

PREPARATION AND EVALUATION OF SOME BAKERY PRODUCTS VERY LOW IN PROTEIN FOR PHENYLKETONURIA PATIENTS

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ABSTRACT

Potato flours and cornstarch are used to produce biscuits and flat bread for phenylketonuria (PKU) patients. The effect of thickening agents xanthan gum, Guar gum, carrageenan gum and mixtures of guar gum and carrageenan gum on physical properties, hardness and sensory properties of biscuit and flat bread, were studied. The obtained results showed that the protein content of raw materials ranged between 0.10 to 6.12%, while total carbohydrates ranged from 88.28 to 99.48%. The highest physical properties values (volume, thickness, diameter, spread ratio and specific volume), were in biscuit with xanthan gum. The hardness of biscuits decreased by adding gums. The thickening agents increased the sensory properties values of biscuits (taste and texture), while it did not affect both color and odor of all biscuit samples compared with the control. The biscuit samples with xanthan gum and mixture of gums had the high acceptance. The highest moisture content was in xanthan gum of flat bread samples. The thickening agents caused increase in all samples of flat bread hardness compared with the control. The organoleptic results of flat bread showed that xanthan gum, guar gum, carrageenan gum and mixture of gums were more suitable to produce flat bread compared with the control samples. Potato flour and cornstarch, with thickening agents, can produce biscuits and flat bread low in protein for phenylketonuria patients.

Keywords: *low protein, phenylketonuria patients, thickening agent, flat bread, biscuits.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Phenylketonuria (PKU) is an autosomal recessive disorder caused by a mutation in the Phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH) Gene. This disorder results in accumulation of phenylalanine, which is an important amino acid metabolized in the liver by the Phenylalanine hydroxylase system. This enzyme hydroxylates the phenylalanine to tyrosine, which requires Tetrahydrobiopterin (BH₄) as a cofactor. Defects in either PAH or the production, or recycling of BH₄ may result in hyperphenylalaninemia which can cause intellectual disability if untreated individuals (Blau *et al.*, 2010). The clinical severance of the phenol type of this disorder is directly correlated with the level of blood Phenylalanine, which in turn shows the severity of the enzyme defect (Pietro and Concolino, 2014). PKU diet and the new existing treatments, that need to be optimized, may be a complete and combined strategy possibly positively influencing the psychological, social, and neurocognitive life of

PKU patients. The restriction of dietary phenylalanine remains the mainstay of PKU management and usually begins immediately after confirmation of this condition in a newborn (Giovannini *et al.*, 2012). Dietary restriction of phenylalanine combined with a protein substitute prevents intellectual disability in patients with phenylketonuria (PKU). Current protein substitutes are associated with low adherence owing to unpalatability and burdensome administration regimens. The prolonged-release protein substitute designed with an ethyl cellulose and arginate coating masking the bitter taste, smell and reducing the osmolality of free amino acids are suitable for children with PKU. Most subjects, mixed the test protein substitute with food or fruit juice, had reduced blood phenylalanine levels and improved phenylalanine/tyrosine ratio (MacDonald *et al.*, 2020).

The casual results of this phenomena are severe mental retardation and emission of mold smell, reduced hair growth and skin hives,

brightening of hair and eye color, reduced growth, small brain and head round and neurological symptoms of epilepsy, including repeated legs and hands movements. The patients who do not get remedied will probably develop behavioral problems such as hyper activity and anxiety (Enns *et al.*, 2010). Phenylalanine is an amino-acid present in every protein containing food. PKU patients have a low tolerance for Phenylalanine and therefore, the dietary therapy of PKU patients requires high precision. This diet lacks any protein-containing food. These foods include dairy, red meat, fish, egg, cheese, walnut, cereals and bread dough, pasta, biscuits and cakes (NSPKU, 2010). Minimal requirements of phenylalanine (9.1 mg/kg/d) are needed to meet the normal growth and development. Excess of phenylalanine (not required for protein anabolism) is mainly metabolized in the liver by PAH. In the United Kingdom, a system of protein exchanges is used, with approximately each 1 g of natural protein representing a phenylalanine load of 50 mg. Most children with PKU can tolerate less than 500 mg of phenylalanine or 10 g of protein exchanges in 24h (Hendriksz and Walter, 2004; Pencharz *et al.*, 2007). Amir and Ramezan (2017) showed that the analog kefir has a low level of phenylalanine (30.40 mg/100g), and in this regard, it can be useful for patients with PKU.

