PTEROSTILBENE ENRICHMENT OF DRY CONVENIENCE FOOD FOR INSTANT MUFFINS*

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ABSTRACT Modern society is overloaded with uncontrolled flows of information, emotions and stress. On top of that, despite promoting a healthy diet, the populations of many countries are overweight, obese, and having type 2 diabetes. The role of genes in the development of diabetes, obesity and senile dementia is not so great. Vast majority of people obtain eating habits that appear to be significant factors in the onset of syndromes of dementia. Flour confectionery products, which include muffins, have gained popularity in many countries in the world, according to this, the development of technologies related to the enrichment of classical formulations with useful substances or components has relevance and necessity. This is also due to the expansion of the market for flour confectionery products that meet the strategy of a balanced and healthy diet. The aim of the article is to develop recipes and technology for instant muffins from dry semi-processed goods with the addition of dry blueberry powder as a source of pterostilbene, a substance that reduces the risk of early aging, Alzheimer's disease, type 2 diabetes, the effects of stress and depression. The proposed technology ensures the preservation of the beneficial effect of the biologically active substance that undergone heat treatment, due to the afore proposed short-term effect of the prepared mixture when exposed to microwaves. Developed dry mixes for muffins can be recommended for everyone, because they do not contain fat and sugar. Sweetness to the finished product is provided with the extract from stevia leaves. Muffins do not contain chemical disintegrants.

Key words: flour products; muffin; pterostelbene; blueberry powder; dementia; early aging; type 2 diabetes

Introduction

Most people prefer flour confectionery products for their taste and the feeling of pleasure from eating them. Various types of sugars, fats and complex carbohydrates provide early satiety with one portion of a small volume product. The tasteful harmony of products depends not only on fats and sugars, but also on flavorings and flavoring agents (raisins, nuts, chocolate crisps, coconut flakes, fruit fillings, pralines, etc.).

The presence of such components in flour confectionery products guarantees producers stable conditioned reflexes, taste addiction and a conscious desire of consumers to make a purchase.

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As you can see, such an addiction arises at the psychological level, i.e. engages the brain. We should not forget about the dangers of an excess of fats and free sugars in the human diet. Therefore, the right balance between taste and benefit for the body is one of the main strategies for the development of the food industry. Proper nutrition is a fundamental factor in a healthy lifestyle. With a constant correlation of these two concepts, the problem of 21st century is clearly indicated: in the absence of one, the meaning of the other is lost.

The question of the relationship between nutrition and human activity has previously been raised by scientists. To maintain a high level of activity, prophylactic diets were proposed, enrichment of traditional products and rations with components containing biologically active additives, physical education and sports. However, all this was effective only at the time of implementation. With the cessation of physical activity and the use of dietary supplements, disturbances of the body quickly began to accumulate.

It is indisputable fact that poor, unbalanced nutrition leads to a permanent change in DNA [1], depression, chronic headaches and cognitive impairment.

Therefore, the second approach to regulate physical activity (in our opinion) should be to enrich foods and diets with almost no change in taste habits.

Ukraine's food and processing industry's development strategy in the field of confectionery products for the period up to 2020 provides for the enhancement of product quality and competitiveness. Flour confectionery products, including muffins, are the largest sales segment in the Ukrainian confectionery market. They are in high demand in our country's population and are very popular abroad. Mainly domestic ingredients are used in the production of flour confectionery products. That allows you to stay for a long time in the segment of products for the population with low purchasing power.

However, this does not at all make this type of product uninteresting for the solvent population. A variety of tastes, fillings, commodity forms, packaging design, creates all kinds of trajectories for the distribution of flour confectionery among different segments of the population. This is followed by the technical component: the use of resource-saving technologies, new processing methods and innovative concepts of classic products.

It is equally important to expand the assortment to positions that meet the goals and objectives of a balanced and adequate diet to ensure the competitiveness of flour confectionery on the world market. Previously, we developed a dry mix technology to make muffins without sugar and fat. He final stage of product preparation was pouring with water, brew for 5-7 minutes and minute processing in an ultra-high frequency electromagnetic field.

