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22 Abstract

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24 Pasta is a popular staple food. Today, there is a trend to consume less processed foods.  
25 Products fortification with certain properties, such as antioxidant potential and dietary fiber,  
26 represents an added value. Chia is an ancient grain, that contains exceptional proportions of  
27 polyunsaturated fatty acids ( $\omega$ -3/ $\omega$ -6). After oil extraction, a residue, termed partially-  
28 deoiled chia flour (PDCF), high in protein content, dietary fiber, and phenolic compounds,  
29 remains as a by-product. The main goal of this work was to evaluate the nutritional and  
30 technological quality of pasta supplemented with PDCF at different proportions (2.5%, 5%  
31 and 10%). Parameters such as texture, color, microstructure, protein and fiber content,  
32 polyphenol content and antioxidant activity (FRAP and DPPH) were analyzed. A sensory  
33 evaluation has been also performed. Our results demonstrate that the addition of PDCF  
34 improves the antioxidant capacity with respect to a non-supplemented pasta (0% PDCF).  
35 The acceptance of pasta by semi-trained judges was also good. As a concluding remark, the  
36 study confirms the feasibility to introduce this food product, and also lead us to consider a  
37 profitable application of a by-product of the chia oil extraction process.  
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## 39 1. Introduction

40 Pasta is a popular staple processed food all over the world. It is manufactured with wheat  
41 semolina and flour as the primary ingredient. Its high content of complex carbohydrates  
42 makes it a valuable source of energy in human nutrition. Conventional pasta is usually high  
43 in starch but low in dietary fiber, minerals, vitamins, and bioactive compounds (Boroski et  
44 al., 2011). Fortification, defined as the addition of one or more components for the purpose  
45 of correcting and/or enhancing a biological activity of newly designed food products, has  
46 been proposed as a strategy to improve the nutritional quality of traditional cereal-based  
47 products (Swieca, Seczyk, Gawlik-Dziki, & Dziki, 2014). Many ingredients have been applied  
48 in pursue of this goal for pasta products, such as buckwheat (Biney & Beta, 2014), sorghum  
49 flour (Khan, Yousif, Johnson, & Gamlath., 2013), algae wakame (Prabhasankar et al.  
50 2009), oregano and carrot leaves (Boroski et al., 2011), amaranth leaves (Borneo &  
51 Aguirre, 2008), pea flour (Padalino et al., 2014), and parsley leaves (Seczyk, Swieca,  
52 Gawlik-Dziki, Luty, Czyz, 2016). These studies have demonstrated the feasibility of pasta  
53 fortification, although some changes in the pasta technological quality and consumer  
54 acceptability do occur.

55 Chia (*Salvia hispanica* L.), belonging to the Lamiaceae plant family, was a very important  
56 food for Mesoamericans in pre-Columbian times and it has been cultivated in Central  
57 America since those times (Sandoval-Oliveros & Paredes-Lopez, 2013) .This crop has been  
58 successfully introduced and developed in Argentina, mostly in the northern part of the  
59 country, where it has been turned into a very important economic activity (Martínez et al.,  
60 2012). Chia seeds are one of the best natural sources of poly-unsaturated fatty acid (PUFA)  
61  $\alpha$ -linolenic [ALA; 18:3 (n-3)] showing a highly beneficial proportion of  $\omega$ -3/ $\omega$ -6 (Menga et

62 al., 2017). The oil content of these seeds is around 30% and the protein content is between  
63 19-27% (Menga et al., 2017) with a very good balance of essential aminoacids, especially  
64 methionine and cysteine. Additionally, the dietary fiber content is significant ranging 34-  
65 50%, higher than the described for flax seeds (Sandoval-Oliveros & Paredes-Lopez, 2013).  
66 Chia seeds also contain antioxidants compounds most of them derivatives of caffeic acid,  
67 such as rosmarinic acid, danshensu, and its glycosides (Oliveira-Alves et al., 2017), but also  
68 some flavonoids such as quercetin and kaempferol have been reported (Capitani, Spotorno,  
69 Nolasco, & Tomas, 2012). Antioxidant activity is among the most widely studied properties  
70 in foods. Many authors suggest that it is involved in protection against oxidative damage of  
71 cells and tissues, playing an important role in the prevention of numerous diseases related  
72 with the oxidation stress, such as cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular problems (Dias,  
73 Alves, Casal, Oliveira, & Silva, 2017). Generally, the antioxidant capacity is attributed to  
74 the phenolic compounds, which are common constituents of edible plants (Kwee, 2016).  
75 After oil is extracted from chia seeds, a fiber-rich, protein-rich, and polyphenol-rich  
76 fraction remains as a by-product. This fraction, the partially-deoiled chia flour (PDCF)  
77 could be used to naturally improve the nutritional profile and the antioxidant capacity of  
78 traditional cereal-based products such as pasta. Thus, the aim of this study was to evaluate  
79 the feasibility of utilization of chia meal in the production of pasta with an improved  
80 nutritional profile and increased antioxidant capacity.

