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INFLUENCE OF RAPESEED AND SESAME OIL ON CRYSTALLIZATION AND RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF COCOA CREAM FAT PHASE AND QUALITY OF FINAL PRODUCT

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ABSTRACT

This research examined spreadable cocoa cream in which fat phase has been modified and analyzed regarding its crystallization and rheological properties and further influence on final product quality. Vegetable fat and refined sunflower oil, as fat phase of spreadable cocoa cream, have been partially substituted with rapeseed and sesame oil, having nutritional and sensory benefits in mind.

Substitution of sunflower oil with rapeseed or sesame oil had no influence on cream fat phase viscosity but increased cream viscosity up to 1.7 times and decreased its yield stress up to 2.7 times. Substitution of 70 wt % and total amount of sunflower oil with rapeseed or sesame oil resulted in lower crystallization rate in cream fat phase and the highest sensory scores of final products. Rapeseed and sesame oil have changed and improved the taste of spreadable cocoa cream making it sustainable for use in new products, but with shorter shelf life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Spreadable cocoa cream is a confectionery product having a high amount of sugar and fat. In recent decades, confectionery industry in Serbia has used hydrogenated fats in spreadable cocoa cream production and also refined sunflower oil, to improve spreadability of the final product. Today, the development of functional foods imposes the use of edible fats with no undesirable *trans* fatty acids, instead of those obtained by common hydrogenation process. As manufacture of cream product in the ball mill does not require high temperatures during its production, refined sunflower oil can also be substituted with less resistant unrefined oils with different distinctive flavor and health benefits, such as rapeseed and sesame oil.

INTRODUCTION

35 Spreadable cocoa cream is a confectionery product based on
36 powdered sugar, vegetable fat, cocoa powder, milk powder
37 and other ingredients. It ideally features good spreadability
38 across a wide temperature range (ranging between ambient
39 to fridge temperature), a rich creamy taste, smooth homoge-
40 neous structure and good oxidative stability. Unlike choco-

late, spreadable cocoa cream products do not contain cocoa
butter, but contain cheaper vegetable fats and may also con-
tain vegetable oil to improve spreadability of final product
(Lončarević *et al.* 2016).

As the quality of fat-based confectionery products are
strongly influenced by the behavior of its fat phase, which
amount is often above 30%, the fat selection depends on its

48 physical–chemical and crystallization characteristics and
49 complex processes that may occur during manufacture and
50 later in storage (Pajin *et al.* 2007). Conversely, new confec-
51 tionery products have been developed to satisfy require-
52 ments for both being tasty and healthy. In addition to
53 physical and chemical characteristics, sensory acceptance,
54 stability, and price of the final product, it is of great impor-
55 tance to be also focused on its functional properties (Betoret
56 *et al.* 2011).

57 Sesame oil has a mild odor and a pleasant taste and, as
58 such, is used as a natural salad oil, as cooking oil, in shorten-
59 ing and margarine (Döker *et al.* 2010). Although sesame oil
60 contains nearly 85% unsaturated fatty acids, its oxidative sta-
61 bility is provided by the presence of unique unsaponifiable
62 constituents, namely lignans and tocopherols, possessing
63 strong antioxidant activity and having an important role on
64 health-promoting effects (Abou-Gharbia *et al.* 2000; Graca
65 Costa do Nascimento 2012). Also, sesame oil is excellent
66 source of phytosterols and may contain as high as 1.9% of
67 total sterols with only a trace amount of cholesterol (Hwang
68 2005). The use of sesame oil as edible oil is, however, largely
69 limited to the areas of production because of the high cost of
70 the seed. This is due to the low yield of the crop and difficul-
71 ties in mechanized harvesting because of the uneven ripen-
72 ing of the capsules (Mirghani *et al.* 2003). Conversely, yields
73 of rapeseed oil range from 940 to 1,880 l per hectare and are
74 among the highest of any conventional oil crop (Calisir *et al.*
75 2005). Low erucic acid rapeseed oil is classified as one of the
76 healthiest vegetable oils because of its fatty acid composition.
77 Rapeseed oil contains low levels of saturated fatty acids (5–
78 10%), high amounts of monounsaturated fatty acids (44–
79 75%), linoleic acid (18–22%) and alpha-linolenic acid (9–
80 13%) (Yang *et al.* 2013a,b).

81 Sowmya *et al.* (2009) studied the partial and total replace-
82 ment of fat with sesame oil in cakes, in combination with
83 additives. However, no scientific literature sources have so
84 far published any results that involve testing the physical
85 properties of spreadable confectionery products with the
86 addition of rapeseed or sesame oil. Therefore, this research
87 examined crystallization and rheological properties of cocoa
88 cream fat phase as well as physical properties and shelf life of
89 spreadable cocoa cream with partial and total substitution of
90 refined sunflower oil, which is exclusively used in Serbia in
91 the production of spreadable cocoa cream, with unrefined
92 rapeseed and sesame oil.

93 MATERIALS AND METHODS

94 Materials

95 Cocoa-cream mass that passed through three roll mill in
96 industrial conditions: mixture of powdered sugar (Crvenka,

Crvenka, Serbia), cocoa powder (Centroproizvod, Beograd, 97
Serbia), milk powder (Imlek, Beograd, Serbia), vegetable fat 98
NTFCP (non trans fat intended for cream production) 99
(Dijamant, Zrenjanin, Serbia). Refined sunflower oil 100
(Dijamant, Zrenjanin, Serbia) 101

Unrefined rapeseed oil and sesame oil (Suncokret, Hajdu- 102
kovo, Serbia), Native fluid sunflower lecithin (Victoriaoil, 103
Sid, Serbia), Hazelnut and vanilla flavor (VK Aromatics, 104
Novi Sad, Serbia). 105

106 Plan of Experiments

107 As spreadable cocoa cream contains big amount of fat phase,
108 the crystallization and rheological properties of fat phase
109 were examined first. Fat and oil ratio was calculated from
110 the composition of spreadable cocoa cream, meaning that in
111 the control sample 100 g of fat was homogenized with 50 g
112 of sunflower oil (FP/control). Other samples were obtained
113 by substitution of 50 wt %, 70 wt % and 100 wt % (25 g, 35
114 g and total amount) of sunflower oil with rapeseed/sesame
115 oil.

