

Sensory and nutritional acceptability of low fat paneer prepared by optimization of milk by skim milk powder

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Abstract

Paneer is an important indigenous nutritious and wholesome dairy product. It is of great value in diet because it is rich source of high quality protein, fat, minerals and vitamins but contributes to a considerable intake of fat in the diet. For those advised to consume low fat diet, it is important to develop products from skim milk. The present research work was conducted with the objectives to optimize the fat percentage of low fat paneer prepared from skim milk powder and to find out the nutritive value as well as to assess the sensory acceptability of low fat paneer prepared. The experiment was conducted in research laboratory of "Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh" Limited and replicated 4 times and the data obtained during investigation was statistically analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) technique. Sensory evaluation of the prepared paneer was carried out using nine point Hedonic Scale. The protein, ash and moisture content of the product were determined by AOAC (2005) [5] method, the fat content of the milk sample was determined by Gerber method and lactose was calculated by difference. The highest average score for overall acceptability of paneer (7.70) was recorded in T₁ followed by T₀ (7.37), T₁ (7.20) T₃ (6.66) and T₄ (6.25). Amongst the different combinations used of milk in a ratio of 2.5(fat):8.5(SNF) (T₂) is best in term of flavour, taste, body, texture and overall acceptability. The quality of this paneer is very well comparable to that of the control paneer which was prepared from buffalo milk standardized to 5 percent fat and 8.5 percent SNF. The paneer was found to have higher protein and lower fat as compared to standard milk paneer (control) and can therefore be helpful from the therapeutic point of view for the people suffering from chronic diseases.

Keywords: Paneer, wholesome, high protein, skim milk powder, chronic diseases.

Introduction

Paneer is an important in indigenous nutritious and wholesome dairy product. It is rich source of protein, fat, minerals and vitamins. Paneer is used as base preparation of the number of culinary dishes. Paneer is obtained through heat/acid coagulation of casein component of standardized buffalo's milk entrapping through complex physico-chemical interactions almost all the fat apart of denatured whey proteins and colloidal salts as well as a part of the soluble milk solids. Typically paneer is marble white in appearance, having slightly spongy body, close-knit texture and possessing a sweetish-acidic-nutty flavour. Patel (1991) observed that a good quality paneer can be made successfully with low cost by reducing its fat content up to 3-3.5% as against the 6% milk fat. From the nutritional point of view also, if the fat content is reduced or minimized then the product can be recommended for the both diabetic and hypertensive patients.

In the present scenario usually the paneer is manufactured from buffalo milk. The other potential and surplus raw material such as skim milk is left unutilized. Patel (1991) observed that the good quality Paneer could be made successfully with low cost by reducing the fat content to 3.0 and 3.5 percent as against the 6.0 percent milk fat. For the nutritional point of view also if the fat content reduced or minimized, then the product can be highly recommended for the diabetic patients and the patients of hypertension as well. (Choksy 2006) [6].

Researchers and Medical Board have considered milk fat as a possible risk factor especially for Coronary Heart Diseases

(CHD). It is revealed by the reports that high dietary fat intake shortens clotting time of blood. Many nutritionists suggest that less than 30 percent of the calories should be through fats and oils. In view of the increasing occurrence of coronary complications there is considerable interest to reduce the milk fat in paneer with vegetable fat (Kanawjia 2001) [14]. The conventional paneer is quite rich in fat content which not only pushes up the prices of Paneer but also make it unsuitable to those consumers who are conscious of high fat and required relatively low fat Paneer. The present research work was conducted with the objectives to optimize the fat percentage of low fat paneer prepared from skim milk powder and to find out the nutritive value as well as to assess the sensory acceptability of low fat paneer prepared.

Materials and Method

The experiment was conducted in research laboratory of "Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh" Limited. All the raw materials required like Buffalo milk, Skim milk, Skim milk powder and chemical reagents like Citric acid, Amyl alcohol, Gerber acid (H₂ SO₄), Sodium Hydroxide (Conc.), Sulphuric acid (conc.), Phenolphthalein indicator, Zinc sulphate, Lactose, Mercuric oxide, Sodium sulphate, Boric acid, Methyl red indicator, Methyl blue indicator were procured from here itself.

