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Dataset on improved nutritional quality and safety of grilled marinated and unmarinated ruminant meat using novel unfiltered beer-based marinades

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Abstract

Objective of this data brief article is to present the associated data set regarding the revised article entitled “Unfiltered beer based marinades reduced exposure to carcinogens and suppressed conjugated fatty acid oxidation in grilled meats” recommended for publication in Food Control [1]. Grill food safety and quality is a major concern globally. Herein we present data demonstrating the use of novel unfiltered beer based marinades in improving the nutritional quality and safety of grilled ruminant meat. Grilling can lead to the formation of harmful compounds and modify the functional lipids in meats via oxidation, thereby affecting the nutritional quality and safety of the finished product. Lipid oxidation is a deteriorative process involving the degradation of lipid double bonds and the formation of new compounds. Some of these compounds can result in reduced meat quality and off-flavours affecting the sensory, nutritional quality and safety of grilled meat. Unfiltered beers, herbs and spices are known to be excellent sources of antioxidants and polyphenols which can suppress oxidation of functional lipids in grilled meat. Novel unfiltered beer based marinades were developed and used to marinate ruminant meat (beef and moose) prior to grilling. The effect of marination on the fatty acid profile, including

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saturated, mono- and polyunsaturated fatty acids, of grilled meat was analyzed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). In this data in brief article, we include 3 tables containing the fatty acid composition of unmarinated and marinated grilled ruminant meats (beef and moose), a figure showing the percent distribution of grilled meat fatty acid classes, and 2 figures on Pearson's correlation for the associations between phenolic contents, oxidation status and total conjugated linolenic acid (CLA) content. To the best of our knowledge, there is a paucity of information in the literature on the fatty acid composition of wild Cervid meat following preparation by grilling. Grill food safety and nutritional quality is of significant interest to researchers and consumers in the scientific and general food science communities. This article provides data on the fatty composition of grilled moose meat and could be of value to fill the paucity of information currently available in the scientific community on the observed fatty acid composition of grill moose meat. Furthermore, the article presents data on the effects of beer based marinade formulations on the quality of the fatty acid composition of grilled ruminant meats (beef and moose). The growing awareness of the benefits of dietary fatty acids in enhancing personal and population health by reducing the risk factors for cardiovascular diseases and neurodegenerative disorders means that consumers demand meat products with improved fatty acid composition [2,3]. Cervids such as moose (Alces alces) are popular as superior sources of low-fat lean meat with balanced omega 6:3 essential fatty acids compared to traditional farm raised or domesticated meat animals due to the forage they consume as a normal part of their diet [2,4,5]. Furthermore, session ale beers is currently a global phenomenon derived from unique combinations of grains, hops, fruits and herbs to produce low alcohol by volume beers with unique flavors popular among consumers. Two unfiltered session beers were used as base ingredients to produce two novel marinades infused with unique combination of antioxidant rich herbs and spices as a suitable system for the production of grilled foods with enhanced nutritional and sensory characteristics. Whilst there are a limited number of studies in the literature that have used unfiltered beers to evaluate the effects of these beers on suppression of lipid oxidation in grilled meat, none to the best of our knowledge has evaluated the effect of antioxidant rich unfiltered beer based marinades on fatty acid composition of grilled meat systems [6] [7]. As such, this data set presents the concept of using craft beers (specifically session ales) infused with unique combination of herbs and spices to produce unfiltered beer base marinades with enhanced ability to improve grill food sensory attributes and quality, and demonstrates that novel formulations of popular unfiltered India session ale and wheat ale based marinades infused with unique combinations of herbs and spices could be used to marinate beef and moose meats prior to grilling to preserve meat lipids including anticarcinogenic linoleic acid and essential ω3 and ω6 fatty acids.

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### Value of the Data

- Data set consists of fatty acid composition of grilled marinated and unmarinated beef and moose meat useful to determine the effects of grilling and antioxidant rich unfiltered beer based marinades on the nutritional quality of the fatty acid composition of grilled ruminant meats.
- The data demonstrates the application of novel unfiltered beer based marinades composed of antioxidant rich unfiltered beers, herbs and spices to suppress oxidative degradation of functional lipids including \( \omega-3 \) and \( \omega-6 \) fatty acids in grilled ruminant meats.
- The data set and marinade ingredients could be used as a reference to formulate new unfiltered beers infused with different combination of herbs and spices, for development of craft beer based marinades to produce a potentially healthier and safer meat product on the grill.
- Significantly, the data demonstrates that unfiltered beer based marination preserved anticarcinogenic conjugated linoleic acids (CLAs) in moose and beef from oxidative degradation during grilling, and could be a useful cooking strategy to preserve CLAs and reduce cancer risks associated with red meat consumption.

