Product formulation from black gram and its evaluation for nutritional and sensory quality

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Abstract

Black gram is cultivated in India and is the essential legume crops. It is used as whole, split beans and dehusked split beans (dhal). Due to better nutrient content and availability, new improved varieties of black gram are being evolved and there is little information available on them. So, the purpose of the study is to develop product using whole black gram and dehusked black gram of same variety (Pant U-31) and to assess the nutritional properties, shelf life and consumer acceptability of the developed product. Badis was prepared using whole black gram (Pant U-31) and was compared with dehusked black gram of same variety and was evaluated for sensory characteristics, nutrient composition and storage study for the period of 60 days. Results showed that during storage, obtained values were found to be in an acceptable range for total plate count and it was observed that the badis packed in polyethylene pouches could be stored up to 2 months at room temperature safely. For sensory evaluation, the prepared badis were cooked in a vegetable curry preparation and was done using Nine Point Hedonic Scale and Score card method. Results of Nine Point Hedonic Scale showed that control badis curry was liked very much by 33.33% of panel members and badis curry prepared by whole black gram was liked very much by 46.66%. Statistical analysis of data obtained by score card method showed that there was no significant difference in overall acceptability between badis curry prepared with dehusked black gram (control) and whole black gram. Nutrient composition of whole black gram (Pant U-31) badis curry revealed that it contained higher amount of fibre (3.31g), calcium (60.87 mg/100g) and iron (3.41 mg/100g) content than that of control (Dehusked black gram) badis curry of same variety.

Keywords: Black gram, shelf life, consumer acceptability, nutritional properties, nine point hedonic scale, score card method

Introduction

India is a major legume producing country in the world. Legumes serve as an economical source of complimentary proteins and also add variety to diet for human population. They contribute as high protein constituent in India (Sood et al., 2002) [22]. Legumes are valued for their low glycemic index and high protein content so they are generally included in the diets of Indian subcontinent (Khandelwal et al., 2010) [13]. Animal and plant proteins are commonly the two main sources of protein. Since animal proteins are costly, there is a need for alternative supplementation of protein by plant protein. Pulses contain protein of 220-250 g per kg whereas dry fish contain protein of 335g per kg. Thus pulses are considered as a “poor man’s meat” (Nunes et al., 2006) [18]. The production and inclination of legumes vary in different countries (Ofuya and Akhidue, 2005) [19]. In India legumes are cultivated over an area of 24.8 million hectares with 17.2 million tonnes produced annually (DAC, New Delhi, 2015) [5]. Consumption of legume is higher in those parts of the world, where animal proteins are limited and costly. Being an inexpensive protein source, legumes can be replaced to meat and play an important role in eradicating protein-energy malnutrition. They are also a good source of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre (Tharanathan and Mahadevamma, 2003) [25]. Pulses belonging to the family of leguminosae are the edible portions of pod bearing plants are cultivated globally. Seeds of whole legume plant are of major concern to human as they are a rich source of protein ranging from 20-50% (Singh et al. 2004) [21]. Pulses are an excellent source of protein and amino acids and certain micronutrients such as iron and zinc. They also have low glycemic index and no cholesterol (Food and Agriculture Organization, 2016) [7]. Legumes reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes (Jacobs & Gallaher, 2004) [11] mostly by the presence of phenolics and soluble dietary fiber (Enujiugha, 2010) [6].
Pulses enhance the soil fertility and also used for green manure as fodder for livestock (Aggarwal et al., 2004) [1]. Among all the legumes, black gram (Vigna mungo (L.)) is an essential legume crop. It is consumed in Indian diet and Western diet since it is a very rich source of protein and performs an essential role in the diet of human nutrition. Proteins of black gram are digested in an easy manner and consist of satisfactory amount of sulfur containing amino acids. They are rich in vitamins and phosphoric acid. It is generally used as whole, split beans and dehusked split beans (dal) (Gowda, 2006) [9].

