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Preparation of buffalo milk Lassi incorporated with apple powder

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Abstract

The present study entitled “preparation of lassi incorporated with apple powder” was carried out using different levels of apple powder with a view to optimize the process for its manufacture and to study its chemical, sensory and microbiological qualities. Initially the preliminary trials were conducted by blending of different levels of apple powder at 2, 4, 6 and 8% in the lassi with 15% sugar to finalize the experimental treatments. Experimental apple lassi samples were analyzed for sensory, chemical and microbiological qualities. It was observed that apple lassi samples under different treatments showed significant differences for total solid, fat, protein, ash, acidity and moisture content. Total solids, Fat, Protein, Ash, Acidity and Moisture contents differed significantly among the different types of lassi with apple flavour. Significant difference was observed within the smell and taste score and the body and texture score of different types of lassi. In case of sensory evaluation, colour and appearance and overall acceptability found to be significant over the other treatments. The microbial results indicate the SPC count was within the acceptable limit. The yeast and mould count was found to be marginal whereas coliform count was not detected up to 15 days storage period. So, it was suggested that apple lassi could be prepared successfully by adding different proportion of apple powder. It was suggested to incorporate apple powder @ 4% which showed better overall acceptability and result among the all treatments. The production cost of most acceptable quality apple powder lassi (T2) was 157.68 Rs/lit.

Keywords: Lassi, apple powder, body and texture, colour and appearance, sensory and microbial evaluation

Introduction

Lassi one of the fermented milk products is ideal for serving with hot dishes as it helps the body to digest the spicy food. Lassi is digestive aid for the afternoon meal: it settles the stomach and it is the perfect cooling agent. Along with all essential nutrients required for growth. Development and tissue differentiation, fermented milk content growth hormones-gastrin and insulin. In India, a great variation is reported in technology of lassi preparation as well as basic ingredients used. Presently the kind of lassi available in different market of India are plain lassi, Bhang lassi, Amritsar lassi, Soy lassi, Vanilla lassi, Saffron lassi, Makhaniya lassi, and lassi prepared using powder or juice or fruit like mango lassi, mango-pineapple lassi, mango-strawberry lassi, banana lassi, apple lassi and pineapple lassi etc.

Lassi is a popular product close to sweet stirred yoghurt has been used as a refreshing beverage from time immemorial in India. Especially in western, northern and central region.

Lassi has the same health benefits as yogurt or curd in that it pacifies all three doshas, reduces acidity in the stomach, colonizes the gut with healthy bacteria, improves immunity, helps digestion and serves to keep the internal organs cool during hot summers. Lassi is full of calcium, protein, carbohydrates, Vitamin A, B and riboflavin. For those with lactose intolerance, lassi is perfect since lactose converted to galactose and glucose by bacterial action. Apple fruits are a good source of fiber and vitamin C. They also contain polyphenols. Apple fruits may aid weight loss in several ways which are linked to lower blood pressure and stroke risk. Apple fruits promote heart health in several ways. They are high in soluble fiber, lower cholesterol. Apple fruit is a fruit with many associated health benefits, lower risk of type 2 diabetes, lower risk of cancer and death from cancer, protect against asthma, promote bone health and, weight loss.

Apple fruit is rich in vitamins B₁, B₂, B₆, C and A. It contains dietary fiber, energy, potassium, phosphorous, magnesium, Sodium, Iron, Zinc and copper.

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Apples contain a variety of photochemical, including quercetin, catechin, phloridzin and chlorogenic acid, all of which are strong antioxidants. As per the saying, "an apple a day, keeps the doctor away," apple helps to improve digestion, prevents stomach disorders, gallstones, constipation and liver disorders. Furthermore, apple helps to treat rheumatism, dysentery, eye disorders, a variety of cancer and gout. The study aims at developing simple technology for better utilization of apple powder in the preparation of lassi.

Materials and Methods

The research was conducted in department of Animal Biotechnology, College of Agricultural Biotechnology, Loni. Curd was prepared by using the procedure prescribed by De (2008) [3] with slight modifications. Commercial grade clean, white crystalline cane-sugar and apple powder were procured from local market of Loni, Tal. Rahata, Dist- Ahmednagar.

