

## Effect of some pre-treatments on acrylamide concentration in potato chips

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### Abstract

This work was done to investigate the effect of some pretreatments, soaking in (0.5, 1, 1.5 and 2 %) calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and Citric acid (for different times of soaking 30 and 60 min.) on acrylamide formation in potato chips. The pretreated potatoes slices 0.2 mm were fried at the temperature degree (185 ± 5 °C for 6-7 min) on an electrical fryer using palm oil. Generally, the untreated potato chips had higher acrylamide content than the soaked potato chips. The highest level of acrylamide was found in samples contained the highest reducing sugars; followed by those contained the moderate level of reducing sugars and the highest level of asparagine. While, the lowest level of acrylamide content was detected in samples contained the moderate level of reducing sugars and the lowest content of asparagine. Which maintain that reducing sugars and asparagine contents of samples before frying played an important role in acrylamide formation. Sensory characteristics could not be used as an indicator for acrylamide content, related to those potato chips with similar sensory characteristics had different acrylamide concentrations. The results of the present study suggest that acrylamide formation depended strongly on frying conditions (especially reusing of oil) and chemical composition of samples (especially reducing sugars and asparagine content). In the end, from those results using soaking in calcium chloride 2% and citric acid 1% for 60 min can reduce the formation of acrylamide.

**Keywords:** Acrylamide, asparagine, reducing sugar, potato chips, frying, palm oil, soaking, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, citric acid

### Introduction

Acrylamide is a low molecular weight vinylic compound. This colorless and odorless crystalline substance is highly water soluble, easily reactive in air and rapidly polymerizable, i.e. single molecules of acrylamide (monomers) can bind together and form a larger molecule (polymer) with new properties (Besaratnia and Pfeifer, 2007). It was first reported in cooked foods in 2002 (Tareke *et al.*, 2002).

Acrylamide is a potential health hazardous compound, occurring during preparation and/or processing of foods, although studies to date have not demonstrated carcinogenicity in humans. It is also a known neurotoxin. The toxicological studies on acrylamide revealed that, it causes DNA damage and at high doses, neurological and reproductive effects have been observed. The no observed effect level for acrylamide was reported to be up to 2 mg/kg rat body weight per day (FAO/WHO, 2002). Allan, (2002) reported that acrylamide is considered to be genotoxic *in-vivo* and carcinogenic in experimental animals. The acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for acrylamide in rats is 107-203 mg/kg body weight (Lindsay, 2002).

Olesen *et al.*, (2008) reported that there was a positive association between acrylamide-hemoglobin levels and estrogen receptor positive breast cancer. On the other hand, epidemiological studies indicate that dietary acrylamide intake is not associated with other cancer risks, prostate cancer (Wilson *et al.*, 2012), gastrointestinal cancer (Hogervorst *et al.*,

2008), bladder cancer (Mucci *et al.*, 2003), thyroid cancer, brain cancer (Hogervorst *et al.*, 2009a), and lung cancer (Hogervorst *et al.*, 2009b).

Acrylamide was shown to be present in a wide range, from low levels in bread and meat products, too much higher levels in potato chips. Even this preliminary study showed that temperature and moisture content were key factors in the levels of acrylamide formation (Burch, 2007).

The Maillard reaction has been shown to generate acrylamide (Mottram *et al.*, 2002 and Stadler *et al.*, 2002), it is generally agreed that the main precursors are sugars and the amino acid asparagine (Amrein *et al.*, 2003)

Potatoes contain relatively high amounts of sugars (glucose, fructose and sucrose) and asparagine. These components are varied with potato variety and storage conditions (Olsson *et al.*, 2004, Wicklund *et al.*, 2006).

Acrylamide has been found mainly in carbohydrate-rich foods and that in general the highest levels were found in potato crisps and chips (Becalski *et al.*, 2003 and Yusa *et al.*, 2006). Chemical analysis has shown that acrylamide is presented in a large number of foods and its level differ widely within each food group analyzed, despite it has so far not been detected in raw foods. For example, raw potato has negligible levels of acrylamide (< 0.030 mg/kg of potato) but, if you make potato chips, the level of acrylamide can skyrocket to 1.2 mg/kg (Swedish National Food Administration, 2002). Acrylamide does not only

form in industrially manufactured foods, but also foods prepared at home are concerned (Gleese 2002).

