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# Development of Moringa oleifera based chocolate

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#### Abstract

This study intends to offer chocolate to endurance athletes by using the nutritional value of locally available foods. Chocolate, Moringa leaves (*Moringa oleifera*), dried fruits, and flavour essence are utilised. The samples were tested in a food laboratory. Moringa powder was employed in this study for its calcium content, while dried fruits were used for their carbs with a low glycemic index. 100 grammes of developed chocolate includes 13.20 grammes of moisture, 2.56 grammes of ash, 36 grammes of fat, 10 grammes of protein, 38.40 grammes of carbs, and 312 grammes of calcium.

Keywords: White chocolate, Moringa oleifera, essence, dry fruits

#### Introduction

Moringa (Moringa oleifera) is a native of the Indian subcontinent that has grown naturalised in tropical and subtropical places all over the world. It can grow well in wet tropics or scorching dry lands, can withstand poor soils, and is not affected by drought (Anwar et al., 2007)<sup>[4]</sup> It can withstand a broad range of rainfall, with the lowest annual rainfall needs to be estimated to be 250 mm and maximum annual rainfall requirements estimated to be above 3000 mm (Palada and Changl, 2003)<sup>[40]</sup>. Moringa oleifera is a very nutritious vegetables that are grown in many places, including India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Hawaii, and many regions of Africa (Anwar et al., 2005)<sup>[5]</sup>. The tree is referred to locally as the Benzolive, Drumstick, Horseradish, Kelor, Marango, Mlonge, Mulangay, Saijihan, and Sajna trees (Fahey, 2005) <sup>[17]</sup> Since practically every component of the moringa tree may be utilised for food, medicine, or industry, it is regarded as one of the world's most useful trees (Anjorin et al., 2010)<sup>[2]</sup> This tree may enhance nutrition, increase food security, and promote rural development (Hsu, 2006). In most nations where it is not native, there has recently been a significant resurgence of interest in the nutritional benefits of Moringa (Oduro et al., 2008)<sup>[31]</sup>. According to reports, M. oleifera leaves may be consumed fresh, roasted, or dried and kept for several months without suffering any significant loss of nutritional value (Fahey, 2005)<sup>[17]</sup> Moringa, which contains several micronutrients, has been claimed to be an excellent source of carotene, protein, vitamin C, minerals, and natural antioxidants such as ascorbic acid, flavonoids, phenolics, and carotenoids (Chumark et al., 2008) [11] These nutrients are utilised for osmotic correction, as well as to activate enzymes, hormones, and other organic molecules that improve growth, function, and life process maintenance (Anjorin et al., 2010)<sup>[2]</sup> The nutritional makeup of the plant is important in terms of nutritional, medicinal, and therapeutic properties (Al-Kharusi et al., 2009)<sup>[1]</sup> It is regarded as "mother's best friend" in the Philippines, and its use enhances a woman's milk supply and is occasionally prescribed for anaemia. (Anwar et al., 2007)<sup>[4]</sup> Several therapeutic benefits have been attributed to various portions of this revered tree. Almost all parts of this plant, including the root, bark, gum, leaf, fruit (pods), flowers, seed, and seed oil, have been used in South Asian indigenous medicine to treat a variety of ailments, including inflammation and infectious diseases, as well as cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, haematological, and hepatorenal disorders (Siddhuraju and Becker, 2003) [35]. Cusses immune system builds up to battle illness. This includes the production of antibodies to combat the infection. (FAO, 2002) <sup>[18]</sup> Such plant versatility as a medication, functional food, nutraceutical, and water purifying potential encouraged us to fill a knowledge gap and publish a full analysis of its pharmacological and phytochemical qualities. High-oleic oils were found in the fatty acid content of M. oleifera seed oil (Anwar et al., 2005)<sup>[5]</sup> It is also a good source of several tocopherols (-, -, and -). (Anwar and Bhanger, 2003)<sup>[3]</sup> It also has pharmacological properties, therefore it has a variety of medicinal purposes that have long been known in the Ayurvedic and Unani medical systems (Mughal et al., 1999)<sup>[27]</sup> Antimicrobial (Chuang et al., 2007) [10], anticancer (Bharali et al., 2003) [6], anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic, and diuretic