In this trial, for the preparation of apple lassi following different levels of apple in lassi were studied.

T₀ - Control (Lassi without addition of apple powder)

T₁ - Lassi + 2% apple powder

T₂ -Lassi + 4% apple powder

T₃ -Lassi + 6% apple powder

T₄- Lassi + 8% apple powder

Physico-chemical analysis

The total solid content of milk, curd and apple powder were determined by gravimetric method as per IS: 1479 (part II), 1961 [8]. The fat content was determined by using standard Gerber method as described in IS: 1224 (part II), 1977 [6]. The protein content was determined by estimating the per cent nitrogen by Micro-kjeldhal method as recommended in IS: 1479 (part II), 1961 [8]. The per cent nitrogen was multiplied by 6.38 to find out protein percentage in lassi. Per cent ash content was determined by the method described in A.O.A.C., 1975. Per cent moisture content was determined by gravimetric method as per IS: 1479 (part II) 1961 [8]. The acidity of lassi expressed as per cent lactic acid was determined by the method described in IS: 1479 (part II), 1960.

Sensory evaluation

The fresh sample of lassi were evaluated organoleptically by nine point hedonic scale for various quality attributes such as general appearance, body, texture and flavour by panel of 8-10 judges. The experimental samples were served to the judges at 7°C. The panelists were instructed to rate each sample on 9 point hedonic scale. They were provided hedonic scale score cards for evaluating the quality of product as described in IS: 6273 (part-II) 1971.

Microbiological analysis

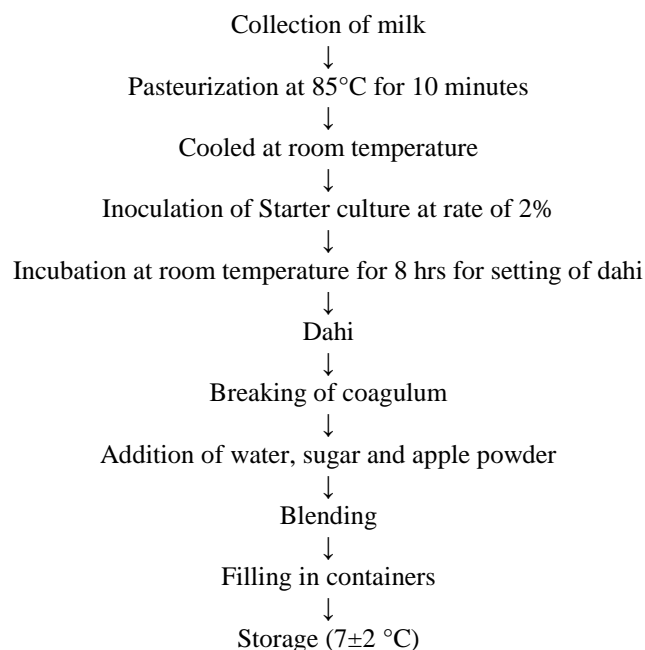
All the treatment samples of apple lassi along with control sample were stored at 4°C and analysed for different microbial parameters such as standard plate count, coli form count, yeast and mould count by adopting standard procedure as given by (Dubey and Maheshwari, 2004) throughout the storage period.

Statistical analysis

For present investigation RBD i.e. Randomised Block Design was employed using three replications. The data were

tabulated and analysed according to Snedecor and Cochran (1994) [15].

Flow chart for preparation of apple lassi



Results and Discussion

Table 1: Chemical analysis of buffalo milk, curd and apple powder

Sr. No.	Constituents	Buffalo milk (%)	Curd	Apple powder
1	Total Solid	16.40	30.32	96.32
2	Fat	6.02	7.49	1.62
3	Protein	4.53	4.36	4.46
4	Ash	0.82	1.00	3.26
5	Acidity	0.15	0.71	0.41

These observations indicate that the buffalo milk used in the present investigation was of good quality. Curd used for lassi preparation had on an average fat content 7.49 per cent, acidity 0.71 per cent, protein 4.36 per cent and total solids 30.32 per cent.

