A Study on Isolation and Characterization of Flavonoids and Anthocyanins Found in Primary Red Onions

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ABSTRACT:
Onions have a relatively high dietary energy content compared to other fresh vegetables, and they are also high in protein, carbs, and calcium and riboflavin, making them an excellent source of these nutrients. When it comes to making sure that your food is safe to eat, hygiene is the most important factor. With proper food hygiene, the majority of food-borne illnesses can be avoided. Food handling is concerned with ensuring that food is handled, stored, and prepared in a manner that minimizes the risk of contamination or infection from farm to fork. So the current study's objectives were to separate and characterize the flavonoids and anthocyanins found in the primary red onion cultivar that was cultivated, as well as to assess the stability of the pigments when shredded red onion was stored in perforated films. Result of the study is shows that the shredded onion was stored under porous and non-perforated polypropylene films in an initial investigation accomplished. The product was unsatisfactory due to the concentration of off flavors caused by the non-perforated films. The commodity experienced shriveling due to water loss while kept on open trays.

1. Introduction

Each component of food handling, storage, and removal of byproducts, as well as the responsibilities of each member of the food administration team, relies on a thorough knowledge of safe and clean practices.

As early as the 16th century, bacteriologists and scientific experts realized that breaking chains of contaminated contact between individuals, or between individuals and their utensils, cups, or plates, or between individuals and their food, is the best way to prevent food-borne infections.

Respect the reality that ample information on safe and clean tactics and procedures is currently available, but it is ineffective because it is improperly applied. The majority of cleaning, disinfecting, and waste removal jobs go to people who aren't trained or don't have the necessary knowledge about the importance and rationale behind the various sanitation program processes.

The person actually handling the food is often liable for food contamination if they are educated, inadequately prepared, and don't maintain individual hygiene. It is imperative for the management to establish clear guidelines for maintaining a sterile environment and ensuring their proper implementation.

This would lead to a steady influx of information from people who are extremely concerned about the cleanliness of the places they meet, and it is crucial that the importance of clean practices be supported by meeting conversation and presentations from time to time.

Food administration workers who maintain an honest standard of personal cleanliness, and thereby prevent the contamination of food surfaces or the equipment they handle, should adhere to the conditions given down at administrative offices for obtaining a permit.

The term private hygiene refers to a person's whole well-being, including their physical, mental, and social health. Rehearsals and routines that are both beneficial and safe help to improve customer service and reception alertness.

Flavonoids are known to be present in high concentrations in white, yellow, and red onions, and their content increases with storage in perforated films compared to the white cultivars, in variegated onion slices such as yellow or red.
Recently, acylated anthocyanins have been found in onions has been discovered as one of the pigments recommended as a beneficial dietary addition to help lower the risk of death from coronary artery disease because of its high content of flavonoid. Polymeric film packaging has been developed in very recent years for the creation of ready to eat salads, such as fresh shredded lettuce.
It has also been documented that little preparation (causing injuries) and storage of fresh, ready-to-eat carrot fresh, chopped celery and veggies can alter their phenolic metabolism. These changes can also affect the color and appearance of the food products.
The pigmentation of the tissues is one of the primary quality parameters for fresh, ready-to-eat shredded red onions; therefore, it is crucial to assess the stability of the pigment during product storage.

2. Literature Review

In terms of food security, the food controllers are the biggest threat. Food made in a food outlet faces a greater risk of contamination because it is prepared in large quantities and is being cared for by a greater number of people. A lengthy period of time is needed to prepare and serve the large quantity and staggered feast times necessary. A single employee's insensitive handling of food might pollute it and allow dangerous bacteria to thrive, making it difficult to transport food beyond the zone at odd hours.
An estimated 3,000,000 Indian children under the age of five die each year from diarrhoea, with food poisoning being to blame for around 70% of these deaths. There was also a staphylococcus aureus microbe poisoning incident that occurred in Kerala. (Argudn et al 2010).
One of the main causes of these was the cross-contamination that occurred due to the lack of training offered to food supervisors at food businesses. Food industry representatives receive comparatively few health education sessions, and this needs to be addressed if we are to protect the general public from food-borne illness. Through the use of printed media, an educational program and teachings on proper food handling techniques can be spread throughout the food industry. Regardless, foodborne illness is still a common and long-lasting concern that can cause anything from a slight illness to a life-threatening condition. Food-borne illnesses are on the rise all around the world right now. In light of global trade and health recommendations, sanitation has emerged as a critical global concern (Broglia and Kapel, 2011).In both developed and developing countries, food borne disease is a growing public health problem. Because of the rapid pace of globalization, food safety is becoming a growing worry for many people (Lord et al. 2017).
In 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that 2.1 million people died from diarrhoeal infections alone. Countries around the world are stepping up their efforts to improve global food security. Numerous evidence points to the increasing prevalence of food borne illness around the world, which is the primary cause of morbidity and mortality. Food production has been industrialized, and its exchange and distribution have become international. There are several novel ways that food might be contaminated by harmful germs, diseases, or synthetics as a result of these developments. As a result, WHO has renamed its "From Homestead to Plate, Make Food Safe and Secure" campaign to highlight the challenges and opportunities that arise when it comes to food security. Food producers and consumers often have a close relationship in less industrialized countries like India.
Soil-based food items are a primary focus of the food handling sector, which covers all aspects of sanitation and safe handling techniques in food undertakings (Sani and Siow, 2014).
India's food handling industry is one of the country's most important industries in terms of production, use, trade, and expected growth. Grain handling, vegetables and organic products handling, meat handling, poultry and dairy undertakings, pressed food kinds, drinks and beverages are just few of the sub-areas that fall under this umbrella. Pickles and chutneys, bread, confectionery, mustard, sesame

