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2 **Testing caffeic acid as a natural antioxidant in functional fish-fibre restructured products**

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9 The antioxidant effectiveness of caffeic acid addition to minced fish muscle with or without  
10 wheat dietary fibre added was studied. Wheat dietary fibre showed a significant prooxidant  
11 effect on minced fish muscle during chilled storage that was significantly inhibited in presence  
12 of 100 mg/kg caffeic acid. In samples containing caffeic acid and wheat dietary fibre, lipid  
13 oxidation was completely inhibited after 10 days. Results obtained from the instrumental texture  
14 profile analysis showed that the inclusion of wheat dietary fibre with or without caffeic acid  
15 lowered the texture profile analysis parameters. Caffeic acid did not render any changes on the  
16 water binding capacity. These results prove that caffeic acid can be successfully used as a  
17 natural antioxidant in wheat dietary fibre minced fish restructured products.

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21 holding capacity.

## 22 **1. Introduction**

23 Dietary fibres (DFs) are regarded as the most widely used functional ingredient in foods, but  
24 they have been hardly applied as such in seafood. The addition of DF to fishery products is of  
25 great interest not only as a means to further complement its healthy characteristics, but also as a  
26 means of improving the technological properties of the products (Borderías, Sánchez-Alonso &  
27 Pérez-Mateos, 2005). The technological feasibility of the use of different DFs (Sánchez-Alonso,  
28 Haji-Maleki & Borderías, 2006, 2007a; Sánchez-Alonso, Solas & Borderías, 2007b,c; Sánchez-  
29 Alonso & Borderías, 2008; Sánchez-González, Rodríguez-Casado, Careche & Carmona, 2009),  
30 has been checked and found, among a range of commercial and non commercial DFs, the best  
31 DF types and formulations in terms of maintaining or improving texture, water holding  
32 properties and sensory properties of the fish product prototypes. Also in these works, Product  
33 Tests have shown that there is an opportunity to develop new seafood products enriched in DFs  
34 better adapted to consumer preferences (Careche et al., 2008; Borderías et al., 2008), which can  
35 be seen as a new business opportunity for some industries.

36 Fish muscle from some species is very prone to oxidation which in turn causes the end of the  
37 commercial acceptability of these products. Some of the DFs studied, had antioxidant properties  
38 which helped in delaying lipid oxidation (Sánchez-Alonso, Borderías, Larsson & Undeland,  
39 2007; Sánchez-Alonso, Jiménez-Escrig, Saura-Calixto & Borderías, 2007, 2008; Sánchez-  
40 Alonso & Borderías, 2008). However, these antioxidant DFs conferred a colour to the products  
41 not always suitable for certain applications.

42 In this context, it has been found that natural antioxidants such as hydroxycinnamic acids could  
43 successfully delay lipid oxidation in minced fish muscle (Medina, Gallardo, González, Lois &  
44 Edges, 2007; Medina, González, Iglesias & Hedges, 2009; Iglesias, Pazos, Andersen, Skibsted  
45 & Medina, 2009). Particularly natural extracts from plants and herbs as pears, basil, and coffee,

46 rich sources of caffeic acid and its derivative caffeic acid phenethyl ester, are being  
47 commercialized for their use as nutraceuticals and food supplements. There are some previous  
48 papers related to the antioxidant properties of caffeic acid and several studies have shown that  
49 the main mechanisms behind the ability to delay the lipid oxidation process are direct free  
50 radical scavenging, reducing capacity or transition metal chelation (Frankel, 1998; Rice-Evans,  
51 Miller & Paganga, 1996). However, it is well recognized that the antioxidant activity in tissues  
52 and foods, especially in muscle based foods, depends significantly on some other factors being  
53 the location of the antioxidant into the oxidative sensitive sites one of the most determinant.  
54 Also factors as the interaction with muscle membranes, the ratio between the antioxidant/lipid  
55 classes or the effect of food processing or ingredients are relevant. Consequently, the feature of  
56 strong antioxidant in-vitro ability in aprotic or protic solvents does not always mean a strong  
57 ability in muscle foods, especially in processed muscle foods having different ingredients. The  
58 antioxidant ability of caffeic acid on fish mince and fillets seems to be related to its reducing  
59 capacity and its ability to regenerate endogenous  $\alpha$ -tocopherol from the  $\alpha$ -tocopheroxyl radical  
60 through a redox cycle involving endogenous ascorbic acid. This high antioxidant effectiveness  
61 exhibited by caffeic acid on muscle based foods can be of high interest for the development of  
62 restructured seafood products. Non antioxidant DFs which are bland in colour and odour could  
63 thus be used in combination with caffeic acid in the formulations of restructured seafood  
64 products.