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## 82 2. Materials and Methods

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### 84 2.1. Materials

85 Commercial wheat flour (*Triticum aestivum*) was obtained from Molino San José, José  
86 Minetti & CIA Ltda. (Córdoba-Argentina). Chia seeds (*Salvia hispanica* L.) were obtained  
87 in a local market. All chemicals reagents were of analytical grade, acquired from Sigma  
88 Aldrich (Switzerland).

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## 90 2.2. Deoiling of chia seeds to obtain partially-deoiled chia flour (PDCF)

91 PDCF was obtained according to the process: chia seeds were hydrated to 9.5% moisture,  
92 packed in air-tight bags, and stored for 48 h. The bags were shaken regularly to  
93 homogenize de sample moisture. Hydrated chia seeds were conditioned to 60°C and  
94 pressed using a screw press Komet (Model CA 59 G, IBG Monforts, Germany). Screw  
95 speed was 20 rpm. A 5 mm of restriction die was used. The meal obtained after oil  
96 extraction was subsequently ground with a coffee mill and passed through a 0.25 mm sieve.  
97 This milled fraction represents the PDCF.

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## 99 2.3. PDCF composition

100 PDCF was analyzed for oil content (method 30-25; AACC, 2000), fatty acid profile  
101 (method Ce1b 89; AOCS, 1991), total protein (method 46-13; AACC, 2000), and ash  
102 (method 08-01; AACC, 2000).

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## 104 2.4. Pasta manufacture

105 A small-scale standardized laboratory procedure was used for pasta manufacture. Pasta was  
106 prepared with different concentrations of PDCF (0, 2.5, 5.0, and 10%, respectively, weight  
107 flour basis). For each formulation pasta flour, water, and salt (50 g, 22.5 g, and 1.0 g,

108 respectively) were mixed in a Hobart bench top mixer (Hobart Inc., Troy, OH, USA) until  
109 the dough had an adequate consistency for lamination. Dough was divided by hand in  
110 appropriate size and was laminated using a pasta home scale size lamination machine  
111 (Drago, Inc., China) using a 3-step procedure: hand lamination, up to approximately 10-mm  
112 thickness; roll lamination, up to a 5-mm thickness; and final roll lamination to a 2-mm  
113 thickness (final pasta thickness). Laminated pasta sheets were cut using a cutting roll (2-  
114 mm wide) obtaining the pasta strings (2 x 2 x 200 mm). Pasta strings were suspended in  
115 wooden sticks on a wooden rack. Pasta was dried using a two stage process: pre-drying at  
116 30°C for 30 minutes (with forced air circulation) and 24 h at 30°C in a closed chamber  
117 (relative humidity 70%). Dried pasta was stored in airtight bags at room temperature.

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## 119 2.5. Technological quality of pasta

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### 121 2.5.1. Cooking quality determination

122 Cooking quality of pasta was evaluated using official methods of the American Association  
123 of Cereal Chemists (method 16-50; AACC, 2000). Optimum cooking time (OCT), weight  
124 gain (WG), and cooking loss (CL) were evaluated.

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### 126 2.5.2. Texture and color

127 Texture of uncooked and cooked pasta was analyzed using an INSTRON Texturometer  
128 (Model 3342, Norwood, MA, USA) equipped with a 500 N cell. Raw pasta was evaluated  
129 by the three-point bending test (AACC, 2000). Firmness (hardness) and adhesiveness of  
130 cooked pasta were evaluated using Application Study Ref N002/P35 (Stable Micro System,  
131 Surrey, UK). An AP/35 cylinder probe was used and force was measured in compression

132 mode at fixed 50% strain. Color of raw and cooked pasta was determined using a  
133 colorimeter (CM spectrophotometer KONICA MINOLTA Sensing, INC), which defines  
134 each color from three coordinates in the CIE Lab color space: L\* (luminosity), a\* (red-  
135 green) and b\* (yellow-blue).

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### 137 2.5.3. Microstructural evaluation

138 The microstructural characteristics of the surface and inner (cross-section) of raw and  
139 cooked pasta were determined using an Olympus LEXT OLS4000 3D confocal laser  
140 scanning microscope (CLSM). The confocal microscope allowed to observe the samples in  
141 three dimensions for detection of marks, cracks and to evaluate the microstructural  
142 characteristics of samples.

