

## DETERMINATION OF THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF GRAPE SEED POWDERS BY GC-MS ANALYSIS

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### Abstract

Substantiation of the expedience of using of natural antioxidants for inhibiting of oxidative and hydrolytic rancidity in confectionary products is an urgent direction. The offered way of solving the problem is to use a defatted grape seed powder, a product, obtained as wastes of vine-making as a source of antioxidants. For this aim, there were realized experimental studies of water-alcohol extracts (ethanol, isopropanol) by the method of gas chromatography with mass-spectroscopic detection (CG-MS) of the chemical composition of grape seed powders under industrial conditions. The obtained data allowed to establish that the studied extracts contain an essential amount of phenol compounds of the different origin: aromatic acids – gallic and egallic acids; resveratrol; flavonoids – quercetin and its derivatives, catechine, epicatechine, campferol and others alongside with esters of fatty acids. These components are strong antioxidants, and their introduction to a grape seed powder must favor inhibition of the oxidizing process of fats in fat-containing confectionary products, so increasing shelf-life of products.

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### 1. Introduction

Many confectionary products are food ones with essential storage terms. This fact determines a necessity of using fats with an essential stability to oxidation in their recipe compositions. Just oxidative rancidity is one of main processes, limiting storage terms of many food products [1].

Ways of increasing the oxidative stability of confectionary products may be characterized by three directions: the use of optimal ingredients, optimal processing methods and effective package [2]. An important role of using optimal ingredients is played by development of new technologies of products by using natural supplements as ingredients. They are sources of antioxidants that, on the one hand, are able to block the effect of free radicals and to defend a human from them, and from the other one, to act as an inhibitor of fats oxidation in the food matrix of a product.

Secondary products of grape processing and winemaking gain more and more popularity as antioxidants in fat-containing systems and are more and more in demand in food industry [3].

It is conditioned by the presence of an essential amount of polyphenols with essential antioxidant properties in their composition. Introduction of such products in the composition of fat-containing products, for example, confectionary glaze, will favor decelerating oxidation processes of fats and prolonging storage terms of glaze and glazed products. This is a promising direction of improving their production. At the same time it is known, that powders of grape seeds may be used as an alternative of import cacao powders. But the technological process of creation of any products needs determining the composition of included raw materials, moreover taking into account the variety diversity of grape and an influence of the geographical factor on its quality.

Taking into account the aforesaid, the urgent problem of this study is to investigate the chemical composition of grape seed powders as natural sources of antioxidants of the phenol nature. Introduction of powders as an ingredient of confectionary products inhibits oxidation and hydrolysis of these products, in such a way increasing shelf-life of products.

## 2. Materials and Methods

Two types of white and red grape seed powders (*Vitis vinifera L.*) of the mixture of varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet, Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains and Muscat (in approximately equal proportions) of the harvest of 2015–2017 years were used for the study. These grape varieties are widely cultivated in the Odessa region (Ukraine) and are a raw material for vine-making enterprises.

Powders were obtained under industrial conditions. At first grape seeds were separated from pomace, dried at a room temperature and subjected to the thorough purification (separation). Then GSP (grape seed powder) was obtained by superfine grinded. Another powder type DGSF (defatted grape seed flour) was obtained by extraction of oil of grape seeds by cold pressing. Pomace, created after grape seed pressing was superfine grinded up to flour. This powder type is a commercial product at the Ukrainian trade market, realized as a trademark OleoVita (Orion, Ukraine) (**Fig. 1**).



**Fig. 1.** Grape seeds powder: *a* – GSP; *b* – DGSF

The chemical composition of powder extracts was studied by CG-MS analysis on the gas chromatograph Finnigan Focus GC (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) with the mass-selective detector (Thermo Electron Corporation, USA). The quartz capillary column HP-5MS with diameter 0,25 mm and length 30 m, thickness of a film phase – 0,25  $\mu\text{m}$  was used in the experiment. Helium was used as a gas-agent. Identification of compounds by the retention time of peaks was conducted using the database of NIST05 Library. Mass spectrum of individual unknown compound was compared with the known compounds stored in the software database Library.

## 3. Experimental procedures

For conducting the study, there were prepared powder extracts by the maceration method. The batch of a sample with mass 5 g was placed in a conic flask and added with a correspondent solvent with volume 50 ml. The mixture was kept during 24 hours in a dark place, then filtered through a paper filter.

