

1 **Production and characterization of jelly based** 2 **on *Lycopersicon Esculentum* (tomato) fruit**

3 4 5 6 7 **ABSTRACT**

Fruit jelly is the product obtained by cooking whole fruit or fruit pulp with sugar and concentrating it to a jelly-like consistency. This work was carried out with the aim of developing and characterizing jelly based on tomato fruit. The experiment consisted of 4 formulations: A, 50% pulp, 50% sugar; B, 59% pulp, 40% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin; C, 69% pulp, 30% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin; D, 79% pulp, 20% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin, were produced and characterized in terms of pH by potentiometer, moisture by desiccation at 105° C, total soluble solids content (°Brix) by refractometry and titratable acidity by titration with 0.1N NaOH, and sensory analysis by affective methods. The data was evaluated using Rstudio 4.2.1 software. The results showed pH ranging from 4.84 to 5.09; soluble solids content 39.79 to 66.42°Brix, titratable acidity in the range 0.52 to 1.07% and moisture content around 10.75 to 41.86%. The acceptance test showed that formulation A had the highest score of around 75%. Tomatoes proved to be an excellent and viable raw material for jam production.

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9 *Keywords: Jelly, tomato, physicochemical quality, sensory analysis.*

10 11 **1. INTRODUCTION**

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13 Tomatoes are one of the most important and popular vegetables in the world. In
14 Mozambique, tomatoes are rich in vitamins and minerals and are considered an
15 important food crop for the population, both in rural areas and in urban centers [18]).

16 This fruit contains vitamins A and C and can be eaten in a variety of ways: fresh, *in*
17 *natura*, *in* salads and processed into tomato pulp, dehydrated tomatoes and jelly.
18 The tomato belongs to the *Solanaceae* family and is a herbaceous plant with a
19 flexible stem and determinate or indeterminate growth habits. It is a climacteric fruit,
20 its ripening process is perceived by the color change that begins around the seed
21 and then passes to the skin, it has a high metamorphic capacity and cannot be
22 stored for a long time due to its nature [33].

23 Tomatoes are a climacteric fruit. Once harvested, its ripeness is the result of a
24 series of physical and chemical transformations. It is characterized by physiological

25 and biochemical changes in the fruit, such as: changes in color, appearance,
26 hardness, weight loss, total soluble solids, pH value and titratable acidity [4].

27 The production of jam is a way of taking advantage of the benefits of fruit
28 consumption and conservation, avoiding losses due to overproduction and
29 ultimately producing higher value products [16].

30 Jelly processing follows a relatively simple method, requires very little equipment
31 and also allows the industry to use fruit that is not suitable for jams and
32 diversification, transforming it into a better quality product, providing a product with a
33 longer shelf life and added value [31].

34 Jellies are attractive healthy foods because they are rich in fiber, vitamins and
35 carbohydrates [3]. Jelly can be defined as a product obtained by concentrating pulp
36 or juice with enough sugar, pectin and acid to reach a concentration sufficient to
37 gelatinize after cooling. Therefore, to make jam, four basic ingredients are needed:
38 fruit, juice or pulp "natural" or frozen, pectin; acid and sugar [12].

39 The research was carried out with the aim of producing and characterizing tomato-
40 based jellies. The choice of producing tomato jam was due to the fact that it is a
41 very versatile product in terms of how it is consumed, and can be used as a side
42 dish for bread and cookies. However, it can be produced simply, does not involve
43 high production costs and does not require sophisticated equipment, is easy to
44 preserve and can be stored at room temperature, and can be produced locally by
45 communities.

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47 **2. MATERIAL AND METHODS**

48 **2.1. Study area**

49 This study was conducted in the laboratory of the Higher Polytechnic Institute of
50 Gaza, located in Chókwè district, administrative post of Lionde. According to [15],
51 this district is located in the south of Gaza province on the middle course of the
52 Limpopo River, with the Limpopo River to the north separating it from the districts of
53 Massingir, Mabalane and Guijá, the Bilene district to the south and the
54 Mazimuchope River separating it from the Magude district, the Bilene and Chibuto
55 districts to the east and the Magude and Massingir districts to the west.

