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### **Abstract**

The present study aimed to examine the effect of adding Marjoram and Pumpkin seeds on sensory and rheological properties of wheat flour bread. For this purpose, Marjoram was added in replacement rates of 5% and 10%, as well as in the case of Pumpkin seeds flour (5% and 10% replacement), they were added together by replacement rates 5%. Then were compared to those mixtures with bread wheat flour (100% wheat flour) to determine the effect of each on the chemical composition of bread, sensory and rheological properties of bread. The results showed that the additions have led to an increase in the content of the bread in protein, fat, fiber and ash, also led to decreased in carbohydrates. The results of farinograph and extensograph showed that the addition of Marjoram has led to decreased in the rate of water absorption and extensibility, on the other hand it led to increase the stability, dough development time, degree of softening, elasticity and the proportional number, whereas adding Pumpkin seeds led to decrease in the rate of water absorption, extensibility and increasing the degree of softening, elasticity and the proportional number, while adding the blend of the two together has led to decrease in the rate of water absorption, extensibility, stability, and increasing in the degree of softening, elasticity and the proportional number. For the sensory properties did not show significant differences between the bread wheat flour, bread flour mixed with Pumpkin seeds by 5% in the taste, color, tenderness and overall acceptability. While significant differences appeared when 0.05 level of significance between each of the bread wheat flour, bread flour mixture Marjoram rates of 5% and 10% in all sensory properties that have been studied as well as in the case of bread made from mixture both. Based on the above, the current study recommends adding pumpkin seed flour to bread wheat flour by 5%.

**Key words:** Marjoram, Pumpkin seeds, Wheat flour bread, Sensory properties, Rheological properties.

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### ***Introduction***

Today's consumers are conscious of their diet, and many prefer eating healthy foods. Bread seems to be a good vehicle in this respect if part of the wheat flour were to be replaced with non wheat flours (*Basman et al., 2003*).

Bread is one of the most important foods consumed all over the world (*Mirsaeedghazi et al., 2008*). Bread products are well accepted worldwide because of the low cost, ease of preparation, versatility, sensory attributes and nutritional properties (*Fang, 2008*). In Egypt wheat flour bread represents the main source of carbohydrate for most of the people (*EL-Soukkary, 2001*).

Nowadays, emphasis is on healthy bread with low glycemic index, more protein and will increase the dietary fiber intake, high resistant starch and decrease in calori and carbohydrates of baked goods (*Seeean, 2008*).

The pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) is an annual dicotyledonous vegetable, belonging to the Cucurbitaceae family. It is used as a medicinal plant for prostate and bladder problems, and as an anthelmintic, galactogogue, and anti-emetic (*Magdeleine et al, 2011*). Some scientific literature highlights its importance as a source of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -carotene, vitamin C, dietary fiber, minerals, and phenolic compounds. These nutrimental and bioctive components are very important in providing human health benefits (*Valenzuela et al., 2011*).

Pumpkin seeds (PS), which used to be discarded after the pre-processing of the fruit, have been, nowadays, subjected to industrial processing and have been commonly commercialized as a savory appetizer. The application of these seeds can be considered a good alternative for the nutritional enrichment of food products (*Gorgonio et al., 2011*).

Pumpkin seeds, generally thrown away are otherwise, a rich source of oil and nutrients and could be consumed as food(Dhiman *et al.*, 2009). Pumpkin seeds have a high nutritional value, provides good quality oil, and excellent source of protein(Mahasneh and El-Oqlah, 1999).

The seed of pumpkin has pharmacological activities such as anti-diabetic, antifungal, antibacterial and antiinflammation activities, and antioxidant effects (Atuonwu and Akobundu, 2010; Abd El-Aziz and Abd Kalek, 2011). Pumpkin seeds are considered an alternative treatment for stage I and II benign prostatic hyperplasia and for irritable bladder(Winkler *et al.*, 2005).The seeds are mildly diuretic and vermifuge (Pandya and Rao, 2010).

Marjoram (or Sweet Marjoram) is a herbaceous, perennial plant native to Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean countries(Novak *et al.*, 2000; Verma, 2010; Verma *et al.*, 2010).

