Antioxidant Activities, Functional Properties, and Application of a Novel Lepidium Sativum Polysaccharide Cake Formulation

Sirine Ben Slima  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Naourez Ktari  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Imen Trabelsi  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Aicha Chouikhi  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Amina Hzami  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Mohamed Amie Taktak  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Lotfi Msaddak  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Riadh ben salah  (riadh_fss@yahoo.fr)  
Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax: Centre de Biotechnologie de Sfax

Research Article

Keywords: Polysaccharides, antioxidant activities, functional properties, cake, quality

DOI: https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-714516/v1

License: This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License. Read Full License
Abstract

A novel heteropolysaccharide, named Cress Water Soluble Polysaccharide (CWSP) was purified from *Lepidium sativum* seeds. Antioxidant activities and functional properties were characterized thermally using thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA), and the differential scanning calorimeter (DSC) of CWSP were evaluated. The total antioxidant capacity and the metal chelating activities of CWSP at 3 mg/ml was equivalent to 116.34 µg ascorbic acid and 62.57%, respectively. CWSP were thermally stable and presented high water (WHC) and oil holding (OHC) capacities and good emulsion properties. CWSP was used for the production of cakes. The formulations samples were prepared with different levels of CWSP (0.1; 0.3 and 0.5%) and analyzed during 15 days of storage at room temperature. The obtained results indicated that the addition of CWSP had a significant effect on the texture profile, leading to the increase in all parameters in terms of hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, adhesiveness and chewiness. Moreover, the reformulation samples presented higher a* and lower L* and b* than control sample. The sensory evaluation showed that the formulation of cake with 0.3% of CWSP was the most acceptable. Therefore, CWSP proved to be a new alternative for improving the quality attributes and showed potent antioxidant activities on the shelf life during the storage of bakery foods.

1. Introduction

The increasing consumer demand for food products that offer health benefits has initiated several bakery products developments containing bioactive ingredients. It is proven that the functional products formulation by substituting or adding certain ingredients promote health effects such as anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancerous, and antioxidant properties [1].

An essential aspect to prepare bakery products with enhanced nutritional quality is sensory properties preservation such as acceptability of consumer. This criterion has the priority to determine the efficient formulation of the developed products [2]. The presence of fat amount could oxidize the bakery products during storage, leading to the deterioration of the sensory properties of the final product. However, adding antioxidant compounds can prevent the auto-oxidation of fats and prolong the shelf life of these products. Recently, the addition of antioxidant compounds derived from plants has received much attention [3]. In this context, polysaccharides were used in food products as a source of biologically active substances due to their antioxidant and functional properties. Furthermore, these natural polymers have important bioactivities, such as anti-inflammatory, anti-tumor, immunostimulator [4, 5] and hypocholesterolemic activities [6]. Polysaccharides bioactivities depend on various characteristics, such as monosaccharide compositions, molecular weights and chemical structures [7].

Cress seed, *Lepidium sativum*, which belongs to the Brassicaceae family, is distributed in India, Iran, North America and some parts of Europe. It is a seed that contains extremely nutritious substances with a pleasant aroma and flavor along with important minerals vitamins, and metabolites, such as polysaccharides and glycoprotein complexes.
Polysaccharides have largely been added to food packaging [8] and foods, as bakery, meat and dairy products to improve their quality and provide a high sensory quality [9, 10]. In fact, polysaccharides are used to change textural and physicochemical properties of foods even with a very low concentration [11]. Moreover, food polysaccharides usually show remarkable rheological properties, such as thickening, stabilizing, gelling, binding and emulsifying properties of food products [12]. Polysaccharides have also been successfully used to improve food shelf-life via preventing settling or creaming, influencing water crystallization retaining moisture and retarding staling, and preventing syneresis or the retro-gradation of starch products [10]. Polysaccharides extracted from byproducts can improve the cost-effectiveness of the overall production process, and hence the final product [13].

The purpose of this study is to explore the CWSP antioxidant activities and functional properties and evaluate its effect on cake formulations during 15 days of storage.

2. Material And Methods

2.1. Materials and reagents

*L. sativum* seeds were purchased from the market of Sfax city in Tunisia. They were crushed by a Moulinex blender LM 241, and the collected powder was served in a glass container. Besides, the ingredients of cupcake were obtained from a local company called Gourmandise (Gourmandise, Sfax-Tunisia).

2.2. Extraction of water-soluble polysaccharide from *L. sativum* (CWSP)

Water-soluble polysaccharide from cress seeds (CWSP) was purified according to the method of Ben Slima et al. [9]. Briefly, the ethanol was used to pre-extract and remove cress seeds powder pigments. Then, the extract was obtained after 20 volumes of deionized water addition at 90 °C while being stirred for 4 h. The obtained filtrates were evaporated under vacuum. The concentrated liquid was then precipitated at 4 °C during 24 h using 95% (v/v) ethanol. The final purified polysaccharide (CWSP) was later on lyophilized and stored at 4 °C.

2.3. Thermal analysis of CWSP

2.3.1. DSC measurements

The phase transition was determined using DSC analysis. The thermal analysis of CWSP was tested with a differential scanning calorimeter from -2.77 to 250 °C (Mettler Toledo 181 Star) at a rate of 5 °C/min.

