Effect of Deep Fat Frying on Physico-Chemical Properties of Some Local Oils (Virgin Olive Oil and Sunflower Oil)

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ABSTRACT
Virgin olive oil (stored for 18 months) and Sunflower oil (stored for 3 months) were used for repeated deep – fat frying potato fillet (French fries) for two weeks consecutive at 160 – 180 °C and the frying time was set for eight (8) minutes and then allowed to cool for five hours at ambient temperature. This study was performed to assess the quality local oils using physico – chemical methods for analysis, it was also conducted to compare and correlate oil quality parameters as: the Peroxide Value (PV), Fry Fatty Acid Value (FFA), Iodine Value (IV), Saponification Values (SV), Density (D) and Refractive Index (RI). The heating thermo gram showed that all quality parameters were significantly changed as frying time advanced.

Keywords: Sunflower oil, Olive oil, Deep fat frying, frying oil quality.

INTRODUCTION
Frying is one of the most popular proceedings for food preparation worldwide. Hence, the use and abuse of frying oils have become of great concern, especially since compounds originated at high temperature are suspicious to impair the nutritional value of fats¹,². Indeed, well several years, controls are performed to ensure the quality of frying oil to preserve the consumers of adverse health effects as a result of the formation of degradation products³. Some Nutrionists go far as to advocate excluding fried products in an efforts to promote healthy eating⁴,⁵. Numerous types of edible oils are used in frying; however, repeated use of frying oils produces undesirable constituents that may pose health hazards⁶. During frying, a number of reactions occur in the frying oil causing oxidation and hydrolytic degradation of the oil. Heating in the presence of air causes partial convertibly of fats and oils to volatile chain scission products, non volatile oxidized derivatives and dimeric, polymeric substances⁷. The free radical formed by fatty acids react with oxygen to generate peroxides that enter into a multitude of reaction producing numerous products, such as aldehydes, ketones, acids and polymerized fats⁸,⁹. Heat, water, air and the presence of contamination materials together with duration of frying cause these degradative reactions. The main cause of oil degradation are oxidation, thermal treatment, and oil food interaction at high temperature¹⁰,¹¹. Oxidative and chemicals changes in frying fats during use are characterized by a decrease in the total unsaturations of the fat with increase in free fatty acids, foaming, color and viscosity. The main aim of this study was to evaluated some effect important chemical and physical changes of the selected vegetable oils during deep fat frying of Potato fillet (French fries) using physico-chemical methods and polar and polymeric materials¹².

EXPERIMENTAL
Our choice is based on olive oil in the coastal region ofElMilia (Algeria), known for its hot and humid climate in summer and cold in winter. The harvest is done traditionally and sunflower oil locally-produced was taken from supermarket, the main properties of this oil are: refined Sunflower 100%, rich in vitamin E, without cholesterol, temperature maximum 170°C and reused 10 times. They are destined to the seasoning and frying. The potatoes
are cut manually then emerged into a vessel containing the hot oil (160-180) with a mass ratio of 1/3 between oil and food (potatoes) for a period of twenty minutes during tow weeks. After each frying, oils were allowed to cool to room temperature and again used for next frying (10 times). The peroxide value (POV), free fatty acid (FFA), saponification value (SV) and iodine value were measured according to the method of AFNOR, 1988 [17-18]. For determination of peroxide value (meq/Kg) samples were mixed with mixture of glacial acetic acid and chloroform (2:3) reacted with saturated potassium iodide, and titrated with standard Na2S2O3. For measuring free fatty acids, samples of oils/fat were neutralized with ethanol, using phenolphthalein indicator and titrated with NaOH. The iodine value (g/100g) determines the degree of unsaturations was found by mixing the samples with CCl4, Wij’s solution, potassium iodide and distilled water, and titrated with 0.01 Na2S2O3 using starch as indicator. The saponification value is the number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide required to saponify 1g of fat under these conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All results determined are shown in tables 1, 2, 3 and 4. The results show an increase in all the measured parameters with increased frying time excepting iodine value and saponification index. The extent of oxidation of the sample as measured by POV increased from 1.6 to 3.6 meq/Kg for SFO and from 9 to 18.05 meq/Kg for (OO) and then decreased after third and fifth frying operation. This could be explained by the fact of these oils were resistant to oxidation up to a point of the heating15. The graph in Figure 4 shows the shape of the variation of the index of peroxide depending on number of fries for each oil type, we find that the heating of the oil causes the increase of the index of peroxide at the beginning of cooking to a maximum value (6.75 for the fifth frying cooking oil in SFO and 18.5 to third frying cooking in olive oil). Then there is a decrease. However, FFA of these two oils were almost same behavior heating but FSO had the low measurement as Figure 1 and table 1 shown. The increase of the acidity can be explained by the thermo-oxidation of oil, this increase, is due to the liberation of fatty acids by hydrolysis which is a change which undergoes the oil during the repeated fryings14. The iodine values and saponification for each controlled sample show a decreasing trend for both the oils, as shown in Figure 2 and 3 respectively and table. 1. Similar results have been reported in soybean, corn and crude rape seed oils15 specified. It gives information about measurement of the average molecular weight or (chain length) of all the fatty acids presents.

The density and refractive index were determined for each oil sample, before and after thermal treatment the physical parameters were determined by picnometer method for density and the refractive index was determined with an Abbe Refractometer ATGO 3T type, the results are presented in Table 2.
The refractive index of the vegetable oils is increasing during thermal treatment. Biggest influence on the refractive index was observed at the Olive oil seems less stable against thermal treatment. This result was confirmed recently. As we can see from table 2 the density of oils has small variations around the initial value, this indicating that the thermal treatment does not affect sensible the density as a result of relatively short period of thermal treatment.

CONCLUSION

During repeated frying foods, there can be observed a normally degradation in the vegetal oils, because of these degradation reactions, a number of physical and chemicals changes occurs in frying oils including increase in density(D), refractive index( RI), free fatty acid content ( FFA), peroxide value(PV) and decrease in saponification value (SV) and iodine value( IV).If the frying process is continued, these materials will undergo further degradation and finally the oil will not be appropriate for frying. The physico-chemical parameters of olive oil showed a lower quality of olive oil compared to sunflower oil. The analysis showed that the acidity in olive oil for example reaches a value higher than the Algerian norm (0.3%) in the fifth frying, while in the case of Sunflower oil up to eighth in condition better than normal kitchens. Although some recent studies have shown the contrary. This is due to olive oil contains more oleic acid and less linoleic acid and linoleic acid than other vegetable oils, that is, monounsaturated than polyunsaturated fatty acids. It was found also that cooler regions will yield oils with higher oleic acid than warmer climate. That is, a cool region olive oil may be more monounsaturated in content than a warmer region oil. our statement that the differences in measurements in determining the quality of the oils was mainly due to the method of obtaining oil from the harvest until the arrival at the mill, which are some factors that affect the quality of oils may vary from region to region and even in the same area. We advised the consumer to pay attention to the labels package mentioning the number of fry that depends on the working conditions of each oil. Although some further analysis are necessary to complete this work by other fried foods, cooking with other oils, a sensory analysis that will establish criteria for foods, cooking with other oils, establish criteria for characterizing the flavor of oil and complementary analysis such as: Color, Viscosity, HPLC, FTIR and MIR.

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