Technology and characteristics of boiled sausages enriched with dietary fibers of Plantago psyllium L.

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ABSTRACT

This study is based on the thesis that the lack of dietary fibers in the diet of the population is a problem that needs to be solved by the production of enriched mass-consumption products. The proposed formulation of boiled sausages includes a highest grade beef (as the main raw material), bold pork, chicken eggs and powder milk with different levels of replacement of pork for the flour from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. Sodium Nitrite was not added, the polyanide shells with a diameter of 60 mm were used. The technology of boiled sausages is described. The optimum dosage of flour (2.35%) from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. is defined through simulation. It is shown that the addition of this ingredient in boiled sausages leads to a slight decrease in protein, fat and an increase in the mass fraction of carbohydrates. However, within the examined limits it does not lead to a decrease in biological value. The additive positive effect of dietary fibers of Plantago psyllium L. husk (arabinoxylans) on the functional and technological properties and organoleptic characteristics of cooked sausages is defined. In this regard, there is the possibility of using the flour from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. not only as a functional food ingredient – dietary fiber, but also as a water-retaining agent that improves the consumer properties of the product. The expiry dates for boiled sausages are set. These expiry dates have not decreased compared to the control samples and amounted to 7 days at a temperature of +2...+6 °C. The compliance with safety indicators of the developed products to the requirements of technical regulations is shown. The regulatory documentation is approved and three patents are received. Economic efficiency of production of boiled sausages, enriched with flour from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. reaches 4000 RUB per ton of product.

Keywords: boiled sausages, Plantago psyllium L., dietary fibers.

1. INTRODUCTION

Dietary fibers are substances of carbohydrate nature that are included in the edible part of plants, resistant to digestion and adsorption in the human small intestine, while fully or partially fermented in the large intestine [1-5]. They form gel-like structures in the intestine, causing its peristalsis, adsorbing bile acids, reducing cholesterol level in the blood, removing heavy metals and radionuclides from the body and show prebiotic activity [6]. Some of them (lignin) have antioxidant properties [7]. At the same time, modern scientific knowledge allows expanding the range of dietary fibers at the expense of animal products. Thus, the functions of dietary fiber are inherent in the hydrolysates of collagen of the connective tissue of meat [8], chitosan synthesized from the chitin cover of mollusks and insects [9]. Cellulose-like polysaccharide tunicin is found in the sea squirts of Halocynthia aurantium Pallas [10]. Medical studies have shown the importance of dietary fibers in the prevention of atherosclerosis, hypertension, diabetes, cancer [11].

Adequate daily consumption of dietary fiber is 20 g [12], the highest limit is 40 g [13]. However, the intake of refined food and the lack of fresh fruits and vegetables in the diet of Russians, for decades formed a stable deficit of dietary fiber that reaches 10-25% for certain categories of the population [14]. In this regard, the need to find new ways to replenish dietary fiber in everyday products was declared directly or indirectly in such policy documents as the Strategy of Development of the Food and Processing Industry of the Russian Federation (for the period up to 2020), the Doctrine of Food Security of the Russian Federation, the Strategy of Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation. The development of food products enriched with dietary fibers for the population of the Far East of Russia, where life expectancy is lower (in Khabarovsky and Primorsky Krai it is 2 – 2.5 years lower than the average in Russia), and the growth of cancer and cardiovascular diseases progresses by 12.6% and 2.7% per year respectively, [15] is particularly relevant.

The proposed study presents the enrichment of boiled sausages - food products of mass consumption - with flour from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. Plantago psyllium L. (lat. planta – «sole», ago – «drive», «follow»; lat. psyllum /greek. psylfa – «flea») is an annual herbaceous plant from the Plantaginaceae family with 20-30 cm height, that grows on the dry slopes of the Caucasus and cultivated in several countries.

Its black seeds, Semen psyllii, visually resembling fleas, contain a large amount of mucus (10-30%), concentrated in the shell [16]. Mucus is mainly represented by soluble, high branched, gel-formed polysaccharides with arabinoxylans (85%) having the backbone of xylose with arabino- and xylo- contained side chains [17, 18]. Atypical molecular branching makes it almost impossible for arabinoxylans to be fermented in the intestine [19]. The rest of the polysaccharides (arabinogalactan, xylan, pectin, etc. [20]) is not capable to the formation of gels and it is a substrate for bifidobacteria and lactobacilli of the intestine [21-23].
The combination of fermentable and non-fermentable dietary fibers observed in husk of *Plantago psyllium* L. is unique [24], and is not comparable, for example, with wheat, rice or barley bran nutrients (no more than 50% of insoluble fibers [25-27]) or carrageenan (only soluble fibers) [28]. Therefore, the complex of dietary fibers of *Plantago psyllium* L. husk has a wide range of therapeutic and prophylactic properties, helping both with constipation and diarrhea, lowering cholesterol and blood pressure, normalizing blood sugar level, having anti-inflammatory effect. These aspects were noted by a large number of researchers [29-37].

