Studies on Value Added Kinnow - Aonla Blended Ready to Serve Beverage

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Abstract

Aonla and Kinnow fruits are considered to be the rich source of ascorbic acid, pectin, citric acid, and minerals like calcium and phosphorus. This study aimed at formulation of Kinnow and Aonla mix beverage just to take advantage of both fruits which are nutritionally diverse and have synergetic effect when consume simultaneously with peculiar taste, flavor and aroma. Three levels of each Cardamom and Ginger were used as herbal additives and were compared with control. All the herbal treatments were found better in respect of TSS, pH, Acidity and ascorbic acid content over Control. Highest mean TSS (15.13 °Brix), pH (3.50) and ascorbic acid content (19.4 Per cent) were observed in T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit.). All the sensory parameters were based on the overall acceptability which was dependent on Colour, Texture, Flavour and Taste was recorded highest (7.78 score) in T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit.). Precisely, on the basis of results obtained it may be concluded that treatment T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit.) can be used in commercialization of Kinnow-Aonla RTS. Thesudies on compositional changes in value-added Kinnow-Aonla RTS revealed that there was increase in the level of TSS and pH during the storage period (six months). The blended RTS were analyzed for its different physicochemical as well as sensory quality and superiority evaluated by adopting 9 point hedonic scale. The overall results showed that combination of different herbs gave better results for taste that of without herbal combinations. The developed RTS could be recommended for the large scale production at industrial level.

Keywords: Kinnow; Aonla; Herbs; RTS; Storage

Introduction

Fruits and Fruit Products both are an important supplement to the human diet as they provide almost all the vital components required for normal growth and development of the human body leading to the healthy physique and mind. Blending of fruit juices is practiced to overcome the high cost of some exotic fruit juices, scarcity or seasonal availability, balancing of strong flavors, high acidity, astringency, or bitterness, improving total soluble solids, bland flavor, improving and stabilizing color. Nutritional or phytochemical properties can be improved by blending which offers to adjust sugar/acid ratios and compensate undesirable juice consistency [1].The edible fruit tissues of Aonla (Embilica officinalisGur.) contains about 3 times as much protein and 160 times as much vitamin ‘C’ as apple reported by [2]. The fruit contains a chemical substance called leucanthocylin which retards the oxidation of Ascorbic acid. Antioxidant effect of Gallic acid, present in Aonla fruit is being well acknowledged. Dachiya [3] reported that the fresh fruit of Aonla are very rich source of Ascorbic acid (454.40 mg/100g) and appreciable source of total sugar (7.53mg/100g), calcium (14.91 mg/100g), Iron (0.62 mg/100g) and phosphorus (11.81 mg/100g) and also has great potential for processing. Singh [4] noted that vitamin ‘C’ content is in no way lower than that of Barbados cherry. A number of the products like jam, squash, candied shreds, powder, tablets, chutney, murabba and preserve may be prepared with cherry. A number of the products like jam, squash, candy, dried shreds, powder, tablets, chutney, murabba and preserve may be prepared with ease from Aonla fruit.

Young ginger rhizomes are juicy and fleshy with a very mild taste. They are often pickled in vinegar or sherry as a snack or just cooked as an ingredient in many dishes. They can also be used in boiling water to make ginger tea, to which honey is often added. Mature ginger rhizomes are fibrous and nearly dry. The juice from old ginger roots is extremely potent and is often used as a spice in Indian recipes & Chinese cuisine to flavor dishes. Ginger acts as a useful food preservative and has been proven to kill the harmful bacteria Salmonella[7]. Ginger powder is also used in certain food preparations particularly for the pregnant or nursing women.[8]

Green cardamom is South Asia is broadly used to treat infections in teeth and gums, to prevent and treat throat troubles, congestion of the lungs and pulmonary tuberculosis, inflammation of eyelids and digestive disorders. It also used to break up kidney stones and gall stones, and was reportedly used as an antidote for both snake and scorpion venom. Cardamom is used as a spice and as an ingredient in traditional medicine in systems of the traditional Chinese medicine in China, Japan, Korea and used in Ayurveda in India [9]. Green cardamom powder was used as a spice for sweet dishes as well as traditional flavoring in coffee and tea[10]. Beverages based on aonla and ginger continues to receive a considerable amount of attention reflecting a growing awareness of the potential of these products in the market place. These beverages have high nutritional quality and increased energy value. These could be particularly useful in

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place where there is lack of food and improper nutrition leading to deficiencies of certain nutrients [11]. The development of any process for its economical utilization would be of great benefit to the beverage industry, the development of nutritionally value added product could therapeutically help on improving the health of consumers. Introduction of new types of value added beverages might improve socio-economic status of the country [12,13].

