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# Effects of different pretreatments on physico-chemical properties of potato chips fried in different oils

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## ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to develop potato chips applying deep frying technique. The potato chips were deep-fried at 180°C for 13-72 sec. Physicochemical properties of the prepared chips, such as moisture content, ash content, pH, acidity, color (L\*, a\*, b\*), and whitening index. Colors of fried in mustard oil, sunflower oil, groundnut oil and canola oil potato chips blackness to lightness, green to red and blue to yellow range of L\* (34.08-75.98), a\* (-3.32 to + 3.9) b\* (7.33- 44.15),. The whiteness index of the potato chips was found 9.50-25.30. The maximum acceptability of potato chips fried at 180 °C in mustard oil, sunflower oil, groundnut oil, and canola oil to consumer panelists was T3 (7.90), T3 (8.00), T3 (7.87), and T4 (7.84), respectively.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Potato (*solanum tuberosum*) is the worldwide famous tuber vegetable. A raw potato contains 79% water, 17% carbohydrates (88% starch), 2% protein, and negligible fat. Raw potato provides 77 calories of energy and is a rich source of Vitamin B6 and Vitamin C (23% and 24% of the daily value, respectively [1]. Approximately 85% of potato production occurs in the Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh is the largest producer of potatoes in India, accounting for more than 32 per cent of the country's total potato production. In the year 2019-2020, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) recorded potato production in Uttar Pradesh at 140.49 lakh tones [2]. Potatoes are the third main crop for human nutrition that helps combat poverty and malnutrition in developing countries [3]. The demand for processing potatoes is expected to rise from 2.8 million tons in 2010 to 25 million tons in 2050 [4]. Chips are the most popular potato products and are liked by almost all age groups. Potato chips are thin, fried, baked popular able to eat snacks used both in domestic also as in nutriment at restaurants [5]. 100g potato chips provide about 547 calories of energy with a fat content of 37.47g, total carbohydrate 49.74g, protein 6.56g alongside Sodium (525mg) and potassium (1642mg). In the food processing industry, deep fat frying is a widespread operation that makes potato chips tasty and crispy. According to [6], various treatments including sodium chloride, potassium metabisulfite, and calcium chloride are used to enhance the quality attributes of fried snacks. The fast food snack industry has emerged as an important sector for modern consumers with a special desire for fried snack foods. Fried products are liked by all age groups and play an important role in consumer diets because of their unique flavor and texture. Frying can also affect the nutritional quality of food because the process is based on high temperatures. This changes the structure of labile nutrients, and some water-soluble molecules and unstable vitamins such as thiamine and riboflavin can be lost by evaporation and degradation, respectively [7]. Generally, oils with high amounts of polyunsaturated fatty acids (i.e., corn, sunflower, soybean, rapeseed, and peanut oils) are suitable for domestic cooking. Nonetheless, oils with low linoleic acid content and high oleic acid content (i.e., olive, almond, and canola oils) are reported to be more stable during frying [8, 9]. Frying in hot oil at temperatures between 160-180 °C is normally characterized by

42 very high drying rates, which are critical for ensuring favorable structural and textural  
43 properties of the final product [10]. Among the different physical properties of food products,  
44 color is considered an important visual attribute for the imperceptions quality of a product.  
45 Potato chip color is a vital criterion for industrial potato processing and is strictly related to  
46 consumer perception. Among the sensory attributes of potato, texture, aroma, flavor, color,  
47 and texture are considered the most important [11]. Aim of the research was to study the  
48 physicochemical properties of one of the most well-known foods in the world, potato chips.  
49 Different oils are used in their preparation in various parts of the world, and the authors set  
50 out to compare the results in each situation and support their benefits and drawbacks.

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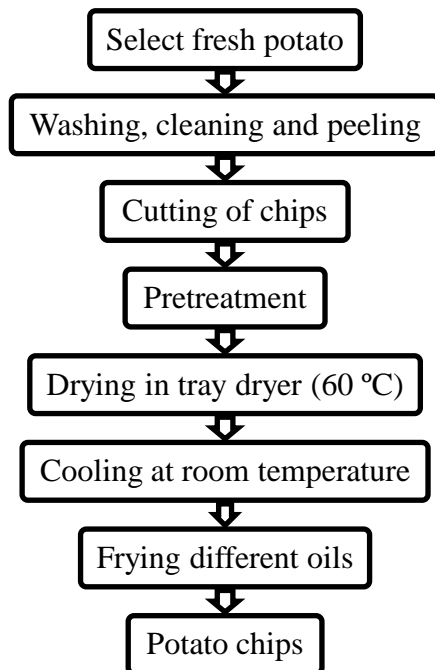
## 52 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

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54 Fresh potato belongs to the family solanaceae and genus Solanum devoid of any visible  
55 microbial infection or mechanical fissures, mustard oil, sunflower oil, groundnut oil, and  
56 canola oil were procured from the local market of modipuram Meerut (U.P) India. Potatoes  
57 were washed with tap water to remove dust and dirt from the surface. The samples were  
58 then peeled, washed with water, and sliced with a chip cutter. The chips were then weighed  
59 and pretreated with weighed, and sliced weight samples were prepared for each  
60 pretreatment.