The scientific novelty of the proposed study is determined by the lack of development of boiled sausages enriched with dietary fibers (arabinoxylans) of plantain.

Thus, there are available patents RU 2376889 [38] and RU 2495572 [39] for a wide range of food and drinks, modulating the intestinal flora of man. They are also enriched with cereals’ and legumes’ arabinoxylanes. I. Van Hasendok and colleagues [40] described bread with a high content of arabinoxylans, G, Lacaze and others developed liquid composition for the enrichment of bakery products based on arabinoxylan [41], Pillsbury Company applies arabinoxylan to improve the storage sustainability of refrigerated dough [42]. The enrichment with arabinoxylane psyllium husk of beer [43], yogurt [44] and pastry [45] is registered. Their use in feed supplements for agriculture [46] and domestic [47, 48] animals are noted.

On the other hand, hydrated dietary fiber in the amount of 3%, were used by G.N. Rumyantseva and others to increase the stability of boiled sausages during storage [49]. Enrichment of liverwurst with dietary fibers (fiber fleetlock), made from extruded chickpea flour, is described in patent RU 2560951 [50]. Artamonova M. P. and others suggested the use of a composition based on the modified wheat fiber and xanthan gum in meat products [51]. T. M. Giro and others added hydrated pumpkin powder (particle size of powder is 0.2-0.6 mm) in lamb sausages [52]. Citrus fibers as raw materials for the enrichment of sausages are described in the patent RU 2390273 [53]. A. A. Nogina, S. L. Tikhonov and others used arabinogalactan in the production of boiled sausages from poultry [54].

The aim of the study considered the development of technology, evaluation of consumer properties and safety of boiled sausage, enriched with flour from the husk of *Plantago psyllium* L. To achieve this aim, the following tasks were solved:

1. To substantiate the expediency of the development of boiled sausage enriched with flour from the husk of *Plantago psyllium* L. by methods of marketing and sociological research.
2. To develop recipes and technology of boiled sausages enriched with dietary fibers of *Plantago psyllium* L.
3. To give the merchandising characteristic of the developed boiled sausages, including results of tasting, analysis of food and energy value, functional and technological properties.
4. To investigate the biological value of boiled sausages developed by the method of calculating the amino acid score.
5. To set the normalized safety indicators for developed boiled sausages to determine the expiry date.
6. To evaluate the economic efficiency of the production of boiled sausages enriched with flour from the husk of *Plantago psyllium* L.

**2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The objects of study were the boiled sausages, enriched with different amounts of flour from the husk of *Plantago Psyllium* L., made in the form of biologically active additives (BAA) "Colon pure purified Psyllium Husk" from the "General Company GNC", Pittsburgh (certificate of registration including 16 closed questions. Processing of the results of the study was carried out using GoogleForms and MSExcel. The representative sample included 232 respondents of different gender, age, education and income level living in Khabarovsk.

Osmolalotic indicators were determined in accordance with GOST 9959-2015 on a 5-point scale, including the weight coefficients of the tasting commission of 8 experts. To define the mass fraction of moisture, protein, fat and sodium salt, pH level, safety indicators, standardized methods were used according to GOST 33319-2015, GOST 25011-2017, GOST 23042-2015, GOST R 51480-99, GOST R 51478-99, GOST 26932-86, GOST 26933-86, GOST 5178-90, GOST R 54016-2010, GOST 10444.15-94, GOST 31747-2012, GOST 29185-2014, GOST 31746-2012. The mass fraction of ash was defined by the method described by S.K. Chogovadze [57]. The water-binding power of sausage minced meat was defined by Grau-Hamm method in the modification of the Russian Research Institute of Meat Industry (RRIMI). The measurements were carried out in three-five-fold repetition, the measurement results were mathematically processed using Student coefficients for the reliability value p=0.95.

Amino acid composition was defined with the help of the amino acid analyzer Hitachi L-8800 (Japan) by the method of L.A. Osterman [58], as well as by calculation method. The energy value was defined by the calculation method using the coefficients by M.F. Nesterin, I.M. Skurikhin [59]. Economic calculations were made according to V.D. Gribov [60], based on wholesale prices for raw materials as of January 1, 2019.

