Assessment of Antioxidant and Sensory Properties of Amla (Emblica officinalis) Fruit and Seed Coat Powder Incorporated Cooked Goat Meat Patties

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For fulfilling present national and international barriers regarding the use of chemical food additives in food processing and preservation, exploration for biological and plant derived food additives have also remarkably increased. So present study was imagined with the purposes to check the shelf life of goat meat patties incorporating with Amla fruits extract and Amla seed coat extract as natural preservatives and to assess their effect on physico-chemical and sensory attributes of the product under vacuum packaged refrigerated (4±1°C) storage. The products incorporated with Amla fruit extract and Amla seed coat extract had lower Thiobarbituric reacting substances (TBARS) value, free fatty acid (FFA) value and pH value than the control. As advancement of storage period total phenolic content was decreases. The sensory attributes like colour and appearance, flavour, juiciness and overall acceptability were decreased significantly (p≤0.05) as storage day advances. Sensory evaluation scores showed that goat meat patties incorporated with Amla fruits extract and Amla seed coat extract were equally acceptable as reference product and rated good to very good for colour and appearance, flavour, juiciness and overall acceptability. Goat meat patties with Amla fruit and its seed coat extract can be stored safely without much loss in its quality even up to 21 days under vacuum packed refrigerated storage.

Keywords
Amla fruit extract, Seed COAT extract, Meat patties, Antioxidant

Introduction

Problem of food preservation has grown more complex task become today and because new products launched in market requiring longer shelf life and greater assurance of protection from microbial spoilage. The development of many functional compounds helpful to human health is manufactured by processing of meat and meat products (Saiga et al., 2003; Vercruysse et al., 2005). Lipid oxidation as well as growth of objectionable
microorganisms in food products results in the development of off flavour, rancidity, deterioration. Such products may become unacceptable for human consumption and also yield a many compounds that contribute to the pathogenesis of cancer, atherosclerosis, heart and allergic diseases (Bozin et al., 2007; Mielenik et al., 2008; Ibrahim et al., 2010). Several synthetic food additives have been widely used in the meat industry to overcome the objectionable changes. The meat industry is demanding antioxidants from natural sources to replace synthetic antioxidants because of the negative health consequences or beliefs regarding some synthetic ones. Compounds obtained from natural sources like grains, oil seeds, honey, fruits and vegetables have been investigated for their natural antioxidant and antimicrobial property in meat products. By products obtain after utilization of fruits and vegetables can offer a practical and economic source of strong antioxidants that could replace synthetic preservatives (Naveena et al., 2008).

Amla (Emblica officinalis) as a Euphorbiaceous plant and is widely distributed in subtropical and tropical areas of China, India, Indonesia and Malaysia (Liu et al., 2008) which is used as a main ingredient in numerous Ayurvedic preparations for promotion of healthiness and longevity. Amla is a good source of polyphenols, flavones, tannins and mixture of bioactive compounds having strong antioxidants effect which leads to the health benefit effects. Numerous active compounds like gallic acid, ellagic acid, 1-O-galloyl-D glucose, chebulinic acid, quercetin, chebulagic acid, kaempferol, mucic acid 1, 4-lactone 3-O-gallate, isocorilagin, chebulanin, mallotusin and acylatedapigenin glucoside have been isolated from the aqueous extract of Amla (El-Deousky et al., 2008). Amla contain active ingredients which are effective against pathogenic strains of Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Klebsiella pneumonia, Pasteurella multocida, Streptococcus pyogenes, Vibrio cholerae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa (Patil et al., 2012; Javale and Sabnis, 2010; Mehrotra et al., 2010). The present study was conducted to assess the shelf life of goat meat patties added with amla fruit and its seed coat in vacuum packaged condition stored at 4±1°C as a natural preservatives.