116 The control sample of spreadable cocoa cream (C/control)
117 was produced with refined sunflower oil, while other sam-
118 ples were obtained using mixtures of sunflower oil with
119 rapeseed/sesame oil (50:50, 30:70) or just rapeseed or sesame
120 oil.

121 The following scheme represents the spreadable cocoa
122 cream formulation and the plan of experiments.

123 Preparation of Fat Samples

124 The mixture of fat and oil was homogenized at room tem-
125 perature (21 ± 1 C) in a homogenizer Ultraturrax T-25
126 (Janke Kunkel, Staufen, Germany) with a rotation speed of
127 6,000 rpm for 5 min.

128 Preparation of Spreadable Cocoa 129 Cream Samples

130 Raw materials were added into a laboratory ball mill
131 (Masino Produkt, Crvenka, Serbia) with a capacity of 5 kg.
132 The temperature in the ball mill was 40C, with a speed of
133 50 rpm. Retention time in a ball mill was 40 min and tem-
134 perature of cream dosing into sterile plastic cups was 35C.

135 The Fatty Acid Composition of Sunflower, 136 Rapeseed and Sesame Oil

137 The fatty acid composition in oils was determined by gas
138 chromatography (ISO 5508:1990), using gas chromatograph
139 Becker 409 (Packard, Zurich, Switzerland), equipped with a
140 packed steel column (3 m \times 3 mm) coated with 10% SP
141 2330 stationary phase immobilized on a Chromosorb W/

142 AW of 60–80 mesh particle size. Nitrogen was used as an
 143 inert carrier (15 mL/min), whereas for the detection of
 144 eluted compound flame ionization detector was used.
 145 Methyl-esters were separated under isothermal regime apply-
 146 ing the oven temperature of 170C, while detector tempera-
 147 ture was 250C.

148 **Crystallization Rate Under Static Condition**

149 The crystallization rate under static conditions of cocoa
 150 cream fat phase was followed by measuring the changes of
 151 solid fat content (SFC) as a function of time by Bruker min-
 152 ispec mq 20 NMR Analyzer pulse device (Bruker, Rheinstet-
 153 ten, Germany). Approximately 3 g of melted fat sample was
 154 put into the glass NMR tube and heated for 30 min at 60C
 155 to destroy the crystals. Then, the sample was placed directly
 156 in a water bath at a crystallization temperature of 20C. SFC
 157 measurements were taken at 1 min intervals within duration
 158 of 1 h.

159 **Rheological Properties of Cocoa Cream Fat 160 Phase and Spreadable Cocoa Cream Product**

161 Rheological properties of fat samples and spreadable cocoa
 162 cream samples were determined by a rotational rheometer
 163 Rheo Stress 600 (Haake, Karlsruhe, Germany).

164 The flow curves were performed at 35C using a concentric
 165 cylinder system (sensor Z20 DIN). The shear rate was first
 166 increased from 0/s to 100/s, then kept constant at a maximal
 167 speed of 100/s and eventually reduced from 100/s to 0/s,
 168 each time within 240 s.

169 **Color on the Surface of Spreadable 170 Cocoa Cream**

171 Color of the surface of spreadable cocoa cream samples was
 172 monitoring by instrumental method and by sensory evalua-
 173 tion 24 h after cream production and every 2 months in the
 174 period of 6 months of storage in the dark at room tempera-
 175 ture (21 ± 1 C).

176 Color measuring was performed using a Minolta Chroma
 177 Meter CR-410 (Minolta Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan) colorimeter
 178 (8 mm \varnothing contact area). The instrument was calibrated using
 179 a standard light white reference tile and the measurements
 180 were performed under standard illuminant D65. The
 181 obtained results were expressed in terms of L^* (lightness), a^*
 182 (redness to greenness – positive to negative values, respec-
 183 tively), and b^* (yellowness to blueness – positive to negative
 184 values, respectively) values.

185 Color was also sensory assessed. A group of 10 experi-
 186 enced panelists, who had been trained to evaluate the sen-
 187 sory properties of spreadable cocoa cream, evaluated the
 188 following attributes using seven point rating scale: color of

the surface (1 – extremely bright, 4 – optimal, 7 – extremely
 dark), and surface gloss (1 – mat, 4 – optimal; 7 – separation
 of oil on the surface). The samples were kept at room tem-
 perature (21 ± 1 C) and served in the plastic cups in labora-
 tory for sensory analysis with 10 boxes in which each
 panelist tested all samples at room temperature (21 ± 1 C).

195 **Oxidative Stability of Spreadable 196 Cocoa Cream**

197 Oxidative stability of spreadable cocoa cream samples was
 198 monitoring using static headspace gas chromatography
 (SHS-GC) method for quantification of 5 aldehydes (propa-
 nal, pentanal, hexanal, heptanal and octanal) developed by
 Mandić *et al.* (2013), and using sensory evaluation as well.
 The aldehydes content is expressed as a sum of 5 aldehydes
 (total aldehydes). Samples were investigated 24 h after cream
 production and every 2 months in the period of 6 months of
 storage in the dark at room temperature (21 ± 1 C).