For studying a fat fraction of the powders, there was used ethyl alcohol (96 %, Dubliany alcohol plant, Ukraine) as a reagent.

Water-alcohol solutions were used as solvents for extracting phenolic compounds [4]. The composition of the solvents was determined, based on the realized studies on optimization of the maximal output of substances, extracted from the powder matrix. For these aims, there were real-

ized preliminary CG-MS analysis, where mixtures with the content of isopropyl alcohol (Ineos Solvents, Germany) 20–100 % (w/w) were used. The comparative analysis of chromatogram demonstrated that the most output of phenol compounds is achieved at extraction of 50 % of isopropanol (w/w). The data for this amount of alcohol in mixed solution are given in the further discussion.

#### 4. Results

Fig. 2, 3 present GC-MS chromatograms of water-ethanol extracts of both samples in the area of little retention times, corresponding to the content of volatile components, forming the fat phase of the powders.

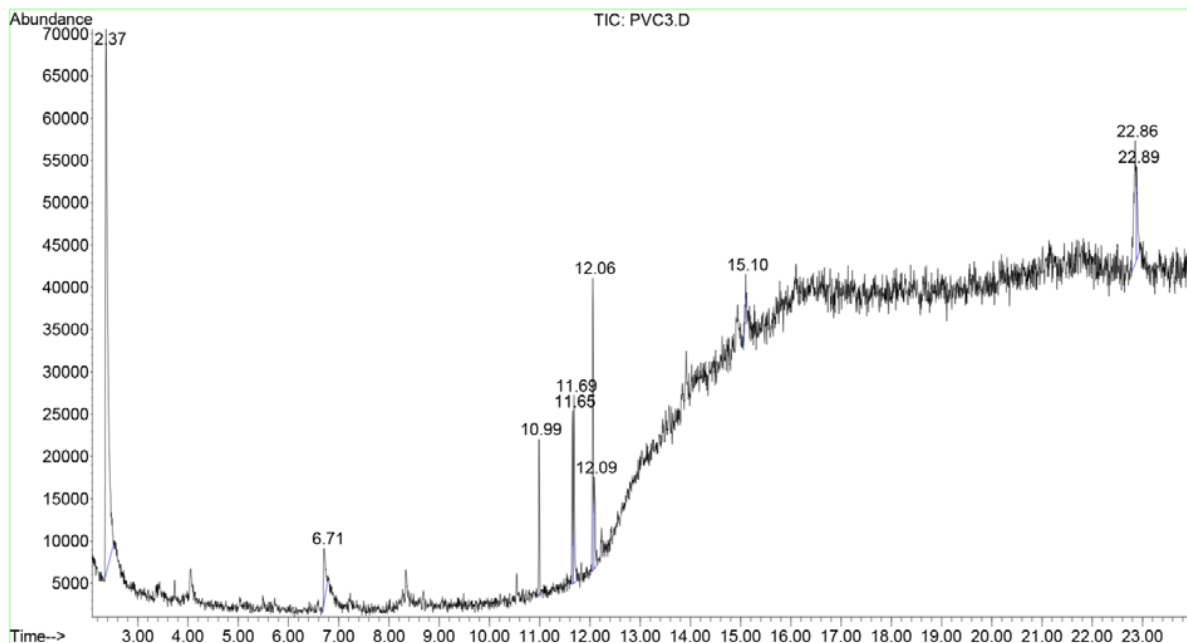


Fig. 2. GC-MS chromatogram of ethanol extract of the grape seed powder

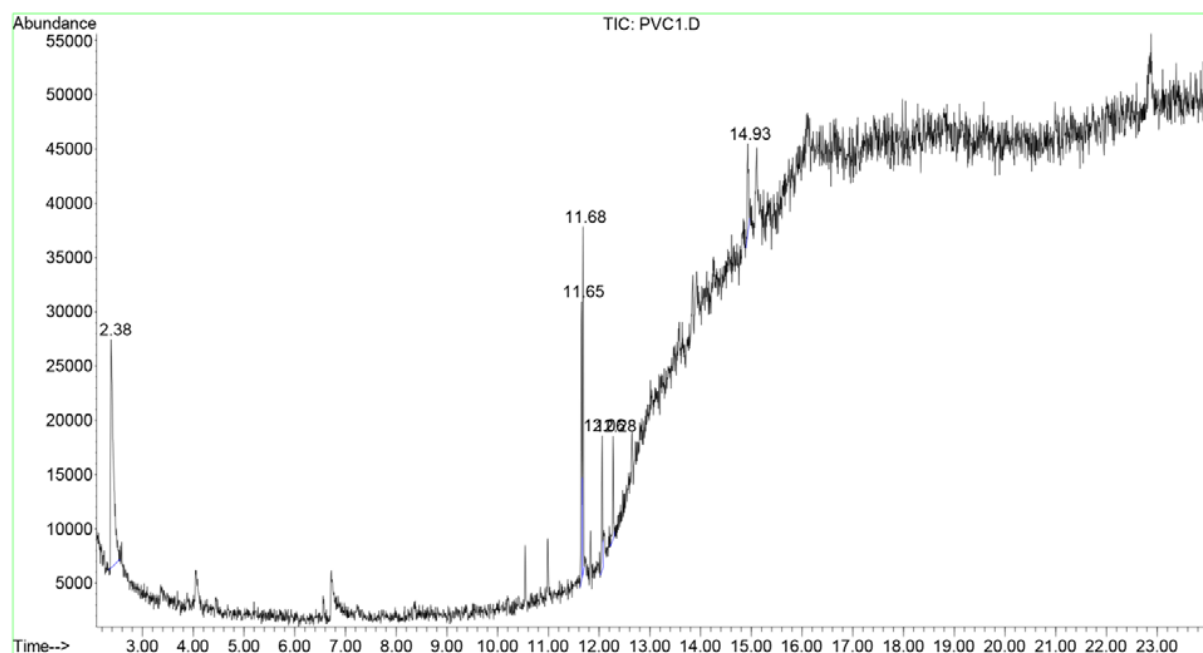


Fig. 3. GC-MS chromatogram of ethanol extract of the defatted grape seed flour

On comparison of the mass spectra of the constituents with the NIST05 Library the compounds were characterized and identified (**Table 1**). As it can be seen on **Table 1**, the difference between the chemical compositions of the powders is observed at the expense of linoleic and palmitic acids and partially at the expense of the content of oleic and stearic acid.

