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ABSTRACT

The objective of the present study was to estimate acrylamide levels in some different food samples obtained from Egyptian local market and home made samples , also the levels of acrylamide formation during different processing conditions, and effects of pre-frying treatments on acrylamide reduction in some Egyptian foods, and to investigate the biological effects of acrylamide. Results showed that in market samples, the highest mean acrylamide level value was found in dark coffee (5181.61 µg/kg). The mean of acrylamide concentration of all potato market samples was 25.97 µg/kg. The highest mean levels in prepared meals was found in fried onion (309.35 µg/kg), while in homemade samples, the highest mean value of acrylamide content was in fried noodles at 120°C/6 min (310.75 µg/kg). The effect of different temperatures and/or times on acrylamide formation in fried rice and fried potatoes results were recorded. The highest acrylamide value for fried rice was 3066.38 µg/kg at 180°C/20 min. The effects of different pre-frying treatments on reduction of acrylamide formation in fried rice at 180°C for 10 min were studied. Soaking rice in acetic acid (1%) for 20 min caused the highest significant ($p \leq 0.05$) in reduction acrylamide formation (94.65%) followed by soaking rice in citric acid (1%) for 20 min (93.7%), while soaking rice in water or different solutions caused significant reduction in acrylamide formation between (89.1 to 94.65%). Results indicated that rats administered acrylamide in drinking water between 1-6 ppm or fed on 30% fried rice (3066 ppm) led to a significant decrease in body weight gain, hemoglobin, red blood cells, white blood cells, hematocrit, platelet, T3, T4 and HDL cholesterol; however TSH, liver and kidney function and lipid profile were significantly increased. These biomarkers were improved when rats fed on 5% grape leaves in combination with fried rice compared with rats fed fried rice only. These may be due to contain extract of grape leaves on antioxidant phenols and flavonoids as chemical analysis proved. These results were documented by histopathological investigations of the liver, kidney, brain, pancreas, lymph nodes and thyroid gland.

Key words: Acrylamide, Potato, Rice, Reduction, Soaking, Frying temperature, Grape leaves, Drinking water, Biochemical changes, Histopathological analysis.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NO.	Abbreviation	
1	α	Alpha
2	A	Absorbance
3	AAMA	Acrylamide mercapturic acid
4	Ab c.w.	Monospecific immobilized Antibody
5	ABTS	2,2-azino-bis-3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid
6	AChE	Acetylcholinesterase
7	ADP	Adenosine-5-diphosphate
8	Ag	Native antigen
9	ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
10	ALT/GPT	Alanine aminotransferase
11	ANN	Artificial neural network
12	AOPP	Advanced oxidation protein product
13	AP-1	Transcription activator-1
14	4-AP	4-Aminophenazone
15	3-APA	3-aminopropionamide
16	AST/GOT	Aspartate aminotransferase
17	ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
18	AUC	Area under the curve
19	β	Beta
20	BHT	Butylated hydroxytoluene
21	BMD	Benchmark dose
22	BMDL ₀₅	95% lower confidence limit on the BMD0.5
23	Btn	Biotinylated
24	b.w.	Body weight
25	CHE	Cholesterol esterase
26	CHOD	Cholesterol oxidase
27	Cig.	Cigarette
28	Cmm	Cubic millimeter
29	CNS	Central nervous system
30	CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
31	CPF	Carica papaya fruit
32	Cyp	Cytochrome
33	D	Day

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34	DA	Dopamine
35	DAP	Dihydroxyacetone phosphate
36	DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
37	DPPH	1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl
38	DTEAC	Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity
39	EC	European Commission
40	EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid
41	EDM	Egyptian Diagnostic Media
42	EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
43	ELCR	Excess lifetime cancer risk
44	Enz	Enzyme
45	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
46	ESCN	Embryonic stem cells
47	EU	Eugenol
48	FFQ	Food frequency questionnaire
49	FRAP	Ferric reducing ability power
50	GAMA	Glycidamide mercapturic acid
51	GPO	Glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase
52	GK	Glycerol kinase
53	G3P	Glycerol-3-phosphate
54	GPx	Glutathione peroxidase
55	GR	Glutathione reductase
56	GST	Glutathione S-transferase
57	h	Hour
58	H and E stain	Hematoxylin and eosin stain
59	Hb	Hemoglobin
60	HCT	Haematocrit
61	HDL-C	High Density Lipoprotein
62	HEC	Human equivalent concentration
63	HED	Human equivalent dose
64	H₂O₂	Hydrogen peroxide
65	HP-5ms	5%-phenylmethylpolysiloxane
66	HRP	Horseradish peroxidase
67	HSDB	Hazardous Substance Data Bank
68	5-HT	Serotonin
69	IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
70	IE	Isoeugenol