206 Static headspace gas chromatographic analyses were per-
 207 formed on Agilent 7890A GC System (Agilent, Paolo Alto,
 208 CA) equipped with a capillary split/split less inlet, total elec-
 209 tronic pneumatic control of gas flow, headspace autosampler
 and FID. Chromatographic data were collected and analyzed
 using Agilent ChemStation Software.

212 Static headspace sampling was performed with the head-
 213 space sampler, CombiPAL System (CTC Analytics, Zwingen,
 214 Switzerland). A 2.5-mL headspace syringe for CombiPAL
 215 was used for the injection of 2.0 mL from the 10 mL head-
 216 space vials. The auto sampler conditions were set as follows:
 217 incubation temperature, 90C; incubation time, 10 min;
 218 syringe temperature, 100C; agitator speed, 500 rpm; fill
 219 speed, 100 μ L/s; pullup delay, 1 s; injection speed, 500 μ L/s;
 220 pre- and post-inject delay, 500 ms; flush time, 10 s. After
 221 each injection, carryover in the syringe was eliminated by
 222 automatic flush of the syringe with carrier gas.

223 The sensory parameters important for oxidative stability
 224 evaluation (flavor and taste) were assessed by a group of 10
 225 experienced panelists, who were familiar with sensory analy-
 226 sis techniques. They used seven point rating scale to evaluate
 227 flavor (1 – extremely bad; 7 – extremely good) and taste (1 –
 228 extremely bad; 7 – extremely good). The samples were kept
 229 at room temperature (21 ± 1 C) and served in the plastic
 230 cups in laboratory for sensory analysis with 10 boxes in
 231 which each panelist tested all samples at room temperature
 232 (21 ± 1 C).

233 **Statistical Analysis**

234 Results were expressed as mean of triplicate analyses. The
 235 results were statistically tested using ANOVA method and
 236 the means were compared by one-factor analysis at variance

TABLE 1. FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF SUNFLOWER, RAPESEED AND SESAME OIL

Fatty acid (%)	Sunflower oil	Rapeseed oil	Sesame oil
14:0	0.15 ± 0.01	n.d. ^a	n.d. ^a
16:0	6.91 ± 0.17	5.84 ± 0.14	9.38 ± 0.20
16:1	n.d. ^a	0.51 ± 0.04	0.20 ± 0.01
18:0	4.00 ± 0.15	2.03 ± 0.07	5.71 ± 0.13
18:1	31.68 ± 0.36	53.25 ± 0.62	40.88 ± 0.39
18:2	56.79 ± 0.52	24.61 ± 0.32	42.60 ± 0.46
18:3	n.d. ^a	10.95 ± 0.24	1.23 ± 0.10
20:0	n.d. ^a	2.57 ± 0.06	n.d. ^a
SFA	11.06	10.44	15.09
MUFA	31.68	53.76	41.08
PUFA	56.79	35.56	43.83

^aNot detected.

Values are means of three determinations ± standard error. SFA, saturated fatty acid(s); MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acid(s); PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acid(s).

with subsequent comparisons by Duncan's test at a significance level at 0.05 using software Statistica 12.0 (Statsoft).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fatty Acid Composition of Sunflower, Rapeseed and Sesame Oil

Our previous research (Lončarević *et al.* 2013) showed fatty acid composition of fat NTFCP, containing 0.11% of *trans* fatty acids. Composition of fatty acids in examined oils is given in Table 1. Sunflower oil being used in Serbian confectionery industry for spreadable cocoa cream production is rich in ω-6 fatty acids (56.79% of linoleic) and contains 31.68% of ω-9 fatty acids (oleic). Conversely, α-linolenic (ω-3 fatty acids) was not detected, which is known to exert a strong positive influence on human health (Arab-Tehrany *et al.* 2012). Conversely, rapeseed oil contains the highest proportion of monounsaturated fatty acids (53.25% of ω-9), a significantly lower amount of ω-6 fatty acids (24.61%) and a high proportion of ω-3 fatty acids (10.95%). This approximate relation between linoleic and linolenic of 2:1 in this oil is proven to be extremely beneficial from the nutrition point of view (Tynek *et al.* 2012). Sesame oil contains approximately the same proportion of ω-6 (42.60%) and ω-9 fatty acids (40.88%) and a small amount of ω-3 fatty acids (1.23%). All examined oils contain saturated palmitic acid, which is most present in sesame oil (9.38%) and least present in rapeseed oil (5.84%).

Crystallization Kinetics

An investigation of Foubert *et al.* (2002) and Pajin *et al.* (2007) showed that the fat crystallization kinetics under iso-

TABLE 2. PARAMETERS OF GOMPERTZ'S MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Sample	<i>a</i> (%)	<i>μ</i> (%/min)	<i>λ</i> (min)	<i>R</i> ²
FP/control	15.04	0.92	0.31	0.99
FP/R/50	15.19	0.92	0.15	0.99
FP/R/70	15.41	0.89	0	0.99
FP/R/100	15.31	0.83	0	0.99
FP/S/50	15.38	0.98	0.52	0.99
FP/S/70	15.18	0.89	0	0.99
FP/S/100	15.38	0.89	0.17	0.99

thermal conditions can be described by the Gompertz mathematical model:

$$S(t) = a \cdot \exp \left(-\exp \left[\frac{\mu \cdot e}{a} (\lambda - t) + 1 \right] \right)$$

where *S* is the SFC (%) at time *t* (min), *a* is the value for *S* when *t* is approaching infinity (%), *μ* is the maximum crystallization rate (%/min), and *λ* is a parameter proportional to inductive time (min). The parameters of this model were determined on the basis of experimental data of fat crystallization under isothermal conditions by means of nonlinear regression for all fat samples. Coefficient of determination (*R*²) indicates how well experimental data fit a Gompertz's mathematical model. The obtained parameters, including the estimates of the 95% confidence interval, are shown in Table 2. During 1 h crystallization at 20C approximately the same quantity of solid phase was formed in all fat samples, meaning that modification of fat phase does not seem to have any influence on final SFC which amounts from 15.04% in FP/control to 15.41% in FP/R/70. The samples with 50 wt % substitution of sunflower oil with rapeseed or sesame oil have the highest values of maximum crystallization rate (0.92%/min and 0.98%/min, respectively).