Mottram *et al.*, (2002) found that the acrylamide formed in significant quantities when the food was heated at about 180°C.

The formation of acrylamide in fried foods was found to depend on the composition of raw materials and frying conditions. In potato chips, acrylamide was rapidly formed at over 160 °C, the amount proportional to the heating duration and temperature (Kim *et al.*, 2005).

Its formation pathway is linked with the Maillard reaction. The free amino acid asparagine and reducing sugars are considered as the main precursors (Stadler *et al.*, 2004). A number of raw material pre-treatments were investigated which could mitigate acrylamide formation. These techniques include the extraction of acrylamide precursors by soaking or blanching in water or in acidic solutions (Kita *et al.*, 2004; Pedreschi *et al.*, 2004 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2007).

Use the organic acids, such as citric, acetic and L-lactic acid to reduce the final acrylamide content, but merely due to a reduced pH (Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008). Calcium ions induced a supplementary acrylamide reduction, not attributed to a lower pH. Previously, the mitigating effect at low pH was attributed to protonation of asparagine amino groups. This would block the nucleophilic addition of asparagine with a carbonyl compound, preventing the formation of the corresponding Schiff base, a key intermediate in the Maillard reaction and in the formation of acrylamide (Kita *et al.*, 2004; Pedreschi *et al.*, 2004 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2007). Also Na<sup>+</sup> or Ca<sup>2+</sup> were indicated to interact with asparagine to prevent the formation of acrylamide (Park *et al.*, 2005; Lindsay and Jang, 2005 and Gökmen and Senyuva, 2007). On the other hand, the addition of NaCl, CaCl<sub>2</sub> or citric acid might also change the oil uptake (Bunger *et al.*, 2003; Rimac-Brcic *et al.*, 2004 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2007).

Unfortunately above-mentioned treatments may also have an impact on the sensorial product quality, since low pH also suppresses the Maillard reaction, responsible for the generation of desirable flavours and colours. Acidification may moreover result in a sour product taste (Kita *et al.*, 2004 and Franke *et al.*, 2005). This effect however depends upon the applied soaking or blanching treatment and the type and concentration of the acid used. It was suggested that acetic acid would be a better acidulant for the pre-treatment of potato crisps compared to citric acid, due to the less appearing sourness (Kita *et al.*, 2004).

The present study aims to investigate the effect of different pretreatments (soaking in 0.5, 1, 1.5 and 2 % Calcium chloride CaCl<sub>2</sub> and Citric acid for different times, 30 and 60 min) on the level of acrylamide in the produced potato chips.

## Materials and Methods

### Materials:

- Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*), Hermes variety was obtained through 2014 from Agricultural Research Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Giza, Egypt.
- Palm oil was obtained from Arma Oil Company <sup>10</sup>th of Ramadan city, Egypt.
- Citric acid and calcium chloride were obtained from El Gamhorea Pharmaceutical

### Methods:

#### Technological methods:

##### Preparation of potato chips:

Potato tubers were hand washed in tape water for three min and hand peeled, then sliced using slicer machine at 2.0 mm thickness. Potato slices were washed again with tap water.

##### Pretreatments:

Prepared CaCl<sub>2</sub> with concentrations (1 and 2 %) and citric acid with concentrations (0.5 and 1%) then soaking for (30 and 60 min) for each concentration, after soaking peeled the slices for 10 min.

Each sample were fryer in electrical frying using palm oil at 185 ± 5 °C for 6-7 min.

#### Chemical analysis methods

##### Chemical composition:

Moisture, crude protein, ether extract, ash and fiber of fresh and fried potato chips were determined according to the methods described in AOAC (2000). Total carbohydrates were calculated by difference.

**Acid value, Peroxide value, Iodine value, Saponification values (AOAC, 1995). Refractive index:** Refractive index of the oil was determined according to the AOAC (2000) using a refractometer (NYRL.3 Poland).