61 **2.1 Preparation of potato Chips:** Development of potato chips and their frying and  
62 quality evaluation were performed in the laboratory at the College of Post Harvest  
63 Technology and Food Processing, S.V.P. University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut.  
64 Studies have also been carried out to evaluate the physicochemical properties of potato  
65 chips, fried in different oils.

66 Potato chips were prepared as the following flow chart-



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68 Figure 1. Flow chart for potato chips development

69 **2.2 Pretreatments:** Pretreatments were applied to the potato slices, and an untreated  
70 sample was used as a control. The slices were subjected to pre-treatments using salt  
71 (NaCl), potassium meta-bisulphate (KMS), citric acid (CA) and calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>);  
72 indicated as follow:

73 **T1:** Blanching with 90°C for 5 min,

74 **T2:** Blanching with 1%Nacl at 90°C for 5 min

75 **T3:** Blanching with 0.5% KMS + 1.0 % NaCl at 90°C for 5 min.

76 **T4:** Blanching with 0.5% KMS+1% NaCl, + 0.5% CA at 90 °C for 5 min.

77 **T5:** Blanching with 1%CaCl<sub>2</sub>+1% NaCl at 90 °C for 5 min.

78 The slices were then removed from the solution, the surface moisture was removed using  
79 blotting paper, and then spread in trays subjected to drying in a tray dryer at 60 °C.

80 **2.3 Moisture Content:** Moisture content % (w.b.) of fresh samples was obtained using the  
81 standard AOAC [12] method.

82 **2.4 pH:** A digital pH meter (Systronics μ pH system, 361) was used to determine the pH of  
83 the samples.

84 **2.5 Acidity:** Acidity of various samples was determined by using the method as  
85 recommended by[13]

86 **2.6 Ash content:** The AOAC [14] method with a muffle furnace (TANCO model) was used  
87 to determine the ash contents of the samples.

88 **2.7 Color value:** Lightness (L\*), redness (a\*), and yellowness (b\*) values of the slices  
89 were measured. L\*, a\*, and b\* were measured using a colour meter (3Nh color meter,  
90 China) after calibration with a white standard plate.

91 **2.8 Whiteness index :** Whiteness is the measured amount of light reflected by a support  
92 through the visible light spectrum. This value is obtained by calculating the amount of  
93 light *White* -that is, the sum of reflected wavelengths of the spectrum- that the surface  
94 manifests. Thus, the value is useful in determining how *white* is a support to the human eye.  
95 The measurement of whiteness is expressed as a percentage, on a scale of 1-100%, with  
96 100% being the value that should correspond to a perfect white.

97 **2.8 Sensory Evaluation:** Sensory evaluation indicates the acceptability of the product.  
98 Acceptability of chips was judged, on a nine point hedonic scale. The sensory evaluation  
99 carried out on the basis of color, texture, taste, crispiness and overall acceptability of the  
100 developed product. The sensory evaluation of the treatments for the organoleptic qualities  
101 [15]

### 102 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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104 **3.1 Moisture content:** The acceptable range of moisture content for potato chips before  
105 they were fried in oil is shown in Table 1 as 81.21) percent water by weight (% w.b.)  
106 Treatment T1 had the highest moisture content (82.21) percent water by weight (% w.b.) and  
107 T3 had the lowest moisture content (81.19) percent water by weight (% w.b.). The results