Increasing the amount of rapeseed or sesame oil lowers crystallization rate meaning that samples with 70 and 100% of rapeseed or sesame oil contain less solid triglycerides during one hour crystallization under isothermal conditions. Parameter *λ* is near zero and may be assumed that induction period is negligible, indicating that the crystallization centers were formed very quickly. High values of the coefficient of determination (*R*²) (0.99 for all samples) indicate that the application of the Gompertz's mathematical model for describing experimental data by a theoretical curve of fat crystallization during 1 h at 20C is justified.

Rheological Characteristics

Flow curves of pure oils and fat samples, determined at 35C, are presented in Fig. 1a,b, respectively. The viscosity values of sesame and rapeseed oil (0.036 Pa s and 0.037 Pa s, respectively) are higher but not statistically significantly (*P* < 0.05) different in comparison with the viscosity value of sunflower

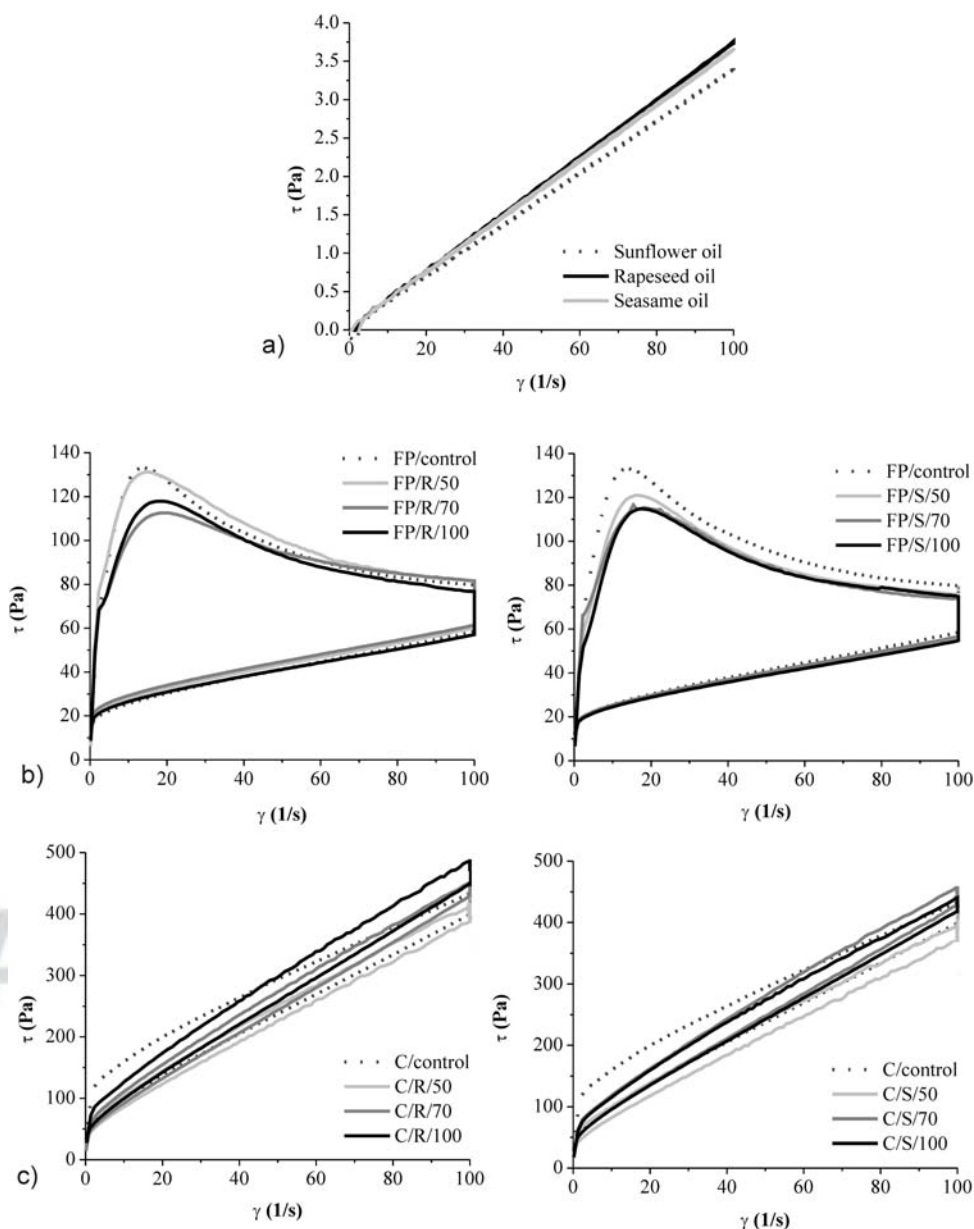
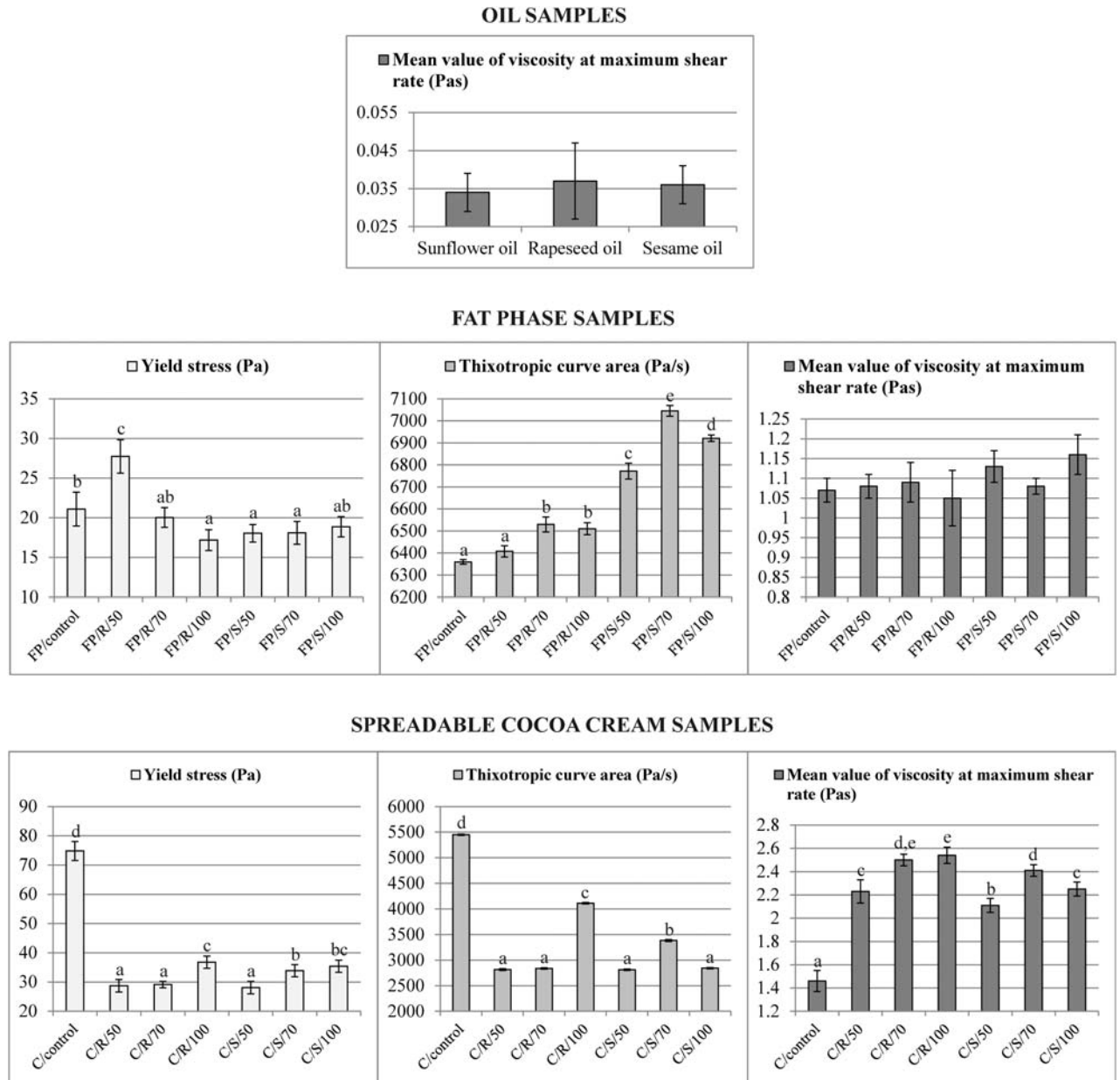


