



## A Study on The Use of Carrot Powder and Probiotic Bacteria in Making Functional Cream Cheese

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CARROT powder (CP) was prepared and used at levels of 0.0, 1.0, 2.0 and 4.0% with probiotic bacteria in making cream cheese (CCh). The attained results revealed richness of CP with ash (9.32%), fibers (23.9%),  $\beta$ -Carotenes (493.54  $\mu$ g/g) and many minerals. Analysis of fresh CCh showed addition of CP had no effect on its gross composition but significantly increased minerals content, values of antioxidants, phenols and  $\beta$ -Carotenes as well as acidity, acetaldehyde and diacetyl. This was accompanied by some improvement in cheese colour, water holding capacity (WHC) and viscosity. However, during cold storage of all cheese samples pH, acetaldehyde and WHC decreased while, total volatile fatty acids, acidity and viscosity increased. The rheological properties of CCh were almost not significantly affected by the used CP or storage, while both enhanced viability of bacteria especially the probiotic strain which showed always counts higher than 6 log cfu /g. In spite of the control cheese had always the highest scores for the different sensorial properties when fresh or during storage, the CP supplemented cheese ranked at least 84 out of 100 for the total score as shown in T3 of the highest amount of CP.

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### Introduction

Cream cheese (CCh) is one of the favorite dairy products in many countries and can also be used in many products (Akl et al., 2020). It can be supplemented by many plant materials rich in many nutrients that lack milk and its products such as beta-carotenes and dietary fiber (Que et al., 2019; Venica et al., 2020). Cream cheese is a good medium for the transfer of nutrients dissolved in fat such as  $\beta$ -Carotenes and vitamin A because of its high fat content, which improves its absorption and increases utilization (Salama et al., 2016). This is of great importance since vitamin A deficiency causes many health problems for infants, children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young people, who represent different age groups in society (Conboy Stephenson et al., 2021; West, 2003).

On the other hand, vegetables and fruits are a suitable environment for probiotics due to their content from elements that enhance their growth (Rafiq et al., 2016). Research in recent years has focused on the addition of probiotics and one of the most commonly used probiotics is *Bifidobacterium* (Alwis et al., 2016) and measuring their effect as probiotics and prebiotic (Evangelista et al., 2012). Carrots are the most important vegetables in this respect.

Carrots are known to be one of the richest vegetables in  $\beta$ -Carotenes, provitamin A (Madora et al., 2016), tocopherol and ascorbic acid, iron, dietary fiber and other important nutrients needed to prevent many diseases (Aly et al., 2004; Hashimoto & Nagayama, 2004). In addition, the carrot plays an important prebiotic role in containing Fructo-oligosaccharide (FOS) and

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inulin (Alwis *et al.*, 2016; Bandyopadhyay *et al.*, 2008; Kun *et al.*, 2008). Therefore, it was used in the manufacture of low-fat yoghurt (Madora *et al.*, 2016), while Venica *et al.* (2020) used the carrots powder (CP) as a rich fiber source in stirred yoghurt. Carrot powder (CP) was also used to support soybean milk (Madukwe & Eme, 2012). There are many other studies that have used carrots in different forms, such as the supplementation of ice cream with  $\beta$ -Carotenes in the form of carrot juice (Rajarajan, 2018); fermented beverages and low-fat Cottage cheese in the form of carrot pulp (Dayal *et al.*, 2013; Kaur *et al.*, 2019); soymilk fortified with CP (Madukwe & Eme, 2012). Carrots are attractive vegetables that improve the acceptance of dairy products and gain an attractive colour and taste especially for children and a good transporter for beneficial bacteria (Rafiq *et al.*, 2016).

According to the above information, cream cheese (CCh) is a good choice for the transfer of nutrients and important elements from carrot as well as probiotic bacteria. So this work aimed to study importance of adding CP in different concentrations in the presence of the probiotic bacteria on the chemical, microbiological and rheological properties as well as the sensory evaluation of fresh CCh and during the cold storage period.

## **Materials and Methods**

### *Materials*

Fresh carrot was obtained from the local market. Fresh skimmed UF-retentate and fresh cream were obtained from Animal Production Research Institute, Agricultural Research Centre, Dokki, Giza, Egypt. Commercial starter of mesophilic culture FD-DVS R-704 (consisting of *Lactococcus lactis subsp. lactis* and *Lactococcus lactis subsp. cremoris*) and the probiotic bacteria of *B. bifidum* EMCC1334 were obtained from the Egyptian Microbial Culture Collection (EMCC) aging to Cairo Microbial Resources Centre (MIRCEN), Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University, Egypt.

### *Methods*

#### *Preparation of carrot powder*

Carrot powder (CP) was prepared as described by Gazalli *et al.* (2013). Carrot was washed with tap water and cut into slices. These slices were then spread evenly on trays and dried in an oven under vacuum at  $50 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ . The dried slices were powdered, sieved and stored in air

tight food grade plastic containers until use.

#### *Cream cheese making*

Cream cheese (CCh) was made according to the methods described by Lucey, (2003) and Akl *et al.* (2020) using fresh skimmed UF-retentate (13.6% T.S) standardized to 20% fat. The retentate was heated at  $72^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 sec., cooled and then adjusted to  $42^\circ\text{C}$  for the addition of the starter. Different concentrations of CP ranging from 0, 1, 2, and 4% (C, T1, T2, T3) respectively, were mixed with retentate and inoculated with the starter culture and the probiotic bacteria (*B. bifidum* EMCC1334) (1:1), then incubated at  $42^\circ\text{C}$ . After coagulation, the cheese was salted with 0.5% NaCl, stirred, and packaged in plastic cups (100 mL). before storage in the refrigerator at  $5 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 weeks.