108 showed that treatment T1, which did not receive any chemical treatment, had the highest  
109 moisture content, whereas T3, which received chemical treatment (0.5% KMS + 1% NaCl at  
110 90 °C for 5 min), had the lowest moisture content. Following frying in mustard oil of potato  
111 chips (table 2.) 2.3 to 7.11 percent water by weight. Treatment T3 had the lowest moisture  
112 content (2.32% w. b.) and T4 had the highest (7.11 w. b.).The results were highest in  
113 treatment T4 due to the effects of (NaCl + KMS + CA), and the lowest moisture content in T3  
114 due to the effects of (KMS + NaCl) reducing moisture content. The outcome was the highest  
115 moisture content in T4 owing to the acidic action of the potato chip. The potato chips were  
116 fried in sunflower oil, and the results are shown in Table 3 under moisture content. After  
117 being fried in sunflower oil, the potato chips had a moisture level that ranged from 3.16 to  
118 3.58% w.b. Treatment T3 had the highest moisture content (3.58%w. b.) and Treatment T1  
119 had the lowest moisture content (3.16%w. b.).The moisture content of treatment T1 was the  
120 lowest due to the effects of frying the potato chips in sunflower oil and the lack of chemical  
121 treatment, while treatment T3's moisture content was the highest due to the treatment (KMS  
122 + NaCl). After being fried in groundnut oil, the moisture content ranged from 3.29 to 4.15%  
123 (Table 4).Treatment T4 had the highest moisture content (4.15% w. b.) and Treatment T1  
124 had the lowest moisture content (3.29% w. b.).The results showed that treatment T1 had the  
125 maximum moisture content after being fried in groundnut oil, while treatment T4 had the  
126 lowest .Table 5 displays the results for the deep-fried potato chips in canola oil. The range of  
127 moisture content was determined 1.77-3.16 % (w. b.). T3 had the highest moisture content  
128 (3.16% w. b.), whereas T5 had the lowest (1.77% w. b.).Following the canola oil frying of the  
129 potato chips, the outcome revealed that treatment T5 had the greatest effect. It is among the  
130 best varieties of vegetable oil.

131 **3.2 Ash content:** The ash content range of potato chips (1.38-1.90%) before frying is  
132 displayed in Table 1. The treatment with the highest ash content was T3 (1.90%), whereas  
133 the treatment with the lowest ash content was T1 (1.38%).Because of the treatment  
134 (blanching with 0.5% KMS + 1% NaCl at 90 °C for 5 min), T3 had the highest ash content.  
135 Treatment T1 had the lowest amount of ash, because there was no chemical treatment. The  
136 results of mustard oil frying of potato chips are displayed in Table 2. potato chips with an ash  
137 percentage between 1.97 and 3.50% after being fried in mustard oil. Treatment T5 had the  
138 lowest ash content (1.97%), while Treatment T4 had the highest (3.50%).The highest ash  
139 content was the outcome of the treatment T4's effect on potato chips after they had been  
140 fried in mustard oil. potato chips after being fried in sunflower oil.In table 3, the outcome was  
141 displayed. After being fried in sunflower oil, potato chips may include between 0.65 and  
142 1.48% ash. Treatment T1 had the lowest amount of ash (0.65), and Treatment T5 had the  
143 highest amount (1.48%).The outcome was maximum ash concentration in treatment T5 and  
144 the effect of frying in sunflower oil because treatment T5 (blanching with 1% CaCl<sub>2</sub> + 1%  
145 NaCl at 90 °C for 5 min) had a greater effect. The conclusion was presented in Table 4,  
146 which demonstrates how the ADH (Acryl amide dehydrogen phosphate) content of potato  
147 chips is connected to the frying conditions. The Maillard reaction, a chemical interaction  
148 between reducing sugars and amino acids that occurs during frying, may cause potato chips  
149 cooked in groundnut oil to have an increased ADH level. When starchy foods are cooked at  
150 high temperatures, the Maillard reaction results in the chemical acryl amide, which can  
151 develop in the meal, and after being fried in groundnut oil, potato chips might include  
152 between 0.61 and 2.04% ash. T5 had the highest ash content (2.04%), whereas T1 had the  
153 lowest ash content (0.61%).Treatment T5 had a greater impact as a result of the groundnut  
154 oil used to fry potato chips. The range of the ash content of potato chips that had been fried  
155 in canola oil is displayed in Table 5 (0.60-1.48%). Treatment T5 had the highest ash content  
156 (1.48%), and treatment T2 had the lowest ash content (0.60%).As the potato chips were  
157 fried in canola oil, treatment T2 had a lower effect, whereas treatment T5 had a higher effect.