FIG. 1. FLOW CURVES OF: (A) PURE OILS, (B) COCOA CREAM FAT PHASE, (C) SPREADABLE COCOA CREAM

oil (0.034 Pa s), as shown in Fig. 2. The mentioned oils do not affect the viscosity of the cocoa cream fat phase, which values range from 1.05 to 1.16 Pa s, and do not differ statistically significantly in the 95% confidence interval of the mean value of three measurements, also showed in Fig. 2. As our previous investigation (Lončarević *et al.* 2013) showed that the viscosity of NTFCP fat was 5.14 Pa s, it may be assumed that the addition of oil in cocoa cream production reduce fat phase viscosity up to five times, improving its spreadability. Thixotropic curve area of fat phase having rapeseed or sesame oil has higher values compared to the control sample of fat phase with pure sunflower oil. Substitution of sunflower oil with sesame oil causes an increase in

the complexity of the system, where fat phase samples with sesame oil have a statistically significant higher values of thixotropic curve area in comparison to fat phase of control sample and samples with rapeseed oil. This indicates that increasing the shear rate led to more energy loss due to gradual destruction of the fat phase structure with sesame oil.

Figure 1c shows the rheological properties of spreadable cocoa cream samples with the substitution of 50, 70 and 100 wt % of sunflower oil with rapeseed and sesame oil. All samples show a thixotropic flow, wherein the control sample with sunflower oil has a higher complexity of the system at lower shear rates, compared to samples of spreadable cocoa cream with the addition of sesame and rapeseed oil. This



Values represent the means (n=3) ± standard deviation. Results may or may not have the letters above, obtained by one-way Anova. If the letter is not present there is no significant difference between the results, while values followed by different letters are significantly different from each other (p<0.05).

