

Original Research Article

Development and standardization of Wood apple (*Limonia acidissima* Linn) Sauce

Abstract

Common name for Wood apple (*Limonia acidissima* Linn), is Bael, is a native to India. Development and standardization of Sauce, its acceptability and storage stability were studied in this study. To analyze the physico-chemical properties of developed product four variations of wood apple sauce of containing different levels of pulp (70, 80, 90 and 95 percent) were prepared and compared with control tomato sauce. Organoleptic evaluation for control sample were 8.40, 8.59, 8.79, 8.56, 8.26 and 8.60 for appearance, texture, colour, flavour, taste and overall acceptability respectively. It was followed by WA (wood apple 70%) which scored 7.80 for appearance, 7.90 for texture, 8.00 for colour, 8.15 for aroma, 7.50 for taste and 8.35 for overall acceptability. Phosphorous (90 mg/100g), zinc (0.501 mg/100g), copper (0.245 mg/100g) and manganese (0.286 mg/100g) content were observed in sauce prepared with 70% wood apple. Best accepted sauce powder WA-1 was stored at room temperature and refrigerated temperature in polythene pouches of 8 gauges for storage period of 3 months. There was a non significant difference with respect to pH of sauce stored for a period of three months under ambient conditions. Significant decrease in titrable acidity of sauce was observed from initial (6.07%) to final (6.02%) stored for a period of three months. Organoleptic evaluation of sauce stored under both ambient and refrigerated conditions were decreased as the duration increases. Moulds population of sauce at initial day was found to be 1.33×10^4 CFU, 3.67×10^4 CFU on 30th day, 6.67×10^4 CFU on 60th day and 8.33×10^4 CFU on 90th day of storage.

Keywords: Wood apple, sensory evaluation, chemical evaluation, storage studies sauce

Introduction:

Many underutilized fruits and vegetables are rich in micronutrients and could significantly contribute to nutritional security if eaten as a part of daily diet. Common name for Wood apple (*Limonia acidissima* Linn) is Bael. India is the native place for wood apple and is also cultivated in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (Bakshi *et al.*, 2001). Fruit is, 5

to 12.5 cm wide, shape is oval to round, woody, amazingly hard rind which is difficult to crack, greyish-white, scurfy rind about six mm thick, pulp brown, mealy, odorous, resinous, astringent, acid or sweetish, with numerous small, white seeds scattered through it. Two types of wood apples are available, one with small, acidic fruits and large, sweet fruits (Morton and Julia 1987).



Fig: 1 Wood apple fruit.

All parts of the plants are prescribed in indigenous system of medicine for the treatment of various ailments. Leaves, barks, roots and fruit pulp are all used against snakebite (Yusuf, 1994). In India, fruit is used as a liver and cardiac tonic, in diarrhea and dysentery, an effective treatment for hiccup, sore throat and gum diseases. The pulp is poulticed onto bites and stings of venomous insects (Kirtikar and Basu, 1993). In English they call it as Curd fruit, Elephant apple, Monkey fruit, Wood-apple.

Fruits of wood apple are refrigerant, stimulant, astringent, aphrodisiac, diuretic, cardiogenic, tonic to liver and lungs, cures cough, hiccup and good for asthma, constipation, tumours, ophthalmia and leucorrhoea (Jadeja et al., 2005).

Objectives of the present study are

1. Development and standardization of Sauce, its acceptability and storage stability.
2. To analyze the physico-chemical properties of developed product.

Material and Methods:

From the local market wood apples were collected during the season and they were stored in deep freezer for the further study. For the preparation of products ingredients were procured from local market.



Fig 2: wood apple sauce

Wood apple sauce (WA): Four variations of wood apple sauce of containing different levels of pulp (70, 80, 90 and 95 per cent) were prepared and compared with control tomato sauce as indicated in table 1 and method used in the preparation of sauce is given in Fig 3.