Sweet marjoram (*Origanum majorana L. Syn. Majorana hortensis*), a member of the Lamiaceae family(Sellamia , *et al.*, 2009) . Marjoram was grown in Egypt under the conditions of organic and traditional agriculture (Edris *et al.*, 2003).

Marjoram is one of the most familiar kitchen herbs. It is cultivated for use of its aromatic leaves for flavouring and other culinary purposes(Ahmed *et al.*, 2009). Marjoram is used in many, marjoram is added to soups, salad dressings, sauces for stewed meats (mainly mutton) and stuffing's.(Kumar *et al.*, 2011).

The medicinal effects of marjoram are gastrointestinal tract stimulant, tonic, carminative, diaphoretic, hypoglycemic, diuretic as well as antibacterial (Ahmed *et al.*, 2009). It has strong antioxidant activity, mainly because of its high content of phenolic acids and flavonoids, which is useful in health supplements and food preservation(Banchio *et al.*, 2008; Sellamia , *et al.*, 2009). Traditionally, the plant has been used as a folk remedy against asthma, indigestion, headache and rheumatism (Sellamia , *et al.*, 2009). Marjoram is used for cramps, depression, dizziness, , migraine, nervous headaches, paroxysmal coughs ( Yazdanparast and Shahriyary, 2008).

Rheological properties of dough are very important indices for product development in terms of product quality and process efficiency(Sivam *et al.*, 2010), and it is very important to understand

mechanical properties of the dough and control finished products(Mirsaedghazi *et al*, 2008).

There are many techniques for studying the rheological properties of dough. In about 1930, one of the first special instruments was designed for physical testing of wheat flour dough, the so-called Brabender Farinograph(Mirsaedghazi *et al*, 2008). The Brabender Farinograph is the most popular dough rheology instrument and its results are relatively easy to interpret (Doerry, 1995) .

Parameters usually applied in the baking industry water absorption or percentage of water required to yield dough consistency of 500 BU (Brabender Units)(wang *et al*, 2002), dough Stability is given by the time from when the Farinograph trace touches the 500 BU line up to the break time, the time required for dough development or time necessary to reach 500 BU of dough consistency (Ammar *et al*, 2011), and elasticity (band width of the curve at the maximum consistency) (wang *et al*, 2002).

This paper report on the effect of marjoram and pumpkin seed flour on some sensory and rheological properties of wheat flour bread.

## ***Materials and Methods***

### ***Ingredients:***

Wheat flour ( 72% extraction), Pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) seeds and Marjoram ( *Majorana hortensis*) were obtained from the local market.

### ***Preparing of Pumpkin seeds flour:***

The seeds were cleaned by hand to remove broken seeds and foreign materials, then were crushed in household mill, as soon as, The marjoram was crushed in household mill , then was sifted.

### ***Preparing of bread:***

- Wheat flour bread (control) was prepared from 100% wheat flour extraction 72%, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.
- Pumpkin seeds bread:
  1. Pumpkin seeds bread by 5% Pumpkin seeds flour (5%PSF) : was prepared from 95% wheat flour extraction 72% , 5% pumpkin seeds

flour, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.

2. Pumpkin seeds bread by 10% Pumpkin seeds flour (10% PSF) : was prepared from 90% wheat flour extraction 72% , 10% pumpkin seeds flour, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.

- Marjoram bread:

1. Marjoram bread by 5% marjoram flour (5% MF): was prepared from 95% wheat flour extraction 72% , 5% marjoram flour, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.
2. Marjoram bread by 10% marjoram flour (10% MF): was prepared from 90% wheat flour extraction 72% , 10% marjoram flour, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.

- Marjoram and Pumpkin seeds bread was prepared from 95% wheat flour extraction 72% , 2.5% pumpkin seeds flour, 2.5% marjoram flour, 8% dry yeast, 5% sugar, 1% salt with the addition of water for kneading.