Materials and Methods

Procurement of materials

Goat meat required for the study was procured from the meat shop located at Palanpur, Gujarat. Meat was brought in container covered with ice-bags and before processing it was stored at 4°C in refrigerator. Refined salt (Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mumbai), refined wheat flour, onion, garlic and ginger were procured from local market of Palanpur. Amla fruits were procured from Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, SDAU, Gujarat. Food grade chemicals were obtain from Merck and Qualigens.

Preparation of powders and extracts

Tap water was used to clean Amla fruits and to remove adhering dust then amla fruit were wiped with muslin cloth. The fleshy parts of Amla were netted. Seed was detached manually from adhering Amla. Preliminary trail was carried out to know the temperature and time combination for drying of Amla and about 40-60°C for 48 hrs was required for drying of Amla shreds in hot air oven. From each of the fragmented parts the seed coat was separated from the seed. The dried Amla fruit and seed coat were ground in laboratory grinder and passed through 60 mesh sieve and stored in LDPE pouches until used for the extraction. For extraction of Amla fruit extract and seed coat extract, 10 gm of each powder were mixed in 100 ml boiled water for 1 hrs. The extract obtained by filtration was
analysed for total phenolic content, DPPH radical scavenging activity and also incorporated at different concentration in goat meat patties. For each replication freshly prepared extract were used.

**Preparation of goat meat patties**

The Goat meat was washed thoroughly and visible fat and connective tissue were removed. The deboned meat was cut into small cubes and minced in Stadler meat mincer using 8 mm plates and used for preparation of patties. Sodium chloride (2 %), sodium tri-polyphosphate (0.5 %), spice mix (2 %), garlic paste (3 %), sunflower oil (3 %) and ice flakes (8 %) were used for preparation of patties.

Amla fruit extract were prepared by mixing 5, 10 and 15 gm of powder in 100 ml boiled water where as Seed coat extract were prepared by mixing 5, 10, 15 and 20 gm of powder in 100 ml boiled water and kept for 1 hr for extraction. 10 ml of each extract were used for the preparation of Goat meat patties. On the basis of sensory evaluation, 10 gm extract of Amla fruit and 15 gm extract of seed coat powder was optimize for preparation of patties. About 70 g of emulsion moulded to form patties and were cooked in a preheated oven at 180°C for 15 minutes after which they were turned and allowed to get cooked for 10 more minutes till internal temperature reached 75-80°C.

Treatment with best sensory attributes was selected for further study for both Amla fruit extract and Seed coat extract incorporated patties. After cooling to room temperature the patties were vacuum packed in low density polyethylene bags and stored at refrigeration temperature (4±1°C) for 21 days and analysed for total phenolic content, pH, Free fatty acid value, TBA and sensory attributes at 3 days interval.

**Analysis of Amla fruit and seed coat samples**

**DPPH radical scavenging activity**

The capacity to scavenge 2, 2-diphenyl -1-picyrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical by Amla fruit powder and seed coat powder was assessed(Brand Williams et al., 1995). 100 μl of approximate dilution of sample / trolox solution was mixed with 3.9 ml of freshly prepared DPPH working solution in 10 ml test tube; the contents were mixed with vortex stirrer and incubated in dark for 120 min at 37°C after covering the test tube with aluminium foil. The absorbance of the solution was measured at 515 nm against methanol using Thermo Scientific Multiskan Go. Spectrophotometer. For blank determination 100 μl methanol was taken in place of sample and absorbance was recorded immediately against methanol.

The results were expressed as:

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\% \text{ DPPH scavenging activity} = \frac{(A \text{ 515nm blank} - A \text{ 515nm sample})}{A \text{ 515nm blank}} \times 100
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Results were expressed as trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC) values i.e. μmol of trolox equivalent / gram of fruit weight.