### 1. Data

The data set contains 16 fatty acids detected as methyl esters in grilled unfiltered beer based marinated and unmarinated meat samples, and Pearson’s correlations plots showing association of total phenolic content and retention of essential anticarcinogenic CLA in the finished products. Table 1 shows the fatty acid composition in grilled beef meat samples; Table 2: the fatty acid composition of grilled moose samples; Table 3: the fatty acid class distribution (mg/g meat) in grilled beef and moose.
samples; Fig. 1: pie charts showing the percent distribution of fatty acid classes in grilled beef and moose meat; Fig. 2: Pearson’s correlations between the total CLA, phenolic contents, and oxidation status in grilled beef samples; and Fig. 3: Pearson’s correlations between the total CLA, phenolic contents, and oxidation status in grilled moose samples. The statistical significance between marinated and unmarinated beef and moose samples in terms of their fatty acid compositions is also presented [2–5,7]. The raw data file is included as supplementary material in this data in brief article.

Table 1
Fatty acid composition of grilled unfiltered beer-based marinated and unmarinated beef meats.

| Fatty Acid | BM            | BS            | BU            |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| C10:0      | 0.47 ± 0.05b  | 0.55 ± 0.03b  | 0.27 ± 0.02a  |
| C12:0      | 0.87 ± 0.03a  | 8.79 ± 0.33b  | 0.95 ± 0.02a  |
| C14:0      | 23.09 ± 0.27a | 20.78 ± 0.97a | 20.62 ± 1.12a |
| C15:0      | 5.42 ± 0.08c  | 4.74 ± 0.12b  | 4.08 ± 0.03a  |
| C16:0      | 131.62 ± 0.52c| 125.12 ± 1.37b| 115.88 ± 0.64a|
| C17:0      | 17.02 ± 0.21c | 14.58 ± 0.18b | 11.73 ± 0.73a |
| C18:0      | 67.60 ± 0.39c | 63.54 ± 0.68b | 50.46 ± 1.06a |
| C14:1      | 5.94 ± 0.07c  | 5.47 ± 0.03b  | 4.73 ± 0.17a  |
| C16:1      | 20.90 ± 0.25b | 18.71 ± 0.47a | 18.41 ± 0.39a |
| C17:1      | 10.22 ± 0.01b | 8.30 ± 0.24a  | 7.70 ± 0.57a  |
| C18:1cis   | 150.98 ± 1.2c | 138.80 ± 1.09b| 124.59 ± 4.55a|
| C20:1      | 1.83 ± 0.03b  | 1.71 ± 0.03ab | 1.50 ± 0.08a  |
| C18:1n9trans| 2.48 ± 0.06a | 2.09 ± 0.14a  | 2.53 ± 0.17a  |
| C18:2n6cis | 13.93 ± 0.26a | 11.65 ± 0.30a | 13.67 ± 0.99a |
| C18:3n3    | 2.98 ± 0.07a  | 3.19 ± 0.07a  | 3.07 ± 0.12a  |
| C20:4n6    | 2.04 ± 0.03b  | 1.46 ± 0.08a  | 2.30 ± 0.08b  |

Values represents means ± standard errors; n = 3). Rows with different letters show significant differences between treatments at LSD = 0.05. BU = unmarinated grilled beef; BM = Indian session ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef; BS = Wheat ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef.

Table 2
Fatty acid composition of grilled unfiltered beer-based marinated and unmarinated moose meats.

