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Fiber enriched multi-millet noodles-incorporated with sweet potato flour

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Abstract

Now a days millets based products consumption was very low. This study was carried out to increase consumption of millets with most common product Noodles. Noodles made from a mixture of flour, water and eggs usually cooked in soup or boiling water. Traditional noodles are usually made from common wheat flour, water and/or salt by a process of dough mixing, sheeting and cutting. The study reports on the effect of the Wheat flour, Sweet potato flour, Sorghum flour, Bajra flour and Foxtail flour on the Physico-chemical and sensory properties of the fiber enriched Multi-Millet Noodles. Sweet potato flour was incorporated along with the Wheat flour at flour replacement levels of 0.5, 10 and 15% by keeping multi-millet composite flour at constant level that is 30%. Millets are rich in protein, dietary fiber and B- complex vitamins and minerals. So the noodles prepared with multi-millet flour increases the nutritional value. In addition to that sweet potato flour which contains high amount dietary fiber.

Keywords: Multi-millet noodles, sweet potato, refined wheat flour

Introduction

Noodles are widely consumed throughout the world and their global consumption is second only to bread. As the world market is expanding, studies for the development and improvement of noodles qualities satisfying consumer demands is of immense importance. Wheat flour is the main ingredient used to make noodles is not only low in fibre and protein contents but also poor in essential amino acid, lysine and therefore, characteristics of wheat flour are important for noodle making.

In recent years, the demand to use novel sources as substitute for wheat flour has increased. Now-a-days, in order to enrich the varieties of noodles, wheat noodles have been fortified with various ingredients. So, as a part of replacement the sweet potato is being tried. As, flours from alternative sources such as sweet potato, and other tubers are being used as potential wheat flour substitutes for noodle making adding variety and functionality to the product. Tubers and roots do not contain any gluten, and these are rich source of carbohydrates in the form of starch, which plays important role in establishing the textural properties of products like noodles.

There is now a renewed effort to broaden the food base in developing countries by creating new food products based on indigenous raw materials such as sweet potato, etc. Sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas*) is an important starch rich tuber crop which is available throughout the country. Sweet potato flour is less expensive, nutritious and ordinarily harmless source of carbohydrates, calories. 100g flesh of sweet potato contains 7 IU vitamin A which are about one and half times more than daily requirement of Vitamin A for an adult. Sweet potato is low in protein content, its lysine content (an essential amino acid limiting in cereals) is higher than that of rice; hence when taken in combination with rice, it improves the amino acid spectrum and hence the biological value of the diet. To reduce pressure on rice and change food habits which involves the use of non-rice commodity for production of convenient food products. Formulation of breads, biscuits, cakes, noodles etc. could be developed using sweet potato flour mixed with wheat flour. This sweet potato-wheat flour blend could be a valuable raw material to substitute for rice. Processing of sweet potato flour into value added product like noodles have potential to increase income and improve livelihood of sweet potato growers.

Apart from value addition, through novel food products development there is also scope for variety, convenience and cost efficiency. Most snack foods being cereal based are monotonous in regard to their nutritional quality.

Use of abundant supplies of sweet potato in countries like India to substitute partially for wheat flour in quality products like noodles will not only reduce the excessive dependence on cereal grains but also improve the imbalance of nutrients through consumption of products based upon flour mixtures. Hence the present study is planned to develop multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. So, that the less utilized sweet potato flour and millets flour, which are rich in carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals will enhance the nutritional properties of the noodles.

Objectives

This study was planned with the objectives

- To develop Multi-Millet Noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour.
- To evaluate Physico-chemical and cooking properties of Multi-Millet Noodles.
- Assessment of quality characteristics and organoleptic evaluation of developed noodles.