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### 144 2.5.4. Sensory evaluation

145 Pasta samples were evaluated by panelists at time zero and after 10 months of storage (air-  
146 tight bags at room temperature). Before evaluation, pasta was cooked (at OCT), strained,  
147 rinsed, and cooled in water at 20°C. Samples were evaluated for the degree of liking for  
148 color, taste, aroma, texture (mouth feeling in order to evaluate firmness), and overall liking.  
149 Before testing all participants were asked for possible food allergies to wheat or chia.  
150 Thirty-five healthy adults (semi-trained judges) participated in the study. All participants  
151 had consumed pasta before. Rating were collected using a 9-hedonic scale where 1=  
152 extremely dislike and 9= extremely like. The mid-point of the scale (5) = neither like nor  
153 dislike. Participants were asked to complete paper ballots.

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### 155 2.6. Nutritional evaluation of pasta



156 Protein content was determined by the official method 46-13 of the AACC (2000). TDF  
157 was quantified by using a Total Dietary Fiber Assay Kit (number K-TDFR-100) from  
158 Megazyme Inc. based on AACC method 32-05.01 (AACC, 2000) and AOAC Method  
159 985.29 (AOAC, 2016). Ash content was determined by the official method 08-01 of the  
160 AACC (2000). Fatty acids were determined following the official method Ce1b 89 of the  
161 AOAC (2016).

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## 163 2.7. Antioxidant properties of pasta

### 164 2.7.1. Extraction of phenolic compounds

165 Dry pasta samples were ground in a coffee grinder for extraction. In parallel, another batch  
166 of pasta samples were cooked in ultra-pure water at their respective OCT. Afterwards,  
167 cooked pasta was lyophilized and ground. Five grams of uncooked pasta or lyophilized  
168 cooked pasta powder were extracted with 20 mL of a mixture acetone/water (4:1), for 1h at  
169 room temperature in darkness. The supernatant was removed and filtered through a  
170 cellulose filter. This procedure was repeated twice. Finally, supernatants were pooled,  
171 evaporated to dryness at 50°C under reduced pressure, and reconstituted with 5 mL of  
172 HPLC grade methanol. Samples were prepared in duplicate and stored at -80°C until  
173 analysis.

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### 175 2.7.2. Total polyphenol content

176 Total polyphenol content (TPC) of extracts was measured by the Folin-Ciocalteu method  
177 (Orthofer & Lamuela-Raventos, 1999) according to the following procedure: 20  $\mu$ L of  
178 extract were mixed with 1.68 mL of ultrapure-water and 100  $\mu$ L of methanol. Then, 100  $\mu$ L  
179 of the Folin-Ciocalteu reagent were added and stirred (vortex). After exactly 1 min, 300  $\mu$ L

180 of aqueous sodium carbonate (20%) were added, stirred (vortex), and allowed to stand 120  
181 min at room temperature in the dark. Then, the absorbance was read at 750 nm. TPC was  
182 calculated by linear regression using gallic acid as standard. Results are expressed in mg of  
183 gallic acid equivalents (GAE) per 100 g of pasta. All samples were analyzed in duplicate.

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### 185 2.7.3. Determination of antioxidant capacity

186 Antioxidant capacity was measured by two chemical methods: the ferric reducing ability of  
187 plasma assay (FRAP), to evaluate the reducing power, and the DPPH assay to assess the  
188 antiradical capacity. FRAP assay (Benzie & Strain, 1996) was performed as follows.

189 Briefly, the fresh working solution was prepared by mixing acetate buffer pH 3.6, a 10 mM  
190 TPTZ solution in 40 mM HCl, and a 20 mM  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution (10:1:1, respectively).

191 Twenty micro liters of sample were added to 3 mL of FRAP solution and 80  $\mu\text{L}$  of  
192 methanol. The mixtures were incubated in the dark for 15 min, and absorbance measured at  
193 593 nm. Results are expressed in mmol Trolox Eq./100 g of pasta. DPPH assay (Brand-  
194 Williams, Cuvelier, & Berset, 1995) was performed using a working solution of DPPH in  
195 methanol at a concentration of 24 mg/L. Three milliliters of the solution were added to 30  
196  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample and 70  $\mu\text{L}$  of methanol. Mixtures were incubated in the dark for 15 min, and  
197 absorbance measured at 515 nm. Trolox was used as standard to calculate a linear  
198 regression. Results are expressed in mmol Trolox Eq./100 g of pasta. All samples were  
199 analyzed in duplicate.

