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### **ABSTRACT**

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As the population grows, however, sources of food became more difficult to human. Also, recently, there has been an increasing interest and growing need for the search of new source of edible oil especially high-oleic vegetable oils, which have been demonstrated to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Therefore, the demand for high-oleic oils is increasing but there are only a few known sources available.

From such point of view this study was undertaken to evaluate the proximate analysis of *Moringa oleifera* L. seeds. The physical and chemical properties, the oxidative stability and fatty acid composition of *Moringa oleifera* L. (Moringa seed oil) were determined. The effect of adding Moringa seed oil concentration on the oxidative stability and sensory properties of cup cake and meatball manufacture during the storage period. The obtained data showed that:

Moringa seed was found to be rich in crude protein and fat which was 40.84% and 33.48%, respectively. Also Moringa oleifera L. seed contains crude fiber, ash and nitrogen free extract with 3.47%, 4.17% and 11.55%, respectively. Moringa seed oil had a very good physical quality including the refractive index, specific gravity, viscosity, smoke point and color represented in 1.4665, 0.9122 cm³/gm, 11776 CP, 207°C and 35Y, 3.6R, in respect. Also, Moringa seed oil was characterized with excellent chemical properties including acidity, sapnofication number, unsapnofication matter, total tocopherols and total phenols which found to be 1.4%, 194.7%, 0.54%, 71.0 ppm and 466.8 ppm, in respect.

Moringa seed oil exhibited a very higher good oxidative stability where the peroxide value, TBA value at 532 nm, rancimate at  $100^{\circ}$ C and the specific extension at 232 and 270 nm were 5.44 meqO<sub>2</sub>/kg, 0.874mg malonaldhyde/kg , 304.8 and 1.3720 and 0.1018, respectively.

Moringa seed oil was found to be contained a high content of oleic acid which represented 72.29% of the total fatty acid. Also, it contains 77.61% unsaturated fatty acid, 22.40% saturated fatty acid which it's considered to be a high ratio. The dominant saturated fatty acid was found to be Palmitic acid with 7.79% followed by Behenic acid with 6.87%.

The sensory evaluation of the prepared cup cakes proved that the replacement of shortening with 25% of *Moringa* seed oil have the highest overall acceptability scores and other sensory characteristics than the other replacement percentage.

Replacement of animal fat in preparing meatball samples with level of 25 and 50% of extracted *Moringa* seed oil caused a significant increase in the overall acceptability of the prepared meatball samples in comparison with the control samples containg 100% animal fat.

**Key words:** Aqueous enzymatic extraction, Cup cake, Fatty acid composition, Meatballs, *Moringa oleifera* seed oil, Physico-chemical characteristics, Oxidative stability.

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