##### Determination of reducing sugars:

Total and reducing sugars were determined by Shaffer and Hartman method as described in the AOAC (2005) while nonreducing sugars were calculated by difference.

##### Determination of asparagine:

Asparagine was determined by a High Performance Liquid Chromatography analysis ((Shinadzu HPLC) according to the method described by Tcherkas *et al.* (2001) and Paramás *et al.* (2006) in the National Research Center, Giza, Egypt.

##### Determination of Acrylamide:

Preparation of samples and extraction of acrylamide were performed in laboratory and determination was done using HPLC as following:

**Extraction:**

Fifteen grams of samples (potato chips) were crushed in a Warring Blender. Five grams of the crushed sample were mixed with 50 ml of distilled water. After shaking at 100 rpm for 30 min, the sample was centrifuged at 9000 rpm at 4°C for 30 min. The supernatant was transferred into a 100 ml separating funnel and allowed to stand for 20 min to allow the aqueous and lipid layer to separate. The aqueous layer was removed and used for determination of acrylamide (Vattem and Shetty, 2003).

**HPLC conditions:**

High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) with spectrophotometric detector (Shinadzu HPLC) was used for quantitative determination of acrylamide levels in the experimental foods under the following conditions: Column flow rate: 1 ml/min. Wavelength: 230 nm. Column temp: 25 °C. Iso cartic elution.

**Sensory analysis:**

Organoleptic evaluation of fried samples was performed by a semi-trained panel of judges using ten-point hedonic-scale ratings for product texture and taste were evaluated under light in a special room with individual booths. Snap was defined as the textural perception at the first bite, while crispness was perceived upon subsequent chewing. Concerning the taste, the product sourness, saltiness and bitterness was evaluated, besides popcorn-like flavour and taste of fried potato. Each of these descriptors was evaluated using a continuous line scale with five anchor points, being 0 (absent), 2.5 (slightly present), 5 (moderately present), 7.5 (strongly present) and 10 (very strongly present). The distance between the origin and the point, indicated by the panelist was measured and standardized to scores between 0 and 10. The product acceptability was also evaluated under light, based on the taste only ("taste appraisal") and based on both product texture and taste ("overall appraisal"). For this hedonic evaluation, a similar five anchor line scale was used, ranging from zero (dislike very much), over 5 (neither like nor dislike) to 10 (like very much). Consequently, a product with a score above 5 could be considered as acceptable. Water was provided to cleanse the palate in between two tests (Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008b).

**Statistical analysis**

The obtained data were statistically analyzed using General Linear Models Procedure Adapted by Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS, 1997).

**Results and Discussions****Chemical composition of fresh potato:**

Chemical composition of fresh potato plays an important role in the formation of the quality of

potato tuber. This is because it affects of the characterise product.

The results in Table (1) show the chemical composition of fresh potato. The data show the composition of hermes potato tubers were as follows: moisture 76.86; T.S 23.14; protein 10.34; fat 1.29; ash 3.33and fiber 7.03.This results agree with (Gumul *et al.*, 2011) who found that moisture 87.33; T.S 22.67; protein 7.82; fat 2.03; ash 4.21and fiber 9.51.

**Table 1.** Chemical composition of fresh potato on dry weight basis

Components	Values* %
Moisture %	76.86 ± 0.205
Total solids %	23.14
Protein %	3.31 ± 0.321
Fat %	1.29 ± 0.292
Ash %	2.33 ± 0.215
Fiber %	7.03 ± 0.605
Total Carbohydrates**	86.04

\*Value represents average of three determinations

\*\* Total Carbohydrates calculated by difference

**Effect of soaking on reducing sugar, aspragine and acrylamide levels in potato chips:**

In potato products, levels of reducing sugars appear to have a critical influence on acrylamide formation (Oku *et al.*, 2005 and Williams, 2005) since levels of free asparagine usually exceed those of the reducing sugars (Taeymans *et al.*, 2004).