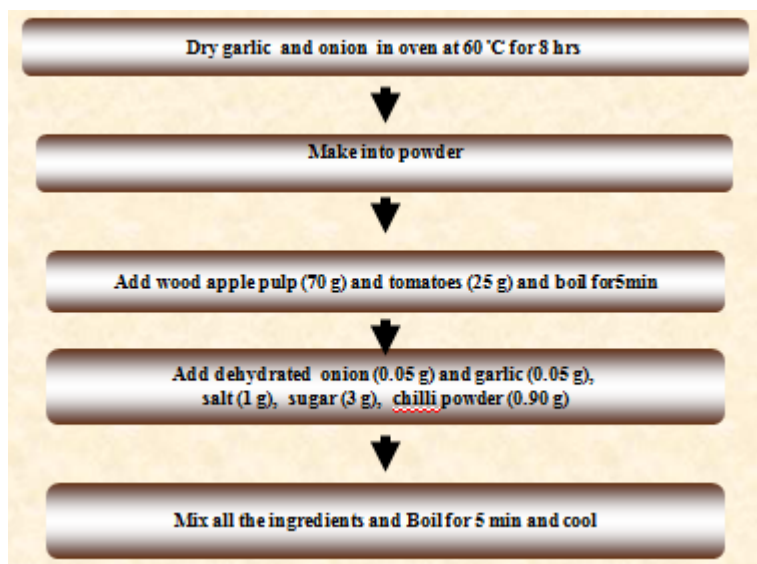


Fig. 3: Flowchart for the preparation of Sauce

Table: 1 Standardization of value added Wood apple sauce

Sl.No.	Ingredients	Control	WS-1	WS-2	WA-3	AW-4
1.	Woodapple(g)	-	70	80	90	95
2.	Tomato(g)	95	25	15	5	-
3.	Chillipowder(g)	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
4.	Sugar (g)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
5.	Salt(g)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
6.	Onion(g)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
7.	Garlic(g)	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
	Total	100	100	100	100	100

WA-Woodapplesauce

Nutrient analysis of the sauce (Anon, 1980)

Nutrients namely moisture, protein, fat, ash, crude fibre, calcium, phosphorus, iron and zinc were analysed using standard AOA method 2010. Carbohydrate content of sauce was computed by difference method. Using analytical grade chemicals nutrients were analysed in triplicate. Results were expressed on dry weight basis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Organoleptic evaluation of Sauce

Table 2: Organoleptic evaluation of Sauce (n=20)

Treatments	Appearance	Texture	Colour	Aroma	Taste	Overall acceptability
Control	8.40	8.59	8.79	8.56	8.26	8.60

A-1 (70%)	7.80	7.90	8.00	8.15	7.50	8.35
WA-2 (80%)	7.44	7.59	7.52	7.97	7.96	8.10
WA-3 (90%)	7.18	7.36	7.28	8.01	7.15	7.65
WA-4 (100%)	7.00	7.03	7.04	7.56	7.36	7.29
Fvalue	*	*	*	*	*	*
SEm±	0.15	0.18	0.24	0.22	0.19	0.17
CDat5%	0.43	0.50	0.66	0.62	0.53	0.48

*Significantat5percent



Fig.4: Organoleptic evaluationofwoodappleSauce

Table 2 and Fig 4 show the organoleptic evaluation of wood apple Sauce. Sensory scores of control sample were 8.40, 8.59, 8.79, 8.56, 8.26 and 8.60 for appearance, texture, colour, flavour, taste and overall acceptability respectively. It was followed by WA-1 (wood apple 70%) which scored 7.80 for appearance, 7.90 for texture, 8.00 for colour, 8.15 for aroma, 7.50 for taste and 8.35 for overall acceptability. The lowest score for appearance (7.00), texture (7.03), colour (7.04), flavour (7.56), taste (7.36) and overall acceptability (7.29) was observed by WA-4 (wood apple 100%). There was significant difference for appearance, flavour, taste and overall acceptability was observed. Similar results were observed by Jayashree *et al.*, 2012, organoleptic analysis showed that ginger sauce had the best flavour and taste, with overall acceptability score of 8.0; the next was ginger-pepper sauce with acceptability score of 7.1, followed by ginger-nutmeg sauce with a score of 6.4. *Ginger-kokum* and *ginger-nutmeg-kokum* sauces had a near-similar acceptability score of 5.3.

According to El-sherif. (2013) significant differences were obtained among the taste samples. Analysis of variance showed that tomato ketchup (T1) had the highest score for color, taste, odor, texture and overall acceptability compared to those of the other investigated samples. No significant difference was observed in the means of taste for T2 and T3 compared to T4 which had the lowest mean of taste compared to the others. The color scores of tamarind ketchup (T5) were lower than the other ketchup products. It could be stated that tomato ketchup (T1) and tomato ketchup supplemented with red Roselle extract had the highest palatability compared to all other ketchup treatments while the mean score of T3, T4 and T5 was lower than T1 and T2 for the overall acceptability.