158 **Table-1. Moisture content, ash content, pH, color characteristics and whiteness index**  
 159 **of different potato chips samples before frying.**

Treat ment	(M.C.)	(A.C.)	pH	Acidity	Color			(W.I.)
					L*	a*	b*	
T1	82.21±0.73	1.38±0.19	6.56±0.04	0.17±0.01	42.34	1.21	15.13	25.47
T2	81.54±0.45	1.48±0.03	7.02±0.01	0.08±0.00	47.06	-0.98	14.13	25.47
T3	81.19±1.02	1.90±0.03	6.26±0.01	0.05±0.00	54.37	-0.61	19.13	32.57
T4	81.38±0.68	1.46±0.08	5.95±0.00	0.13±0.01	50.14	-0.34	17.79	27.40
T5	81.43±0.50	1.88±0.16	6.33±0.02	0.19±0.02	51.30	-0.23	16.61	33.97

160 \*M.C.: Moisture content, \*A.C.: Ash content, \*W.I.: Whiteness index ±: Standard deviation

161 **3.3 pH:** The pH values before the potato chips were fried are shown in Table 1. The pH  
 162 range (5.95,7.02).The pH value of the potato chips in treatment T2 was the highest (7.02),  
 163 whereas treatment T4 had the lowest pH value (5.95).The outcome showed that treatment  
 164 T4 had more of an impact than treatment T2.the potato chips in Table 2 after they were fried  
 165 in mustard oil. When compared to not frying the potato chips, there was a decrease in the  
 166 amount of mustard oil used. This indicates that these oil-fried potato chips have higher  
 167 acidity values. Impact of chemical treatment of potato chips and type of frying oil, The pH  
 168 range (5.45-6.02) following frying in mustard oil. Potato chip pH values ranged from 6.02 in  
 169 treatment T3 to 5.45 in treatment T4, with treatment T3 having the highest pH value. The pH  
 170 readings of the results are shown in Table 3.The pH range from 5.05 to 5.84.The pH values  
 171 for treatments T2 and T4 were 5.84 and 5.05, respectively. Potato chips compressed for  
 172 cooking in mustard and sunflower oils. In comparison to mustard oil, all treatments of the  
 173 potato chips fried in sunflower oil had low pH. As a result, potato chips fried in sunflower oil  
 174 will be more acidic. The results are displayed in Table 4. The pH range of potato chips  
 175 (5.47–6.17) after being fried in groundnut oil.T4 had the lowest pH (5.47) and T2 had the  
 176 highest pH (6.17) value. The effect of (1% NaCl + 0.5% KMS + 0.5% CA at 90°C for 5  
 177 minutes) and frying potato chips in groundnut oil led to the greatest acidity value to emerge  
 178 in treatment T4.The pH results for the potato chips that had been fried in canola oil are  
 179 displayed in Table 5. The pH range (5.38-6.18) of potato chips after they were fried in canola  
 180 oil. The treatment T2 yielded the greatest pH value of canola oil fried potato chips (6.18) and  
 181 the lowest pH value of T4 (5.38).In compression to be fried in mustard oil, sunflower oil, or  
 182 groundnut oil, this outcome was very low. The T4 treatment had a very high acidic pH value.  
 183 Treatment had an impact, as did canola oil used to fry potato chips.

184 **Table-2. Moisture content, ash content, pH, color characteristics and whiteness index**  
 185 **of the different potato chips samples after frying in mustard oil.**

Treat ment	(M.C.)	(A.C.)	pH	Acidity	Color			(W.I.)
					L*	a*	b*	
T1	7.07±0.19	3.03±0.29	5.80±0.08	0.16±0.03	75.98	-0.11	44.15	24.80
T2	3.91±0.36	3.15±1.28	5.86±0.02	0.13±0.02	69.62	-0.68	41.86	19.60

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T3	2.32±0.57	2.21±0.51	6.02±0.01	0.15±0.03	45.14	-3.30	38.19	16.50
T4	7.11±0.39	3.50±0.37	5.45±0.02	0.12±0.02	44.55	-2.80	37.16	17.20
T5	3.89±0.17	1.97±0.35	5.75±0.01	0.18±0.02	36.26	+3.9	33.85	09.50

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\*M.C.: Moisture content, \*A.C.: Ash content, \*W.I.: Whiteness index