### **Chemical analyses:**

Protein, fat, ash and fiber content were determined according to the *A.O.A.C (2000)*, while total carbohydrate were calculated by the difference. Total caloric content was determined by calculation. According to *Lawrence (1965)* Using the following equation : total caloric (Kcal/100g) = (protein content x4) + (fat content x9) + (carbohydrate content x4)

### **Sensory properties:**

Sensory property for bread was evaluated by 10 trained panelists according to *Watts et al., (1989)*.

### **Rheological properties:**

The farinograph and extinsograph tests were carried out in Food Technology Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center, Giza, Egypt.

### ***Statistical analysis :***

All the obtained data were statistically analyzed by SPSS computer software. The calculated occurred by analysis of variance ANOVA and follow up test LSD by SPSS ver.11 according to *Artimage and Berry (1987)*.

### ***Results and Discussion***

#### ***Effect of treatments on chemical composition of produced bread:***

Present data in table (1) showed the effect of treatments on chemical composition of produced bread. Results cleared that there were significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) differences between wheat flour bread (control) and produced bread of 5% Marjoram flour , 10% Marjoram flour, 10% Pumpkin seeds flour and 5% ( Marjoram flour+ Pumpkin seeds flour) in protein , fat, fiber, ash, and carbohydrates. Treatments led to increasing in the content of bread from protein , fat, fiber, ash, and decreased in carbohydrates. Also appeared significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) differences between wheat flour bread and produced bread of 5% Pumpkin seeds flour in protein , fat, fiber, and carbohydrates, 5% Pumpkin seeds flour led to increasing in the content of produced bread from protein , fat, fiber, and decreased in carbohydrates.

In this respect *EL-Soukkary, (2001)* demonstrated that, Pumpkin seeds products as a good source of protein and nutrients for fortification of baked products, especially bread. Also, the Pumpkin seeds flour is used as a protein supplement in bread(*Dhiman et al., 2009*).

Table ( 1): Effect of treatments on chemical composition of produced bread /100g.

Composition Treatments	Protein (g%)	Fat (g%)	Fiber (g%)	Ash (g%)	Carbohydrates (g%)	Calories (Kcal/100g)
Control	11.41e	2.10e	2.31e	1.70f	74.19a	361.30
5% MF	11.52f	2.28f	3.06b	2.29b	71.66b	353.24
MF 10%	11.64d	2.57d	3.81a	2.89a	70.02f	349.77
5% PSF	12.06b	4.06b	2.49f	1.72f	71.08d	369.10
10% PSF	12.72a	6.00a	2.67d	1.82d	68.86e	380.32
5% (MF+PSF)	11.76c	3.17c	2.78c	2.01c	71.37c	361.05

- Control:100% Wheat flour, MF: Marjoram flour, PSF: Pumpkin seeds flour.
- Different letters on same column represent statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) difference between means.
- means of three determinations.

### ***Effect of treatments on sensory evaluation of produced bread:***

Effect of treatments on sensory evaluation of produced bread are presented in table (2). Results cleared that there were significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) differences between wheat flour bread (control) and produced bread of 5% Marjoram flour , 10% Marjoram flour, and 5%( Marjoram flour+ Pumpkin seeds flour) in all sensory evaluation ( aroma, taste, color, tenderness, and overall acceptability, also these results showed that no significant differences between wheat flour bread (control) and produced bread of 5% Pumpkin seeds flour in taste, color, tenderness, and overall acceptability. Similarly, did not show significant differences between wheat flour bread (control) and produced bread of 10% Pumpkin seeds flour in color.

According to *Sivam et al, .(2010)* the addition of different types of fibers may affect sensory attributes of baked products. Also *Sangnark and Noomhorm (2004)* reported that sensory evaluation all decreased as each of dietary fiber increased. A significant problem with dietary fiber addition in bread-type products is poor textural quality(*Gomez et al., 2003*).

Table ( 2 ): Effect of treatments on sensory evaluation of produced bread.