Khandelwalet *al.* (2006) found that turmeric contains various chemical constituents such as a-tumerone, b-tumerone, zingiberine and curcumin. These are mainly digestive disorders. Osteoarthritis, atherosclerosis, cancer, intestinal worms, liver diseases and several bacterial infections are very effective in treating wounds

and eye disorders. The oil of turmeric is also a very good mosquito repellent. Therefore, the target of this study was to produce different formula of biscuits and flat bread low in protein and phenylalanine by using corn starch, potato flour and thickening agents (xanthan gum, Guar gum, carrageenan gum or mixture of Guar gum & carrageenan gum). The chemical composition, physical, texture and sensory properties of the biscuits and flat bread were determined.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Materials

Cornstarch and potato flour were obtained from the Egyptian and Italian Company for corn products, 10th of Ramadan City, Egypt. Palm oil, sugar, baking powder, salt, vanilla and turmeric powder, were obtained from local market, Giza, Egypt. Xanthan gum, Guar gum, carrageenan gum, corn starch and monoglyceride were purchased from El-Gomhoria Company for Drugs and Chemicals, Cairo, Egypt.

2.2. Methods

2.2.1. Low protein Biscuits formula

2.2.1.1. Pre gelatinization corn starch preparation

Two hundred grams of corn starch soaked in 200ml boiled water and mixed well.

2.2.1.2. Biscuits preparation

Biscuits preparation was carried according to the method of Schober *et al.* (2003) with some modifications. Therefore gelatinization cornstarch with different gums were used in low protein biscuits formula (control and its blends) (Table 1). The sugar, vanilla, monoglyceride and fat were creamed in a Hobart mixer for 15min. The cornstarch, potato flour, baking powder,

Table (1): Formula of Biscuits low in protein.

Ingredients (g)	Biscuits formula				
	Control	F1	F2	F3	F4
Corn Starch	700	700	700	700	700
Pre-gelatinized Corn starch	200	200	200	200	200
Potato Flour	100	100	100	100	100
Palm Oil	300	300	300	300	300
Sugar	375	375	375	375	375
Monoglyceride	40	40	40	40	40
Xanthan gum	-	8	-	-	-
Guar gum	-	-	8	-	4
Carrageenan gum	-	-	-	8	4
Baking Powder	14	14	14	14	14
Salt	2	2	2	2	2
Vanilla	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Turmeric powder	0	2	2	2	2
Water (ml)	250	250	250	250	250

turmeric powder and salt were added and mixed well for 5min to obtain dough. The water was added gradually to obtain smooth dough. The dough was sheeted to a thin (3mm thickness) and cut to shape. The biscuits were baked in oven at 180°C for 15-18min to reach a golden color. The biscuits were let to cool in room temperature and packing until testing.

2.2.1.3. Flat bread making

Flat bread blends were prepared as shown in Table (2). The pre-gelatinized cornstarch and potato flour with different gums, 2% baking powder, 5% palm oil, 2% turmeric and 2% salt were mixed well, then water added and knocked for 20 min and flattened to 2.5 mm thickness between two sheets of polyethylene. The bread loaves were baked at 350-400°C for 1-2 min. Bread loaves were allowed to cool down at room temperature for 1 hr before testing and scoring.

freezer and texture measurement was determined for three days in terms of hardness (N). The experiments were conducted under ambient condition according to the method described by Gomez *et al.*(2007).

2.2.1.7. Organoleptic characteristics of low protein biscuits and flat bread.

Organoleptic characteristics of biscuits and bread samples were evaluated according to Hoojjat and Zabik (1984) with some modifications. Ten semi-trained panelists tested the biscuit samples for its characteristics, e.g. general appearance, color, texture, taste and odor. While, bread samples were evaluated for roundness, firmness, taste, odor, color and overall acceptability.