Formation of acrylamide in the Maillard reaction occurs via the reaction between a reducing sugar such as fructose or glucose and the amino acid asparagine at high temperatures and low water activity (Stadler *et al.*, 2002)

Table (4) show the effect of soaking solutions concentrations (%) and influence of time of potato after frying on the level of reducing sugar, aspragine (mg/g) and formation of acrylamide (µg/kg) in potato chips during deep- fat frying. The data cleared that reducing sugars of samples soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> for 60 min were significantly the lowest although samples soaking in citric acid 1 % for 60 min were lowest, while the control sample highest amount of reducing sugars.

The results in the same table indicate that significant differences in asparagine contents, from control had the highest concentrations, while were lowest in treatments with CaCl<sub>2</sub> for 60 min and citric acid 1 % for 60 min respectivel in content of asparagines.

As regard to acrylamide content, it can be seen that control chips samples contained very high acrylamide content (147.66 -151.06 µg/kg) compared with those soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> (49.01- 22.44 µg/kg) and soaking in citric acid (81.05- 24.73 µg/kg) this may be due reduction of acrylamide by soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> and citric acid. This results according with (Acar *et al.*, 2012) who found that used of calcium chloride it

is possible to reduce acrylamide formation up to 7.0%. **Biedermann *et al.* (2002) and Gökmen *et al.* (2007)**, they found that sugar concentration has a strong correlation with the amount of acrylamide formation upon frying potatoes.

The results in the same Table (2) show that the best concentration and time of soaking for reducing of acrylamide were CaCl<sub>2</sub> for 60 min and citric acid for 60 min. This results agree with (**Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008a**) who found that use the organic acids, such as citric and acetic acid to reduce the final acrylamide content, but merely due to a reduced pH.

Calcium ions induced a supplementary acrylamide reduction, not attributed to a lower pH. Previously, the mitigating effect at low pH was attributed to protonation of asparagine amino groups. This would block the nucleophilic addition of

asparagine with a carbonyl compound, preventing the formation of the corresponding Schiff base, a key intermediate in the Maillard reaction and in the formation of acrylamide (**Kita *et al.*, 2004; Pedreschi *et al.*, 2004 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2007**). Also Na<sup>+</sup> or Ca<sup>2+</sup> were indicated to interact with asparagine to prevent the formation of acrylamide (**Park *et al.*, 2005; Lindsay and Jang, 2005 and Gökmen and Senyuva, 2007**). On the other hand, the addition of NaCl, CaCl<sub>2</sub> or citric acid might also change the oil uptake (**Bunger *et al.*, 2003; Rimac-Brcic *et al.*, 2004 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2007**).

From these results we selected the best pretreatments which reduced the acrylamide concentration and we determined the chemical composition of fried potato chips for these treatments (CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2 % and citric acid 1% for 60 min).

**Table 2.** Effect of soaking on acrylamide levels in potato chips.

Treatments	Time (min)	Acrylamide ppm	Reducing sugar %	Aspragine mg/g	Reduction %
Control	0	151.06	43.30	1.210	-
	30	149.21	43.01	1.200	1.22
	60	147.66	42.46	1.180	2.25
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 1 %	30	49.01	42.86	0.889	67.56
	60	34.82	41.34	0.834	76.95
	30	25.6	39.22	0.644	83.05
CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2 %	60	22.44	37.27	0.432	85.14
	30	81.05	43.21	0.923	46.34
	60	33.27	42.64	0.891	77.98
Citric acid 0.5 %	30	36.78	41.87	0.720	75.65
	60	24.37	39.49	0.439	83.87
	30	24.37	39.49	0.439	83.87

#### Chemical composition of fried potato chips:

During deep fat frying process, product is exposed to high temperature, which affect on chemical composition and pH value. Therefore it is important to evaluate the changes in chemical composition and quality characteristic of the chips.

In this respect, the proximate chemical composition parameters (the percentages of moisture, T.S., protein, fat, ash, carbohydrates and pH).

The results in Table (3) show the chemical composition of fresh potato, data show the composition of potato chips the moisture content were 2.85, 2.15 and 2.85, T.S were 97.15, 97.85 and 97.15, protein were 2.85, 3.5 and 2.5, fat content were 36.67, 26.57 and 28.82, ash were 2.56, 3.35 and 3.01, total carbohydrates were 55.07, 64.25 and 62.82 and pH were 5.94, 5.81 and 5.31 for samples of control, CaCl<sub>2</sub> and citric acid respectively. The data cleared that no differences were found in protein contents among all samples.

