



## Carcass Characteristics and Nutritional Composition of Some Edible Chicken By-products

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**T**HE objective of this study was to evaluate the characteristics of chicken carcass and determine the nutritional composition of some edible chicken by-products, including liver, gizzard, wings, and skin. The total yield of liver, gizzard, wings and skin of chicken was found to be about 23.43% of carcass weight. The results showed that these chicken by-products are good sources of protein, fat, and minerals (ash). The greatest protein content was found to be 26.33% (wb) for wings; while, skin showed the greatest fat content of 34.48% (wb) compared with other by-products. On the other hand, liver showed the greatest ash content of 1.42% (wb) and skin showed the lowest ash content of 0.46% (wb). Moreover, the greatest caloric value of 362.36 Kcal/100 g was found for skin, followed by wings, liver, and gizzard. In addition, the results showed good contents of potassium, phosphorus, sodium, iron, and zinc in chicken by-products. These by-products were found to be a good source of essential amino acids such as leucine and lysine. Furthermore, liver, gizzard, wings, and skin of chicken showed greater unsaturated fatty acids content than that of saturated fatty acids. Oleic, linoleic, linolenic, and arachidonic acids are the most predominant unsaturated fatty acids found in these chicken by-products. However, palmitic and stearic acids are the predominant saturated fatty acids found in the studied chicken by-products. The obtained results revealed that the liver, gizzard, wings, and skin of chicken are rich of healthy nutrients; therefore, the utilization of these by-products as food should be promoted by development of new food products through the advances in meat processing techniques.

**Keywords:** Edible chicken by-products, Chemical composition, Nutritive value .

### Introduction

Global meat production was expected to increase to 336.2 million tons in 2018, in carcass weight equivalent, 1.7 percent greater than it in 2017. Poultry meat, with the largest production since 2016, was expected to grow by 2 million tons in 2018, or 1.6 percent (FAO, 2018). On the other hand, the global demand for meat is expected to increase by about 44 percent to over 400 million tons by 2030 to meet the need of growing population. Also, poultry production is expected to be the greatest at 60%, with poultry forecast up to 39% of the worldwide meat demand by 2030 and become the most consumed meat (Mulder,

2011). The annual poultry consumption is around 1.2 billion birds in Egypt, which equivalent poultry meat of 1125 million tons. In addition, the total consumption of poultry meat in Egypt is expected to increase from 993,000 tons in 2017 to 1 156,000 tons in 2026 (FAO, 2017). Therefore, the poultry industry is one of the largest agricultural industries worldwide, which is attributed to the increasing demand for poultry meat and egg products (Bolan et al., 2010).

Diet plays a major role in the human health and meat products are a major source of valuable protein in the human diets. However, fat of meat contains great amount of unsaturated and

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saturated fatty acids and is considered a source of cholesterol; therefore, appropriate manipulation with broiler chicken diet can modify fatty acids profile of meat and enhance its nutritional quality (Valsta *et al.*, 2005). In addition, the increase of chicken meat consumption can be attributed to some factors such as its low cost-price, easy-processing, high-nutritive value, and low-cholesterol content (Alvarez- Astorga *et al.*, 2002; Fletcher, 2002 and Chouliara *et al.*, 2007). Because of the high demand for chicken meat, the production of slaughtering by-products such as heart, liver, spleen, kidney, skin, and abdominal fat tissues, which count about 37% of live broilers weight, has been increased (Ockerman & Basu, 2004 and Bimbo, 2005). Generally, the edible by-products of chicken are globally utilized for preparing of varying dishes. For example, the giblets of chicken are consumed in the United States of America; while, all edible chicken offal are used for making Japanese dishes in Japan. Also, the edible by-products of chicken are used in many Asian countries for human consumption (Nollet and Toldrá, 2011). The meat by-products utilization depends on some factors such as religion, preference, and culture. For example, some by-products those are considered inedible in a country, but they are considered as precious products in other countries (Toldra *et al.*, 2012). Therefore, with the growing poultry production and processing activities, availability of the edible by-products would be increased (Mountney and Parkhurst, 2001).