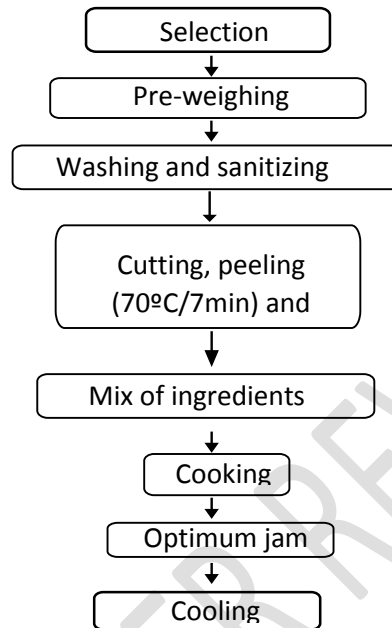
56 **2.2. Acquisition of raw materials**

57 The raw materials (tomatoes, lemons and sugar) were purchased at the local
58 market in Chókwè city. The tomatoes were bought *fresh* with characteristics such as
59 uniform red color, placed in a polypropylene plastic bag and taken to the Agro-
60 Processing laboratory of the Higher Polytechnic Institute of Gaza.

61 **2.3. Jelly production**

62 Figure 1 shows the stages in the production of jam.

63 **Figure 1.** Tomato jam production flowchart.



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66 **Source:** Authors.

67 Initially, the tomatoes were sorted by observing their external characteristics
68 (hardness, color, ripeness and no physical damage) in order to assess their physical
69 or sensory quality. They were then weighed using an ADAM analytical balance. The
70 tomatoes were pre-washed by immersion in running water for 5 minutes, followed by
71 sanitization with a solution of chlorinated water and water in a ratio of 25:5 for 15
72 minutes, rinsed in running water in order to eliminate any residual material present.
73 A stainless steel knife was used to make a transverse cut in the tomato skin, then
74 the fruit was submerged in hot water at 70°C for 7 minutes to facilitate the process
75 of removing the skin. Finally, the fruit was split in half to remove the seeds and
76 placental tissue, and the pulp was crushed. The pulp was obtained using an
77 ARCTTE1 vegetable shredder and then the formulations shown in Table 1 were
78 prepared.

79 Table 1 illustrates the tomato based jelly formulations for the proportions of 20, 30,
80 40 and 50% sugar and 0.5% citric acid and pectin, respectively.

81 **Table 1.** Formulation of tomato based jam.

Ingredients (%)	Formulations			
	A	B	C	D
Tomato pulp	50	59	69	79
Sugar	50	40	30	20
Citric acid (bioactive)	0	0,5	0,5	0,5
Pectin (lemon seeds)	0	0,5	0,5	0,5

82 (A), 50% pulp, 50% sugar; (B), 59% pulp, 40% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5%
83 pectin; (C), 69% pulp, 30% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin; (D), 79% pulp,
84 20% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin.

85 **Source:** Authors.

86 2.3.1. Weighing and mixing

87 The ingredients (pulp, sugar and pectin) were weighed on an ADAM analytical
88 balance, and then the pulp and sugar were mixed together using a wooden spoon,
89 and the pectin was added during the cooking process. After mixing, the mixture was
90 put on a low heat to cook, and during the boiling process the pectin was added.
91 During the cooking process, homogenization was constantly carried out until a
92 homogeneous paste was obtained, characteristics that dictate the addition of citric
93 acid (natural bioactive). The optimum point of the jam was determined using the
94 refractive index with the aid of an ATAGO refractometer. To do this, a portion of the
95 jam cooled to room temperature ($\pm 25^{\circ}\text{C}$) was scooped up using a spoon, and a
96 portion of the sample was placed in the prism for reading in degrees $^{\circ}\text{Brix}$. The jam
97 reached its optimum gelling point when it was around 64°Brix .

98 2.3.2. Packaging

99 After the jam had reached its optimum point, it was filled while still hot into
100 transparent glass containers (750g), previously sterilized and labeled. After filling,
101 the jars were inverted and stored at room temperature in a cool, dry place.

102 2.4. Physicochemical analysis

103 Quality parameters were assessed in terms of hydrogen potential (pH), moisture
104 content (%), soluble solids content ($^{\circ}\text{Brix}$) and titratable acidity (%), following the
105 procedures described by [13].

