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## Nutrient Composition of Pre-treated Foxtail Millet Rice

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### ABSTRACT

The present study was conducted to know the nutrition composition of pre-treated foxtail millet rice in comparison with raw foxtail millet grains. Different pre-treatments were given to the millet grains in different combination such as roasting; cooking, drying and roasting. Pre-treatment reduced the moisture, protein, fat content of millet grains significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ). More reduction was observed in cooked, dried and roasted grains and minimum reduction was observed in roasted grains. There was no significant difference observed in ash content. Carbohydrate content increased more in cooked, dried and roasted grains (62.14 g) than roasted grains (56.77 g). Roasting increased insoluble dietary fibre (12.95 g) and total dietary fibre (13.60 g) whereas it decreased in cooked, dried and roasted grains (10.70 and 11.05 g). Resistant starch content increased significantly in pre-treated grains. Maximum increase was observed in cooked, dried and roasted grains (3.03 g) and minimum increase was observed in roasted grains (2.14 g). Pre-treatments did not affected the iron, zinc and manganese content of grains whereas it decreased the calcium content and increased the copper content significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ). More reduction in calcium was observed in cooked, dried and roasted grains (28.50 mg) than roasted grains (31.84 mg). Pre-treatment, roasting increased the total phenolic content (46.77mgGAE/100 g) of millet grains whereas cooked, dried and roasting reduced the phenols (26.73mgGAE/100 g). Similar trend was observed in DPPH activity. It increased in roasted grains (38.62 %) and decreased in cooked, dried and roasted grains (24.45 %).

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### Introduction

In recent years, millets have been recognized as important substitutes for major cereal crops to cope up with the world foods storage and to meet the demands of increasing population of both developing and developed countries (Shree *et al.*, 2008). Millets are very high in their nutrition content. Millets are rich in B vitamins, calcium, iron, potassium, magnesium, zinc, also gluten-free and has

low-GI (Glycemic index). Minor millets are the storehouse of many chemical components including nutrients, phyto-chemicals and non-nutritive functional constituents. The nutritive value of millets is comparable to other cereals with slightly higher content of protein and minerals (Gopalan *et al.*, 2007). The average protein content in foxtail millet was reported to be about 11.07 per cent (Veena *et al.*, 2005). Kumar and Parameshwaran (2006) found that foxtail millet recorded a fat content

ranging from 2.3 to 5.9 per cent. Simple processing of foxtail millet-like dehulling, soaking, and cooking resulted in a significant decrease in antinutrients such as polyphenols and phytate, and improved the bioavailability of minerals such as iron and zinc and also protein digestibility *in vitro* (Pawar and Machewad, 2006). Thermal processing, mechanical processing, soaking, fermentation, and germination/malting increase the physicochemical accessibility of micronutrients, decrease the content of antinutrients, such as phytates, or increase the content of compounds that improve bioavailability (Hotz and Gibson, 2007).

Chandrasekara *et al.*, (2012) studied effect of processing on antioxidant activities on several millet grains, namely kodo, finger (Ravi), finger (local), proso, foxtail, little and pearl millet. Antioxidant activities of phenolic extracts obtained from whole grains, as well as their corresponding dehulled and cooked grains and hulls were studied for their total phenolic content (TPC), radical scavenging capacity, and antioxidant activity in a carotene/linoleate emulsion. The phenolics present in whole grains were identified and quantified using HPLC and HPLC/MS and results were expressed as total for each of the phenolic groups. The TPC ranged from 2 to 112 molferulic acid equivalents/g defatted meal. All varieties exhibited effective inhibition of 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), hydroxyl, peroxy and superoxide radicals. Dehulling and cooking affected the TPC and radical scavenging and antioxidant activities of the grains, depending on the variety. In general, the antioxidant activity of phenolic extracts was in the order of hull > whole grain > dehulled grain > cooked dehulled grain.

Jamima and Indu (2012) studied the nutrient composition of processed foxtail and proso millets by various cooking methods like wet

heating (boiling, blanching, soaking and germination) and dry-heating (roasting) and to compare the antioxidant activity of processed minor millets in relationship with their total phenolic content. Soaked samples of foxtail and proso millet showed higher scavenging activity which was found to be 51.06 and 52.12 per cent respectively. The antioxidant power of roasted foxtail millet and blanched proso millet had significant increase ranging about (317.5  $\mu$  mol and 236.8  $\mu$  mol) respectively using FRAP assay. The blanched samples had higher reducing power indicating enhanced antioxidant activity i.e. (0.426 and 0.418) respectively. The phytochemical content was determined qualitatively. The blanched and germinated millet samples possessed higher antioxidant activity.