2.3.2. TGA Thermo-gravimetry analysis

Thermo-gravimetric analyzer (Mettler Toledo TGA/SDTA 8951E) was used to test the thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA). An amount of 5 mg of the sample was introduced into the sample pan and heated from 30 to 400 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The gas flow rate was 40 ml/min.
2.4. Functional properties of CWSP

2.4.1 Water holding capacity

The water holding capacity (WHC) was recorded by the method of Trigui et al. [14]. Indeed, one gram of CWSP was dispersed in distilled water (25 ml). The suspensions were held at different temperatures (25, 50, or 75 °C) for 1 h. Besides, the excess of water was drained at 50 °C for 25 min. The WHC was calculated according the following formula:

\[
WHC = \frac{\text{weight of the tube content after draining}}{\text{weight of the dried SWPS}}
\]

The WHC was expressed as g of the absorbed water per g of the sample.

2.4.2 Oil holding capacity (OHC)

OHC was determined following Trigui et al. [14]. The samples (0.5 g) were poured in volumes of 10 ml of soybean oil. Then, the suspensions were kept at different temperatures (25, 50, or 75 °C) for 1 h. The obtained supernatant was removed and the excess of oil was drained. OHC was calculated as the weight of the tube contents after dividing draining by the weight of the dried CWSP. OHC was expressed as g of the absorbed oil per g of sample.

2.4.3 Emulsifying activities

2.4.3.1 Determination of emulsifying activities

CWSP emulsifying activities were assayed as reported by Ben Slima et al. [9]. Actually, soybean oil was added to CWSP solution (0.3%) with a ratio of (3:2, v/v) and stirred in the vortex for 2 min at 2400 rpm. After 1, 24 and 168 h, emulsification indices E1, E24 and E168 were calculated as follows:

\[
EI = \frac{he}{ht} \times 100
\]

where \(he\) (mm) is the emulsion layer height and \(ht\) (mm) is the mixture overall height after \(t\) hours.

2.5.2.3 Effects of temperature, pH and ionic strength on emulsion stability

Soybean oil was chosen for subsequent assays. Therefore, CWSP (0.3%) emulsion stabilizing capacity was assayed at a large range of temperature (20-100 °C) during 1 h, pH (2.0-12.0), and ionic strength (0.2-2 M NaCl).
2.4.3.2. Microscopic assessment of emulsions

After 24 h of emulsion storage, a light microscope through a 10 × objective lens was used to examine the emulsion samples.

2.5. Antioxidant activities of CWSP

2.5.1. Total antioxidant activity

The total antioxidant activity of CWSP was determined by the phosphate molybdate method [15]. Briefly, 1 ml of reagent solution (0.6 M sulfuric acid, 28 mM sodium phosphate and 4 mM ammonium molybdate) was added to 0.1 ml of samples at various concentrations (1 to 3 mg/mL). After incubation at 90 °C for 90 min and cooling, the mixture was measured at 695 nm. The antioxidant activity was expressed as ascorbic acid equivalents. BHT was used as a positive control.

2.5.2. Ferrous chelating activity

The ferrous chelating activity of CWSP at different concentrations (1 to 5 mg/mL) was measured according to the method of Ben Slima et al. [16]. Briefly, distilled water and FeCl2 (2 mM) were mixed with the sample. After 15 min, 0.1 mL of ferrozine (5 mM) was added. Finally, the Fe$^{2+}$-ferrozine complex absorbance was measured at 562 nm after 10 min reaction time. EDTA was used as reference.

2.6 Preparation of cakes

The cakes consisted of the following ingredients: wheat our, sugar, egg yolk, baking powder, butter. All ingredients were obtained from Souad Gourmandise society, Sfax-Tunisia. Wheat flour cakes supplemented with CWSP was prepared. After mixing the ingredients, the dough samples were placed on aluminum trays and baked at 180 °C for 30 min and then allowed to cool. Then, the samples were stored at room temperature under natural relative humidity conditions in closed bag for storage studies (0-15 days).

Four formulations were prepared: C: control formulation without polysaccharides); T1: formulation with 0.5% of CWSP; T2: formulation with 0.3% of CWSP and T3: formulation with 0.1% of CWSP.

2.7 Antioxidant activities of cake

DPPH• radical-scavenging, ABTS and reducing power were measured in cakes ethanolic extract as previously described [17]. An amount of 5 g of bread sample was homogenized with 25 ml ethanol for 2h at 25 °C using an orbital shaker at stirring speed of 200 rpm. After centrifugation at 8000 rpm for 30 min, the supernatant was recovered. The DPPH radical-scavenging activity (%), the ABTS radical-scavenging activity (%) and the reducing power (absorbance at 700 nm) of cakes were measured as previously described [17].

2.8 Thiobarbitric acid assay (TBA)
TBA were based on a method adapted from Bajaj et al. [18]. Briefly, 10 g of ground cookies samples were mixed in 25 ml of distilled water and 10% trichloroacetic acid. To 1 ml of filtrate, an amount of 3 ml of TBA solution (0.67 l) and 0.05 N of H$_2$SO$_4$ was added and the mixture was heated on water bath at 95 °C for 30 min. After cooling, n-butanol (4 ml) was added and centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 10 min. The organic layer was pipetted out and absorbance was measured at 532 nm.