1. Macronutrient composition of Sauce

Table3: Macronutrient composition of developed products (per 100g)

Products	Moisture (g)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Total Ash (g)	Crude Fibre (g)	Carbohydrates (g)	Energy (g)
Sauce (70%)	69.2	5.085	1.08	1.75	3.97	18.90	106

Note: For sauce, fresh wood apple is added

2. Micronutrient composition of Sauce

Table4: Micronutrient composition of developed products (mg per 100g)

Products	Calcium (mg)	Phosphorus (mg)	Iron (mg)	Zinc (mg)	Copper (mg)	Manganese (mg)
Sauce	217.00	90.00	0.46	0.50	0.25	0.29

Phosphorous (90mg/100g), zinc (0.501mg/100g), copper (0.245mg/100g) and manganese (0.286mg/100g) content were observed in sauce prepared with 70% wood apple (Table-4).

Nutrient composition varies depending upon plant variety, agronomic practices, and stage of collection of fruits and climate and geological conditions of area from where seeds are collected (Haq *et al.*, 2012).

Calcium content was highest in treatment T2 (54.74mg) followed by T1 (53.59mg) and T3 (53.38mg). Iron content was highest in treatment T2 (0.67mg) followed by T1 (0.66mg) and T3 (0.63mg). Phosphorous content was highest in treatment T2 (37.86mg) followed by T1 (36.82mg) and T3 (36.20mg) (Srivastava *et al.*, 2014).

3. Shelf life study of the developed products

Wood apple sauce mix was aseptically packed in HDPE polythene covers and sealed. The samples were kept at ambient and refrigerated conditions. Sauce stored product mix, was evaluated for sensory attributes, pH, and acidity percentage and microbial load for a period of three months.

Table5: Effect of storage condition on sensory characteristics of sauce

Temperature	Duration (days)	Appearance	Texture	Colour	Aroma	Taste	Overall acceptability
Ambient	Initial	7.80	7.90	8.00	8.15	7.50	8.35
	30 days	7.05	7.20	7.50	7.60	6.85	7.65
	60 days	6.25	6.35	6.55	6.65	6.20	6.90
	90 days	6.00	6.10	6.45	6.25	5.75	6.45
Refrigerated	Initial	7.80	7.90	8.00	8.15	7.50	8.35
	30 days	7.75	7.55	7.95	8.00	7.10	8.10

	60days	7.35	7.05	7.45	7.70	7.10	7.85
	90days	6.80	6.55	7.10	7.00	6.90	7.45
Temperature	Fvalue	**	**	**	**	**	**
	SEM±	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.09
	CD @5%	0.22	0.22	0.29	0.24	0.30	0.26
Duration	Fvalue	**	**	**	**	**	**
	SEM±	0.11	0.11	0.15	0.12	0.15	0.13
	CD @5%	0.31	0.31	0.41	0.33	0.43	0.36
Interaction	Fvalue	**	NS	NS	*	*	*
	SEM±	0.16	0.16	0.21	0.17	0.22	0.18
	CD @5%	0.44	0.43	0.57	0.47	0.60	0.51

*Significant at 5 percent level
level NS - nonsignificant

**Significant 1 per cent

Effect of storage on organoleptic evaluation of the developed products

Best accepted product was selected for shelf life study. Environmental conditions may vary the sensory quality profile of products. In the present study, the effect of factors such as temperature and duration on wood apple sauce was studied for a period of 3 months.

Mean sensory scores of sauce

Effect of storage on sensory scores of sauce is presented in Table-5. Best accepted sauce powder WA-1 was stored at room temperature and refrigerated temperature in polythenepouches of 8 gauges for storage period of 3 months.

All the sensory attributes of sauce stored under both ambient and refrigerated conditions were decreased as the duration increases. Mean sensory scores for ambient conditions sample decreased from 7.8 to 6, 7.9 to 6.1, 8 to 6.45, 8.15 to 6.25, 7.5 to 5.75 and 8.35 to 6.45 for appearance, texture, flavour, taste and overall acceptability, respectively. Similarly in WA-1 samples, mean sensory scores decreased from 7.8 to 6.8 (appearance), 7.9 to 6.55 (texture), 8 to 7.1 (colour), 8.15 to 7 (aroma), 7.5 to 6.9 (taste) and 8.35 to 7.45 (overall acceptability). There was a significant difference for all sensory attributes at five percent for texture and colour.

Present results were in conformity with the study conducted by Gokoglu *et al.*, (2009), to assess the organoleptic scores of both samples significantly decreased ($p < 0.05$) throughout the storage. Pomegranate sauce scores were significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) for appearance than those found in sunflower oil. In marinated anchovy the pomegranate sauce also produced desirable taste and flavour.