#### *Chemical analysis of cream cheese (CCh) and carrot powder (CP)*

Fat, titratable acidity (TA), total solids (TS), total nitrogen (TN) and ash content of the cheese samples and fiber content in CP were determined according to AOAC (2012). The total volatile fatty acids (TVFA) content of cheese was determined by the distillation method described by Kosikowski, (1978); whereas values were expressed as ml (0.1N) NaOH/100g cheese. pH values were measured using a digital laboratory Jenway 3510 pH meter, UK. Bibby Scientific LTD. Stone, Stafford shire, ST 15 OSA. Diacetyl and acetaldehyde were determined according to Less & Jago (1969). Minerals content was also determined as described by Hankinson (1975) using Atomic absorption spectrophotometer NO.3300 (Perkin Elmer, US instrument Division Norwalk, CT, USA.).

#### *Determination of antioxidant capacity*

The DPPH radical-scavenging activity was determined using the method proposed by Brand-Williams *et al.* (1995). An aliquot (100  $\mu\text{L}$ ) of the sample solution was mixed with 2.9 mL of 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) in methanol. The mixture was shaken vigorously and left to stand for 30 min. Absorbance of the resulting solution was measured at 517 nm and the results were expressed as mmol trolox equivalent/g.

#### *Determination of phenolic content*

The method described by Naczka & Shahidi (1989) was used and the results were expressed as mg catechin equivalents per 100 g of the extract of CP or CCh.

#### *Determination of $\beta$ -carotene*

$\beta$ -carotene in CP and CCh was determined according to the method described by Carvalho et al. (2012).

#### *Determination of colour*

Colour of cheese samples was measured using a Hunter colorimeter model D2s A-2 (Hunter Assoc. Lab Inc., VA, USA) following the instruction of the user manual Hunter colorimeter. The results were given in the following:

L: Value represents darkness from black (0) to white (100)

a: Value represents color ranging from red (+) to green (-)

b: Value represents yellow (+) to blue

#### *Water holding capacity*

The water holding capacity (WHC) was determined using the method developed by Ladjevardi et al. (2016). Cream cheese (10 g) were weighed into a test tube and then centrifuged in a laboratory centrifuge at 5 °C for 30 min at 5000 rpm. After the indicated time, the precipitated whey was weighed. WHC was calculated based on the following equation:

$$\text{WHC (\%)} = (10 - W)/10 \times 100\%$$

Where (W) mass of the separated whey (g)

#### *Apparent viscosity of cheese*

Apparent viscosity was measured at room temperature using a Brookfield digital viscometer (Middleboro, MA 02346, U.S.A). The samples were subjected to shear rates ranging from 5 to 100 S<sup>-1</sup> for the upward curve. Viscosity measurements were expressed as centipoise (cp) (Salama et al., 2020).

#### *Textural properties*

Texture profile analysis (TPA) of cheese samples was carried out using an Instron Universal Testing Machine (Model 4302, Instron Corporation, Canton M.A, England) according to the procedure of Bourne (1978).

#### *Microbiological examination*

Total bacterial counts (TBC), yeasts & moulds and coliforms of CCh were counted according to Marshall (1992), while count of *B. bifidum* EMCC1334 was determined according to IDF (1988).

#### *Sensory evaluation*

This was done using scoring card suggested on the basis of cream cheese attributes mentioned by Nelson & Trout (1981) and Wendin et al. (2000).

#### *Statistical analysis*

This was carried out using the GLM procedure of the SAS software (2006).

### **Results and Discussion**

#### *Chemical composition of carrot powder and cheese*

Chemical analysis of carrot powder (CP) is shown in Table 1, whereas the same for the prepared cream cheese (CCh) is shown in Tables 2 and 3. It seems from Table 1 that CP is a good source for ash, fiber,  $\beta$ -carotenes and a lot of minerals. This agrees with the trends given in literature by Gazalli et al. (2013) who gave values of 6.16% and 24.66% for protein and fiber contents of CP, whereas Arscot & Tanumihardio (2010) and Sharma et al. (2012) reported richness of CP with Ca, Fe, Na, K, Mg, Cu and Zn.

Such valuable composition of CP affected the composition and quality of the prepared protein and ash content of treated cheese due to the applied treatments, whereas moisture and fat content were not affected. Similar results were given by Madora et al. (2016) for yoghurt and by Akl et al. (2020) for fat-free CCh. On the other hand, CP significantly ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) increased minerals content of CCh and such increase was proportional with the amount of CP added (Table 3). Such impact of CP was previously given by Sule et al. (2019) and Assenova et al. (2021) for some other foods.

Due to importance of antioxidants, phenols and  $\beta$ -carotenes for the public health (El-Messery et al., 2021; El-Said et al., 2021). Table 4 shows our results of supplementation of CCh with CP in this respect. A significant increase ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) was recorded due to such addition and this increase was proportional with the amount of CP used. Richness of CP with such materials is well-known, while our results in Table 1 showed CP contained  $\beta$ -carotenes as 493.54 ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ ). Similar trends of results were previously given by Sharma et al. (2012); Seregelj et al. (2021) and Stephenson et al. (2021).

TABLE 1. Chemical composition of carrot powder

Components	Moisture	Protein	Fat	Ash	Fiber	$\beta$ -carotene ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	Minerals (ppm)						
	(%)						Na	K	Cu	Mg	Fe	Zn	Mn
	7.63	6.17	1.7	9.32	23.9	493.54	13124.5	28248.8	12.9	12230.2	66.4	121.5	22.3

TABLE 2. Chemical composition of fresh cream cheese

Treatments	Moisture (%)	Protein (%)	Fat (%)	Ash (%)
Control	64.89 $\pm$ 0.30 <sup>A</sup>	9.72 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>A</sup>	20.4 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>A</sup>	2.21 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>A</sup>
T1	63.42 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>AB</sup>	9.94 $\pm$ 0.089 <sup>A</sup>	20.2 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>A</sup>	2.23 $\pm$ 0.057 <sup>A</sup>
T2	62.23 $\pm$ 0.098 <sup>B</sup>	10.10 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>A</sup>	20.0 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>A</sup>	2.37 $\pm$ 0.18 <sup>A</sup>
T3	60.01 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>B</sup>	11.77 $\pm$ 0.012 <sup>A</sup>	19.7 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>B</sup>	2.42 $\pm$ 0.012 <sup>A</sup>

Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with different superscripts (A,B,..) within the same column indicate significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments.

