

Addition of brewing spent grains from malt and rice adjunct to the formulation of high fiber biscuit: effects of particle size of brewing spent grains on the product quality

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Abstract

Brewing spent grains are considered as a dietary fiber source in the making of many food products. In this study, brewing spent grains from malt and rice adjunct were dried, sieved and mixed with wheat flour in the making of high fiber biscuit. The impacts of particle size of brewing spent grains to the proximate composition, the physical properties and the sensory score of the obtained biscuit were investigated. When the pore size of the brewing spent grains sieve was reduced from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the protein content of the biscuit sample was enhanced, the total fiber content was decreased while the lipid, ash and phenolic content was similar to that of the control sample. Reduction in particle size of brewing spent grains also led to increased thickness and sensory score of the product; however, the biscuit hardness remained constant. With the recovery yield of 85.6%, the brewing spent grains passed through 0.40 mm sieve were an appropriate dietary fiber source for partial replacement of wheat flour in the high fiber biscuit production.

1. Introduction

Biscuit is a well-known industrial food product in the world. This bakery product is rich in sugar, starch and lipid but poor in dietary fiber (Mishra and Chandra, 2012). For human nutrition, high fiber food has become popular due to many health benefits including improvement in laxation and weight management, prevention of obesity and colon inflammation, reduction of risks for cardiovascular disease (Slavin, 2013). Use of dietary fiber materials and sweeteners in biscuit making has attracted great attention. Various dietary fiber sources have been applied to the formulation of high fiber biscuit such as cereal bran (Nandeesh *et al.*, 2011; Khalil *et al.*, 2015), fruit processing residue (Ajila *et al.*, 2008; Obafaye and Omoba, 2018) and brewing spent grains (BSG) (Kirssel and Prentice, 1979; Öztürk *et al.*, 2002; Petrović *et al.*, 2017).

BSG is a by-product of the brewing industry. This by-product is rich in dietary fibers including cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin. In addition, BSG also contains protein, ash, vitamins and phenolic compounds with antioxidant capacity (Meneses *et al.*, 2013). It can be noted that in the previous studies, BSG is originated from the mashing in which 100% barley malt is used. In tropical countries, barley cannot be cultivated and barley malt must be imported; adjunct is widely used in

brewing to partially replace barley malt (Le Van *et al.*, 2001). It can be inferred that the proximate composition of BSG from barley malt mashing and that from barley malt and adjunct mashing would be different. However, proximate composition and use of BSG from barley malt and adjunct mashing in biscuit making have not been reported in the literature.

Addition of dietary fiber materials to biscuit formulation improves nutritional value but reduces some textural properties as well as the sensory quality of the product (Quiles *et al.*, 2018). For BSG from barley malt mashing, the effects of their particle size on the main composition, spread factor and overall sensory score of biscuit are investigated (Öztürk *et al.*, 2002); however, the antioxidant capacity, as well as the hardness of the BSG added biscuit is unknown. In this study, for the first time, BSG from barley malt and rice adjunct was used to partially replace wheat flour for high fiber biscuit making. The effects of particle size of BSG on the product quality including proximate composition, physical properties and sensory score were investigated. The objective of the study was to select the appropriate size of brewing spent grains for the production of biscuit with high fiber content.

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2. Materials and methods

2.1 Materials

Brewing spent grains were originated from the 75% barley malt and 25% rice mashing and provided by Saigon Brewery (Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam). The fresh BSG were dried at 70°C for 5 hrs until the moisture content was less than 10%. The dried BSG were ground in a roller mill and equally divided into three portions; each portion was sifted through a sieve. The apertures of the three sieves were 0.60, 0.40 and 0.21 mm, respectively. The obtained BSG samples through the three sieves were preserved in polyethylene bags at 4°C and used for experimentation. Wheat flour was supplied from Dai phong company (Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam).

Other ingredients used for biscuit making included fresh chicken eggs, isomalt, acesulfame potassium, butter, sodium chloride, vanilla flavor, baking powder containing ammonium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate and wheat flour. These ingredients were purchased from a local supermarket in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

All chemicals used in the study were supplied by Sigma-Aldrich (USA) and they were of analytical grade.