2.9 Texture profile analysis (TPA)

The crumb texture was evaluated for cakes stored at 25 °C for 24 h and 72 h using a Texture Analyzer (Model TA.XT plus, Stable Microsystems, Surrey, U.K.). The texture profile analysis (TPA) for cakes was determined by a texture analyzer (TA-XT2i, Stable Micro Systems Ltd., Surrey England) and performed at room temperature [19]. Texture parameters (hardness, springiness, cohesiveness and chewiness) were quantified during 10 days of storage for 20-mm thick cake slices using the TPA double compression test. Actually, the samples were compressed to 50% compression at a speed of 10 mm/sec and a 5 sec delay between the first and second compression.

2.10 Determination of color of cakes

The color parameters of cakes (lightness L*, redness a* and yellowness b*) were determined with a Color Flex spectrocolorimeter (Hunter Associates Laboratory Inc., Reston, VA, USA) during 10 days of storage at room temperature [20].

2.11 Sensory evaluation

The sensory properties (texture, color, odor, taste and overall acceptability) of freshly prepared cakes were evaluated by 60 panelists. A nine-point hedonic scale with 1, dislike extremely; 5, neither like nor dislike and 9, like extremely, was used. Water was provided to rinse mouth between evaluations.

2.12 Statistical analysis

One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed using the SPSS program (V17.0) by Duncan test to determine the significant differences between treatments. The results were expressed as mean values and standard errors from the three replications. All tests were performed at a 0.05 level of significance.

3. Results And Discussion

3.1. DSC measurement

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) is considered as a powerful technique to examine chemical and physical changes that serve to determine the kinetics of polysaccharide polarizing during thermal processing. As shown in Fig. 1A, an obvious endothermic peak at 87.83 °C in DSC curve was detected, indicating the dehydroxylation reaction and the loss or the dehydration of peripheral polysaccharide chains [21]. Besides, an exothermic peak was observed at 274.96 °C, indicating the level of cross-linking
of polymers [22]. A similar curve was observed in the case of tamarind seed polysaccharide which seems to behave completely differently; its endothermic peaks were indicated at 85.29 °C and 270.78 °C and followed by an exothermic peak at 318 °C [23]. Other studies reported that polysaccharides extracted from *Sorghum bicolor* seeds, *D. melonoxylon* and *B. lanzan* had transition temperatures of 78.85 °C; 78 °C, and 89 °C, respectively [9, 24]. In addition, Ktari et al. [23] reported that senegrain polysaccharides melting presented a wide endothermic peak at 90.11°C and a small endothermic peak at 270.78 °C. The different thermal transitions are linked to the polymer chemical nature and the temperature. Polysaccharide transition temperature is also related to monosaccharide composition and polymerization degree [23].

3.2. Thermo-gravimetry analysis

TGA is a simple tool to study the thermal behavior and the decomposition pattern of polymers. In fact, it can provide the mass change measurement in materials related to decomposition pattern, dehydration and oxidation of polymers with temperature and time.

As shown in Fig 1B, the initial weight loss at the temperature range of 28.33–175 °C was observed, which could be attributed to the loss of bounded and free water [25]. The weight loss of CWSP was shown in the temperature range of 175.00- 566.03 °C, which might be due to the CWSP decomposition. The result suggested that CWSP was relatively stable below 566 °C. Hence, CSWP could be added into different food systems thanks to its thermal stability.

3.3. Functional properties of CWSP

3.3.1. Water holding capacity of CWSP

The water holding capacity (WHC) represents the amount of water held, used to assess the stability, sensory and texture of sample. As shown in Table 1, the WHC values of CWSP were 15.21, 15.48 and 17.98 at 25, 50, 75 °C. CWSP was found to possess a WHC level higher than those obtained for polysaccharides isolated from black cumin seeds at different temperatures [14]. It was reported that WHC could be attributed to pore size, polysaccharide source and the capillarity of the molecule conformational structure [26].

3.3.2. Oil holding capacity of CWSP

The oil holding capacity (OHC) of CWSP was investigated at 25, 50 and 75 °C. As shown in Table 1, the highest OHC value was detected at 50 °C, which recorded 1.31 g oil/g sample. This value was lower than that of polysaccharides from *Lilium lancifolium Thunb* (9.25 g oil/g sample) [27], and higher than durian seed gum (0.44-1.29 g oil/g sample) [28]. Although OHC is partially linked to the chemical composition, it is closely related to the fiber structure porosity and the affinity of the fiber molecule to oil [29].

3.3.3. Emulsifying activities of CWSP
3.3.3.1. Determination of emulsifying activities

CWSP emulsifying activities, including emulsion capacity (EC) and emulsion stability (ES), at 0.3% concentration using corn oil was determined. CWSP exhibited a high rate of EC, up to 77.77% after 1 h. The results showed that EC was related to the polysaccharides composition, rheological characteristics and the residual components of the hydrophobic protein [9]. After 24 h, CWSP still formed stable emulsions as shown by the emulsification indices (E168) which reached 75.58%. Our results also revealed that ES had a positive effect on its physical stability (gravitational separation, flocculation, and coalescence) [30].

3.3.3.2. Effects of pH, temperature and ionic strength on emulsion stability.

Emulsifiers are frequently exposed to extreme ionic strength, pH and temperature in various industrial processes. Therefore, CWSP emulsion stabilizing capacity and emulsifying activities for corn oil was tested under different conditions of NaCl concentration (0.2–2.0 M), pH (2.0–12.0) and temperatures (20–100°C) (Fig. 2).