Properties Treatments	Aroma 10 scores	Taste 40 scores	Color 10 Scores	Tenderness 20 scores	Overall Acceptability 20 scores
Control	9.3a	39.2a	9.1ab	19.3a	19.6a
5% MF	7.0cd	30.8c	6.5c	16.3c	15.5d
10% MF	5.7f	21.8f	2.7f	13.8d	3.3f
5% PSF	8.3b	37.4a	9.2a	17.9ab	18.9ab
10% PSF	7.6bc	33.5b	8.4b	17.8b	16.6c
(MF+PSF) 5%	6.2df	34.4b	7.0c	13.9d	15.6cd

- Control:100% Wheat flour, MF: Marjoram flour, PSF: Pumpkin seeds flour.
- Different letters on same column represent statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) difference between means.

### ***Effect of treatments on rheological properties:***

Table (3) , and figure 1 to 3 showed the effect of treatments on farinograph parameters, the results revealed that the addition of Marjoram flour has led to decreased in the rate of water absorption, and increasing in dough development time, stability , and degree of softening (figure1). Also , the results revealed that the addition of Pumpkin seeds flour has led to decreased in the rate of water absorption, and increasing in degree of softening(figure2).While the results showed that the addition of 5% from Mixture Marjoram flour and Pumpkin seeds flour has led to decreased in the rate of water absorption, and stability, and increasing in degree of softening(figure 3).

Present data in table (3) and figure 4 to 6 showed the Effect of treatments on extensograph parameters. Results cleared that the addition of Marjoram flour(figure 4), Pumpkin seeds flour (figure 5), and Mixture Marjoram flour and Pumpkin seeds flour(figure 6) has led to decreased in extensibility, and increasing in elasticity, and the proportional number.

In this respect *Rabie et al., (2009)* demonstrated that, the rheological parameters evaluated on farinograph and extensograph indicated very clear effect of fat type and ratio, decrease in water absorption, and extensibility recorded as the fat ratio raised.

Table ( 3): Effect of treatments on rheological properties.

Tests		Treatments					
		Control	5% MF	10% MF	5% PSF	10% PSF	5% (MF+PSF)
Farinograph	Water absorption(%)	59.1	58.1	57.2	52.9	54.2	55.4
	Arrival time ( min)	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	Dough development (min)	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0
	Stability (min)	3.5	8.0	<12	1.5	4.0	2.0
	Degree of softening (B.U)	60.0	80	---	80	70	120
Extensogra	Elasticity (B.U)	220	750	670	735	670	800
	Extensibility (mm)	110	60	55	80	95	75
	Proportional number	2.0	12.7	12.2	9.2	7.1	10.7

- Control:100% Wheat flour, MF: Marjoram flour, PSF: Pumpkin seeds flour.