and groundnut oils, ground and handled flavors, enhanced cashew nuts, jackfruit goods, custard, sago, and so on are also included in the limited scope of the endeavor. (Zia et al 2016).

Qualitative Examination of Flavonoids & Anthocyanins through Extraction

In order to isolate and identify flavonoids and anthocyanins, one kilogram of fresh red onions was acquiredwere then uniformly sliced into 0.5 cm thick pieces using a razor-sharp stainless-steel knife, and the whole amount was pulverized using an electric blender.

A beaker containing 500 ml of methanol (MeOH)-acetic acid (HOAc)-water (HzO) (25:4:21, v: v:v) was macerated statically with the ground onion for two hours at 4°C. This process was repeated three times to extract all of the phenolic compounds; a fourth extraction failed to extract any phenolic substances in a detectable amount.

The three extracts (about 1.5 1) were mixed, vacuum-filtered through filter paper, and concentrated at 40°C under reduced pressure until only water and acetic acid were left (concentrate to approximately 100 ml).

The methanol was completely eliminated at that point. This concentrate was used to create a batch that filled a 40 by 2.5 cm glass column with 100 g of the non-ionic polymeric resin Amberlite XAD-2. For an hour at 4°C, the mixture was agitated using a magnetic stirrer to facilitate the adsorption of phenolic chemicals onto the resin particles. Over ninety-five percent of the phenolics found in aqueous solutions are recovered using this process.

After that, the wet resin was packed into the column, and all water-soluble materials were removed with distilled water (11). The phenolic compounds then eluted with 200 ml of methanol. After being reduced in pressure to dryness, the methanol extract was once again dissolved in 10 milliliters of methanol, acetic acid, and water.

Isolation of Flavonoids & Anthocyanins

The extract obtained from the Amberlite XAD-2 column, which included both flavonoids and anthocyanins, was chromatographed on a Sephadex LH-20 column that had been equilibrated. The various fractions of flavonoids and anthocyanins were then visible under daylight (anthocyanin detection) and UV light (254 and 360 nm).Two milliliters per minute of solvent flow rate was used for elution. Four fractions were identified by the HPLC studies as having flavonoid and anthocyanin mixes.Other fractions that included derivatives of phenolic acid were thrown out.

Reversed-phase LPLC was then used to separate the four fractions, which are composed of flavonoids and anthocyanins, using a Lobar column with a 60 pm particle size (44 x 3.7 cm) and eluting at a 3 ml per minute solvent flow rate using 35% methanol (in freshwater with 5% HOAc).

A precipitate was seen when some of the portions disappeared in this solvent. This was separated using 5000 g centrifugation, with the distinct fractions being seen by UV light (254 nm) and the supernatants going through separate LPLC analyses.

Fractions were obtained that primarily contained one of the anthocyanins or flavonoids. With analytical HPLC, the chemical purity of the various fractions was examined. Semi preparative HPLC was used to further purify the anthocyanin fractions.

Column dimensions: 25 x 0.7 cm; particle size: 5 pm; solvent flow rate: 2 ml per minute solvent mixture 35% methanol dissolved in water with 5% acetic acid; apparatus: same as that listed for analytical HPLC.

The flavonoid fractions underwent purification using the identical column and conditions as those for the anthocyanins, but with different solvents25% methanol for diglycosides and 35% methanol for monoglycosidesdepending on the flavonoids.

Identification of Flavonoids and Anthocyanins Using Uv-Vis Spectrophotometry

A Pye Unicam SP8-100 Spectrophotometer was used to record the spectra of the various isolated substances. The anthocyanins in methanol + 2% HCl (v:v) and the flavonoids dispersed in methanol. Additionally, the spectra were captured following the administration of the conventional switch reagents.

The results of this research showed the locations of free hydroxyls and the replacement trends among the various compounds.Centrifugation-retrieved precipitate dissolved quite readily in methanol, and HPLC analysis revealed that it contained a nearly pure flavonoid (98%) that matched the primary flavonoid in the extracts. Before being employed, the separated compounds were freeze-dried and kept at 4°C.

