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2 EFFICIENCY OF CHEESE MAKING FROM CAMEL MILK BY BLENDING WITH COW
3 MILK AT DIFFERENT PROPORTION.

4 **Abstract**

5 *With the aim of assessing the effect of milk blend on physical-chemical composition of milk and*
6 *cheese, sensory qualities, time of coagulation, and cheese yield, the current inquiry was carried*
7 *out to ascertain the effectiveness of cheese producing from camel milk by blending with cow*
8 *milk. To reduce the effect of lactation stage on milk composition, a sample of milk was obtained*
9 *from pastoral communities in the Borena zone using stratified sampling procedures. The cheese*
10 *was made using a starter culture (Thermophilic culture STI-12) and camel chymosin in various*
11 *ratios with a blend of camel and cow milk. Prior to the creation of the cheese, the chemical*
12 *makeup of the milk used was examined. Cheese's physicochemical characteristics were also*
13 *assessed. When compared to the other milk a sample, the yield of cheese made from 100%*
14 *camel milk (T1) was considerably lower (P 0.05). Higher values were seen in treatments that*
15 *combined 25% camel milk with 75% cow milk and 100% cow milk, significantly (P0.05). When*
16 *compared to the other milk samples under treatments T2, T3, T4, and T5, pure camel milk (T1)*
17 *coagulated in significantly longer (P0.05) time (210 minutes), but pure cow milk (T5) coagulated*
18 *in significantly shorter (P0.05) time (95.67 minutes). In all of the study's treatments, there were*
19 *significant variations in the physico-chemical composition of raw milk (p 0.05), in TS, TA, Fat*
20 *and Ash. Cheese may demonstrate the effects of the camel blend if protein, fat, totals solids, and*
21 *ash content improved significantly (p0.05). The significance (p0.05) boost in cheese's protein,*
22 *fat, total solids, and ash content could indicate how camel milk has influenced cheese*
23 *production.*

24 **Keywords: Cheese, Coagulation, pasteurization, Starting culture and Rennet**

25 **Significances of the study**

26 Processing camel milk is an essential tool to extend the shelf life of the products. However, due
27 to the natural features of camel milk, it is difficult to transform it under natural conditions. Thus ,
28 the mixtures of camel's milk with cow is used improve coagulation, chemical constitutes and
29 products quality, which had the effect of increasing the acceptances of camel milk cheese and
30 changing the perception pastoral communities regarding camel milk processing. Furthermore,

31 camel milk processing is used as an input for those targeted on camel dairy technology in
32 general.

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34 INTRODUCTION

35 Many arid and semi-arid countries depend on camels (*Camelus dromedarius*) as a supply of milk
36 since they can produce more milk over a longer length of time than any other species in these
37 challenging environments[1]. 60% of the world's camels are found in the Horn of Africa, where
38 10% of the milk produced has a camel origin [2]. Despite their ability to thrive in harsh
39 environments on minimal resources, camels have not been widely used as a food source.

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41 With the exception of certain historically fermented camel milk in the Somali region, many
42 pastoralist groups in Ethiopia believe that it is impossible to process camel milk to make butter,
43 yoghurt, and cheese[3]. This is due to the fact that camel milk doesn't naturally cream up and
44 the fat is tightly bonded to the protein. On the other hand, modernized camel dairy processing is
45 now available in various parts of the world and can generate a variety of camel milk products [4].
46 According to a study, camel milk is converted into butter less efficiently and with a longer
47 churning time than cow and goat milk[5]. According to reports, camel milk has a higher whey
48 protein to casein ratio than bovine milk, which results in a soft, quickly digestible curd in the
49 digestive tract[6]