Black gram (Vigna Mungo (L.)), is one of the important pulses crop, grown throughout the country. The crop is resistant to adverse climatic conditions and improve the soil fertility by fixing atmospheric nitrogen in the soil. It has been reported that the crop produces equivalent to 22.10 kg of N/ha., which Odisha (326 kg/ha) and J&K (385 kg/ha) (Aggarwal, 2015) [36].

Storage study and organoleptic evaluation (Kaur et al., 2010) [35] storage study and organoleptic evaluation (Kaur et al., 2010) [35]. No further water loss occurred. The dried samples were stored in cabinet tray drier at a temperature of 60±5 °C for 14-16 h till no further water loss occurred. The dried samples were stored in polyethylene bags for further analysis which included storage study and organoleptic evaluation (Kaur and Aggarwal, 2015) [12].

According to Manay and Shadaksharawamy (1987) [16], black gram contains mucilaginous arabinogalactans which is an essential constituent in dosa, badi, idli and several other food preparations. It helps in making sweet dishes like imarti and vada. It is also eaten as snacks in fried and salted form. Papads, thin wafer like products prepared from black gram or combination of black gram with other pulses with and without spices are made in small scale industries or at homes (Srivatsava, 2015) [23]. Black gram flour was incorporated in buffalo meat burgers and it was stated to enhance burger quality (Modi et al., 2004). Flour of black gram was added to biscuits to enhance its nutritional quality (Patel and Venkateswara, 1995) [20]. To increase productivity and enhance its utilization, new improved varieties of black gram are being evolved. Due to less information regarding their utilization in food present study was done to prepare product from whole and dehusked black gram.

Materials and Methods

Procurement of Raw Materials: The improved varieties (Pant U-8, Pant U-9, Pant U-31 and Pant U-35) of Black gram (Phaseolus mungo or Vigna mungo) were obtained from CRC (Crop Research Centre), G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. The description of four black gram varieties under study is presented in Table I. Other ingredients used for badi curry preparations were purchased from local market of Pantnagar.

### Table 1: Description of black gram varieties

| Varieties of black gram | Origin | Pod | Seeds | Agronomic traits |
|-------------------------|--------|-----|-------|-----------------|
|                         |        | Color of immature pod | Color of mature pod | Color | Shape | Size | Plant ht. (cm) | No. of pods/ plant | No. of seeds/ pod |
| Pant U-8                | Pantnagar | Green | Black | Black | Oblong | Large | Mean: 43.1 Range: 37-66 | 34-44 | 5-7 |
| Pant U-9                | Pantnagar | Green | Black | Black | Oblong | Large | Mean: 44.6 Range: 31-64 | 31-49 | 5-7 |
| Pant U-31               | Pantnagar | Green | Black | Black | Oblong | Large | Mean: 71.4 Range: 54.2 – 90.2 | 34-45 | 5-7 |
| Pant U-35               | Pantnagar | Green | Black | Black | Oblong | Large | 100 | - | - |

Product formulation

Nutritional evaluation of four varieties was carried out. The variety (Pant U-31) with the highest protein content was selected for product formulation. Badi was prepared using whole black gram (Pant U-31) and was compared with dehusked black gram of same variety and was analyzed for nutrient composition and storage study.

Preparation of Badi

Whole Black gram was washed thoroughly and soaked in double the amount of water for 12-13h. After draining and washing, the whole black gram was ground to paste by using household grinder while the control black gram was rubbed with hands to remove the seed coat and then was ground to paste.

The thick wet paste was made light and fluffy by incorporating air by wiping continuously with hand. The fluffy batter was divided with the help of hand into small balls and kept on the greased drying tray followed by drying in a cabinet tray drier at a temperature of 60±5 °C for 14-16 h till no further water loss occurred. The dried samples were stored in polyethylene bags for further analysis which included storage study and organoleptic evaluation (Kaur and Aggarwal, 2015) [12].