65 This work is aimed to study the antioxidant effectiveness of caffeic acid in chilled minced horse  
66 mackerel supplemented with wheat DF The possible changes in texture and water holding  
67 properties of the resulting formulations have been also determined. The final goal is to

68 formulate new seafood products enriched in DF and stabilised by means of an effective phenolic  
69 antioxidant.

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## 71 **2. Material and Methods**

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### 73 2.1. Raw material and ingredients

74 Minced fish muscle (MFM) was prepared from fresh horse mackerel (*Caranx rhonchus*) caught  
75 in the Mediterranean Sea (FAO zone 37.1) and obtained from a local market in Madrid. Fish  
76 were caught 10-18 hours before arriving to lab. The DF used was a commercial wheat DF  
77 Vitacel® WF200 (Campi y Jové, S.L., Barcelona, Spain), consisting of 74 g/100 g cellulose, 26  
78 g/100 g hemicellulose and <0.5 lignin, with average fibre length of 250 µm and wide of 25 µm.  
79 According to the manufacturer, this DF contained a maximum moisture and ash contents of 8  
80 and 3 g/100 g respectively, 0.4 g/100 g protein, 0.2 g/100 g fat and a pH value of  $6.5 \pm 1.5$  at a  
81 10 g/100 g suspension, and bulk density (in accordance with DIN 53 468) of 85 g/l.

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### 83 2.2. Chemicals

84 All the chemicals used were of analytical grade and were obtained from Panreac Química S.A.  
85 (Barcelona, Spain), Sigma-Aldrich Corp. (St. Louis, MO, USA or Merck (Darmstadt,  
86 Germany). Caffeic acid was supplied by Sigma-Aldrich and streptomycin by AppliChem GmbH  
87 (Darmstadt, Germany).

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### 89 2.3. Preparation of fish and samples

90 36 kg of horse mackerel were transported in ice to the IF-Madrid laboratory where it was  
91 eviscerated and filleted. The fillets were passed through a Baader model 694 de-boning machine

92 (Lübeck, Germany) equipped with a drum of 3 mm holes. Four different formulations were  
93 prepared (Table 1): minced fish muscle (MFM) with 3 g/100 g wheat DF (named WDF), MFM  
94 with 100 mg/kg caffeic acid (named CA), MFM with both 3 g/100 g wheat DF and 100 mg/kg  
95 caffeic acid (named WDFCA), and the control (named CO). The amount of caffeic acid used  
96 was chosen based on previous studies (Medina et al., 2007; 2009). 200 mg/kg of streptomycin  
97 was added to each of the samples in order to avoid microbial growth. Wheat DF was added  
98 dispersed in cold water (as per formulation). In all cases moisture was adjusted to the same as in  
99 the original fish muscle (78 g/100 g) with water. The ingredients were placed into a mixing  
100 machine, model RM-20 (Mainca, Granollers, Spain), and mixed for 4 min. Final temperature  
101 was kept below 6 °C in all cases. Samples were placed in portions of 50 grams into 20 x 10 cm  
102 plastic bags (75 bags of 50 grams per formulation) resulting in a sample thickness of ~ 6-7 mm,  
103 and were sealed with an air space above the sample. The samples were stored on ice in darkness  
104 for up to 10 days. Samples were analyzed at the beginning of the experiment and then every 24  
105 h (6-7 bags per formulation at each storage time point).

