

**Original Article****Processing Low Calorie Flat Bread with added value of Carrot and pumpkin Powder**

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This research aimed to study the effect of addition carrot powder and pumpkin powder on some properties of flat bread. Carrot powder and pumpkin powder were added with the ratio of 10 % and 20% with bread flour in order to prepare flat bread. Chemical composition, caloric value, mineral content, dietary fiber, texture profile and staling rate of flat bread samples were studied. Obtained results indicated that addition of carrot powder and pumpkin powder increased the amount of protein, ash, crude fibers, minerals and dietary fiber in prepared flat bread samples. While, the carbohydrates and caloric value content decreased in compared with those of control samples. Texture properties also resulted that addition of carrot and pumpkin powder positively influence on some texture parameters. Staling rate results showed that there was gradual decrease in all fortified flat bread samples for freshness up to 72 hours of storage in compared with those of control sample, also, an observed decrease in staling rate after 72 hours of storage of all flat bread samples. Results of sensory evaluation showed that flat bread samples with 10% carrot and pumpkin powder were more acceptable than those of other sample with 20% carrot and pumpkin powder.

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**Introduction**

Vegetable inexpensive and available in a lot quantities ([Chantaro et al., 2008](#) and [Shyamala and Jamuna, 2010](#)), it has a lower caloric content, and often has other important compounds such as antioxidants ([Chantaro et al., 2008](#)) which might provide additional health benefits ([Gonzalez-Centeno et al., 2010](#)). Vegetables contain a higher content of dietary fiber. Also, it has better functional properties than those obtained from cereal processing ([Gonzalez-Centeno et al., 2010](#)). Vegetable fibers have better quality as it's higher soluble dietary fiber content, better water holding capacities and lower phytic acid contents. Beside these, vegetables have also contained various bioactive substances such as antioxidants, polyphenols and carotenoids ([Cao et al., 1996](#) and [Eim et al., 2008](#)).

Bread may be a described as a fermented confectionary product produced mainly from wheat flour, water, yeast and salt by a series of process involving mixing, kneading, proofing, shaping and baking ([Dewettinck et al., 2008](#)). Bread can be enriched with dietary fiber from various

sources, namely carrot powder ([Kohajdová et al., 2012](#)). Adding of dietary fiber to bakery products increases dietary fiber intake, decreases the caloric value of wheat rolls and prolongs freshness due to its capacity to retain water and thus reduces economic losses ([Elleuch et al., 2011](#) and [JURASOVÁ and KUKUROVÁ 2011](#)).

Dietary fiber is a complex carbohydrate that is indigestible and found in the structural components of plants. They cannot be absorbed by the body and thus have no calorific value; however, the health benefits of eating a fiber-rich diet are numerous, including constipation prevention, blood sugar regulation, heart disease prevention, the reduction of high cholesterol and the prevention of certain cancers. Dietary fibers are attractive not just for their nutritional benefits, but also for their functional and technological properties, and they may be used as food ingredients as a result of these ([Thebaudin et al. 1997](#) and [Schieber et al. 2001](#)).

The partial substitution of wheat flour with non-wheat flour increases the nutritional quality of bakery products and satisfies customers' requests for nutritious food and a diverse

range of food items ([Alvarez-Jubete et al. 2010](#)). Wheat may be used to make a variety of items ([El-Gammal and Elkewawy, 2014](#)).

Bakery items are consumed all over the world, and rich fibers and b-carotene sources can be incorporated into these products to enrich them with fibers and b-carotene. Carrot is one which has a great potential. Carrot (*Daucus Carota*) in recent times, consumption of carrot and its products has gained wide acceptance as a result of its natural antioxidants properties coupled with the anticancer activities of  $\beta$ -carotene in it which is a precursor of vitamin A ([Dreosti 1993](#) and [Speizer et al. 1999](#)).

As a result, eating carrots and carrot products can help prevent vitamin A deficiency, especially in children under the age of six and adults. Vitamin A deficiency (VAD) has been identified as a major public health issue in developing countries, including Nigeria, necessitating the development of enriched baked products such as biscuits that are widely accepted and consumed as snacks to meet nutritional needs and improve the health of vulnerable groups. Baked goods like bread, morning cereals, and especially biscuits might be a convenient vehicle for adding vitamins and protein to address these consumer health demands. Because carrots are a good source of micronutrients, dried carrots could be ground into flour to boost vitamin A and mineral content in dishes ([Akubor and Eze 2012](#)).

Pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) is one of the important cucurbitaceous vegetable grown all over India. Pumpkin is abundant in carotene, a yellow or orange pigment that gives it its color. It also contains a lot of carbohydrates and minerals. Beta-carotene is a primary source of vitamin A in plants with a nice yellow-orange color ([Lee, 1983](#)). Pumpkin powder, which has a longer shelf life, can be made from it. The flavor, sweetness and vivid yellow-orange color of pumpkin powder make it a popular ingredient. It has been reported to be used as a natural coloring ingredient in pasta and flour mixes, as well as a supplement to cereal flours in bakery products such as cakes, cookies, bread, soups, sauces and instant noodles ([Ptitchkina et al., 1998](#)).