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3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the course of the research, 54 names of boiled sausages were found in the retail network of Khabarovsky. The predominant sausages of various manufacturers, made in accordance with the national standard, were "Doctorskaya" (23%), "Molochnaya" (20%) and "Chainaya" (10%). It is noted that the majority of commercial enterprises today refused to cut boiled sausages in the presence of the consumer. This matter led to a decrease in the weight of the baloney from 1.0-1.5 kg to 400-600 g as the most acceptable for the consumer (up to 84%). At the same time, 96.2% of boiled sausages sold in the retail network are produced in a synthetic shell, with an important advantage over natural shell that increases the expiry date. It was found that 89.5% of boiled sausages sold in the retail network of the city contain sodium nitrite (potassium), but some recipes of sausages, primarily intended for baby food, do not include nitrite.

As a result of the survey, potential consumers of the product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified. Despite the fact that 60.7 % of respondents are aware of the role of dietary fibers for the normal functioning of the body, the majority (53.3%) when buying a product were identified.

Table 1. Recipe composition of boiled sausages.

| Ingredients, kg | Control sample (CS) | Sample, containing flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L., % |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | 1 (№1)             | 2 (№2)            | 3 (№3)            |
| Unsalted raw materials, kg (/100 kg) | | | |
| Prime beef     | 25                  | 25                | 25                |
| Bold pork      | 70                  | 69                | 68                |
| Chicken eggs   | 3                   | 3                 | 3                 |
| Milk powder    | 2                   | 2                 | 2                 |
| Flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L. (BAA) | - | 1 | 2 |
| Sodium salt    | 2090                | 2090              | 2090              |
| Caster sugar   | 200                 | 200               | 200               |
| Nutmeg         | 50                  | 50                | 50                |
| Water          | 20 000              | 20 000            | 20 000            |
| Casing         | Polyamide Ø 60 mm   | Polyamide Ø 60 mm |
|                |                     | Polyamide Ø 60 mm |
| Spices and materials, g (/100 kg unsalted raw materials) | | | |

The developed technology of production of boiled sausage, enriched with flour from the husk of plantain \textit{Plantago psyllium} L. included 6 stages:

1. Preparation of raw meat with a pH below 6.3 (cutting, deboning, veining).

2. Chopping of beef and pork separately on tops with a 2 – 6 mm hole diameter and salt pickling of dry table salt with 3 – 4 min agitation in stirrers of various designs. For maturing minced meat was kept for 12 – 24 hours at a temperature of not more than 10 °C in the thickness.

3. Formation of thin-emulsified sausage mince by cutter in the proportions of the components provided by the recipe for 100 kg of unsalted raw materials. Pre-prepared gel-like aqueous solution of flour from the husk of \textit{Plantago psyllium} L. "Colon pure purified Psyllium Husk" in hydro module 1 (2, 3) kg of flour on 5,00 (10,00, 10,00) kg of water, to prevent the formation of powdery agglomerates in the finished sausages. The process itself presents the swelling flour made from husk of Plantago psyllium L. to the state of gel in cool drinking water, which took 3 to 5 minutes in continuous stirrers.

4. Shaping of sausages with syringes with the use of vacuum to durable polyamide casings with 60 mm caliber. These casings do not require soaking, followed by precipitation of the

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baloneys and increasing the expiry date. The weight of the baloney is 500±5 g.

5. Bringing sausages to the state of readiness by step cooking in thermal chambers, based on the temperature difference between the chamber and the sausages at the beginning of the process (15 – 20 °C), followed by its reduction to reach 70 – 72 °C in the center of the baloneys of products.

6. Cooling by showering for 10 – 15 minutes and further cooling in the refrigerating chamber at 0 – 8 °C (Fig. 1).

Figure 1. Technological scheme of boiled sausages enriched with flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L.

Ready-to-eat sausages were subjected to examination by organoleptic and physico-chemical parameters. This allowed identifying the most balanced recipe with optimal consumer properties.

A good quality of all boiled sausages was noted during the tasting. The sample with the 2% BAA contents, characterized by a complete absence of defects, texture, appearance, surface, and baloney slices, moderate intensity of taste and smell and high richness was acclaimed as the best one (Fig. 2).

Figure 2. Score of boiled sausages.
More significant deviations from the ideal characteristics were observed in the control sample, where there were minor defects in both appearance and consistency. The color of all samples was light gray, which is typical for boiled sausages made by non-nitrite technology.

The results of defining the pH and water-holding capacity (WHC) of boiled sausages are shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 3. Functional and technological properties of boiled sausages.