FIG. 2. VISCOSITY OF SUNFLOWER, RAPESEED AND SESAME OIL AND RHEOLOGICAL PARAMETERS OF CREAM FAT PHASE AND FINAL PRODUCT

329 manifests to the statistically significant ($P < 0.05$) highest
 330 values of thixotropic curve area (5449 Pa s) and Casson yield
 331 stress (74.83 Pa) of C/control. This sample has higher initial
 332 force that must be applied to the system to begin to flow
 333 which later may contribute to lower spreadability of the final
 334 product. Conversely, control sample has the lowest value of
 335 Casson viscosity at maximum shear rate (1.46 Pa s) which is
 336 statistically significant ($P < 0.05$) compared to other samples

of spreadable cocoa cream and where, in practice, proved to
 be too low while dosing the cream samples during production.
 Increasing the concentration of rapeseed oil results in an increase
 in the complexity and viscosity of system. Increasing the concentration
 of rapeseed oil from 50 to 70 and 100 wt % increases the values of
 thixotropic curve area and viscosity at the maximum shear rate.
 Sample with 100 wt % of rapeseed oil has the highest value of
 thixotropic

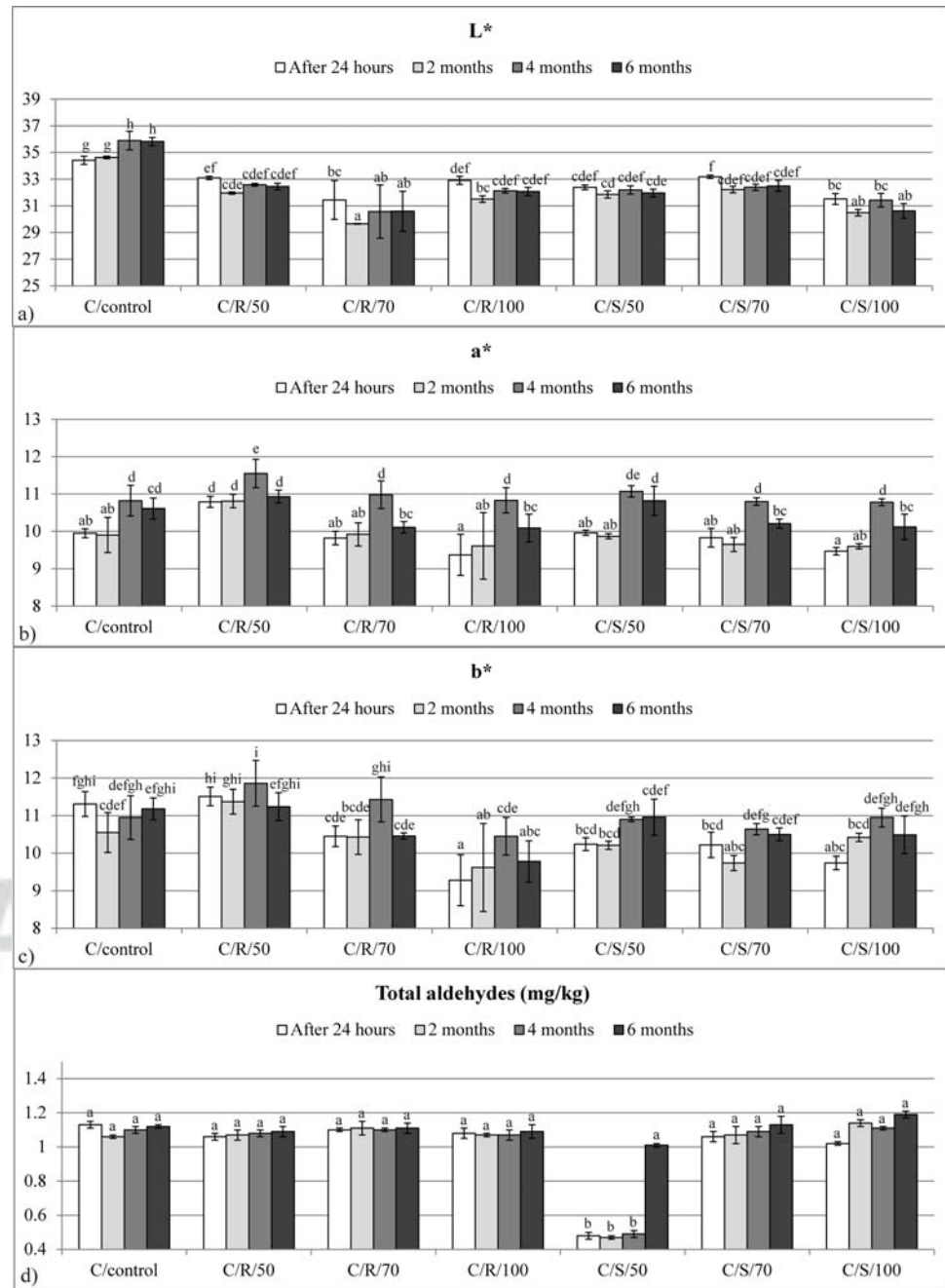


FIG. 3. COLOR (CIE $L^*A^*B^*$ SYSTEM) ON THE SURFACE: (A) L^* , (B) A^* , (C) B^* VALUES AND (D) TOTAL ALDEHYDES CONTENT OF SPREADABLE COCOA CREAM IN A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS OF STORAGE

Values in each chart represent the means of three measurements \pm standard error. Values followed by different letters, obtained by one-way Anova, are significantly different from each other ($p < 0.05$).