106 **2.4.1. Hydrogen potential (pH)**

107 10g of jelly was weighed and diluted in 100mL of distilled water, stirred constantly to
108 ensure the sample was homogeneous, then the Hanna potentiometer, model®
109 HI2214, was immersed to read the pH.

110 **2.4.2. Moisture**

111 5g of sample was weighed into a Petri dish on a pre-weighed ADAM Nimbus®
112 balance and placed in an Eco Therm digital oven at 105°C for 2 hours. After
113 desiccation, the plates were cooled to room temperature ($\pm 25^\circ$ C) for 30 minutes
114 and then weighed. The results obtained were expressed using equation 1.

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$$\% \text{ moisture} = \frac{m - m_1}{m} * 100 \quad (1)$$

116 Where:

117 m-mass of sample taken for analysis in grams;

118 m_1 . sample mass after drying.

119 **2.4.3. Total soluble solids (TSS) content**

120 An aliquot of jam was placed in the prism of the Refractive Index refractometer and
121 read directly on the °Brix scale, ranging from 0 to 50°Brix.

122 **2.4.4. Acidity titratable**

123 10g of the sample were taken and diluted in 100 mL of distilled water in a 250mL
124 erlenmeyer flask, 3 drops of phenolphthalein solution were added and titrated with
125 0.1 N sodium hydroxide solution (NaOH) under constant stirring until a persistent
126 pink color was observed for 30 seconds. The results obtained were determined
127 using equation 2.

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$$\frac{V \times f \times M \times 0.064 \times 100}{P} = \% \text{ acidity}$$

129 (2)

130 Where:

131 V - number of mL of sodium hydroxide solution used in the

132 titration; f - correction factor for the sodium hydroxide

133 solution; p - sample mass in g or pipetted volume in mL; M

134 - molarity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

135 2.5. Analysis sensory

136 The sensory evaluation was carried out according to the IAL methodology [13]. Fifty
137 untrained tasters were randomly selected, with 42% of the tasters being female and
138 58% male, aged between 20 and 31 years. The acceptability test was applied to the
139 attributes of color, aroma, appearance, texture and taste, using a nine (9) point
140 hedonic scale from 1 "I dislike it very much" to 9 "I like it very much". The samples
141 were coded with three (3) digits. The acceptability index (AI) was calculated using
142 equation 3.

$$143 \quad (IA)\% = \frac{A \cdot 100}{B} \quad (3)$$

144 Where:

145 A - Average grade obtained for the product;

146 B - Maximum score given to the product.

147 2.6. Statistical analysis

148 The analysis of variance (ANOVA) was carried out using the general linear model
149 (GLM), using the statistical package RStudio 4.2.1. In the event of significant
150 effects, the difference between the experimental units was evaluated using the
151 Tukey test at a 5% level.

152 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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154 3.1. Physicochemical analysis

155 Table 2 shows the jelly and pulp formulations for *fresh* tomatoes.

156 **Table 2.** Physicochemical characteristics of the jelly formulations and pulp *in natura*.

Composition	Formulations				
	Pulp	A	B	C	D
pH	4.79 ± 0.01 ^a	5.09±0.21 ^a	4.94 ± 0.21 ^a	4.84 ± 0.12 ^a	4.91 ± 0.34 ^a
(TSS) in °Brix	3.60±0.27 ^d	66.42±0.15 ^a	57.72±0.42 ^{ab}	50.08±0.00 ^b	39.79±2.35 ^c
ATT (citric acid %)	0.72 ± 0.11 ^a	0.52 ± 0.18 ^a	0.78 ± 0.20 ^a	0.91 ± 0.32 ^a	1.07 ± 0.38 ^a

Moisture (%) 96.13±0.72^a 10.75±0.62^b 16.15±0.53^b 28.00±0.1^b 41.86±0.40^b

157 Means ± standard deviation followed by different letters on the same line differ at
158 the 5% significance level of the Tukey test. (A), 50% pulp, 50% sugar; (B), 59%
159 pulp, 40% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5% pectin; (C), 69% pulp, 30% sugar, 0.5%
160 citric acid and 0.5% pectin; (D), 79% pulp, 20% sugar, 0.5% citric acid and 0.5%
161 pectin. ATT= Total Titratable Acidity and TSS= Total Soluble Solids.

162 **Source:** Authors.