Storage study of Badi

Total Viable Count (APHA 1984) [4]; Total bacterial count of the samples was determined using Standard Plate Count (SPC) technique as given in compendium of methods for microbiological examination of foods (APHA, 1984) [4]. This technique gives total number of viable cells of bacteria present in the sample, therefore also called as total viable cell count (TVC) technique or serial dilution technique. Moisture: Moisture content was determined using the procedure given by AOAC (1995) [3].

Preparation of Badi curry

For sensory evaluation, curry preparation was made using prepared bars from whole black gram and dehusked black gram. They were pressure cooked for 15 minutes and then, served hot to the panelists.

The ingredients used were

| Ingredients        | Quantity |
|--------------------|----------|
| Badi               | 50g      |
| Onion              | 75g      |
| Garlic paste       | 10g      |
| Water              | 400ml    |
| Oil                | 15ml     |
| Salt               | 3g       |
| Spices (red chilli powder, Garam masala, coriander powder) | 7g       |
Method

- **Badi** were roasted in oil till light brown in colour and kept aside.
- The oil was heated in a container and onion was added and roasted till golden brown.
- To this onion paste was added and fried for another 3 min. then spices and salt were added.
- Fried **badi** were added the last followed by addition of 400ml water and cooking it for 15-20 min.

Sensory evaluation of **Badi** curry made from dehusked black gram and whole black gram

The prepared **badi** curry were evaluated for sensory characteristics using nine point hedonic scale and sensory score card (Amerine et al., 1965) (1) by semi trained panel consisting of 15 members from the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Nutritional evaluation of developed product

The nutritive value of **badi** curry was calculated by using the data available in Indian Food Composition Tables by Longvah et al. (2017) (2). The nutritive value of whole black gram was used from the result obtained in the present study. Energy, crude protein, crude fat, crude fibre, carbohydrates, physiological energy, calcium and Iron were calculated.

Statistical analysis

The statistical tools used for the analysis of the above data were Mean ± S.D and One-way ANOVA (Analysis of variance) Snedecor and Cochran (1980). Storage stability of product were analyzed using these procedures. The aim of the analysis was to identify the significant difference in storage stability used in the present study.

Results and Discussion

Product development and evaluation

200gm of whole black gram were soaked in double the amount of water. The weight of black gram after soaking for 12 h was 388g. Total 334gm of **badi** was prepared from whole black gram.

Storage study of **Badi**

Black gram **badi** of improved variety (Pant U-31) which contained highest amount of protein were packed in High density polyethylene bags (HDPE) and were stored for two months at room temperature (17°C- 24°C). The stored sample was evaluated for 60 days at 15 day interval. The shelf life was evaluated on the basis of moisture content and total viable count. The results obtained are presented in Table 2 and Table 3.

Total viable count

There were less than 30 colonies in **badi** on 0 day of storage period. Microbial load increased with increasing time of storage. Microbial load reaches up to 1.71x 10³ cfu/g after 60 days of storage at room temperature. The obtained values were found to be in acceptable range for total plate count. Statistical analysis of data showed that there is significant difference during the storage period for 60 days. In general, the total viable count for papad is reported as 9.15x10² cfu/g (Veena, 2012) (25).

| Table 2: Total Plate Count of **Badi** during the Storage Period |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| **Product** | **0 Days** | **15 Days** | **30 Days** | **45 Days** | **60 Days** | **S. Em.±** | **CD at 5%** |
| Badi | <30ᵃ | 0.94x10ᵇ | 1.13x10ᶜ | 1.47x10ᵈ | 1.71x10ᵉ | 0.401 | 0.126 |

All results are mean± standard deviation for three individual determinations.