188 **3.4 Acidity:** Prior to being fried in oil, the acidity of potato chips ranged from (0.05–0.19) in  
189 Table 1. T5 (0.19) and T3 (0.05) had the highest and lowest acidities, respectively. The  
190 treatment with the highest acidity level was T5, which was a consequence of the combined  
191 action of calcium and sodium chlorides. Table 2 lists the range of acidity values (0.12-0.18)  
192 for fries of potato chips made using mustard oil. The acidic value for treatment T5 was 0.18,  
193 whereas that for treatment T4 was 0.12. The results showed that treatment T5 lowered the  
194 acidity of potato chips when they were compressed without being fried, whereas another  
195 type of treatment caused it to increase when the chips were cooked in mustard oil. The  
196 acidity range of potato chips after being fried in sunflower oil is presented in Table 3.  
197 Treatment T1 had the lowest acidity (0.07), whereas Treatment T3 had the highest acidity  
198 (0.12). These three tables demonstrate the reduction in acidity values that occurred when  
199 potato chips were fried in mustard oil. The results of treatment T3 showed that frying  
200 sunflower oil and using KMS + NaCl had an effect. after preparation in groundnut oil (Table  
201 4). Acidity range of groundnut oil-fried potato chips (0.09–0.21). After being fried in  
202 groundnut oil, treatment T4 had the highest acidity (0.21), whereas treatment T1 had the  
203 lowest acidity (0.09). Consequently, with the exception of treatment T5, the acidity of potato  
204 chips cooked in groundnut oil increased when compared to those cooked in sunflower oil,  
205 but decreased when compared to those cooked in mustard oil. Potato chips that have been  
206 deep-fried in canola oil have an acidity range of (0.05-0.16) according to Table 5. The T2  
207 and T4 treatments exhibited the highest and lowest acidic values, respectively, after being  
208 fried in canola oil. Treatment T2's acidic value was 0.16 and that of treatment T4 was 0.05.  
209 in groundnut, sunflower, and mustard oils, respectively. The acidity of potato chips fried in  
210 canola oil increased in treatments T1, T2, and T3, whereas it decreased in treatments T4  
211 and T5. This is in contrast with sunflower and groundnut oils. With the exception of treatment  
212 T2, mustard oil improved the acidity of the compressed and fried potato chips.

213 **3.5 Color:** Three factors, L\* (lightness-blackness), a\* (red-green), and b\* (yellow-blue),  
214 determine the color. The L\* color value range (42.34-54.37) before they were fried in oil. T3  
215 had the highest L\* color value (54.37), and T1 had the lowest L\* color value (42.34). The  
216 results are provided in Table 1, together with the maximum and lowest brightness color  
217 values for treatment T3 of potato chips. Before being fried in oil, the a\* and b\* values ranged  
218 from (-0.23 to 1.21) and (14.13-19.13), respectively. The highest a\* and b\* values were  
219 found in treatments T1 (1.21) and T3, whereas treatment T5 had the lowest a\* value (-0.23)  
220 and the highest b\* value (14.13). The outcome was a higher value for red color and a lower  
221 value for green color, making treatment T2 more greenish in color and treatment T1 less red.  
222 The results of b\* value if + yellow color and - value blue color are given in Table 1, with  
223 greater yellow color in treatment T3 and less yellow color in treatment T2. Table 2 shows the  
224 range of color values for L\*, a\*, and b\* after frying potato chips in mustard oil: L\* value  
225 (36.25-75.98), a\* (-3.30 to +3.9), and b\* (09.50-24.80). Treatments T1 (75.98), T5 (+ 3.9),  
226 and T1 (44.15) had the highest L\*, a\*, and b\* values. After the potato chips were fried in  
227 mustard oil, treatment T1 had a darker color, and treatment T5 had a lighter color. For a\*,  
228 treatment T3 exhibited a greater degree of greenish color, but treatment T5 exhibited a much  
229 lower degree of greenish color. The brightest yellow color in treatment T1 and the lowest  
230 yellow color in treatment T5 were identified in the analysis of the b\* value, which was set to  
231 determine the highest value. Table 3 shows the color values of L\*, a\*, and b\* in the potato  
232 chip ranges (53.67-70.11), (-3.32-2.89), and (31.36-40.37) after being fried in sunflower oil.