Preparation of control milk: 1.5 liter whole milk standardized to 5 percent fat and 8.5 percent SNF was heated to a temperature of 85 °C. The heated milk was cooled to 70 °C (The desired

temperature for coagulation). Freshly prepared coagulation solution was heated to 70 °C prior to addition in order to maintain the coagulation temperature at 70 °C. The one percent citric acid solution i.e. coagulant was added to milk with constant and gentle stirring till clear whey was separated out. After the coagulation of milk the stirring was stopped and curd was allowed to settle in whey for about 5 minutes. Curd was separated from whey by pouring the content over a muslin cloth stretched over another empty vessel to collect the whey. The amount of obtained was measured and the separated curd was filled into a hoop lined cloth pressed for about 20-25 minutes. The pressed was removed from hoop and transferred to chilled water and placed on wood to allow loose water to drain for about 10-15 minutes. It was packed in parchment butter paper and stored under the refrigeration condition.

Preparation of Experimental paneer: Milk was standardized to four different fat levels of 3 percent, 2.5 percent, 2 percent, 1.5 percent and SNF 8.5 percent by using the skimmilk and buffalo milk. This standardized milk was used for the preparation of experimental paneer.

Sensory evaluation of the prepared paneer was carried out using nine point Hedonic Scale. The protein, ash and moisture content of the product were determined by AOAC (2005) [5] method, the fat content of the milk sample was determined by Gerber method and lactose was calculated by difference. Standard milk in the ratio of 3:8.5, 2.5:8.5, 2:8.5, and 1.5:8.5 (fat: SNF) are called as treatments T₁, T₂, T₃ and T₄ respectively. The whole procedure was replicated 4 times and the data obtained during investigation was statistically analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) technique.

Results and Discussion

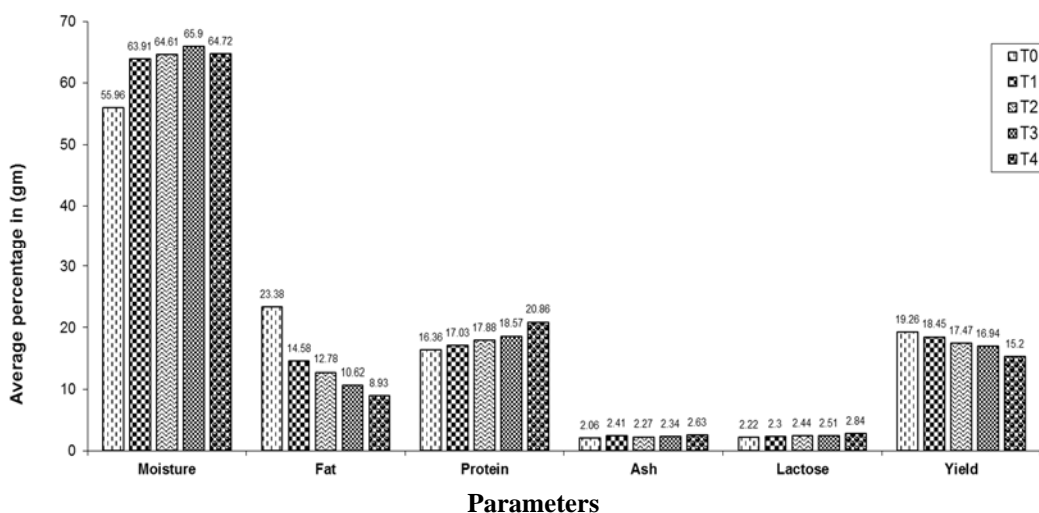


Fig 1: Average proximate analysis of control and experimental paneer (low fat) samples.

The highest average moisture percentage of 65.90 percent was recorded in T₃ followed by T₁ (63.91%), T₂ (64.61%), T₄ (64.72), and T₀ (55.96). Control paneer T₀ had the highest average fat content of 23.88 percent followed by T₁ (14.58%), T₂ (12.78%) and T₃ (10.62%) whereas, T₄ had lowest average fat content of 8.93 percent. The highest average percent of ash (2.36%) was recorded in T₄ followed by T₁ (2.41%), T₃ (2.34%)

and T₂ (2.27%), whereas T₀ had lowest ash content of 2.06 percent. The highest average lactose percentage of 2.84 was recorded in T₄ followed by T₃ (2.51%), T₂ (2.44%), T₁ (2.30%) and T₀ (2.22%). The highest average percentage of yield 19.26 percent was recorded in T₀ followed by T₁ (18.45%), T₂ (17.47%), and T₃ (16.94%), whereas T₄ had lowest average yield content of 15.20 percent.