**Total phenolics**

Total phenolic content in the Amla fruit powder and seed coat powder extracts was determined by modified Folin-Ciocalteu method (Kahkonen et al., 1999). 400 μl of approximate diluted sample / gallic acid standard was taken in a test tube. To it added 2000 μl of diluted solution Folin-Ciocalteu’s reagent and mixed with vortex mixer. After 3 minutes 1600 μl of Sodium carbonate solution was added and incubated in dark at room temperature for 30 min. For blank preparation
400 μl of distilled water was taken instead of sample. The absorbance of the sample was measured against blank at 765 nm using Thermo Scientific Multiskan Go. Spectrophotometer.

**Analysis of meat patties samples**

**pH**

For determining the pH of meat samples Method of Trout *et al.*, (1992) was followed. Meat sample (10g) was blended with 50 ml distilled water for 1 minute using pestle and mortar. The pH was recorded by dipping the electrodes of pH meter directly in suspension.

**Total phenolics**

Total phenolic content in cooked goat meat patties was determined by modified Folin-Ciocalteu method (Negi and Jayaprapaksha, 2003). 5 g of cooked patty was homogenized with 25 ml of 70% acetone and kept overnight for extraction in refrigeration condition. Appropriate aliquots of extracts were taken in a test tube and the volume was made to 0.5 ml through distilled water followed by the addition of 0.25 ml F-C (1N) reagent and 1.25 ml sodium carbonate solution (20%). The tubes were vortex and the absorbance recorded at 725 nm after 40 min. The amount of total phenolics was determined as Gallic acid equivalent against the calibration curve using 0.1 mg/ml of standard gallic acid solution.

**Thiobarbituric reacting substances (TBARS) value**

Thiobarbituric acid reacting substances (TBARS) value was followed for determine the lipid oxidation. Method of Witte *et al.*, (1970) was followed for Thiobarbituric acid (TBA) value. Minced meat (5 g) was blended for 3 min with 25 ml 20% TCA. Slurry was kept for 10 min. it was filtered through Whatman No. 42 filter paper. % ml of TBA reagent was added to 5 ml of sample aliquot (filtrate). After mixing the contents, tubes were held for 35 min in a boiling water bath. Optical density was measured at 532 nm spectrophotometrically. Blank was run simultaneously for standard curve 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ml of working standard solution were used.

**Sensory evaluation**

Semi trained taste panel, which includes professor and post graduate students of the LPT department obliged in conducting the sensory evaluation of the product. They were requested to give their desire on 9 point hedonic scale for attributes like colour and appearance, flavour, juiciness and overall acceptability. Where 9 = Like extremely, 8 =Like very Much, 7 = Like moderately, 6 = Like slightly, 5 = Neither like nor dislike, 4 = Dislike slightly, 3= Dislike moderately, 2 = Dislike very much, 1 = Dislike extremely. Patties were pre warmed before serving and water was served for rinsing the mouth between samples.

**Statistical analysis**

The results were statistically analysed as per the methods described by Snedecor and Cochran (1989).The significant treatment effects, upon all profiles were tested using Duncan’s multiple range test with p≤0.05 by SPSS software. Two-way analysis of variance was used to evaluate the results of the storage studies to determine the effect of treatment and storage period.

**Results and Discussion**

**Total phenolics content and DPPH radical scavenging activity**

Result of total phenolics content and DPPH radical scavenging activity of Amla fruit and Seed coat extract are presented in figure 1 and 2 as well as in table 1. There was no
significant difference (p≥0.05) found for DPPH scavenging activity of Amla fruit extracts and seed coat extracts. The total phenolic content of seed coat was relatively lower than Amla fruit. Highest antioxidant activity observed for Amla in the present study might be due to the high content of vitamin C and other compounds which have antioxidant activity. Estimation of total phenolic content of Amla fruit was done by different worker (Ayubali et al., 2010; Agarwal et al., 2012; Luqman and Kumar, 2012). Ayubali et al. found 1285.63 total phenolic content (mg GAE /100 g) for Amla fruit which is similar to the polyphenol content of Amla fruit used in the present study. Estimation of total phenolic content of seed coat was done by Mishra and Mahanta (2014) and found 593.06 mg GAE/100 g. The differences of total phenolic content of fruit and seed coat could be due to different preparations and extraction method. Mishra and Mahanta (2014) also found that DPPH radical scavenging activity for Amla fruit and seed coat showed lower difference than the seed part of the Amla.