233 L\* values for treatments T1 and T4 were respectively 70.11 and 53.67%, respectively.  
234 Following potato chip frying in sunflower oil, the results showed that T4 produced lighter  
235 chips than T1, and vice versa. Treatment T1 had the highest a\* and b\* values (2.89) and  
236 (40.37), whereas treatment T3 had the lowest values (-3.32) and (31.36), respectively. The  
237 outcome was that after being fried in sunflower oil, potato chips treated with T3 (-3.32) had a  
238 greenish hue, and T1 had a more red hue. Treatment T1 had a stronger yellowish color in  
239 the b\* value of the outcome, whereas Treatment T3 had a less yellowish color. Table 4  
240 displays the range of color values L\*, a\*, and b\* for groundnut oil-fried potato chips (46.52-  
241 61.20), (-3.15 to 2.70), and (18.59-36.66). After being fried in groundnut oil, potato chips had  
242 the highest L\* value (61.20) and lowest L\* value (46.52). After being fried in groundnut oil,  
243 potato chips had a lower color value and higher lightness in T2. The lowest a\* and b\* values  
244 of T3 (-3.15) and (18.59), and treatment T1 (36.66) had the highest a\* and b\* values of  
245 potato chips after being fried in groundnut oil. A\* and B\* appeared greenish and yellowish in  
246 T3 and T1, respectively. Table 5 shows the L\*, a\*, and b\* color value ranges for potato chips  
247 that have been fried in canola oil, which are (34.08-70.80), (-2.34 to 2.23), and (7.33-31.19).  
248 The highest L\*, a\*, and b\* values were in treatment T1 (70.80), T2 (2.34), and treatment T1  
249 (31.19), while the lowest values were in treatment T5 (34.08), T3 (-2.49), and T5 (7.33). As a  
250 result, treatment T5's color became lighter, treatment T3's color turned greener, and  
251 treatment T1's color turned yellow. There were more changes in the color value after frying  
252 than previously, but the quality of the potato chips remained suitable for consumer demand.  
253 All varieties of frying oils used for potato chips were found to be effective. Treatment T5,  
254 which was deep-fried in canola oil, had the lightest color. After frying potato chips in  
255 sunflower oil, T3 showed the highest percentage of greenish hues. Following the frying of  
256 potato chips in mustard oil, the color was the most yellowish among all frying oil treatments.  
257 Most of the time serves as the foundation for the consumer's decision to choose or reject a  
258 brand of chips. Consumers always seriously assess this issue. The color of potato chips is  
259 the result of the Maillard reaction, which depends on the content of reducing sugars and  
260 proteins, temperature, and frying time. Reducing sugar levels is especially critical when crisp  
261 color is desirable [16] and is a concern not only for farmers but also for potato products [17].  
262 The result that canola oil fried potato chips was greener in color followed by mustard oil,  
263 groundnut oil, and sunflower oil. In case of b\* mustard oil of potato chips was more  
264 yellowish in color less yellowish color was found canola oil fried potato chips. The color of  
265 potato chips is an extremely important quality attribute and a fundamental criterion for the  
266 potato-processing industry, since it is strictly related to consumer perception, the Maillard  
267 reaction, and acryl amide formation [18]. The color of fried potatoes is usually measured  
268 usually in the unit of L\* a\*b\*, using either a colorimeter or specific image-acquisition and  
269 processing systems. Parameter L\* is the luminance or lightness component, which ranges  
270 from 0 to 100, and parameters a\* (from green to red) and b\* (from blue to yellow) are the two  
271 chromatic components, which range from -120 to 120 [19].

272 **3.6 Whiteness index:** Table 1 shows the (25.47-33.97) range of the whiteness index of  
273 potato chips prior to cooking in oil. The treatment T5 had the highest whiteness index  
274 (33.97), and the T1 treatment had the lowest whiteness index (25.47). The range of the  
275 whiteness index for the potato chips in table 2 after they had been fried in mustard oil was  
276 (9.50-24.80). The results showed that Treatment T1 had the highest whiteness index  
277 (24.80), while treatment T5 had the lowest whiteness index (9.50). When potato chips were  
278 compressed before and after being fried in mustard oil, the whiteness index decreased (T1-  
279 T5). The whiteness scores of the fried sunflower oil potato chips in Table 3 are indicated.  
280 (09.90–23.90) was within the range of the whiteness index. T4 had the lowest whiteness  
281 index (9.90), whereas T2 had the greatest whiteness index (23.90). The results showed that  
282 frying potato chips with mustard oil, sunflower oil, or compression treatments T2, T3, and T5  
283 improved the whiteness index, whereas treatments T1 and T4 decreased it. After being fried  
284 in groundnut oil, the potato chips in table-4 had a whiteness index ranging from 12.70 25.30.

285 T3 had the highest whiteness index (25.30), whereas T2 had the lowest (12.70). The  
 286 outcome was that when potato chips were fried in groundnut oil, the whiteness index  
 287 increased for treatments T1, T3, T4, and T5, but decreased for treatment T2 when compared  
 288 to sunflower oil. The whiteness index of canola oil-fried potato chips (12.70–14.60) is  
 289 illustrated in Table 5. Treatment T5 had the highest whiteness index (14.60), whereas  
 290 treatment T4 had the lowest (12.70). Decreases in the whiteness index for treatments T1,  
 291 T3, T4, and T5, and increases for T2 in comparison to potato chips fried in groundnut oil.