Gizzard is one of the main edible by-products of poultry processing, which is marketed as variety meats along with dressed chicken (Charoenpong and Chen, 1980). Also, chicken skin was found to be represented in range from 8 to 20% of the total carcass weight (Fereidoun *et al.*, 2007). On the other hand, chicken liver is a rich source of essential amino acids, protein, zinc, and iron with low price cost (Abu-Salem & Abou Arab, 2010 and Seong *et al.*, 2015). During the last decades, many studies focused on chicken meat quality evaluation and processing methods. However, few studies were performed on evaluation of nutritional quality of chicken by-products (Seong *et al.*, 2015). The edible by-products of chicken origins are important in the human diets and account for a significant ratio of live weight. Therefore, studying the nutrients composition and evaluation of nutritional quality of poultry by-products is important to

provide nutritional information for consumers and promote the utilization as food. The main objective of this study was to determine the nutrients composition of some edible chicken by-products, including liver, gizzard, wings, and skin.

## **Materials and Methods**

### *Materials*

Ten farmed chickens (6 weeks age, males and females), were purchased from a local market at Assuit city, Egypt.

### *Body composition and carcass characteristics measurement*

Birds were weighed and slaughtered using a sharp knife according to the Islamic method and allowed to bleed for 5 min. The dressed carcasses were reweighed and cut into various parts, which weighed to study carcass characteristics and body composition. The wings cuts were hand deboned and the obtained meat (Liver, gizzard and skin) were minced using a meat mincer, packaged in bags of polyethylene, then kept in a freezer at -18 °C. Frozen meat was thawed overnight in a refrigerator (4 °C) prior to analysis.

### *Proximate chemical composition analysis*

The proximate chemical composition of the edible by-products of chickens was determined according to the AOAC method (2000). The Kjeldahl method was used to determine the crude protein content and Soxhlet method was used to determine the lipids content. Ashing at 550°C overnight was carried out to determine the ash content of samples. Samples were dried at 105°C overnight to determine the moisture content.

### *Caloric value calculation*

Caloric value of the studied edible chicken by-products was calculated as follows:

Caloric value (kcal/100 gm) = (% carbohydrate x 4) + (% protein x 4) + (% fat x 9), as described by Mohamed (2005).

### *Determination of minerals content*

A flame photometer 410 was used for determination of sodium and potassium contents of chicken by-products; while, spekol 1 spectrophotometer was used for determination of phosphorus content. Contents of Ca, Fe, Mg, Mn, and Zn were determined by Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission Spectrometer (iCAP 6200). The determination was carried out as described by AOAC (1995).

#### *Amino acids composition analysis*

Amino acids composition of the studied by-products was determined as described by Pellett and Young (1980). Dry and fat-free samples were weighed and hydrolyzed with 5 mL of 6 N HCl in a sealed test tube at 110°C for 24h. The obtained hydrolysate was filtrated and the residue was washed with distilled water. The volume of the filtrate was adjusted to 50mL with distilled water and 5 mL of filtrate sample was evaporated on a water bath at 50°C. The residue was dissolved in 5 mL loading buffer (0.2 N sodium citrate buffer of pH 2.2). Beckman Amino Acid Analyzer (Model 119CL) was used for determination of amino acids composition.

#### *Fatty acid composition analysis using HPLC*

Fatty acid methyl esters were separated from the total lipids using 5 mL of 3% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in absolute methanol and 2 mL benzene as described by Rossell et al. (1983). The mixture was heated at 90°C for 90min, cooled to room temperature, and phase separation was performed by addition of 2 mL water. The methyl esters were extracted with aliquots of 5 mL hexane. The organic phase was removed, filtrated through anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated using a rotary evaporator. The fatty acids methyl esters were separated by Perkin-Elmer Gas Chromatography (model F22) with a flame ionization detector in presence of nitrogen as a carrier gas. A glass column packed with diethyleneglyco succinate (DEGS) on chromosorb W 80– 100 mesh was used. Injector and detector temperature was 220°C. The nitrogen, hydrogen and air flow rate were 30, 30, and 300 mL/min, respectively. The chart speed was 1 cm/min. Peaks identification were established by comparing the retention times obtained with standard methyl esters of fatty acids as described by Kates (1972).