As shown by the microscopic and macroscopic appearance in Fig. 2A, the emulsions of CWSP were relatively stable at low NaCl concentrations (0.1 to 0.4 M), which presented a monomodal size distribution, with the smallest mean droplet size of emulsions. Indeed, it is reasonable to suggest that CWSP stability of emulsions is due to gel-like network formation [31]. Generally, Na+ had a larger protecting effect on the polymer chains by collapsing down the side chains [32]. For emulsions prepared with corn oil, the increase of NaCl concentrations from 0.1 to 2 M caused an E24 decrease from 70.27 to 51.42 %, respectively. It is worth noting that the ionic concentration up to 0.8M and the droplets coalescence were observed. This could emanate from the decrease of electrostatic repulsions between polysaccharide molecules, and their desorption from the droplet surface [33].

As depicted in Fig. 2B, emulsions could be influenced by pH value differences altering polysaccharides molecular conformations. The pH effect on emulsion stabilities prepared with biopolymers are most possibly attributable to their diverse structural and chemical compositions [34]. In this study, at acidic conditions, polysaccharide molecules adsorbed onto the surfaces of the emulsion droplets were less dissociated, and therefore had a compact conformation, demonstrating its good emulsifying capacity. This is favorable for preventing emulsion droplets from coalescence [35]. At alkaline condition, the emulsion prepared with polysaccharide had a looser conformation. Furthermore, at high pH values, the polysaccharide carboxyl groups were more dissociated, causing an increase of intramolecular repulsions, weakening the strength of hydrated layer on the droplet surface. Thus, the coalescence of droplets became very significant [35].

CWSP emulsifying properties were also evaluated against temperature changes from 20 °C to 100 °C (Fig. 2C). After being heated to 20, 40 and 6 °C, CWSP retained its ability to form stable emulsions. In fact, a decrease of the emulsification index was observed at temperatures above 60 °C. Generally, CWSP stabilizing activity may be used as relatively high temperature-subjected emulsion stabilizer. Analyzing
the data from microscopic evaluation, at 20, 40 and 60 °C, emulsions presented monomodal size distribution, with the smallest mean droplet size. Consequently, it is reasonable to propose that the emulsions stability of CWSP is due to steric emulsions which stabilizes by forming an extended three-dimensional gel-like network in the continuous phase [34]. The larger droplet size values were detected at 80 and 100 °C, which, in turns, may be associated with the droplet irreversible flocculation and coalescence. Similar results were observed by Ktari et al. [34].

3.4. Antioxidant activities of CWSP

3.4.1. Total antioxidant activity of CWSP

The total antioxidant activity assays of CWSP at different concentrations (1 to 3 mg/ml) and BHT were expressed as ascorbic acid equivalent (µg AAE) (Fig. 3A). These results indicated a positive dose-effect relationship between the antioxidant activity and sample concentrations.

Hence, the total antioxidant capacity reached a maximum value (116.34 µg AAE) at 3 mg/ml. Moreover, the CWSP presented higher values of antioxidant activities than polysaccharides from *Sorghum bicolor* seeds [9].

3.4.2. Chelating ability of CWSP

Ferrous ion is generally considered as the most potent pro-oxidant that accelerates the reaction oxidation through Fenton reaction. The chelating ability of CWSP at different concentrations is presented in Fig 3B. In fact, the metal chelating activities of CWSP were kept dose-dependent in the concentration ranges tested with a rate of 62.57 % at 3.0 mg/ml. The obtained values were higher than those found by Ktari et al. [34] and Ben Slima et al. [16].

3.5. Antioxidant activities in cake

The DPPH radical scavenging activities of the cake samples are shown in Fig. 4A. Cakes prepared with 0.5% of CWSP were attributed to the highest DPPH radical scavenging activities with 77.07% on day 1 and 70.26% on day 15. Comparable trends were also noticed for ABTS (Fig. 4B) and ferric-reducing power assay (Fig. 4C). In fact, the ABTS for control cake was 56.17 on day 1 and 27.79 on day 15, and increased to 63.94 on day 1 and 33.8 on day 15 for CWSP-added cakes. Concerning ferric reducing power, the cakes formulated with CWSP exhibited the highest value in the range of 2.36 on day 1 and 1.44 on day 15. The increase in the antioxidant activities of cakes could be ascribed to the CWSP antioxidant potential. During storage, a significant (p < 0.05) decrease in DPPH radical scavenging activity of control cake and cakes formulated with CWSP was observed. This decrease may be accredited to the compound degradations upon storage [1]. The most important reduction of antioxidant activity was observed in control cake, which could result in a negative effect on the storage stability of the product. Interestingly, CWSP-supplemented cakes could retain most of their antioxidants, since they underwent a small decrease in antioxidant activity after 10 days of storage. Consequently, these results suggest that the antioxidant potential of CWSP-added cake reinforces their stabilization against oxidative damage.
Similarly, Souza et al. [36] have reported that the supplementation of *Gracilaria birdiae* polysaccharides in food enhances their antioxidant potential as well as their stabilization against oxidative damage.

