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Studies on the effect of addition of partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG) on quality of frozen dessert (Kulfi)

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Abstract

In the present investigation, the effect of partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG) on quality attributes of frozen dessert (*kulfi*) was studied. Partially hydrolyzed guar gum obtained by enzymatic hydrolysis was added in frozen dessert (*kulfi*), it can be used as rich source of dietary fiber as it contains about 80-83% soluble dietary fiber. In the present study, frozen dessert (*kulfi*) prepared with incorporation of dietary fiber using partially hydrolyzed guar gum. Frozen dessert (*kulfi*) were prepared from milk, sugar, cream and partially hydrolyzed guar gum at the levels of (3 per cent, 5 per cent and 7 per cent) and compared with control sample containing 0.2% native guar gum. The quality characteristics like textural (firmness, cohesiveness, gumminess and adhesiveness), chemical (pH and acidity), proximate analysis (Carbohydrate, protein, fat, ash, moisture, Soluble dietary fiber) and microbial analysis of *kulfi* samples were analyzed. The PHGG incorporated *kulfi* showed decreased value in firmness, gumminess and adhesiveness, whereas increased in cohesiveness. Proximate composition showed slight variations with PHGG level. Coliform count was not detected in prepared *kulfi*.

Keywords: Partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG), frozen dessert (*kulfi*), dietary fiber, textural properties

Introduction

Kulfi is a 500 year old famous frozen dessert and it possesses an advantaged position among the customary Indian dairy items. A famous frozen dessert *kulfi* is originated in India. *Kulfi* is otherwise called *kulfi*, *kulfa*, *kulphy* and so on (Pandit, 2004) [21]. The word *kulfi* gets its inception from the Hindustani word *kulaf* which means a "lock" or a "container" that must be opened. What's more, without a doubt the opening of the metal cone that encases the frozen enjoyment must be gotten into to deliver the sugary treat (Aneja, 1992) [4].

Kulfi is a native frozen milk item. The item is notable from all ages in our country and is extremely well known in the Northern side of India. *Kulfi* contains fat, TS, protein, SNF, lactose and ash roughly about 8.53 per cent, 34.18 per cent, 3.43 per cent, 11.02 per cent, 6.17 per cent and 0.84 per cent respectively. The business Icecream can be set up from formulation expressed by (Char and Lee, 1983) [10]. Generally it is produced and sold on small and scattered scale by halwai and street vendors by regular practices.

Mechanical strength of the blend and its resistance to melting identifies the body or consistency of *kulfi*. The resistance like heat shock resistance is depend on nature and concentration of the stabilizer/emulsifier utilized (Aneja, 1992) [4]. Under varied stabilisers, (Raju *et al.*, 1989) [22] discovered that as the concentration of milk was raised, the average values of melt-down property decreased, it means greater melting resistance. As compare to addition of starch, addition of sodium alginate shows more melt-down resistance. Due to stabilizing nature of sodium alginate, melting resistance may occur as studied by (Glicksman, 1969 and Broszkowsha *et al.*, 1968) [12, 8].

Somewhat hydrolyzed guar gum is comparative in design and function when contrasted with local guar gum as proven from different characterization procedures, for example, Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, Differential Scanning Calorimetry and X-beam Diffraction (Mudgil *et al.*, 2012b) [17]. As evidenced from rheology and viscometry there is only difference in two properties like viscosity and molecular weight. Partially hydrolyzed guar gum have no color, no taste, no odor and shows low viscosity in aqueous medium. Different studies on partially hydrolyzed guar gum regarding their physicochemical and structural properties have been reported (Mudgil *et al.*, 2012c) [18]. Based on the results from sub chronic feeding study and mutagenicity tests, enzymatically hydrolyzed guar gum is reported as safe for consumption. So, it may be utilized as a fiber fortification in different food product without

disturbing their tangible properties. Due to its high resistance to human stomach-related emission and interaction with various nutrients and metabolites, partially hydrolyzed guar gum as a soluble dietary fibre is beneficial in many illnesses such as diabetes, cardiovascular illness, and stomach-related difficulties (Yoon *et al.*, 2008) [28].

Partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG) is a water soluble dietary fibre that has a variety of physiological effects, including increasing defecating frequency and lowering the pH of faeces in both healthy men and constipated women, as well as lowering serum cholesterol, free fatty acid, and glucose levels in humans (Greenberg & Sellman, 1998; Heini *et al.*, 1998; Trinidad *et al.*, 2004; Minekus *et al.*, 2005; Stewart & Slavin, 2006; Yoon *et al.*, 2006) [13, 14, 25, 16, 24, 27].

Materials and Methods

The present investigation was carried out in Department of Food engineering with collaboration of Department of Food Chemistry and Nutrition in College of Food Technology, VNMKV, Parbhani during year 2020-21.

Materials

The raw material such as milk, cream, sugar etc. were purchased from local market of Parbhani. Guar gum required for research work was available in the department of Food Engineering and the department of Food chemistry and Nutrition.

Chemicals and glassware

The chemicals of analytical grade and glass wares required during investigation were used in the department of Food Engineering.

Processing and analytical equipment

Texture analyzer, laboratory pH meter, water bath were made available from the department of Food Engineering.

Methods

Proximate analysis

All samples were analyzed for moisture, crude protein, crude fat, total ash, mineral and total carbohydrate contents according to their respective standard methods as described in (AOAC, 2000) [5].

Determination of pH and acidity

5gm sample was taken and equal quantity of water mixed and pH of prepared sample was measured by laboratory pH meter and the acidity of frozen dessert kulfi was determined by process given by (Ranganna, 1986) [23].

Texture profile analysis of kulfi

Kulfi samples were analyzed for textural characteristics like firmness, adhesiveness, cohesiveness and gumminess. Texture analysis was carried out as per method of Akalin *et al.*, (2008) [2] with some modifications. TPA was conducted at room temperature using a Texture Analyser equipped with a P/36R stainless steel cylindrical probe. kulfi samples stored at -18 °C for 5 days were tempered to -10 °C for 24 h before analysis. The conditions for analysis were as follows: penetration distance = 15 mm, force = 5.0 g, probe speed during penetration = 3.3 mm s⁻¹, probe speed pre and post penetration = 3.0 mm s⁻¹. The values of firmness, cohesiveness, adhesiveness and gumminess were determined as per manufacturers software.

Results and Discussion

1. Proximate composition of kulfi

Kulfi prepared with various levels of PHGG analysed for nutritional composition in order to know the nutritional quality of product. Results related to various nutritional parameters of kulfi were evaluated and tabulated in Table 1.

Table 1: Proximate composition of kulfi

Sample code	Observations (%)					
	Moisture	Fat	Protein	Carbohydrate	Ash	SDF
S ₀	61.91±0.95	12.7±0.14	8.19±0.02	16.05±1.2	2.8±0.14	-
S ₁	61.30±0.86	11.20±0.12	8.03±0.03	15.50±1.51	3.03±0.16	2.37±0.12
S ₂	60.34±0.27	10.91±0.57	7.55±0.28	14.44±1.5	3.13±0.33	3.95±0.43
S ₃	60.25±0.20	10.70±0.53	7.09±0.22	13.98±1.7	3.16±0.46	5.53±0.66
SE±	0.03265	0.04185	0.00408	0.05787	0.03689	0.00385
CD @5%	0.09577	0.12275	0.01197	0.16973	0.10821	0.01129

*Each value is average of three determinations

All samples of kulfi were analysed for proximate composition *viz.*, moisture, fat, protein, carbohydrate, ash and soluble dietary fiber. Data from table 1 revealed that moisture content of kulfi in case of all samples were slightly decreased as level of PHGG increased. The control sample had highest moisture content as compared to other samples. At par results were observed in moisture content of kulfi. The mean value recorded for moisture content were (S₀) 61.91±0.95 per cent, (S₁) 61.30±0.86 per cent, (S₂) 60.34±0.27 per cent, (S₃) 60.25±0.20 per cent. The decrease in moisture content may be attributed due to addition of PHGG in kulfi.