The products have gained popularity among IT employees, financiers, office workers and students, that is, people engaged in mental work. This is precisely what served as an incentive for the development of flour confectionery products (muffins) technologies, with increased content of biologically active substances that regulate brain activity.

Thereby, enrichment of food products, which is in large demand, with substances that restore brain disorders and provide brain activity for a long time, is not just a preventative measure, but a solution to a number of global problems of society.

These conclusions are the result of an analytical study of statistical data, which suggests that in 2018, 50 million people were recorded with the cases of dementia. If timely measures are not taken, then literally in 30 years there will be three times as many people with the cases of dementia [2]. Disappointing prognosis for type 2 diabetes. An increase in the number of patients by 2030 from 420 to 600 million people [3]. Crohn's disease is also considered progressive (2-4 people per 100,000 inhabitants per year) [4].

**The aim of the study**

The aim of the work is the expediency of using blueberry powder in the production technology of instant muffins, which allows to expand the range of dishes from semi-finished products of high degree of preparedness, to improve the nutritional value of flour confectionery in prophylaxis purposes.

**Statement of the main material**

The insufficient amount of time that a person can spend to a meal is associated with an overall increase in daily activity, lifestyle, which defines the preferred nutrition of high readiness semi-finished products or an increase in snacks. Therefore, in this paper, we consider the development of dry muffins with the addition of dry blueberry powder which contains: pterostilbene and resveratrol, which are derivatives of trans-stilbene. Pterostilbene and resveratrol have a beneficial effect on the cardiovascular system, central nervous system. They have antioxidant, anti-inflammatory properties and inhibit the growth of cancer. In addition, they lower insulin resistance, glucose and cholesterol levels.

The presence of one hydroxyl group in the structure of pterostilbene allows it to easily pass through the blood-brain barrier, which, in addition, is a diffusion barrier essential for the normal functioning of the central nervous system and stays in the body longer than resveratrol [5]. Its advantage, in addition, is that it has the ability to absorb free radicals and protect biomolecules from oxidative effects [6]. According to studies, the use of pterostilbene enhances the effectiveness and reduces the adverse effects of chemoradiotherapy and can enhance immunotherapy. It can be used in combination with conventional cancer treatment methods, thereby increasing their oncostatic effectiveness. Pterostilbene also activates sirtuin - a protein responsible for aging and DNA repair. Pterostilbene has a beneficial effect as anti-aging compounds, modulating signs of aging, including...
oxidative damage, inflammation, telomere depletion and cell aging [7].

Resveratrol, according to studies conducted in 2010, affects the secretion and concentration of insulin in the blood. Reduces it with high-calorie diets [8].

Also, resveratrol has antagonistic effects on the development of cancer by regulating microRNAs and short non-coding RNAs [9]. The studies described in the «Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry» show that resveratrol has a strong antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effect. [10].

The negative effect of sugar on the human body was taken into account when developing the formulation of instant muffins. With a daily consumption of sugar-containing foods, cells are exposed to high levels of insulin and gradually reduce the amount of insulin receptors on their surface. Therefore, stevia and fructose replaced sugar. [11-13].

### The discussion of the results

The studies were conducted in the laboratory at the Department of Food Technology of the Oles Honchar Dnipro National University.

Earlier, we developed a formulation of instant muffins with the aroma of "Vanilla", which has a light color of dough. However, during preliminary experiments it was found that the addition of blueberry powder, which was originally dark in color, negatively affects the color of the crumb, so it was decided to use the berry powder in the composition of muffins with cocoa. Blueberry powder in a dosage of flour corresponding to 3, 5 and 10% by weight of flour.

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<td><strong>Raw materials</strong></td>
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The technology for preparing the dry mix for instant muffins includes in the following operations:

1. Sifting of dry components;
2. Dosing according to the recipe;
3. Mixing to a homogeneous composition;
4. Filling;
5. Packing.

The following method is used to prepare a chocolate muffin from a semi-finished product:

1. Add a portion of cold water (20-25 ml) to a measured quantity of dry mixture (the weight of one packing unit corresponds to one portion of the finished product);
2. Stir thoroughly for 1-2 minutes;
3. Let it brew for 7-10 minutes (for swelling of the protein-polysaccharide part and activation of enzymes);
4. Bake in the microwave for 1 minute at a power of at least 750 W.
5. Allow to cool before use for 1 minute.