The control sample had the highest fat content. While, the potato chips soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> were the

lowest fat content. The differences between the chips samples in fat content may be due to soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> decreased oil uptake. This result agree with (**Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008b**) who found that soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> reduction acrylamide formation, although decreased oil uptake. These results are similar with those reported by **Kita (2002)**, who found that oil contents of some potato crisps varieties ranged between 35.77 to 39.44%.

The results in the same table indicate that no significant differences in ash and total carbohydrates of all samples. The data shown significance differences in pH the control sample, while, the potato chips soaking in citric acid were the lowest pH. This data are agreed with (**Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008a**) who reported that used organic acids, such as citric acid reduced the final acrylamide content, but merely due to a reduced pH.

**Table 3.** Physico - chemical composition of potato chips fried (% on dry weight basis).

Treatments Constituents	Treatments		
	Control	CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2% / 60 min	Citric Acid 1% / 60 min
moisture %	2.85 ± 0.015	2.15 ± 0.047	2.85 ± 0.397
Total solid (T.S) %	97.15	97.85	97.15
protein %	2.85 ± 0.03	3.5 ± 0.08	2.5 ± 0.4
fat %	36.67 ± 0.55	26.57 ± 0.015	28.82 ± 0.058
ash %	2.56 ± 0.02	3.53 ± 0.03	3.01 ± 0.013
Total carbohydrates* %	55.07	64.25	62.82
pH	5.94	5.81	5.31

- \* Total carbohydrates calculated by difference
- Values are means of three replicates.

#### Physical and chemical properties of palm oil before and after frying process:

Deep-fat frying is probably one of the most dynamic processes in all of food processing. Essentially, the process involves immersing a food item in a large quantity of heated oil or fat, which is normally replenished and reused several times before being disposed. Deep-fat frying produces a product with desired sensory characteristics, including fried food flavor, golden brown color, and a crisp texture (Warner, 2004).

Extruded products and pellets are typically fried at 190–215 °C (Gupta, 2004). This high temperature requirement and the presence of air and moisture, from the food, initiate several chemical and physical changes affecting oxidative degradation of oil used.

Some physical and chemical properties of oil used for frying process in lab were show in table (4) the data indicate that no significant differences in refractive index (RI) for palm oil, acidity, iodine number, peroxide value and Saponification value.

**Table 4.** Physicochemical characteristics of palm oil.

Parameters	Fresh	After frying control	After frying CaCl <sub>2</sub>	After frying citric acid
Refractive index at 20 °C	1.464	1.464	1.464	1.465
Acidity (as % oleic acid)	0.52	0.54	0.53	0.58
Peroxide value (meq /kg oil)	0.50	0.77	0.80	0.81
Iodine number	56.89	56.76	56.83	56.80
Saponification value	136.0	136.4	136.5	136.5

#### Effect of soaking on sensory evaluation of potato chips:

Acrylamide formation in the cooked product. The Maillard reaction is also responsible for the development of colour in many cooked products via the formation of brown melanodin polymers. As a result, some authors have reported associations between instrumental colour parameters and levels of acrylamide in cooked potato products (Sharoba and Hassanien, 2014; Sharoba and Ramadan 2012; Olsson *et al.*, 2005; Pedreschi *et al.*, 2005 and Pedreschi *et al.*, 2006). Therefore, instrumental colour parameters could serve as a convenient index for acrylamide levels in cooked potato products.

The sensory evaluation of control potato chips and both soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> or citric acid was performed and the means of results were recorded in Table (5). The data show that the chips soaking in

CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% and citric acid 1% for 60 min had high scores for all characteristics compared with control chips. This may be due to decreased oil uptake, crispy texture and brighter color of chips.

This result agree with (Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008b) who found that the addition of citric and acetic acid produced brighter coloured crisps, while CaCl<sub>2</sub> reduction acrylamide formation, although decreased oil uptake. Also the addition of CaCl<sub>2</sub> clearly provoked a more crispy texture.