C: Control - cheese

T1: Cheese with 1% carrot powder

T2: Cheese with 2% carrot powder

T3: Cheese with 4% carrot powder

TABLE 3. Minerals content of fresh cream cheese\*

Minerals (ppm)	Cheese treatments			
	Control	T1	T2	T3
Na	4888.3 $\pm$ 0.173 <sup>D</sup>	5463.8 $\pm$ 0.057 <sup>C</sup>	5535.4 $\pm$ 0.058 <sup>B</sup>	5794.9 $\pm$ 0.98 <sup>A</sup>
K	1789.6 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>D</sup>	1828.0 $\pm$ 0.057 <sup>C</sup>	1904.0 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>B</sup>	2521.0 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>A</sup>
Cu	1.5 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>D</sup>	3.0 $\pm$ 0.23 <sup>C</sup>	4.4 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>B</sup>	5.0 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>A</sup>
Mg	1878.5 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>D</sup>	2218.7 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>C</sup>	2383.7 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>B</sup>	2787.22 $\pm$ 0.058 <sup>A</sup>
Fe	8.3 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>D</sup>	8.8 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>C</sup>	9.2 $\pm$ 0.058 <sup>B</sup>	10 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>A</sup>
Zn	10.4 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>D</sup>	13.0 $\pm$ 0.057 <sup>C</sup>	19.5 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>B</sup>	22.1 $\pm$ 0.058 <sup>A</sup>
Mn	0.41 $\pm$ 0.005 <sup>C</sup>	0.46 $\pm$ 0.055 <sup>BC</sup>	0.52 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>B</sup>	0.73 $\pm$ 0.017 <sup>A</sup>

\*Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with different superscripts (A,B,..) within the same row indicate significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments. See footnote of Table 2 for cheese treatments.

TABLE 4. Antioxidant, total phenols and  $\beta$ -carotene contents of cream cheese\* .

Treatments	Antioxidant (DPPH mmol/g)	Total phenol (mg/100g)	$\beta$ -carotenes ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )
Control	9.02 $\pm$ 0.65 <sup>D</sup>	6.81 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>D</sup>	0.43 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>D</sup>
T1	13.58 $\pm$ 0.41 <sup>C</sup>	9.07 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>C</sup>	3.24 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>C</sup>
T2	15.09 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>B</sup>	9.37 $\pm$ 0.24 <sup>B</sup>	6.86 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>B</sup>
T3	20.69 $\pm$ 0.33 <sup>A</sup>	9.48 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>A</sup>	9.30 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>A</sup>

\*See footnote of Table 2 for cheese treatments.

It was quite important to follow up the changes in the chemical composition of the prepared CCh during cold storage period. This was recorded in Table 5. The pH values gradually decreased and the acidity increased during storage of the control and the CP-treated CCh. Such changes were statistically significant in most cases and

were accompanied by significant increase in total volatile fatty acids (TVFA) content (Table 5). Such changes are in agreement with those given by Saad et al. (2015) and Mohamed et al. (2018) and could be due in general to impact of the starter and the probiotic bacteria used.