#### *Statistical analysis*

The statistical analysis of data was performed by Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and the results were subjected to Duncan's test. Significance level of  $p < 0.05$  was used.

### **Results and Discussion**

#### *Body composition and carcass characteristics*

Body weight of live chickens and weight of body parts after slaughter are presented in Table 1 as a percentage of the live body weight. The body weight of live chicken was found to be in range from 2110 to 2357 g. However, the percentage of dressed carcass was found to be 93.41% of the live

body weight. On the other hand, the eviscerated carcass showed a mean weight percentage of 77.28% of the live body weight. Liver, gizzard, wings, and skin showed percentages of 2.35, 1.86, 7.22, and 6.68% of the live body weight, respectively. The mean weight of eviscerated carcass and weight of body parts as a percentage of eviscerated carcass are presented in Table 2. The greatest percentage was found for breast, followed by thigh, and drumstick; while the lowest percentage was found for giblets. However, the greatest percentage was found for wings and the lowest was found for gizzard among the main studied by-products, including liver, gizzard, wings and skin. Carcass composition of broiler was found to be influenced by different factors such as diet, age, sex and genotype (Abdalla et al., 1999). In one study, Bimbo (2005) found that by-products count about 37% of the live broiler chicken weight. In another study, Fereidoun et al. (2007) found that chicken skin represents between 8 and 20% of the total weight. Moreover, Ojedapo et al. (2008) found that strain and sex significantly affect body weight of chicken. Furthermore, Almasi, et al. (2012) found that the yield of male chickens (70- 84 days) was about 68.20-70.90%; while, the yield of female chicken (70- 84 days) was about 68.40-68.00%. Our results are also in a good agreement with the findings of Dariusz et al. (2013); Kokoszynski et al. (2013); Abdullah and Buchtova (2016); and Musundire et al. (2018).

#### *Gross chemical composition*

Gross chemical composition and caloric value of edible chicken by-products including, liver, gizzard, wings, and skin were determined, and the results are presented in Table 3. From the results it can be noticed that the gizzard contains the greatest moisture content, followed by liver, and wings; while skin contains the lowest moisture content. On the other hand, wings contain the greatest protein content and skin contains the lowest protein content. The differences in protein content of the varying chicken by-products may be attributed that they are constituted of different types and quantities of proteins (Seong et al., 2015). However, skin contains the highest fat content and gizzard contains the lowest protein content. Moreover, the ash content was found to be in the order liver > gizzard > wings > skin. Furthermore, the greatest caloric value (362.36 K Cal/100g) was found for skin and the lowest value (89.74 K Cal/100g) was found for gizzard. These findings agree with the results of Abu-Salem and Abou Arab (2010) who found 66.80% moisture,

24.60% protein, 6.00% fat, and 1.40% ash in raw chicken liver. In another study, Kumar and Rani (2014) found that chicken wings had contained moisture of 68.57-69.64%, protein 16.57-18.32%, and fat of 12.16-13.41%. Moreover, Wani and Majeed (2014) found that raw chicken gizzard had contained moisture of 76.60%, ash of 0.64

%, protein of 19.69 %, and of fat of 2.15%. Furthermore, Farmani and Rostammiri (2015) found that chicken skin had contained moisture of 50.78%, protein of 8.93%, fat of 38.92%, and ash of 1.28%. Our results are also in good agreement with those found by Seong *et al.* (2015) and Abdullah and Buchtova (2016).