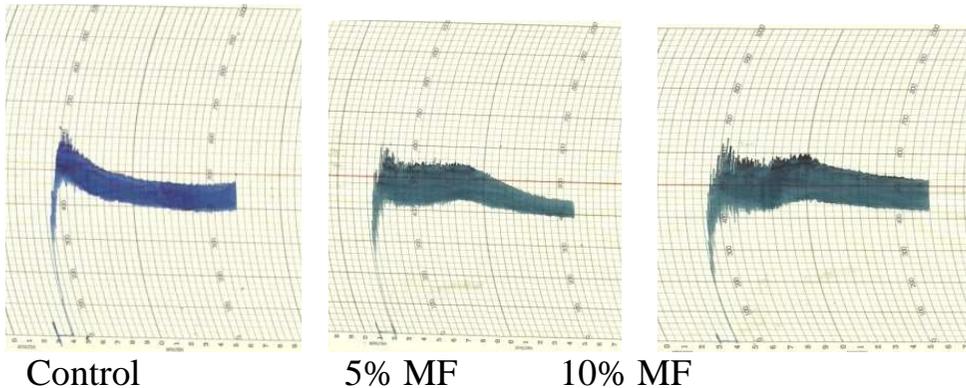
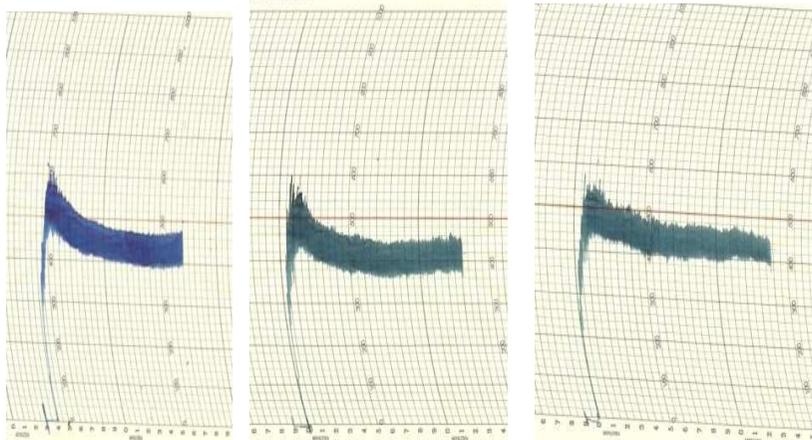
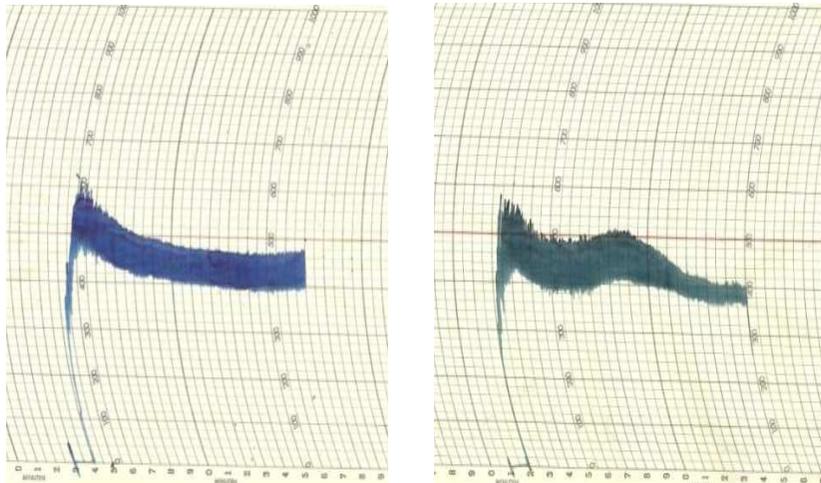


Fig 1: Effect of addition( 5% , 10%) Marjoram flour on farinograph parameters.



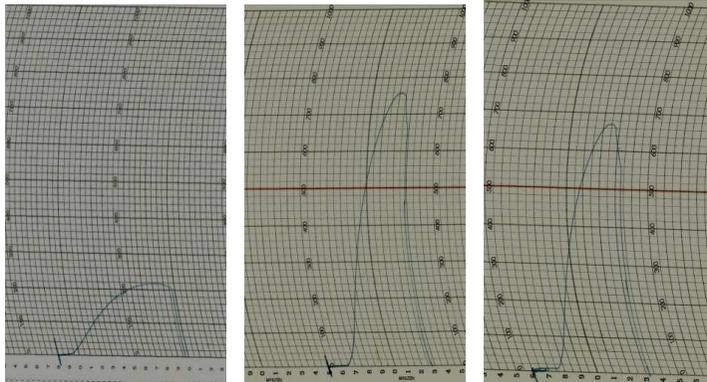
Control      5% PSF      10% PSF

Fig 2: Effect of addition( 5% , 10%) Pumpkin seeds flour on farinograph parameters.



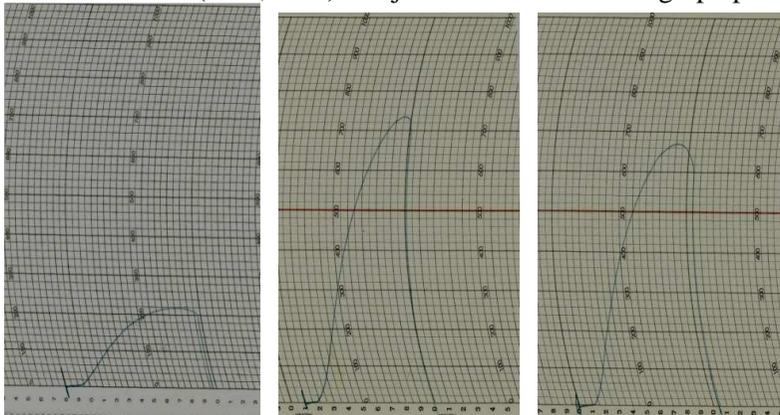
Control      5% ( MF+ PSF)