Khapre *et al.*, (2016) studied the effect of roasting on nutritional and anti-nutritional components of foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*). Foxtail millet was roasted in a shallow pan at 95°C for 5-7 min. Application of roasting treatment significantly decreased the moisture (8.9 to 3.7 %) and slightly reduced the fiber (5.66 to 5.49 %), carbohydrate (70.5 to 70.3 %), protein (12.1 to 10.8 %), fat (1.93 to 1.86 %), potassium (128.8 to 122.5 mg/100 g) and magnesium (72 to 55 mg/100 g). Roasting increased the iron (2.92 to 3.1 mg/100 g), calcium (41 to 42.1 mg/100 g) and phosphorous (280.1 to 281.7 mg/100 g). Roasting also significantly reduced the anti-nutrients like polyphenols (14.5 to 7.8 mg GAE/100 g), tannins (221.1 to 92.4 mg CAE/100 g) and phytic acid (306 to 180.5 mg/100 g).

Results of study revealed that the roasting of foxtail millet found to be beneficial in terms of nutritional characteristics. Hence the present study was carried out to know the changes in nutrient composition of pre-treated foxtail millet grains.

## **Materials and Methods**

### **Procurement of foxtail millet**

Commercially available decorticated foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*) grains was procured in bulk from the miller of village, Timmapur, Haveri District, stored in cold storage room and used throughout the research work.

### **Pre-treatments**

Different pre-treatments were given to the millet grains in different combination such as roasting; cooking, drying and roasting. Detailed procedure is given in the table 1.

### **Nutrient composition of pre-treated foxtail millet grains**

#### **Proximate composition**

The samples were ground into fine powder, defatted and packed in zip lock pouches and stored in a desiccator and used for analysis of proximate composition except for fat.

The moisture, protein, fat and ash contents were analyzed by following standard AOAC methods (AOAC, 2005) and were expressed in g/100g. The soluble, insoluble and total dietary fiber fractions were analyzed by gravimetric, enzymatic method given by Asp *et al.*, (1983).

#### **Resistant starch**

The resistant starch content was determined using the megazyme kit (K-RSTAR 09/14). Samples were incubated in a shaking water bath with pancreatic  $\alpha$ -amylase and amyloglucosidase (AMG) for 16 hr at 37 °C, during which time non-resistant starch was solubilised and hydrolysed to D-glucose by the combined action of the two enzymes. The reaction is terminated by the addition of an equal volume of ethanol or industrial

methylated spirits (IMS, denatured ethanol), and the RS is recovered as a pellet on centrifugation. This was then washed twice by suspension in aqueous IMS or ethanol (50 % v/v), followed by centrifugation. Free liquid was removed by decantation. RS in the pellet is dissolved in 2 M KOH by vigorously stirring in an ice-water bath over a magnetic stirrer. This solution is neutralized with acetate buffer and the starch is quantitatively hydrolysed to glucose with AMG. D-Glucose is measured with glucose oxidase/peroxidase reagent (GOPOD), and this is a measure of the RS content of the sample.

#### **Minerals**

Calcium was estimated by following titrimetric method. Calcium was precipitated as oxalate and titrated against standard potassium permanganate (AOAC, 2005). The micronutrients (iron, zinc, copper and manganese) were estimated by wet digestion using triacid mixture (AOAC, 2005). A known aliquot of test sample was suitably diluted and micronutrients in the test sample (Cu, Mn, Zn and Fe) were determined using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

#### **Polyphenol and per cent DPPH activity**

Total phenol estimation was carried out with the Folin-Ciocalteu reagent. Phenols react with phosphomolybdic acid in Folin-Ciocalteu reagent in alkaline medium and produce blue coloured complex (molybdenum blue). Gallic acid was used as the standard. The antioxidant assay was carried out according to the procedure by Yu *et al.*, (2002) using DPPH (2, 2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) as free radical method.

#### **Statistical analysis**

All chemical analyses was performed in triplicates (n=3) and the data was presented as mean  $\pm$  SD. To know the difference between

the proximate composition, dietary fiber composition, mineral composition, polyphenol and antioxidant of pre-treated grains, statistical analysis one way ANOVA was carried out using SPSS (Statistical Packages for Social Sciences) software version 16.0.