Materials and Methods

The present research study was conducted in the Dr. NTR College of Food science and Technology, Bapatla, Guntur District. The study was conducted on "Development of Multi-Millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour". Multi-Millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour were analyzed for their Physico-chemical properties, cooking properties and sensory properties. The details of the materials and methodologies adopted in this study is presented below:

The main ingredients used in the development of multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour are procured from local market and Cooking time, solid loss %, Swelling index, water absorption, thickness of multi millet noodles was carried out using (AACC) International Approved Method and

Table 1: Basic formulation of flours in multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour

Sl. No.	Ingredients	Samples			
		C	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃
1	Refined Wheat flour (g)	95	60	55	50
2	Millets flour (g) (Sorghum, Bajra, Foxtail)	0	30	30	30
3	Sweet Potato flour (g)	0	5	10	15
4	Corn flour (g)	2	2	2	2
5	Xanthan gum (g)	2	2	2	2
6	Salt (g)	1	1	1	1
7	Oil(ml)	3	3	3	3
8	Water (ml)	45	39	43	49

C = Control noodles with wheat flour only; T₁= multi-millet noodles with 60% wheat flour, 5% sweet potato flour; T₂= multi-millet noodles with 55% wheat flour, 10% sweet potato flour and T₃=

Table 2: Assessment of cooking quality of the formulated Multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour

Samples	Cooking Time (min)	Solid Loss (%)	Swelling Index (%)	Water Absorption (%)	Thickness (mm)	
					Dried	Cooked
C	10.0± 0.577	5.36±0.08	2.88±0.015	98.53±0.020	1.59±0.245	2.80±0.026
T ₁	20.33±0.882	8.80±0.20	2.80±0.026	92.81±0.01	1.47±0.100	2.69±0.083
T ₂	22.83±1.16	10.63±0.19	2.64±0.019	88.61±0.015	1.45±0.075	2.66±0.22
T ₃	26.86±0.46	11.52±0.08	2.51±0.006	78.48±0.021	1.33±0.055	2.49±0.020

C = control with wheat flour only; T₁= multi-millet noodles with 60% wheat flour, 5% sweet potato flour; T₂= multi-millet noodles with 55% wheat flour, 10% sweet potato flour and T₃= multi-millet noodles with 50% wheat flour, 15% sweet potato flour.

Cooking time

The data in the table 2. Shows the values of cooking time for

multi-millet noodles with 50% wheat flour, 15% sweet potato flour.

Procedure for the preparation of multi-millet noodles

All ingredients such as refined wheat flour, millets flour (i.e., sorghum, Bajra, Foxtail flour), sweet potato flour were weighed as shown in Table1. The composite flour was added with oil and mixed properly with the required amount of water. Dough was kneaded for 10 minutes and kept resting for 20 minutes. Then the dough was transferred to a vertical noodles making machine and longer type of noodles were made. The prepared noodles were then steamed at 100°C for 10 minutes. The noodles were dried in hot air oven at 60°C for 5 hours. The dried and cooled multi-millet noodles were packed in polythene bags.

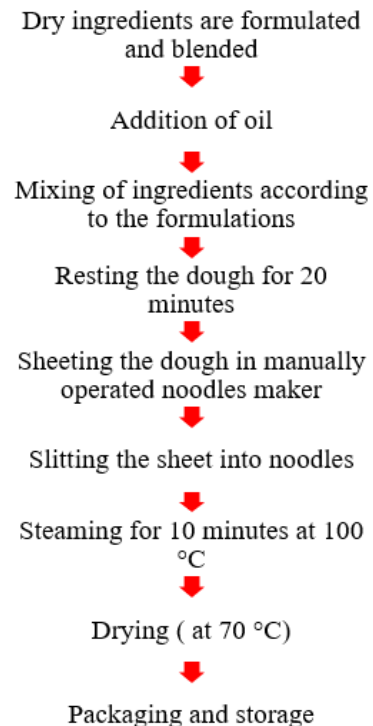


Fig 1: Flow chart of Noodles preparation

Results and discussion

Product Evaluation

The Multi-Millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour were analyzed for their cooking qualities, proximate nutrient composition, and organoleptic qualities.

Assesment of cooking quality of the formulated multi-millet noodles

The results pertaining to various parameters studied under the cooking quality are presented in the given table.

the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The cooking time for the Control, T₁, T₂ and T₃

samples are 10.0, 20.33, 22.83 and 26.86 (min) respectively. The results showed that the cooking time is highest for the T₃ sample than control, T₁, T₂, T₃. It may be due to the more starch content which requires more time for cooking that is obtained by the incorporation of sweet potato flour at the level of 15% in the T₃ sample. It was due to, cooking time shortened with increasing water absorption, but with minimal effect on the textural attributes of cooked alkaline noodles

Solid Loss

The data in the table 2 shows the values of solid loss for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The solid loss for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 5.40, 8.70, 10.36, and 11.61 percent respectively. The results showed that the solid loss is having a variation from the control to T₃ sample. Solid loss is more for the T₃ sample due to the presence of water soluble compounds like starch.