| Fatty Acid | BM            | BS            | BU            |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| C10:0      | 0.47 ± 0.05b  | 0.55 ± 0.03b  | 0.27 ± 0.02a  |
| C12:0      | 0.87 ± 0.03a  | 8.79 ± 0.33b  | 0.95 ± 0.02a  |
| C14:0      | 23.09 ± 0.27a | 20.78 ± 0.97a | 20.62 ± 1.12a |
| C15:0      | 5.42 ± 0.08c  | 4.74 ± 0.12b  | 4.08 ± 0.03a  |
| C16:0      | 131.62 ± 0.52c| 125.12 ± 1.37b| 115.88 ± 0.64a|
| C17:0      | 17.02 ± 0.21c | 14.58 ± 0.18b | 11.73 ± 0.73a |
| C18:0      | 67.60 ± 0.39c | 63.54 ± 0.68b | 50.46 ± 1.06a |
| C14:1      | 5.94 ± 0.07c  | 5.47 ± 0.03b  | 4.73 ± 0.17a  |
| C16:1      | 20.90 ± 0.25b | 18.71 ± 0.47a | 18.41 ± 0.39a |
| C17:1      | 10.22 ± 0.01b | 8.30 ± 0.24a  | 7.70 ± 0.57a  |
| C18:1cis   | 150.98 ± 1.2c | 138.80 ± 1.09b| 124.59 ± 4.55a|
| C20:1      | 1.83 ± 0.03b  | 1.71 ± 0.03ab | 1.50 ± 0.08a  |
| C18:1n9trans| 2.48 ± 0.06a | 2.09 ± 0.14a  | 2.53 ± 0.17a  |
| C18:2n6cis | 13.93 ± 0.26a | 11.65 ± 0.30a | 13.67 ± 0.99a |
| C18:3n3    | 2.98 ± 0.07a  | 3.19 ± 0.07a  | 3.07 ± 0.12a  |
| C20:4n6    | 2.04 ± 0.03b  | 1.46 ± 0.08a  | 2.30 ± 0.08b  |

Values represents means ± standard errors; n = 3). Rows with different letters show significant differences between treatments at LSD = 0.05. BU = unmarinated grilled beef; BM = Indian session ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef; BS = Wheat ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef.
2. Experimental design, materials, and methods

2.1. Reagents and standards

Supelco™ 37 Component FAME mix, CLA methyl ester mix and CLN methyl ester mix were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, USA).

2.2. Preparation of marinades

Two types of unfiltered beers were used in this data set: India session ale (M) and Wheat ale (S). Both beers were purchased from a local liquor store in Corner Brook, Newfoundland Canada, and are designated by the manufacturers as unfiltered beers. India session ale contained 4.3% alcohol and was made from water, malted barley, and hops; Wheat ale contained 5.2% alcohol, and was made from water, malted wheat, barley, orange, lemon, lime peel, coriander, Cascade and Willamette hops. To 341 mL of each type of unfiltered beer, a mix of 1 g oregano, 1 g of parsley, 4 g of mustard, 2 g of salt, 8 g of pepper, 1 g of garlic, 25 mL of olive oil, 15 mL of vinegar and 25 g of fresh onions purchased from a local market were added to a food processor and the contents homogenized and mixed thoroughly to obtain the beer-based marinades that was further employed to marinate the moose and beef meat samples [1,6].

2.3. Marination of ruminant meat samples

Beef (Bovinae) and moose (Cervidae) striploin steaks (longissimus muscle) were obtained from a local market and from Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources, respectively. Moose steaks were taken from 4 different animals while 4 different beef steak were used to mitigate any inherent variability of the meat source. Ethics approval for this data was granted by Memorial University Animal Care Committee as mandated by the Canadian Council on Animal Care and all the experiments were performed in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations. Steaks (1 lb) of beef (B) and moose (M) meat from different batches were cut and divided into four replicates (n = 4) per treatment (n = 3). Each replicate was made from an independent batch of beer and ingredients. The steaks were divided into three groups as follow: control group (unmarinated, U), treatment group marinated with India session ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef and moose; [BM, MM] = Indian session ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef and moose; [BS, MS] = Wheat ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef and moose. FA = Fatty acids; SAFA = Saturated fatty acid; MUFA = Monounsaturated fatty acid; PUFA = Polyunsaturated fatty acids.

2.4. Cooking conditions

Beef and moose unmarinated (BU, MU) and marinated (BM, BS; MM, MS) samples were grilled at 200–250 °C for 25 min (Cuisinart® Gourmet 600B) reaching an internal temperature of 75 °C. A probe thermometer (Accu-Temp Instant Read Thermometer, model 65613) was used to measure the internal

| Table 3 | Fatty acid classes of grilled unfiltered beer-based marinated and unmarinated beef and moose meats. |
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| Σ FA | BM | BS | BU | MM | MS | MU |
| SAFA | 246.09 ± 0.82c | 238.09 ± 3.05b | 204.00 ± 2.40a | 284.31 ± 0.55c | 38.08 ± 3.71a | 99.93 ± 415b |
| MUFA | 192.36 ± 1.34c | 175.08 ± 1.75b | 159.47 ± 5.76a | 183.18 ± 1.78c | 17.68 ± 1.98a | 61.1 ± 1.26b |
| PUFA | 18.96 ± 0.36b | 16.30 ± 0.41a | 19.04 ± 1.19b | 51.95 ± 0.29c | 13.11 ± 1.08a | 16.38 ± 0.36b |