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51 The process of making cheese aids in keeping milk's important components intact. A product
52 known as cheese is produced by coagulating and separating the whey from milk, cream, partially
53 skimmed milk, buttermilk, or a combination of these items [7]. Due to its high presence of
54 antibacterial components such lysozyme, lactose, and immunoglobins, processed camel milk has
55 great biological properties [8]. Additionally, it is used medically to treat Spleen disorders,
56 anemia, asthma, and tuberculosis[9]. Lysozyme, lactoferrin, lactoperoxide, immunoglobulin, and
57 secretory immunoglobulin A are all present in significant quantities in camel milk. Compared to
58 cow and buffalo milk, camel milk has much higher concentrations of these antimicrobial
59 compounds and is also more heat stable [10]. However, it is challenging to make cheese from
60 camel milk naturally without the use of a coagulant due to the big casein micelles, low total
61 solids, and higher whey protein to casein proportion [11]. Rennet is the most popular coagulant

62 used by cheese-makers to manufacture many different types of cheese [12]. An increase in
63 acidity, prolonged heating, or enzyme activity could cause coagulation [13]. Cheese
64 manufactured from a combination of cow and camel milk has better aroma, appearance,
65 hardness, and textural qualities than cheese made exclusively from camel milk[14]. Hence, this
66 finding was designed to evaluate the impacts of mixing cow milk with camel milk on milk
67 coagulation, cheese yield, and chemical composition and sensory attributes of the cheese.

68 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

69 **Milk Samples Collection**

70 First-time breastfeeding cows and camels were divided into early (1-3 months), mid (3-5
71 months), and late lactation stages (above 6 months). From lactating Borena cows and camels
72 belonging to a particular household, fresh cow and camel milk was gathered. By permanently
73 identifying a sterile container with three digital identifiers, the milk was transported into the lab
74 over a three-term period.

75 **The Making of Cheese**

76 Five different combinations of raw milk were tested: 100% camel milk (T1), 75% camel and
77 25% cow milk (T2), 25% camel and 75% cow milk (T3), 50% camel and 50% cow milk (T4),
78 and 100% cow milk (T5). By gently stirring to homogenize, the milk was heated to a temperature
79 of 60 °C. Once more, the heated milk was cooled to 42°C by being placed in a cold water bath.
80 Then, in 45-minute intervals, ST1-12 Thermophilic starter culture, calcium chloride, and
81 chymosin rennet were added and stored for coagulation (varies time). The cheese was sliced into
82 squares when the curd had formed and then put into a cheese cloth to drain the whey. Whey was
83 properly drained for 30 minutes by having a 3 kg weight on top of it. Using the methods
84 described by [15] the experiment was three times repeated.



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86 Figure 1. Curd Formed



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Figure 2. Squarely cut of curd



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88 Figure 3. Separation of curd from whey

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Figure 4. Cheese Made from 50:50%

90 Coagulation of Milk

91 Applying the International Dairy Federation standard allowed for the determination of milk
92 coagulation (1992). When the rennet was introduced, a 75mm long glass slide was suspended
93 from the top of the cooking pot and placed inside the milk.

94 The time that it took for milk to coagulate was calculated from the addition of rennet to the
95 appearance or observation of curd flecks on the slide and was observed in a two-minute period
96 interval. To this objective, the time of setting was measured up to the curd that was cut squarely
97 and exuded pure whey.

98 **Sensory Assessment**

99 The cheese was obtained, presented to the panelists in three coded replications on flat platters.
100 Twelve semi-trained panelists comprised of M.Sc students, staffs from the Department of
101 Animal and Range Sciences, and local cheese and camel milk consumers evaluated the sensory
102 qualities of the cheese samples for roughness, surface moisture, firmness, a taste, adhesiveness,
103 solubility, saltiness, appearance, and overall acceptance using a seven-point hedonic scale
104 ranging from 7 (the highest score) to 1(Lowest score). Using the criteria established by Hashim
105 (2002), the panelists were chosen to be between the ages of 25 and 40 years old. The descriptive
106 sensory analysis method used category scaling procedures.