properties are found in the seeds (Dan Malam et al, 2001)<sup>[15]</sup> The Aedes aegypti mosquito (Paulo et al., 2009) properties. It aids in the reduction of child mortality, contributes to the region's sustainable development (Ferreira et al., 2008) [19], has antihypertensive (Dahot, 1988) [13], diuretic (Ghasi et al., 2000) <sup>[21]</sup>, antispasmodic "diarrhoea" activity (Dangi et al., 2002) <sup>[14]</sup>, antiulcer (Dahiru *et al.* 2006) <sup>[6]</sup>, and hepatoprotective (Ruck (Nikkon et al., 2003) [30]. Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Staphylococcus aureus were found to be inhibited by fresh leaf juice (Caceres et al., 1991) <sup>[9]</sup>. Furthermore, it has antitumor and anticancer properties (Chumark et al., 2008) [11] and aids in thyroid hormone regulation (Tahiliani and Kar, 2000) [38]. In addition, lowering glucose levels in rabbits (Makonnen et al., 1997)<sup>[26]</sup>. Peptides of Moringa seeds protect the human skin from environmental influences and combat premature skin aging. With dual activity, antipollution and conditioning/strengthening of hair, the *M. oleifera* seed extract is a globally acceptable innovative solution for hair care (Stussi et al., 2002) <sup>[36]</sup> Moring seeds are one of the best natural coagulants discovered so far (Kalogo et al. 2000) <sup>[24]</sup>. Its extract is used instead of alum by rural women to treat the highly turbid Nile water because of a traditional fear of alum causing gastrointestinal disturbances and Alzheimer's disease (Muyibi, 1994) [28]. Although preliminary studies are, Therefore, the objective of the study was to determine the nutritional value of Moringa leaves and their effects on nutritive and organoleptic test values of chocolate and sesame sweet (halawa Halaia).

In this scenario, the glycemic index (GI) idea was developed, which is a level of food based on its effect on blood sugar levels. Consumption of low-GI foods can ensure continuous glucose release into the bloodstream during the game. This is because low-GI foods are absorbed slowly, resulting in delayed storage. Because muscle glycogen is slowly stored, extra glucose will be available until the end of the game (Welis and Syafrizal, 2009) [39]. Low GI possesses qualities that can cause the digestive process in the stomach to run slowly, resulting in a slower rate of emptying the stomach (gastric emptying rate). This causes a suspension of food that has been digested in the stomach (chyme) to move more slowly into the small intestine, resulting in slower carbohydrate digestion and glucose absorption. Similarly, the majority of glucose uptake in low-GI meals happens in the upper small intestine (duodenum) and the middle section (jejunum). Finally, with these metabolic features, changes in blood glucose levels are typically minor, and low-GI meals can minimise glycemic and insulin reactions. (Hoerudin, 2012) <sup>[22]</sup>. Moringa leaves are a good source of calcium. Moringa leaves are known as "magic plants" because of their numerous applications, particularly in medicine and nutrition. Fresh Moringa leaves provide at least 1077 mg of calcium per 100 g. (Fahey, 2005)<sup>[17]</sup>. Fortification of processed cocoabean products, namely chocolate, is also possible. Some chocolate products, such as dark chocolate, are created from cocoa paste with a little sugar added. White chocolate is manufactured from cocoa butter, sugar, and milk powder, while milk chocolate is formed from cocoa paste, cocoa butter, sugar, and milk powder. There are also couverture chocolates, which are frequently used by professionals in the field to produce pastries or cakes. (Agus, 2012) [37]. Nowadays, athletes desire food that they enjoy and that is also nutritionally beneficial. Local food-based snacks made from cocoa, Moringa, and dry fruits are still hard to get by, especially in Indonesia. As a

result, it must be cultivated as part of an attempt to capitalise on local food potential.

#### Materials and Method

This study used an experimental approach with a completely randomised design. Data analysis was done using one way ANOVA and the Duncan test. The samples were examined. In a food laboratory, carbohydrate is measured using the Kjeldahl method, fat is measured using the Soxhlet method, crude fibre is measured using the Gravimetric method, ash is measured using the Gravimetric method, moisture is measured using the Gravimetric method, calcium is measured using the AAS method. The ingredients are white chocolate, Moringa powder, dried fruits, and flavour essence, with a formulation comparison in table 1. Heat-resistant glass bowls, scales, chocolate moulds, pans, spoons, aluminium foil, and refrigerators are among the tools used. Steps for making chocolate with Moringa flour and dry fruits include chopped chocolate, flavour essence, or cutting it into small pieces to make it easier to melt. Prepare a pan with a top surface that fits a chocolate bowl, then fill it with about half of the water and heat until it boils. Place the chocolate bowl on top of the pan. This prevents water vapour from combining with chocolate, which causes the chocolate to coagulate quickly and has a bad texture. Melt the chocolate by stirring it. Turn off the fire and mix continually before adding the Moringa flour and cut-up dry fruits. The chocolate should then be poured into a mould and refrigerated until hard. Finally, wrap it in aluminium foil.