163 **3.1.1. pH**

164 The results showed a pH of between 5.09 ± 0.21 and 4.84 ± 0.12. The highest value
165 (5.09) was observed in formulation A, formulation B (4.94), D around (4.91) and C
166 with (4.84), with no significant differences ($p < 0.05$) between the other formulations.
167 The difference between the formulations may be due to the fact that no citric acid
168 was added, when compared to treatments B, C and D, which had pH values of 4.94
169 ± 0.21, 4.84 ± 0.12 and 4.91 ± 0.34 respectively.

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171 In the research carried out by [28] in his study on the physicochemical and sensory
172 evaluation of two tomato jam formulations, they obtained pH values of around
173 5.55±0.05 to 4.89±0.02, similar results were obtained in the present study. In the
174 evaluation carried out by [21] in their study on the development of orange jelly
175 enriched with oats, they obtained a pH of between 4.22 and 4.23 for the 3% and
176 1.5% oat jellies, values close to those obtained in the present study, although this
177 pH value does not prevent it from being marketed [34]. [19] in his study on the
178 development of vacuum processing for acerola jam and monitoring of shelf life,
179 reported that increasing the pH in the production of acerola jam did not harm the
180 quality of the jam, as it had good sensory acceptance.

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182 **3.1.2. Soluble solids content**

183 The average soluble solids content showed that formulation A had the highest total
184 soluble solids content at around 66.42°Brix, followed by formulation B at 57.72°Brix.
185 A decline was observed in formulations C and D with 50.08 and 39.79°Brix,
186 respectively. The lowest (3.60) total soluble solids content (°Brix) was observed in
187 the *fresh* tomato pulp. The differences observed in the formulations produced
188 correlate with the different concentrations of sugar added (50, 40, 30 and 20%)
189 respectively, or with the ability to maintain °Brix levels due to the reactions resulting
190 in the product.

191 Formulation A had the highest soluble solids content at 66.42±0.15 °Brix, which is
192 within the standard required by the law that the ideal soluble solids content for jams
193 is 67.5 °Brix. At lower values (64 °Brix), the gel becomes weaker and at higher

194 values (71 °Brix) the jam can crystallize during cooling and storage. Results
195 diverging from those obtained in this research were reported by [8], in their study on
196 the preparation and sensory acceptance of tomato jam in syrup, who obtained 4.50
197 °Brix. [5], when developing papaya jam under different concentrations, the average
198 TSS levels ranged from 49.46 to 56.7 °Brix, values close to those found in this
199 study. High soluble solids values were obtained by [30] in mixed pineapple jam with
200 papaya (70.5 °Brix) and papaya with orange (72.5 °Brix).

201 **3.1.3. Titratable acidity**

202 The results of the formulations evaluated ranged from 0.52 to 1.07%. A high acidity
203 index (1.07%) was observed in formulation D, followed by formulation C with (0.91%
204 acid). Decreasing trends were seen in formulation B (0.78%) and A with (0.52%).
205 This variation is due to the incorporated bioactive (citric acid) which raised acidity
206 levels and can be attributed to reactions of basic amines which form compounds
207 with low basicity and to the oxidation of alcohols and aldehydes to acids.
208 Statistically, all the formulations (A, B, C and D) did not show significant effects (p
209 <0.05) on each other.

210 According to [11], the recommended acidity levels for jams should not exceed
211 0.8% and the minimum indicated is 0.3%. [30], in their study on mixed pineapple-
212 papaya and orange-papaya jellies, obtained acidity content values of 1.04% and

213 0.83%, similar results to those found in the present study. [35]. In their study on
214 the physicochemical and sensory characterization of papaya jam with araçá-boi,
215 they attributed the variations found to differences in the acid content of the pulps
216 and their respective proportions used in the formulations. [26], when evaluating
217 jelly made with acerola pulp and juice, found values close to those found in this
218 study. Formulation B and A had lower acid content compared to the other
219 formulations, which are within the range recommended by [11]. The variations
220 observed in acidity levels may be linked to the proportion of tomato pulp used in
221 these formulations.