Materials and Methods

Fully ripened, mature, fresh and sound Kinnow mandarin and Aonla fruit were taken from the orchard of the Department of Horticulture, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture Technology & Sciences (Deemed-to-be-University) Allahabad. Commercial grade white crystalline cane sugar, SB, big green cardamom and big size dried ginger were also taken from local market. Mature, uniform, disease free Aonla fruits were selected. Fruits were then washed properly in tap water so that dirt adhered on the fruits was properly cleaned. After pricking fruits were dipped in 2% salt solution for 24 hrs., then washed with clean water and again dipped in 2% alum solution for 24 hrs., further washed with clean water and then blanched in boiling water for 10 mins. Then seeds were removed and segments were separated then passing through juicer to get juice. Kinnow Fruits were washed in tap water and then were peeled and divided into halves. Fruit juice is extracted in a citrus juice extractor. After juice extraction, Kinnow and Aonla raw juice was heated separately at 96°C for two minute to inactivate enzymes. Just then to make clean juice. It was filtered through 8-folded cheese cloth to eliminate particulates and then cardamom and ginger extract were prepared with ratio 1:1 powder, over time 95°C for 15 minute and also filtered through 8-folded cheese cloth. All prepared juices, Na-Benzoate and sugar were blended in high speed blender along with other ingredients as shown in Table 1. Seven treatments combination were formulated with sugar and herbs (Cardamom and Ginger). The details of treatments are depicted in Table 2. The prepared beverage was kept in 250 ml transparent glass bottles. After bottling, all juice samples were again heated at 96°C for 20 min. Then samples were cooled with tap water and stored at 4°C. Treated RTS samples are evaluated at 0, 15, and 30 days and so on up to 6 months storage period for physiochemical analysis and sensory evaluation.

Physiochemical analysis

The total soluble solids in the samples were directly recorded by hand refractrometer and the results were expressed as per cent soluble solids (°Brix) and the values were corrected at 20°C. Product pH was measured using an electronic pH meter. The pH meter was standardized by using buffers of pH 7.00 and 4.00 prior to recording pH of the samples. The Ascorbic acid and Acidity was determined by using as described by Larmond [14].

Sensory evaluation

Standard sensory evaluation procedures were followed to perform descriptive analysis; panelists were trained using repeated round table and individual evaluations of trial formulations of the control and value added samples. Hedonic scale method as described by Steel [15] was used for the organoleptic evaluation of RTS for color, flavor and taste by a panel of six judges at 0, 15 and 30 days and so on up to 6 months storage period.

Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses of data were done by using ANOVA on all experimental groups with three replicates each. The experimental groups were then separated statistically by using Duncan’s new multiple range tests, as described by [16].

Results and Discussion

Total soluble solids (TSS) °Brix

The data on Total Soluble Solids (TSS) for all treatments has been presented in Table 3. The prepared beverage was found to increase with increase in storage duration. Aonla RTS. A decline in pH towards acidic region was noticed as the storage intervals also influenced the pH of the Kinnow Aonla RTS. The data regarding acidity in different treatments of the control and value added treatments. Highest pH (3.51) was observed in T0(Control). Storage intervals also influenced the pH of the Kinnow Aonla RTS. The data about pH (Table 3) indicated that there is a variation in acidity in control and value added treatments. Highest pH (3.51) was observed in T0(Control) followed by T1 (ginger powder @150 gram/ lit) and (3.50) closely followed by T2 (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit). While the lowest pH (3.42) was experienced in T1 (ginger powder @150 gram/ lit) and (15.13 °Brix) in T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit). All the ginger treatments levels were proved better in relation to TSS over cardamom respectively. Among the herbs Cardamom was found to inferior in improving the TSS level of the Kinnow Aonla RTS in all the treatments. Higher level of herbs yielded higher value of TSS. TSS was found gradually increased with increase in storage period. This might be due to the conversion of polysaccharides into sugars during hydrolysis process. Increase in TSS might also be attributed to the reduction in moisture content of the product with storage. Increase in TSS with storage was also by [17,18] in their studies on lime juice; these results are also in connection with previous studies of [19] while studying on the canning and storage of oranges and in canned peaches.

pH

The pH has great importance to maintain shelf stability, pH can also influence the flavor and processing requirements of the Kinnow Aonla RTS. The data about pH (Table 3) indicated that there is a variation in control and value added treatments. Highest pH (3.51) was observed in T0(Control) followed by T1 (ginger powder @150 gram) and (3.50) closely followed by T2 (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit). While the lowest pH (3.42) was experienced in T1 (Control). Storage intervals also influenced the pH of the Kinnow Aonla RTS. A decline in pH towards acidic region was noticed as the storage of beverage increased. Similar trend of decreasing pH was also reported by Nath [20].

Acidity

Acidity is also an important attribute because tartness is a major factor in the acceptability of Kinnow Aonla RTS drink. Acid gives the characteristic sourness to the product. Citric acid is the major acid in Kinnow and Aonla juice that enhance the characteristic flavor of Kinnow Aonla RTS.

Table 1: Formulation of Kinnow - Aonla RTS beverage.

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<td>Juice</td>
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Table 2: Combinations of Herbused in Kinnow - Aonla RTS treatments.