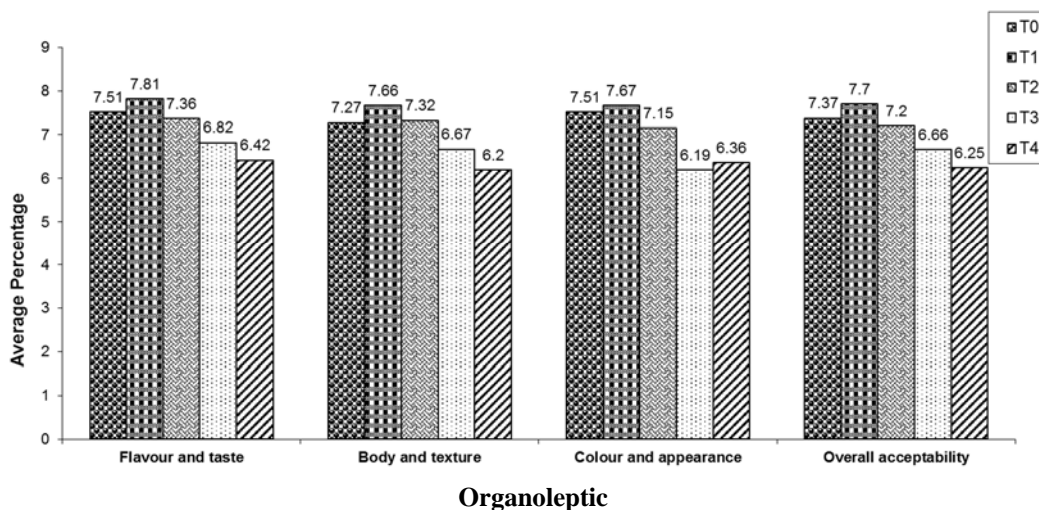


Fig 2: Average sensory scores of control and experimental paneer (low fat) samples.

The highest average score for flavour and taste of paneer (7.81) was recorded in T₁ followed by T₀ (7.51), T₂ (7.36), T₃ (6.82), and T₄ (6.42). Flavour and taste score of T₄ was significantly lower as compared to other treatments. Flavour and taste scores of paneer differed significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) between (T₀, T₃), (T₀, T₄), (T₁, T₃), (T₁, T₄), and (T₂, T₃) treatment combinations. While non-significant difference was found between (T₀, T₁), (T₀, T₂), (T₁, T₂) and (T₃, T₄) treatment combinations. The highest average scores for body and texture of paneer (7.66) was recorded in T₁ followed by T₀ (7.27), T₂ (7.32) and T₃ (6.67). Body and texture score of T₄ (6.20) was significantly lower as compared to other treatments. Body and texture scores of paneer differed significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) between (T₀, T₄), (T₁, T₃), (T₁, T₄), (T₂, T₃) and (T₂, T₄) treatment combinations, while non-significant difference was found (T₀, T₁), (T₀, T₂), (T₁, T₂), and (T₃, T₄) treatment combination. The highest average score for colour and general appearance of paneer (7.67) was recorded in T₁ followed by T₀ (7.51), T₂ (7.15) and T₃ (6.91). Colour and general appearance score of T₄ (6.36) was significantly lower as compared to other treatments. colour and general appearance score of paneer differed significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) between (T₀, T₂), (T₀, T₃), (T₀, T₄), (T₁, T₂), (T₁, T₃), (T₁, T₄), (T₂, T₄) and (T₃, T₄) treatment combinations, while non-significant difference was found between (T₀, T₁) and (T₂, T₃) treatment combinations. The highest average score for overall acceptability of paneer (7.70) was recorded in T₁ followed by T₀ (7.37), T₁ (7.20) T₃ (6.66) and T₄ (6.25). The significant difference ($p \leq 0.05$) in overall acceptability was found between (T₀, T₃), (T₀, T₄), (T₁, T₂), (T₁, T₃), (T₁, T₄), (T₂, T₃) and (T₂, T₄) treatment combinations, while non-significant difference was found only (T₀, T₂) treatment combinations.

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