**Table 1**  
 Identified in the ethanol extracts of samples by GC-MS analysis

Peak	Retention time, min	Name of the compound	GSP	DGSF
1	2,38	glyceryn	+	+
2	6,71	xanthosine	+	–
3	10,99	palmitic acid, ethyl ester	+	–
4	11,65	9,12-octadecadienoic acid, methyl ester	+	+
5	11,69	oleic acid, methyl ester	+	+
6	12,06	linoleic acid, ethyl ester	+	–
7	12,09	ethyl oleate	+	–

**Table 2**  
 Identified in the isopropanol extracts of samples by GC-MS analysis

Peak	Name of the compound	Retention time, min	Quantitative ratio, %	
			GSP	DGSF
1	Hexanal	9,58	0,3	0,1
2	Benzoic aldehyde	10,26	2,0	3,3
3	Phenyl ethyl alcohol	11,39	1,0	1,3
4	d-Mannose	13,00	1,0	1,6
5	Purple aldehyde	13,46	2,0	6,7
6	Camphene	13,89	0,4	0,9
7	Cinnamon aldehyde	14,01	3,0	4,0
8	Carvacrol	14,59	2,0	4,0
9	E-citral	14,92	1,0	1,5
10	Nerol	15,56	4,0	5,2
11	Geraniol	16,06	7,0	5,3
12	Borneol	18,24	0,9	1,0
13	Linalool	18,32	2,0	1,3
14	<b>Gallic acid</b>	18,69	4,2	6,2
15	Octadecanoic acid	19,60	3,9	3,0
16	Linoleic acid	18,09	4,2	2,2
17	Hexadecanoic acid	18,24	5,1	2,1
18	(9Z)-Octadecenoic acid	19,62	5,0	2,0
19	<b>Resveratrol</b>	19,21	3,2	1,2
20	Linolinic acid	16,74	0,2	0,1
21	<b>Elagic acid</b>	18,81	3,2	4,2
22	$\alpha$ -caryophyllen	21,01	1,0	1,0
23	Quercetin	23,07	6,7	7,0
24	<b>Quercetin-3-monoglucoside</b>	23,15	8,0	9,0
25	<b>Quercetin-3-monoglucuronoside</b>	23,49	4,0	5,1
26	$\alpha$ -terpeniol	23,94	1,0	1,0
27	Catechine	24,16	2,8	4,0
28	<b>Epicatechine</b>	24,46	2,9	3,5
29	<b>Camperferol</b>	24,49	7,1	7,9
30	<b>Mericitin</b>	24,84	5,8	6,0
31	Lupeol	27,41	1,0	0,8
32	Betulin	27,54	2,1	2,2