2.2.1.8. Statistical analysis

The Data were analyzed using CoStat, version 3.03 for personal computers according to

Table (2): Formula of flat bread low in protein.

Ingredients(g)	Bread formula				
	Control	B1	B2	B3	B4
Corn starch	600	600	600	600	600
Pre-gelatinized Corn starch	200	200	200	200	200
Potato flour	200	200	200	200	200
xanthan gum	--	10	--	--	--
Guar gum	--	--	10	--	5.0
Carrageenan gum	--	--	--	10	5.0
Salt	20	20	20	20	20
Palm oil	50	50	50	50	50
Turmeric	--	20	20	20	20
Baking powder	20	20	20	20	20
Water (ml)	400	400	400	400	400

2.2.1.4. Physical Evaluation of low protein Biscuits

Physical properties of biscuit samples, *i.e.*, weight, volume, thickness, diameter, spread ratio, specific volume and bulk density were determined according to the methods described by AACC (2000).

2.2.1.5. Proximate Chemical Composition

Moisture, ash, crude protein, fat and crude fiber contents were determined according to the methods outlined in AOAC(2000). Total Carbohydrate content was calculated by difference.

2.2.1.6. Texture Determination

A texture analyzer (BROOKFIELD CT3 TEXTURE ANALYZER, the Operating Instructions Manual No. M08-372-C0113, and Stable Micro Systems, USA) was used to measure the texture profile of biscuits samples. The bread samples were stored in deep

Ott (1988). The tests used were ANOVA test and descriptive statistics test. A treatment effect was assumed statistically significant at P< 0.05.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Proximate chemical composition of raw materials and biscuit samples

Proximate composition of raw materials is summarized in Table 3. Corn starch showed low protein content and high carbohydrates (0.1 and 99.48%), respectively. These results agree with those reported by Zahran *et al.*(2008) who stated that protein value of cornstarch was 0.10 % and carbohydrate value was 99.48%. While, potato flour contained 12% and 88.28% protein and carbohydrate, respectively. These results agree with those reported by Karuna *et al.* (1996). The results in Table (4) indicated that the tested samples F1 and F2 showed very low protein contents (0.39%). The results also indicated that all formulated biscuits were characterized by

Table (3): Chemical Composition of Raw Materials (on dry Wight basis)

Constitute (%)	Potato flour	Corn Starch	Pre-gelatinized Corn Starch
Moisture	6.60±0.05	4.01±0.02	11.00±0.10
Fat	1.91±0.12	0.16±0.15	0.16±0.15
Protein	6.12±0.04	0.10±0.03	0.10±0.03
Ash	1.87±0.02	0.25±0.05	0.25±0.05
Fiber	1.82±0.15	0.01±0.12	0.01±0.12
Carbohydrate *	88.28±1.22	99.48±1.19	99.48±1.19

*Values are means of three replicates ±SD.

*Total carbohydrate value was calculated by difference.

Table (4): Chemical composition of low protein biscuits (on dry Wight basis)

Sample	Fat%	Protein%	Ash%	Fiber%	Total Carbohydrate%*
control controlcontrol	15.76	0.40	0.15	0.47	83.22
F1	15.72	0.39	0.15	0.48	83.26
F2	15.72	0.39	0.14	0.48	83.27
F3	15.97	0.38	0.13	0.46	83.06
F4	16.36	0.38	0.14	0.46	82.66

*Total carbohydrate value was calculated by difference.

lower ash content between (0.13 - 0.15%). These results agree with those reported by Yaseen and Shouk (2011). Also, samples had considerable fat content (15.72- 16.36%). While, the fiber and total carbohydrate contents slightly affect with using different thickening agents of low protein biscuit samples.