345 curve area and Casson viscosity (4111 Pa s and 2.54 Pa s, 346 respectively), which are statistically significantly different 347 from the other samples within 95% interval of mean value 348 of three measurements. Increasing the concentration of ses- 349 ame oil from 50 to 70 wt % also increases the values of thix- 350 otropic curve area, yield stress and viscosity. However, the 351 substitution of the entire amount of sunflower oil with ses- 352 ame oil decreases the values of the above mentioned rheo-

logical parameters, compared to samples with the 353 substitution of 70 wt % of sunflower oil with sesame oil. 354

Color

355 The values of lightness (L^*), a^* (red tone) and b^* (yellow 356 tone) measured on the surface of spreadable cocoa cream 357

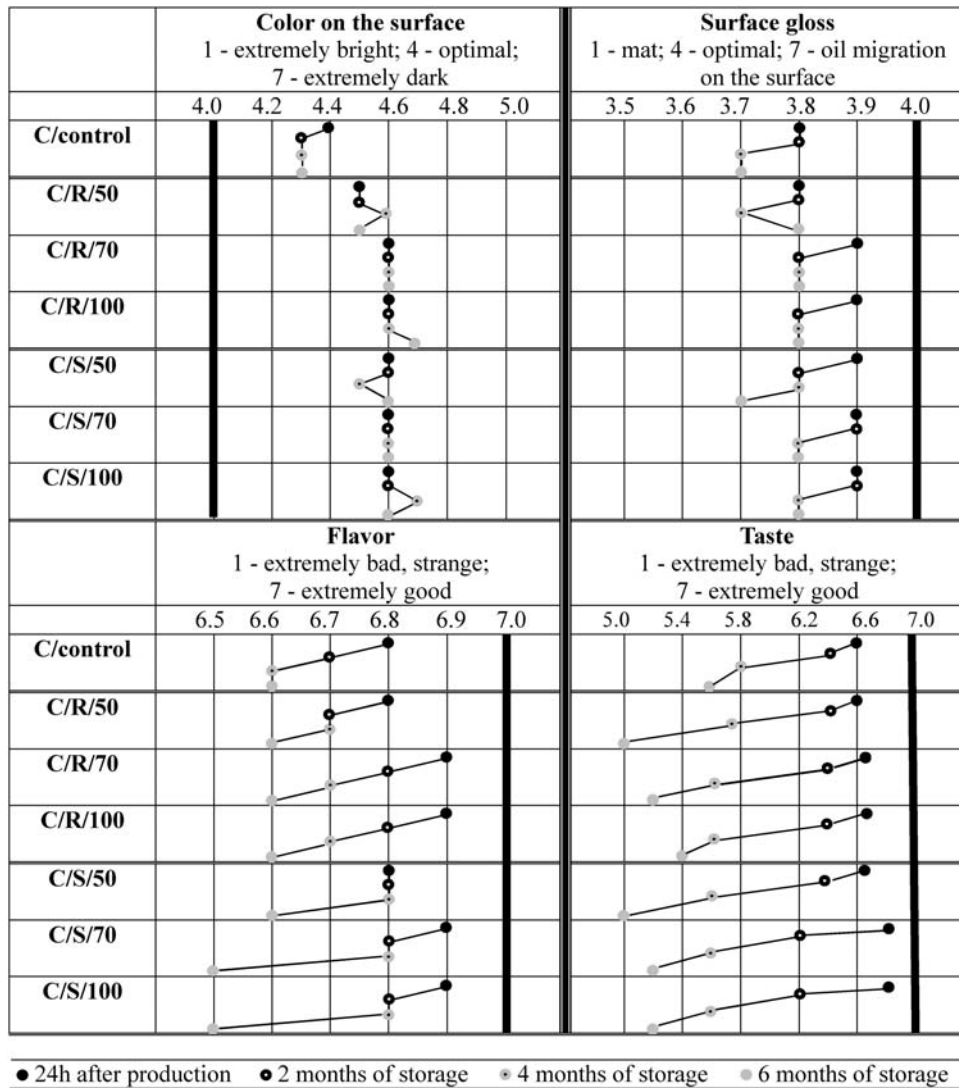


FIG. 4. SENSORY EVALUATION OF THE SURFACE COLOR AND GLOSS, FLAVOR AND TASTE OF SPREADABLE COCOA CREAM

358 with substitution of 50, 70 and 100 wt % of sunflower oil
 359 with rapeseed or sesame oil during 6 months of storage are
 F3 360 presented in Fig. 3.

361 The control sample with sunflower oil had the highest L^*
 362 value or the brightest color of the surface, while its other val-
 363 ues are not significantly different ($P < 0.05$) compared to
 364 other samples, both 24 h after production and during the
 365 whole storage period. Samples with the addition of rapeseed
 366 or sesame oil had darker surface color and their values do
 367 not significantly differ ($P < 0.05$) during the storage period.
 368 Substitution of 50 wt % of sunflower oil with rapeseed and
 369 sesame oils increased the red (a^*) and yellow (b^*) value com-
 370 paring to the control sample 24 h after production. However,
 371 increasing the proportion of these oils decreased the red (a^*)
 372 and yellow (b^*) value, whereby the sample with addition of

100 wt % of rapeseed oil had significantly different 373
 ($P < 0.05$) a^* (9.37) and b^* value (9.28) compared to other 374
 spreadable cocoa cream samples. Sensory evaluation of color 375
 (Fig. 4) showed that all samples had intrinsic color of cocoa 376 F4
 24 h after production, without the presence of white and 377
 gray color on the surface. The control sample had a slightly 378
 darker color than the optimum, while the samples with the 379
 addition of rapeseed or sesame oil had even more darker 380
 color. After 6 months, significantly color changes on spread- 381
 able cocoa cream samples were not registered and, therefore, 382
 their sensory scores did not differ (Fig. 4). All samples had a 383
 shiny surface, with no oil separation at the surface. On 384
 standing for 6 months of storage there was a minor loss of 385
 intensity of gloss, with no oil migration to the surface of 386
 cocoa spread cream samples. 387