So, this study was conducted to evaluate substitution bread wheat flour with carrot powder and pumpkin powder. To achieve this aim, approximate chemical composition, caloric value, minerals content, dietary fiber, texture profile analysis (TPA) and staling rate were evaluated.

## Materials and Methods

### Materials

Carrot (*Daucus Carota*) and pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) were obtained from local market in El- Mansoura city, El-Dakahlia Governorate, Egypt.

### Other ingredients

Wheat flour (72% extraction rate) for all purpose, instant active dry yeast, butter, sugar and salt. All baking materials were obtained from local market, El-Mansoura city, El-Dakahlia Governorate, Egypt.

## Methods

### Preparation of Carrot and Pumpkin powder

#### A) Preparation of Carrot powder:

Fresh carrot was washed to remove dirt and other field damaged portion with running tap water and cut into slices of 5mm size using a domestic vegetable peeler. Peeled carrot for was blanched at 100 °C, for 2 min as mention by [Anitha et al., \(2020\)](#). Blanched carrot was kept in a tray dryer for

drying. Carrot was dried at 65 °C for 3-4hrs in air circulation dryer (GARBUIO - Treviso) at Food Industries Dept., Fac. of Agric., Mans. University. After drying, it was grounded into powder with a mixer (MOULINEX) and sieved (2 mm) to get a fine powder and stored at ambient temperature conditions in sealed in polythene cover for further use.

#### B) Preparation of Pumpkin powder:

Fresh pumpkin was washed to remove dirt and other field damaged portion with running tap water, then peeled and the fibrous matter and seeds were removed and made into slices of 5mm size cubes thickness using a knife for pretreatments blanching at temperature 100 °C, for 5 min in hot water. The blanched sliced form of pumpkin was kept in a tray dryer for drying. Pumpkin was dried at 65°C for 7-8hrs as mention by [Anitha et al., \(2020\)](#) in air circulation dryer (GARBUIO - Treviso) at Food Industries Dept., Fac. of Agric., Mans. University. After drying process, it was grounded into powder with a mixer (MOULINEX) and sieved (2 mm) to get a fine powder and stored at ambient temperature conditions in sealed in polythene cover for further use.

### Preparation of flat bread samples

According to [Asghar et al., \(2005\)](#) four flat bread formula were prepared, wheat flour was mixed with salt, water and various other ingredients to form dough as mention in Table (1). Bakers' yeast or sourdough is also used as leavened products. Dough mixing involves the combining and blending of the formula ingredients. It was agreed that it should have a fermentation time of 30 to 60 min. Then it was baked it in (stainless steel gas) oven at 350-425 °C for 1-2 min for a quality flat bread production [Pahwa et al., \(2016\)](#). Some flat bread is baked on an overheated hot plate with different shapes of dough. After baking, flat bread was cooled at room temperature (25±2°C) and packed in air tight polyethylene bags until analysis were carried out.

**Table (1) Flat bread formula**

Ingredient	Flat bread formulas (g)				
	Fc	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>
<b>Wheat Flour 72%</b>	100	90	80	90	80
<b>Carrot Powder</b>	-	10	20	-	-
<b>Pumpkin Powder</b>	-	-	-	10	20
<b>Sugar</b>	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Salt</b>	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Yeast</b>	3	3	3	3	3

\*Fc: control Flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F<sub>1</sub>: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F<sub>2</sub>: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F<sub>3</sub>: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F<sub>4</sub>: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder.

## Analytical Methods

### Chemical analysis

Moisture, crude protein (as nitrogen), fat, ash and crude fibers in raw materials and flat bread samples were determined according to the method described in [A.O.A.C. \(2010\)](#). Protein content was calculated by multiplying total nitrogen percentage with the factor 6.25. The total carbohydrate was calculated by differences at Laboratory of soil fertility tests and monitoring of fertilizer quality, Central laboratory, Faculty of Agriculture, Mansoura University. The caloric value of raw materials and products was calculated according to the following equation: E (caloric value) = 4 (carbohydrate % + protein %) + 9 (fat %).

### Determination of some minerals content

Minerals contents in raw materials and flat bread samples were determined according to [Chapman and Pratt \(1978\)](#). The total quantities of iron, zinc, magnesium, sodium, calcium, potassium and copper were determined by atomic absorption spectrophotometry as indicated to the methods of [A.O.A.C. \(2005\)](#). Whereas, phosphorus was determined by spectrophotometer according to the method of [Astm \(1975\)](#) using Sens AA "GBC scientific equipment" model "Sens AA Dual" made in Dandenong, Victoria, Australia, Micro-Analysis unit, Faculty of Science, Mansoura University, El-Dakahlia Governorate, Egypt.