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223 **3.1.4. Moisture**

224 The moisture content ranged from 96.13 ± 0.72 to $10.75 \pm 6.62\%$. The pulp had a
225 higher moisture content due to the fact that it contained more water. The results of
226 the tomato jam moisture determination indicated that the moisture ranged from
227 10.75 to 96.13%. Formulation A with (10.75%); B around (16.15%); sample C in the
228 range of 28.0%, and 41.86% for treatment D. Statistically, the formulations that
229 received added vinegar (A, B, C and D) proved to be different from the pulp in
230 natura, with an average moisture content of 96.13%. This differentiation may be
231 linked to the addition of bioactive or to the concentration of sugar incorporated, which
232 directly influenced the osmotic process by removing water.

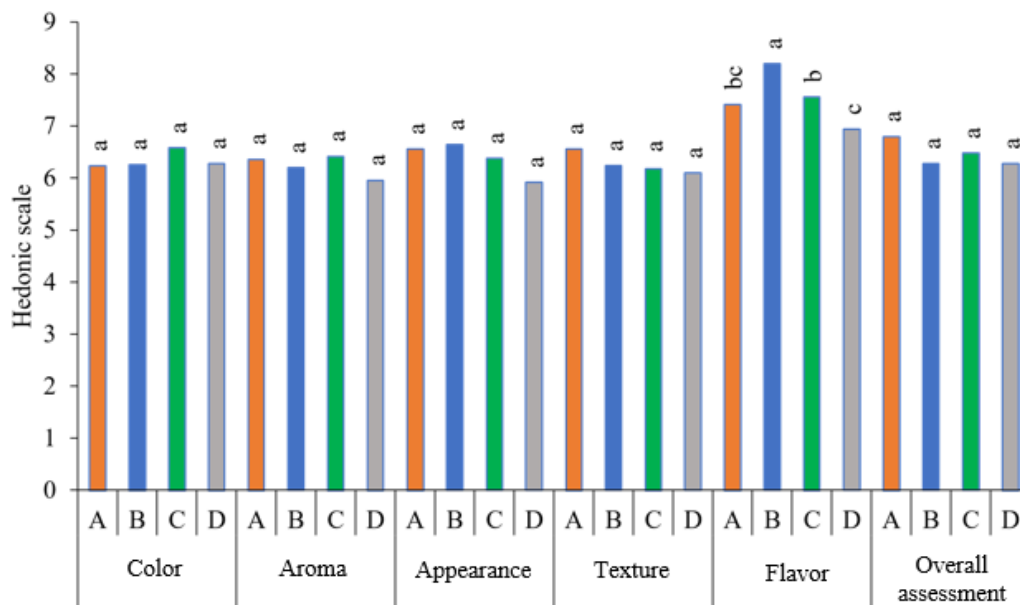
233 A similar result was found by [9]. Statistically, there was no significant difference
 234 between the treatments (A, B, C and D) respectively. The formulations that gave the
 235 lowest averages were A and B, due to the addition of a large amount of sugar.

236 [7], when studying the processing of jams and juices using grapes outside the
 237 marketing standard (Brazil), obtained a moisture content of around 13.58%. This
 238 result is close to that found in the present study. It can be seen that the moisture
 239 contents were considerably higher for formulations C and D, thus showing the
 240 occurrence of a greater amount of water, with averages of 28.00 ± 18.1 and
 241 41.86 ± 15.40 , when compared to formulations A and B. Similar values were found in
 242 the study by [35] on papaya jelly with araçá-boi, which obtained 25.99 to 29.93%,
 243 similar to those found in the work by [14]. This study highlights formulation D with a
 244 high moisture content when compared to the others. [1], obtained an average of
 245 41.14%, a result which agrees with that obtained in this study.

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247 3.2. Sensory analysis

248 The results obtained from the acceptance test are shown (figure 2), based on a 9
 249 point hedonic scale.



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251 Figure 1. Level of acceptance of the jelly formulations on a hedonic scale of 1 to 9
 252 points.

253 Means \pm standard deviation followed by the same letter in the same column do not
 254 differ significantly. (A), (50%) pulp (50%) sugar; (B), (59%) pulp, (40%) sugar,
 255 (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%) pectin; (C), (69%) pulp, (30%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid
 256 and (0.5%) pectin; (D), (79%) pulp, (20%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%)
 257 pectin. ATT = total titratable acidity and TSS = total soluble solids.