**TABLE 1. Body weight and body composition (% of live weight).**

| Body parts            | Average weight of live chicken (g) (n = 10) | Weight range (g) | % of live body weight |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| live weight           | 2255.78 ± 92.98                             | 2110.00-2357.00  | 100                   |
| After slaughter       | 2196.11 ± 103.33                            | 2035.00-2313.00  | 97.35                 |
| Blood                 | 59.67 ± 11.88                               | 42.00-79.00      | 2.65                  |
| Feather               | 89.00 ± 19.84                               | 54.00-113.00     | 3.95                  |
| Dressed carcass       | 2107.11 ± 96.95                             | 1940.00-2218.00  | 93.41                 |
| Head                  | 39.84 ± 2.65                                | 37.50-46.04      | 1.77                  |
| Neck                  | 91.06 ± 11.67                               | 66.15-104.47     | 4.04                  |
| Viscera               | 136.26 ± 14.10                              | 114.08-157.31    | 6.04                  |
| Feet                  | 83.04 ± 6.33                                | 74.46-97.44      | 3.63                  |
| Eviscerated Carcass * | 1743.18 ± 86.56                             | 1619.60-1880.63  | 77.28                 |
| Breast                | 804.19 ± 60.59                              | 706.40-911.36    | 35.65                 |
| Thigh                 | 542.52 ± 52                                 | 487.74-585.94    | 24.05                 |
| Drumstick             | 234.86 ± 16.74                              | 192.75-248.52    | 10.41                 |
| Giblets**             | 105.69 ± 19.68                              | 85.30-141.03     | 4.69                  |
| Heart                 | 10.80 ± 1.05                                | 9.24-12.73       | 0.48                  |
| Liver                 | 52.97 ± 11.60                               | 42.89-81.81      | 2.35                  |
| Gizzard***            | 41.92 ± 7.04                                | 28.98-53.81      | 1.86                  |
| Wings                 | 162.90 ± 18.23                              | 129.49-183.10    | 7.22                  |
| Skin                  | 150.63 ± 17.49                              | 124.77-182.30    | 6.68                  |

\*weight of carcass with giblets and without neck, feet, head and neck; \*\* Liver, gizzard and heart; \*\*\* with opening.

**TABLE 2. Chicken carcass yield and cut-up parts (% of carcass weight).\***

| Parameters                | % of eviscerated carcass weight |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Eviscerated Carcass yield | 77.28± 0.96 <sup>a</sup>        |
| Breast percent            | 46.13± 2.42 <sup>b</sup>        |
| Thigh percent             | 31.12± 1.54 <sup>c</sup>        |
| Drumstick percent         | 13.47± 0.88 <sup>d</sup>        |
| Giblets percent           | 6.06± 0.85 <sup>e</sup>         |
| Heart percent             | 0.62± 0.05 <sup>j</sup>         |
| Liver percent             | 3.04± 0.61 <sup>h</sup>         |
| Gizzard percent           | 2.41± 0.35 <sup>i</sup>         |
| Wings percent             | 9.34± 0.81 <sup>e</sup>         |
| Skin percent              | 8.64± 1.07 <sup>f</sup>         |

\*Different subscript letters within the same column indicate significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**TABLE 3. proximate chemical composition of some chicken by-products (wet weight basis).\***

| Constituents              | Chicken by-products      |                          |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                           | Liver                    | Gizzard                  | Wings                     | Skin                      |
| Moisture                  | 73.31± 0.05 <sup>b</sup> | 76.62± 0.27 <sup>a</sup> | 61.42± 1.16 <sup>c</sup>  | 52.80± 0.09 <sup>d</sup>  |
| Protein                   | 18.20± 0.30 <sup>c</sup> | 19.60± 0.25 <sup>b</sup> | 26.33± 1.01 <sup>a</sup>  | 13.01± 0.21 <sup>d</sup>  |
| Fat                       | 4.36±0.01 <sup>c</sup>   | 1.26±0.11 <sup>d</sup>   | 14.84±0.44 <sup>b</sup>   | 34.48±0.18 <sup>a</sup>   |
| Ash                       | 1.42±0.01 <sup>a</sup>   | 0.91± 0.01 <sup>b</sup>  | 0.83± 0.02 <sup>c</sup>   | 0.46± 0.01 <sup>d</sup>   |
| Caloric value (KCal/100g) | 114.2± 0.40 <sup>c</sup> | 89.74± 0.08 <sup>d</sup> | 238.88± 0.37 <sup>b</sup> | 362.36± 0.01 <sup>a</sup> |

\*Different subscript letters within the same raw indicate significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ).