3.2. Physical Properties of Biscuits

Physical properties of biscuits are important for both manufacturers and consumers. The quality of the examined biscuits is illustrated in Table (5). The data indicated that the weight in biscuits samples ranged between 24.52 and 27.60g. The samples F2 and F3 had the highest weight (27.35 and 27.60g) compared to control (24.52g). These results may be attributed to the thickening agent more adoration of water compared with the control samples. The highest volume, thickness and diameter values of biscuits were found in F1 (39.50 cm, 0.42cm and 4.60 cm) followed by F2 (37.50cm, 0.37cm and 4.25 cm). The spread ratio and bulk density decreased with xanthan gum (F1) addition, compared to the control. Sarabhal *et al.* (2017) stated that hydrocolloids (Arabic gum and Carrageenan gum) were added to improve the quality of biscuits.

3.3. Texture profile of low protein Biscuits

Hardness was the maximum load, expressed

in Kg, applied to the samples during the first compression. Hardness was the force required to bite completely through the sample when placed between molars (Meullenet *et al.*, 1998). The hardness values of low protein biscuits are illustrated in Table (6). The control biscuits (without gums) had the higher hardness values (63.00N) compared with biscuits samples. The hardness values ranged between (43.20N) in F3 and (41.89N) in F1 biscuits samples. The xanthan gum resulted in decrease in bread hardness on the day of baking and after 72 h of storage. At the same time, the bread reached best organoleptic scores (Mahmoud *et al.*, 2013).

3.4. Sensory Evaluation of Biscuit Samples

Table (7) represents the values of sensory parameters for taste, texture, color, odor and general appearance of biscuit. Significant differences were observed between the samples for all sensory characteristics. Formula F1 scored the highest sensory than other formulas of texture and general appearance of biscuits samples. While, there was no differences in odor characteristic of all prepared formula biscuit. Browning of regular baked products depends to a large extent of the presence of protein. Low protein baked products had a tendency to brown less than those made from wheat flour (Yaseen *et al.* (2014).

Table (5): Physical Properties of Low Protein Biscuit.

Sample	Weight (W)g	Volume (V) cm	Thickness (T)cm	Diameter (D) cm	Spread Ratio (D/T)	Specific Volume (V/W)	Bulk Density (W/V)
Control	24.52±0.035	32.60±0.025	0.33±0.055	3.82±0.035	11.58±0.055	1.32±0.035	0.75±0.002
F1	25.02±0.121	39.50±0.025	0.42±0.035	4.60±0.005	10.95±0.169	1.57±0.039	0.63±0.007
F2	27.35±0.148	37.50±0.055	0.37±0.035	4.25±0.070	11.49±0.177	1.37±0.021	0.72±0.014
F3	27.60±0.154	37.00±0.035	0.36±0.007	4.20±0.141	11.67±0.141	1.34±0.098	0.77±0.042
F4	26.14±0.424	36.50±0.009	0.36±0.035	4.15±0.070	11.53±0.070	1.39±0.002	0.71±0.001

*Values are means of three replicates ±SD.

Table(6):Hardness of low protein biscuits.

Sample	Hardness (N)
Control	63.00 ^a ±0.32
F1	41.89 ^d ±6.23
F2	42.36 ^c ±1.58
F3	43.20 ^b ±4.65
F4	42.54 ^c ±1.32
L.S.D	0.348

Means within the same column with the same letter(s) are not significantly different (p<0.05)

Table (7): Sensory Evaluation of Biscuits.

Sample	Taste (20)	Texture (20)	Color (20)	Odor (20)	General appearance(20)
Control	11.89 ^c ±1.87	8.98 ^c ±2.95	18.39 ^a ±2.00	18.47 ^a ±2.00	9.25 ^d ±2.07
F1	16.67 ^c ±3.04	18.00 ^a ±2.40	18.20 ^b ±2.06	18.28 ^b ±1.18	19.22 ^a ±0.54
F2	16.33 ^d ±3.16	17.11 ^b ±1.96	18.34 ^a ±1.20	18.26 ^b ±2.15	17.78 ^c ±2.54
F3	17.50 ^b ±1.87	17.22 ^b ±1.06	18.51 ^a ±2.00	18.31 ^b ±2.28	18.00 ^b ±2.07
F4	17.77 ^a ±1.96	17.11 ^b ±1.19	18.37 ^a ±2.24	18.30 ^b ±2.55	18.44 ^b ±1.07
L.S.D	0.256	0.4951	0.1732	0.1465	0.4781