### Determination of Dietary fibers

#### -Determination of total dietary fibers

Total dietary fibers in raw materials and flat bread samples were measured according to [A.O.A.C. \(2010\)](#) at Food Tech. Res. Institute, Agric. Res. Center, El-Giza, Egypt.

#### -Determination of soluble and insoluble dietary fibers

Soluble and insoluble dietary fibers in raw materials and flat bread samples were determined according to method described by [Prosky et al. \(1988\)](#) at Food Tech. Res. Institute, Agric. Res. Center, El-Giza, Egypt.

### Texture profile analysis of flat bread (TPA)

Texture measurements of flat bread samples were investigated with universal testing machine (Cometech, B type, Taiwan) provided with software. Back extrusion cell with 35 mm diameter compression disc was used. Two cycles were applied, at a constant crosshead velocity of 1 mm/s, to 30% of sample depth, and then returned. From the resulting force–time curve, the values for texture attributes, i.e. Hardness (N), adhesiveness (mj), gumminess (N), chewiness (mj), cohesiveness, springiness (mm) and resilience were calculated from the TPA graphic according to [Gomez et al., \(2007\)](#). at Food Tech. Res. Institute, Agric. Res. Center, EL-Giza, Egypt.

### Determination of flat bread (staling rate)

Flat bread samples staling rate were determined by alkaline water retention capacity technique described by [Kitterman and Rubenthaler \(1971\)](#).

### Sensory evaluation of flat bread samples

Samples of fresh bread samples that were baked and placed at room temperature ( $25\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) were applied to sensory tests and evaluated and recorded according to [Gelinis and Lachance \(1995\)](#), using ten panelists among students in food industry department faculty of Agriculture, El-Mansoura University.

### Statistical analysis

Obtained data were statistically analyzed using the producer of the SAS software system program ([SAS, 2010](#)). Analysis of variance was conducted using General Liner Model (GLM) procedure ([Snedecor and Cochran, 1980](#)). Means were separated using Duncan's test at a degree of significance ( $P \leq 0.05$ ).

## Results and Discussion

### 1. Chemical composition and caloric value of raw materials used in flat bread preparing

Proximate chemical composition of wheat flour (72% ext.), carrot powder and Pumpkin powder are presented in Table

(2). The obtained results detected that Pumpkin powder recorded the highest moisture content being 14.02%, while carrot Powder had lower moisture content being 9.22%. Meanwhile, the highest value of crude protein was recorded for carrot Powder (13.56) however, Pumpkin Powder and wheat flour had the lowest crude protein value being 11.37 and 11.25%, respectively. While, wheat flour (72% ext.) had the highest fat content being 1.48 % as compared to pumpkin powder and carrot powder. On the other side, carrot powder and pumpkin powder contained the highest ash content (7.33 and 6.36%) respectively. While, wheat flour (72% ext.) had the lowest ash and crude fibers content being (0.63 and 0.64%) respectively.

However, Carrot Powder had the highest crude fibers followed by Pumpkin Powder being 13.94%, and 9.37%, respectively. The obtained results are in the line with those reported by [Mala, et al., \(2018\)](#) declared that Pumpkin Powder contained 8.9 % crude fibers. While, [Assenova et al., \(2021\)](#) found that Carrot Powder contains 8.55% fibers. Wheat flour (72% ext.) recorded the highest value of total carbohydrates being 85.78%. While, pumpkin Powder had the lowest total carbohydrates content being 72.00%. Wheat flour recorded the highest caloric value content being 405.44 (cal/100g), while pumpkin powder had lower caloric value content being 345.72 (cal/100g). The obtained results are in the line with those reported by [Anitha et al., \(2020\)](#) who found that Pumpkin Powder contained 14.37 % crude protein, 1.32% fat, 5.6% ash and 72.70 % total carbohydrates.

**Table 2. Chemical composition and caloric value of raw materials used in flat bread preparation (% on dry weight basis).**

Chemical constitutes (%)	Raw materials		
	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Carrot powder	Pumpkin powder
Moisture	12.60 <sup>b</sup>	9.22 <sup>c</sup>	14.02 <sup>a</sup>
Crude protein	11.25 <sup>b</sup>	13.56 <sup>a</sup>	11.37 <sup>b</sup>
Fat	1.48 <sup>a</sup>	0.91 <sup>c</sup>	1.36 <sup>b</sup>
Ash	0.63 <sup>c</sup>	7.33 <sup>a</sup>	6.36 <sup>b</sup>
Crude Fibers	0.64 <sup>c</sup>	13.94 <sup>a</sup>	9.37 <sup>b</sup>
Total** carbohydrates	85.78 <sup>a</sup>	80.47 <sup>b</sup>	72.00 <sup>c</sup>
Caloric Value (cal/100g)	401.44 <sup>a</sup>	384.31 <sup>b</sup>	345.72 <sup>c</sup>

\*\*Carbohydrates were determined by the difference.