Results demonstrated for fat content of kulfi showed that there was least variation among samples. As concentration of PHGG increased the fat content of samples were decreased slightly. For control sample (S₀) 12.7±0.14 per cent, it showed higher fat content among all samples. (S₁) 11.20±0.12 per

cent, (S₂) 10.91±0.57 per cent, (S₃) 10.70±0.53 per cent respectively.

Protein content of samples were slightly decreases as the PHGG concentration increases. Control sample showed highest protein content *viz.*, 8.19±0.02per cent, while S₃ showed lowest protein content *viz.*, 7.09±0.22 per cent. S₁ and S₂ had 8.03±0.03 and 7.55±0.28 per cent protein respectively. It was observed that there was minimal variation in carbohydrate content of kulfi. The mean value for carbohydrate content were (control) 16.05±1.2 per cent, (S₁) 15.50±1.51 per cent, (S₂) 14.44±1.5 per cent and (S₃) 13.98±1.7 per cent respectively. Similarly, results found for ash content was 3.16±0.46, 3.13±0.33, 3.03±0.16 and 2.8±0.14 per cent for S₃, S₂, S₁ and S₀ respectively.

Soluble dietary fiber (SDF) increases as concentration of PHGG increases. S₁, S₂ and S₃ showed 2.37±0.12, 3.95±0.43

and 5.53 ± 0.66 per cent respectively. These findings were supported by (Bhadakwad *et al.*, 2009; Kumar *et al.*, 2012; Ahsan *et al.*, 2015 and Mudgil *et al.*, 2016) [7, 15, 1, 19].

Effect of PHGG on pH and acidity of kulfi

To know the effects of guar gum and PHGG on chemical properties i.e. pH and acidity of kulfi the samples were tested and analyzed. Obtained results demonstrated in Table 2.

Table 2: Effect of addition PHGG on pH and acidity of kulfi

Sample	pH	Acidity (per cent)
S ₀	6.15	0.18
S ₁	6.19	0.144
S ₂	6.20	0.126
S ₃	6.23	0.108

Table 3: Effect of PHGG on textural properties of kulfi

Sample	Firmness (kg)	Cohesiveness	Gumminess (kg)	Adhesiveness (kg/s)
S ₀	0.414	0.990	0.409	0.039
S ₁	0.229	0.997	0.228	0.029
S ₂	0.211	1.006	0.212	0.024
S ₃	0.152	1.013	0.153	0.019
SE±	0.15558	0.57872	0.16247	0.01672
CD@5%	0.4572	0.47654	0.47654	0.04903

*Each value is average of three determinations

The addition of soluble fibre increased the textural properties of kulfi, according to the results obtained for textural criteria. Food firmness is defined as the highest force applied to the food sample during the initial compression to the required level.

Firmness is an important criterion that is used for assessment of textural evaluation of food products. From the above table 3, it was observed that as concentration of PHGG increases the firmness of sample decreases. The highest value for firmness was observed in control sample. The values obtained for the firmness of kulfi were ranged between 0.152 to 0.414 Kg. Highest firmness was recorded for sample S₀ (0.414 kg.) which was followed by S₁ (0.229 Kg), S₂ (0.211 Kg) and S₃ (0.152 Kg).

Beside firmness adhesiveness and gumminess of PHGG fortified kulfi also decreased. Control sample without addition of PHGG was the most adhesive sample (0.039 Kg). The lowest value for adhesiveness was observed for kulfi fortified with 7 per cent PHGG (0.019 kg). For gumminess also, as PHGG level increased gumminess of sample decreased. The value obtained for gumminess ranged between (0.153 kg) for S₃ to (0.409 kg) for control sample S₀. Hardness and cohesiveness values are usually multiplied to get the gumminess of a food sample.