2.2 Experimentation

For high fiber biscuit making, the weight ratio of wheat flour and BSG was fixed at 80% and 20% (Lam *et al.*, 2019); three biscuit samples A, B and C were prepared from BSG which were sifted through the sieve with apertures of 0.60, 0.40 and 0.21 mm, respectively. The total weight of wheat flour and BSG was 1 kg for each biscuit sample. Control biscuit sample D was prepared from wheat flour without BSG addition.

The ratio of all ingredients of the formulation of high fiber biscuit as well as the baking procedure was described in the previous study (Lam *et al.*, 2019). At the end of the baking, the product was naturally cooled down to the ambient temperature, packaged in polyethylene bag and immediately used for analysis.

2.3 Chemical analysis

Moisture content was determined by drying at 105°C to constant weight (Bradley, 2010). Lipid content was evaluated by Soxhlet extraction with diethyl ether (Min and Ellefson, 2010). Total protein content was estimated by Kjeldahl – Nessler method (AOAC, 2016). Ash content was quantified by heating at 550°C to constant weight (AOAC, 2000). Total carbohydrate content was determined by the phenol sulfuric acid method (BeMiller, 2010). Dietary fibers including total, soluble and insoluble fiber were measured by AOAC 985.29 method (McCleary *et al.*, 2013).

2.4 Physical analysis

The particle size distribution of wheat flour and BSG was measured using a laser diffraction particle size distribution analyzer (Model LA 920; Horiba, Japan); the mean particle size ($d_{4,3}$) and specific surface area were determined using LA-920 software (Horiba). Water holding capacity and oil holding capacity were evaluated by the procedure previously described elsewhere (Nwabueze, 2006). Diameter, thickness and spread factor of biscuit were determined by the method previously described elsewhere (Mishra and Chandra, 2012). The hardness of cookies was measured using texture profile analyzer (Model 5543, Instron, USA) (Noor Aziah *et al.*, 2012). Instrumental color was evaluated using a colorimeter (Model CR-300, Minolta, Japan); color data were recorded as CIE L*, a*, b* coordinates, indicating lightness (0 – 100), green-red, and blue-yellow, respectively. The total color difference between the BSG added biscuit and the control was calculated by the formula previously described elsewhere (Pathare *et al.*, 2013).

2.5 Sensory analysis

Sensory score of the cookies samples was evaluated using an acceptance test and 9-point hedonic scale. The panelists gave score 1-9 to the samples, ranging from “extremely dislike” to “extremely like” (Meilgaard *et al.*, 2006). Sixty panelists were selected for the sensory evaluation.

2.6 Statistical analysis

All experiments were performed in triplicate and the obtained results were presented as means±standard deviation (n=3). Mean values were considered significantly different when the probability was less than 0.05 using multiple range test. One-way analysis of variance was conducted by using software Statgraphics Centurion XV (Manugistics Inc., Rockville, USA).

3. Results and discussion

3.1 Proximate composition and physical properties of brewing spent grains and wheat flour

Table 1 presents proximate composition and physical properties of BSG from barley malt and rice mashing and wheat flour used in the study. The particle size of BSG was much larger than that of wheat flour. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the mean particle size of BSG reduced by 31% while their specific surface area increased by 27%; in addition, the recovery yield of BSG decreased by 30%. High recovery yield of BSG may reduce the cost of the final product.