Table 2: Effect of different levels of apple on total solids of lassi

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	34.54	37.48	37.72	37.66	36.85 ^e	1.3366
T ₁	38.86	38.78	39.06	38.98	38.92 ^d	0.107703
T ₂	40.20	40.11	40.37	40.28	40.24 ^c	0.096177
T ₃	41.51	41.42	41.70	41.61	41.56 ^b	0.105119
T ₄	42.80	42.72	43.04	42.96	42.88 ^a	0.126491

It was observed that the total solid content showed gradual increase with the increase in level of apple powder. This simultaneous increase from T₀ to T₄ may be due to high amount of total solid content of apple powder (96.32) than buffalo milk (16.40) and curd (30.32). The lowest total solid content was noticed at T₀ (36.85) i.e. lassi without apple powder, while the highest total solid content was observed at T₄ (42.88) i.e. lassi blended with 8% apple powder. Treatment T₄ was found to be significantly superior over the treatments T₃, T₂, T₁ and T₀, respectively.

Table 3: Effect of different levels of apple powder on fat content of apple lassi (Per cent)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.45	7.38	7.60	7.53	7.49 ^a	0.082765
T ₁	7.43	7.24	7.50	7.42	7.3975 ^b	0.096014
T ₂	7.17	7.09	7.41	7.33	7.25 ^c	0.126491
T ₃	7.10	6.99	7.29	7.18	7.14 ^d	0.109772
T ₄	6.97	6.88	7.16	7.07	7.02 ^e	0.105119

It was observed that blending of apple powder decrease the fat content of lassi. The average fat content of apple lassi was 7.25 per cent. The highest fat content in lassi (7.49) was observed in (T₀) i.e. lassi without apple powder and the lowest (7.02 per cent) with 8% apple powder (T₄). Treatment T₀ found significantly superior over the combination of treatments T₁, T₂, T₃ and T₄.

Table 4: Effect of different levels of apple powder on protein content of apple lassi (per cent)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	4.39	4.33	4.37	4.39	4.370 ^b	0.024495
T ₁	4.39	4.37	4.37	4.37	4.375 ^{ab}	0.00866
T ₂	4.39	4.38	4.37	4.38	4.380 ^{ab}	0.007071
T ₃	4.39	4.39	4.38	4.38	4.385 ^{ab}	0.005
T ₄	4.40	4.39	4.40	4.40	4.3975 ^a	0.00433

The highest level of protein content was noticed at treatment T₄ i.e. (4.3975) with 8% apple powder whereas, lowest (4.37 per cent) at T₀ without apple powder. It was observed that the protein content showed gradual increase in lassi with the increase in level of apple powder. The simultaneous increase from T₀ to T₄ may be due to high amount of protein content of apple powder (4.3975 per cent). Non-significant differences were observed in between the treatments T₄, T₃, T₂, T₁ and T₀. Whereas treatment T₄ found superior over the treatment T₀.

Table 5: Effect of different levels of apple powder on ash content of apple lassi (per cent)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	1.10	1.00	1.28	1.18	1.14 ^e	0.102956
T ₁	1.12	1.08	1.30	1.26	1.19 ^d	0.092195
T ₂	1.19	1.13	1.33	1.27	1.23 ^c	0.076158
T ₃	1.25	1.16	1.4	1.31	1.28 ^b	0.087464
T ₄	1.29	1.18	1.48	1.37	1.33 ^a	0.109772

It was observed that the ash content showed gradual increase with increase in level of apple powder. The simultaneous increase from T₀ to T₄ may be due to total amount of ash content of apple powder (3.26). The lowest ash content was observed at T₀ i.e. lassi without apple powder (1.14), while the highest ash content was observed at T₄ i.e. lassi with 8% apple powder (1.33). Treatment T₄ was found to be significantly superior over the treatments T₃, T₂, T₁ and T₀, respectively.

