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## The effect of thermal treatment of hazelnuts on cold-pressed oil and biscuits properties

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Hazelnut oil is a high-value nutritional product, especially the one obtained by cold pressing. But it can undergo oxidative and thermo-oxidative changes due to its characteristic chemical composition, especially the presence of unsaturated fatty acidsacids. In this research, the influence of thermal treatment on the quality of coldpressed oil and biscuits with this oil was examined. Hazelnut kernels were exposed to the following thermal treatment: 180 °C during 24 minutes. Hazelnut oils were obtained by laboratory screw press at a temperature lower than 50 °C (OP650W, Gorenie, Slovenia). Changes in hazelnut oil were determined by analyzing the following quality parameters:. content of water and volatile matter (gravimetricaly), refractive index (Abbe refractometer, A.KRÜSS, Germany), acid and peroxide values (volumetrically), specific absorbance and appearance of the UV-Vis spectrum (Carv 3000, Agilent, USA). Thermal treatment did not affect the content of water and volatile matter in the oil (for fresh and thermally treated hazelnut oil it was same value 0.04%) and the peroxide value (in both case it was 0 mmol O<sub>2</sub>/kg oil). On the other hand, thermal treatment affected the deterioration of the other quality parameters of cold-pressed hazelnut oil. The value of the refractive index decreased in thermally treated hazelnut oil from 1.4655 to 1.4644. There was an increase in the value of specific absorbances. Increases in specific absorbance in thermally treated hazelnut oil are an indicator of the presence of primary and secondary oxidation products. Also the appearance of the spectra indicated certain oxidative changes.

In contrast, the analysis of the sensory properties showed that the cold-pressed oil obtained from thermally treated hazelnuts, which received a maximum of 20 points, was a preferable option. The same applies for buiscuits made from cold-pressed oil of thermally treated raw material, which proved to be very effective, with 18.08 points. All quality parameters of cold-pressed hazelnut oils in accordance with the regulations, regardless of the application of heat treatment and observed changes.

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