The results in the same table indicate that soaking in citric acid show lower taste score this may be due to detected a sour taste for the crisps. This result agree with (Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008b) who found that the addition of acids like citric acid the sensory panel detected a sour taste for the crisps in the concentration 0.025 M of citric acid.

**Table 5.** Effect of soaking on sensory evaluation potato chips.

Property	Time min	Texture		Taste					Odor appraisal	Surface colour	Overall appraisal	
		Snap	Crispness	Potato	Sour	Salt	Bitter	Popcorn				
<b>control</b>	<b>0</b>	8.10 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.25	8.5 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.21	9.75 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.48	9.89 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.41	9.95 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.41	9.13 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.11	9.79 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.20	8.85 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.41	8.93 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.65	9.25 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.68	
<b>CaCl<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>30</b>	6.91 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.25	7.5 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.20	8.50 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.30	9.97 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	9.55 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.25	9.91 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	9.83 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.21	7.87 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.25	8.65 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.58	8.85 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.58
	<b>60</b>	7.12 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.15	7.87 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.25	8.45 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.51	9.95 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	9.61 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.18	9.92 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	9.64 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.28	7.75 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.18	8.68 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.29	8.87 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.25	
	<b>2 %</b>	<b>30</b>	8.43 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	8.53 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	8.88 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.14	9.88 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.25	8.67 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	9.91 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.18	9.61 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	7.80 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	8.88 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.28	8.50 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.40
	<b>60</b>	<b>9.13<sup>a</sup> ± 0.14</b>	<b>9.22<sup>a</sup> ± 0.24</b>	<b>8.50<sup>b</sup> ± 0.10</b>	<b>9.84<sup>a</sup> ± 0.15</b>	<b>8.75<sup>b</sup> ± 0.18</b>	<b>9.91<sup>a</sup> ± 0.15</b>	<b>9.22<sup>a</sup> ± 0.20</b>	<b>8.75<sup>a</sup> ± 0.18</b>	<b>9.38<sup>a</sup> ± 0.15</b>	<b>8.88<sup>a</sup> ± 0.15</b>	
<b>Citric acid</b>	<b>0.5 %</b>	<b>30</b>	6.29 <sup>d</sup> ± 0.30	7.50 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.25	8.62 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.29	8.95 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.35	9.72 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.30	9.10 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	9.84 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.18	7.50 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.30	8.63 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.29	8.73 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.45
	<b>60</b>	6.77 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.20	8.00 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	8.63 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.19	8.38 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.27	9.56 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.17	9.12 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.1	9.86 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.10	6.75 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.17	8.87 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.15	8.65 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.38	
	<b>1 %</b>	<b>30</b>	7.24 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.20	7.20 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.25	8.62 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.09	7.97 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.17	9.65 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.35	8.64 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.15	9.64 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.21	6.68 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.17	8.69 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.29	8.50 <sup>a</sup> ± 0.51
	<b>60</b>	<b>7.75<sup>b</sup> ± 0.28</b>	<b>7.44<sup>b</sup> ± 0.20</b>	<b>8.73<sup>b</sup> ± 0.15</b>	<b>7.65<sup>c</sup> ± 0.30</b>	<b>8.92<sup>b</sup> ± 0.40</b>	<b>8.55<sup>b</sup> ± 0.13</b>	<b>9.55<sup>a</sup> ± 0.25</b>	<b>7.30<sup>b</sup> ± 0.41</b>	<b>8.63<sup>b</sup> ± 0.19</b>	<b>8.75<sup>a</sup> ± 0.37</b>	
<b>* LSD</b>		<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>1.06</b>	

• \*LSD =least significant difference at 0.05.

• Values are means of evaluations. Means of evaluations having the same letter(s) within a column are not significantly different (P > 0.05).

While, addition of citric and acetic acid produced brighter coloured crisps. This result agree with (Mestdagh *et al.*, 2008b).

