**Kevin B. Kiefer**

 **Education**

B.S., Texas A&M University, Food Science & Technology, 2018
Ph.D. Student, Texas A&M University, Food Science & Technology

**Biography**

I am originally from Laredo, Texas and have received my bachelor’s in food science and technology here at Texas A&M. As an undergrad my curiosity led me towards learning to culture, harvest, and treat mammalian cells and *Plasmodium* (malaria) parasites. We were treating the cultures to gather experimental data on the functional properties of botanicals and isolated dietary components, and their role in disease prevention. Soon after, I began my PhD program following the same degree.

**Research**

Presently, as part of my graduate program, I am now facilitating a human clinical trial investigating the effect of mango phytochemicals on the intestinal microbiome and how probiotics impact the bioavailability of beneficial mango phytochemical metabolites.