Swelling index

The data in the table 2 shows the values of swelling index for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The swelling index for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 2.89, 2.80, 2.68 and 2.50 percent respectively. The results showed that the swelling index is more for control sample and less for T₃ sample. It may be due to the variation

in the wheat flour levels.

Water absorption (%)

The data in the table 2 shows the values of water absorption for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The water absorption for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 98.52, 92.81, 88.60 and 78.48 percent respectively.

The results showed that the water absorption percentage is gradually decreasing from the control sample to T₃ sample which may be due to the presence of water insoluble fiber and variation in the wheat flour levels.

Thickness

The data in the table 2 shows the values of thickness for both dried and cooked multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The thickness for the dried control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 1.59, 1.47, 1.45, and 1.33 mm respectively. Whereas for the cooked control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 2.80, 2.69, 2.66 and 2.49 mm respectively.

The results showed that thickness of cooked noodles is more than that of the dried noodles for all samples. High value of thickness has been correlated negative with WAC and positively with swelling capacity of starches in control, T₁, T₂ and T₃.

Table 3: Proximate analysis of the formulated Multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour

Parameters	Samples			
	Control	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃
Moisture content (%)	10.23±0.145	8.76±0.186	6.93±0.176	4.43±0.233
Carbohydrates (%)	48.40±0.231	51.76±0.145	58.70±0.115	59.50±0.115
Protein (%)	12.83±0.080	19.46±0.098	21.59±0.075	22.96±0.336
Fat (%)	3.50±0.247	2.78±0.072	2.39±0.006	1.82±0.017
Crude fiber (%)	7.26±0.145	11.03±0.145	4.51±0.164	4.41±0.060
Ash (%)	1.02±0.012	1.37±0.012	1.58±0.012	1.66±0.017
Vitamin-A(I.U)	ND	1.79±0.113	2.46±0.095	2.99±0.041

Moisture content

The data in the table 3 shows the values of moisture content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The moisture content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 10.23, 8.76, 6.93 and 4.43 percent respectively.

The results showed that the moisture content is less for the T₃ sample. It may be due to the difference in the water levels used that are used in the preparation of the dough, as around 49 ml of water is used for preparation of T₃ samples and around 15% of sweet potato flour is added in T₃ which decreased the moisture content.

Carbohydrates

The data in the table 3 shows the values of carbohydrate content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The carbohydrate content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 48.40, 51.76, 58.70, and 59.50 respectively.

The results showed that the carbohydrate content is more for the T₃ sample. It may be due to the increase in the level of sweet potato flour at the rate of 15% and may be due to the presence of free sugars, starch and non starchy polysaccharides in wheat flour.

Protein content

The data in the table 3 shows the values of protein content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet

potato flour. The protein content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 12.83, 19.46, 21.59 and 22.96 respectively.

The results showed that the protein content in the formulated noodles was high for T₃ sample. As the addition of multi millets increased in formulation protein content also increased drastically. Protein content in the T₁, T₂ is lower due to the absence of gluten forming proteins being abundant in wheat.

Fat content

The data in the table 3 shows the values of fat content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The fat content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 3.50, 2.78, 2.39 and 1.82 respectively.

The results showed that the fat content in the formulated noodles is decreasing from the control to the T₃ sample. The fat is less for the T₃ sample. It may be due to the high protein content of sweet potato flour which is hindering the absorption of fat content during preparation of multi millet noodles with incorporation of sweet potato flour.

Crude fiber

The data in the table 3 shows the values of crude fiber content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The crude fiber content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 7.26, 11.03, 4.51, and 4.41 respectively. The results showed that the crude fiber content for the formulated noodles has gradually increasing from the control to the T₁ sample. Crude fiber content is less for the T₃ sample.

Ash content

The data in the table 3 shows the values of ash content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The ash content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 1.02, 1.37, 1.58 and 1.66 respectively.

The results showed that the ash content for formulated noodles is gradually increasing from the control sample to T₃ sample.

Vitamin – A content

The data in the table 3 shows the values of ash content for the developed multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour. The ash content for the control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 0, 1.79, 2.46, and 2.99 respectively.

