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ORGANOLEPTIC ASSESSMENT AND NUTRITIVE VALUE EVALUATION OF COOKIE DEVELOPED USING FLAXSEEDS

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ABSTRACT

The present research work was carried out for development, standardization, organoleptic assessment and nutritive value evaluation of Cookie a value added product developed using functional food, flaxseeds. Whole flour and flaxseed powder blends were prepared in three samples with ratio of 50:0(C), 30:20(S1), 20:30(S2) respectively. Standardised procedures were followed for developing and standardizing recipes, organoleptic assessment (standardized 9 point hedonic scale by pre trained panel of judges) and nutritive value calculation (DietCal-Version 5). Flaxseed incorporation did not modify the colour, flavor and taste of standard recipes but improved nutritive value of the recipes significantly for all major macro and micro nutrients. Recipes fortified at both the levels 20% and 30% were acceptable. Thus, value added products developed using functional food flaxseed are suggested as they taste good, provide preventive health benefits in decreasing cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, defense against various types of cancer and other chronic degenerative diseases.

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INTRODUCTION

Flaxseeds are scientifically known as *Linumusitatissimum* L and in Latin *usitatissimum* means 'most useful'. People from centuries have been consuming flaxseed due to its good flavor and nutritional properties (Newkirk, 2008). Flaxseeds provides its health benefits due to the presence of α -linolenic acid (ALA), the essential ω -3 fatty acid, and phytochemicals such as lignans.

Flaxseed confers its health benefits on heart due to the presence of α -linolenic acid (ALA) and ω -3 fatty acid (Bloedon & Szapary, 2004; Madhusudhan, 2009). Flaxseed ingestion has been linked to reduce risk of cardiovascular disease (Carter 1993; Mantzioris *et al.*2000; Paschos *et al.* 2007) also there is a potential role for flaxseed in management of diabetes and hypercholesterolemia (Zhang *et al.*2007).

Due to changes in dietary pattern and subsequently in disease pattern added with increased awareness about health issues more and more people are becoming health conscious and demanding the food having high nutritional value and at the same time conferring health benefits. In this regard, the demand for flaxseeds in food and beverages, functional foods and dietary supplements has risen dramatically(Newkirk, 2008). Flaxseed is considered to be a complete functional food

due to the presence of α -linolenic acid (Bozan & Temelli, 2008).

Cookie is a small cake made from stiff, sweet dough rolled and sliced or dropped by spoonfuls on a large, flat pan (cookie sheet).

Objective

Flaxseeds being a inexpensive, highly nutritious functional food providing numerous health benefits was incorporated into cookies and their development, sensory evaluation and nutritional value assessment was conducted.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Selection of recipe: Cookie was selected as it is popular food amongst all ages particularly youngsters and children due to ease of consumption, high energy value and goodness of taste.

Standardization of flaxseed: Roasting of flaxseed at different time i.e. 3min, 5min, 7min. at constant temperature was done on the skillet at slow flame to evaluate the most acceptable flaxseed sample to be incorporated into the identified and selected recipe viz cookies. After grinding the roasted flaxseeds, they were sieved twice through the mesh. Sensory evaluation concluded that flaxseed roasted for 5 minutes was

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found to be most acceptable by the panel of evaluators. Thus, flaxseed roasted for 5 minutes was incorporated in the cookies.

Sample preparation: Three samples were prepared of cookies. Standardised recipe was indexed as sample one or control termed as "C", the second sample containing 20% of the flaxseed was termed as "S1" and third sample containing 30% of flaxseed termed as "S2" in standardized recipes.

Preparation: Cookie- Whole flour and flaxseed powder blends were prepared in three samples with ratio of 50:0(C), 30:20(S1), 20:30(S2) respectively. All blends were passed through mesh sieve twice for efficient mixing. In all samples ghee was added, ¼ tsp baking powder and ¼ cup sugar. The dough was prepared and kneaded manually for 5 mins and 2 tbsp of milk was added to make it moist. The dough was moulded by cookie cutter and topped with Choco chips. The moulded cookies were baked in bakery oven at 200 degree Celsius for 20 mins. The cookie samples were cooled for 30 mins and presented for sensory evaluation to the trained panelist.

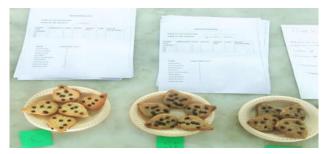


Figure 1 Samples of Cookies

Sensory evaluation: Sensory evaluation was the best suited method for the evaluation of selected recipes. Cookies were evaluated for overall acceptability (color, appearance, flavor, texture (crispness) and taste) and was carried out as per 9 point hedonic scale, by the help of 6 semi trained evaluators. Sensory evaluation was done to determine the most acceptable ratio of flaxseed incorporation in the samples and overall acceptability of the same.