For the model samples, a positive correlation between the WHC and the amount of BAA is defined. It is mainly caused by an increase in the gel-forming ability of the minced meat composition, as well as, probably, by a shift in the pH of the prescription mixture to the neutral side from the isoelectric point of the meat protein.

With the help of mathematical modeling it was found that the maximum moisture binding is achieved when the content of dietary fiber of Plantago psyllium L. in the recipe composition is 2.35%. This dependence (the coefficient of approximation for $R^2=0.997$ within the value of $x$ from 0 to 3%) was precisely described by the equation of the third degree:

$$y = -5.03x^3 + 20.06x^2 - 14.81x + 83.8$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

With further increase in the content of Plantago psyllium $L.$, the reverse process of reducing the WHC began. It is apparently associated with excessive accumulation of dietary fibers.

Enrichment of sausages with flour from husks of Plantago psyllium $L.$ contributed to a slight (within error) decrease in energy value by reducing the proportion of fats, against the background of increasing ash and total carbohydrates (Table 2).

| Samples of minced meat-containing semi-finished products | Content, % | Content, % |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                                          | water $\pm (1,62)$ | protein $\pm (0,50)$ | fats $\pm (0,10)$ | mineral substance incl. salt $\pm (0,01)$ | carbohydrates $\pm (0,71)$ |
| Control                                                  | 65.8       | 14.4       | 16.5        | 2.5        | 1.63        | 0.8 |
| Sample containing 1% of the flour from husk of Plantago psyllium $L.$ | 65.3       | 14.3       | 16.3        | 2.5        | 1.64        | 1.6 |
| Sample containing 2% of the flour from husk of Plantago psyllium $L.$ | 64.9       | 14.2       | 16.1        | 2.6        | 1.64        | 2.2 |
| Sample containing 3% of the flour from husk of Plantago psyllium $L.$ | 64.4       | 14.0       | 15.9        | 2.7        | 1.62        | 3.0 |

Table 2. Physico-chemical parameters of boiled sausages enriched with flour from husk of Plantago psyllium $L.$

Figure 4. Dependence of amino acid composition of boiled sausages on the content of flour from husk of Plantago psyllium $L.$, mg of amino acids/100 g of product.
The introduction of flour from husk of *Plantago psyllium* L. at the same time influenced mainly on the carbohydrate content. Other differences in the chemical composition of the samples, depending on the content of BAA, did not exceed the statistical error.

At the next stage, the amino acid composition and amino acid score of the objects of study were identified (Fig. 4, Tables 3, 4).

During the study of the amino acid composition, the values of the amino acid score (which do not fall below 100%) were obtained. This aspect suggests a high biological value of the developed product. At the same time, it was noted that the biological value of boiled sausages with the addition of flour from husk of *Plantago psyllium* L., in the ranges determined by the experiment, did not decrease.

Thus, it was found that the introduction into the sausage recipe of boiled flour from husk of plantain *Plantago psyllium* L. on the one hand, contributed to the enrichment of the product with biologically active components – dietary fibers, and on the other, significantly improved the functional and technological and, consequently, organoleptic characteristics.

### Table 3. The content of essential amino acids in boiled sausages, enriched with flour from husk of plantain *Plantago psyllium* L., g /100 g of protein.

| Essential amino acids | Mass content of flour from husk of *Plantago psyllium* L., % |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Valine                | 6,0                                                       |
| Isoleucine            | 4,7                                                       |
| Leucine               | 8,1                                                       |
| Lysin                 | 8,6                                                       |
| Methionine + Cysteine | 3,9                                                       |
| Threonine             | 4,7                                                       |
| Tryptophan            | 1,3                                                       |
| Phenylalanine + Tyrosine | 8,0                                                   |
| **Total**             | **45,1**                                                  |

### Table 4. Amino acid score of boiled sausages enriched with dietary fibers of *Plantago psyllium* L., %

| Essential amino acids | Mass content of flour from husk of *Plantago psyllium* L., % |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Valine                | 119,0                                                     |
| Isoleucine            | 116,3                                                     |
| Leucine               | 115,2                                                     |
| Lysin                 | 155,6                                                     |
| Methionine + Cysteine | 111,1                                                     |
| Threonine             | 116,7                                                     |
| Tryptophan            | 133,3                                                     |
| Phenylalanine + Tyrosine | 133,5                                                   |
| **Score (limiting amino acid)** | **111,1 (-)**                                               |