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

### 2. Minerals Content of raw materials used in flat bread preparing

Minerals content are important for certain physicochemical processes which are essential to human life. Per day, greater than 100 mg of the macro-minerals (Na, Mg, K, Ca and P) and less than 100 mg of micro-minerals (Fe, Cu and Zn) are required [Soetan et al., \(2010\)](#). The minerals content of raw materials are presented in Table (3).

These results indicated that pumpkin Powder proved to be of the highest content of K, Ca, Mg, Na and Fe compared with Carrot Powder and wheat flour (72% ext.). It was recorded (3286.41, 291.80, 426.33, 98.43 and 64.63 mg/100g), respectively. While, Carrot Powder had the highest content of P, Zn and Cu. It was recorded (731.21, 4.11 and 0.96 mg/100g), respectively. [Assenova et al., \(2021\)](#) who found that Carrot Powder contains (78.0, 94.5, 610, 0.65, 1.06 and 0.98 mg/100g) for Ca, Mg, P, Fe, Zn and Cu, respectively. [Anitha et al., \(2020\)](#) who found that Pumpkin Powder

contained 12.0 mg for Fe and 100 mg for Ca. However, wheat flour (72% ext.) had the lowest minerals content being (153.90, 11.51, 34.92, 42.63, 90.72, 0.95, 0.48 and 0.19 mg/100g), for K, Ca, Mg, Na, P, Fe, Zn and Cu respectively.

**Table 3. Minerals of raw materials used in flat bread preparation (mg/100g on dry weight basis).**

Minerals (mg/100g)	Raw materials		
	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Carrot powder	Pumpkin powder
K	153.90 <sup>c</sup>	3224.30 <sup>b</sup>	3286.41 <sup>a</sup>
Ca	11.51 <sup>c</sup>	198.61 <sup>b</sup>	291.80 <sup>a</sup>
Mg	34.92 <sup>c</sup>	163.81 <sup>b</sup>	426.33 <sup>a</sup>
Na	42.63 <sup>c</sup>	71.18 <sup>b</sup>	98.43 <sup>a</sup>
P	90.72 <sup>c</sup>	731.21 <sup>a</sup>	391.90 <sup>b</sup>
Fe	0.95 <sup>c</sup>	3.82 <sup>b</sup>	64.63 <sup>a</sup>
Zn	0.48 <sup>c</sup>	4.11 <sup>a</sup>	2.22 <sup>b</sup>
Cu	0.19 <sup>c</sup>	0.96 <sup>a</sup>	0.81 <sup>b</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

### 3. Total, soluble and insoluble dietary fibers of raw materials used in flat bread preparing

Dietary fiber, a group of plant carbohydrate polymers, includes both oligosaccharides and polysaccharides which may be associated with lignin and other non-carbohydrate components such as polyphenols, saponins and waxes (Elleuch et al., 2011). Dietary fibers have been categorized into two major groups called insoluble dietary fiber (IDF) and soluble dietary fiber (SDF) based on their water solubility (Elleuch et al., 2011). Total dietary fibers (TDF), soluble dietary fibers (SDF) and insoluble dietary fibers (IDF) of wheat flour (72% ext.), Carrot Powder and Pumpkin Powder were analyzed and the results are presented in Table (4).

Concerning the dietary fibers content, the results showed that, Carrot Powder contained the highest percentage of TDF, SDF and IDF, which amounted in 64.19, 21.03 and 43.16 %, respectively followed by the dietary fibers content in pumpkin powder which recorded 28.39, 7.16 and 21.23%, respectively for TDF, SDF and IDF, respectively. These results are in accordance with those obtained by Kohajdová et al., (2012) who found that the total dietary fibers of Carrot Powder were 55.70. Lokuge et al., (2018) who found that total dietary fibers of pumpkin powder ranged from 26.5 to 29.7%. Meanwhile, wheat flour (72% ext.) had the lowest percentage of TDF, SDF and IDF, which being 4.52, 1.57 and 2.95% for wheat flour, respectively.