#### Minerals content

Minerals contents of liver, gizzard, wings, and skin were determined, and the results are presented in Table 4. Generally, these edible chicken by-products showed greater contents of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K), followed by sodium (Na), magnesium (Mg), and calcium (Ca). The minerals content was found to be different among the chicken by-products. For example, wings showed the greatest content of P, followed by skin and liver; while, the gizzard showed the lowest content of P. Also, these by-products trend of K content similar to that of P. On the other hand, the liver showed the greatest content of iron (Fe), followed by wings and gizzard; however, skin showed the lowest Fe content. Also, liver showed the greatest content of zinc (Zn) among the studied chicken by-products. These results indicate that

the studied edible by-products of chicken are a good source of minerals for the human body. It was reported that the interest in by-products of meat is influenced by their protein, vitamins, and minerals contents (Benoist, 2001). Trace elements such as zinc (Zn), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), and copper (Cu) are vital for human well-being (Tapiero and Tew, 2003). The obtained results are consistent with findings of previous studies. For example, Abu-Salem and Abou Arab (2010) found that chicken liver contained Fe of 83.65, Zn of 50.75, and of Mn 1.15 mg/g (wet weight basis). Also, Farmani and Rostammiri (2015) found that chicken skin contained phosphorus of 13.43 and Iron of 35.39 ppm. Moreover, mineral contents of liver and gizzard are in agreement with those found by Seong et al. (2015) and Abdullah and Buchtova (2016).

**TABLE 4. Minerals content of some chicken by-products (mg/100g wet weight basis).**

| Minerals | Chicken by-products |         |        |        |
|----------|---------------------|---------|--------|--------|
|          | Liver               | Gizzard | Wings  | Skin   |
| Ca       | 14.36               | 14.43   | 18.34  | 5.07   |
| P        | 258.33              | 183.08  | 306.04 | 298.28 |
| K        | 235.81              | 191.58  | 306.09 | 244.49 |
| Na       | 79.41               | 52.86   | 114.26 | 146.66 |
| Mg       | 22.58               | 10.80   | 23.39  | 27.19  |
| Fe       | 12.93               | 5.55    | 7.74   | 4.51   |
| Zn       | 5.99                | 2.38    | 2.16   | 3.28   |
| Mn       | 0.33                | 0.15    | 0.13   | 0.92   |

*Amino acids composition*

Amino acids contents of the studied edible by-products of chicken, including liver, gizzard, wings, and skin were determined and the results are presented in Table 5. The liver showed the greatest total essential amino acids content, followed by wings, gizzard, and skin. Generally, leucine and lysine are the predominant among essential amino acids in these chicken by-products. The greatest leucine content was found in liver; while, the greatest lysine content was found for wings. The total non-essential amino acids content was found to be in the order skin > wings > gizzard > liver. Glutamic acid is the most predominant among the non-essential amino acids in the studied by-products. These results revealed that liver, wings, gizzard, and skin of chicken are a good source of amino acids needed for the human body. The human body is not able to produce the essential amino acids (EAAs) and only can obtain them from diet. This

is because the absence of these essential amino acids significantly influences physiological functions of the human body (Wu, 2010). The amino acids profile is consistent with findings of previous studies. For example, Sarbon *et al.* (2013) found that Gly, Pro, H.Pro, and Ala were the predominant amino acids in gelatin of chicken skin. The essential amino acids content is also in agreement with that found by Adeyeye and Olayinka Ibigbami (2013). Moreover, Seong *et al.* (2015) found that leucine and lysine are the predominant essential amino acids (EAAs) in by-products of chicken. They also found the greatest levels of EAAs in liver, followed by gizzard and heart. In addition, duodenum and heart showed the greatest total EAAs/total amino acids ratio, followed by liver. Furthermore, Kim *et al.* (2017) found that EAAs contents (g/ 100 g) of chicken wings were Arg 1.09, His 0.47, Ile 0.78, Leu 1.42, Lys 1.43, Met 0.44, Phe 0.73, Thr 0.77 and Val 0.80.