258 Source: Authors.

259 **3.2.1. Color**

260 The results obtained for this requirement indicated that sample C had the highest
261 average score of 6.58, followed by sample D with a score in the 6.28 range.
262 Variations with a downward trend in the scores of samples A and B with averages in
263 the range of 6.24 and 6.26. Statistically, all the samples (A, B, C and D) showed no
264 significant differences ($p \geq 0.05$) between them. Results similar to those of the
265 present study were reported by [2] who obtained 7.88 for the color attribute in their
266 study on the sensory evaluation of mango pulp and pulp jelly in different
267 concentrations. [10] obtained 7.40 in their study when making and evaluating mixed
268 pineapple and pepper jelly, that the visual impression caused by color when
269 observing a food overrides all others, making color one of the most important
270 attributes in sales and constituting the first criterion for acceptance or rejection of a
271 given product.

272 **3.2.2. Aroma**

273 With regard to the aroma attribute, the results obtained indicated that the averages
274 were anchored in the terms "neither liked nor disliked & slightly liked", in which
275 formulation A was characterized by having the highest score for the attribute with
276 not considerable variations around 6.36, followed by formulations B and C in the
277 range of 6.2 and 6.42, respectively. Formulation D scored the lowest with 5.96. All
278 the samples (A, B, C and D) were not statistically different ($p > 0.05$) from each other.
279 [26] obtained mean scores of 6.55 to 6.53 for jelly made with acerola pulp and juice,
280 similar results to those found in the present study. The jelly was not influenced by
281 the raw material used, the tomato pulp, and the mean scores were between "I liked
282 it slightly" and "I didn't like it or dislike it", demonstrating that the addition of citric
283 acid did not lead to noticeable differences in the acceptance of the jellies.

284 **3.2.3. Appearance**

285 The results obtained for the appearance attribute of the samples evaluated showed
286 that sample B provided the highest value for this attribute at around 6.64, followed
287 by a non-significant variation with a downward trend in the averages for this
288 requirement in relation to samples A and C, with averages in the range of 6.56 and
289 6.38, respectively. On the other hand, the lowest average was observed in sample
290 D with 5.92 corresponding to the term "neither liked nor disliked". There were no
291 significant differences ($p > 0.05$) between the formulations (A, B, C and D). This result
292 is lower than that found by [25] who, in their work on the preparation and sensory
293 analysis of paprika jelly, obtained an average acceptance value of 5.74 for the
294 appearance attribute. High values were found by [22] who reported 7.77 to 7.27
295 respectively. These results are similar to those found in the present study. Although

296 formulation D obtained an average of "neither liked nor disliked" and A, B and C
297 "slightly liked", there were no differences in this attribute, with good sensory
298 acceptance.

299 **3.3.4. Texture**

300 The results obtained for the texture of the jelly formulations showed that formulation
301 A tended to score highly for this attribute with 6.56, followed by sample B with an
302 average of around 6.24, with non-significant variations between the two, followed by
303 a downward trend in the scores of formulations C and D at around 6.18 and 6.1
304 respectively. Statistically, the samples (A, B, C and D) showed no significant
305 differences ($p>0.05$) between them. In the evaluation carried out by [29] in his study
306 on jelly made with a mix of cagaita and mangaba pulp, he reported that he obtained
307 the highest averages between 8.2 and 7.68, respectively, while for formulations A
308 and D, scores of 6.56 ± 2.30 to 6.1 ± 2.26 were found, which is close to what was
309 found in the present study. [17] obtained an average of 6.81. This indicates that the
310 product was well accepted. Formulations A, B and C had more consistent and firmer
311 gel formation. The possible factors that may have contributed to this effect may be
312 related to the sugar, pectin and acid used during the production process of the
313 jellies, with formulation D differing from the others. Similar results were found by [27]
314 who obtained 7.25 to 7.67 respectively, in their study on the preparation and
315 physico-chemical and sensory characterization of jelly formulated from the yellow
316 passion fruit albedo. [22] in their study of passion fruit jelly obtained average values
317 of 7.67 to 7.77 respectively, a similar result to that found in the present study.

318 **3.2.5. Flavor**

319 As for the taste of the formulations analyzed, treatment B scored the highest at 8.2,
320 with considerable variation from the others. This was followed by a permanently
321 constant range of scores for formulations A and C at around 7.42 and 7.56
322 respectively, and formulation D with the lowest score in the 6.94 range. These
323 scores were at the extremes of "I liked it very much & I liked it slightly". Statistically,
324 formulation B differed significantly ($p<0.05$) from the other formulations. On the other
325 hand, formulations A and D differed from treatments B and C.