### Table 5. Justification of expiry date of the developed products.

| Indicators | Norm (normative document) | Indicators’ value in control points |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| **Organoleptical, score** | Not less than 4,0 (MGC 4.2.1847-04) | 4,5 (background) 4,5 (7 days and nights) 4,4 (11 days and nights) |
| **Microbiological, including:** | | |
| – QMAFAM, CFU*/g | Not more than 1,0×10³ (TR CU 034/2013) | 9,2×10¹ (background) 1,6×10² (7 days and nights) 3,1×10² (11 days and nights) |
| – coliform bacteria | Not allowed in 1 g (TR CU 034/2013) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| – sulfate-reducing clostridia | Not allowed in 0,1 g (TR CU 034/2013) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| – S. aureus | Not allowed in 1 g (TR CU 034/2013) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| **Chemical, including:** | | |
| – lead, mg/kg | Not more than 0,5 (TR CU 021/111) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| – arsenic, mg/kg | Not more than 0,1 (TR CU 021/111) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| – cadmium, mg/kg | Not more than 0,05 (TR CU 021/111) | 0,01 (background) 0,01 (7 days and nights) 0,01 (11 days and nights) |
| – mercury | Not more than 0,03 (TR CU 021/111) | Not found (background) Not found (7 days and nights) Not found (11 days and nights) |
| **Radionuclides, including:** | | |
| – gram-cesium-137specific activity, Bq/kg | Not more than 200 (TR CU 021/111) | 70 (background) 72 (7 days and nights) 72 (11 days and nights) |

*QMAFAM - quantity of mesophilic aerobic and facultative anaerobic microorganisms
CFU - colony-forming unit*
This matter allowed to recommend this ingredient not only for the enrichment of minced meat compositions, but also as a water-retaining agent that improves the consumer properties of products. The optimal content of flour from husk of plantain Plantago psyllium L. was 2.35 % of the ingredient composition. At the next stage, the expiry date of this product was defined.

The expiry date of boiled sausage, enriched with flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L., was defined in accordance with SanPin (Sanitary Regulations and Standards) 2.3.2.1324-03. For boiled sausages without the addition of preservatives in a vapor-gas-tight shell this date is not more 7 days at a reserve ratio of 1.5 (MYK 4.2.1847-04). There were three control points for the objects of study: background, 7 and 11 days, where organoleptic indicators, microbiological, chemical and radiation safety indicators were defined (Table 5).

The results indicate compliance of the developed innovative food products with the requirements of technical regulations TR CU 021/2011 and TR CU 034/2013 and allow us to confirm the stated expiry date of 7 days for boiled sausage (in a polymer shell), made according to the non-nitrite technology.

The developed product that contains 2.35% of the flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L. is prepared for serial production under the trademark "Emilien". For this type of innovative food products, regulatory documentation was developed (SRT 02067994-004-2017 "Boiled Sausages, Enriched with Dietary Fibers of Plantain") and three patents of the Russian Federation were obtained [61-63].

The production of sausages enriched with flour from husk of plantain Plantago psyllium L. entails an increase in only the monetary equivalent of raw materials, without requiring investments in fixed assets and equipment. The profitability of meat-processing enterprises that have implemented the technology will increase by 4000 RUB per ton of output.

4. CONCLUSION

Thus, the study showed the integrity and efficiency of the development and high consumer properties of boiled sausages enriched with flour from husk of plantain Plantago psyllium L. Their use may be in demand in the development of enriched meat and meat-containing foods not only as a functional food ingredient – dietary fiber, but also as a water-retaining agent that improves consumer properties of the product. Through simulation, the optimum BAA dosage of "Colon pure purified Psyllium Husk", amounting 2.35%. The features of the chemical and amino acid composition, energy value, functional and technological properties of the developed food products are defined. It is also shown that the addition of flour from husk of Plantago psyllium L. leads to a slight decrease in protein and fat content. In addition to an increase in the mass fraction of carbohydrates, but does not lead to a decrease in biological value within the examined limits. The additive positive effect of dietary fibers of Plantago psyllium L. husks on the functional and technological properties and organoleptic characteristics of boiled sausages is shown. The expiry date for the developed food products did not decrease (in comparison to the control samples) and amounted to 7 days at a temperature of 2...+6 °C. Compliance with the regulatory safety indicators of the developed products to the requirements of TP TC 034/2013 and TP TC 021/2011 is shown. The developed products are approved by regulatory documentation CTO 02067994-004-2017 "Boiled Sausages, Enriched with Dietary Fibers of Psyllium". Economic efficiency of production of boiled sausages, enriched with flour from the husk of Plantago psyllium L. reaches 4000 RUB per ton of product.

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