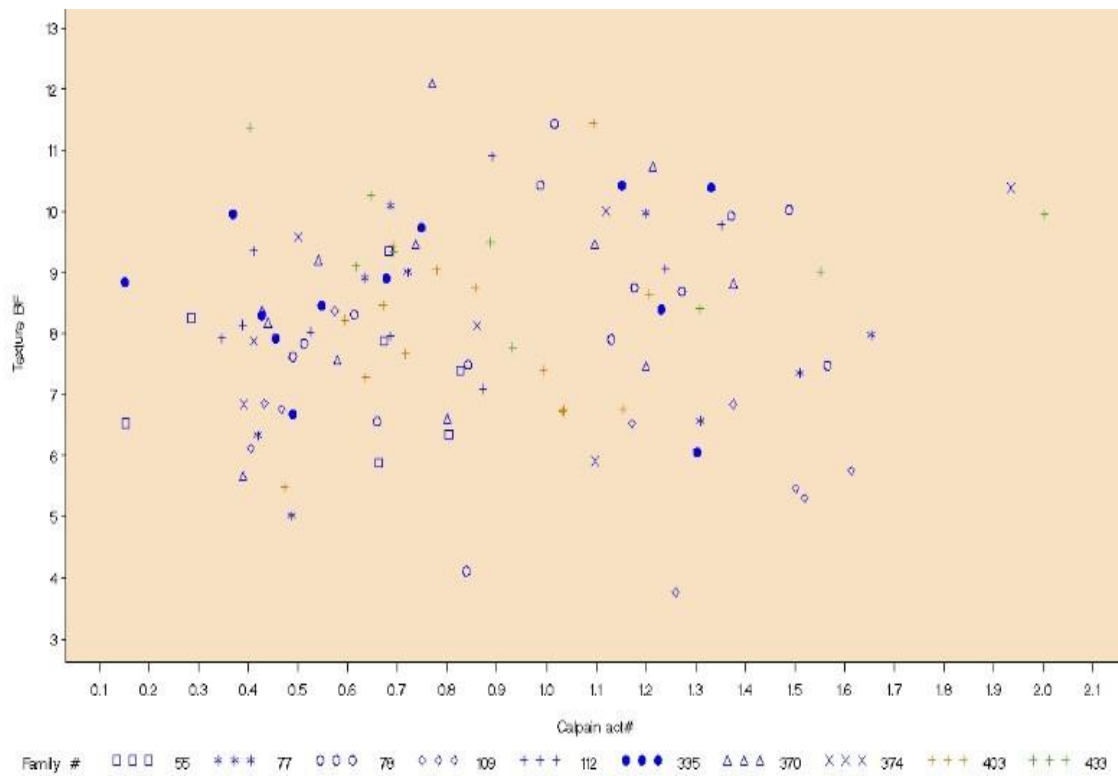
If we ignore the family 55(because it shows extremely difference to other families in the mean value of calpain activity), then we got a new correlation below:

Correlation coefficient : $r = -0.39393$

This may indicate that there exists a possible negative correlation.

3.5 Comparison of calpain activity and texture BF(All data)

When all samples' calpain activity and texture break force are compared, the following results are observed.



Graphic 14

2 Variables: Calpain_act_ Texture_BF

| Variable | N | Mean | Std Dev | Sum | Minimum | Maximum | Label |
|--------------|-----|---------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Calpain_act_ | 103 | 0.86867 | 0.40421 | 89.47330 | 0.15160 | 2.00290 | Calpain act* |
| Texture_BF | 103 | 8.18309 | 1.64673 | 842.85800 | 3.76700 | 12.09700 | Texture BF |

Pearson Correlation Coefficients, N = 103
Prob > |r| under H0: Rho=0

| | Calpain_act_ | Texture_BF |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Calpain_act_ | 1.00000 | 0.07869 |
| Texture_BF | 0.07869 | 1.00000 |

Correlation coefficient : $r = 0.07869$.

Again the correlation coefficient is close to 0, the result from SAS9.2 analyst tells that there is no significant correlation between the two groups of data.

4. Discussion

4.1 Texture instrumental measurements

In the present study, we get significant different mean value of texture break force among families, it seems to be an advantage and possible to do more breeding works at texture analysis.

Instrumental texture measurements of individual Atlantic salmon from different families showed significant differences between families in breaking forces as well. That fillet shear force in rainbow trout was significantly different between strains in arguments before.

Mean value of breaking forces for families were between 6.18 and 9.41 during this study. Generally, BF values higher than 6 is considered to mean a fairly good texture of salmon muscle. This means that the texture in all families were good, but still some families seem to give an even higher and better texture.

At the slaughter of the complete family material in April 2013, half a year after the present study texture were measured again in the same families as used here. Interestingly, a high correlation of texture mean values between October and April was found (M.S. Thomassen, personal information). This means it is possible to sample fish before (even long time before) slaughter and get information about families expected to give good and less good texture at slaughter.

