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Introduction

The horse gram (*Dolichos bitorquatus* L.) commonly known as *halhi* is a traditional unexploited tropical grain legume and well known for its hardiness, adaptability to poor soil and adverse climatic conditions. The horse gram is a cheapest source of protein. Further it is also rich in minerals such as calcium. The chemical composition is comparable with commonly cultivated legumes. Like other legumes, this is deficient in methionine and tryptophan. Horse gram is an excellent source of iron and molybdenum. Comparatively, horse gram seeds have higher trypsin inhibitor and hemagglutinin activities and polyphenols than

for the period (24 h). The germination of the horse gram was carried out as per standard method [4]. The germinated horse gram seeds were dried in oven (50°C) for period (5-6 h). The dried germinated horse gram seeds was ground in hammer mill (Milcent, Anand, Gujarat, India).

Preparation of buns fortified with GHF

The prepared GHF was used for buns preparation. The buns were prepared by straight dough method (Figure 1). The recipe for preparation of buns fortified with GHF (Table 1). The buns were prepared by incorporation of GHF (Table 2).

Determination of chemical characteristics of horse gram and germinated horse gram seeds

The chemical characteristics such as moisture content, carbohydrate, protein, lipid and ash were determined as per standard procedure [5].

Organoleptic evaluation

The sensory evaluation buns fortified with varying levels germinated horse gram flour on sensory quality of buns was carried out by trained panel of ten judges on a 9.0 point Hedonic scale [6].

Statistical analysis

The data generated in the experiments were recorded and subjected to statistical analysis using standard procedure [7]. The standard errors (SE) and critical differences (CD) at 5% level of significance were worked out for comparison of treatments and presented in the respective tables.

Results and Discussion

The effect of germination on chemical characteristics of horse gram

was found increased in moisture content and ash of horse gram from 10.18-10.40% and 2.88-3.10 respectively during germination the period (24 h) (Table 3). The protein content of horse gram was found decreased from 26.50-26.1%. This is due to utilization of amino acid and peptides during growth and increase in proteolytic activity [8]. The carbohydrate and lipid content were found slightly decreased during germination of the horse gram seeds. This is because of increase in amylase and lipase activity. The non-significant increase in ash content was observed.

The sensory evaluation of buns fortified with GHF scored less than the control sample (Table 4). Further the sensory quality attributes scored less value for higher level of GHF and increased for low level of GHF fortified buns respectively. The buns fortified with GHF (5, 10% and 15%) were acceptable than the buns fortified with GHF (20%). The buns fortified with GHF (20%) significantly affected ($P < 0.05$) the colour of crust and crumb, texture and flavour. Finally it can be concluded that the buns fortified with GHF were found to contain high amount of proteins, minerals and sensory qualities were found acceptable.

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