Means within the same column with the same letter(s) are not significantly different (p<0.05)

3.5. Chemical composition of produced flat bread

Table (8) presents the moisture content of bread formulae. The moisture content was high in all bread formula (B1 to B4), while B1 and B2 had the highest moisture content between samples bread. While, the moisture content decreased gradually in different period storage. The moisture contents during freezing storage was the highest in B1 bread samples than other samples. The increase in the moisture content of the bread was considered to be due to the constant dough consistency and the water binding capacity of the hydrocolloids, which

decreased the degree of degradation during storage (Guarda *et al.* 2004).. Hydrocolloids are used in bakery products to control water absorption and, consequently, improve dough rheology and shelf life. The xanthan-containing formula (B1) had significantly higher water content in comparison with the guar gum (B2) (at similar concentrations) in fresh and stored bread. From data in Table (9), it could be seen that the protein content of flat bread under study ranged between 1.23 to 1.25%. The content of fat, ash, fiber and total carbohydrate of all treatments were slightly different compared with the control sample.

Table (8): Moisture content of flat bread at deferent time.

Sample	Moisture content (%)			
	Fresh	First day	Second day	Third day
Control	46.84 ^{bc}	46.78 ^b	46.25 ^b	45.15 ^c
B1	50.26 ^a	49.29 ^a	48.95 ^a	48.53 ^a
B2	48.40 ^b	47.53 ^b	46.20 ^b	45.73 ^b
B3	47.58 ^b	47.35 ^b	46.21 ^b	45.63 ^b
B4	46.95 ^{bc}	46.87 ^b	45.14 ^c	45.62 ^b
L.S.D	0.9874	0.8763	0.6541	0.4352

Means within the same column with the same letter(s) are not significantly different (p<0.05)

Table (9): Chemical composition (%) of produced flat bread (on dry Wight basis).

Sample	Fat	Protein	Ash	Fiber	Total Carbohydrate*
Control	3.26	1.24	0.24	0.54	94.72
B1	3.22	1.25	0.25	0.48	94.80
B2	3.22	1.23	0.24	0.48	94.83
B3	3.27	1.23	0.23	0.46	94.81
B4	3.22	1.24	0.24	0.42	94.88

*Total carbohydrate value was calculated by difference.

3.6. Hardness of low protein flat bread

The baked bread formulas were evaluated for hardness (Table 10). The bread formulas(B1) and (B2) hadthe highest hardness of both fresh and stored breads compared with control sample. Using xanthan (B1) and guar gum(B2) in bread formula had more effect on hardness compared with other treatments. This results may be due to the xanthan gum make electric bound with starch derivative and amylose this caused high texture.Gums, xanthan and xanthan–guar gum mixture were observed to be the most effective gums improving dough structure, while the best firmness value was obtained in breads containing xanthan and xanthan–guar (Demirkesen *et al.*, 2010).

diversty between roundness and firmness, and higher than the control. The overall acceptability of low protein bread samples with different hydrocolloids showed palatability than the control sample. It has been documented that gums usually improve the cohesion of starch granules, producing the required bread structure, mouth feeling and loaf volume, which are comparable in quality to those of the commonly accepted breads (Ozboy, 2002). Lazaridou *et al.* (2007) also added that, the addition of CMCgave high sensory characteristics score, high elasticity, as well as the elasticity of pectin and xanthan at 2% separately. Guarda *et al.*(2004)reported that hydrocolloids improve the sensory properties of bread. Freshness and

Table (10):Hardness (N) of low protein flat bread.

Sample	Hardness (N)			
	Fresh	First day	Second day	Third day
Control	9.25±0.05	9.42±0.07	7.84±0.03	6.92±0.09
B1	16.12±0.09	12.91±0.02	11.79±0.05	11.58±0.11
B2	15.41±0.03	11.63±0.05	11.41±0.09	10.40±0.05
B3	12.45±0.06	10.75±0.09	10.41±0.06	10.00±0.03
B4	13.57±0.06	10.25±0. c 05	10.1±0.09	10.470.03

*Values are means of three replicates ±SD

3.7. Sensory Evaluation of flat bread

Table (11) represents the mean values of sensory evaluation of bread for roundness, firmness, taste, odor, colorandoverall acceptability. The bread samples prepared withdifferent hydrocolloids showed slight

moisture content of flat bread this may be due to the presence of high amount of starch and dilution of the protein in all formulas. Mahmoud *et al.* (2013) stated that bread with addition of xanthan gum has higher volume in comparison with pectin and guar. higher amount of xanthan

Table (11): Sensory evaluation of low protein flat bread.