3.6. Lipid peroxidation

Lipid peroxide formation is accompanied with a secondary end-product, malondialdehyde (MDA), formation. As shown in Fig. 4D, TBA value for reformulated cakes samples (F1, F2 and F3) was lower than that for control sample. Remarkably, CWSP decreased TBA values in comparison with those of the control throughout the storage. TBA value that is less than 0.6 mg/kg MDA for cakes samples are said to be non-rancid, while values ranging between 0.65–1.44 mg/kg MDA are considered as rancid but still acceptable. As for the values that are higher than 1.5 mg/kg sample, they are considered as rancid and unacceptable [37]. At the 15th day of storage, control sample was rancid but still acceptable. Control sample showed the highest TBA value compared to other reformulated cake samples, which indicated that the polysaccharide additions in cake bearing antioxidant properties can extend their shelf life by retarding oxidation reactions.

3.7. Determination of color of cake formulated with CWSP

Since cake color has an important effect on their perception by consumers, it is necessary to determine the samples modification that affects the values of color parameters. The results presented in Table 2 reveal that cakes incorporated with CWSP have a significant influence on color parameters. The values of a*, which ranged between 4.13 and 6.48, in the samples with CWSP (F1, F2 and F3) were significantly higher in comparison with those of the control sample. However, the results showed that the lightness (L*) and b* values decreased for the reformulated cake samples, which were found to be darker than control sample, as shown by lower L*values, with different concentrations of CWSP. Indeed, the obtained results in the 15th day of storage demonstrated a reduction in L* value from 72.39 (control product) to 68.36 in cake supplemented with 0.5% level of CWSP. Similar results were found by Korus et al. [38], who observed that linseed mucilage addition produced breads with darker color compared to the control bread. Moreover, CWSP addition (F1, F2 and F3) decreased b* values, which ranged between 27.23 and 30.59 at the end of storage. Owing to CWSP’s color, its addition had a significant effect on the color parameters of reformulated cakes. Furthermore, the color modifications of cakes might be attributed to the fact that polysaccharides underwent oxidation reactions, and participated in caramelization reactions during baking [37, 39]. Similar results were observed by Sulieman et al. [40], who affirmed that reformulated cookies containing *Garicus bisporus* polysaccharide flour were darker and presented lower b* values compared to control sample.

3.8. Texture analysis of cake formulated with CWSP

The results of texture analyses of reformulated and control cakes during storage period at room temperature are illustrated in Table 3. They revealed that CWSP addition at different levels induced a significant effect (P < 0.05) in all texture parameters. In fact, compositional profile modifications of
reformulated cake samples could alter textural profile due to unrestricted staling relating physicochemical phenomena or insufficient structuring [41].

The obtained results confirmed that the addition of increasing levels of CWSP caused an increase in cakes hardness from 5.96 to 7.39 N. These values were higher than those of the control sample (5.58 N) at the first day of storage. Hardness also increased in reformulated cakes at the end of storage. Indeed, the improvement of carbohydrate contents in cakes resulted in harder products. Moreover, the increase in the hardness of cakes with CWSP may be attributed to the decrease in water activity. Bhat et al. [1] have attributed this increase to the formation of micro globules between polysaccharides and fats. As fat hinders the formation of gluten network, its limited availability presumably increases the hardness of cakes. However, fermented biscuits supplemented with mushroom polysaccharide flours showed lower values of hardness due to the decrease in carbohydrate contents and increase in dietary fibers and some organic acids, a result of fermentation process [40]. During storage period, cakes springiness increased for reformulated samples with the addition of CWSP, indicating a good possibility of adding polysaccharides for the preparation of cakes. Upon the storage of cakes, a decrease in springiness values was observed. Similar results were reported by Gomez et al. [42] for yellow layer cakes. Cohesiveness values increased for reformulated cakes, with the highest value of 0.23 shown with the addition of 0.5% of CWSP. The lowest value was shown in control sample (0.10) at the end of the storage period. The modification of cakes’ cohesiveness may be related to the cake moisture and the cell circularity. Therefore, it can be inferred that cake samples containing a large number of air cells with smaller size could be more cohesive compared to cake samples, thus presenting a lesser dense structure [19]. Concerning chewiness, among all cakes prepared with different levels of CWSP, it displayed higher values compared to control sample. Grigelmo-Miguel et al. [43] reported an increase in chewiness in muffins with dietetic fibers. Chewiness modifications could be related to the viscosity of added compound [19]. Furthermore, CWSP incorporation increased adhesiveness. Hence, owing to functional properties of polysaccharides, CWSP could be suitable to improve texture profile and stability of a lot of varieties of foods such as bakery products.

3.9. Sensory evaluations

The sensory evaluation of cakes was evaluated in terms of their color, texture, odor, taste, and general acceptability using 9-point hedonic scale (Table 4). Among the cakes, control sample was the lowest in all sensorial attributes. Nonetheless, cake with 0.3% of CWSP (F2) was more acceptable according to panelists compared with other formulations with a better taste (Fig. 5). Korus et al. [38] demonstrated that flaxseed mucilage can be a tangible solution to improve the sensory properties and preserve the dough quality. However, Fan et al. [44] suggested that Auricularia auricular polysaccharide flour added in the baked products does not affect the sensory evaluation of the final product.

4. Conclusion
Polysaccharides extracted from cress seeds showed potent antioxidant activities and important functional properties. The obtained results showed that CWSP was used as a readily accessible source of natural antioxidants as determined in three assay models and as food additives to improve cakes’ quality in terms of color and texture. With respect to the sensorial analysis, it proved that cakes with 0.3 % of CWSP represented a higher acceptability by the panelists. This novel polysaccharide can be widely applied to develop bakery food with good quality.