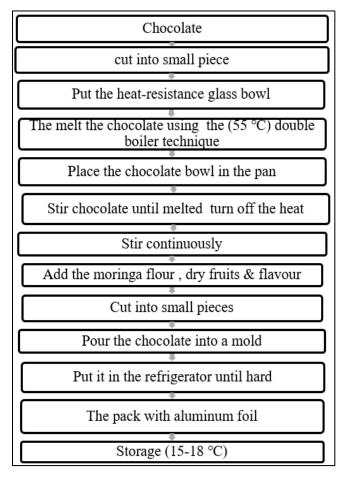


Fig 1: Flow chart for preparation of *Moringa oleifera* based chocolate

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Sr. No.	Ingredients	TO	T1	T2	Т3
1	Chocolate	100gm	100gm	100gm	100
2	Moringa	0 gm	6gm	11gm	16

15gm

1teaspoon

Table 1: Formulations of Mo	ringa oleifera based Chocolate
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#### Analysis of chemical properties

The chemical properties like moisture, fat, protein, ash and carbohydrate were analyzed by using standard analytical procedures given by AOAC, International 1990.

3

4

Dry Fruits

Essence

#### Moisture content:

Moisture content was estimated adopting AOAC (1990)<sup>[41]</sup> method. The following equation was used to measure moisture content.

% Moisture = 
$$\frac{W_2 - W_3}{W_2 - W_1} x \ 100$$

Were,

W1=Weight of the container with lid, g

W2=Weight of the sample before drying +weight of the container with lid, g

W3=Weight of the sample after drying+ weight of the container with lid, g

#### Ash Content

AOAC (1990)<sup>[41]</sup> method using muffle furnace was used to determined ash content of the samples. The per cent ash was calculated using following formula

Ash content (%) = 
$$\frac{W3 - W2}{W1} \times 100$$

Where,

W1= Weight of the sample, g W2= Weight of the crucible before combustion, g W3=Weight of the crucible after combustion, g

#### **Protein content:**

Protein content was determined using AOAC (1990) <sup>[41]</sup> method. The percentage of nitrogen and protein were calculated by the following equation.

 $Protein (\%) = \frac{Ts - TbxNornalityofacidxmeq.ofN2}{Weightofsample (g)}$ 

TS = Titre volume of the sample, ml Tb = Titre volume of Blank, ml

Meq. of N2 = 0.014 and % Protein = Nitrogen× 5.7

#### Fat content

AOAC (1990)<sup>[41]</sup> method using Soxhlet apparatus was used to determined crude fat content of the samples. The percent of crude fat was expressed as follows

Fat content (%) =  $\frac{\text{Final Weight of flask}}{\text{Intital weight of flask}} x100$ 

#### **Total carbohydrate**

Total carbohydrate content of the samples was determined as total carbohydrate by difference, that is by subtracting the measured protein, fat, ash and moisture from 100 (Pearson,

#### 1976) [42].

15gm

1teaspoon

15gm

1teaspoon

% Carbohydrate =100- (% Moisture +% Ash +%Fat + % Protein)

15

1teaspoon

#### Calcium

The calcium contain of the milk chocolate sample was determine according to a method published by the association of analytical communities (AOAC; Method 985.35, 2010) by using an FAAS (PerkinElmer Analyst 700)

#### **Sensory Evaluation**

Moringa chocolate was evaluated for different sensory attributes by a group of five panellists. Sensory attributes like appearance, taste, texture, and over all acceptability for all the samples were assessed using nine-point hedonic scale.

#### Scores to Be Given As Follows

- 1. Liked extremely 9
- 2. Liked very much -8
- 3. Liked moderately 7
- 4. Liked slightly -6
- 5. Neither liked nor disliked -5
- 6. Disliked slightly 4
- 7. Disliked moderately -3
- 8. Disliked very much -2
- 9. Disliked extremely 1

#### **Results and Discussion**

The parameters like moisture content, protein content, ash content, fat content, carbohydrates and calcium were evaluated for moring a chocolate and presented in the table 2.

Table 2: Proximate composition of moringa based chocolate

Sr. No.	Parameter	Per 100 g		
1	Moisture	13.20 mg		
2	Ash	2.56mg		
3	Protein	10.00 g		
4	Fat	36.00 g		
5	Carbohydrates	38.40 g		
6	Calcium	312.00 mg		

#### Organoleptic evaluation of moringa chocolates

Sensory evaluation acceptance tests were performed for white chocolates. Which were formulated by addition of granular White chocolate, Moringa flour, Dry fruits and Flavour in different proportions to know the acceptability of products prepared. The acceptance scores were assigning for varies sensory parameter like color, flavor, taste, texture, appearance and overall acceptability.