It can be noted that the protein and lipid content of

Table 1. Recovery yield, proximate composition and physical properties of brewing spent grains and wheat flour

| | Wheat flour | Brewing spent grains passed through sieve with apertures of | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 0.60 mm | 0.40 mm | 0.21 mm |
| Recovery yield (%) | Non-determined | 92.8±0.7 ^a | 85.6±0.6 ^b | 65.4±0.2 ^c |
| Mean particle size (µm) | 75.4 ^d | 149.9 ^a | 128.4 ^b | 103.9 ^c |
| Specific surface area (cm ² /cm ³) | 1587 ^a | 1123 ^d | 1230 ^c | 1429 ^b |
| Moisture (%) | 12.1±0.1 ^a | 7.7±0.1 ^b | 7.6±0.1 ^{bc} | 7.4±0.1 ^c |
| Protein (% dry weight) | 9.9±0.1 ^d | 22.7±0.2 ^c | 24.8±0.3 ^b | 28.2±0.3 ^a |
| Lipid (% dry weight) | 2.5±0.1 ^c | 12.5±0.2 ^b | 13.0±0.2 ^a | 13.5±0.2 ^a |
| Ash (% dry weight) | 0.7±0.0 ^c | 4.0±0.1 ^a | 3.9±0.1 ^a | 3.3±0.1 ^b |
| Starch (% dry weight) | 85.5±0.5 ^a | 4.2±0.1 ^b | 4.1±0.1 ^b | 4.0±0.1 ^b |
| Soluble fiber (% dry weight) | 1.5±0.1 ^c | 8±0.3 ^a | 7.9±0.4 ^a | 7.5±0.2 ^b |
| Insoluble fiber (% dry weight) | 2.0±0.0 ^d | 47.2±0.7 ^a | 45.8±0.8 ^b | 43.1±0.7 ^c |
| Total fiber (% dry weight) | 3.5±0.1 ^d | 55.2±1.0 ^a | 53.6±0.9 ^b | 50.5±0.9 ^c |
| Total carbohydrate (% dry weight) | 87.0±0.2 ^a | 60.8±0.1 ^b | 58.4±0.0 ^c | 55.1±0.5 ^d |
| Total phenolics (mg GAE/kg dry weight) | 1514±6 ^d | 1842±3 ^a | 1671±1 ^b | 1611±2 ^c |
| Antioxidant capacity by DPPH assay (µMTE/kg dry weight) | 527±34 ^d | 6345±6 ^a | 5864±4 ^b | 5033±8 ^c |
| Antioxidant capacity by FRAP assay (µMTE/kg dry weight) | 696±7 ^d | 8817±3 ^a | 7894±5 ^b | 7623±4 ^c |
| L* | 92.6±0.2 ^b | 67.1±0.4 ^a | 66.8±1.2 ^a | 65.5±0.4 ^a |
| a* | -6.7±0.2 ^a | -0.5±0.0 ^d | -0.7±0.0 ^c | -0.8±0.0 ^b |
| b* | 13±0.3 ^b | 20.2±0.1 ^a | 20.1±0.1 ^a | 20.1±0.2 ^a |
| Water holding capacity (g/g) | 1.3±0.0 ^d | 3.8±0.0 ^a | 3.7±0.0 ^b | 3.6±0.0 ^c |
| Oil holding capacity (g/g) | 0.8±0.0 ^d | 1.8±0.0 ^c | 1.9±0.0 ^b | 2.0±0.0 ^a |

Values with different subscripts in the same row are significantly different (P<0.05)

BSG was much higher than that of wheat flour. When the sieve aperture size reduced from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the protein and lipid content of BSG increased by 24% and 8%, respectively. That is due to the non-uniform distribution of protein and lipid in barley grain. Grain embryo has a harder structure as well as higher protein and lipid content than its endosperm (Kulp, 2000). Consequently, the milling product of embryo has a smaller size than that of endosperm and the BSG sample with small particle size is richer in protein and lipid than that with large particle size. Previously, fine BSG were reported to have higher protein content than coarse BSG (Öztürk *et al.*, 2002). In addition, BSG contained a higher amount of ash than wheat flour. Nevertheless, the ash content in the three BSG samples was statistically similar. These data reveal that use of BSG in biscuit formulation may improve the content of protein, lipid and ash of the product.

On the contrary, the BSG contained a much lower amount of starch than the wheat flour. It can be explained that starch hydrolysis is nearly completed within the mashing process in brewing (Mosher and Trantham, 2016). The starch content of three BSG samples was similar. The soluble, insoluble and total fiber content of BSG was much greater than that of wheat flour. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the total fiber content reduced by 9%.