**Table 4. Total, soluble and insoluble dietary fibers of raw materials used in flat bread preparation (% on dry weight basis).**

Raw materials	Dietary fibers (%)		
	TDF	SDF	IDF
Wheat flour (72% ex.)	4.52 <sup>c</sup>	1.57 <sup>c</sup>	2.95 <sup>c</sup>
Carrot powder	64.19 <sup>a</sup>	21.03 <sup>a</sup>	43.16 <sup>a</sup>
Pumpkin powder	28.39 <sup>b</sup>	7.16 <sup>b</sup>	21.23 <sup>b</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

TDF: total dietary fibers

SDF: soluble dietary fibers

IDF: insoluble dietary fibers

### 4. Chemical composition and caloric value of flat bread samples

Effect of addition different raw material carrot powder and pumpkin powder on proximate analysis composition of processed flat bread samples was tested and the results are introduced in Table (5). From the obtained data, protein, ash and crude fibers content increased in all produced flat bread samples by adding the substitution levels of carrot powder and pumpkin powder, while total carbohydrates and caloric value decreased with adding amount of supplementation compared to control sample. Moisture content was highest in pumpkin powder samples which reached to (36.74) for blend (F4).

In addition, crude protein content was highest in carrot powder samples which amounted (12.99 %) for blend (F2), followed by pumpkin powder samples which reached (11.96 %) for blend (F4), then 11.08% for control sample. However, fat was highest content in control sample which being (3.52 %) compared to other samples. On the other side, carrot powder samples contained the highest content of ash and crude fibers (2.94 and 2.92%) for blend (F2) and (2.76 and 2.68%) for blend (F1), followed by pumpkin powder samples (2.36 and 2.36%) for blend (F4) and (2.28 and 2.18%) for blend (F3), respectively compared to (1.88 and 1.68%) for control sample (FC), respectively. In contrast, total carbohydrates were highest content in control sample which being (52.99 %) compared to other samples. Using of carrot powder and pumpkin powder decreased caloric value content of flat bread samples compared to control sample which being 287.96 (cal/100g).

These results are approximately similar to those obtained by Assenova et al., (2021) who reported that substitution of sausage flour by carrot powder resulted in improvement of its nutritional value as chemical composition which reduces the amount of fat and moisture, compensating them by increasing the amount of protein, crude fibers and minerals. While, Mala, et al., (2018) declared that improvement of chemical and nutritional characteristics of wheat flour muffins when combined it with pumpkin powder which reduces the amount of fat, compensating them by increasing the amount of protein, crude fibers and minerals.

**Table 5. Chemical composition and caloric value of flat bread samples (% on dry weight basis).**

Chemical constituents (%)	Raw materials				
	FC	F1	F2	F3	F4
Moisture	36.11 <sup>b</sup>	34.13 <sup>c</sup>	33.86 <sup>c</sup>	36.31 <sup>ab</sup>	36.74 <sup>a</sup>
Crude protein	11.08 <sup>c</sup>	12.53 <sup>a</sup>	12.99 <sup>a</sup>	11.26 <sup>b</sup>	11.96 <sup>b</sup>
Fat	3.52 <sup>a</sup>	2.01 <sup>c</sup>	1.26 <sup>c</sup>	2.36 <sup>b</sup>	2.18 <sup>b</sup>
Ash	1.88 <sup>d</sup>	2.76 <sup>b</sup>	2.94 <sup>a</sup>	2.28 <sup>c</sup>	2.36 <sup>c</sup>
Crude Fibers	1.68 <sup>d</sup>	2.68 <sup>b</sup>	2.92 <sup>a</sup>	2.18 <sup>c</sup>	2.36 <sup>c</sup>
Total**	52.99 <sup>a</sup>	47.99 <sup>b</sup>	47.68 <sup>b</sup>	47.52 <sup>bc</sup>	47.36 <sup>c</sup>
carbohydrates					
Caloric Value (cal/100g)	287.96 <sup>a</sup>	260.17 <sup>b</sup>	254.02 <sup>c</sup>	256.36 <sup>b</sup>	256.9 <sup>b</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\*\*Carbohydrates were determined by the difference.

\* FC: control Flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F1: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F2: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F3: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F4: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder.

### 5. Minerals content of flat bread samples

Mineral content in samples of flat bread illustrated in Table (6), from the obtained results, the partial switch of all raw materials increased the content of minerals in all samples of flat bread gradually in parallel with addition of all raw

materials. Additionally, it may be observed that all samples of processed bread were superior in K, Ca, Mg, Na, P, Fe, Zn and Cn comparing with control sample.

From nutritional view, samples of processed flat bread contained higher content of studied minerals. Such as, flat bread with carrot powder for blend (F2) reached to (377.18, 42.63, 151.64, 175.16, 181.64, 1.94, 0.23 and 0.69 mg/100g), respectively in compared with control sample (164.33, 19.67, 148.65, 173.18, 177.63, 1.74, 0.09 and 0.51 mg/100g), for the same minerals, respectively. These results are approximately similar to those obtained by [Assenova et al., \(2021\)](#) they mentioned that the partial switch of flour with carrot powder resulted in higher levels of important nutrients such as Ca, P, Mg, Cu and Fe. Also, flat bread with pumpkin powder for blend (F4) reached to (468.12, 77.54, 254.17, 181.27, 288.03, 12.38, 0.16 and 0.61 mg/100g), respectively as compared to control sample.