Table 6: Effect of different levels of apple powder on acidity of apple lassi (per cent)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	0.68	0.70	0.74	0.76	0.72 ^a	0.031623
T ₁	0.64	0.59	0.85	0.80	0.72 ^a	0.107935
T ₂	0.65	0.56	0.86	0.77	0.71 ^a	0.114237
T ₃	0.69	0.64	0.74	0.71	0.695 ^a	0.036401
T ₄	0.66	0.60	0.70	0.72	0.67 ^a	0.045826

It would be seen from the data that the variation in acidity of apple lassi was found to be non-significant. The average per cent acidity of apple lassi were 0.72 (T₀), 0.72 (T₁), 0.71 (T₂), 0.695 (T₃) and 0.67 (T₄). It was observed that the acidity showed gradual decrease with the increase in level of apple powder. Treatment T₀ was found to be superior over the treatments T₁, T₂, T₃ and T₄, respectively.

Table 7: Effect of different levels of apple powder on moisture content of apple lassi (per cent)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	62.46	62.52	62.28	62.34	62.40 ^a	0.094868
T ₁	61.14	61.22	60.94	61.02	61.08 ^b	0.107703
T ₂	59.80	59.89	59.63	59.72	59.76 ^c	0.096177
T ₃	58.49	58.58	58.3	58.39	58.44 ^d	0.105119
T ₄	57.20	57.28	56.96	57.04	57.12 ^e	0.126491

It would be seen from the data that the variation in moisture content was significant. The highest level of moisture content was noticed at treatment T₀ i.e. (62.40) without apple powder, lowest (57.12 per cent) at T₄ i.e. 8% apple powder. It was observed that the moisture content showed gradual decrease in lassi with the increase in level of apple powder. The simultaneous decrease from T₀ to T₄ may be due to low amount of moisture content of apple powder (3.68 per cent). Treatment T₀ was found to be significantly superior over the treatments T₁, T₂, T₃ and T₄, respectively.

Sensory evaluation of apple lassi

Table 8: Score for Colour and appearance of apple lassi (out of nine)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.85	7.50	7.50	7.70	7.6375 ^c	0.147373
T ₁	7.80	7.8	8.1	8.05	7.9375 ^b	0.138632
T ₂	8.70	8.50	8.70	8.55	8.6125 ^a	0.089268
T ₃	7.70	7.35	7.60	7.70	7.5875 ^c	0.143069
T ₄	7.85	7.40	8.10	7.60	7.7375 ^{bc}	0.263095

Score for colour and appearance was increased and sometimes decreased due to addition of apple powder. The highest score (8.6125) was observed for treatment T₂ i.e. lassi blended with 4% apple powder and this highest score may be due to its peculiar slight reddish appealing colour and appearance which was liked most by the judges. Lowest score (7.5875) was observed for treatment T₃ i.e. lassi @ 6% apple powder. The lowest score may be due to its dark reddish colour which was not accepted by judges. Treatment T₂ found significantly different than the other treatments whereas treatment T₀, T₁, T₃ and T₄ found at par with each other.

Table 9: Score for consistency of apple lassi (out of nine)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.625 ^b	0.129904
T ₁	7.5	7.4	7.65	7.8	7.5875 ^b	0.151554
T ₂	8.7	8.4	8.45	8.6	8.5375 ^a	0.119242
T ₃	7.7	7.45	6.95	7.5	7.40 ^b	0.276134
T ₄	7.45	7.6	7.35	7.3	7.425 ^b	0.114564

Lassi prepared from T₂ level recorded highest score for (8.54) followed by T₁ (7.63). The sensory score increased at T₂ i.e. 2 per cent level of apple powder. Treatment T₂ significantly different than the other treatments whereas the treatment T₀, T₁, T₃ and T₄ found at par with each other.