## Results and Discussion

### Proximate composition

Table 2 shows proximate composition of raw and pre-treated foxtail millet grains. Proximate composition except ash of different pre-treated millet grains varied significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). Moisture content of raw foxtail millet grain was 9.27 per cent. Pre-treatment significantly decreased the moisture content. Maximum reduction was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (3.68 %) grains followed by roasted (4.48 %) grains. As expected, significant reduction in moisture content may be due to evaporation of moisture during roasting. Similar results were reported by Khapreet *al.* (2016) i.e. reduction in moisture of foxtail millet was due to use of roasting as a dry heat processing method.

Fat content of raw foxtail millet grain was 4.86 g. Pre-treatment significantly decreased the fat content. Maximum reduction was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (2.71 g) grains followed by roasted (4.22 g) grains. Significant reduction in fat content may be due to oxidation and degradation of fat during processing.

There was no significant difference was observed in ash content. Protein content of raw foxtail millet grain was 16.08 g. Pre-treatment significantly decreased the protein content. Significant reduction in protein may be due to leaching of soluble protein. Maximum reduction was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (14.07 g) grains and

minimum was observed in roasted grains (15.40 g). Similar result was reported by Osaretinet *al.* (2007) that Loss of protein may be due to leaching of soluble protein and denaturation of protein during cooking of rice and also and change in the protein content of roasted grain could be due to loss of amino acids (Sade, 2009). Total dietary fiber result is discussed in the dietary fiber section. Carbohydrate content of raw foxtail millet grain was 16.08 g. Pre-treatment significantly increased the carbohydrate content. Maximum increase was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (62.14 g) grains and minimum was observed in roasted (56.77 g) grains.

### Dietary fiber composition

Table 3 shows the dietary fibre composition of raw and pre-treated foxtail millet grains. Insoluble dietary fiber, total dietary fiber and resistant starch content of different pre-treated millet grains varied significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ) Insoluble dietary fiber content of raw foxtail millet grain was 10.70 g. Pre-treatment, roasting significantly increased the insoluble dietary fiber content (12.95 g) and whereas unaffected in cooked, dried and roasted (10.70 g) grains. Significant increase in insoluble dietary fiber was observed in roasted grains. It is possible that thermal processing may have caused production of Millard reaction products and thus increases its insoluble dietary fiber value (Azizah and Zainon, 1997).

Soluble dietary fiber content of raw foxtail millet grain was 0.85 g respectively. Pre-treatment decreased the soluble dietary fiber content. Maximum decrease was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (0.35 g) grains and minimum was observed in roasted (0.65 g) grains. Total dietary fiber content of raw foxtail millet grain was 11.55 g. Pre-treatment, roasting significantly increased the total dietary fiber content (13.60 g) and

decreased in cooked, dried and roasted (11.05 g) grains. Increased total dietary fiber could have resulted from the formation of enzyme resistant macromolecules containing starch,

protein, lipid, and/or non-starch polysaccharides (Huber, 1991) and also due to formation of resistant starch (Ramulu and Udayasekhara, 1997).

**Table.1** Pre-treatments given to millet grains

SlNo.	Pre-treatments	Methodology
1	Roasting	Foxtail millet grains were roasted in a frying pan until flavour developed (4- 6 min).
2	Cooking and drying and roasting	Foxtail millet were taken and water was added twice the volume of millets (1:2: Millet: water) and cooked in pressure cooker (1 whistle). After releasing the pressure the hot rice was immediately transferred into sieve and cold water was poured to cool the rice (to stop gelatinization). Then the rice was spread on the muslin cloth over blotting paper and kept under fan for 3 hours to remove superficial water. Then the rice was completely dried in cabinet drier at 50 °C for 2 and half hour. Further roasted in frying pan until flavor developed.

**Table.2** Proximate composition of raw and pre-treated foxtail millet grains

Pre-treatments	Moisture (%)	Protein (%)	Fat (%)	Ash (%)	TDF (%)	Carbohydrate (%)
Raw	9.27 ± 0.10	16.08 ± 0.33	4.86 ± 0.05	4.94 ± 0.002	10.70 ± 0.42	54.04 ± 0.07
Roasted	4.48 ± 0.20	15.40 ± 0.25	4.22 ± 0.11	4.93 ± 0.00	12.95 ± 0.07	56.77 ± 0.26
Cooked,dried and roasted	3.68 ± 0.27	14.07 ± 0.67	2.71 ± 0.02	4.94 ± 0.00	10.70 ± 0.14	62.14 ± 0.36
S.Em. ±	0.11	0.26	0.04	0.00	0.14	0.14
C.D.	0.40**	0.90**	0.14**	NS	0.51**	0.51**
F value	669.22	15.16	696.75	7.00	75.59	756.30