TABLE 5. Physio-chemical analysis of cream cheese during storage period\*

Treatments	pH values				
	Storage time (week)				
	Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control	5.18±0.005 <sup>Aa</sup>	4.89±0.21 <sup>Ab</sup>	4.75±0.08 <sup>Ac</sup>	4.62±0.21 <sup>Ad</sup>	4.54±0.15 <sup>Ac</sup>
T1	5.07±0.14 <sup>Ba</sup>	4.77±0.11 <sup>Bb</sup>	4.62±0.12 <sup>Bc</sup>	4.57±0.13 <sup>Bd</sup>	4.49±0.11 <sup>Bc</sup>
T2	5.03±0.07 <sup>Ba</sup>	4.70±0.09 <sup>Cb</sup>	4.59±0.22 <sup>Cc</sup>	4.48±0.08 <sup>Cd</sup>	4.44±0.07 <sup>Cc</sup>
T3	5.00±0.17 <sup>Ba</sup>	4.63±0.13 <sup>Db</sup>	4.54±0.14 <sup>Dc</sup>	4.43±0.05 <sup>Dd</sup>	4.39±0.057 <sup>Dd</sup>
Treatments	Titratable acidity (%)				
	Storage time (week)				
	Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control	0.85±0.11 <sup>Ce</sup>	1.38±0.05 <sup>Dd</sup>	1.54±0.15 <sup>Dc</sup>	1.63±0.21 <sup>Db</sup>	1.71±0.12 <sup>Da</sup>
T1	0.93±0.12 <sup>BCd</sup>	1.49±0.07 <sup>Cc</sup>	1.61±0.09 <sup>Cbc</sup>	1.68±0.14 <sup>Cb</sup>	1.79±0.04 <sup>Ca</sup>
T2	1.00±0.23 <sup>Bd</sup>	1.51±0.12 <sup>Bc</sup>	1.67±0.11 <sup>Bb</sup>	1.72±0.08 <sup>Bb</sup>	1.86±0.11 <sup>Ba</sup>
T3	1.20±0.13 <sup>Ae</sup>	1.56±0.10 <sup>Ad</sup>	1.75±0.06 <sup>Ac</sup>	1.84±0.11 <sup>Ab</sup>	1.95±0.09 <sup>Aa</sup>
Treatments	Total Volatile Fatty Acids (ml 0.1 N NaOH/100 g)				
	Storage time (week)				
	Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control	14.5±0.11 <sup>Ae</sup>	16.0±0.12 <sup>Ad</sup>	18.2±0.21 <sup>Ac</sup>	21.7±0.12 <sup>Ab</sup>	23.4±0.10 <sup>Aa</sup>
T1	14.1±0.09 <sup>Be</sup>	15.5±0.16 <sup>Bd</sup>	17.8±0.17 <sup>Bc</sup>	19.6±0.08 <sup>Bb</sup>	22.9±0.06 <sup>Ba</sup>
T2	12.6±0.22 <sup>Ce</sup>	14.2±0.18 <sup>Cd</sup>	16.0±0.12 <sup>Cc</sup>	18.2±0.07 <sup>Cb</sup>	20.0±0.13 <sup>Ca</sup>
T3	10.2±0.15 <sup>De</sup>	12.3±0.14 <sup>Dd</sup>	14.5±0.23 <sup>Dc</sup>	16.0±0.16 <sup>Db</sup>	18.1±0.09 <sup>Da</sup>
Treatments	Acetaldehyde (µM/100 g)				
	Storage time (week)				
	Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control	19.22±0.17 <sup>Da</sup>	13.52±0.13 <sup>Db</sup>	13.06±0.16 <sup>Dc</sup>	12.8±0.19 <sup>Dd</sup>	5.8±0.13 <sup>De</sup>
T1	57.02±0.13 <sup>Ca</sup>	38.2±0.22 <sup>Cb</sup>	20.84±0.14 <sup>Cc</sup>	14.08±0.15 <sup>Cd</sup>	12.48±0.23 <sup>Ce</sup>
T2	62.6±0.24 <sup>Ba</sup>	43.68±0.18 <sup>Bb</sup>	32.16±0.23 <sup>Bc</sup>	16.32±0.12 <sup>Bd</sup>	13.08±0.20 <sup>Bc</sup>
T3	65.96±0.17 <sup>Aa</sup>	46.98±0.15 <sup>Ab</sup>	33.66±0.19 <sup>Ac</sup>	21.82±0.17 <sup>Ad</sup>	14.28±0.18 <sup>Ac</sup>
Treatments	Diacetyl (µM/100 g)				
	Storage time (week)				
	Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control	21.6±0.11 <sup>De</sup>	46.0±0.23 <sup>Dd</sup>	87.2±0.21 <sup>Dc</sup>	93.2±0.16 <sup>Db</sup>	117.2±0.12 <sup>Da</sup>
T1	33.6±0.17 <sup>Ce</sup>	62.4±0.15 <sup>Cd</sup>	88.8±0.19 <sup>Cc</sup>	109.2±0.14 <sup>Cb</sup>	121.0±0.18 <sup>Ca</sup>
T2	45.6±0.25 <sup>Be</sup>	66.8±0.18 <sup>Bd</sup>	91.6±0.17 <sup>Bc</sup>	112.8±0.19 <sup>Bb</sup>	126.4±0.15 <sup>Ba</sup>
T3	51.2±0.21 <sup>Ae</sup>	80.8±0.14 <sup>Ad</sup>	111.8±0.24 <sup>Ac</sup>	125.2±0.22 <sup>Ab</sup>	133.4±0.19 <sup>Aa</sup>

\*Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with different capital superscripts (A, B,...) within the same column indicate significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments. Means with the different small superscripts (a, b, and c) within the same row are significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) different due to the storage period. See footnote of Table 2 for cheese treatments.

Adding CP significantly decreased TVFA and increased acetaldehyde and diacetyl content ( $P \leq 0.05$ ). This was true in the fresh and stored cheese (Table 5). Both TVFA and diacetyl significantly increased during storage, whereas acetaldehyde gradually decreased. This was true in the control and the CP-supplemented cheese. Quality of the UF-retentate and the corresponding changes due to the used bacteria could be responsible for the present changes in CP-treated cheese especially during cold storage (Saad *et al.*, 2015). Enhancing effect of CP may be the main factor in production of the flavour components, whereas the recorded decrease in acetaldehyde during storage could be attributed to transformation of it to ethanol as prementioned by Salama *et al.* (2020a) and Salama *et al.* (2021).

#### Quality of cream cheese

Quality of soft cheese from the consumer point of view is related to some properties like colour, softness and viscosity. In the present study, the pleasant colour of the CP significantly affected the appearance and colour of the prepared CCh as shown in Table 6. The control had a higher  $L^*$  which represents lightness value and the lower  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  which constitute redness and yellowness values compared to the CP-treated samples. Adding more CP significantly decreased  $L^*$  and increased  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  in the prepared CCh. This

impact agrees with results of Modora *et al.* (2016).

Softness of cheese is related to ability of it to keep water. Figure 1 reveals water holding capacity (WHC) of CCh as affected by the amount of CP used. Adding CP had a positive effect on WHC of CCh, since the higher was the amount of CP added, the higher was WHC. This was true in the fresh and stored CCh. Richness of CP with fibers (23.9% Table 1) was responsible for such impact, while the decrease on WHC during storage could be due to the more acidification reduces the net negative electric charge of casein micelles by steadily dissolving calcium and inorganic phosphate, which reduces the colloids stability causing further decrease in the WHC (Fox *et al.*, 2000).

Figure 2 reveals viscosity of the fresh (A) and after 4 weeks of cold storage (B). Viscosity was improved and increased by the addition of CP and the higher was the amount of CP added, the higher was viscosity. Such increase is mainly due to presence of fibers in the prepared CP as shown in Table 1. Also, an increase was observed during storage which could be explained on the basis of loss some water. Our results are in agreement with those of Mohamed *et al.* (2018) and Akl *et al.* (2020).