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recorded in T6 (ginger powder @150 gram/litre) and (19.4%) followed by storage time and exposure to light. Highest ascorbic acid (19.4%) was attributed to the effect of processing, ascorbic acid contents decreased significantly at all storage intervals. Statistical Analysis revealed a significant effect of treatments. T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/litre) got (7.90 score) the maximum score for texture and body was followed by (7.55 score) T4 (ginger powder @50 gram/litre). T0 (Control) was (5.90 score) ranked lowest as regard to its Colour/Appearance characteristics. Storage had a significant effect on colour perception of diet drink. The maximum scores for Colour and Appearance were observed when it was freshly prepared in T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/litre). As the storage period increased, a slight decline in Colour and Appearance score. Previous studies by Bezman [26] also reported similar loss in colour during storage of beverage samples.

### Ascorbic acid

Marginal differences in ascorbic acid contents were observed in various treatments. Treated samples also differed from control samples with respect to ascorbic acid contents (Table 3). Statistical Analysis showed that the results are highly significant for storage period. Ascorbic acid contents decreased significantly at all storage intervals. These losses of ascorbic acid were attributed to the effect of processing, storage time and exposure to light. Highest ascorbic acid (19.4%) was recorded in T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/litre). While lowest (17.5%) was observed in T7 (Cardamom powder @100 gram/litre). The degradation of ascorbic acid in juice or RTS may follow aerobic and anaerobic pathways. Similar decreasing trend for ascorbic acid contents in different fruit beverages were also reported by Gomez and Muhammad [24,25] in Kinnow juice blend.

### Colour/appearance

The effect of treatments on Colour and Appearance of Kinnow Aonla RTS is herbs depicted in Table 4. T4 (ginger powder @150 gram/litre) got (7.90 score) the maximum score for texture and body was followed by (7.73 score) T5 (ginger powder @50 gram/litre). T0 (Control) was (5.90 score) ranked lowest as regard to its Colour/Appearance characteristics. Storage had a significant effect on colour perception of diet drink. The maximum scores for Colour and Appearance were observed when it was freshly prepared in T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/litre). As the storage period increased, a slight decline in Colour and Appearance score. Previous studies by Bezman [26] also reported similar loss in colour during storage of beverage samples.

### Texture/body

Texture and body of the diet drink was affected significantly by treatments. T4 (ginger powder @150 gram/litre) got (7.90 score) the maximum score for texture and body was followed by (7.73 score) T5 (ginger powder @50 gram/litre). T0 (Control) was (5.90 score) ranked lowest as regard to its Colour/Appearance characteristics. Storage had a significant effect on colour perception of diet drink at various storage levels. The maximum scores for texture and body (8.09 score) were observed T5 (ginger powder @100 gram/litre) when it was freshly prepared. As the storage period increased, a slight decline in texture and body score was experienced (Table 4). The gradual loss in texture and body scores over the entire storage period was due to changes in volatile compounds of the drink. Texture and body deterioration in beverage products was also reported by Bezman and Jain [26,27].

### Flavour/taste

In organoleptic evaluation flavor and taste is very important factor after colour and texture. Statistical Analysis revealed a significant effect.
of treatment and storage on flavor and taste Kinnow Aonla RTS. T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit) sample (8.33 score) got higher scores of flavor and taste was followed by (8.11 score) T₃ (ginger powder @150 gram/ lit), (7.84 score) T₄ (ginger powder @50 gram/ lit) and (7.56 score) in T₆ (Cardamom powder @150 gram/ lit) then (7.42 score) T₇ (Cardamom powder @100 gram/ lit) as compared to treated samples (Table 4). It was noted that Kinnow Aonla produces without herbs got less scores as compared to RTS samples in which combination of herbs were used. A significant variation was observed in flavor and taste of RTS at various storage levels. The maximum scores for flavor and taste (8.48 score) was observed T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit) when it was freshly prepared. As the storage period increased, a slight decline in flavor and taste score was experienced (Table 4). The gradual loss in flavor and taste scores over the entire storage period was due to changes in volatile compounds of the Kinnow Aonla Beverages [28]. The flavor and taste difference and loss might be due to time and temperature and duration of storage. Similar findings were also reported by Jain [27].

Overall acceptability

Overall acceptability was influenced significantly with the treatment. Higher level of herbal could not produce top acceptability due to deviation from standard Colour, Texture, Flavor of the product retained after 6th month of storage. Though, the best result was recorded (7.78 score) in T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit). Closely followed by (7.57 score) in T₆ (ginger powder @150 gram/ lit). Even control was not better as compared to different level of herbs. No certain pattern was observed with overall acceptability with treatment concerned. Storage duration had influence on overall acceptability which was initially 7.16 score and reduced 6.14 score after 6th months of storage.

Conclusion

It can be concluded from this study that, the Herbs can be effectively used as alternative source of value addition in Kinnow Aonla RTS. On the basis of results obtained it may be concluded that treatment T₅ (ginger powder @100 gram/ lit) can be used in commercialization of Kinnow-Aonla RTS. All of the sensory parameters decline slightly during storage but remain in acceptable region even after 180 days of storage.

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