Table 3: Organoleptic evaluation of moringa based chocolate

Sr. No.	Parameter	T0	T1	T2	<b>T3</b>
1	Colour	7	9	8	7
2	Flavour	7	8	7	7
3	Texture	7	8	7	8
4	Appearance	7	9	8	8
5	Overall acceptability	7	9	8	8

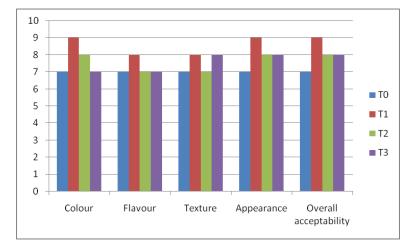


Fig 2: Organoleptic evaluation of moringa based chocolate

It was observed that highest overall acceptability score was awarded for Sample T1 9 because it got acceptable result in colour, flavour, texture, appearance and overall acceptability. So that based on sensory data T1 sample was finalized for the further analysis.

#### 1. Moisture Content

The moisture content of chocolate was evaluated using a 5gm capacity infrared moisture meter. The sample was placed on a plate and attached to the meter. After inserting the sample into the meter, the needle was reset to zero because moisture will cause the needle's reading to alter.

# 2. Ash Content

The ash content of meals shows the total mineral content. The ash content of chocolate was determined using a muffle furnace, in which a 10 g sample was taken and weighed, and then a dried crucible was weighed. It then burns away the chemical compound in air at temperatures above 500 degrees Celsius for 8 to 10 hours, and then it is cooled in a desiccator and the burning sample is weighed again.

# 3. Fat Content

The fat content of this product is affected by the addition of dry fruits and chocolate. White chocolate contains a high fat compared to other constituent ingredients. Fat in the body acts as an energy source, especially in sports with moderate intensity in a long time, for example, endurance (Rismayanthi, 2015)<sup>[33]</sup>. According to Burke *et al.*, (2004)<sup>[7]</sup> fat is an important source of energy for muscle contraction during endurance sports. High-fat consumption (>30% of total calories) can reduce carbohydrate intake, so muscle glycogen cannot be maintained. According to Fink and Miskesky (2015)<sup>[20]</sup>, the recommended consumption of fat for athletes per day is 20-35% of total energy, which includes 7-10% SFA, 10% MUFA and 10% PUFA.

# 4. Protein

Protein was determined using the AOAC (1995) Kjedahl technique, which consists of three steps: digestion, distillation, and titration.

# 5. Calcium

The greatest calcium content discovered through nutrients analysis is 312 mg. Because Moringa powder has a higher concentration. Moringa provides beneficial minerals, one of which is calcium, according to Mahmood *et al.*, (2011) <sup>[25]</sup>.

Moringa leaves provide at least 2003 mg of calcium per 100 g (Fahey, 2005)<sup>[17]</sup>. Athletes who engage in high-intensity exercise require calcium intake to preserve bone health and lower the risk of bone injury during training or competition. According to Nguyen (2010)<sup>[29]</sup> in the NSCA's performance training publication, the athlete's calcium adequacy rate is around the Upper Level (UL).

# 6. Carbohydrates

Based on the analysis of nutrient found the highest carbohydrate content is 38.40 g. because of the concentration of dry fruits more than other ingredients. Dry fruits contain high carbohydrates with a low glycemic index so it is potentially a food source of energy for endurance athletes (Hoerudin, 2012)<sup>[22]</sup>. According to Louise Burke and Gerg Cox (2010)<sup>[8]</sup> the carbohydrate requirement o endurance athletes is 1-4 g per kg of body weight. Carbohydrates play a role in maintaining blood glucose levels and speed of carbohydrate metabolism the body to reduce the occurence of fatigue in athletes who have endurance, carbohydrates contained in chocolates will be absorbed by the body slowly so that it can become a continuous source of glucose.

#### Conclusion

According to this investigation, this formulation is the best. 100 grammes of developed chocolate includes 13.20 grammes of moisture, 2.56 grammes of ash, 36 grammes of fat, 10 grammes of protein, 38.40 grammes of carbohydrates, and 312 grammes of calcium. The finished product could serve up to 7 grammes. So it has 0.924 g moisture, 0.179 g ash, 2.52 g fat, 0.7 g protein, 2.69 g carbs, and 21.84 g calcium. It may be stated that this product is a decent nutritional snack for endurance athletes. Health claims may also help to increase industrial competitiveness (Fadlillah *et al.*, 2019) <sup>[16]</sup>. Chocolate with a high calcium content and a low glycemic index is a relatively discovery in the food business, therefore needs to be developed. So that based on sensory data T1 sample was finalized for the further analysis.

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