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(Title) **DEVELOPMENT OF A SENSORY PROFILE FOR “REQUEIJÃO” (CURD CHEESE)**

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(Abstract)

In this poster we will describe the steps taken for the identification and selection of descriptive terms for the establishment of a sensory profile for “requeijão” (curd cheese) in Portuguese. The developed profile will be used to create an assessment grid for the sensory evaluation of a traditional curd cheese produced in centre region of Portugal: “Requeijão Serra da Estrela”.

For the establishment of the sensory profile the methodology described in ISO 11035:1994(E) was closely followed. For the identification of descriptive terms a mix of “requeijão” bought directly from local traditional producers and in supermarkets (industrial brands) was used. The panel was comprised of around 20 individuals, with diversified experience on descriptive sensory analysis.

Terms were identified and selected for the evaluation of the external and internal aspect, flavour, texture and after-taste. In a first iteration a total of about 50 terms was obtained. This number will be further reduced.

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