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#### 107 2.4. Proximate analyses

108 For the analysis of moisture content, 5.0 g of minced samples were introduced in an aluminium  
109 sample holder and kept in a forced air draft oven at 105 °C during 24 h until constant weight.  
110 Results were expressed in grams of water per 100 g of sample. Protein determination was done  
111 by the Dumas combustion method in a Leco CNS 2000 instrument (St. Joseph, MI, USA).  
112 Results were expressed in g/100 g protein using 6.25 as protein nitrogen conversion factor  
113 (AOAC 1995). Ash content was determined as described in the AOAC (1995) method, and the  
114 fat content, by Bligh and Dyer (1959). The pH was measured using a Thermo Orion 3star  
115 (Thermo Scientific, Environmental Instruments, Beverly, USA).

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#### 117 2.5. Peroxide value

118 The peroxide value of fish muscle was determined by the ferric thiocyanate method (Chapman  
119 & Mackay, 1949) and was expressed as meq oxygen / kg lipid.

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#### 121 2.6. Conjugated diene and triene hydroperoxides

122 Lipids were extracted from mackerel muscle (Bligh & Dyer, 1959) and the lipid content was  
123 determined gravimetrically in triplicate. Conjugated hydroperoxides were measured from fish  
124 oil samples dissolved in hexane, and absorbance was measured at 234 nm and 268 nm.  
125 Concentrations of hydroperoxides were calculated as mmol of hydroperoxides per kg of oil as  
126 described by Frankel, Huang, Kanner and Bruce-German (1994).

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#### 128 2.7. Volatiles

129 Fish volatiles were analysed by HS-SPME coupled with GC-MS according to Iglesias and  
130 Medina (2008). Briefly, 3 g of fish minced muscle were homogenized for 2 minutes with 8 mL  
131 of ultrapure water saturated in NaCl. The mixture was centrifuged (10 minutes, 2850 xg) and 6  
132 mL of supernatant were exposed to a CAR-PDMS fibre (75µm Carboxen/polydimethylsiloxane  
133 coating (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA) during 30 min at 60 °C. The fibre was then removed from the  
134 vial and inserted into the GC injection port for desorption during 10 min to 300 °C.  
135 Determination of volatiles was performed by the method of internal standards using 3-methyl-3-  
136 buten-1-ol. GC-MS analysis was performed in a Thermo Finnigan ThermoQuest (San Jose, CA)  
137 gas chromatograph equipped with a split/splitless injector and coupled with a Trace quadrupole  
138 mass detector (Thermo Finnigan ThermoQuest, San Jose, CA).

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140 2.8. Surface colour measurements

141 Colour measurements consisted of determining  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  using a CIELab scale (Young &  
142 Whittle, 1985; Park, 1995) where  $L^*$  is the parameter that measures lightness,  $+b^*$  the tendency  
143 towards yellow and  $+a^*$  the tendency towards red. Measurements were done on a Minolta  
144 Chroma Meter model CR-400 colorimeter and were standardized with respect to the white  
145 calibration plate. Measurements were done in raw samples at least in triplicate.

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147 2.9. Mechanical properties

148 Samples were cooked in cylindrical metal capsules of  $30 \pm 1$  mm dia. and  $30 \pm 1$  mm height in a  
149 steam oven (Rational Combi-Master CM6) for 10 min then tempered before measuring. The  
150 instrumental analyses were conducted using a [TA.XTPlus] Texture Analyzer (Texture  
151 Technologies Corp., Scarsdale, NY/Stable Micro Systems, Godalming, Surrey, UK). **Texture**  
152 **profile analysis (TPA)**: Each cylinder was compressed by 50% with a load cell of 25.0 Kg at  
153  $0.8 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$  and a 75 mm dia. cylindrical probe. Hardness, springiness, cohesiveness and  
154 chewiness were measured and defined according to Uresti, López-Arias, González-Cabriales,  
155 Ramirez and Vázquez (2003). **Stress relaxation test**: The samples were compressed by 10%  
156 with a 75 mm dia. cylindrical probe and a load cell of 5.0 Kg at a crosshead speed of  $0.8 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ,  
157 the deformation being kept constant for 600 s. Initial stress ( $\sigma_0$ ) was obtained; relaxation of  
158 stress was monitored as a function of time and the curves were fitted to the Maxwell model with  
159 two exponentials (Mohsenin, 1970):  $\sigma(t) = \sigma_e + \sigma_1 e^{-t/T_1} + \sigma_2 e^{-t/T_2}$ , where  $\sigma(t)$  is the decaying  
160 stress,  $\sigma_e$  is stress at equilibrium ( $t = \infty$ ),  $\sigma_1$ , and  $\sigma_2$  are the decay stress of each exponential, and  
161  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , the relaxation times. For each fitting, starting  $T_i$  and  $\sigma_i$  values included into the  
162 nonlinear regression equation were:  $T_1=200$ ,  $T_2=20$ , and  $\sigma_e, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 = 0.3$  times  $\sigma_0$ . The viscous