107 **Designing Experiments and Statistical Analysis**

108 The statistical analysis tool Statistical Package of Social Sciences (SPSS) version 21 was used to
109 differentiate the significant mean from the rest of the significant means. For the evaluation of
110 cheese, a completely randomized design was adopted. $Y_{ij} = \mu + t_i + ij$, where Y_{ij} is the response
111 variable, μ is the overall mean, t_i is the treatment effect (blend level) of the i th treatment, and ij is
112 the random error, was the model used to analyze the cheese yield and sensory score data.

113 **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

114 **Chemical Makeup of Milk Used To Make Cheese**

115 According to the chemical composition data, cow milk had higher total solid, solid not fat, TA,
116 fat, CP, lactose, and specific gravity than camel and their blends, with the exception of ash
117 content (Table 1). Camel milk had a considerably ($P < 0.05$) greater ash value than cow milk,
118 whereas the CP values of the three treatments (T2, T3, and T3) did not differ significantly
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.Table .1. Physicochemical composition of raw milk of camels, cow and their blends used for cheese making

Variable	Treatments (Mean±SD)				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
T S (%)	11.537 ^a ±0.14	11.55 ^a ±0.11	13.77 ^c ±0.17	12.82 ^b ±0.16	14.23 ^d ±0.38
pH	6.210 ^a ±0.36	6.363 ^{ab} ±.31	6.727 ^{bc} ±.02	6.393 ^{ab} ±0.25	6.727 ^{bc} ±0.05
TA(%)	0.1435 ^a ±0.01	0.1465 ^a ±0.02	0.172 ^b ±0.10	0.1685 ^c ±0.30	0.1725 ^b ±0.02
Fat (%)	3.61± ^a 0.14	3.72 ^b ±0.13	4.18 ^c ±0.10	4.07 ^d ±0.87±	4.520 ^e ±0.36
CP (%)	3.195 ^b ±0.18	3.220 ^a ±0.21	3.350 ^a ±0.15	3.265 ^a ±0.20	3.353 ^c ±0.16
Lactose(%)	4.077 ^a ±0.57	6.579 ^a ±0.34	3.350 ^{ab} ±0.16	5.767 ^{ab} ±0.81	4.3347 ^c ±0.75
SNF (%)	8.05 ^a ±0.10	7.85 ^a ±0.17	9.65 ^d ±0.17	8.82 ^c ±0.16	9.78 ^d ±0.38
SG	1.027 ^a ± 0.01	1.032 ^{ab} ±0.05	1.037 ^b ±0.02	1.038 ^b ±0.09	1.039 ^b ±0.08
Ash (%)	0.7742 ^c ±0.06	0.7384 ^b ±0.06	0.728 ^b ±0.04	0.735 ^b 1±0.04	0.690 ^a ±0.19

Note: T1=100% camel milk, T2=75%camel milk and 25%cow milk, T3=25%camel milk and 75%cow milk , T4=50%camel milk and 50%cow milk, T5=100% cow milk , SD= standard deviation

Milk Coagulation Effectiveness

The results revealed significant variations (P0.05) in the mean values of the coagulation and setting times across the study's five treatments (Table 2). For both categories, the sample with the purest and highest percentage of camel milk took longer. Contrarily, pure cow milk had much lower levels of coagulation and setting time. The findings showed that milk coagulation and setting times decreased as cow milk percentage rose (Table, 2). The PH value, however, did not indicate a significant difference (P>0.05). This study showed that the PH of treatments was not significantly affected by the effects of various camel and cow samples. The cheese yield created from cow milk had higher values, however treatment one's cheese values were noticeably lower than those of the other samples. The cheese output had greater values than the other milk samples because it had higher percentages of cow milk (Table, 2)

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144 Table. 2. Cheese yield and coagulation efficiency camel milk and it blend