292 **Table-3. Moisture content, ash content, pH, color and whiteness index of different**

294 **potato chips samples after frying in sunflower oil.**

Treat ment	(M.C.)	(A.C.)	pH	Acidity	Color			(W.I.)
					L*	a*	b*	
T1	3.16±0.26	0.65±0.20	5.42±0.06	0.07±0.01	70.11	2.89	40.37	16.60
T2	3.26±0.26	0.92±0.18	5.84±0.03	0.08±0.02	58.40	1.26	40.01	23.90
T3	3.58±0.26	1.09±0.10	5.72±0.02	0.12±0.00	66.85	-3.32	31.36	18.40
T4	3.52±0.26	0.96±0.09	5.05±0.04	0.08±0.01	53.67	0.28	39.96	09.90
T5	3.53±0.26	1.48±0.20	5.58±0.02	0.09±0.03	68.79	-0.77	34.63	17.60

295 \*M.C.: Moisture content, \*A.C.: Ash content, \*W.I.: Whiteness index

296 **Table- 4. Moisture content, ash content, pH, color and whiteness index of different**

297 **potato chips samples after frying in groundnut oil.**

Treat ment	(M.C.)	(A.C.)	pH	Acidity	Color			(W.I.)
					L*	a*	b*	
T1	3.29±0.12	0.61±0.02	5.83±0.03	0.09±0.01	59.91	2.70	36.66	21.10
T2	3.58±0.09	1.19±0.38	6.17±0.01	0.11±0.00	46.52	0.06	19.46	12.70
T3	3.80±0.15	1.16±0.09	6.03±0.02	0.10±0.00	61.20	-3.15	18.59	25.30
T4	4.15±0.12	1.03±0.07	5.47±0.01	0.21±0.00	59.49	-2.31	29.25	18.70
T5	3.30±0.15	2.04±0.03	5.76±0.02	0.14±0.00	59.01	-1.63	27.15	18.20

298 \*M.C.: Moisture content, \*A.C.: Ash content, \*W.I.: Whiteness index

299 **3.7 Sensory Evaluation:** The Consumer preference for deep-fried potato chips was  
 300 determined by sensory analysis. The color, texture, taste, crispiness, and overall  
 301 acceptability of the potato chips were evaluated for sensory acceptance. For color, texture,  
 302 taste, crispiness, and overall quality for the sample fried at 180°C for a brief period of time,  
 303 the panelists preferred the vacuum-fried potato chips above mustard oil, sunflower oil,  
 304 groundnut oil, and canola oil. The panelists' total acceptance scores are presented in Tables  
 305 6 and 7. According to the sensory evaluation findings, the majority of panelists regarded the  
 306 color of potato chips as a premium characteristic. The process temperature had a significant  
 307 impact on the sensory evaluation of potato chips (P 0.05). When frying at a higher  
 308 temperature of 180 °C, the sensory scores for the color of the potato chips were (7.30-8.0),

309 (6.70-8.10), (6.12-8.50), and (7.37-7.87), respectively. The results of the panelists' sensory  
 310 evaluations are presented. This could be a result of less color deterioration caused by deep  
 311 frying Maillard reactions and oxidation. On a 9-point hedonic sensory scale, treatment T3  
 312 (8.30) had the highest sensory score for texture when it came to potato chips that were fried  
 313 in mustard oil at 180°C, as opposed to treatments T3 (7.70), T3 (7.62), and T5 (7.75), which  
 314 were cooked in canola oil. The T3 treatment had the highest taste rating (8.20) after frying  
 315 potato chips in sunflower oil, and treatments T4 and T5 had the lowest taste rating (6.25)  
 316 after frying in groundnut oil, as shown in Tables 6 and 7. The T2 treatment of potato chips  
 317 received the highest score for crispiness (8.30) and the T5 treatment received the lowest  
 318 score (7.00) after being fried in groundnut oil. Crispiness is an important textural attribute  
 319 that determines chip quality [20]. The higher the temperature, the less the oil absorbed and  
 320 the higher the water evaporated from crisp slices; the crispier the slices become [21]. The  
 321 findings of the sensory evaluation indicated that treatment T3 (8.00) after sunflower oil was  
 322 used to fry the potato chips had the highest overall acceptance, whereas treatment T5 (6.46)  
 323 after groundnut oil had the lowest.

