

# Studies on flavoring agent in foods

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Flavour is very important for the acceptability of foods, medicines, confectioneries and drinks. Information relating to aroma components of fruits and fruit products has shown great advances over the past twenty years largely due to analytical developments in the field of gas chromatography. Flavour in fruits and fruit products, as well as all foods and beverages, results from the combined effect of their constituents on the taste and olfactory organs. When considering flavouring components, it is usual to segregate them into volatiles and non volatiles, the former giving rise to aroma and the latter to taste sensations, but it must be remembered that this division is not clearly cut. The percentage of different constituents of fruits differs with the degree of ripening, fertilization and environmental conditions prevailing during growth and maturation of fruits. Mature, ripe and over ripe guava and pear fruits were chosen for this current studies to cover the whole guava and pear season. Separation of flavouring materials and their identification in the three degrees of maturity were also studied. The effect of processing and storage on ascorbic acid, sugar content and total acidity were monitored for one year. Following up development in the volatile components through ripening, beside the distribution of these volatiles in different parts of fruits were achieved. The volatile components were obtained by different methods to choose the best one. Ripening of pear fruits by storage under different temperatures was carried out. Influence of processing and storage on the volatile components of guava juice and pear puree were investigated. • Analysis of the fatty acid composition of ripe guava and pear fruits was obtained. Organoleptic evaluation was carried out for mature, ripe, over ripe, processed and stored guava juice and pear puree. The results of this study could be summarized in the following: 1- Both weight and size of fruits increase during ripening hence the maximum weight and size was observed at ripe stage, where the specific gravity was 1.006 and 1.001 in guava and pear juice respectively. The maximum content of edible parts was obtained in the ripe stage in guava fruits, where the highest content obtained in the over ripe stage in pear fruits. 2- Ripe guava fruits have a high content of total acidity, total soluble solids, total sugars, carotenoids, protein and fat. It has also a low content of ash; fibers and total solids compared to mature stage. Over ripe fruits contain high ascorbic acid, moisture and carotenoids. Its flesh also is characterized by excellent flavour and colour in ripe fruits. 3- An increase was noticed in ascorbic acid, carotenoids, moisture, protein, fat and ash in ripe stage of pear. Also a slight increase was noticed in total soluble solids, total sugars and fibers in over ripe stage of pear fruits. 4- Ripe fruits had the highest content of ester, carbonyl compound, oxygenated terpenes and limonene that reveal strong fruity aroma for guava and pear fruits. 5- Ascorbic acid content of fresh white guava juice which was 85.2 mg/100 gm. decreased gradually after processing and storage for 12 months in all treatments. - 170 - Ascorbic acid content in fresh pear puree was 4.5 and 5.2 mg/100 gm. in peeled and unpeeled fruits respectively. After processing it decreased to 2.57 and 2.97 mg/100 gm., and after storage for one year the loss of ascorbic acid was 19.84 % and 16.16 % respectively. A slight increase was noticed in reducing sugars while a slight decrease was observed in non reducing ones through storage of guava juice and pear puree. The titrable acidity (calculated as citric acid) decrease to about half during processing, due to addition of water and sugar. The titrable acidity of guava was stable in juices stored at 5°C. and -15°C., while those stored at room temperature showed a slight decrease for guava juice and pear puree after storage for one year. 6- Gas liquid chromatographic technique was used to separate and identify volatile components of mature, ripe and over ripe fruits. a. 40 components were identified in guava fruits representing different groups of

organic compounds, 12 aldehydes (3-methyl butanal, pentanal; 2-methyl propanal; hexanal; 2-hexenal; heptanal; octanal; nonanal, 1-decanal; benzaldehyde; hendecanal; and dodecanal.) • 13 esters (methyl butyrate; ethyl butyrate; methyl valerate; methyl hexanoate, linalyl acetate; methyl heptanoate; methyl octanoate; benzyl acetate; B-phenyl ethyl acetate; methyl cinnamate, ethyl dodecanoate; ethyl tetradecanoate and cinnamyl acetate.) & 10 alcohols (3-hexanol; 2-hexanol; 3-methyl-1-pentanol; hexanol; 3-octanol; heptanol; octanol; B-phenyl ethyl alcohol; 0-terpenol and benzyl alcohol.) & Ketones (B-ionone; 3-heptanone and 3-Octanone.) Be and 2-hydrocarbons (caryophyllene and P-methyl styrene.). The components responsible for the fragrant flavour are the ester components which have the highest concentration (44.94 %) for ripe fruits and the lowest for the mature ones (3.68 %). • This result indicates the tripe fruits has the best taste and odour. concerning alcohols, the great variation in their concentration was observed for the ripe fruits as it reached 27.33 % while for the over ripe ones it was 8.95 %.

b. Qualitative and quantitative changes in aromatic compounds as a result of ripening were studied in pear essence. 4 components were identified, 4 aldehydes (Propanal; 3-methyl butanal; decanal and 2,4-undecandenal). 20 esters (propyl acetate; butyl acetate; amyl acetate; hexyl acetate; methyl heptanoate; methyl octanoate; ethyl octanoate; octyl acetate; ethyl trans, 2-octanoate; methyl cis: 4-decenoate; ethyl decanoate; ethyl cis: 4-decenoate; methyl trans: 2-decenoate; methyl trans: 2: cis: 4-decadienoate; ethyl trans: 2-decenoate; methyl trans: 2: trans: 4-decadienoate; ethyl-}-hydroxyoctanoate; ethyl trans: 2 cis: 4-decadienoate; ethyl trans: 2: trans: 4-decadienoate and methyl dodecanoate.), 8 alcohols (1-hexanol; propyl alcohol; 2-hexanol; 1-hexenol; linalool; 1-octanol; n-heptanol; and n-octanol.) and 2 ketones (1-octanone and 3-nonanone.). Both short chain and long chain fatty acid esters play a significant role in the ripening of fruits. These results agree with those mentioned by Creveling and Jennings (1970).