**Table 6. Minerals of flat bread samples (mg/100g on dry Weight basis).**

Minerals (mg/100g)	Flat bread samples				
	FC	F1	F2	F3	F4
<b>K</b>	164.33 <sup>d</sup>	372.76 <sup>d</sup>	377.18 <sup>c</sup>	465.28 <sup>b</sup>	468.12 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Ca</b>	19.67 <sup>e</sup>	34.92 <sup>d</sup>	42.63 <sup>c</sup>	60.72 <sup>b</sup>	77.54 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mg</b>	148.65 <sup>e</sup>	150.26 <sup>d</sup>	151.64 <sup>c</sup>	252.76 <sup>b</sup>	254.17 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Na</b>	173.18 <sup>d</sup>	173.78 <sup>d</sup>	175.16 <sup>c</sup>	177.31 <sup>b</sup>	181.27 <sup>a</sup>
<b>P</b>	177.63 <sup>d</sup>	179.18 <sup>d</sup>	181.64 <sup>c</sup>	283.29 <sup>b</sup>	288.03 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Fe</b>	1.74 <sup>d</sup>	1.86 <sup>c</sup>	1.94 <sup>c</sup>	12.11 <sup>b</sup>	12.38 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Zn</b>	0.09 <sup>e</sup>	0.19 <sup>b</sup>	0.23 <sup>a</sup>	0.13 <sup>d</sup>	0.16 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Cu</b>	0.51 <sup>c</sup>	0.63 <sup>b</sup>	0.69 <sup>a</sup>	0.53 <sup>c</sup>	0.61 <sup>b</sup>

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\* FC: control Flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F<sub>1</sub>: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F<sub>2</sub>: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F<sub>3</sub>: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F<sub>4</sub>: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder.

## 6. Total, soluble and insoluble dietary fibers of flat bread samples

The dietary fibers content including total, soluble and insoluble dietary fibers of selected flat bread samples under study are shown in Table (7). From the obtained results, it could be indicated that the dietary fibers content of all flat bread samples were increasing by increasing the substitution amounts of carrot powder and pumpkin powder which reached to (6.15, 2.34 and 3.81 %) for blend (F2) and (5.78, 2.16 and 3.62 %) for blend (F4), respectively in compared with control sample (4.40, 1.56 and 2.84 % on dry weight basis), for total, soluble and insoluble fibers respectively. These results are in agreement with [Kohajdová et al., \(2012\)](#) and [Castro et al., \(2019\)](#) they reported that carrot powder is a good source of dietary fibers. Also, [Mala, et al., \(2018\)](#) who noticed that substitution of muffins flour by pumpkin powder resulted in increasing of its dietary fibers.

**Table 7. Total, soluble and insoluble dietary fibers of flat bread samples (% on dry weight basis).**

Flat bread samples	Dietary fibers (%)		
	TDF	SDF	IDF
<b>Fc</b>	4.40 <sup>d</sup>	1.56 <sup>e</sup>	2.84 <sup>d</sup>
<b>F1</b>	5.34 <sup>c</sup>	1.96 <sup>c</sup>	3.38 <sup>c</sup>
<b>F2</b>	6.15 <sup>a</sup>	2.34 <sup>a</sup>	3.81 <sup>a</sup>
<b>F3</b>	5.10 <sup>c</sup>	1.84 <sup>d</sup>	3.26 <sup>c</sup>
<b>F4</b>	5.78 <sup>b</sup>	2.16 <sup>b</sup>	3.62 <sup>b</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

TDF: total dietary fibers

SDF: soluble dietary fibers

IDF: insoluble dietary fibers

\* Fc: control flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F<sub>1</sub>: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F<sub>2</sub>: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F<sub>3</sub>: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F<sub>4</sub>: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder.

## 7. Texture profile of flat bread samples

Some physical characteristics namely, flat bread texture profile analysis (TPA) are tabulated in Table (8). Springiness is ability of dough to recover its original form after the deforming force removal. While, cohesiveness is the extent which the dough can be deformed before rupture. Gumminess represents the required force to disintegrate a semisolid sample to a steady state of swallowing. Chewiness is the needed work to chew a sample to be a steady state of swallowing. Finally, resilience shows how well a sample resists to regain its original position. Cohesiveness, springiness and resilience were calculated from texture profile graphic. Springiness and resilience, give information about the after-stress recovery capacity ([Borune, 2002](#)).

The highest value of hardness cycle1 detected in flat bread sample prepared with carrot powder for blend F1 which reached to (41.04), while increased in flat bread sample prepared with pumpkin powder which reached to (21.25 and 24.30) for blends (F3 and F4), respectively comparing with the control sample (20.25).