Variables	Treatments (Mean ±SD)				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
CT(M)	69.00 ^c ±1.00	60.67 ^d ±3.79	26.67 ^b ±2.08	51.67 ^c ±2.9	19.00 ^a ±1.00
ST(M)	1160.0 ^d ±5.84	96.33 ^c ±5.85	32.83 ^a ±0.29	65.00 ^b ±5.00	31.67 ^a ±0.58
pH	4.79 ^a ±0.43	4.73 ^a ±0.18	4.57 ^a ±0.15	4.74 ^a ±0.8	5.07 ^a ±0.68
Y (g/100g Milk)	17.96 ^a ±0.28	18.50 ^a ±2.18	19.70 ^{ab} ±0.27	21.18 ^b ±1.26	24.70 ^c ±0.48

145 Note: CT=coagulation time, ST=setting time, Y=yield, T1=100% camel milk, T2=75% camel milk and
 146 25% cow milk, T3=25% camel milk and 75% cow milk, T4=50% camel milk and 50% cow milk, T5=100%
 147 cow milk, SD= standard deviation, Min=minutes, L=liter

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149 **Camel milk cheese's chemical makeup when combined with cow milk**

150 Table 3 lists the physicochemical characteristics of cheese prepared from camel milk and a
 151 combination of cow milk. In contrast to the ash and moisture percentages of the cheese, the
 152 protein, fat, and total solids of the analyzed cheese are raised with higher level cow milk. From
 153 T1 to T3, the ash and moisture content levels were noticeably (P0.05) increased. According to
 154 this research, treatment four, which contains 50% camel milk and 50% cow milk, had the
 155 greatest value for fat content. While the sample of 100% camel milk had cheese with a much
 156 reduced fat level.

157 Table. 3. Physicochemical composition of a cheese made from cow and camel with its blend

Treatments	Components				
	Protein (%)	Fat (%)	TS (%)	Ash (%)	Moisture (%)
T1	14.89 ^a ±.13	17.60 ^a ±1.00	40.23 ^a ±6.95	2.59 ^d ±0.06	59.79 ^c ±1.00
T2	15.85 ^b ±.14	19.12 ^b ±.57	46.89 ^b ±1.87	2.39 ^{bc} ±0.06	53.13 ^b ±6.98
T3	16.17 ^{bc} ±.02	20.66 ^b ±.93	45.79 ^{ab} ±.38	2.49 ^{cd} ±0.02	54.20 ^{bc} ±1.84
T4	16.12 ^c ±.03	30.60 ^d ±.10	48.36 ^b ±2.08	2.32 ^{ab} ±0.06	51.63 ^b ±2.08
T5	22.69 ^d ±.33	21.78 ^b ±.19	57.85 ^c ±1.27	2.26 ^a ±0.09	42.15 ^a ±1.27

158 TS= total solid, T1=100% camel, T2=75% camel milk and 25% cow milk, T3= 25% camel milk
 159 +75% cow milk, T4=50% camel milk +50% cow milk, T5=100% cow milk

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161 **Cheese Sensory Assessment**

162 Table 4 displays the sensory characteristics of a cheese made with various ratios of a blend of
 163 camel and cow milk. The cheese prepared from pure camel milk scored higher than others in
 164 terms of roughness, surface moisture, hardness, adhesiveness, and saltiness, while the cheese
 165 created from pure cow milk scored worse (Table 4). Contrary to popular belief, pure cow milk
 166 cheese received good marks for its flavors, solubility, looks, and general acceptance. A 25%
 167 addition of cow milk to camel milk did not, almost universally, result in a significant difference
 168 (P0.05), while 50% and 75% additions had a substantial impact on the cheese's physical
 169 characteristics. Compared to other samples of the mix, the cheese made from 50% cow milk was
 170 more widely accepted (Table 4), while the cheese made from 75% cow milk had a good
 171 appearance. The greater quantity of cow milk cheese may have been preferred over the lower
 172 percentage due to its tasty texture. Pure camel milk cheese may have a more pronounced salty
 173 feel than other samples due to the camel milk's salinity flavor.