Most of fibers of barley grain are located in the grain husk (Duffus and Cochrane, 1993). During the milling, the husk generates the particles with a larger size than the endosperm and the embryo due to its high springiness. Consequently, BSG with a larger particle size is rich in dietary fiber content. Reduction in sieve aperture size from 0.60 to 0.21 mm also decreased the total carbohydrate content of BSG by 9% mainly due to a decrease in dietary fiber content.

The total phenolic content and antioxidant capacity of BSG were much greater than those of wheat flour. The lower the sieve aperture size used in BSG sieving, the lower the total phenolic content and antioxidant capacity of the obtained BSG sample. That is due to the high content of phenolic compounds in the grain husk (da Rosa Almeida *et al.*, 2017) and BSG with low particle size contains less milling product of grain husk.

For instrumental color, the BSG had darker color than the wheat flour. It is probably due to Maillard reactions which happen during the mashing process in brewing as well as during the drying of BSG for their preservation. The products of browning reactions enhance the darkness of BSG. In addition, green (negative a* value) and yellow (positive b* value) colors were observed for all BSG and wheat flour samples. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to

0.21mm, both a^* and b^* values varied within narrow ranges.

The water and oil holding capacities of BSG were greater than those of wheat flour. Reduction in sieve aperture size slightly decreased the water holding capacity of BSG. It can be explained that the hydroxyl group of cellulose may link with water molecules and that improves water holding capacity of fiber material (Foschia *et al.*, 2013). BSG with small particle size contained less fibers and hydroxyl groups than that with large particle size and that lowered water holding capacity. On the contrary, the decrease in sieve aperture size slightly enhanced oil holding capacity of BSG. Oil holding capacity depends on surface properties as well as hydrophilic properties of fiber components (Foschia *et al.*, 2013). The lower number of hydroxyl groups of BSG with small particle size resulted in higher hydrophobic capacity and that increased oil holding capacity.

3.2 Effects of particle size of brewing spent grains on proximate composition of biscuit

Proximate composition of biscuit samples is described in Table 2. Three samples A, B and C with BSG had higher moisture content than sample D (control). It is due to high amount of fibers which may link water molecules (Foschia *et al.*, 2013) and that prevents water evaporation during biscuit baking. A similar increase in moisture content is also reported for mango peel powder added biscuit (Ajila *et al.*, 2008).

Addition of BSG to the blend enhanced protein, lipid and ash content of the product since the amount of these components in BSG was greater than that in wheat flour. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the protein content of the product was increased by

20%. That is due to the higher protein level of BSG with a smaller particle size than that with larger particle size. Nevertheless, the lipid and ash content of three samples A, B and C was statistically similar.

Use of BSG reduced the carbohydrate and starch content of the biscuit since the BSG contained less carbohydrate and starch than the wheat flour. The soluble, insoluble and total fiber contents of the product with BSG were 1.7-1.9, 5.2-5.6 and 3.5-3.7 times, respectively higher than those of the control sample. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the insoluble and total fiber content slightly reduced while the soluble fiber content was statistically remained unchanged. It can be noted that the total fiber content of biscuit varied from 5.9 to 6.3% at the wheat flour and BSG ratio of 80% and 20%, respectively. A food can be considered as fiber food when the total fiber content is at least 6 g/100 g (Codex Alimentarius, 1997).

Table 2 also reveals that the addition of BSG to the blend significantly improved the phenolic content as well as the antioxidant capacity of the biscuit. That can be explained that various phenolic compounds are identified in BSG including ferulic acid, p-coumaric acid, flavonoids and they contribute to the antioxidant capacity of the final product (Meneses *et al.*, 2013). When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the phenolic content and antioxidant capacity of the BSG added biscuit remained constant although the phenolic content in the three BSG samples was slightly different (Table 1). It is probably due to moderate ratio of BSG in the biscuit formulation and that does not generate a clear difference in antioxidant content in the final product.