Adhesiveness was highest value in flat bread sample prepared with carrot powder for blend F1 which reached to (23.90) followed by sample with pumpkin powder for blend F4 (13.70) compared to the others. Resilience was highest value in flat bread sample prepared with pumpkin powder for blend F3 (0.02) comparing to the other samples which had no significant effect with the control resilience. The highest value of hardness cycle2 detected in flat bread sample prepared with pumpkin powder which reached to (30.49) for blend F4, followed by sample with carrot powder which reached to (30.47) for blend F1 comparing with the control sample (23.51).

The highest value of cohesiveness detected in flat bread sample prepared with carrot powder which reached to (1.45 and 1.47) for blends (F1 and F2), respectively, followed by sample with pumpkin powder which reached to (1.17 and 1.12) for blends (F3 and F4), respectively comparing with the control sample (0.83). Springiness of prepared flat bread gradually increased with increasing the level of substitution of carrot and pumpkin powder which reached to (19.33, 20.56, 20.55 and 20.67) for blends (F1, F2, F3 and F4), respectively comparing with the lowest one recorded with control sample (18.05).

As for, gumminess, it was found an increase with addition of carrot powder and pumpkin powder, while the lowest value with control sample (16.80). Chewiness was defined as the energy required masticating a solid food to a state ready for swallowing ([Karaoğlu and Kotancilar, 2009](#)). Also, chewiness of flat bread increased with the addition of carrot powder and pumpkin powder comparing with the lowest value (303.20) for the control sample. These results are nearly in accordance with those found by [Salehi et al., \(2016\)](#) with using carrot powder and [Hosseini et al., \(2018\)](#) with using pumpkin powder.

**Table 8. Texture profile analysis for flat bread samples**

Texture Profile properties	Flat bread samples				
	FC	F1	F2	F3	F4
<b>Hardness</b>	20.25 <sup>d</sup>	41.04 <sup>a</sup>	17.38 <sup>c</sup>	21.25 <sup>c</sup>	24.30 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Cycle1</b>					
<b>Adhesiveness</b>	12.50 <sup>c</sup>	23.90 <sup>a</sup>	13.30 <sup>b</sup>	12.10 <sup>c</sup>	13.70 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Resilience</b>	0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.01 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Hardness</b>	23.51 <sup>b</sup>	30.47 <sup>a</sup>	20.17 <sup>c</sup>	21.77 <sup>c</sup>	30.49 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Cycle2</b>					
<b>Cohesiveness</b>	0.83 <sup>c</sup>	1.45 <sup>a</sup>	1.47 <sup>a</sup>	1.17 <sup>b</sup>	1.12 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Springiness</b>	18.05 <sup>b</sup>	19.33 <sup>b</sup>	20.56 <sup>a</sup>	20.55 <sup>a</sup>	20.67 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Gumminess</b>	16.80 <sup>d</sup>	59.64 <sup>a</sup>	25.49 <sup>b</sup>	24.90 <sup>b</sup>	19.85 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Chewiness</b>	303.20 <sup>e</sup>	1152.80 <sup>a</sup>	524.00 <sup>c</sup>	511.70 <sup>d</sup>	564.30 <sup>b</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

\* Fc: control flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F<sub>1</sub>: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F<sub>2</sub>: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F<sub>3</sub>: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F<sub>4</sub>: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder

### 8. Staling rate of flat bread samples

Staling rate is a physical phenomenon, concerns with the progressions that happen in bread subsequent to baking. Alkaline water retention capacity (AWRC) is simplest test follow the staling in bakery products, increases in AWRC are resulted from the freshness of baked products (Gray and Bemiller, 2003).

The staling results of flat bread prepared by using 100% wheat flour (72% ext.) as control and the other flat bread samples that replaced with carrot powder and pumpkin

powder stored for 72 hrs. at room temperature ( $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ) are presented in Table (9).

There was an increase in the degree of freshness (decrease in the staling) in the sample of flat bread that was prepared through the partial substitution of wheat flour up to blend F<sub>2</sub> and blend F<sub>4</sub>, since the alkaline water retention capacity values were (312.52 and 316.72) after 72 hrs. storage, respectively, comparing with (285.31) for control sample.

The results showed a decrease in the ability to retain alkaline water gradually during the storage period for all flat bread prepared samples. These results are in agreement with that obtained by Besbes et al., (2014) and Nivelles et al., (2017) reported a decrease in crumb moisture during storage (as moisture migrates from crumb towards crust), which accelerated starch-gluten interactions and bread firming.