TABLE 6. Colour Measurements of functional cream cheese

Treatments	$L^*$	$a^*$	$b^*$
Control	93.0050.005 $\pm$ A	-1.280.005 $\pm$ D	10.56 $\pm$ 0.005 <sup>C</sup>
T1	87.540.005 $\pm$ B	6.82 $\pm$ 0.005 <sup>C</sup>	23.49 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>C</sup>
T2	83.56 $\pm$ 0.035 <sup>C</sup>	10.55 $\pm$ 0.005 <sup>B</sup>	33.06 $\pm$ 0.030 <sup>B</sup>
T3	78.14 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>D</sup>	14.44 $\pm$ 0.005 <sup>A</sup>	40.63 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>A</sup>

Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with the different capital superscripts letters (A,B,..) within the same column indicate significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments.

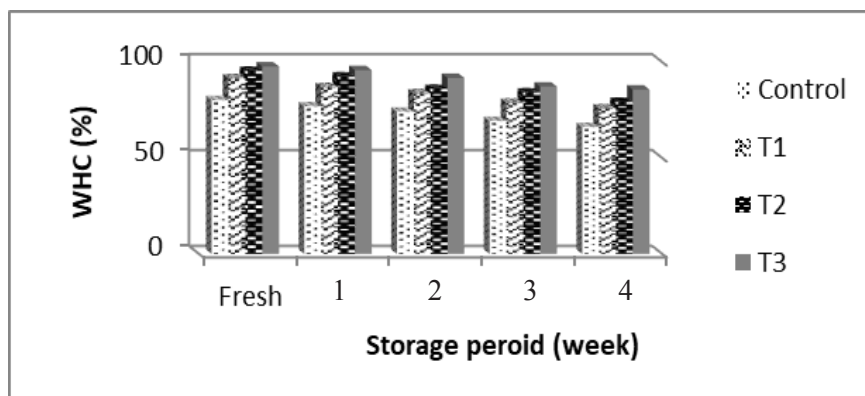


Fig. 1. Measurement of water holding capacity (WHC).

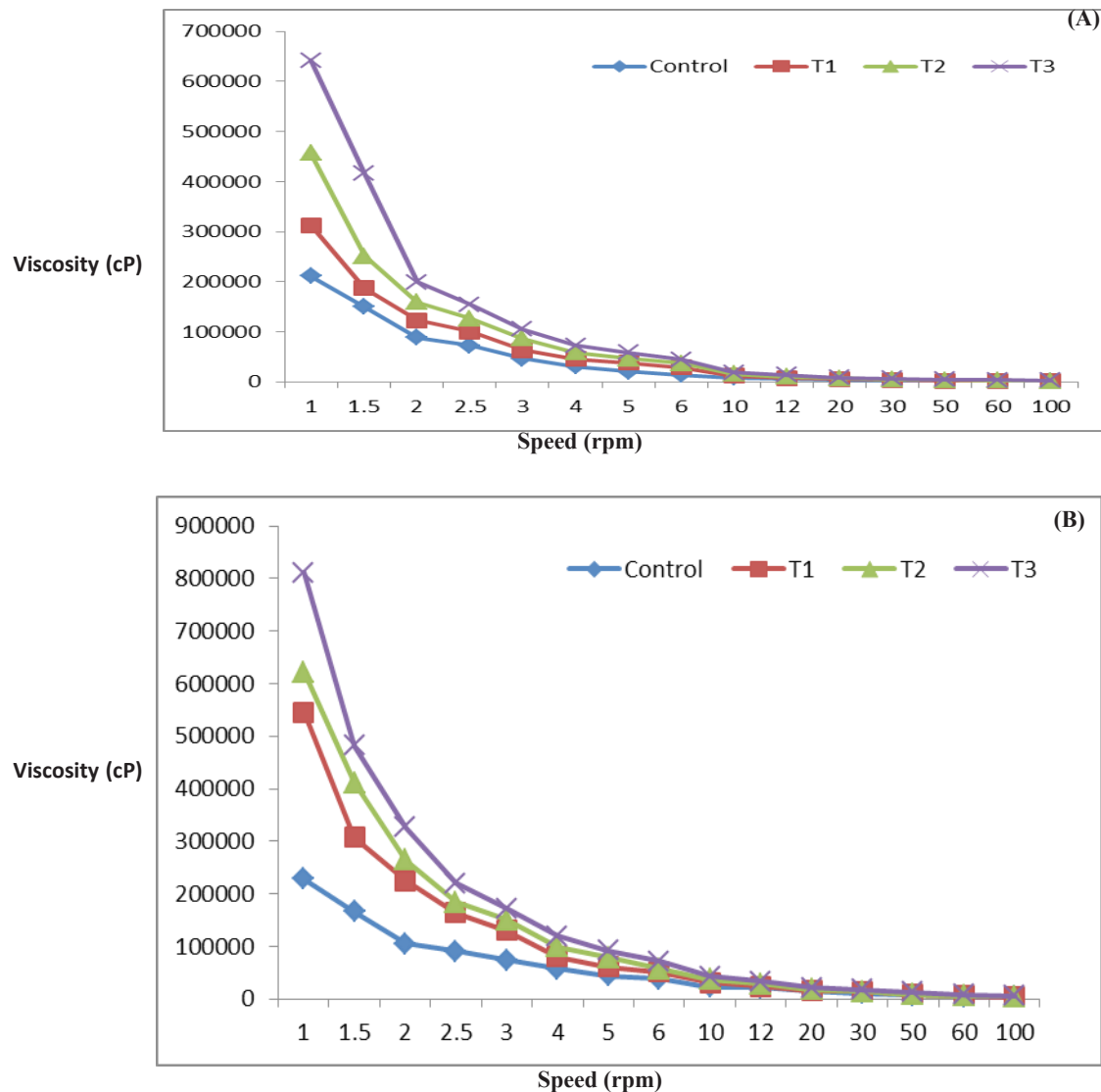


Fig. 2. Viscosity of fresh (A) and 4 weeks old cream cheese (B) as affected by the addition of 0.0 (control), 1.0% (T1) 2.0% (T2), and 4.0% (T3) carrot powder.