**Declarations**

**Acknowledgments**

This research was supported by the Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The authors would like to thank Mrs Leila Mahfoudhi, Emeritus teacher of English in the Faculty of Sciences of Sfax, for proofreading and polishing the language of the manuscript.

**Ethics declarations**

**Informed consent**

Not applicable.

**Conflict of interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

**References**

[1] Bhat NA, Wani IA, Hamdani AM (2020) Tomato powder and crude lycopene as a source of natural antioxidants in whole wheat flour cookies. Heliyon, 6:30-42. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2019.e03042

[2] Skrbic B, Cvejanov J (2011) The enrichment of wheat cookies with high-oleic sunflower seed and hull-less barley flour: impact on nutritional composition, content of heavy elements and physical properties. Food Chem. 124:1416-1422. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2010.07.101

[3] Dillard CJ, German JB (2000) Phytochemicals: nutraceuticals and human health. J. Sci. Food Agric. 80:1744–1756. DOI: 10.1002/1097-0010(20000915)80:12<1744::AID-JSFA725>3.0.CO;2-W

[4] Sun Y, Li W (2017) Activity-guided isolation and structural identification of immunomodulating substances from *Pleurotus eryngii* by products. Int. Immunopharmacol. 51:82-90. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.intimp.2017.08.005

[5] Barbosaa JR, Freitasb MMS, Oliveirab LC, Martinsc, LHS, Almada-Vilhenad AO, Oliveirae RM, Pieczarkad JC, Brasile DSB, Juniorn RNS (2020) Obtaining extracts rich in antioxidant polysaccharides
from the edible mushroom *Pleurotus ostreatus* using binary system with hot water and supercritical CO₂. 
*Food Chem.* **330**:127-173. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2020.127173.

[6] Gil-Ramírez A, Morales D, Soler-Rivas C (2018) Molecular actions of hypocholesterolaemic compounds from edible mushrooms. *Food & Funct.* **9**:53–69. https://doi.org/10.1039/C7FO00835J

[7] Ji X, Zhang F, Zhang R, Liu F, Peng Q, Wang M (2019) An acidic polysaccharide from Ziziphus Jujuba cv. Muzao: Purification and structural characterization. *Food Chem.* **274**:494-499. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2018.09.037.

[8] Yanming R, Zhiwen W, Mingyue S, Liyuan R, Wemmeng L, Wenhao X, Jianhua X (2021) Improve properties of sweet potato starch film using dual effects: Combination *Mesona chinensis* Benth polysaccharide and sodium carbonate. *LWT - Food Sci. Technol.* **140**:110679. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lwt.2020.110679.

[9] Ben Slima S, Ktari N, Trabelsi I, Moussa H, Makni I, Ben Salah R (2018) Purification, characterization and antioxidant properties of a novel polysaccharide extracted from 9+6 *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) seeds in sausage. *Int. J. Biol. Macromol.* **106**:168-178. doi: 10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2017.08.010

[10] Xi Y, Anqi L, Xiuxiu L, Lijun S, Yurong G (2020) An overview of classifications, properties of food polysaccharides and their links to applications in improving food textures. *Trends Food Sci. Technol.* **102**:1-15.https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tifs.2020.05.020

[11] Rongbin C, Fan Z (2021) Ultrasound modified polysaccharides: A review of structure, physicochemical properties, biological activities and food applications. *Trends Food Sci. Technol.* **107**:491-508. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tifs.2020.11.018

[12] Arezo F, Milad F (2018) Development of cress seed mucilage/PVA nanofibers as a novel carrier for vitamin A delivery. *Food Hydrocoll*. **18**:31-38. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodhyd.2018.02.008.

[13] Ben Salah R, Jaouadi B, Bouaziz A, Chaari K, Blecker C, Derrouane C, Attia H, Besbes S, (2011) Fermentation of date palm juice by curdlan gum production from Rhizobium radiobacter ATCC 6466™: Purification, rheological and physico-chemical characterization. *LWT - Food Sci. Technol.* **44**:1026-1034. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lwt.2010.11.023.

[14] Triguí I, Yaich H, Sila A, Cheikh-Rouhou S, Bougatef A, Blecker C, Attia H, Ayadi MA (2018) Physicochemical properties of water-soluble polysaccharides from black cumin seeds. *Int. J. Biol. Macromol.* **117**:937-946. doi: 10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2018.05.202.

[15] Prieto P, Pineda M, Aguilar M (1999) Spectrophotometric quantitation of antioxidant capacity through the formation of a phosphomolybdenumcomplex: specific application to the determination of vitamin E.
[16] Ben Slima S, Trabelsi I, Ktari N, Bardaa S, Elkarwi K, Abdeslam A, Ben Salah R 2019. Novel *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) seed polysaccharide structure, hemolytic and antioxidant activities, and laser burn wound healing effect. Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 132:87-96. doi:10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2019.03.192

[17] Msaddak L, Siala R, Fakhfakh N, Ayadi MA, Nasri M, Zouari N (2015) Cladodes from prickly pear as a functional ingredient: effect on fat retention, oxidative stability, nutritional and sensory properties of cookies. Int. J. Food Sci. Nutr. 66:1-7. DOI: 10.3109/09637486.2015.1095862.