388 **Oxidative Stability**

389 During the processing and storage, fats and oils undergo oxi- 440
 390 dative changes that could lead to the development of off- 441
 391 flavors causing rancidity, which is followed by decreasing the 442
 392 nutritional quality of the final product (Li *et al.* 2012). Off- 443
 393 flavors in fat-based food occur mainly as a result of the 444
 394 formation of volatile compounds, representing a small pro- 445
 395 portion of the formed lipid oxidation products. Some of 446
 396 them, such as aldehydes, are highly specific to the oxidative 447
 397 degradation of particular polyunsaturated fatty acids. Hexanal 448
 398 is the most frequently used marker which indicates the level 449
 399 of lipid oxidation (Mandić *et al.* 2013). In addition, some 450
 400 other aldehydes were also used as markers for lipid deteriora- 451
 401 tion. Viscidi *et al.* (2004) used heptanal for the mentioned 452
 402 purpose, while Yang *et al.* (2013a,b) measured 2,4-decadienal 453
 403 and 2,4-heptadienal to monitor biscuits rancidity. 454

404 Oxidative stability of spreadable cocoa cream samples is 449
 405 presented in Fig. 3. The obtained data showed that there are 450
 406 no significant differences ($P < 0.05$) in aldehydes content, 451
 407 which ranged between 0.48 and 1.19 mg/kg during 6 months 452
 408 of storage. The exception are spreadable cocoa cream sam- 453
 409 ples containing 50 wt % of sesame oil in the formulation, 454
 410 which showed significantly lower content of aldehydes in the 455
 411 first 2 months of storage comparing to other samples. The 456
 412 results indicate that the investigated spreadable cocoa cream 457
 413 samples were stable concerning lipid oxidation processes 458
 414 during the storage period. It is in line with the statement 459
 415 that much higher hexanal content of 5.39 mg/kg in crackers 460
 416 corresponded with their lipid deterioration (Berenzon and 461
 417 Saguy 1998). 462

418 All spreadable cocoa cream samples were well scored by 457
 419 the panelists during the first sensory session (24 h after pro- 458
 420 duction) (Fig. 4). During the storage the flavor became 459
 421 worse, whereby it was less pronounced, especially in samples 460
 422 with 70 and 100 wt % of sesame oil. These observations 461
 423 resulted in decreased flavor scores during storage. The addi- 462
 424 tion of rapeseed or sesame oil improved the taste of spread- 463
 425 able cocoa cream samples 24 h after production in 464
 426 comparison to the control sample containing sunflower oil. 465
 427 Samples with 70 and 100 wt % of sesame oil had the most 466
 428 aromatic taste and were assessed with the highest taste scores 467
 429 (Fig. 4), followed by those containing 70 and 100 wt % of 468
 430 rapeseed oil. Assuming crystallization kinetics it is evident 469
 431 that fat phase samples containing 70 and 100 wt % of rape- 470
 432 seed or sesame oil had lower crystallization rate (%/min) 471
 433 compared to the control sample and samples with 50 wt % 472
 434 of rapeseed and sesame oil, indicating the presence of more 473
 435 liquid triglycerides during crystallization of creams fat phase 474
 436 after the production. This is in accordance with literature 475
 437 data indicating that liquid triglycerides bind much more 476
 438 aroma compounds than solid fat triglycerides (Ghosh *et al.* 477
 439 2006). After 2 months of storage there were no significant

440 changes in spreadable cocoa cream taste, where the fat was 441
 442 emphasized, especially in samples C/S/70 and C/S/100. How- 443
 444 ever, after 4 months of storage the taste became more wors- 445
 446 ened, where both sweetness and fat were emphasized. After 6 446
 447 months of storage, the taste of the control sample remained 447
 448 with emphasizing sense of sweetness and fatty taste. How- 448
 449 ever, the beginning of rancidity was noticed in samples with 449
 450 rapeseed and sesame oil, mostly pronounced in samples 450
 451 with 50% of rapeseed and sesame oil. 451

452 The obtained results indicate the necessity of sensory eval- 452
 453 uation in assessing spreadable cocoa cream shelf life, because 453
 454 total aldehyde contents, which do not correlate with sensory 454
 455 scores, would not be chosen as appropriate marker of lipid 455
 456 oxidation in spreadable cocoa creams in investigated storage 456
 457 period. It seems that this parameter might be used for cocoa 457
 458 cream samples stored longer at higher temperatures. 458

459 **CONCLUSION**

460 Substitution of sunflower oil with rapeseed or sesame oil in 459
 461 spreadable cocoa cream production did not have a signifi- 460
 462 cant impact either on solid phase that was formed during 461
 463 the crystallization of cream fat phase at 20C or on fat phase 462
 464 rheological properties. However, samples in which sunflower 463
 465 oil was substituted with 70 and 100 wt % of rapeseed or ses- 464
 466 ame oil had lower crystallization rate which later influenced 465
 467 the taste of final products. These samples had the most pro- 466
 468 nounced aromatic taste 24 h after the production. The com- 467
 469 position of rapeseed and sesame oil also affected physical 468
 470 properties of cream by increasing its viscosity and reducing 469
 471 yield stress, compared to the control sample with sunflower 470
 472 oil. However, using these unrefined oils in cream production 471
 473 caused a shorter shelf life of this type of product, which was 472
 474 not determined by the instrumental determination of total 473
 475 aldehydes content during the investigated storage period, 474
 476 but was assessed by sensory evaluation. 475

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