**TABLE 5. Amino acid composition (g/100g crude protein) of some edible by-products of chicken (dry weight basis).**

| Amino acid                       | Chicken by-products |         |       |       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                                  | Liver               | Gizzard | Wings | Skin  |
| Threonine                        | 4.38                | 3.98    | 3.90  | 4.34  |
| Valine                           | 6.31                | 4.50    | 4.37  | 4.41  |
| Methionine                       | 2.71                | 2.73    | 2.62  | 2.14  |
| Isoleucine                       | 4.78                | 3.59    | 4.16  | 3.31  |
| Leucine                          | 8.64                | 6.48    | 6.96  | 6.15  |
| Phenylalanine                    | 4.49                | 3.69    | 3.79  | 3.58  |
| Lysine                           | 5.92                | 6.17    | 7.49  | 6.20  |
| Total essential amino acids      | 37.23               | 31.14   | 33.29 | 30.19 |
| Histidine                        | 2.33                | 2.14    | 2.96  | 1.64  |
| Arginine                         | 6.04                | 6.45    | 6.51  | 7.13  |
| Aspartic                         | 8.29                | 7.73    | 8.50  | 8.13  |
| Serine                           | 4.19                | 3.83    | 3.49  | 3.22  |
| Glutamic                         | 12.29               | 13.99   | 14.27 | 12.68 |
| Proline                          | 4.12                | 5.13    | 4.89  | 7.30  |
| Alanine                          | 6.50                | 6.13    | 6.48  | 7.15  |
| Cysteine                         | 1.73                | 1.40    | 1.86  | 2.12  |
| Tyrosine                         | 3.46                | 3.30    | 3.24  | 2.43  |
| Glycine                          | 4.71                | 6.93    | 7.14  | 11.27 |
| Total non- essential amino acids | 53.66               | 57.03   | 59.34 | 63.07 |
| Total amino acid                 | 90.89               | 88.17   | 92.63 | 93.20 |
| E/NE ratio                       | 0.69                | 0.55    | 0.56  | 0.48  |

*Fatty acids composition*

Fatty acids contents of chicken liver, gizzard, wings, and skin were determined, and the results are presented in Table 6. These by-products showed greater total unsaturated fatty acids content than that of total saturated fatty acids content. Oleic acid followed by  $\omega$ -linoleic acid and  $\omega$ -linolenic acid are the predominant unsaturated fatty acids found in these by-products. However, palmitic and stearic acids are the most predominant saturated fatty acids found in liver, gizzard, wings, and skin of chicken. Also, these by-products showed a good content of arachidonic acid. The obtained results revealed that these by-products are a good source of essential and unsaturated fatty acids, which are important for the human health and well-being. It was reported that the dietary fats consumption is associated to obesity and chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes (Jump, 2002). Therefore, World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recommended

that adults should intake 20-35% of diet energy of total fat, less than 10% of saturated fatty acids, 15-20% of monounsaturated fatty acids, and 6-11% of polyunsaturated fatty acids (Burlingame et al., 2009). The fatty acids profile found in this study is consistent with findings of previous studies. For example, Farmani and Rostammiri (2015) found that chicken waste fat contained 30.70% saturated fatty acids, 38.22% monounsaturated fatty acids, and 30.90% polyunsaturated fatty acids. Also, Méndez-Lagunas, et al. (2015) found that skin of chicken showed palmitic acid content of 20.76%, stearic acid content of 6.46%, and oleic acid content of 57.54%. Moreover, the fatty acids profile composition and contents of liver and gizzard are in agreement with findings of Seong et al. (2015). It was reported that the recommendations for n-6/n-3 fatty acids ratio for the healthy diet as a whole should be 4.0 or lower; while, the PUFA/SFA ratio should be 0.40 or higher (Department of Health, 1994).