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### 201 2.8. Statistical analyses

202 ANOVA was performed to evaluate the differences between samples. In the case of  
203 significance ( $p < 0.05$ ), a DGC (Di Rienzo, Guzmán, & Casanoves, 2002) comparison test

204 was performed to reveal paired differences between means. The test was performed using  
205 InfoStat Software (InfoStat, Córdoba, Argentina)

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207 3. Results and discussion.

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209 3.1. Characterization of the PDCF

210 The characterization of the PDCF is reported in Table 1. Results show that the PDCF is an  
211 ingredient material with high content of protein, fiber, and minerals when compared to  
212 wheat flour. Also, the PDCF has a high content of omega-3 fatty acids and a higher  $\omega$ -3/  $\omega$ -  
213 6 proportion than wheat flour. According to many authors a diet with  $\omega$ -3/  $\omega$ -6 ratios above  
214 1.0 are better for human health (Simopoulous, Leaf, & Salem, 2000). Overall, the PDCF  
215 obtained in this study represents a potential food ingredient to improve the nutritional value  
216 and antioxidant capacity of pasta products.

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218 3.2. Effects of PDCF on the technological quality of pasta

219 One of the main issues in food formulation with novel food materials is the possible  
220 adverse effect on the quality of the product. The effects of PDCF on raw pasta and on  
221 cooked pasta were evaluated.

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223 3.2.1. Effects on texture and color of uncooked pasta

224 Table 2 shows the effect of adding PDCF on raw pasta quality, considering color and  
225 breaking force as the main characteristics of uncooked pasta. Color is the first quality  
226 parameter that a consumer evaluates at the moment of buying a pasta product. A bright  
227 yellow color is the most preferred. The breaking force (BF) is an indication of the strength

228 of pasta and how the product will withstand storage and manipulation. Regarding the color,  
229 our results show that the addition of increasing concentrations of PDCF decreases both the  
230  $L^*$  parameter (whiteness) and the overall color grade. This implies that pasta with PDCF  
231 are darker, with a more brownish hue than the control sample. Although this brownish  
232 appearance of pasta could cause some concern for consumers not habituated to consume  
233 whole-grain products, the current tendency towards “healthier” foods may represent an  
234 opportunity to introduce this type of pasta. The breaking force (BF) is defined as the force  
235 at which a spaghetti strand breaks (fractures) under compression (Mariotti, Lametti, Cappa,  
236 Rasmussen, & Lucisano, 2011). The addition of PDCF decreased BF at a significant level  
237 (Table 2), implying that pasta with PDCF are weaker than control pasta. Probably, by using  
238 a different drying procedure this weakness can be overcome. The increase in the strength  
239 of the protein network in pasta as the result of high temperature drying is well known  
240 (Zweifel, Handschin, Escher, Conde-Petit, 2003).

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### 242 3.2.2. Effects on texture, color and cooking quality of cooked pasta

243 As with uncooked pasta, the addition of PDCF decreased the whiteness ( $L^*$ ) of the cooked  
244 pasta when compared with the control (0% PDCF). The  $a^*$  parameter increased, while the  
245  $b^*$  parameter decreased (Table 2). Also, the color score decreased with the increase of the  
246 PDCF in the pasta formulation. These parameters indicate that pasta became darker with  
247 increased proportions of PDCF.

248 With regard to cooking quality we found that firmness and adhesiveness, two very  
249 important textural characteristics of pasta quality, were not statistically different between  
250 pasta with or without PDCF (Table 2). Optimum cooking time (OCT) decreased as the  
251 PDCF content is increased in the formulation, allowing less preparation times of pasta with

252 PDCF in comparison to control. Cooking loss (CL) decreased while the weight gain (WG)  
253 did not change as a result of including PDCF. The fact that PDCF is a material with higher  
254 water absorption (Iglesias & Haros, 2013) could explain the lower cooking times for pasta  
255 with higher proportions of PDCF.

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### 257 3.2.3. Effects of PDCF on pasta microstructure

258 Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) was used to evaluate the effect of PDCF  
259 addition on the microstructure of pasta. Figure 1 shows microphotographs of the surface  
260 and of a cross-section of dry pasta and cooked pasta strands. Control pasta (0% PDCF) and  
261 pasta with 5% PDCF were evaluated.