Means in each row by different letters (a, b, c, d, e) are significantly different (P≤ 0.05)

Moisture Content

The moisture content of **badi** increased with increasing time of storage at room temperature. The moisture content increased from 6.93 per cent on the starting day of study to 7.3 per cent after 60 days. There was significant difference in **badi** on zero day, 30 days, 45 days and 60 days in moisture content but there was non-significant difference between 0 day and 15 days. It was observed that the **badi** packed in polyethylene pouches could be stored up to 2 months at room temperature safely. In deciding the storage stability of **badi**, moisture plays an essential factor and should be less than 11 per cent to prevent them from microbes and fungus (Kulkarni et al., 1997) (14).

| Table 3: Moisture Content of **Badi** |
|--------------------------------------|
| **Product** | **0 Day** | **15 Days** | **30 Days** | **45 Days** | **60 Days** | **S. Em.±** | **CD at 5%** |
| Badi | 6.93±0.10ᵃ | 7.00±0.05ᵇ | 7.10±0.05ᵇ | 7.18±0.08ᵇ | 7.30±0.10ᵈ | 0.439 | 0.144 |

All results are mean± standard deviation for three individual determinations.

Means in each row by different letters (a, b, c, d) are significantly different (P≤ 0.05)

Sensory evaluation of **badi** curry

The sensory evaluation of **badi** curry prepared whole black gram and dehusked black gram (control) was conducted using nine point hedonic scale and score card method by 15 semi trained panels from the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Sensory evaluation using Nine Point Hedonic Scale

The results of sensory evaluation of **badi** curry using Nine Point Hedonic Scale have been presented in Table 4. Sensory evaluation of **badi** curry by Nine Point Hedonic Scale taking black gram of one improved variety (Pant U-31) which is highest in protein showed that **badi** curry prepared from whole black gram was liked very much by 46.66 per cent of the panel members, 26.66 per cent of the panel members liked it moderately, 20 per cent of the evaluators liked it slightly and 6.66 per cent of the panel members neither liked it nor disliked it. Control **badi** curry from dehusked black gram was liked very much by 33.33 per cent of the panel members, 46.67 per cent of the panel members liked it moderately, 13.33 per cent of the panel members liked it slightly and 6.67 per cent of the members disliked it.

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Sensory score of *badi* curry prepared from improved variety (Pant U-31) of dehusked black gram (Control) and whole black gram using score card method

The prepared *badi* curry were further evaluated for their sensory quality using Score Card method for five parameters namely; taste, color, appearance, sponginess, flavour and overall acceptability. The data have been presented in Table 5.

**Taste**

Mean sensory score for taste of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.67 to 8.85, whereas for the *badi* curry made from improved variety of whole black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 8.67 to 8.49. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 7.66 whereas curry prepared from whole black gram obtained a mean score of 7.66. Statistically non-significant difference was found in the taste of curry prepared with dehusked black gram (control) and whole black gram *badi*.

**Colour**

Mean sensory score for colour of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram *badi* (Pant U-31) ranged from 8.07 to 8.87, whereas for the curry made from improved variety of whole black gram *badi* (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.27 to 8.55. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 8.06 whereas curry prepared from whole black gram *badi* obtained a mean score of 7.26. Statistical analysis of data showed that dehusked black gram *badi* curry (control) differed significantly in colour from whole black gram *badi* curry.

**Appearance**

Mean sensory score for appearance of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.93 to 8.16, whereas for the curry made from improved variety of whole black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.07 to 8.23. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 7.93 whereas *badi* curry prepared from whole black gram obtained a mean score of 7.06. Statistical analysis of data showed that dehusked black gram *badi* curry (control) differed significantly in appearance from whole black gram *badi* curry.

**Sponginess**

Mean sensory score for sponginess of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.53 to 7.49. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 7.53 whereas *badi* curry prepared from whole black gram obtained a mean score of 6.13. Statistical analysis of data showed that dehusked black gram *badi* curry (control) differed significantly in sponginess from whole black gram *badi* curry.

**Flavour**

Mean sensory score for flavour of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.07 to 8.56, whereas for the curry made from improved variety of whole black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.20 to 8.06. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 7.06 whereas curry prepared from whole black gram obtained a mean score of 7.2. Statistically non-significant difference was found in the flavour of curry prepared with dehusked black gram (control) and whole black gram *badi*.