Sample	Roundness	Firmness	Taste	Odor	Color	Overall acceptability
Control	2.50 ^c ±0.89	1.30 ^d ±0.19	15.20 ^d ±0.61	17.25 ^{ab} ±0.41	15.70 ^a ±0.29	1.4 ^d ±0.75
B1	7.40 ^a ±1.14	7.60 ^a ±0.89	16.20 ^a ±2.05	17.60 ^a ±0.89	15.60 ^a ±1.82	6.50 ^a ±0.45
B2	7.20 ^b ±1.30	6.80 ^b ±1.30	15.60 ^c ±2.61	17.45 ^a ±1.52	15.70 ^a ±1.92	6.00 ^c ±0.50
B3	7.12 ^c ±1.30	6.50 ^{bc} ±1.30	16.00 ^b ±2.74	16.62 ^c ±1.82	15.65 ^a ±3.78	6.70 ^a ±1.58
B4	7.00 ^d ±1.87	6.60 ^b ±2.07	15.00 ^e ±2.74	16.62 ^c ±1.82	15.11 ^{ab} ±3.78	6.30 ^b ±1.58
L.S.D	0.0547	0.2451	0.1453	0.3456	0.5425	0.1425

Means within the same column with the same letter(s) are not significantly different (p<0.05)

gum resulted in decrease in bread hardness on the day of baking and after 72 h of storage. At the sametime, the bread reached best organoleptic scores.

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إعداد وتقييم بعض منتجات المخازب المنخفضة جدا في البروتين لمرضى الفينيل كيتونوريا

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ملخص

تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى استخدام دقيق البطاطس ونشا الذرة لإعداد بسكويت وخبز مسطح لمرضى الفينيل كيتونوريا. أدى استعمال نشا الذرة إلى انخفاض المحتوى البروتيني في البسكويت وكذلك الخبز المسطح. كما درس تأثير العوامل المثبتة (صمغ الزنتان - صمغ الجوار - صمغ الكارجينين ومخلوط من صمغ الجوار والكارجينين) على الصفات الفيزيائية والحسية والقوام في البسكويت والخبز المسطح. وقد أوضحت النتائج أن المحتوى البروتيني للمواد الخام يتراوح من 0,1 إلى 6,12%، بينما الكربوهيدرات الكلية تتراوح بين 88,28 إلى 99,48%. كما أدى استخدام صمغ الزنتان والعوامل المثبتة الأخرى إلى ارتفاع قيم الخواص الطبيعية للبسكويت (القطر - السمك - الحجم النوعي- معدل التمدد) بينما كثافة المنتج انخفضت في جميع المعاملات مقارنة بالعينة القياسية للبسكويت وكذلك أدى إضافة مثبتات القوام إلى زيادة خواص القوام للخبز المسطح بالمقارنة بالعينة القياسية. كما أدى استخدام العوامل المثبتة إلى تحسين الخواص الحسية للبسكويت (الطعم والقوام والمظهر العام)، بينما لم تؤثر على خاصيتي اللون والرائحة للبسكويت وكذلك الخبز المسطح بالمقارنة بالعينة القياسية. كما أوضحت نتائج التقييم الحسي للبسكويت والخبز المسطح إلى أن استخدام الصمغ المستخدمة في الدراسة كانت أفضل بالمقارنة بالعينة القياسية. كما أوضحت النتائج يمكن استخدام نشا الذرة ودقيق البطاطس مع استخدام بعض مثبتات القوام لإنتاج البسكويت والخبز المسطح منخفض المحتوى من البروتين لمرضى الفينيل كيتونوريا.

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