262 The microphotography of the surface of raw pasta (Figure 1a) shows the presence of intact  
263 starch granules as well as small bodies of presumable proteins. The surface of the dry pasta  
264 control sample is homogeneous while pasta with PDCF (5%) has a more heterogeneous  
265 surface, with “clumps” of material inserted between the starch granules (Figure 1e). Also, it  
266 can be noted that the surface of pasta with 5% PDCF is more porous. This open structure  
267 and the presence of pores may be responsible for faster water uptake, a plausible  
268 explanation for the observed lower cooking times of pasta with PDCF. The images of the  
269 cross-section of the raw pasta also show some differences between control and 5% PDCF  
270 pasta. Cross section of control pasta (Figure 1b) seems to be more compact and shows a  
271 matrix of presumably proteins surrounding starch granules, in accordance with the  
272 observations of other authors (Gull, Prasad, & Kumar, 2016). While pasta with 5% PDCF  
273 (Figure 1f) is similar but the structure is less homogeneous than that of the control. Other  
274 authors have also observed similar effects on pasta microstructure when adding other  
275 ingredients such as lentil seeds (Wojtowicz & Moscicki, 2014).

276 Regarding the microstructure of cooked pasta, microphotographs of the surface show that  
277 there are not visible starch granules or protein bodies (Figures 1c and 1g). The surface of  
278 cooked pasta with 5% PDCF seems to be covered by a film-like homogeneous structure.  
279 Such a structure can also be observed on the cross-section of the pasta strand looking as a  
280 matrix that engulfs starch granules (Figure 1h). Similar microstructural matrices were  
281 observed by Wojtowicz & Moscicki (2014) when adding white bean flour.

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### 283 3.2.4 Sensory evaluation

284 Table 3 shows the results on the sensory evaluation of cooked pasta samples. Preference  
285 scores for color, appearance, taste, smell, and firmness were obtained at time zero and after  
286 10 months of storage (airtight bags, room temperature). In general, all sensory  
287 characteristics were evaluated above the center point of the scale (5 = neither like nor  
288 dislike), indicating that pasta samples with PDCF were not disliked. However, all  
289 characteristics were evaluated with scores below of those of the pasta control. Preferences  
290 based on smell were not statistically different due to the inclusion of PDCF implying that  
291 PDCF did not impart negative smelling characteristics. This is an obvious advantage over  
292 other materials that may be used for the same purpose as chia such as flaxseeds or fish oil.  
293 The taste and firmness of 10% PDCF pasta were significantly different from the rest.  
294 However, 2.5 and 5% PDCF samples were statistically similar to the control. Color  
295 preference was affected by the inclusion of PDCF in the formulation. Samples with PDCF  
296 were (as a group) different from the control.

297 The sensory evaluation performed after 10 months (Table 3) of storage did not show  
298 significant differences regarding color, appearance, taste or smell preferences among  
299 samples with or without PDCF. Only firmness preference was negatively impacted when

300 pasta contained PDCF. These results show that although pasta with PDCF is less preferred  
301 than traditional pasta there are not significant alterations in the sensorial characteristics of  
302 pasta with PDCF. Moreover, the general acceptance of the supplemented product seems to  
303 be better after 10 months storage. It is possible to conceive that with a good communication  
304 effort about the benefits of pasta with PDCF consumers will choose the product.

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### 306 3.3. Nutritional quality

307 The results of nutritional evaluation of pasta show that total dietary fiber (TDF) and omega-  
308 3 content of pasta increased significantly with higher proportions of PDCF (Table 4). In  
309 fact, 10% PDCF pasta demonstrates an increase of around 300% of TDF compared with  
310 control. The ratio  $\omega$ -3/ $\omega$ -6 fatty acids also increased significantly from 0 to 2.14,  
311 constituting a product with a better PUFA balance as stated by Simopolous et al. (2000).  
312 With respect to the protein and mineral content, although both parameters increased as the  
313 level of PDCF augmented in the formulation, no statistical differences were observed  
314 except in the case of ash content of 10% PDCF pasta.

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### 316 3.4. Total phenolic content (TPC) and antioxidant capacity of pasta

317 The results of TPC analysis show that the addition of PDCF increased the total phenolic  
318 content when compared to the control pasta (Figure 2a). In the case of raw pasta, the level  
319 of phenolic compounds is linearly increased along with higher PDCF content. Nevertheless,  
320 considering that pasta is consumed after cooking, the key result is represented by the  
321 increase of TPC of boiled PDCF-containing pasta compared with control boiled pasta.  
322 Regarding the antioxidant capacity measured by DPPH and FRAP, the tendency is the  
323 same for raw and cooked pasta showing an increase of activity directly correlated with the

324 higher PDCF content (Figure 2b and 2c). Our results are consistent with previous studies of  
325 pasta fortified phenolic-rich materials, such as algae wakame (Prabhasankar et al., 2009) or  
326 buckwheat (Biney & Beta, 2014), in which positive relationships between TPC, antioxidant  
327 capacity and the proportion of added materials, have been observed. Altogether, these  
328 studies support the improvement of the antioxidant properties of plain wheat pasta through  
329 the use of ingredients of natural origin, obtaining a product with a beneficial added value  
330 for human health.