[18] Bajaj S, Urooj A, Prabhasankar P (2016) Antioxidative Properties of Mint (*Mentha Spicata* L.) and its Application in Biscuits. Curr. Res. Nutr. Food Sci. 4:210-217. Doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.12944/CRNFSJ.4.3.07.

[19] Moza J, Gujral HS (2017) Influence of barley non-starchy polysaccharides on selected quality attributes of sponge cakes. LWT - Food Sci. Technol. 85:252-261 doi: 10.1016/j.lwt.2017.07.024.

[20] Ben Slima S, Ktari N, Trabelsi I, Triki M, Feki-Tounsi M, Moussa H, Makni I, Herrero A, Ruiz-Cappilas Perez C, Ben Salah R (2017) Effect of partial replacement of nitrite with a novel probiotic *Lactobacillus plantarum* TN8 on color, physico-chemical, texture and microbiological properties of beef sausages. LWT - Food Sci. Technol. 86:219-226. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lwt.2017.07.058

[21] Jalaleldeen KM, Mahdi AA, Ahmed MI, Ma M, Wang H (2020) Preparation, deproteinization, characterization, and antioxidant activity of polysaccharide from Medemia argun fruit. Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 155:919-926. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2019.11.050

[22] Matheus P (2016) Thermal degradation and morphological aspects of four wood species used in lumber industry. Revista Árvore 40:941-948. https://doi.org/10.1590/0100-67622016000500018.

[23] Ktari N, Bkhairia I, Nasri M, Ben Salah R (2020) Structure and biological activities of polysaccharide purified from Senegrain seed. Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 144:190-197. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2019.12.087

[24] Bothara SB, Singh S (2012) Thermal studies on natural polysaccharide. Asian Pac. J. Trop. Biomed. 2:1031–1035. https://doi.org/10.1016/S2221-1691(12)60356-6.

[25] Kittur F, Prashanth H, Sankar K, Tharanathan R (2002) Characterization of chitin, chitosan and their carboxymethyl derivatives by differential scanning calorimetry. Carbohydr. Polym.49:185–193. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0144-8617(01)00320-4

[26] Shen SG, Lin YH, Zhao DX, Wu YK, Yan RR, Zhao HB, Tan ZL, Jia SR, Han PP (2019) Comparisons of Functional Properties of Polysaccharides from *Nostoc flagelliforme* under Three Culture Conditions. Polym. 11:263. doi: 10.3390/polym11020263
[27] Gao J, Zhang T, Jin ZY, Xu XM (2015) Structural characterisation, physicochemical properties and antioxidant activity of polysaccharide from Lilium, lancifolium Thunb. Food Chem. 169:430-438. DOI: 10.1016/j.foodchem.2014.08.016

[28] Mirhosseini H, Amid BT (2012) Influence of chemical extraction conditions on the physicochemical and functional properties of polysaccharide gum from durian (Durio zibethinus) seed. Molecules 17:6465-80. doi: 10.3390/molecules17066465.

[29] Shen SG, Lin YH, Zhao DX, Wu YK, Yan RR, Zhao HB, Tan ZL, Jia SR, Han PP (2019) Comparisons of Functional Properties of Polysaccharides from Nostoc flagelliforme under Three Culture Conditions. Polym. 11:263. doi: 10.3390/polym11020263

[30] McClements DJ (2005) Food Emulsions: Principles, Practice, and Techniques, CRCPress, Boca Raton, 2005.

[31] Shao P, Qiu Q, Chen H, Zhu J, Sun P (2017) Physicochemical stability of curcumin emulsions stabilized by Ulva fasciata polysaccharide under different metallic ions. Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 105:154-162. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2017.07.018.

[32] Shao P, Zhu Y, Qin M, Fang Z, Sun P (2015) Hydrodynamic behavior and dilute solution properties of Ulva fasciata algae polysaccharide. Carbohydr. Polym. 134:566-572. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.carbpol.2015.08.015.

[33] Xiao J, Wang X, Perez Gonzalez AJ, Huang Q (2016) Kafirin nanoparticles-stabilized Pickering emulsions: microstructure and rheological behavior. Food Hydrocoll. 54:30-39. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodhyd.2015.09.008.

[34] Ktari N, Feki A, Trabelsi I, Triki M, Maalej H, Ben Slima S, Nasri M. Ben Amara I, Ben Salah R (2017) Structure, functional and antioxidant properties in Tunisian beef sausage of a novel polysaccharide from Trigonella foenum-graecum seeds. Int. J. Biol. Macromol. 98:169-181. doi: 10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2017.01.113.

[35] Sriprablom J, Luangpituksa P, Wongkongkatap J, Pongtharangkul T, Suphantharika M (2019) Influence of pH and ionic strength on the physical and rheological properties and stability of whey protein stabilized o/w emulsions containing xanthan gum. J. Food Eng. 242:141-152. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfoodeng.2018.08.031.

[36] Souza BWS, Cerqueira MA, Bourbon AI, Pinheiro AC, Martins JT, Teixeira JA, Coimbrea MA, Vicente AA (2012) Chemical characterization and antioxidant activity of sulfated polysaccharide from the red seaweed Gracilaria birdiae. Food Hydrocoll. 27:287-292. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodhyd.2011.10.005.