163 and elastic moduli ( $\eta_i$  and  $E_i$  respectively) were calculated taking into account that  $T_i = \eta_i/E_i$ , and  
164  $\sigma_i = E_i * \text{Deformation}$ .

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#### 166 2.10. Water binding capacity

167 Samples (3 g) were placed in centrifuge tubes ( $\varnothing=10\text{mm}$ ) along with enough filter paper (2  
168 filter Whatman n°1  $\varnothing=110\text{ mm}$ ). The muscle was centrifuged in a Heraeus Multifuge 3 L-R  
169 centrifuge (Kendro Laboratory Products GmbH, Hanau, Germany) for 15 min at 3000xg at  
170 room temperature. Results were expressed as grams of water retained in the sample per 100 g of  
171 water present in the sample before centrifugation (WBC).

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#### 173 2.11. Sensory analysis

174 A group of four panellists composed by two women (thirty five years) and two men (sixty and  
175 thirty six years old) trained in descriptive analysis of fishy off-flavours sniffed the raw samples  
176 that were used for chemical determinations. Approximately 10 g of muscle was placed in  
177 separate sterile polystyrene Petri dishes and put on a tray of ice. Panellist concentrated on  
178 detecting rancidity/painty odours using a hedonic scale from 8 to  $\leq 1$ , where 8 was the aroma of  
179 absolutely fresh and  $\leq 1$  a putrid aroma (Richards, Kelleher & Hultin, 1998). The odour scores  
180 were: 8: fresh seaweedy, 7: low odour, 6: stale, earthy, 5: sour, fishy, rotting orange, 4: slight  
181 paint, 3: moderate paint, 2: strong paint, 1: putrid/ammonia.

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#### 183 2.12. Statistical analyses

184 Each sample type (formulation) was replicate in two independent storage experiments ( $n=2$ )  
185 using different batches of horse mackerel to confirm results obtained in the first experiment.

186 The samples were analyzed in triplicate (thus,  $a=3$ ) for proximate analyses, conjugated  
187 diene/trienes hydroperoxides, mechanical properties and water binding capacity. PV and  
188 volatiles were performed in duplicate ( $a=2$ ), colour was measured at least in triplicate ( $a=3$ ), and  
189 at least four persons smelled the samples ( $a=4$ ). Assays were carried out on single bags for each  
190 formulation. An average value of the replicate analyses was used in calculations of sample  
191 variation and significance testing.

192 Two way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was done as a function of treatment and storage time.  
193 Then, per each treatment, one-way ANOVA has been performed as a function of time, and per  
194 each storage time, one way ANOVA was done as a function of treatment. The Levene test was  
195 used to check the equality of variances. Where variances were equal, the difference between  
196 means was analyzed by the Bonferroni test. Where equality of variances could not be assumed a  
197 Tamhane T2 test was used. Level of significance was set to  $P<0.05$ . Statistical analyses were  
198 performed with SPSS 15.0 (SPSS Inc, Chicago IL. USA). Values are presented as means  $\pm$   
199 standard deviations (SD).

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### 201 3. Results and Discussion

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#### 203 3.1. Proximate analyses

204 Results of proximate analyses are presented in Table 2. Only slight differences were found in  
205 moisture content between samples with added wheat DF and without, since formulations aimed  
206 at maintaining the final moisture at a similar level. Lower values of protein, lipid, and ash in  
207 WDF and WDFCA, are the consequence of the addition of wheat DF by keeping moisture levels  
208 constant.