**Total phenolic content**

Total phenolic content of control and both extract incorporated meat patties during storage at refrigeration temperature (4±1°C) are presented in figure 4. At the 21st days in vacuum packaged patties lowest value was observed for control patties than both extract incorporated meat patties. In vacuum packaged patties significant (p≤0.05) decrease in total phenolic content was found after 3 days in both control and extract incorporated meat patties with advancement of storage period. However Amla fruit extract incorporated patties had the highest phenolic content on day 21 in vacuum packaging. Decrease in a phenolic content of patties might be due to the heating of the patties during the sensory evaluation at three days interval and heating leads to loss or denaturation of the some phenolic content in patties. The Naveena et al., (2008) in cooked chicken patties; Devatkal et al., (2010b) in goat meat patties; Verma et al., (2013) in sheep meat nuggets and Serdaroglu et al., (2015) in raw beef patties found similar results with present findings. The higher level of phenolics may indicate patties is nutritionally enhanced due to the fruit extract and seed coat extract that was added (Leheska et al., 2006).

**TBA value**

There was an increase in TBA value in vacuum packaged both control and extract incorporated meat patties during storage. At the 21st day of storage control patties had higher TBA than both extract incorporated meat patties. TBA values of goat meat patties incorporated with Amla fruit extract and Seed coat extract are presented in figure 5. There was a significant (p≤0.05) linear increase in TBARS values with increase in the storage period which remained well below threshold value of 1 mg malonaldehyde/kg of meat sample on both aerobic as well as vacuum packaging during storage. In vacuum
packaged patties TBA increased significantly (P<0.05) with increase in storage period but found low which might be due to vacuum inside PET material which act as efficient barrier to oxygen and inhibit lipid oxidation. Degirmencioglu et al., (2012) in minced meat and Hur et al., (2013) in low grade beef reported similar results in vacuum packaged products. The concentrations of TBA value in treatment was considerably lower than the control and seed coat extract incorporated patties and it indicated a significant relation between phenolic content and antioxidant effect of Amla fruit extract in protecting against lipid oxidation of patties.

**Free fatty acid**

There was a gradual increase in free fatty acid contents in vacuum packaged both control and extract incorporated meat patties during storage. Free fatty acid content also showed increasing trend throughout storage. Value of free fatty acid contents are presented in figure 6. However, it was higher in control than both treatments even on the first day of storage of patties. It might be due to the antioxidant effect of Amla fruit extract (Khopde et al., 2001; Charoenteeraboon et al., 2010) and Seed coat extract (Mishra and Mahanta, 2014). Vacuum packaging increase the self-life of product which might be due to the absence of the O₂ in vacuum packaged product which is considered as chelating agent for lipid oxidation (Ahn et al., 1998). Similar result was found by Kumar et al., (2015) in pork patties added with combination of natural antioxidants using combination of packaging methods.

**Sensory evaluation of goat meat patties**

**Colour and appearance scores of meat patties**

The colour and appearance score of vacuum packaged control and extract incorporated goat meat patties are presented in Figure 7. Declining trend in colour and appearance was observed for both control and extract incorporated patties.

The decrease in colour and appearance score of patties might be due to the oxidation of lipid and pigment which lead to the non-enzymatic browning (Che-man et al., 1995) as well as surface dehydration. Similar decline in colour and appearance score during storage have been reported by Zargar et al., (2014) in a chicken sausages; Najeeb et al., (2014) in restructured chicken slices and Giriprasad et al., (2015) in restructured buffalo meat steaks.