331 On the other hand, it is interesting to analyze the effects of cooking process. Whereas TPC  
332 is increased in control and 2.5% PDCF pasta after boiling, TPC of 5% PDCF pasta was not  
333 affected, while for 10% PDCF pasta a slight decrease is observed. FRAP assay also denotes  
334 that in control pasta and 2.5% PDCF a release of phenolic components is occurring, but not  
335 for 5% and 10% PDCF pasta. In the case of DPPH, the only significant difference is  
336 between 10% PDCF pasta, for which boiled pasta shows even less activity than raw pasta.  
337 In this regard, Fares, Platani, Baiano, & Menga (2010) have concluded that the cooking  
338 process enhance the antioxidant properties of plain wheat pasta (measured by chemical  
339 methods), which could be explained by the release of some phenolic acids from wheat  
340 caused by high temperatures. From our results, it is noticeable that the higher increase  
341 between raw and cooked pasta is observed for control and 2.5% PDCF pasta. This suggests  
342 that phenolic compounds released in the boiling process are most probably components  
343 from wheat, and not those provided by chia flour. Then it is plausible to think that chia  
344 compounds responsible of its antioxidant properties are not strongly affected by boiling.

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346 4. Conclusions



347 The results of this work lead us to conclude that the addition of PDCF to wheat pasta  
348 allows an evident improvement of several nutritional properties compared with non-  
349 supplemented pasta. We have demonstrated a noticeable increase of total dietary fiber,  $\omega$ -  
350 3/ $\omega$ -6 ratio, total phenolic content and antioxidant capacity. This represents a promising use  
351 of a by-product generated after chia oil extraction process, proposing PDCF as an  
352 ingredient in the manufacture of fortified wheat pasta. A good communication campaign  
353 exposing the beneficial properties and pro-health characteristics of the supplemented  
354 product could be surely an adequate way to encourage consumers to choose it.

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2 Figure 1. Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) of pasta with and without PDCF. (a)  
3 surface of 0% PDCF raw pasta; (b) cross-section of 0% PDCF raw pasta; (c) surface of 0%  
4 PDCF cooked pasta; (d) cross-section of 0% PDCF cooked pasta; (e) surface of 5% PDCF  
5 raw pasta; (f) cross-section of 5% PDCF raw pasta; (g) surface of 5% PDCF cooked pasta;  
6 (h) cross-section of 5% PDCF cooked pasta.

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9 Figure 2. Total phenolic content (a) and antioxidant capacity by DPPH (b) and FRAP (c) of  
10 pasta made with different levels of PDCF. Bars are the mean  $\pm$  SD of 4 values. Different  
11 letters indicate significant difference in DGC test ( $p < 0.05$ ).

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1 Table 1. Characterization of partially-deoiled chia flour (PDCF)

	<b>PDCF</b>	<b>Wheat Flour</b>
Moisture (%)	11.80 ± 0.08	12.00 ± 0.15
Protein (% , d.b.)	27.70 ± 0.18	9.71 ± 0.18
Lipids (% , d.b.)	7.06 ± 0.28	1.08 ± 0.10
Ash (% , d.b.)	5.62 ± 0.15	0.58 ± 0.02
Total Dietary Fiber (% , d.b.)	59.73 ± 7.75	3.40 ± 1.75
Total Polyphenols (mg GAE/100 g)	221.20 ± 5.49	N/A
FRAP (mmol Trolox Eq./100 g)	0.70 ± 0.03	N/A
DPPH (mmol Trolox Eq./100 g)	0.47 ± 0.02	N/A
ω-3 (18:3) (mg/100g)	6850±50	4.8*
ω-6 (18:2) (mg/100g)	2160±50	232*
ω-3/ω-6 ratio	3.17	0.02

2 PDCF= ́partially deoiled chia flour; N/A not available; d.b.: dry basis;

3 \*Data from SELFNutritionData (2017); GAE: gallic acid equivalent

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2 Table 2. Color, texture, and cooking characteristics of pasta samples<sup>a</sup>