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#### 210 3.2. Oxidation

211 All samples showed fresh odour during the first day of storage. However, sensory data  
212 demonstrated that controls and WDF samples developed rancid off-flavours by the second day  
213 of storage at 4°C (sensory scores =4). Samples supplemented with caffeic acid showed no  
214 rancidity during the whole experiment and their sensory scores were round 8 and 7 Therefore,  
215 the sensory results suggest that there was an inhibitory effect on the formation of off-flavours in  
216 samples supplemented with 100 mg/kg of caffeic acid. The sensory results were also consistent  
217 with a reduction in the formation of lipid oxidation by-products. Figure 1 depicts the formation  
218 of peroxides (a) and conjugated dienes (b) in the different formulations for 8 days of chilled  
219 storage. Formation of 1-penten-3-ol, selected as target volatile in horse mackerel muscle  
220 (Iglesias & Medina, 2008), is also shown in Table 3. Less oxidation by-products were formed in  
221 CA than in the CO sample over a period of 10 days. Wheat DF showed a significant prooxidant  
222 effect on MFM that was significantly inhibited in presence of 100 mg/kg of caffeic acid. In CA  
223 and WDFCA samples lipid oxidation was also completely inhibited. The effectiveness of this  
224 natural antioxidant in preventing lipid oxidation has been proved by Medina et al. (2007) in

225 minced chilled horse mackerel. These results show that it is also effective in a more complex  
226 formulation. Additionally, the pattern of volatiles formed demonstrated that samples containing  
227 wheat DF displayed a significant inhibition of the formation of target compounds associated to  
228 microbial spoilage. Therefore, compounds as trimethylamine and 3-hydroxy-2-butanone showed  
229 lower levels in samples WDF and WDFCA than in CO and CA samples (data not shown) .

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### 231 3.3. Colour

232 Colour parameters ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ ,  $b^*$ ) were evaluated to detect whether wheat DF and caffeic acid  
233 addition caused changes in raw samples (Figure 2). Addition of wheat DF (WDF and WDFCA)  
234 increases significantly the value of  $L^*$  in raw samples. This is due to the fact that wheat DF is  
235 white. The addition of caffeic acid slightly lowered the  $L^*$  tendency of samples (CA and  
236 WDFCA). Throughout the chilled storage slightly changes were found in  $L^*$  tendency in  
237 samples (Figure 2).

238 Addition of caffeic acid slightly lowered the value of  $a^*$  (shift towards red) in raw samples at  
239 the beginning of the study (Figure 2). During storage, no significant changes in the redness  
240 values of samples with caffeic acid added (CA and WDFCA) were observed, while this  
241 parameter decreased significantly in the samples without this natural antioxidant. Samples CO  
242 and WDF decreased after 9 days from 7.6 to 2.6 and 7.8 to 1.2 respectively. The highest  
243 decrease in the control sample was observed at day 5 (42% of decrease in  $a^*$  value) and in the  
244 case of the WDF sample the highest decrease was found at day 2 (60% of decrease). This  
245 decrease of redness in raw control sample could be related to haemoglobin oxidation and a build  
246 up of brownish met-Hemoglobin (Wetterskog & Undeland, 2004). Decreases in  $a^*$  have been  
247 proposed as an indirect mean of following Hb-mediated lipid oxidation in fish muscle  
248 (Undeland, Ekstrand & Lingnert, 1998). This is especially important for species like horse

249 mackerel whose muscle contains large amounts of haemoglobin, a well-known activator of lipid  
250 oxidation (Richards & Hultin, 2000; Richards, Modra & Li, 2002; Undeland, Hultin &  
251 Richards, 2002; Undeland et al., 1998). These results are consistent with those obtained in lipid  
252 oxidation measurements in which an inhibitory effect of samples supplemented with caffeic acid  
253 was detected, reducing oxidation of haemoglobin and the amount of lipid peroxidation products.  
254 Yellowness increased significantly in raw samples when wheat DF was added (Figure 2) with  
255 and without caffeic acid. The  $b^*$  values increased significantly during chilled storage in samples  
256 without caffeic acid added (CO and WDF); this could be connected with losses of redness given  
257 that oxygenated heme proteins produce a bright colour while oxidized pigments are brown  
258 (meat heme proteins) Fish samples having high oxidative deterioration could also show  
259 yellowness through the formation of tertiary lipid oxidation by-products resulting from  
260 interaction of carbonyls and amino groups of muscle proteins or peptides (Pokorny and  
261 Kołakowska, 2003). Considering the scarce oxidation of samples containing wheat DF plus  
262 caffeic acid (Figure 1, Table 3), the yellowness found cannot be attributed to the formation of  
263 these interaction products.