Currently, there are many similar mixtures for making muffins. Muffin mixes are an ideal solution for the general population who want to supplement their diets with mouth-watering and high-quality products, the advantages of which are simplicity and speed of preparation, high organoleptic characteristics and nutritional value. The mixture that we have created can successfully complement the assortment of coffee houses, tea houses, lobby bars and fitness bars. Special equipment is not needed for the preparation of products: whipping machines or food processors, mixers, ovens, high-end stoves, convection ovens. The composition of the base mixture may vary, but the ingredients shown in table one are most often to be used.
Instant muffins containing pterostilbene can be recommended for the prevention of many diseases, however, during the development of the technology, one problem was identified: the low content of active substance in a dose of blueberry powder, which corresponds to high organoleptic characteristics of ready-made muffins (Table 2).

Table 2 – Organoleptic characteristics of muffin with the addition of blueberry powder

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<td>Appearance</td>
<td>Inherent to this product, without damage (kinks). With an increase in the dose of blueberry powder on the surface, the number of cracks and tears increases.</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Changes in the process of replacing part of the flour with blueberry powder from light brown to dark brown</td>
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<td>Taste and smell</td>
<td>Blueberry powder is evenly distributed in the products. With an increase in blueberry powder, the bakeability of the products will slightly decrease, the acid taste will increase, a berry aftertaste and smell will appear</td>
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<td>Appearance of fracture</td>
<td>Inherent to the product</td>
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Fig. 1 shows the results of measuring the moisture content of finished products. With an increase in the dosage of blueberry powder and, consequently, with an increase in organic acids, a decrease in alkalinity was noted. (Fig. 2).

Fig. 1 shows that with an increase in berry powder, the moisture of the muffins increases. This is primarily due to the fact that some of the biopolymers (proteins and starchy substances of flour), which have a high water-holding ability, are reduced. The hydrocolloids of blueberry powder are mainly represented by pectin substances, but when taking into account the degree of grinding of the powder to a state of fine dispersion, pectins are present in the form of dilapidated fractions with reduced hydrophilic properties.

Fig. 1 and fig. 2 also show that the humidity and alkalinity values are within the normalized range, however, the organoleptic characteristics of the samples with blueberry powder content indicate that 10% is the maximum allowable addition of the additional component.

In this regard, pterostilbene content was measured in the finished product, which was 1 μg in 1 portion of the finished muffin. This amount corresponds to only 0.003% of the recommended norm of 0.5 - 1.0. Of the prophylactic for a number of diseases associated with brain disorders.

Such values are negligible, so we decided to completely replace the cocoa powder with a domestic analogue - crushed flakes made from seeds of dark grapes. This solution allowed us to improve organoleptic characteristics, since the color of the curtain powder is lighter than cocoa. A harmonious dark coloring of the finished product occurred in combination with dark-colored blueberry powder. The cocoa flavor with the substitution turned into an aftertaste, which was enhanced by cocoa extract, as an additional source of chlorhexigenic acids (a substance that reduces weight).

Furthermore, grape seed flakes also contain substances that regulate brain activity and anti-aging processes, respectively resveratrol and hyaluronic acid.

Thus, the obtained samples had not only high organoleptic characteristics, but also a high content of...
substances that support brain activity and reduce the likelihood of early aging of the organism.

Conclusions

The results of the tasting, organoleptic evaluation and physico-chemical parameters of muffins with blueberry powder and grape shrimp meal indicate that the best results are achieved by replacing 10.0% premium wheat flour with blueberry powder and completely replacing cocoa powder (about 3% by weight of the finished product) for flakes made from grape seed. The obtained samples have good organoleptic and physico-chemical characteristics.

The product concept has no analogues in Ukraine and the world and allows us to consider the developed technology as competitive in the domestic and foreign markets, intended for a wide range of people.

This development is not complete. The possibilities of introducing high-readiness pure pterostilbene and resveratrol powders into semi-finished products are currently being considered to obtain more tangible physiological effects.

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