UNCOOKED PASTA									
PDCF (%)	L*	a*	b*	Color Grade <sup>1</sup>	Breaking Force (N)				
0.0 <sup>b</sup>	68.84±3.01a	1.04±0.14a	16.08±0.15a	5.05	3.87±0.07a				
2.5	66.09±0.78a	1.35±0.29b	14.43±1.42b	4.75	2.86±0.62b				
5.0	63.50±2.34b	1.38±0.08b	12.99±0.54c	4.47	2.25±0.11b				
10.0	61.81±5.07b	1.52±0.09b	11.07±0.88d	4.20	2.25±0.53b				
COOKED PASTA									
PDCF (%)	L*	a*	b*	Color Grade	Firmness (N)	Adhesiveness (mJ)	OCT (min)	CL (%)	WG (%)
0.0 <sup>b</sup>	74.45±1.64a	0.57±0.36a	13.03±3.15a	5.03	7.42±1.06a	0.29±0.05a	14.15±0.20a	13.61±1.27a	162.23±3.90a
2.5	68.01±1.05b	1.76±1.21b	12.87±4.83a	4.69	8.40±0.12a	0.25±0.02a	13.15±0.20b	11.77±1.26b	159.35±5.86a
5.0	64.48±3.56c	1.68±2.62c	11.84±4.12b	4.41	6.73±0.59a	0.24±0.02a	13.00±0.20b	10.22±1.42b	156.76±8.56a
10.0	60.24±0.31d	2.70±3.80d	9.70±0.10c	3.98	7.42±0.64a	0.27±0.03a	12.00±0.20c	10.43±0.50b	161.73±6.88a

3 <sup>a</sup>Values with the same letter are not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ) according to the DGC test; PDCF= 'partially deoiled chia flour;4 <sup>b</sup>The 0.0 %PDCF sample corresponds to a 100% wheat flour pasta; color Grade =  $(L^* + b^* \times 2) / 20$ ; OCT: optimum cooking time;

5 CL: cooking loss; WG: water gain;

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1 Table 3. Sensory evaluation of cooked pasta made with different levels of PDCF at 0 and  
 2 after 10 months of storage<sup>a</sup>

PDCF (%)	Color	Appearance	Taste	Smell	Firmness
	0 months of storage				
<b>0.0<sup>b</sup></b>	6.95±1.05a	6.85±1.14a	6.50±1.00a	5.55±1.10a	7.30±1.45a
<b>2.5</b>	5.30±1.03b	5.40±1.35b	6.50±0.75a	5.65±1.10a	6.60±1.23a
<b>5.0</b>	5.10±0.97b	5.35±1.18b	6.50±0.91a	5.75±1.19a	6.60±1.23a
<b>10.0</b>	4.65±1.50b	4.70±1.56b	5.40±0.95b	5.20±1.70a	5.80±1.88b
10 months of storage					
<b>0.0<sup>b</sup></b>	6.60±1.75a	6.80±1.36a	6.50±1.41a	6.53±1.50a	7.18±1.39a
<b>2.5</b>	6.15±1.39a	6.35±1.39a	6.30±1.24a	6.10±1.39a	6.18±1.57b
<b>5.0</b>	6.03±1.61a	6.03±1.72a	6.15±1.48a	6.40±1.37a	6.05±1.81b
<b>10.0</b>	6.08±1.95a	5.90±1.85a	6.13±1.70a	6.00±1.38a	6.10±1.78b

3 <sup>a</sup>Values with the same letter are not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ) according to the DGC  
 4 test; PDCF= 'partially deoiled chia flour; <sup>b</sup>The 0.0 %PDCF sample corresponds to a 100%  
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1 Table 4. Nutritional analysis of manufactured pasta<sup>a</sup>

	PDCF <sup>b</sup>			
	0%	2.5%	5%	10%
<b>Protein (% d.b.)</b>	11.04 ± 0.03a	11.28 ± 0.12a	11.72 ± 0.18a	12.66 ± 0.14a
<b>Total Dietary Fiber (% d.b.)</b>	2.86 ± 0.19a	4.53 ± 0.12b	4.89 ± 0.05b	9.08 ± 0.63c
<b>Moisture (%)</b>	10.45 ± 0.33a	10.74 ± 0.06a	10.65 ± 0.11a	10.42 ± 0.19a
<b>Ash (% d.b.)</b>	2.18 ± 0.00a	2.25 ± 0.01a	2.37 ± 0.07a	2.48 ± 0.02b
<b>ω-3 (18:3) (g/100 g)</b>	0.00 ± 0.00a	0.06 ± 0.01a	0.11 ± 0.01a	0.30 ± 0.01a
<b>ω-6 (18:2) (g/100g)</b>	0.02 ± 0.00a	0.05 ± 0.00a	0.07 ± 0.02a	0.14 ± 0.01a
<b>ω-3/ω-6 ratio</b>	0.00 ± 0.00a	1.20 ± 0.01b	1.57 ± 0.01c	2.14 ± 0.02d