**Table 9. Staling rate of flat bread samples.**

Flat bread sample	Storage period (hours)			
	Zero time	24 Hours	48 hours	72 hours
<b>FC</b>	399.60 <sup>b</sup>	330.90 <sup>c</sup>	288.20 <sup>d</sup>	285.31 <sup>b</sup>
<b>F1</b>	372.33 <sup>c</sup>	323.00 <sup>c</sup>	322.60 <sup>b</sup>	271.58 <sup>c</sup>
<b>F2</b>	366.85 <sup>c</sup>	332.40 <sup>c</sup>	314.60 <sup>c</sup>	312.52 <sup>a</sup>
<b>F3</b>	420.34 <sup>a</sup>	393.40 <sup>a</sup>	285.10 <sup>a</sup>	278.80 <sup>bc</sup>
<b>F4</b>	372.52 <sup>c</sup>	357.05 <sup>b</sup>	326.36 <sup>b</sup>	316.72 <sup>a</sup>

\*a, b, c = Means followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different by Duncan's multiple test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**Table 9. Sensory evaluation of processed fresh flat bread samples**

Flat bread samples	Sensory properties						
	Appearance (20)	Crust Color (10)	Crumb Color (10)	Texture (20)	Flavor (20)	Taste (20)	Overall acceptability (100)
<b>Carrot powder</b>							
FC	18.20 ± 5.59	9.15 ± 2.83	9.15 ± 2.81	18.60 ± 5.75	18.60 ± 5.80	18.60 ± 5.74	92.30 ± 28.39
F1	16.90 ± 5.20	8.30 ± 2.58	8.30 ± 2.58	16.40 ± 5.07	16.60 ± 5.11	16.30 ± 5.04	82.80 ± 25.40
F2	15.40 ± 1.90	7.55 ± 0.72	7.40 ± 0.84	15.10 ± 1.45	14.80 ± 1.69	15.20 ± 1.69	75.45 ± 7.39
LSD (at 5%)	1.12	0.54	0.52	1.03	0.93	0.94	4.11
<b>Pumpkin powder</b>							
FC	18.80 ± 5.75	9.45 ± 2.91	9.35 ± 2.89	19.40 ± 5.92	19.60 ± 5.95	19.10 ± 5.84	95.70 ± 29.11
F3	17.10 ± 5.26	8.60 ± 2.65	8.60 ± 2.65	14.90 ± 4.80	15.40 ± 4.82	15.10 ± 4.73	79.70 ± 24.54
F4	15.40 ± 1.35	7.65 ± 0.88	7.50 ± 0.97	12.10 ± 0.99	13.60 ± 1.58	12.00 ± 1.33	68.25 ± 5.40
LSD (at 5%)	1.37	0.65	0.67	1.17	1.19	1.16	4.43

\*\* Means of triplicate ± SD.

\* Fc: control flat bread with 100% wheat flour, F<sub>1</sub>: flat bread with 10% carrot powder, F<sub>2</sub>: flat bread with 20% carrot powder, F<sub>3</sub>: flat bread with 10% pumpkin powder, F<sub>4</sub>: flat bread with 20% pumpkin powder.

### 9. Sensory evaluation of fresh flat bread samples

For measuring product liking and preference, the hedonic scale is a unique scale, providing both reliable and valid results Stone et al. (2012). Sensory evaluation continues to play an important role in assess the quality of food because it measures what consumers actually perceive and among the main characteristics associated with quality are surface color, flavor, taste and texture (Bryhni et al., 2002). The organoleptic properties of prepared flat bread produced by using 100% wheat flour (72% ext.) as control and the other flat bread samples which prepared by partial substitution of wheat flour by (10 and 20 %) of carrot powder and (10 and

20 %) of pumpkin powder were evaluated to select the best substitution level for produce high quality flat bread.

Sensory evaluation of fresh flat bread samples prepared by substitution of wheat flour by carrot powder and pumpkin powder, the results in Table (10) showed that, there were significant differences in all sensory attributes between the control sample and flat bread blends (10 and 20 %). The acceptability of all flat bread samples decreased with the increasing amount of carrot powder and pumpkin powder supplementation. The results of overall acceptability showed that the highest value was found for control sample and flat bread blend with (10%) carrot powder and pumpkin powder

against the lowest value for flat bread blend with (20%) carrot powder and pumpkin powder. The sensory characteristics liking results pointed out that a partial substitution of bread flour with up to 10% of carrot powder and pumpkin powder in flat bread is satisfactory. Acceptable quality could be observed by incorporating carrot powder up to 10% in flat bread samples. [Salehi et al., \(2016\)](#) found that the sensory characteristics as crumb color, flavor, texture and overall acceptability were acceptable when using carrot powder up to ratio 10%. [Hosseini et al., \(2018\)](#) reported that addition of pumpkin powder caused a higher texture, flavor and overall acceptance when using pumpkin powder up to ratio 10%.

### Conclusion

Carrot powder and pumpkin powder investigated in this study can be considered as suitable ingredient for flat bread supplementation due to high content of dietary fiber and low caloric value. Also, the inclusion of carrot powder and pumpkin powder in flat bread improved the protein, minerals, ash and fiber content which could serve as relief of malnutrition since the bakery products prepared from refined flour are low in minerals, ash and dietary fiber.

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