\*\*Significant @ 1 % level, NS – Non Significant, Mean ± SD

**Table.3** Dietary fibre composition of raw and pre-treated foxtail millet grains

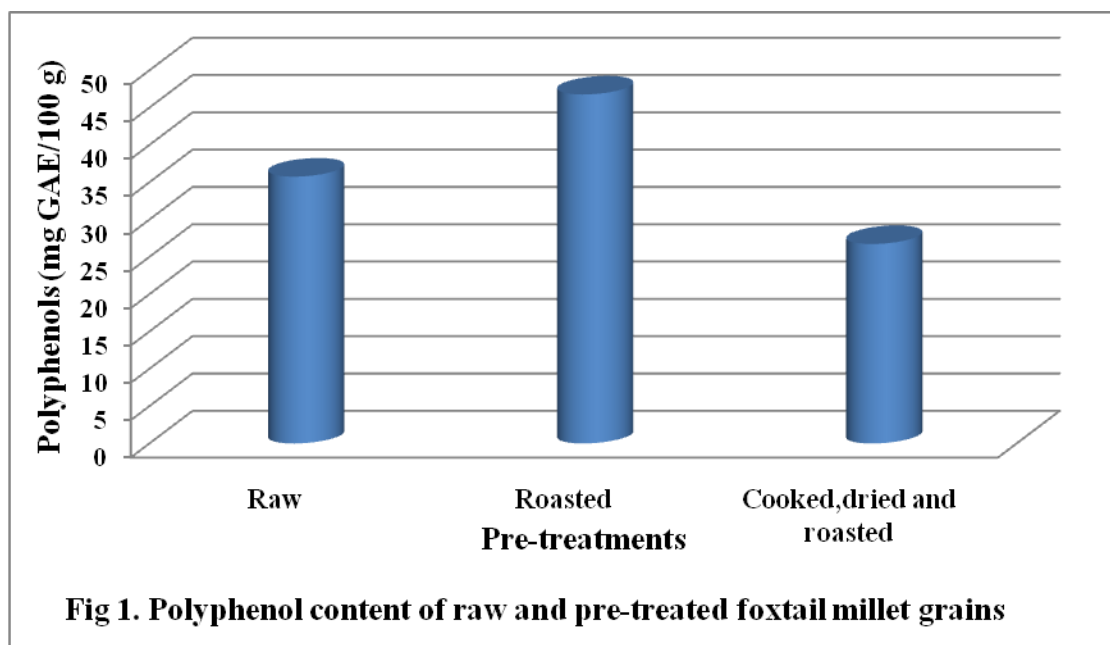
Pre-treatments	Insoluble dietary fiber (%)	Soluble dietary fiber (%)	Total dietary fiber (%)	Resistant starch (%)
Raw	10.70 ± 0.42	0.85 ± 0.07	11.55 ± 0.35	1.04 ± 0.06
Roasted	12.95 ± 0.07	0.65 ± 0.07	13.60 ± 0.00	2.14 ± 0.15
Cooked, dried and roasted	10.70 ± 0.14	0.35 ± 0.07	11.05 ± 0.21	3.03 ± 0.07
S.Em. ±	0.14	0.04	0.13	0.05
C.D.	0.51**	0.13**	0.47**	0.20**
F value	75.59	38.77	98.63	288.49

\*\*Significant @ 1 % level, Mean ± SD

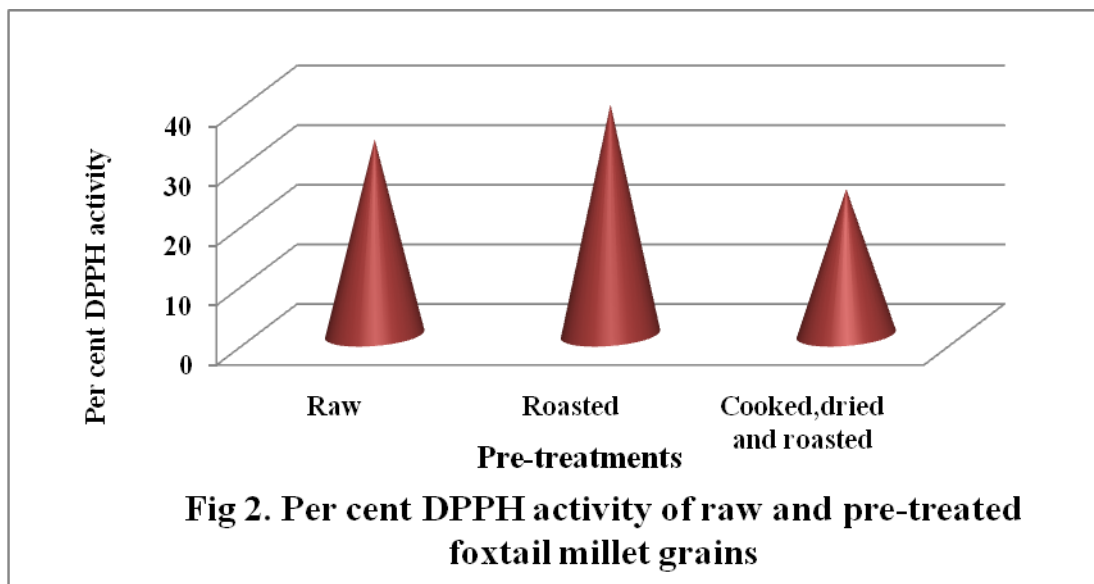
**Table.4** Mineral composition raw and pre-treated millet grains