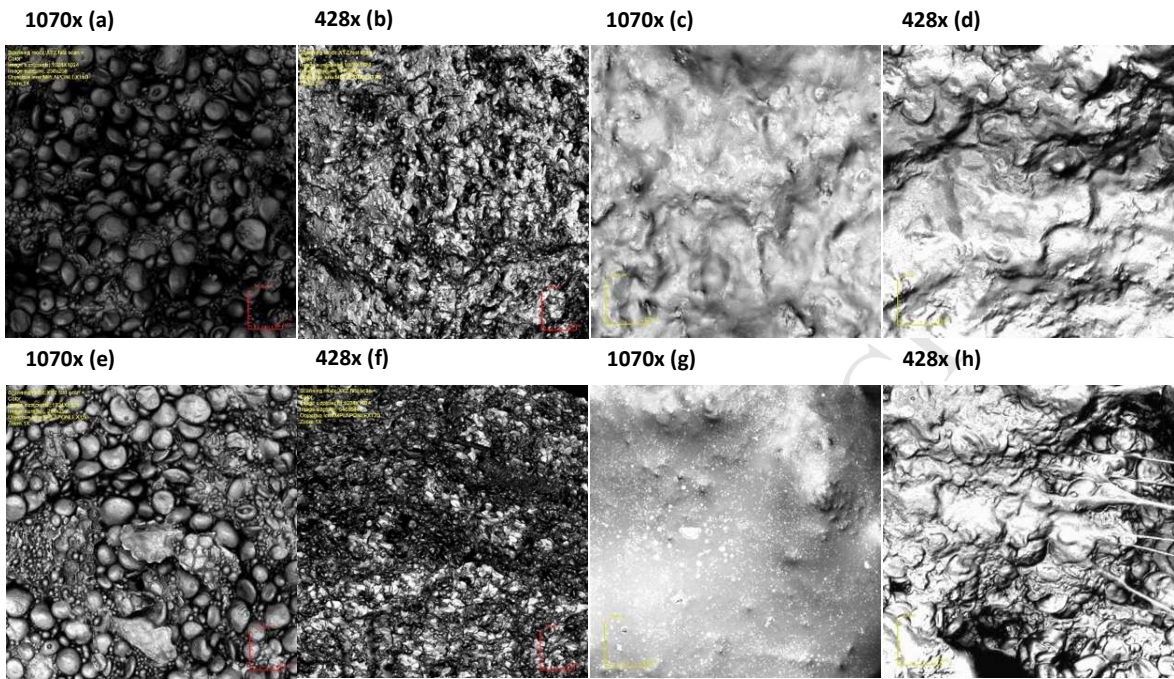
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4 wheat flour pasta; ω-3 : omega 3 fatty acids, ω-6 : omega- 6 fatty acids;

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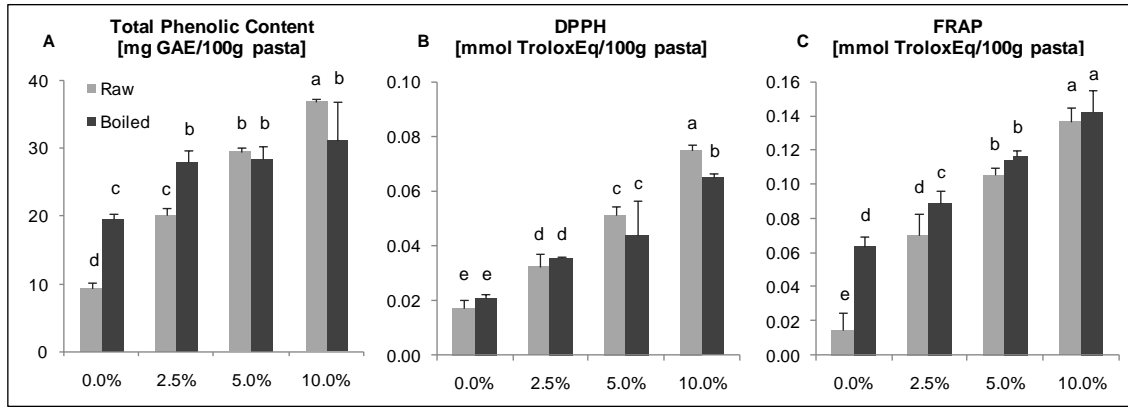


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### Highlights

- A feasible use of a by-product from chia oil extraction (PDCF) is proposed.
- PDCF is rich in protein, dietary fiber and phenolic compounds.
- It can be used as an ingredient to improve the nutritional quality of wheat pasta.
- Supplemented pasta showed better antioxidant capacity.
- The technological properties and the acceptance by consumers were evaluated.