Calculation of Nutritive Value

Recipes were standardized and their nutritive value was calculated using DietCal-(a tool for dietary assessment and planning) ©Profound Tech Solutions 2014. (Software Version: 5.00).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The sensory evaluation was carried out as per 9 point hedonic scale, the sensory characteristics that were taken into consideration includes color, taste, appearance, texture (crispness), flavor, and overall acceptability. It is evident from the sensory evaluation scores by the evaluators, the recipe that scored most, contained 20% of flax seed and scores ranged in 7.1 to 8.1 which depicted that the recipe were liked very much. Overall acceptability of the sample S1 achieved highest score. Sensory evaluation of cookies was evaluated at three levels. The appearance of cookies made without flaxseed was scored as highest (8.3) amongst other two samples due to the color change as color also attained high score for the control sample (7.8).

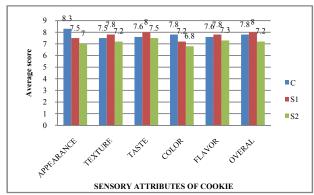


Figure 2 Average score of organoleptic evaluation of three variations of

However, some changes in the colour of the cookies were observed. The darker crust color may be due to Maillard reaction between reducing sugars and proteins (Raidi and Klein 1983).

Whereas sample1 (20% flaxseed) attained highest scores in flavor, texture, taste and overall acceptability by the panel members. Hussain *et al.* (2006) found that biscuits supplemented with 25 and 30% of flaxseed flour were less accepted than those made only with wheat flour. Alpaslan and Hayta (2006) evaluated the sensory quality of bakery products prepared with corn, soybean, and flaxseed flours. Cake formulations by substitution of wheat flour with flaxseed flour (30%) flour were very well acceptable. The crispness is the most versatile texture parameter, and the most widely used term in describing food texture (Grizotto and De Menezes 2002). It is well known that texture is the sensory property that most affects the quality of processed foods particularly baked products like biscuits and cookies

Table 1 Nutritive value of three variations of cookies per 100 g of edible portion.

| Nutrient Name | Nutritive | Nutritive | Nutritive |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Value C | Value S1 | Value S2 |
| Moisture (g) | 11.1556 | 44.2672 | 45.2828 |
| Protein(g) | 17.1222 | 23.7391 | 26.9109 |
| Fat(g) | 39.8444 | 70.6375 | 76.4344 |
| Minerals(g) | 2.9000 | 5.7438 | 6.1188 |
| Crude fibre(g) | 3.4000 | 3.2812 | 4.0312 |
| Carbohydrates(g) | 92.2444 | 121.0812 | 125.5969 |
| Energy(kcal) | 795.5556 | 1214.4531 | 1297.2656 |
| Calcium(mg) | 111.5556 | 172.0000 | 198.5625 |
| Phosphorous(mg) | 401.4444 | 494.1875 | 552.0000 |
| Iron(mg) | 4.5183 | 5.5102 | 5.9320 |
| Total Carotene(mcg) | 32.6667 | 36.5625 | 41.2500 |
| Thiamine(mg) | 0.4289 | 0.5542 | 0.5902 |
| Riboflavin(mg) | 0.1444 | 0.1878 | 0.1988 |
| Niacin(mg) | 3.3111 | 4.3438 | 4.5000 |
| Vitamin C(mg) | 0.0000 | 0.9844 | 0.9844 |
| Magnesium(mg) | 88.0000 | 123.7500 | 123.7500 |
| Sodium(mg) | 13.3333 | 18.7500 | 18.7500 |
| Potassium(mg) | 210.0000 | 295.3125 | 295.3125 |
| Zinc(mg) | 1.4667 | 2.0625 | 2.0625 |
| Vitamin A(mcg) | 133.3333 | 636.0938 | 636.0938 |

The table clearly depicts that nutritive value of flaxseed added cookies S1 and S2 are enhanced considerably in all the nutrients: energy, protein, fat, carbohydrates calcium, phosphorous, iron and many other nutrients depicted in the table as compared with the control standardized sample. However, significant enhancement of nutritive value has not been observed amongst the two flaxseeds fortified samples viz

S1 and S2. Therefore, addition of flaxseed not only makes the cookies taste good and improves the texture but recipe is also enriched with omega 3 and lignans that encourage heart health, prevent diabetes and cancer.

CONCLUSION

Addition of flaxseeds to the standardized recipes made the recipes more nutritious and wholesome without adding high flavor or modifying the texture, colour and appearance of the standardized recipes significantly. On the basis of enhanced nutritive value and better organoleptic evaluation scores of cookies fortified with 20% of flaxseed incorporation of flaxseeds at such levels is suggested. Thus, considering the improved nutritive value due to addition of flaxseeds without altering its sensory characteristics, inclusion and addition of flaxseeds in various food items is suggested to prevent diseases, maintain and achieve better health conditions and improve the dietary intake.

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