Minerals(mg/100g)	Calcium	Copper	Iron	Zinc	Manganese
Raw	32.42 ± 0.45	0.54 ± 0.01	5.75 ± 0.04	3.86 ± 0.03	1.58 ± 0.04
Roasted	31.84 ± 0.05	0.57 ± 0.03	6.18 ± 0.31	3.99 ± 0.19	1.50 ± 0.05
Cooked, dried and roasted	28.50 ± 0.25	0.61 ± 0.01	5.81 ± 0.61	3.92 ± 0.04	1.39 ± 0.05
S.Em. ±	0.17	0.01	0.22	0.06	0.02
C.D.	0.59**	0.03**	NS	NS	0.09**
F value	150.60	10.09	1.03	0.98	12.40

\*\*Significant @ 1 % level, NS – Non Significant, Mean ± SD







Resistant starch content of raw foxtail millet was 1.04 g. Pre-treatment increased resistant starch significantly. Maximum increase was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (3.03 g) grains followed by roasted (2.14 g) grains. Significant increase in resistant starch may be due to altering the cooking process and amylose forms complexes with lipids (amylose–lipid complex) and this allows the amylose and linear parts of amylopectin to form crystalline structure that reduces digestibility and increase resistant starch content (Hasjimet *et al.*, 2013).

Table 4 shows mineral composition of pre-treated foxtail millet grains. Calcium content of raw foxtail millet was 32.42 mg. Calcium content of different pre-treated millet grains varied significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). Pre-treatment decreased calcium content significantly. The maximum reduction was observed in cooked, dried and roasted (28.50 mg) grains followed by roasted (31.84 mg) grains. As expected this may be due to leaching of nutrients. Copper content of raw foxtail millet was 0.54 mg. Copper content of different pre-treated millet grains varied significantly ( $p < 0.01$ ). Copper content increased significantly in cooked, dried and roasted (0.61 mg) grains

whereas it decreased in roasted grains (0.57 mg). Iron content of raw foxtail millet was 5.75 mg. There was no significant difference observed in iron and zinc content. Manganese content of raw foxtail millet was 1.58 mg. Pre-treatment decreased the zinc content. Maximum decrease was observed in cooked, dried and roasted grains (1.39 mg) and minimum was observed in roasted grains (1.50 mg). The reduction in the mineral contents with roasting treatments might be attributed to the loss of nutrients while treating at high temperature (Malik *et al.*, 2002).

#### **Polyphenols and per cent DPPH activity**

Fig.1 shows polyphenol content of raw and pre-treated millet grains. Polyphenol content of raw foxtail millet was 35.76 mgGAE/100g respectively. Phenolic content of different pre-treated millet grains varied significantly. Significant increase was observed in roasted grains (46.77mgGAE) whereas it decreased significantly in cooked, dried and roasted (26.73mgGAE). Similar trend was observed in DPPH activity (Fig. 2). DPPH activity of raw foxtail millet was 32.79 per cent. Pre-treatment significantly increased the antioxidant activity in roasted (38.62 %)

grains whereas in cooked, dried and roasted grains it decreased significantly (24.45 %). Roasting significantly improved the nutraceutical properties millet by increasing its content in phenolic compounds and also its antioxidant activities (Pradeep and Guha, 2011). The results obtained were in agreement with this study. More decrease in cooked, dried and roasted grains may be due to thermo labile nature of polyphenols and antioxidants, which might have been lost on cooking (Anilakumaret al., 2007).

In conclusion, pre-treatment reduced the nutrients like protein, mineral composition and phyto chemicals however there was an effective improvement in the dietary fibre composition and resistant starch which delays the gastric emptying and slows down the digestion.

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