Table 10: Score for flavour of apple lassi (out of nine)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.45	7.8	7.35	7.3	7.475 ^b	0.195256
T ₁	7.8	7.9	7.75	7.35	7.70 ^b	0.209165
T ₂	8.45	8.55	8.5	8.6	8.525 ^a	0.055902
T ₃	7.75	7.65	7.7	7.4	7.625 ^b	0.134629
T ₄	7.5	7.55	7.3	7.7	7.5125 ^b	0.143069

Lassi prepared from T₂ level recorded highest score for flavour (8.525) followed by T₁ (7.70). The sensory score increased at T₂ i.e. 4 per cent level of apple powder. Treatment T₂ found significantly different than the other treatments whereas treatments T₀, T₁, T₃ and T₄ found at par with each other.

Table 11: Score for body and texture of apple powder lassi (out of nine)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.65	7.4	7.2	7.75	7.50 ^c	0.215058
T ₁	7.65	7.85	7.45	7.65	7.65 ^{bc}	0.141421
T ₂	8.6	8.8	8.55	8.7	8.6625 ^a	0.096014
T ₃	7.6	8.05	8.05	8	7.925 ^b	0.188746
T ₄	7.5	7.3	7.15	7.65	7.40 ^c	0.190394

Differences in the mean score of samples under different treatment for body and texture were significant. The maximum scores from 8.66 (T₂) and lowest score is 7.40 (T₄). The samples under treatment T₂ and T₃ scored higher than samples under T₀, T₁, and T₄. The different treatments under study could not bring about any obvious change in the body and texture of product. Treatment T₂ found significantly different than the other treatments whereas treatment T₁ found at par with treatment T₃. Similarly treatment T₀ to found at par with T₁ and T₄.

Table 12: Score for overall acceptability of apple lassi (out of nine)

Treat	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Average	S.D.
T ₀	7.6125	7.625	7.4375	7.5625	7.559375 ^{de}	0.074149
T ₁	7.6875	7.7375	7.7375	7.7125	7.71875 ^b	0.020729
T ₂	8.6125	8.5625	8.55	8.6125	8.584375 ^a	0.02847
T ₃	7.6875	7.625	7.575	7.58	7.616875 ^{cd}	0.045186
T ₄	7.575	7.4625	7.475	7.5625	7.51875 ^e	0.050389

Lassi prepared from 4 per cent apple powder scored highest point (8.58), followed by lassi prepared from 2 per cent apple powder (7.72). On the basis of results obtained we can affirmatively state that amongst different levels of apple powder T₂ (4 per cent apple powder) treatment was found more acceptable for blending. Treatment T₂ found significantly different than the other treatments whereas treatment T₀ found at par with treatment T₃ and T₄. The results of overall acceptability scores thus indicate that lassi blended with 4 per cent apple powder is superior over rest of treatments. Lowest score was noticed for lassi blended with 8 per cent apple powder.

Changes in microbial qualities of apple lassi during storage

The microbial results indicate the SPC and yeast and mould were varied among the different treatments. Overall, the lassi was acceptable upto 15th day because the count was within the acceptable limit. The *E. coli* count was not detected upto 15 days. The microbial load may be due to inadequate cleaning or aseptic condition. Hence, it is recommended that the

aseptic condition should be maintained during product preparation.

Production of cost

It is pointed out here that the data indicated the cost of ingredients only and other cost factors remains constant for all treatments and were not accounted for cost estimation.

Cost of ingredients decreased with the increase in the level of apple powder. The yield of apple lassi shows declining trend, with the increase in the level of apple powder, which resulted in decreasing cost of production on weight basis.

The highest cost (T₄) was recorded in case of apple lassi blended with 8 per cent apple powder, while lower cost (T₀) recorded in case of without apple powder. It was observed that the cost of apple lassi was increase with the increase in the level of apple powder flavour. The production cost of most acceptable level (T₂) /was 157.68 Rs/lit.

Conclusion

From the results of the present investigation, it may be concluded that apple lassi could be successfully utilized for the studies on development of lassi. The most acceptable level of lassi can be prepared by using 4 per cent apple powder. The apple powder had a positive effect on flavor acceptability and its consumption. On the basis of microbial analysis, it may be concluded that the product is safe for drinking purpose.

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