326 [29] reported that he obtained the highest averages between 8.01 and 8.23,
327 respectively, values close to those found in the present work, for formulation B had
328 the highest average with 8.2 ± 0.90 , compared to the other formulations. It was in the
329 "I liked it very much" range. On the other hand, formulations A and C did not differ
330 significantly from each other at the 5% level, with averages in the 7.42 ± 0.91 to
331 7.56 ± 0.9 range respectively, and were on the "I liked it moderately" scale, similar to
332 [31]. Formulation D was the one with the lowest average, with a value of 6.94 ± 1.43 .
333 It differed significantly from the others and its lower value indicates that the
334 combination of sugar and pulp had an impact on this aspect, placing it in the "slightly
335 liked" range of the hedonic scale. Similar to [26].

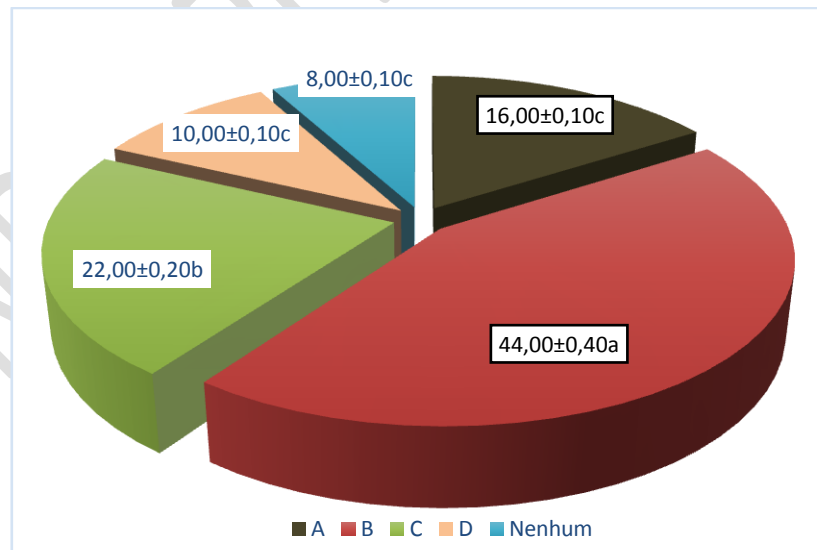
336 **3.2.6. Overall assessment**

337 The results of the overall evaluation showed that the highest score was given to
338 formulation A (6.8), where the score given was on the "I liked it slightly" rating scale,
339 followed by formulation C with 6.48 and, consequently, there were permanently
340 constant averages for samples B and D where they obtained a score of 6.28,
341 respectively. Statistically, there were no significant differences ($p>0.05$) between the
342 samples (A, B and C). A significant difference was found between sample (D) and
343 samples (A, B and C).

344 Similarly, [23] in their study on the development of tamarillo jelly containing whole
345 pulp for 40 to 50 °Brix, obtained averages of 6.7 to 6.1, agreeing with the results
346 found in this study. [6] in their study, the overall impression showed the best
347 averages, 7.5 to 7.8, for tomato jellies made with different types of pulp. The overall
348 evaluation of all the jam formulations indicated acceptability in terms of the sensory
349 characteristics evaluated, and for the other attributes, there were no significant
350 differences between the treatments. Indicating that the tasters liked it slightly on the
351 hedonic scale, higher averages were found by [2] who obtained a value of 7.70 to
352 7.35, respectively, allied with [24] in their work on the sensory evaluation of
353 'Japones' quince jam at different concentrations of total soluble solids, reported that
354 they obtained averages of 6.52 to 7.30 in this attribute.

355 **3.3. Purchase intention test**

356 The results of the purchase intention test for tomato pulp jelly are shown in Figure 3.



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358 **Figure 2.** Purchase intention test for tomato jam.

359 Averages followed by different letters in the same sample differ at the 5%
360 significance level of the Tukey test. (A), (50%) pulp (50%) sugar; (B), (59%) pulp,
361 (40%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%) pectin; (C), (69%) pulp, (30%) sugar,

362 (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%) pectin; (D), (79%) pulp, (20%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid
363 and (0.5%) pectin.