7. a. Enters of guava give the fruit its characteristic fruity aroma. They reached 42.27 % in the whole fruit and 2.02 % in pulp. Cinnamyl acetate increased to 10.46 % in pulp because other components overlap its characteristic odour. The ketonic compounds reached 21.49 % in seeds and 14.84 % in peels.

b. Results of pear fruits explain that most of the characteristic flavour of pear developed mainly in peels, while pulp have only sweet flavour. The short chain alcohols were 4.27 %; 4.14 %; 0.46 % and 2.26 % for the whole fruit; pulp; peels and cores respectively. This explains that the peel has lowest concentration of alcohols of a grassy flavour. The percentage of alcohols in seeds may contribute to the presence of lipid in seeds which may be oxidized to give those short chain alcohols.

8-a. Extraction by organic solvents depends upon the polarity of both, solvent used and flavour components. Using ether, aliphatic aldehydes showed the highest concentration in guava fruits. Also by using pentane, alcohols had the highest concentration. Using ether to extract the distillate of guava juice gave the highest concentration of esters (44.94 %) and alcohols (27.33 %) and the lowest content of aldehydes (6.51 %).

b. Steam distillation of flavour components of pear fruits followed by ether extraction is better than even direct ether extraction which shows a good result than pentane or (ether: pentane) extraction.

9-a. Both chemical and physical methods can be used for reducing enzyme action. • Guava fruits treated with methanol before distillation have the highest concentration of aldehydes while the untreated ones have the lowest concentration as they were 53.7 % and 6.51 % respectively. On the other hand fruits treated with methanol had ester, ketone and alcohol content of 22.37%, 5.7% and 9.06 % while those untreated contained 44.94 %, 21.21 % and 27.33 % respectively.

b. Pear fruits treated with methanol as enzyme inhibitor before distillation to obtain aroma components, has the highest concentration of short and long chain esters which had the characteristic flavour of pear fruits.

10-a. Esters amounted to 30.88 % in pulp and 6.49 % in serum of guava juice. This indicates that flavour of guava juice is due mainly to ester content. Therefore it could be mentioned that centrifugation may offer a valuable supplementary technique for isolation of flavour compounds from guava juice.

b. In case of pear juice all the organoleptically important compounds are oxygenated and mainly appear in the serum. These results are in accordance with the established commercial practice of clarifying apple juice to obtain a product of improved appearance.

11- Low temperature of 5°C encouraged the production of unsaturated fatty acid esters rather than saturated ones. • On the other hand, storage at room temperature decreased unsaturated long chain fatty acid esters in relation to their saturated homologs. Cold storage of pear fruits is the

best condition to obtain good taste and flavour.

12-a. An obvious increase in the deonal concentration which may be due to the reversible reaction between esters and water to form alcohols and acids.

b. The concentration of low boiling point components decreased, a fact which might be due to escape of low boiling point components during the processing, then other components increased.

c. The concentration of the volatile components of canned guava juice stored at room temperature in aluminium foil containers and stored at 5°C especially enhanced the aldehydes by the addition of sucrose. Cold storage of aluminium foil containers of guava juice stored at 5°C and -15°C. showed high content of B-ionone at 10.77% and 23.86% respectively.

d. Processing of pear puree under different treatments revealed a wide variation in the concentration of individual volatile components of pear. The storage of pear puree at room temperature for one year led to a high change in the concentration of alcohols in most stored samples, which may be due to the beginning of fermentation through the browning reactions.

13-a. Oleic, linoleic and linolenic acids formed the major part of the fatty acids (56%) • This explains the forming of 3-alkanones, long chain aldehydes and long chain esters which are believed to be derived from  $\beta$ -oxidation of these unsaturated fatty acids and also explains the variation observed by storage or by another treatment for guava fruits.

b. On the other hand the unsaturated acids, namely oleic, linoleic and linolenic constitute the major part of the acids, (62.54%) • This may explain the presence and the change of the unsaturation isomers decadienoates. The development of these decadienoates are due to  $\beta$ -oxidation of these unsaturated fatty acids during ripening of the fruits or under technical processing.

14-a. Changes that occurred in the chemical properties and flavouring material of guava and pear fruits during ripening affected the taste and aroma of fruits • The acceptability grade of guava and pear fruits was unacceptable in mature stage. It increased to excellent (natural) in ripe stage, then decreased to acceptable in the over ripe ones.

b. It could be seen that the most apparent difference is the average desiccation time required between samples prepared under different conditions and stored at different temperatures. This range from about 6 months for samples stored at room temperature to about 9 months, for those stored at 5°C and -15°C before the development of detectable organoleptic change.

c. Pear puree processed from ripe fruits under all different treatments and stored at room temperature had longer relative storage durability. Samples prepared with different treatments and stored at room temperature for 12 months had the same loss of score. As generally this effect was enhanced by increasing temperature of storage, which resulted in reduction of acceptability grade of guava juice and pear puree, from very good to acceptable in most samples of this work.