4.2 Calpain activity

In the present study, we got significant different mean value of calpain activity among families, it is worth mentioning that one of them is extremely lower than others, which happens in family 55 (mean=0.49). This may be due to significantly lower fish weight in this family (results not shown). Several other possible reasons can be human error and samples failures, etc.

Calpain is a cytoplasm major proteolytic enzyme, plays an important role in neural development, muscle growth, the signal conduction, apoptosis and cleavage of other membrane proteins (Giiler and Spira, 1998; Molin surface and CaraJ [O 11,1997).

4.3 Correlation between calpain and texture

During this study, we found significantly different mean value of calpain activity and texture Fbreak among families. Statistics however showed that the correlation between calpain activity and texture Fbreak is not obvious. This is in accordance with results presented by Bahuaud et al (2010).

As far as we know, μ -calpain is unstable and degenerates very fast. This leads to difficulties in purifying total calpain activity. Furthermore, calpain inhibitor (calpastain) also effects the expression of calpain activity (Bahuaud et al., 2010). This means that measuring only the milli-calpain its inhibitor may not give a complete picture of the importance of this enzyme in the tenderization process of the salmon muscle.

Since removing the data for the family 55, we could see some correlation between calpain activity and texture, so perhaps we can do more reaserch on finding the importance of this enzyme for texture.

5. Conclusion

In the present study, we got significant difference in texture among the 10 families of salmon samples, and also for the calpain activity mean values. No significant correlation was, however, found between calpain activity and texture.

Based on this, we cannot conclude from our study that calpain activity affects salmon texture, however, it has been shown in other fish species before. The complexity of the calpain system in influencing Atlantic salmon muscle texture is still far from resolved. We need to invest more research, improve the current method of purification of calpain, while testing to find out more factors that affect salmon muscle structure, thereby perhaps still find that calpain do function on salmon muscle structure.

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| Tube | Fish nr | Family | NO. | Amount | Volume | On gel | Sample B | Ratio |
|------|---------|--------|-----|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | 335 | 797 | 300.4 | 750 | 74.9 | 25.1 | 0.7489 |
| 8 | 3 | 335 | 767 | 299.1 | 690 | 69.2 | 30.8 | 0.3691 |
| 10 | 6 | 335 | 764 | 298.6 | 780 | 78.4 | 21.6 | 0.1516 |
| 20 | 2 | 335 | 765 | 301.9 | 795 | 79.0 | 21.0 | 0.6781 |
| 33 | 1 | 335 | 738 | 300.1 | 730 | 73.0 | 27.0 | 1.3035 |
| 43 | 2 | 335 | 729 | 300.0 | 795 | 79.5 | 20.5 | 0.4898 |
| 45 | 2 | 335 | 794 | 297.6 | 810 | 81.7 | 18.3 | 1.1523 |
| 47 | 6 | 335 | 762 | 299.5 | 790 | 79.1 | 20.9 | 0.4555 |
| 67 | 2 | 335 | 751 | 298.6 | 845 | 84.9 | 15.1 | 1.2315 |
| 68 | 5 | 335 | 783 | 299.4 | 800 | 80.2 | 19.8 | 1.3323 |
| 92 | 4 | 335 | 717 | 298.2 | 790 | 79.5 | 20.5 | 0.5477 |
| 96 | 2 | 335 | 718 | 301.9 | 855 | 85.0 | 15.0 | 0.4267 |
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| 2 | 4 | 109 | 750 | 302.9 | 875 | 86.7 | 13.3 | 1.5201 |
| 6 | 5 | 109 | 750 | 297.8 | 840 | 84.6 | 15.4 | 0.4324 |
| 19 | 6 | 109 | 746 | 302.8 | 760 | 75.3 | 24.7 | 0.4047 |
| 48 | 3 | 109 | 736 | 297.4 | 835 | 84.2 | 15.8 | 0.4669 |
| 66 | 6 | 109 | 760 | 298.3 | 815 | 82.0 | 18.0 | 1.6135 |
| 57 | 6 | 109 | 731 | 300.1 | 775 | 77.5 | 22.5 | 1.3769 |
| 61 | 2 | 109 | 773 | 301.9 | 820 | 81.5 | 18.5 | 0.5739 |
| 69 | 2 | 109 | 733 | 298.4 | 845 | 85.0 | 15.0 | 1.2609 |
| 72 | 2 | 109 | 757 | 300.2 | 825 | 82.4 | 17.6 | 1.1731 |
| 100 | 2 | 109 | 799 | 297.6 | 810 | 81.7 | 18.3 | 1.5026 |
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| 3 | 1 | 78 | 741 | 300.9 | 820 | 81.8 | 18.2 | 1.1774 |
| 16 | 3 | 78 | 772 | 297.4 | 810 | 81.7 | 18.3 | 0.6132 |
| 17 | 6 | 78 | 758 | 302.6 | 770 | 76.3 | 23.7 | 0.4899 |
| 28 | 3 | 78 | 715 | 302.0 | 710 | 70.5 | 29.5 | 0.5124 |
| 37 | 3 | 78 | 744 | 301.0 | 775 | 77.2 | 22.8 | 0.6591 |
| 38 | 5 | 78 | 703 | 301.9 | 725 | 72.0 | 28.0 | 0.8427 |
| 50 | 4 | 78 | 763 | 297.0 | 785 | 79.3 | 20.7 | 1.0163 |
| 60 | 2 | 78 | 755 | 302.3 | 805 | 79.9 | 20.1 | 1.1311 |
| 77 | 4 | 78 | 778 | 300.6 | 815 | 81.3 | 18.7 | 1.2731 |
| 81 | 3 | 78 | 771 | 298.8 | 825 | 82.8 | 17.2 | 1.5662 |
| 84 | 4 | 78 | 719 | 300.8 | 780 | 77.8 | 22.2 | 0.8393 |
| 90 | 1 | 78 | 920 | 300.6 | 800 | 79.8 | 20.2 | 1.4889 |
| 98 | 3 | 78 | 801 | 298.9 | 815 | 81.8 | 18.2 | 0.9881 |
| 99 | 5 | 78 | 805 | 297.8 | 840 | 84.6 | 15.4 | 1.3718 |
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| 4 | 2 | 370 | 768 | 300.8 | 850 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 0.4401 |