Values represents means ± standard errors; n = 3). Rows with different letters show significant differences between treatments at LSD = 0.05. [BU, MU] = unmarinated grilled beef and moose; [BM, MM] = Indian session ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef and moose; [BS, MS] = Wheat ale unfiltered beer-based marinated grilled beef and moose. FA = Fatty acids; SAFA = Saturated fatty acid; MUFA = Monounsaturated fatty acid; PUFA = Polyunsaturated fatty acids.
temperature of meat during grilling. In both types of meat, the unmarinated meat was cooked before the marinated ones. The grill was thoroughly cleaned between samples to avoid any possible contamination of marinade flavors. Meat samples were turned regularly during grilling. After grilling, each replicate was divided into two subsets. One subset was cut into two-inch cubes and used for sensory analysis, while the other subset was labeled and stored at \(-80^\circ C\) for chemical analysis [1,6].

2.5. Extraction and methylation of meat lipids

Lipids were extracted following the method described by Bligh and Dyer [8]. Briefly, 10 g of sample was mixed with 10 mL of chloroform and 20 mL of methanol, and homogenized with a homogenizer (Tissue Master 125, Omni International, Georgia, U.S.A.) for 2 min. To the mixture, 10 mL chloroform was added and after homogenizing for 2 min, 10 mL of distilled water was added and the mixture vortexed for 2 min. The mixture was filtered through Whatman No. 1 filter paper and the filtrate transferred to a separatory funnel. After allowing the two phases to separate, the bottom layer (organic phase) was collected. Chloroform was removed using a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure at room temperature to avoid meat lipids oxidation. The remaining solvent was removed by evaporating.
under nitrogen to obtain the fatty acids extracted from the meat samples. The sample was stored at -80 °C until further analysis [1].

An aliquot of the meat lipids (300 μL) was transferred into 2 mL vials along with C18-alkane (final spike concentration 0.01 mg/mL) dissolved in hexane as internal standard. Aliquots (100 μL of methanolic-HCl 3 N (Sigma-Aldrich, Ontario, Canada) was added to each sample. The mixtures were then vortexed, followed by incubation in a drying oven at 80 °C for 60 min, removed from the oven and cooled in a fume hood. Distilled water (0.8 mL) was added to the sample and the mixture extracted three times using 500 μL of hexane each time. The hexane fractions were pooled (1.5 mL), and DMP (100 μL) added as a water scavenger, then dried under nitrogen, and the residue re-suspended in 50 μL of hexane. Fatty acid methyl esters (FAMEs) were analyzed by GC-MS [1].

Fig. 2. Pearson’s correlation plots for phenolic contents, oxidation status and total CLA content of grilled beef (A–D). R-Values represent Pearson correlation coefficients (r). TPC = HPC + LPC; TOS = HOS + LOS; TPC = Total phenolic content; TOS = Total oxidant status; L = Lipophilic; H = Hydrophilic; CLA = Conjugated linoleic acid. Experimental replication (n) = 3.
2.6. Analysis of fatty acid methyl esters by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry/flame ionisation detector (GC/MS and GC/FID)

GC-MS analysis was conducted on a Thermo Scientific Trace 1300 gas chromatography coupled to a flame ionisation detector and a Thermo Scientific Trace 1300 gas chromatography coupled to a Triple Quad mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Burlington, Ontario, Canada) respectively. Conjugated methylated fatty acids were separated on a BPX70 high resolution column (10 m × 0.1 mm × 0.2 μm; SGE Analytical Science, Victoria, Australia) using helium as the carrier gas at a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min. One microliter (1 μL) of each FAME standard or sample was injected in the system in split mode (15:0) using a Tri-plus auto-sampler. The oven temperature program was as follows: the initial oven temperature 50 °C was held for 0.75 min, then programmed to increase at 4 °C/min to 155 °C, then increased again at 6.0 °C/min to 210 °C, and then increased again at 15 °C/min to finally reach 240 °C and held for 2 min. Identification of the conjugated fatty acids in meat as FAMEs was based on the comparison of their retention times and mass spectra with that of the Supelco™ 37 Component FAME.
Mix (1 mg/L), CLA and CLN methyl ester standards (Sigma Aldrich Oakville, Ontario, Canada). The amounts of fatty acid identified were calculated and expressed as mg/g meat [1].

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Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

Appendix A. Supplementary data

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