**TABLE 6. Fatty acid composition of total lipids of some edible by-products of chicken (% of total fatty acids).**

| Carbon chain     | Fatty acids                             | Chicken by-products |         |         |         |
|------------------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  |   | Liver               | Gizzard | Wings   | Skin    |
| C14:0            | Myristic acid                           | 0.28                | 0.15    | 0.41    | 0.47    |
| C14:1 $\omega$ 5 | Tridecanoic acid                        | 0.04                | 1.03    | 0.14    | 0.16    |
| C15:0            | Pentadecanoic acid                      | 0.03                | 0.16    | 0.05    | 0.05    |
| C15:1 $\omega$ 5 | 14, Pentadecanoic acid                  | 0.11                | 0.97    | ND      | ND      |
| C16:0            | Palmitic acid                           | 20.24               | 17.37   | 20.60   | 20.71   |
| C16:1 $\omega$ 7 | Palmitoleic acid 9 Hexadecenoic acid    | 1.66                | 1.19    | 5.45    | 4.97    |
| C17:0            | Margarinic acid                         | 0.17                | 0.37    | 0.10    | 0.11    |
| C17:1 $\omega$ 7 | Heptadecenoic acid                      | 0.04                | 0.11    | 0.07    | 0.07    |
| C18:0            | Stearic acid                            | 18.89               | 15.78   | 5.46    | 5.91    |
| C18:1 $\omega$ 9 | Oleic acid                              | 22.83               | 17.27   | 42.04   | 40.88   |
| C18:2 $\omega$ 6 | $\alpha$ -Linoleic acid                 | 16.11               | 16.50   | 21.74   | 22.95   |
| C18:3 $\omega$ 3 | $\alpha$ -Linolenic acid                | 1.04                | 0.30    | 1.90    | 2.00    |
| C20:0            | Arachidic acid                          | 0.09                | 7.21    | 0.11    | 0.10    |
| C20:1 $\omega$ 9 | Gondoic acid 5-Eosenic acid (Trans)     | 0.34                | 0.34    | 0.49    | 0.49    |
| C20:2 $\omega$ 6 | Ecosadienoic acid                       | 0.59                | 0.74    | 0.24    | 0.35    |
| C20:3 $\omega$ 6 | 8,11,14-Ecosatrienoic acid (Cis)        | 0.93                | 1.24    | 0.22    | 0.25    |
| C20:4 $\omega$ 6 | Arachidonic acid                        | 10.88               | 13.08   | 0.43    | 0.44    |
| C22:0            | Behenic acid                            | 0.27                | 0.67    | 0.05    | 0.05    |
| C22:4 $\omega$ 6 | Decosatradecanoic acid                  | 1.17                | 3.29    | 0.13    | ND*     |
| C22:5 $\omega$ 3 | Decosapentadecanoic acid (Cis)          | 1.04                | 0.52    | 0.04    | ND      |
| C24:0            | Ligoceric acid                          | 0.88                | 0.93    | 0.07    | ND      |
| C24:1 $\omega$ 9 | Nervonic acid                           | 2.31                | 0.73    | 0.05    | ND      |
|                  | Total Fatty acids %                     | 99.94               | 99.95   | 99.79   | 99.96   |
|                  | Non identified fatty acid               | 0.06                | 0.05    | 0.21    | 0.04    |
|                  | Essential fatty acid                    | 17.24               | 24.01   | 23.75   | 25.05   |
|                  | Total saturated fatty acid (SFA)        | 40.85               | 42.64   | 26.85   | 27.40   |
|                  | Total unsaturated fatty acid (UFA)      | 59.09               | 57.31   | 72.94   | 72.56   |
|                  | Total monounsaturated fatty acid (MUFA) | 27.33               | 21.64   | 48.24   | 46.57   |
|                  | Total polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) | 31.76               | 35.67   | 24.70   | 25.99   |
|                  | $\omega$ 3                              | 2.08                | 0.82    | 1.94    | 2.00    |
|                  | $\omega$ 6                              | 29.68               | 34.85   | 22.76   | 23.99   |
|                  | $\omega$ 6/ $\omega$ 3                  | 14.27               | 42.50   | 11.73   | 12.00   |
|                  | MUFA/SFA ratio                          | 0.67                | 0.51    | 1.80    | 1.70    |
|                  | PUFA/SFA ratio                          | 0.78:1              | 0.84 :1 | 0.92 :1 | 0.95 :1 |