Table 2. Proximate composition of biscuit samples

| | Sample A | Sample B | Sample C | Sample D |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Moisture (%) | 5.4±0.1 ^a | 5.3±0.1 ^b | 5.0±0.1 ^c | 3.5±0.0 ^d |
| Protein (% dry weight) | 9.7±0.2 ^c | 10.3±0.2 ^b | 11.6±0.3 ^a | 5.0±0.1 ^d |
| Lipid (% dry weight) | 27.0±0.2 ^a | 27.1±0.1 ^a | 27.3±0.2 ^a | 24.6±0.0 ^b |
| Ash (% dry weight) | 1.2±0.0 ^a | 1.3±0.0 ^a | 1.2±0.0 ^a | 1.0±0.0 ^b |
| Total carbohydrate (% dry weight) | 62.1±0.6 ^b | 61.0±0.4 ^c | 59.4±0.0 ^d | 69.4±0.1 ^a |
| Starch (% dry weight) | 45.7±0.3 ^b | 45.3±0.1 ^b | 45.2±0.4 ^c | 50.6±0.3 ^a |
| Soluble fiber (% dry weight) | 1.3±0.0 ^a | 1.3±0.1 ^a | 1.2±0.0 ^a | 0.7±0.1 ^b |
| Insoluble fiber (% dry weight) | 5.0±0.1 ^a | 4.9±0.1 ^a | 4.7±0.1 ^b | 0.9±0.0 ^c |
| Total fiber (% dry weight) | 6.3±0.1 ^a | 6.2±0.1 ^a | 5.9±0.1 ^c | 1.7±0.1 ^c |
| Total phenolics (mg GAE/kg dry weight) | 1437±8 ^a | 1434±6 ^a | 1434±7 ^a | 1281±6 ^b |
| Antioxidant capacity by DPPH assay (µMTE/kg dry weight) | 2114±9 ^a | 2111±7 ^a | 2108±5 ^a | 455±6 ^b |
| Antioxidant capacity by FRAP assay (µMTE/kg dry weight) | 4077±4 ^a | 4076±6 ^a | 4076±4 ^a | 526±12 ^b |

Values with different subscripts in the same row are significantly different ($P < 0.05$); A, B and C were biscuit samples from BSG passed through sieve with apertures of 0.60, 0.40 and 0.21 mm, respectively; the wheat flour and brewing spent grains ratio was fixed at 80% and 20%; D was biscuit sample from wheat flour (control sample).

3.3 Effects of particle size of brewing spent grains on physical properties of biscuit

Table 3 describes the important physical properties of biscuit samples. Addition of BSG to biscuit formulation slightly decreased diameter and thickness of the obtained product. A similar observation is reported when barley bran is used in biscuit making (Sudha *et al.*, 2007). When the dietary fiber content in the dough increases, the gluten network becomes weaker. As a result, the expansion of the product was reduced (Curti *et al.*, 2013) and that led to a reduced diameter and thickness of the obtained product. When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21mm, both diameter and thickness slightly increased since BSG with small particle size had less fiber content than that with large particle size. The spread factor of all biscuit samples varied within a narrow range of 4.8 to 5.2. A similar result is noted when mango peel powder is added to biscuit formulation (Ajila *et al.*, 2008).

The hardness of the BSG added samples was significantly higher than that of the control sample. High fiber content is responsible for the increased hardness of high fiber biscuit. A similar result is also reported when bamboo shoot powder is added to biscuit formulation (Choudhury *et al.*, 2015). When the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21 mm, the hardness of the obtained product was statistically similar.