[37] Alshimaa AF (2012) Physico-Chemical and Sensory Properties of Cakes Supplemented with Different Concentration of Marjoram. Aust. J. Basic & Appl. Sci. 6:463-470.
[38] Korus J, Witczak T, Ziobro R, Juszczak L (2015) Linseed (*Linum usitatissimum* L.) mucilage as a novel structure forming agent in gluten-free bread. LWT - Food Sci. Technol. 62:257–264. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lwt.2015.01.040

[39] Fernandes SS, Salas-Mellado MM (2017) Addition of chia seed mucilage for reduction of fat content in bread and cakes. Food Chem. 227:237–244. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2017.01.075.

[40] Sulieman AA, Zhu KX., Peng, W., Hassan, H.A., Obadi, M., Siddeeg, A., & Zhou, HM. (2019). Rheological and quality characteristics of composite gluten-free dough and biscuits supplemented with fermented and unfermented *Agaricus bisporus* polysaccharide flour. *Food Chemistry, 271*, 193-203. doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2018.07.189

[41] Soukoulis C, Gaiani C, Hoffmann L (2018) Plant seed mucilage as emerging biopolymer in food industry applications. *Curr. Opin. Food Sci. 22*:28-42. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cofs.2018.01.004

[42] Gomez M, Ronda F, Caballero PA, Blanco CA, Rosell CM (2007) Functionality of different hydrocolloids on the quality and shelf life of yellow layer cakes. Food Hydrocoll. 2:167-173. DOI: 10.1016/j.foodhyd.2006.03.012.

[43] Grigelmo-Miguel N, Carreras-Boladeras E, Martin-Bello O (1999) Development of high fruit-dietary fibre muffins. Eur. Food Res. Technol. 210:123-128. https://doi.org/10.1007/s002170050547

[44] Fan L, Zhang S, Yu L, Ma L (2007) Evaluation of antioxidant property and quality of breads containing *Auricularia auricula* polysaccharide flour. Food Chem. 101:1158-1163. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2006.03.017

**Tables**

**Table 1. Water holding capacity, and oil holding capacities of CWSP (g water or oil/g wet sample).**

| Temperature | 25°C      | 50°C      | 75 °C     |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| WHC         | 15.21±1.2 | 15.48±1.1 | 17.98±0.9 |
| OHC         | 1.18±0.29 | 1.3±0.28  | 1.11±0.28 |

**Table 2. Color parameters (lightness, L*; redness, a*; yellowness, b*) of cakes during storage period**
Table 3. Texture parameters of cakes during storage period

| Storage period (days) | Parameters of color | Samples | T          | F1         | F2         | F3          |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1                     | a*                  |         | 3.90±0.29^a| 5.19±0.31^b| 4.22±0.35^a| 4.13±0.48^a|
|                       | b*                  |         | 32.52±1.31^c| 29.52±0.79^a| 28.83±0^a  | 30.68±0.1^b |
|                       | L*                  |         | 71.86±0.41^c| 69.91±0.23^b| 68.96±0.29^a| 70.22±0.12^b|
| 15                    | a*                  |         | 3.02±0.00^a| 6.48±0.30^d| 5.72±0.00^c| 4.91±0.00^b|
|                       | b*                  |         | 29.66±0.28^b| 27.23±0.01^a| 30.04±1.33^b| 30.59±1.01^b|
|                       | L*                  |         | 72.39±0.00^d| 68.36±0.01^a| 69.90±0.00^b| 70.28±0.01^c|

Statistical difference is shown by different letters (p<0.05) between samples
### Table 4. Sensorial properties of cakes

| Parameters of sensorial analysis | Formulations |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
|                                 | T            | F1            | F2            | F3            |
| Apparence                       | 5.90±0.56<sup>a</sup> | 6.18±0.41<sup>ab</sup> | 8.00±0.69<sup>c</sup> | 7.37±0.65<sup>bc</sup> |
| Color                           | 5.68±0.25<sup>a</sup> | 6.93±0.13<sup>b</sup> | 6.81±0.22<sup>b</sup> | 6.48±1.00<sup>b</sup> |
| Texture                         | 5.84±0.23<sup>a</sup> | 7.22±0.40<sup>b</sup> | 7.18±0.78<sup>ab</sup> | 6.62±0.75<sup>ab</sup> |
| Odor                            | 5.62±1.31<sup>a</sup> | 5.75±1.57<sup>a</sup> | 6.37±1.31<sup>a</sup> | 6.31±1.40<sup>a</sup> |
| Taste                           | 6.08±0.48<sup>a</sup> | 6.29±0.76<sup>ab</sup> | 7.28±0.94<sup>ab</sup> | 7.66±0.35<sup>b</sup> |
| General acceptability           | 6.89±0.31<sup>a</sup> | 6.87±0.99<sup>a</sup> | 8.18±0.96<sup>c</sup> | 7.46±0.53<sup>b</sup> |

Statistical difference is shown by different letters (p<0.05) between samples
Figures

Figure 1

Thermal analysis: of CWSP: (A) DSC; (B) TGA.
Figure 2

Effects of temperature (A), pH (B) and ionic strength (C), on emulsion stability.
Figure 3

Antioxidant activities of CWSP: (A) Ferrous chelating activity; (B) Total antioxidant activity.
Figure 4

Antioxidant activities of cakes during storage period: (A) DPPH radical scavenging activity; (B) ABTS radical scavenging activity; (C) Reducing power activity (OD700nm); (D) TBA values. Different letters indicate significant differences between samples (P<0.05). Values are means ± SD (n =3).
Figure 5

Images of the different samples of cakes formulated.