\*ND= not detected

## Conclusion

Nutrients composition of some chicken edible by-products, including liver, gizzard, wings, and skin was analyzed. The total yield of these chicken by-products was found to be about 23.43% of carcass weight. The studied chicken by-products contained appreciable amounts of protein, fat, and ash. The level of protein, fat, and ash varied significantly ( $P < 0.5$ ) among different chicken by-products. The greatest protein content was found for wings; while, the greatest fat content was found for skin, and the liver showed the greatest ash content among the studied chicken by-products. On the other hand, liver, gizzard, wings, and skin of chicken were found to be a good source of minerals such as potassium, phosphorus, sodium, iron, and zinc. In addition, these chicken by-products were found to be good sources of essential amino acids such as leucine and lysine. Furthermore, the level of total unsaturated fatty acids was found to be greater than that of the total saturated fatty acids in the studied chicken by-products.

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## Conflict of Interest

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### خصائص الذبيحة والتركيب الغذائي لبعض منتجات الدجاج الثانوية القابلة للأكل

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كان الهدف من هذا العمل هو دراسة خصائص ذبيحة الدجاج وتقدير التركيب الغذائي لبعض منتجات الدجاج الثانوية القابلة للأكل والتي شملت الكبد، القونصة، الأجنحة، والجلد. شكلت تلك النواتج الثانوية مجتمعة حوالي ٢٣,٤٣٪ من وزن الذبيحة. وأظهرت تلك المنتجات الثانوية للدجاج محتويات جيدة من البروتين، الدهون، والرماد. أظهرت النتائج أكبر محتوى بروتين والذي بلغ ٢٦,٣٣٪ (على أساس الوزن الرطب) في الأجنحة. بينما أظهر الجلد أكبر محتوى من الدهون والذي بلغ ٣٤,٤٨٪ (على أساس الوزن الرطب) مقارنة مع بقية المنتجات الثانوية الأخرى التي تم دراستها. من ناحية أخرى، أظهر الكبد أكبر محتوى من الرماد والذي بلغ ١,٤٢٪ (على أساس الوزن الرطب)، بينما أظهر الجلد أدنى محتوى من الرماد والذي بلغ ٠,٤٦٪ (على أساس الوزن الرطب). وعلاوة على ذلك، أوضحت النتائج أن أكبر قيمة سعرات حرارية كانت للجلد والتي بلغت ٣٦٢,٣٦ سعر حراري / ١٠٠ جرام من الجلد، تلاه في ذلك الأجنحة، ثم الكبد، وأخيراً القونصة. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، أظهرت تلك المنتجات الثانوية للدجاج محتويات جيدة من البوتاسيوم والفسفور والصوديوم والحديد والزنك. كما وجد أن تلك المنتجات الثانوية مصدر جيد للأحماض الأمينية الأساسية مثل الليوسين والليسين. علاوة على ذلك، أظهرت الكبد، القونصة، الأجنحة، والجلد محتوى أحماض دهنية غير مشبعة أكبر من ذلك للأحماض الدهنية المشبعة. شكلت أحماض الأوليك، اللينوليك، اللينوليك، والأراشيدونيك المحتوى الأكبر بين الأحماض الدهنية غير المشبعة والتي وجدت في تلك المنتجات الثانوية للدجاج. بينما شكل حامض البالمتيك والستياريك المحتوى الأكبر من الأحماض الدهنية المشبعة والتي وجدت في المنتجات الثانوية للدجاج والتي تم دراستها. كشفت النتائج التي تم الحصول عليها أن كبد، قونصة، أجنحة، وجلد الدجاج تعد مصدراً جيداً للعناصر الغذائية التي تعزز صحة الإنسان؛ ولذلك، ينبغي تشجيع استخدام هذه المنتجات الثانوية كأغذية من خلال التقنيات المتطورة لتجهيز منتجات غذائية مختلفة من اللحوم.