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### 265 3.4. Mechanical properties

266 Results obtained from the **TPA** are shown in tables 4 and 5. No major changes were observed in  
267 the control as a consequence of storage. On the other hand, significant differences between  
268 treatments were observed. The inclusion of wheat DF either in the presence or absence of  
269 caffeic acid significantly lowered the hardness, springiness, and chewiness values as compared  
270 with the samples with no wheat DF added. This may be a consequence of substituting fish  
271 muscle by wheat DF, since the formulation was performed at constant moisture. These results  
272 are in agreement with those obtained previously when 3g/100g and 6g/100g of wheat DF were

273 added to horse mackerel (*Trachurus trachurus*) and hake (*Merluccius capensis*) minced samples  
274 (Sánchez-Alonso et al., 2007a). However, no differences were found in cohesiveness between  
275 samples (Table 4). In addition, wheat DF containing samples (WDF and WDFCA) showed  
276 significant increases in hardness and chewiness along storage (Table 4 and 5). No significant  
277 differences were found on TPA parameters when only caffeic acid was added to minced fish  
278 muscle. Thus, it seems that caffeic acid does not affect significantly the TPA parameters of the  
279 restructured fish muscle.

280 Studies made on frozen fish fillets have shown no any effect of caffeic acid on myofibrillar  
281 protein aggregation/denaturation or water holding capacity in frozen fish muscle (Medina et al.,  
282 2009). Such protein modifications largely affect texture of fish muscle. Recent results have also  
283 indicated that phenolic compounds as chlorogenic and caffeic acids can enhance their  
284 antioxidant capacities through phenol-protein interaction in foods (Tsai & She, 2006). These  
285 compounds have been also reported to affect the heat denaturation of globular proteins  
286 incrementing food stability (O'Connell & Fox, 1999).

287 **Stress relaxation.** Two-way analysis of variance showed significant differences among  
288 treatments. The data from time 0 are shown in Figure 3. Control samples, have the highest stress  
289 relaxation parameters, and those with wheat DF the lowest, with medium values for CA  
290 samples. This trend is similar to the one found in TPA. In combination, results indicate that  
291 caffeic acid may alter texture and rheology of minced horse mackerel, and suggests that they  
292 should be monitored alongside oxidation parameters.

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### 294 3.5. Water Binding Capacity (WBC)

295 The inclusion of wheat DF lowered significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) the water binding capacity of raw  
296 samples regardless the addition of caffeic acid (Figure 4). A decrease in WBC in minced fish

297 muscle with added wheat DF has been reported previously (Sánchez-Alonso et al., 2007a). The  
298 presence of caffeic acid does not affect the water binding capacity of the formulations since no  
299 significant differences were found when comparing CO vs CA or WDF vs WDFCA (Figure 4).  
300 No differences in the trends were found at the end of the storage (day 9).

301 The results could be explained as follows: on the one hand, the formulations are done in  
302 conditions of substitution of mince by wheat DF, thus keeping the moisture constant. Wheat DF  
303 has very high water retention properties, ranging between 7-8 g water/g DF (Sánchez-Alonso et  
304 al. 2007c), but the ratio of free to entrapped water in wheat DF suspensions at 75 g/100g  
305 moisture, is much higher than this ratio for the fish muscle at this moisture (Low Field NMR  
306 results, not shown). Andersen and Jorgensen (2004) found that a centrifuged mince as  
307 performed in WBC, contained both entrapped and free water, but with a higher proportion of the  
308 former. So the substitution of mince by wheat DF implies a lower WBC in wheat DF containing  
309 formulations, due to the fact that there is an enrichment of free water in those samples.

310 Also, wheat DF may retire water from the muscle and cause a lower local moisture and partial  
311 denaturation of the muscle proteins, contributing to the total WBC loss in these samples, as has  
312 been observed in other systems such as *surimi* gels enriched in wheat DF (Sánchez-González et  
313 al., 2009). This lower local moisture in the mince would also explain the effect of the wheat DF  
314 on lipid oxidation and microbial growth, which are influenced by a decrease on water activity  
315 (proportion of water available for biological and chemical reactions). The rate of lipid oxidation  
316 would increase due to the resulting major concentration of solutes (Frankel, 1998).  
317 Nevertheless, this oxidation was inhibited when caffeic acid was added to samples with added  
318 wheat DF (WDFCA).