Cohesiveness of samples raised with raising concentration of PHGG. Kulfi samples had cohesiveness ranging from 0.990 to 1.013 kg. The control kulfi (S₀) was the least cohesive, whereas the kulfi sample (S₃) with 7 per cent PHGG was the most cohesive. Partially hydrolyzed guar gum causes increased binding and a more compact structure in kulfi by strengthening the bonding between sugar and casein molecules, resulting in a cohesive structure (Barak & Mudgil, 2020) [6] reported similar results.

4. Microbial analysis of kulfi

According to (Cappuccino & Sherman's, 1996) [9] method, the accepted frozen dessert (kulfi) sample (S₂) was subjected to microbial studies for total plate count, yeast and mould count

From the results summarized in Table 2, it was observed that pH increased with successive treatments. This was attributed due to addition of partially hydrolyzed guar gum. The per cent acidity was slightly decreased with increased level of PHGG in kulfi. The control sample (S₀) showed highest value i.e. 0.18 per cent. pH of different treatment is in the range of 6.19 to 6.23. The results were found to be similar with results reported by (Nigam, 2015) [20].

Texture profile for prepared kulfi

Textural examination of prepared kulfi with varied concentrations of PHGG was performed using a texture analyser (TA- XT, Stable Micro System, UK) to measure firmness, cohesiveness, gumminess and adhesiveness.

and coliform count of freshly prepared frozen dessert (kulfi) samples on nutrient agar, potato dextrose agar and VRB agar media, respectively Table 4 displays the recorded results.

Table 4: Microbial analysis of prepared kulfi

Times in weeks	Total Plate Count (cfu/ml) ×10 ³	Yeast and mold count (cfu/ml) ×10 ³	Coliform count MPN/ml
1	2.28	ND	ND
2	2.60	1.40	ND
3	2.90	1.10	ND

ND: Not Detected

Pasteurization, freezing and hardening are the major processes in the food safety process for inhibiting the growth of organisms and eliminating microbiological dangers (Anderson & Nielson, 1995) [3]. The ingredients in kulfi may contain germs, lowering the product's quality (El-Sharef *et al.*, 2005) [11].

The microbiological characteristics of selected kulfi samples were examined and confirmed in this investigation. Table 4 shows the findings of total plate counts of selected kulfi samples. The total plate count, yeast and mould count and coliform count of kulfi (S₂) was measured after 1, 2 and 3 weeks showed in above table 4, Total plate count after 1, 2 and 3 weeks was observed 2.28×10^3 , 2.60×10^3 and 2.90×10^3 (cfu/ml) respectively. Yeast and mould count was not detected within 1 week. After 2 and 3 weeks 1.40×10^3 and 1.10×10^3 (cfu/ml). Coliform count was not detected. Kulfi made with varied quantities of partially hydrolyzed guar gum was determined to be acceptable in terms of microbiological quality and to be less contaminated. The findings were in close agreement with those reported by (Trivedi, 2014) [26].

Conclusion

The developed technology of frozen dessert (kulfi) by incorporation of partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG) is a new avenue for dairy industries which can be explored

commercially as an innovative nutraceutical dessert (kulfi) specially for its high soluble dietary fiber and also be recommended as an alternative for milk digestive disorder and also for lactose intolerance consumers. As PHGG obtained from enzymatic hydrolysis contains about 80-83% soluble dietary fiber. Frozen dessert (kulfi) with utilization of partially hydrolysed guar gum found to be nutritious with health beneficial properties. The sample S₂ with 5 per cent partially hydrolyzed guar gum (PHGG) found to be good in textural properties like firmness, adhesiveness, cohesiveness and gumminess with incorporation of PHGG in frozen dessert kulfi enriched with the soluble dietary fiber and also retained its nutritional characteristics.

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