174 Table.4. Sensory Attributes of Cheese.

Variables	Treatment (Mean ±SD)				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Roughness(F)	5.67 ^d ±0.76	4.50 ^{cd} ±0.87	3.67 ^{bc} ±0.29	3.35 ^{ab} ± 0.29	2.37 ^a ±0.32
SM(F)	6.13 ^d ± 0.23	5.17 ^{cd} ±0.29	4.50 ^{bc} ±0.50	3.87 ^b ±0.38	3.00 ^a ±0.50
Taste(M)	2.53 ^a ± 0.15	2.13 ^a ±0.15	3.27 ^b ±0.30	4.47 ^c ±0.23	5.73 ^d ±0.25
Firmness(M)	6.17 ^d ±0.16	5.50 ^d ±0.30	5.10 ^b ±0.17	4.60 ^c ±0.30	4.70 ^a ±0.10
Adhesiveness (M)	5.93 ^b ±1.00	5.23 ^{ab} ±0.34	3.93 ^a ±0.64	5.00 ^{ab} ±0.57	3.87 ^a ±0.81
Solubility(M)	2.30 ^a ± 0.30	2.80 ^b ±0.100	4.63 ^d ± 0.15	3.57 ^c ±0.40	5.57 ^e ±0.20
Saltiness	5.83 ^c ±0.58	5.27 ^c ±0.06	3.27 ^a ±0.41	4.40 ^b ±0.35	3.43 ^e ±0.25
Appearance	3.53 ^a ±0.30	4.20 ^b ±0.20	5.17 ^c ±0.11	4.27 ^b ±0.26	5.30 ^c ±0.10
Acceptance	3.30 ^a ±0.17	4.20 ^a ±0.65	5.13 ^b ±1.07	5.47 ^b ±0.47	6.80 ^b ± 0.44

175 Values are in the mean of triplicate data ±stander deviation (SD) of the mean. F=finger
 176 M=mouth T1=100%camel, T2=75%camel milk and 25%cow milk, T3= 25% camel milk
 177 +75%cow milk, T4=50%camel milk +50%cow milk, T5=100% cow milk. SM=surface moisture

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180 **DISCUSSION**

181 The average chemical composition values for cow, camel, and their blend in Table I
182 demonstrated that the chemical composition of blended milk improved with increasing cow milk
183 proportion. This result is consistent with the findings of [16] and [17] who observed that the
184 chemical composition of camel milk rose when it was combined with cow and sheep milk. On
185 the other hand, [18] observed that during yoghurt preservation periods, the fat content of mixed
186 camel and cow milk remained steady. The results of earlier research [19] and, [20] revealed that
187 total solids content of camel milk was 8.62%, 8.64%, and 9.78%, respectively. The total solids of
188 pure camel milk in the current study are higher than those results. However, the result of 12-15%
189 in total solid cow milk is consistent with the findings of [21] and [22]. Climate, feeding method,
190 and cow lactation stage may be to blame for the variance in total solids content between the
191 current study and previous findings. According to the findings of [19] and [23] who reported pH
192 values of 6.2–6.7 for fresh camel milk, the pH of camel milk as observed in the current study is
193 consistent with those results.

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195 The camel milk's ability to coagulate may be increased by adding cow milk to the mixture. The
196 milk's coagulation time was kept lower with a lower amount of camel milk, but a higher
197 percentage of cow milk considerably sped up the production of curd. This is probably brought on
198 by the fact that cow milk contains more solids than camel milk does. The current finding was
199 consistent with the reports of [24] and [25], which showed that camel milk blended with Buffalo
200 milk might be better in coagulation than pure camel milk. The present coagulation time of camel
201 milk, however, is longer than the results reported by [26], who found that the shortest gelation
202 times, 348 and 433 seconds, were recorded with the highest chymosin concentrations.
203 Additionally, [27] found that a higher chymosin content could reduce the time required for milk
204 to coagulate, which is somewhat consistent with the current investigation. As the amount of cow
205 milk in the mixture grew, the coagulation time continued to shrink.

