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Colorimetric Determination of Cooking Oil Quality Using a Smartphone

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Cooking Oil Degradation

- Cooking oil degrades as we use it**

| Vegetable oil | Temperature (°C) | Duration of heating | Physico-chemical changes | References |
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| Canola oil | 185 & 215 | 7 h/day | 1. Decrease total polar compounds and antioxidant value. 2. Increase vitamin E degradation Formation of oxides increased with temperature. | Abdelkareem and Piyajakul 2019 Karnagada et al. 2010 |
| Coconut, safflower, canola & olive oil | 180 | 1.5–25 h | 1. Decrease the quantity of hydroxymethyl lysine like substances. 2. Oxidation of vitamin E and glycerol fractions. 3. Losses in polyphenols Decrease concentration of hydroxyperoxy, oleic acid, decarboxymethyl chloroform aldehyde, and chloroform aldehyde. | Berres et al. 2002 |
| Olive, corn, soybean oils | 180 | 30–180 min | 1. Increase peroxide value, p-anisidine value, TBA 2. Decrease vitamin E content and various carotenoids of vitamin E | Carrozo-Pancorbo et al. 2007 Nasri et al. 2005 |
| Palm oil and soybean oil | 180 | 30, 60, 90 min Heated olive & 5 times (10 min) (0–27 min) | 1. Increase MDA content, decrease carotenoid content 2. Decrease of total carotenoid content Decrease amount of linoleic acid | Osugi, Ikeda, and Adachi 2014 Fahole and Oboh 2015 |
| Peanut oil | 220 | 20 min | 1. Increase acid peroxide value, MDA content. | Safwani, Ammar, and Al 2014 |
| Sunflower oil | 100 | 22 h | 2. Decrease of total carotenoid content | Safwani, Ammar, and Al 2014 |
| Safflower, grape seed, soybean, corn & olive oil | 180 | 30 h | Increase quantity of conjugated trienes and total polar components | Martinez et al. 2012 |

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- Cooking oil degradation decreases air quality**

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Measuring Cooking Oil Quality

- Testers are available but are not inexpensive**
- This one test for polar compounds in cooking oils

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Colorimetric Changes are Associated with Cooking Oil Degradation

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Smartphone Camera Cooking Oil Quality Image Analysis

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The bar chart shows the color number for various vegetable oils: Linseed (42), Grape (44), Olive (45), Macadamia nut (44), Clove (49), Sesame (74), Milk thistle (65), Rapeseed (67), No backbones (23), Olive (83), and Hemp (62). The diagram shows a smartphone camera positioned 12 cm above a cuvette containing oil on a white background. A region of interest (ROI) is marked on the oil surface.

Fig. 1. (a) Illustration of photo studio lightbox experimental setup for image acquisition; (b) example of region of interest (ROI) from sample image.

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- Others recently used a smartphone camera to measure colorimetric differences between different types of vegetable oil
- No one has yet to try to determine cooking oil quality (i.e., level of degradation) using smartphone camera images alone
- Measure markers of oil degradation (i.e., aldehydes and ketones) and compare to smartphone captured images
 - Mass Spectrometry
- Goal is to create an inexpensive tool to measure cooking oil degradation that can be used by everyday people

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Methods

- 2 Liters of canola oil
- 1 pound (454 g) Orelda® French fries
- 375° F for 8 minutes with 5 total fries
- Samples collected at baseline, after fry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Images analyzed using ImageJ
 - Intensity = Sum (number of pixels X intensity)
 - Only Pixels with intensity > 100
 - Unadjusted for background

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Results

Red

$y = -89944x + 3E+06$
 $R^2 = 0.9578$

Green

$y = -36582x + 3E+06$
 $R^2 = 0.9288$

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Future Steps

- Standardize for image background
- Submit oil for mass spectrometry analysis
- Develop robust prediction equation
- Test prediction equation

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Thanks For Your Time!

How may I answer your questions?

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