The texture properties are also important characteristics of food products that participate in determining quality and acceptability of this product. Data presented in Table 7 display the texture parameters of the fresh and stored CCh. The results indicated that hardness values slightly increased with adding CP and during storage period ( $P \geq 0.05$ ). Hardness was the lowest in the control which was characterized by the highest moisture content as given in Table 2.

Hardness of the CCh was influenced by pH. (Kim et al., 2022) and increased by storage ( Mehanna & Posztor- Huszar, 2012). Cohesiveness is the attraction between intermolecular by which the elements of a body

are held together. The results showed decrease in the cohesiveness value of both fresh and stored samples due to CP. Springiness is the ability of cheese to return back to its original shape after partial compression between tongue and palate. Adding CP caused a decrease in the springiness values, with more decrease during storage period. Regarding gumminess which energy required to disintegrate food until it is ready to swallow, the addition of CP and storage led to significant increase in the gumminess values. Chewiness the energy needed to chew solid food to be ready for swallowing. Chewiness values increased with the CP addition, but decreased during storage period. Such decrease was almost insignificant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ).

TABLE 7. Texture profile analysis of fresh and stored cream cheese

Property	Storage (Week)	Control	T1	T2	T3
Hardness (N)	Fresh	1.2 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.1	1.2 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.3	1.4 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.4	1.6 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.4
	4	1.3 <sup>Ba</sup> ±0.3	1.4 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.1	1.7 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.3	1.9 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.4
Cohesiveness (ratio)	Fresh	0.36 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.01	0.35 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.04	0.32 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.01	0.29 <sup>Ba</sup> ±0.01
	4	0.34 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.03	0.33 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.03	0.31 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.01	0.28 <sup>Ba</sup> ±0.02
Springiness (mm)	Fresh	5.20 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.2	5.19 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.11	5.17 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.13	5.16 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.16
	4	5.17 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.12	5.16 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.035	4.79 <sup>Bb</sup> ±0.04	4.67 <sup>Bb</sup> ±0.01
Gumminess (N)	Fresh	0.41 <sup>Bb</sup> ±0.02	0.42 <sup>Bb</sup> ±0.01	0.44 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.04	0.47 <sup>Ab</sup> ±0.43
	4	0.48 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.01	0.46 <sup>Ba</sup> ±0.02	0.51 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.02	0.53 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.03
Chewiness (mJ)	Fresh	2.26 <sup>Ca</sup> ±0.02	2.32 <sup>BCa</sup> ±0.02	2.36 <sup>ABa</sup> ±0.03	2.43 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.07
	4	2.17 <sup>Bb</sup> ±0.02	2.31 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.01	2.34 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.04	2.37 <sup>Aa</sup> ±0.07

Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with different capital superscripts (A, B,...) within the same row indicate significant ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments. Means with the different small superscripts (a, b, and c) within the same columns are significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) different due to storage period.

#### Microbiological properties of cream cheese

The changes in total viable bacterial count during the storage period of cheese are shown in Fig. 3. The viability of the count exhibited changes between the control and other treatments (T1, T2 and T3) and there was high significant difference in the count between the control and 4% CP cream cheese (T3) when fresh (from 5.27 to 5.89 log cfu/g). The total counts increased during storage in all treatments, while decreased after 2 weeks in the control sample. The highest bacterial counts showed at the end of storage in T3 followed by T2 treatments (6.41 and 6.18 log cfu/g) supplemented by 4% and 2% CP could be due to the high energy sources supplied by the CP. This agrees with the results reported by Madora *et al.* (2016). The prepared synbiotic lassi with carrot extract showed good microbial quality and better probiotic viability than the control and probiotic lassi founded by Mohanapriya *et al.* (2019).

No coliform bacteria were detected in the control and all cheese samples, while yeasts and mould were not detected in fresh control and all treatments, but counts increased along the storage period in control samples (Fig. 3). The counts decreased with increase CP concentration and during storage. This result agrees with Höhn *et al.* (2003) who reported that the inhibition of the growth of mould and yeast in carrot yoghurt may be attributed to the action of isocoumarin which naturally present in traces in carrot. Sulieman *et al.* (2018) found that the number of total yeasts and moulds decreased after storage for 7 and 14 days in all carrot yoghurt samples when compared with that of control yoghurt. Also, our data agree

with Aly *et al.* (2004) who recorded that there was significant difference ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) in moulds and yeasts count between plain and yoghurt treatments, whereas the count decreased and completely disappeared with 15 and 20% carrot juice at the end of storage. On the other hand, there was no significant difference in the yeast and mould count of control, probiotic and carrot added synbiotic lassi (Mohanapriya *et al.*, 2019).

#### Viability of *Bifidobacterium bifidum* in cream cheese

It is very important that probiotic strains retain their viability and functional activity throughout the shelf life of product. Figure 4 shows the effect of adding different concentrations of CP on the viability of *Bifidobacterium bifidum* EMCC1334 in CCh during cold storage. Count maintained levels above 6 log cfu/g for all the trials up to 4 weeks of refrigerated storage. Data showed that the counts of the probiotic culture were similar among the cheese formulations (Control, T1, T2 and T3) on the first day of storage. There was a significant increase in the counts in cheese from T1, T2 and T3 compared to the control with an increase in storage time. The highest counts of probiotic bacteria were 7.78, 7.56, 7.14 log cfu/g in T3, T2 and T1, respectively after 4 weeks of storage. Pimentel *et al.* (2012) indicated that there was good compatibility between the probiotic, the starter culture and the vegetables used. The use of organic beet with carrot, to flavor yoghurt resulted in product with appropriate nutritional and an adequate probiotic viability (*Lactobacillus paracasei* ssp. *paracasei*) for 28 days of refrigerated storage (Januário *et al.*, 2017). In addition, Ningtyas *et al.* (2019) founded that the probiotic bacteria (*L. rhamnosus*) added to reduced-fat cream cheese, remained viable after 5 weeks of the refrigerated storage.