**Flavour scores of meat patties**

In vacuum packaged patties up to 6 days there was no significant change in flavour score was noticed but after that decline in flavour was observed as storage period advanced.

The flavour score of vacuum packaged control and extract incorporated goat meat patties are presented in Figure 8. The flavour score for all patties were reported by panellists which were within the acceptable range. It was also noticeable that decline in flavour of control patties was comparatively more than treatment groups.

The decrease in flavour score in patties may be due to the microbial growth and oxidative spoilage as showed by TBARS numbers. Tarladgis et al., (1960) described that TBARS values were highly correlated with sensory scores of trained panellist. Similar declining in flavour score during storage reported by Thomas et al., (2006) in buffalo meat nuggets; Zargar et al., (2014) in a chicken sausages; Najeeb et al., (2014) in restructured chicken slices and Giriprasad et al., (2015) in restructured buffalo meat steaks. Similar result was found by Gomez and Lorenzo (2012) in foal steaks which were packed under various conditions.
Table 1: Total phenolics content and DPPH radical scavenging activity of Amla fruit and Seed coat extract

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<th>DPPH radical scavenging activity (μmol TE/g)</th>
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<td>Amla fruit</td>
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<td>1164.83 ± 1.77&lt;sup&gt;d&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Amla Seed coat</td>
<td>19.56 ±0.24&lt;sup&gt;c&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>426.23 ±1.12&lt;sup&gt;f&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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Mean ± S.E, n=3     GAE- gallic acid equivalent     TE-Trolox equivalent
Mean ± S.E with different small letter superscripts in rows within each parameter differ significantly (p≤0.05); n=6

Figure 1: DPPH radical scavenging activity of Amla fruit and Seed coat extract

Figure 2: Total phenolics content Amla fruit and Seed coat extract

Figure 3: Effect of storage on pH of vacuum packaged patties
Figure 4 Effect of storage on total phenolic content of vacuum packaged patties

Figure 5 Effect of storage on TBA value of vacuum packaged patties

Figure 6 Effect of storage on free fatty acid of vacuum packaged patties
**Figure 7** Effect of storage on Colour and appearance score of vacuum packaged patties

![Graph showing the effect of storage on Colour and appearance score of vacuum packaged patties.](image)

**Figure 8** Effect of storage on flavour score of vacuum packaged patties

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**Figure 9** Effect of storage on juiciness score of vacuum packaged patties

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**Figure 10** Effect of storage on overall acceptability score of vacuum packaged patties

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Juiciness scores of meat patties

The juiciness score of vacuum packaged control and extract incorporated goat meat patties are presented in Figure 9. Mehta et al., (2015) and Biswas et al., (2011b) in chicken and duck meat patties, respectively stored at refrigeration temperature (4±1°C) and found that juiciness score was better in vacuum packaged meat patties using PET due to impermeability of packaging material. Bhuvana et al., (2012) and Giriprasad et al., (2015) also found that there is decrease in juiciness with advancement of storage period in pork fry and restructured buffalo meat steaks, respectively.

Overall acceptability scores of meat patties

A decrease in overall acceptability during storage was observed in control as well as in treated patties as storage period advances. The juiciness score of vacuum packaged control and extract incorporated goat meat patties are presented in Figure 10.

Similar trends of reduction in overall acceptability scores at the end of storage period have also been reported by Indumathi and Obula Reddy (2015) in Chicken meat nuggets added with three different antioxidant extracts (1% level) of curry leaf, guava leaf and green tea and Giriprasad et al., (2015) in restructured buffalo meat steaks added with Amla powder. Rajkumar et al., (2004) and Hur et al., (2013) also stated that vacuum packaging had definite advantage in preserving sensory quality of goat meat patties and low grade beef, respectively.

In conclusion, finding of the study revealed that Amla fruit and its seed coat powder can be used as natural antioxidant source in cooked goat meat patties. This natural antioxidants source is a good replacement for synthetic antioxidants.

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