319 There were no differences in cooking loss among samples. WBC values were in general lower  
320 than the uncooked ones for the samples with no wheat DF added, and the effect of this

321 ingredient was much less evident than in raw samples (Figure 4). These trends were similar at  
322 the beginning and end of the storage time. The lower values in the cooked, non wheat DF  
323 containing samples can be explained in terms of protein denaturation and as a consequence, a  
324 change of bound to free water. In wheat DF formulations, the free water released during heating  
325 by the muscle would be trapped by the wheat DF, thus explaining the low WBC losses in these  
326 formulations.

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#### 328 **4. Conclusions**

329 Wheat dietary fibre added to horse mackerel minced muscle showed a certain prooxidant effect,  
330 whereas the addition of caffeic acid to wheat DF containing formulations, lead to a significant  
331 inhibition of lipid oxidation during the whole storage period. Water retention properties are  
332 consistent with the previously published decreasing effect of wheat dietary fibre on the water  
333 binding capacity of minced fish muscle, and caffeic acid did not modify these properties. These  
334 results are very interesting since they prove that caffeic acid can be used successfully as a  
335 natural antioxidant in horse mackerel minced muscle with wheat DF added and could be used  
336 together with wheat DF in the design of new minced fish restructured products.

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455 **Figure Captions**

456 Figure 1. Formation of peroxides (left) and conjugated dienes (right) in minced fish muscle  
457 (named CO, ◆), minced fish muscle plus caffeic acid (named CA, ■), minced fish muscle plus  
458 wheat dietary fibre (named WDF, X), and minced fish muscle plus wheat dietary fibre and  
459 caffeic acid (named WDFCA, ▲). Samples were stored on ice and in darkness. The points in  
460 the graphs are the average value of the replicate analyses (a=2 for PV and a=3 for conjugated  
461 dienes). Error bars illustrate the standard deviation of measurements.

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463 Figure 2. Changes in colour measurements in minced fish muscle (named CO, ◆), minced fish  
464 muscle plus caffeic acid (named CA, ■), minced fish muscle plus wheat dietary fibre (named  
465 WDF, X), and minced fish muscle plus wheat dietary fibre and caffeic acid (named WDFCA,  
466 ▲). Samples were stored on ice and in darkness. The points in the graphs are the average value  
467 of the replicate analyses (at least a=3). Error bars illustrate the standard deviation of  
468 measurements.

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471 Figure 3. Stress relaxation parameters at time 0. The parameters are: stress (kPa), elastic moduli  
472 ( $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_0$ , kPa), viscous moduli ( $\eta_1 \cdot 100$ ,  $\eta_2 \cdot 10$ , kPa.s), and relaxation times ( $T_1 \cdot 10$ ,  $T_2$ , s)  
473 in minced fish muscle (named CO, black), minced fish muscle plus caffeic acid (named CA,  
474 grey), minced fish muscle plus wheat dietary fibre (named WDF, dotted), and minced fish  
475 muscle plus wheat dietary fibre and caffeic acid (named WDFCA, striped). Samples were stored  
476 on ice and in darkness. The points in the graphs are the average value of the replicate analyses  
477 (a=3). Error bars illustrate the standard deviation of measurements.

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479 Figure 4. Changes in water binding capacity (WBC, g/100g) of crude (left) and cooked samples  
480 (right) in minced fish muscle (named CO, black), minced fish muscle plus caffeic acid (named  
481 CA, grey), minced fish muscle plus wheat dietary fibre (named WDF, dotted), and minced fish  
482 muscle plus wheat dietary fibre and caffeic acid (named WDFCA, striped). Samples were stored  
483 on ice and in darkness. The points in the graphs are the average value of the replicate analyses  
484 (a=3). Different letters indicate significant time differences ( $P<0.05$ ) for each sample. Different  
485 numbers at the same day of storage indicate significant differences between samples.  
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