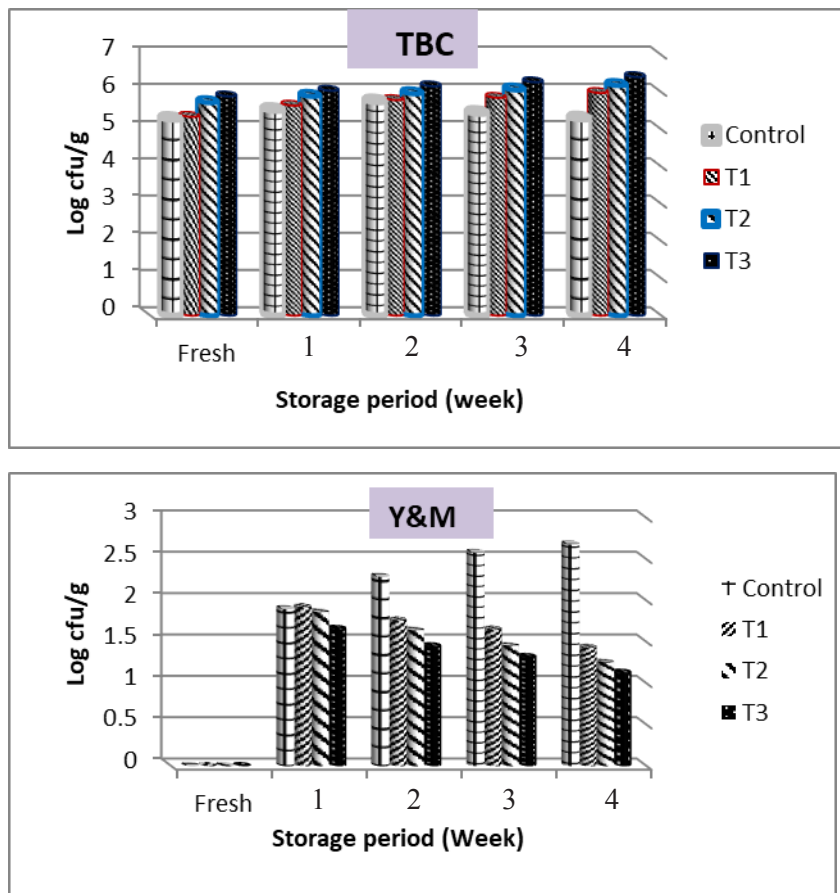


Fig 3. Total bacterial count (TBC) and yeasts & moulds counts (Y&M) (log cfu/g) of probiotic cream cheese supplemented with 0.0 (Control), 1.0, 2.0, and 4.0% carrot powder for T1, T2 and T3 respectively.

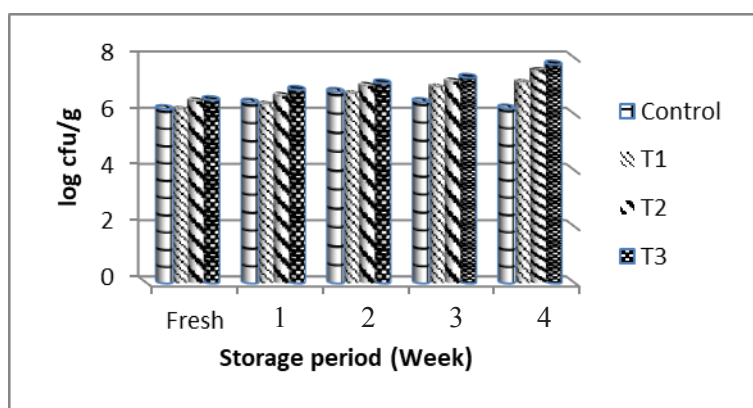


Fig. 4. Counts (log cfu/g) of *B. bifidium* during storage of Cream cheese as affected by the addition of 0.0 (control), 1.0% (T1), 2.0% (T2) and 4.0% (T3) carrot powder.

### Sensory evaluation of functional cream cheese

Table 8 refers to the results of the sensory assessment of cream cheese supported by CP (1, 2 and 4%). The scores for sensory attributes, general appearance, body and texture flavour and total score of CCh differed significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) between the samples. These variations were actually related to the amount of carrot CP added.

The sensory evaluation of cheese decreased by increasing the amount of CP, so the control sample had the highest scores, while T3 (4% CP) had the lowest scores. During storage up to 4 weeks, all the scoring points decreased. Although all the scoring values of the sensory properties decreased by the increase of CP added, the values were still high and all samples were sensory and totally acceptable and the lowest total acceptance value was recorded at 84% (T3). On the other

hand, the use of CP led to creating an attractive orange colour in the product. Venica *et al.* (2020) reported that adding 1% CP was accepted for flavour and colour. The study by Aly *et al.* (2004) confirmed that the addition of carrot had positive effects on the sensory acceptability of yoghurt.

### Conclusion

The present study revealed richness of carrot powder (CP) with protein, ash, fiber,  $\beta$ -carotenes and mineral contents and importance of cream cheese as an adequate food matrix for supplementation with probiotic bacteria and prebiotic ingredient (CP) during 4 weeks of refrigerated storage. Incorporation of CP improved the nutritional value of cheese and it can be suggested as a promising method to enhance the consumer preference towards cream cheese.

