

Study of Soy Protein Isolate, Mustard and Gluten Used as Fat Replacers in Pork Meat Balls

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Introduction

Pork meat balls are a popular emulsifying meat product in Taiwan. This meat product contained above 25% lard to make it taste juicy and elasticity. The American Heart Association, the Surgeon General and other health organization have called for a reduction in total dietary fat to 30% of calories for most people (AHA, 1986; DHHS, 1988). The healthy concern was gradually accepted by the people in Taiwan with increasing and education level promotion. The low-fat meat products also were required by the consumers. Therefore, it is important to look for an adequate fat-replacer which can be used in pork meat balls and be accepted. The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of soy protein isolate (PSI), mustard or gluten rehydrated with 15% water to replace 15% lard (based on meat) on the quality of pork meat balls.

Materials and Methods

The pork ham and lard were used as raw material in this experiment. Pork meat balls were produced by Liu's method (1992). Four percentages of soy protein isolate (PSI), mustard or gluten rehydrated with 15% water, individually used to replace 15% lard (based on meat) in pork meat balls (the control -containing 25% lard). The chemical composition (moisture, crude protein, crude fat and ash) of pork meat balls were analysed with AOAC's method (1984). The rheological properties (hardness, elasticity and chewiness) of the samples were performed according to Liu's report (1992). The color (L a b value) of the samples were determined by colorimeter (NR3000, Nippon, Japan) and panel evaluation was measured in this study.

Results and Discussion

Chemical composition and color

The chemical composition of pork meat balls with different fat replacers was shown in Table 1. The control sample had the lowest moisture (45.50%) among all treatments (45.50-62.39%). The fat content of the samples with PSI, mustard and gluten significantly decreased from 29.63% to 13.31-14.27% but the crude protein increased from 16.15% to 18.85-22.83%. The L-value of all samples was not significantly different but the higher a-values were observed in the samples with mustard or gluten (table 2). However, the sample added mustard had the highest b-value among all samples.

Rheological properties

The hardness of the samples with PSI, mustard or gluten had remarkably lower value than the control and no significant differences were found among all treatments except the control (table 3). No differences were obtained in elasticity and chewiness among the control, the samples with PSI, mustard or gluten (table 3).

Panel score

In panel evaluation, the control had noticeably higher panel scores (flavor, elasticity, color, juiciness and total acceptance) than those of the samples with PSI, mustard or gluten (table 4). Pork meat balls with mustard or gluten had a bad effect on the flavor or elasticity of the samples, separately. However, all samples were accepted by all the panelists in this experiment.

Conclusion

In this experiment, mustard or gluten was not a suitable fat replacer in pork meat balls because they had a bad effect on the flavor and elasticity. Four percentage ISP with 15% water (based on meat) may be as a suitable fat replacer in pork meat balls when compared to other treatments.

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Table 1 The hardness, elasticity and chewiness of pork meat balls with various fat replacers from protein sources

	Hardness (g)	Elasticity	Chewiness(g)
Control	152.00 ± 9.67 ^a	0.97 ± 0.03	74.80 ± 14.01
ISP	124.20 ± 7.98 ^b	1.04 ± 0.07	75.34 ± 7.72
Mustard	114.80 ± 6.30 ^b	1.08 ± 0.04	84.56 ± 8.50
Gulten	123.75 ± 9.98 ^b	0.97 ± 0.09	74.50 ± 18.90

^{a,b} Means within the same column with different superscripts are significantly different (P<0.05).

Table 2 The L a b hunder value of pork meat balls with various fat replacers from protein sources

	L	a	b
Control	74.08 ± 1.22	5.84 ± 0.71 ^b	15.13 ± 0.39 ^b
ISP	73.72 ± 1.05	5.16 ± 0.47 ^b	16.01 ± 0.41 ^b
Mustard	74.94 ± 1.10	6.43 ± 0.34 ^a	17.81 ± 0.42 ^a
Gulten	75.09 ± 0.33	6.46 ± 0.68 ^a	15.27 ± 0.37 ^b

^{a,b} Means within the same column with different superscripts are significantly different (P<0.05).

Table 3 Chemical contents of pork meat balls with various fat replacers from protein sources

	Moisture	Crude protein	Crude fat	Ash
Control	45.53 ± 0.71 ^c	16.15 ± 0.05 ^d	29.63 ± 0.39 ^a	2.38 ± 0.53
ISP	62.27 ± 0.07 ^a	20.98 ± 0.32 ^b	13.31 ± 0.15 ^c	2.36 ± 0.32
Mustard	62.39 ± 0.06 ^a	18.85 ± 0.22 ^c	14.27 ± 0.40 ^b	2.08 ± 0.01
Gulten	58.49 ± 0.11 ^b	22.83 ± 0.58 ^a	13.84 ± 0.25 ^b	2.09 ± 0.03

^{a, b, c, d} Means within the same column with different superscripts are significantly different (P<0.05).

Table 4 Panel score of pork meat balls with various fat replacers from protein sources

	Control	ISP	Mustard	Gulten
Flavor	6.25 ± 0.50 ^a	4.25 ± 0.96 ^b	3.75 ± 0.50 ^b	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b
Elasticity	5.75 ± 0.96 ^a	4.50 ± 0.58 ^a	5.00 ± 0.82 ^a	3.25 ± 0.50 ^b
Color	5.75 ± 0.96 ^a	5.00 ± 0.50 ^{ab}	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b	4.75 ± 0.95 ^{ab}
Juiciness	5.75 ± 0.50 ^a	4.75 ± 0.50 ^b	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b
Total accept.	6.00 ± 0.00 ^a	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b	4.25 ± 0.50 ^b

^{a, b} Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different (P<0.05).