Table 6: Effect of storing wood apple sauce on pH content and titrable acidity

	pH	Titrable acidity
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Duration	Sauce	Sauce
Initial	3.45	6.07
Final(30 th day)	3.47	6.02
Mean	3.46	6.04
F-value	NS	*
SEM±	0.060	0.012
CD at5%	0.245	0.045

*Significantat5percentlevel

NSnon-significant

Effect of storage on pH and titrable acidity of wood apple products (Table 6). There was anon significant difference with respect to pH of sauce stored for a period of three monthsunder ambient conditions. Significant decrease in titrable acidity of sauce was observed frominitial(6.07%)tofinal(6.02%)storedforaperiodofthreemonths.

Nutrient content of wood apple jam and fruit bar stored under ambient condition for a periodof3months.VitaminCcontentwassignificantreducedforstoring(11.1to50.0percentand 10.5to57.8percentrespectively).

Loss in Calcium was 15 percent and 12.5 percent Jam and Fruit Bar, respectively during thestorage of upto 90th day. phosphorus content also reduced for storage ofboth jam and fruitbar was observed upto 90 days. The reduction in phosphorus content of jam was 5.11 percentduring60thdayand8.80%during90th dayandinfruitbar5.81percentduring60thdayand 10.7 percent during 90th day of storage. loss of titrable acidity was also increased in both jamand fruit bar as the period of storage increased. No changes in TSS, pectin and ash value wasobserved in the prepared product during storage when compared to the initial observations.The percentage gain in total sugar contents (mg/100g of sample) was higher in jam followedby fruit bar recording 0.68 and 0.89% respectively. The reducing sugar content (mg/100g ofsample) was higher in jam followed by fruit bar recording 2.59 and 1.53 respectively. Withregards to microbial load content of jam and fruit bar, only acceptable amount was observedduring90dayofstorage(Vidhya andNarain.2010)

Microbialload ofSauce

Table-7indicates themicrobial load of sauce.Bestaccepted sauce powder WA-1(24g ofwood apple powder) incorporation was stored at room temperature in polythene pouches of 8gauges for storage period of 3 months.Microbial count was observed at initial day and at theintervalof30days.

Moulds population of sauce atinitial day was found to be 1.33×10^4 CFU, 3.67×10^4 CFUon30th day, 6.67×10^4 CFUon60th dayand 8.33×10^4 CFUon90th dayofstorage.

Table7: Effect ofstorageonmicrobialload ofsauce

Duration	Moulds($\times 10^4$CFU)	Yeast($\times 10^4$CFU)
Initial	1.33	0.33
30 th day	3.67	2.33
60 th day	6.67	6.33

90 th day	8.33	9.33
F-value	*	*
SEm±	0.83	0.73
CD at5%	2.34	3.96

Similar findings were reported by Priyanka, (2014) Bacterial population of sauce at initial day was found to be 73.33×10^3 CFU/10 g and 105.33×10^3 CFU, on 30th day was found and mould was found to be 3.66×10^3 CFU/10 g at initial and 7.00×10^3 CFU on 30th day.

The different extracts of *F. limonia* against various fungal and bacterial strains indicate that this plant has potent antifungal effects and antibacterial effect. The antimicrobial activity of *F. limonia* would be due to the presence of alkaloids, flavonoids and these compounds are most probably soluble in organic polar solvent. (Jayashree and Londonkar, 2014)

Natural products with dual efficiency as antimicrobial properties and preventing lipid oxidation have incredible potential for extending the shelf life of food products. Essential oil from the fruit pulp of *F. limonia* can be considered as a new and potential source of natural antimicrobial agent and antioxidant (Senthil Kumar and Venkatesalu, 2013)

Conclusion

Excess production of wood apple in season leads to form glut in the market. To avoid scarcity in the off season and to reduce perish ability of wood apple, value added product sauce was developed. Sensory scores of control sample were highest wood apple 70%. Phosphorous, zinc, copper and manganese content were observed in sauce prepared with 70% wood apple. Best accepted sauce powder WA-1 was stored at room temperature and refrigerated temperature in polythene pouches of 8 gauges for storage period of 3 months. There was no significant difference with respect to pH of sauce stored for a period of three months under ambient conditions. All the sensory attributes of sauce stored under both ambient and refrigerated conditions were decreased as the duration increases.

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