Alkaline and acid hydrolyses The process of acid hydrolysis of flavonoids involved dissolving each of the several compounds (1 mg, except for compound 3, where a lesser amount was employed), adding 2N HCl (v:v), and heating the mixture at 90°C for 30 minutes. Hydrolysis, sugars stayed in the aqueous layer while flavonoid aglycones were extracted using 2 milliliters of ethyl acetate.

Acrylated derivatives underwent alkaline hydrolysis by combining 1 milliliter of 1N NaOH with 1 milligram of anthocyanin. The mixture was then kept in a stoppered test tube for 24 hours under a N2 atmosphere that was created by running a stream of N2 across the mixture for 5 minutes. After that, the material was extracted using amyl alcohol and acidified with 1 milliliter of 2N HCl. After then, HPLC was used to analyze the deacylated anthocyanins.

The assay for paper electrophoresis was used to find evidence of acylation utilizing biological dicarboxylic acids. Spotted onto 10 x 25 cm paper, the anthocyanins were allowed to air dry at ambient temperature.

Using a pipette, the sheets were subsequently dampened with the running buffer, and they were developed for 30 minutes at 400 V using 1N buffer made from acetate.In these circumstances, substances moved in the direction of the anode.

Similarly, the anthocyanins were also processed in 1N the form medium (pH 2.2) to eliminate the possibility of sulfated derivatives.freeze-dried the aqueous fractions from acid hydrolysis that contained sugars. After that, 100 ml of the hexamethyldisioxane-trimethylchlorosilane-pyridine (3:1:9; v: v: v) combination was added to the dried material, and it was heated for one hour at 100°C to derivative it.

Using a detector capable of detecting flame ionization and a bonded silica capillary the column with an inner diameter of 30 m and an inner packing of 0.25 micrometers, analysis was accomplished.

The temperature was first set at 120°C for 15 minutes, followed by a rise in a linear manner to 170 degrees Celsius at 25°C the mini brand, and stayed there for 28 minutes. The temperature of the injector and detector was 250°C.

The carrier gas was nitrogen.Trifluoroacetic acid was introduced in place of acetic acid as a way to protonate anthocyanins in the studies, which were conducted in the positive phase employing an m-nitrobenzyl alcohol matrix using a detector array of diodes.

To check for acylation with dicarboxylic acids, the separated anthocyanins were subjected to paper electrophoresis in acetate buffer pH 4.4. Several of the anthocyanins moved in the direction of the anode; these anthocyanins are acylated with dicarboxylic acids, which is why they are zwitter-ionic.

Chemicals produced, respectively, during alkaline hydrolysis, indicating suggesting the initial were acylated counterparts of the former. Furthermore, there was some yield degradation when the separated anthocyanins were kept at room temperature.

All examples of cyanidin were produced via acid hydrolysis, as demonstrated by co-chromatographic comparisons with a genuine marker. Following the purification of the anthocyanidins using amyl alcohol, the derivatives of carbohydrates and acylating radicals were investigated. Glucose was identified in certain molecules, but arabinose testing was found in others.

The hydrolysis products contained compounds that contained malonic acid. An examination of the anthocyanin revealed an aglycone result at 287 m.u. that was compatible with the molecular makeup of cyanidin, a quasimolecular ion at 535 m.u., and a fragment at 449 m.u. that corresponded with the disappearance of the malonyl residue. This research demonstrates that cyanidin 3-glucoside is the naturally occurring anthocyanin found in red onions.

Table 1.1 Experimental Summaries

Onion Sample mass	**One Kilogram**
Sample size (Thickness)	0.5 centimeter
Onion Color	Red
Chemicals Employed	Methanol (MeOH), Acetic Acid (HoAC), NaOH
Mixing Proportions on Volume Basis	MeoH : HoAC : H_2O = 25: 4:21
Sample Volume	500 Milliliters
Extraction Period	Two Hours
Extraction Temperature	4^0Celsius
Resin	Non-Ionic Polymeric (Amberlite XAD-2)
Stirring Temperature	4^0Celsius
Eluted velocity	20 milliliter Per Second

Table 1.2 Experimental Apparatus Summaries

Glass Column	**40 x 2.5 Centimeters, Type: Sephadex LH-20 Made: Sweden, Pharmacia, and Uppsala.**
Spotted Paper	Size : 10 x 25 Centimeters
Electrophoresis Chamber	AC 5Volts. Type: Atom 501. Made : Barcelona, Spain

3. Conclusions

Shredded onion was stored under porous and non-perforated polypropylene films in an initial investigation accomplished. The product was unsatisfactory due to the concentration of off flavors caused by the non-perforated films. The commodity experienced shriveling due to water loss while kept on open trays. The durability of the pigment anthocyanin during storage under these conditions was assessed, and the best findings were achieved when shredded onions were kept under perforated polypropylene films.

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