Note: \* – phenolic compounds are marked by the black type

**Table 2** presents the results of studying GSP and DGSF extracts in isopropyl alcohol. On comparison of the mass spectra of the constituents with the NIST05 Library the thirty two compounds were characterized and identified. During the experimental research there were explored of GSP and DGSF extracts in isopropyl alcohol for powders of the grape harvest of 2015–2017 and different series of powders within one year. Despite the fact that the mixture of seeds of different varieties of grape was used in the study, the difference in the content of identified same substances in identical powders doesn't exceed 3,0–5,0 %. These data testify to the fact that the ratio between different varieties in the mixture is observed in OleoVita powders, and also to the relative stability of the polyphenol composition of grape powders of different years of production.

Alongside with fatty acids, there were identified alcohols of the terpenes: carvacrol, nerol, geraniol, borneol, linalool,  $\alpha$ -terpeniol; monoterpenic aldehyde citral; terpenic carbohydrate  $\alpha$ -caryophyllen.

There was observed a series of aldehydes, such as benzoic, typical for vegetable seeds, and purple that is a product of oxidizing degradation of lignin.

Phenolic and polyphenolic compounds, presented by three classes: phenol acids, flavonoids and stilben, are marked by the black type in **Table 2**. Phenolic acids are presented as gallic and egallic acids, typical components of seeds of practically all grape varieties. The numerous class of flavonoids is presented by flavanols – catechine, epicatechine and flavonols – camperferol, mericitin, quercetin and its derivatives. Stilbens are presented by resveratrol.

## 5. Discussion

According to the data of the GC-MS chromatograms of ethanol extracts of the defatted grape seed powder takes place mainly as a result of a decreasing concentration of methyl and ethyl esters of unsaturated linoleic ( $\omega$ -6) and oleic ( $\omega$ -9) acids and saturated ones – palmitic and stearic (**Table 1**). According to the data of **Table 1**, the most extraction at pressing is achieved for linoleic and palmitic acids. Whereas the residual content of fats in the defatted grape seed powder at the level of 6–9 % is achieved by the content of oleic and stearic acids.

The obtained data are in good agreement with the previous literature on chromatographic studies of the chemical composition of grape seeds, for example [5, 6].

As it is seen on **Table 2**, the presence of fatty acids is observed in extracts. The tendency to a decrease of the fatty acids content after cold pressing determines redistribution of the ratio between the content of components in GSP and DGSF extracts. Thus, the percent contribution of other compounds increases in DGSF.

The detected phenolic compounds in the isopropyl extract of GSP and DGSF samples are typical for powders of grape seeds of different varieties in other solvents, but in other quantity ratios that is proved by literary sources [7–18]. These phenolic compounds are antioxidants [18]. It gives reasons for using grape seed powders as a source of natural antioxidant in food technologies, in first turn – in production of fat-containing confectionary products. This problem is a subject of further experimental studies.

## 6. Conclusions

The study of ethanol extracts of GSP and DGSF samples allowed to establish the difference in the content of the fat phase of grape powders. These data are necessary for estimating a food value of products that powders may be used as a recipe component in.

The conducted chromatographic studies of the chemical composition of two types of grape seed powders as water-isopropanol extracts allowed to establish the presence of polyphenol compounds that, according to the literary data, have essential antioxidant properties in samples. Among the observed compounds there were identified phenol acids as gallic and egallic, flavanoids – catechine, epicatechine, camperferol, mericitin, quercetin and its derivatives, and also stilbens, presented by resveratrol. The obtained results testify to the good prospects of using powders, especially DGSF sample, as a source of natural antioxidants in confectionary products. This application allows to solve at least three problems: processing of wastes of vine-making industry, increase of shelf-life and the nutritional value of confectionary products.

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