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| 27 | 2 | 370 | 737 | 301.4 | 795 | 79.1 | 20.9 | 0.3896 |
| 34 | 5 | 370 | 716 | 302.2 | 780 | 77.4 | 22.6 | 0.5793 |
| 41 | 6 | 370 | 743 | 302.1 | 845 | 83.9 | 16.1 | 1.3771 |
| 55 | 2 | 370 | 752 | 298.9 | 850 | 85.3 | 14.7 | 0.7366 |
| 59 | 4 | 370 | 789 | 301.7 | 810 | 80.5 | 19.5 | 0.5416 |
| 70 | 5 | 370 | 800 | 302.2 | 780 | 77.4 | 22.6 | 1.0974 |
| 88 | 6 | 370 | 807 | 303.0 | 835 | 82.7 | 17.3 | 1.2147 |
| 91 | 4 | 370 | 707 | 301.9 | 670 | 66.6 | 33.4 | 0.4281 |
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| 5 | 4 | 112 | 722 | 301.0 | 685 | 68.3 | 31.7 | 0.3466 |
| 11 | 1 | 112 | 788 | 299.6 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | |
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| 23 | 1 | 112 | 721 | 301.5 | 725 | 72.1 | 27.9 | 1.3517 |
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| 35 | 6 | 112 | 786 | 299.7 | 705 | 70.6 | 29.4 | 0.6861 |
| 46 | 6 | 112 | 714 | 300.8 | 810 | 80.8 | 19.2 | 0.3884 |
| 52 | 4 | 112 | 788 | 299.8 | 755 | 75.6 | 24.4 | 0.4112 |
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| 13 | 6 | 403 | 720 | 301.9 | 690 | 68.6 | 31.4 | 0.5941 |
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| 24 | 3 | 403 | 769 | 301.4 | 750 | 74.7 | 25.3 | 0.7161 |
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| 76 | 6 | 403 | 739 | 299.8 | 820 | 82.1 | 17.9 | 1.2072 |
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| 9 | 6 | 374 | 792 | 299.2 | 810 | 81.2 | 18.8 | 0.5006 |
| 21 | 6 | 374 | 740 | 303.0 | 820 | 81.2 | 18.8 | 0.3909 |
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| 12 | 2 | 55 | 706 | 298.4 | 840 | 84.5 | 15.5 | 0.6828 |
| 15 | 4 | 55 | 711 | 299.8 | 780 | 78.1 | 21.9 | 0.1541 |

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| 97 | 3 | 77 | 795 | 297.0 | 745 | 75.3 | 24.7 | 0.7214 |
| 26 | 4 | 433 | 784 | 297.6 | 720 | 72.6 | 27.4 | 0.4035 |
| 30 | 5 | 433 | 701 | 299.2 | 770 | 77.2 | 22.8 | 0.9318 |
| 51 | 2 | 433 | 766 | 297.5 | 610 | 61.5 | 38.5 | 0.6935 |
| 54 | 2 | 433 | 785 | 297.4 | 805 | 81.2 | 18.8 | 0.6466 |
| 71 | 2 | 433 | 753 | 303.0 | 795 | 78.7 | 21.3 | 1.3092 |
| 74 | 2 | 433 | 780 | 300.0 | 820 | 82.0 | 18.0 | 0.6173 |
| 78 | 5 | 433 | 798 | 298.0 | 800 | 80.5 | 19.5 | 2.0029 |
| 83 | 4 | 433 | 761 | 297.9 | 815 | 82.1 | 17.9 | 0.8877 |
| 101 | 4 | 433 | 742 | 302.5 | 855 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 1.5521 |
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| 63 | 6 | NO | 774 | 302.0 | 840 | 83.4 | 16.6 | 0.9802 |

Amount=mg salmon sample

Volume= μ l muscle solutions

On gel= μ l muscle solution used for gel

Sample B= μ l Sample buffer used for gel

Result=Amount of sample divide standard

All data are grouping by families' number.

Attachment 1