Fig 3: Effect of addition 5% ( Marjoram flour + Pumpkin seeds flour) on farinograph parameters



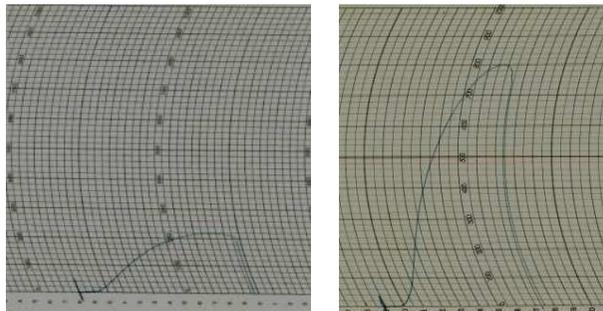
Control      5% MF      10% MF

Fig 4: Effect of addition ( 5% , 10%) Marjoram flour on extensograph parameters.



Control      5% PSF      10% PSF

Fig 5: Effect of addition( 5% , 10%) Pumpkin seeds flour on extensograph parameters.



Control      5% ( MF+ PSF)

Fig 6: Effect of addition 5% ( Marjoram flour + Pumpkin seeds flour) on extensograph parameters

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### الملخص

تهدف الدراسة الحالية إلي دراسة تأثير إضافة البردقوش وبذور القرع العسلي علي الخواص الحسية والريولوجية لخبز دقيق القمح . ولهذا الغرض تم إضافة مطحون البردقوش ودقيق بذور القرع العسلي ٥ و ١٠ ٪ استبدال علي الترتيب، كما تم إضافة خليط من الاثنين معاً بنسبة استبدال ٥٪ إلي دقيق القمح المستخدم في صناعة الخبز. ثم مقارنة تلك الخلطات بخبز دقيق القمح (١٠٠٪ دقيق قمح ) وذلك لمعرفة مدي تأثير كل من تركيب الخبز وخواصه الحسية والريولوجية بتلك الإضافات. ولقد أظهرت النتائج أن الإضافات قد أدت إلي زيادة في محتوى الخبز من البروتين والدهن والألياف والرماد كما أدت إلي انخفاض في الكربوهيدرات. كما أظهرت نتائج الفارينوجراف و الاكستنوجراف أن إضافة مطحون البردقوش قد أدى إلي انخفاض في نسبة الامتصاص والمطاطية وزيادة في زمن العجن و الثبات ودرجة الضعف والمرونة والرقم النسبي ، كما أدى إضافة دقيق بذور القرع العسلي إلي انخفاض في نسبة الامتصاص والمطاطية وزيادة في درجة الضعف والمرونة والرقم النسبي ، أما إضافة خليط الاثنين معاً فقد أدى إلي انخفاض في نسبة الامتصاص والمطاطية والثبات وزيادة في درجة الضعف والمرونة والرقم النسبي . وبالنسبة للخواص الحسية لم تظهر فروق ذات دلالة معنوية بين كل من خبز دقيق القمح والخبز المخلوط بدقيق بذور القرع العسلي بنسبة ٥٪ في الطعم واللون والقوام والقبول العام . بينما ظهرت فروق ذات دلالة معنوية عند مستوى معنوية ٠,٠٥ بين كل من خبز دقيق القمح والخبز المخلوط بطحين البردقوش بنسب ٥٪ و ١٠٪ في جميع الخواص الحسية التي تم دراستها وكذلك الحال بالنسبة للخبز المصنوع من خليط الاثنين معاً . وبناءً علي ما سبق توصي الدراسة الحالية بإضافة دقيق بذور القرع العسلي إلي دقيق القمح المستخدم في صناعة الخبز بنسبة ٥٪.