324 **Table- 5. Moisture content, ash content, pH, color and whiteness index of different**  
 325 **potato chips samples after frying in canola oil.**

Treat ment	(M.C.)	(A.C.)	pH	Acidity	Color			(W.I.)
					L*	a*	b*	
T1	2.38±0.14	0.62±0.18	5.46±0.02	0.10±0.01	70.80	-0.51	31.19	13.60
T2	2.64±0.14	0.60±0.14	6.18±0.03	0.16±0.01	45.53	-2.34	19.08	14.10
T3	3.16±0.08	1.27±0.41	5.87±0.01	0.10±0.01	48.13	-2.49	15.96	13.60
T4	3.08±0.06	1.24±0.14	5.38±0.01	0.05±0.01	42.25	-1.45	16.63	12.70
T5	1.77±0.08	1.48±0.35	5.49±0.02	0.08±0.01	34.08	-1.14	7.33	14.60

326 \*M.C.: Moisture content, \*A.C.: Ash content, \*W.I.: Whiteness index

**Table 6. Sensory evaluation of potato chips after frying in mustard oil and sunflower oil for different treatment**

Treatm nt	Mustard oil					Sunflower oil				
	Color	Textur	Taste	Crispine s	Overall Acceptabi y	Color	Textur	Taste	Crispine s	Overall Acceptabi y
T1	8.00	7.30	7.30	8.10	7.67±0.37	7.50	7.60	7.90	8.10	7.77±0.23
T2	7.50	8.10	7.60	7.50	7.67±0.24	7.80	7.40	7.60	8.30	7.77±0.33
T3	8.00	8.30	7.50	7.80	7.90±0.29	8.10	7.70	8.20	8.00	8.00±0.18
T4	6.80	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.22±0.25	7.10	7.10	7.20	8.10	7.37±0.42
T5	7.30	7.80	7.50	8.10	7.67±0.30	6.70	6.50	7.10	8.10	7.10±0.61

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**Table 7. Sensory evaluation of potato chips after frying in Groundnut oil and Canola oil for different treatment**

Treatm nt	Groundnut oil					Canola oil				
	Color	Textur	Taste	Crispine s	Overall Acceptabi y	Color	Textur	Taste	Crispine s	Overall Acceptabi y

T1	7.25	7.25	7.50	7.62	7.40±0.16	7.87	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.24±0.21
T2	6.75	7.37	7.37	7.50	7.24±0.29	7.50	7.25	7.52	8.00	7.59±0.27
T3	8.50	7.62	7.87	7.87	7.96±0.32	7.75	7.12	7.75	8.00	7.65±0.32
T4	7.00	7.00	6.25	7.50	6.93±0.44	7.62	7.62	8.12	8.00	7.84±0.22
T5	6.12	6.50	6.25	7.00	6.46±0.33	7.37	7.75	8.00	7.50	7.65±0.24

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#### 329 4. CONCLUSION

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In conclusion, moisture was lost from potato chips before and after they were fried in mustard, sunflower, groundnut, and canola oils. Treatment T5, which was cooked in canola oil, showed the highest moisture loss, whereas treatment T4, which was fried in mustard oil, showed the lowest moisture loss. For the (T1-T5) treatment, the ash content before frying increased after frying in mustard oil and canola oil, but decreased after frying in sunflower and groundnut oil. After frying in canola, mustard, sunflower, and groundnut oils, the pH of the potato chips decreased. In comparison to potato chips fried in mustard oil, groundnut oil, and canola oil, sunflower oil-fried potato chips had the lowest pH value among the treatments (T1-T4). T4, which had the lowest pH (5.05), was fried in sunflower oil. Treatment T3 had the lowest acidic value (0.05) before cooking in oil, and treatment T4 had the lowest acidic value (0.05) after being fried in canola oil. T4 had the highest acid value (0.21) and was fried in groundnut oil. The L\* value rises after being fried in canola, mustard, sunflower, and groundnut oils in comparison to that before being fried in potato chips. Increased lightness value when cooked in sunflower oil in comparison to before fry in treatment (T1-T5). Fried potato chips had a greener color when treated with mustard oil, sunflower oil, groundnut oil, and canola oil. Similar to the treatment, T4 increased the green color of fried mustard, groundnut, and canola oils, with the exception of potato chips cooked in sunflower oil. When fried in mustard oil, sunflower oil, groundnut oil, and canola oil, T1 and T2 potato chips were yellow in color. The yellow color of the potato chips was reduced when they were fried in mustard oil (T1-T5). Whiteness index of the treated (T1-T5) potato chips was found lower in canola oil as compared to mustard, sunflower and groundnut oil, after frying. T4 sample of potato chips fried in canola oil was found best in pH, acidity and color value in comparison to other types of treatments and frying oils; but, economically chips fried in mustard oil was best.

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