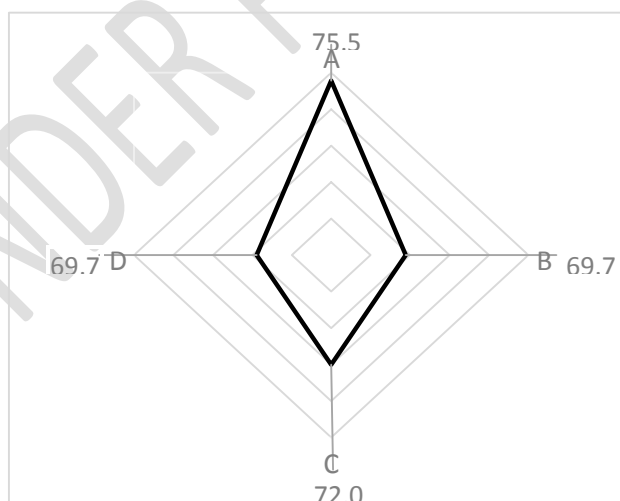
364 **Source:** Authors.

365 The purchase intention test showed that formulation B had the highest purchase
366 intention (44%) compared to the other formulations. This is because the addition of
367 citrus bioactive includes a firm texture, a balanced and pleasant taste, as well as the
368 eating habits of the tasters.

369 [23] found that the purchase intention for 40 °Brix obtained averages of 2.6 to 3.4,
370 with lower acceptance and lower purchase intention, for the high concentration
371 jellies were the most accepted and higher purchase intention parts of the tasters.
372 According to [1] in their study on obtaining and characterizing jelly from melon rinds
373 with orange juice, where it was reported that in the sensory analysis of the jelly it
374 was accepted by the majority of the tasters, with scores higher than 4.27, referring
375 to the purchase intention is related to the attribute of flavor and color of the jellies.
376 [10] obtained a better purchase intention result for mixed pineapple and pepper jelly
377 with a value of 80 to 74.4%, respectively. According to [27], who obtained averages
378 of 3.37 to 3.75 in the purchase intention test for yellow passion fruit albedo jelly,
379 they were classified as "not positive and probably would buy". A similar result was
380 found in this study.

381 3.4. Jelly acceptability index

382 The results of acceptability index of jam are shown in Figure 3.



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384 **Figure 3.** Acceptability index (%) of tomato jam in percentages.

385 (A), (50%) pulp (50%) sugar; (B), (59%) pulp, (40%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid and
386 (0.5%) pectin; (C), (69%) pulp, (30%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%) pectin;
387 (D), (79%) pulp, (20%) sugar, (0.5%) citric acid and (0.5%) pectin.

388 Source: Authors.

389 The acceptability index for formulations B and D was low at 69.78% and 69.78%,
390 respectively. With the averages obtained, the jelly has acceptable sensory
391 properties, but for the formulations with the highest indices, A (75.56%) and C (72%)
392 had acceptable indices, while B had a higher percentage in the purchase test, and
393 had a low index that was not acceptable.

394 According to [20], for a given product to be considered accepted in terms of sensory
395 properties, it must achieve an acceptance rate of 70% or more. In this way, we can
396 see that formulations A and C produced in this study had values higher than those
397 recommended. According to [29], the attributes most observed in the acceptance by
398 tasters are appearance, flavor, aroma and texture, affecting the choice of product.
399 When preparing the cagaita and mangaba jelly mix, the percentage was higher than
400 70%, with 90.89%, showing that it had greater acceptance in all attributes by
401 tasters. [11] obtained an acceptability index of 83.33% when he developed mixed
402 passion fruit and acerola jelly. It can be seen that the acceptability indices are
403 almost similar, indicating that the product was well accepted by consumers.

404 **4. Conclusion**

405 The physicochemical parameters of the tomato-based jam showed similarities in
406 terms of pH, titratable acidity and moisture content. Differences were seen in the
407 soluble solids content. Sensorially, formulations A and C were the best, achieving
408 the highest sensory acceptance ratings. The results obtained demonstrate the
409 viability of producing tomato-based jams, showing that tomatoes can be used as a
410 raw material for producing fruit jams.

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