TABLE 8. The organoleptic properties of cream cheese

Treatments	Property	Storage period (week)				
		Fresh	1	2	3	4
Control		9.6±0.06 <sup>Aa</sup>	9.3±0.11 <sup>Aab</sup>	8.9±0.08 <sup>Ab</sup>	8.5±0.13 <sup>Abc</sup>	7.8±0.15 <sup>Ac</sup>
T1	General appearance (10)	8.8±0.11 <sup>Ba</sup>	8.1±0.09 <sup>Bb</sup>	7.9±0.057 <sup>Bb</sup>	7.4±0.11 <sup>Bc</sup>	7.0±0.05 <sup>Bc</sup>
T2		7.5±0.11 <sup>Da</sup>	7.2±0.05 <sup>Da</sup>	6.5±0.12 <sup>Db</sup>	6.3±0.14 <sup>Dc</sup>	6.1±0.08 <sup>Dc</sup>
T3		8.5±0.05 <sup>Ca</sup>	7.8±0.13 <sup>Cb</sup>	7.5±0.07 <sup>Cbc</sup>	7.0±0.09 <sup>Cc</sup>	6.6±0.12 <sup>Cd</sup>
Control		38.7±0.02 <sup>Aa</sup>	38.4±0.04 <sup>Aa</sup>	37.6±0.11 <sup>Ab</sup>	37.5±0.06 <sup>Ab</sup>	37.1±0.13 <sup>Ac</sup>
T1	Body and Texture (40)	38.5±0.04 <sup>Ba</sup>	37.9±0.12 <sup>Bb</sup>	36.8±0.05 <sup>Bc</sup>	36.0±0.11 <sup>Bd</sup>	35.5±0.07 <sup>Be</sup>
T2		37.6±0.11 <sup>Ca</sup>	36.8±0.08 <sup>Cb</sup>	36.1±0.14 <sup>Cc</sup>	35.7±0.05 <sup>Cd</sup>	35.0±0.04 <sup>Ce</sup>
T3		37.3±0.14 <sup>Da</sup>	36.1±0.05 <sup>Db</sup>	35.5±0.13 <sup>Dc</sup>	34.8±0.15 <sup>Dd</sup>	33.7±0.08 <sup>De</sup>
Control		49.2±0.12 <sup>Aa</sup>	49.0±0.04 <sup>Aa</sup>	48.5±0.05 <sup>Ab</sup>	47.7±0.14 <sup>Ac</sup>	47.3±0.13 <sup>Ac</sup>
T1	Flavour (50)	48.4±0.07 <sup>Ba</sup>	47.5±0.09 <sup>Ab</sup>	46.9±0.11 <sup>Bc</sup>	45.5±0.05 <sup>Bd</sup>	45.0±0.11 <sup>Be</sup>
T2		47.6±0.01 <sup>Ca</sup>	46.8±0.13 <sup>Ab</sup>	45.7±0.11 <sup>Cc</sup>	45.2±0.14 <sup>Cd</sup>	44.6±0.09 <sup>Ce</sup>
T3		47.0±0.03 <sup>Da</sup>	46.3±0.15 <sup>Ab</sup>	44.4±0.06 <sup>Dc</sup>	43.7±0.12 <sup>Dd</sup>	44.2±0.07 <sup>Dc</sup>
Control		97.5±0.05 <sup>Aa</sup>	96.7±0.11 <sup>Ab</sup>	95.0±0.09 <sup>Ac</sup>	93.7±0.0.13 <sup>Ad</sup>	92.2±0.11 <sup>Ad</sup>
T1	Total score (100)	95.7±0.12 <sup>Ba</sup>	93.5±0.07 <sup>Bb</sup>	91.6±0.13 <sup>Bc</sup>	88.9±0.05 <sup>Bd</sup>	87.5±0.11 <sup>Bd</sup>
T2		93.7±0.08 <sup>Ca</sup>	91.4±0.11 <sup>Cb</sup>	89.3±0.15 <sup>Cc</sup>	87.9±0.07 <sup>Cd</sup>	86.2±0.06 <sup>Ce</sup>
T3		91.8±0.13 <sup>Da</sup>	89.6±0.09 <sup>Db</sup>	86.4±0.06 <sup>Dc</sup>	84.8±0.11 <sup>Dd</sup>	84.0±0.12 <sup>Dc</sup>

\*Means ( $\pm$  SD,  $n = 3$ ) with different capital superscripts (A, B,...) within the same column indicate significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) differences between treatments. Means with the different small superscripts (a, b, and c) within the same row are significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) different due to the storage period. See footnote of Table 2 for cheese treatments.

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## دراسة علي استخدام مسحوق الجزر والبكتيريا الداعمة الحيوية في تصنيع جبن كريمي وظيفي

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في هذه الدراسة تم اعداد مسحوق الجزر (CP) واستخدامه بمستويات صفر، 1، 2 و 4% مع بكتيريا البروبيوتيك في تصنيع الجبن الكريمي (CCh). أشارت النتائج إلي أن مسحوق الجزر غني بالرماد (9,23%) ، الألياف (32,9%) والبيبتاكاروتينات (394,45 ميكروجرام/جم) وعديد من المعادن. أظهرت النتائج أن إضافة مسحوق الجزر للجبن الكريمي الطازج ليس له تأثير علي المكونات الكلية ولكن هناك زيادة معنوية في محتوى المعادن، قيم مضادات الأكسدة، الفينولات والبيبتاكاروتينيدات بالإضافة إلي الحموضة والاسيتالدهيد والداي اسيتايل. وقد ترافق ذلك مع بعض التحسن في لون الجبن والقدرة علي الاحتفاظ بالماء (WHC) واللزوجة. ومع ذلك أثناء التخزين البارد لجميع عينات الجبن إنخفض الأس الهيدروجيني والاسيتالدهيد وWHC، بينما زادت الحموضة والاحماض الدهنية الطيارة الكلية واللزوجة. ولم تتأثر الخصائص الريولوجية للجبن الكريمي بشكل كبير سواء بإضافة مسحوق الجزر (CP) أو بالتخزين ، بينما عزز كلاهما بقاء البكتيريا خاصة بكتيريا البروبيوتيك التي  $6 \log \text{cfu/gm}$  أظهرت دائماً أعلى من

وعلي الرغم من أن جبن الكنترول دائما أعلى الدرجات في الخصائص الحسية المختلفة عندما يكون طازجاً أو أثناء T3 التخزين ، إلا أن الجبن المدعم بمسحوق الجزر سجل 84 من اجمالي الدرجة (100) كما هو موضح في المعاملة المحتوية علي أعلى كمية من مسحوق الجزر