**Overall acceptability**

Mean sensory score for overall acceptability of control *badi* curry prepared with improved variety of dehusked black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.47 to 8.53, whereas for the *badi* curry made from improved variety of whole black gram (Pant U-31) ranged from 7.37 to 8.34. Control *badi* curry obtained a mean score of 7.46 whereas curry prepared from whole black gram obtained a mean score of 7.36. Statistically non-significant difference was found in the overall acceptability of *badi* curry prepared with dehusked black gram (control) and whole black gram.

**Table 5:** Sensory score of *Badi* curry of selected variety (Pant U-31) of whole black gram and dehusked black gram (control) using score card method

| Product Attributes | Dehusked black gram (Control) Pant U-31 | Whole black gram Pant U-31 | S.Emz | CD at 5% |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Taste              | 7.67±1.18 *                             | 7.67±0.82 *                 | 0.261 | 0.756  |
| Colour             | 8.07±0.80 *                             | 7.2±1.28 *                  | 0.275 | 0.797  |
| Appearance         | 7.93±0.23 *                             | 7.07±1.16 *                 | 0.266 | 0.772  |
| Sponginess         | 7.53±0.74 *                             | 6.1±1.36 *                  | 0.282 | 0.817  |
| Flavour            | 7.07±1.49 *                             | 7.20±0.86 *                 | 0.313 | 0.908  |
| Overall Acceptability | 7.47±1.06 *                          | 7.37±0.97 *                 | 0.262 | 0.760  |

All results are mean± standard deviation for three individual determinations.

Means in each row by different letters are significantly different (P < 0.05).

**Nutritive value of improved variety (pant u-31) of whole black gram and dehusked black gram *Badi* Curry (Control)**

Nutritive value of improved variety (Pant U-31) whole black gram *badi* curry and dehusked black gram *badi* curry (control) per 100g was calculated by using the data available in Indian Food Composition Tables by Longvah *et al.* (2017) [15] whereas fibre content was calculated by using the data available in Nutritive value of Indian Foods by Gopalan *et al.* (2011) [30]. Results of nutritive value of dehusked (control) and whole black gram *badi* curry have been presented in Table 6. Nutritive value of *badi* curry prepared from dehusked black
gram i.e. control and whole black gram showed that fibre, calcium and iron content of whole black gram badi curry were higher than that of badi curry prepared from dehusked black gram while protein, fat, carbohydrate and energy content were higher in badi curry prepared from dehusked black gram.

Table 6: Nutritive value of selected variety (Pant U-31) of whole black gram Badi curry and dehusked black gram Badi curry (Control) per 100g

| Products              | Protein (g) | Fat (g) | Fibre (g) | Carbohydrates (g) | Energy (kcal) | Calcium (mg) | Iron (mg) |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Dehusked black gram   | 13.34       | 1.04    | 1.13      | 34.86             | 880.55        | 45.61        | 2.76      |
| Whole Black gram      | 12.80       | 0.98    | 3.31      | 31.35             | 812.05        | 60.86        | 3.41      |

Conclusion
In the present study results of shelf life of badi stored at room temperature revealed that total plate count increased from <30 to 1.76 x 10³ cfu/g. Moisture content increased from 6.93% to 7.3%. However, the values obtained in the present study fall within the acceptable limit. For sensory evaluation, the prepared badi was cooked in a vegetable curry preparation and was done using Nine Point Hedonic Scale and Score card method. Results of Nine Point Hedonic Scale showed that control badi curry was liked very much by 33.33% of panel members and badi curry prepared by whole black gram was liked very much by 46.66%. Statistical analysis of data obtained by score card method showed that there was non-significant difference in overall acceptability between badi curry prepared with dehusked black gram (control) and whole black gram. Nutrient composition of Pant U-31 badi curry revealed that it contained higher amount of fibre (3.31g), calcium (60.87 mg/100g) and iron (3.41 mg/100g) content than that of control badi curry. To maximize its utilization more products can be formulated from black gram.

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