Table 3. Physical properties of biscuit samples

| | Sample A | Sample B | Sample C | Sample D |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Diameter (mm) | 34.5±0.7 ^c | 35.3±0.7 ^b | 35.3±0.5 ^b | 36.6±0.2 ^a |
| Thickness (mm) | 6.6±0.4 ^c | 7.1±0.2 ^b | 7.3±0.2 ^{ab} | 7.4±0.2 ^a |
| Spread factor | 5.2±0.3 ^a | 5.0±0.2 ^b | 4.8±0.2 ^b | 4.9±0.1 ^b |
| Hardness (N) | 10.8±0.3 ^a | 10.4±0.5 ^a | 10.2±0.4 ^a | 7.5±0.2 ^b |
| L* | 57.1±0.3 ^b | 56.2±0.1 ^c | 56.1±0.4 ^c | 61.7±0.1 ^a |
| a* | 2.2±0.1 ^b | 2.4±0.1 ^a | 2.5±0.1 ^a | -0.2±0.1 ^c |
| b* | 23.2±0.1 ^b | 23.3±0.2 ^b | 22.4±0.3 ^c | 33.8±0.2 ^a |
| ΔE | 11.8±0.2 ^b | 12.2±0.2 ^b | 13.0±0.1 ^a | 0.0±0.00 ^c |

Values with different subscripts in the same row are significantly different ($P < 0.05$); A, B and C were biscuit samples from BSG passed through sieve with apertures of 0.60, 0.40 and 0.21 mm, respectively; the wheat flour and brewing spent grains ratio was fixed at 80% and 20%; D was biscuit sample from wheat flour (control sample).

For instrumental color, all biscuit samples with BSG were darker than the control since the lightness of BSG was lower than that of wheat flour. Enhanced darkness of cookies was previously reported when the percentage of BSG addition gradually increased from 0 to 25% of the blend weight (Öztürk *et al.*, 2002). It can be explained that BSG is richer in protein than wheat flour; the amino groups of protein and carbonyl groups of carbohydrate in

the dough may take part in Maillard reactions resulting in enhanced formation of browning compounds during the biscuit baking. The values of ΔE in Table 3 confirm that use of BSG in biscuit making increase the product darkness. However, when the sieve aperture size decreased from 0.60 to 0.21mm, all values of L*, a* and b* varied in narrow ranges. Therefore, change in particle size of BSG did not have a great impact on the product color.

3.4 Effects of particle size of brewing spent grains on the sensory score of biscuit

Sensory scores on the overall acceptability of the biscuit samples are given in Table 4. All biscuit samples were considered acceptable since their overall acceptability score was higher than 5. The biscuit sample with BSG passed through 0.21 mm sieve had a similar sensory score to the control sample. Therefore, the use of BSG with small particle size did not affect the sensory properties of the product. Nevertheless, the increase in sieve particle size from 0.21 to 0.60 mm slightly decreased the sensory score of the biscuit. Reduction in sensory properties of the biscuit is also observed in the previous studies when dietary fiber materials are added to the product formulation (Öztürk *et al.*, 2002). It can be noted that both sample B and C had similar sensory score while the recovery yield of BSG passed through 0.4 mm sieve (for sample B) was much higher than that of BSG passed through 0.21 mm sieve (for sample C). Therefore, BSG passed through 0.4 mm sieve was appropriate for high fiber biscuit making.

Table 4. Sensory scores on the overall acceptability of biscuit samples

| | Sample A | Sample B | Sample C | Sample D |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sensory score | 5.1±1.2 ^c | 5.8±1.0 ^b | 6.2±1.2 ^{ab} | 6.7±1.3 ^a |

Values with different subscripts are significantly different ($P < 0.05$); A, B and C were biscuit samples from BSG passed through sieve with apertures of 0.60, 0.40 and 0.21 mm, respectively; the wheat flour and brewing spent grains ratio was fixed at 80% and 20%; D was biscuit sample from wheat flour (control sample).

4. Conclusion

BSG with small particle size had higher protein and lipid but lower fiber and phenolics content than that with large particle size. At the wheat flour and BSG ratio of 80% and 20%, decrease in sieve aperture size for BSB enhanced the protein but reduced fiber and phenolics content of the biscuit. Reduction in BSG particle size also decreased the product thickness and sensory score. BSG passed through 0.4 mm sieve was appropriate for high fiber biscuit.

Conflict of interest

All authors of this manuscript declare no conflict of interest and agree with the content of the manuscript.

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