The results showed that the vitamin- A content for the

formulated noodles is not detected for the control sample. It may be due to the absence of sweet potato flour in the sample. But from the T₁ to T₃ sample there is a gradual increase in the vitamin-A content due to the incorporation of sweet potato flour.

Table 4: Sensory analysis for the formulated multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour

Attributes	Control	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃
Colour	7.8	7.4	6.45	5.9
Taste	6.25	7.25	6.5	5.65
Flavour	6.45	7.35	6.5	5.5
Appearance	7.45	7.15	6.3	5.5
Texture	6.68	6.65	6.0	5.2
Over all acceptability	6.97	7.25	6.04	5.15

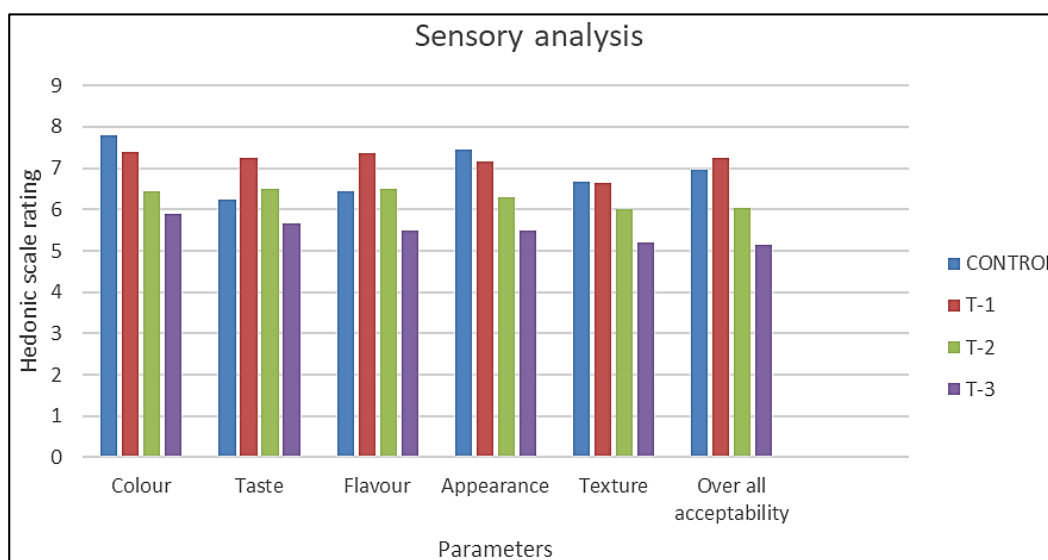


Fig 2: Graph showing the sensory analysis of formulated noodles

Colour

The sensory score obtained for control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 7.8, 7.4, 6.4, and 5.9 respectively. The colour acceptability for the control is more because it contains only wheat flour where as in T₁, T₂ and T₃ addition of millets and sweet potato flour lowered colour acceptability of the noodles.

Taste

The sensory obtained for control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 6.2, 7.2, 6.5, and 5.6 respectively. The taste acceptability for the T₁ sample is more because it contains only 5 % of sweet potato flour.

Flavour

The sensory obtained for control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 6.4, 7.3, 6.5, and 5.5 respectively. The flavour is more for the T₁ sample.

Appearance

The sensory obtained for control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 7.4, 7.1, 6.3, and 5.5 respectively. The appearance is more for the T₁ sample.

Texture

The sensory obtained for control, T₁, T₂ and T₃ samples are 6.68, 6.65, 6.0, and 5.20 respectively. The texture is more for the T₁ sample.

Overall acceptability

From the sensory analysis it is conclude that the overall acceptability is more for the T₁ sample. Based on nutritional composition T₃ sample is more acceptable.

Conclusion

This study reports the effects of various levels of sweet potato flour and wheat flour on the quality of noodles with good acceptable, textural, eating and cooking quality. Four samples of multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour were processed incorporating 0, 5, 10 and 15% levels respectively and were analyzed for physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics. On the basis of composition and sensory attributes of the multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour, it may be concluded that good quality of the multi-millet noodles can be processed incorporating 15% sweet potato flour. The results could encourage the application of non-conventional flours for the development of variety and value-added noodles with enhanced level of nutrients. This multi-millet noodles incorporated with sweet potato flour may find widespread by many health conscious people in the society.

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