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207 In the current investigation, the cheese prepared from pure camel milk was observed to have
208 17.96g/100g milk (Table 2), which is consistent with the earlier result of 17.2–18.10g/100g milk
209 [28]. The pure cow milk and its larger proportion in the mixture led to a higher cheese yield. The

210 fact that the fat globules in cow milk are practically completely absorbed into the casein network
211 during the coagulation process, which is analogous with the report of the higher output of cheese
212 in mixture of camel milk than pure camel milk, may be the cause of this [29]. The cheese yield
213 obtained with 100IMCU/L uncooked cheese samples in the current study (12.60g/100ml) is
214 significantly higher than that reported by [26]) who found that the highest cheese yield was
215 obtained with goat milk cheese. This might be explained by higher solid recovery and more
216 moisture being incorporated into the curd in uncooked cheese samples, which leads to the
217 production of more cheese[30]. The shape of the curd and the cheese yield are influenced by the
218 interaction of the fat globule and protein. The cheese yield in the current study could be raised
219 from 17.96g to 21.18g/100g milk by mixing cow's milk with camel's milk.

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221 Similar findings regarding the cheese's protein, fat, total solids, and ash concentrations were
222 made in a prior study using a similar experimental design [31], [32] and [33]. While the
223 moisture of cheese manufactured from cow milk in the current study is much lower than the
224 59.98% reported by [34], the moisture contents of cheese created from camel milk were
225 significantly higher than the 48.9% reported by [35]. According to findings by [28], the cheese
226 production of real camel milk was 18.10g/100g of milk, which is comparable to values for pure
227 camel milk but much lower than the blend one in this study. Different camel milk blend ratios
228 would have produced cheese with higher ash content. The ash contents of cheese manufactured
229 from camel milk were 1.60 and 1.98-20.20%, respectively, according to [33] and [29], which is
230 lower than the study's present finding . The varieties of vegetation that camels browse during
231 their feeding behavior contribute to the high salty characteristics of pure camel milk cheese.

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233 The cheese made from camel milk and high percentages of camel milk mixed with cow milk
234 produced the highest values for roughness, surface moisture, firmness, adhesiveness, and
235 saltiness in the current finding/study/, whereas the cheese made from pure cow milk and high
236 percentages of cow milk proportion in the treatment produced the best values for solubility,
237 tastes, appearance, and acceptances. This result is consistent with[8], who showed that the
238 general acceptance of yoghurt was significantly increased by the larger percentages of cow milk
239 in the blend of camel and cow milk. The glandular surface of cheese manufactured with 100%
240 camel milk may help to increase the roughness features of cheese made with a higher percentage

241 of camel milk in the milk mixture. As a consequence of the panelists' evaluation, camel milk's
242 contribution to the cheese's roughness was maintained at a lower level than pure cow milk. This
243 may be because camel milk still contains some unhydrolyzed fat globulin compared to cow milk,
244 which is corroborated by [36], that found uncompletely hydrolyzed fat globulin in raw milk
245 could raise the amounts of surface moisture in the final products. Additionally, [37] found that
246 cheese created from pure camel milk had higher surface moisture than cheese manufactured from
247 cheese that contained 50% cow milk.

248 According to [38]the combination of cow and camel milk may alter the physical characteristics
249 of cheese, which is consistent with the findings of this investigation. Overall approval of the
250 camel milk cheese, as reported by [39], was 4.40, which was somewhat higher than the present
251 rating of the cheese produced from only camel milk. According to this study's findings, camel
252 milk cheese received fewer overall acceptances than combined camel and cow milk cheese [40].

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254 **CONCLUSION**

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256 The present study concluded that blending of camel milk with cow milk could be improved the
257 processing properties of camel milk for cheese making. The blend of milk brought the
258 significant difference with the proportion of milk mixed in all patterns of study that was included
259 physicochemical properties of milk and cheese, cheese yield, coagulation and setting time and
260 sensory attributes of cheese. The present of cow milk in the blend made the cheese produced to
261 have a great sound in over all acceptances cheese.

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