The relation of the results in Table (2) and these of Table (5), it can be seen that the effect of sensory characteristics on acrylamide formation is very slight comparing with frying conditions such as time and temperature of frying which have important role in acrylamide formation. Obtained results are in agreement with those reported by (Granda *et al.*, 2005), who reported that color could not be used as an indication of acrylamide content because potato chips with similar color had very different acrylamide concentrations. In addition, (Taubert *et al.*, 2004) found that at a level of browning 2 "golden brown", acrylamide content varied from 2.5 to 13 ppm in 3-mm slices potatoes and ranged from 4 to 18 ppm in grated potatoes.

They reported that because color continues to develop during the Maillard reaction, and acrylamide may start degrading, browning alone should not be used as the sole predictor of acrylamide formation. In contrast, Stadler *et al.* (2002), Zyzak *et al.* (2003) and Becalski *et al.* (2003) reported that the formation of acrylamide in foods is closely linked to the formation of desirable characteristics such as flavor and color. Because the Maillard reaction is favored by conditions of high temperature, resulting in the flavors and brown color in roasted, baked and fried foods.

### Conclusion

It recommended that soaking of potato before frying in CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% or citric acid 1% for 60 min (as possible as) are important to reduce acrylamide formation during frying. Soaking in CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% for 60 min it is possible to reduce acrylamide formation up to 85%, although decreased oil uptake. Also the addition of CaCl<sub>2</sub> clearly provoked a more crispy texture.

Soaking in citric acid 1% for 60 min it is possible to reduce acrylamide formation up to 83 %, although produced brighter colour crisps.

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## دراسة تأثير بعض المعاملات على خفض نسبة الاكريلاميد في البطاطس الشيبسي

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أجريت هذه الدراسة بهدف دراسة تأثير معاملات النقع في محلول من كلوريد الكالسيوم وحامض الستريك بتركيزات ( 0.5 و 1 و 1.5 و 2 %) لمدة 30 و 60 دقيقة كوسيلة لخفض معدل تكوين الاكريلاميد في البطاطس الشيبسي. تم تجهيز رقائق البطاطس و قليها تحت ظروف المعمل باستخدام زيت النخيل على درجة حرارة  $185 \pm 5$  °م وهو المستخدم عادة في القلي أو التحمير في المصانع والمطاعم .  
حيث أظهرت النتائج أن:-

- عدم وجود اختلافات ملحوظة في التركيب الكيماوي للبطاطس الشيبسي تحت الدراسة ولكن كانت المعاملة بالنقع في كلوريد الكالسيوم بتركيز 2% وحامض الستريك بتركيز 1 % لمدة 60 دقيقة أدت إلى خفض نسبة الزيت في البطاطس الشيبسي المقلية .
- عدم وجود اختلافات ملحوظة في التركيب الكيماوي للزيت المستخدم في القلي لكل المعاملات تحت الدراسة.
- كانت المعاملة بالنقع في كلوريد الكالسيوم بتركيز 2% وحامض الستريك بتركيز 1 % لمدة 60 دقيقة قبل القلي أدت إلى خفض كلا من السكريات المختزلة والاسباراجين في العينات وكانت لها دور كبير في خفض مستويات الاكريلاميد المتكونة ، حيث أظهرت النتائج أن المستويات الأعلى منه وجدت في العينات المعاملة بحامض الستريك بتركيز 1 % لمدة 60 دقيقة وكانت أقل المستويات في العينات المعاملة بكلوريد الكالسيوم بتركيز 2% لمدة 60 دقيقة .
- كما وجد أن الخواص العضوية الحسية لا تعتبر مؤشرا لمحتوى الاكريلاميد في العينات حيث وجد أن العينات التي لها خواص حسية متقاربة تحتوى على معدلات مختلفة من الاكريلاميد وكذلك أظهرت العينات المعاملة بكلوريد الكالسيوم بتركيز 2% لمدة 60 دقيقة كانت أفضل في القوام واللون والطعم من كلا العينات الغير معاملة والعينات المعاملة بحامض الستريك بتركيز 1 % لمدة 60 دقيقة كما أظهرت العينات المعاملة بحامض الستريك بتركيز 1 % لمدة 60 دقيقة تحسن في اللون بالمقارنة بباقي العينات.