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THE EFFECT OF THE USE OF CRUDE SOYBEAN IN THE FINAL MIXTURES FOR BROILER CHICKEN ON CHEMICAL AND AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF MEAT

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Abstract

The aim of this study was to determine the effects of using different varieties and levels of participation of raw soybeans in the final mixtures for broiler chickens on chemical and amino acid composition of dark and white meat. The research was conducted at the experimental farm of the Institute for Animal Husbandry in Zemun using Hubbard F15 heavy line hybrid broilers. A total of 2000 one-day broilers were distributed in 40 equal boxes reared on deep litter (50 chickens per box, 4 boxes replicates per treatment diet). Chickens in all groups had uniform requirements in terms of population density, food area, temperature and light. Until the age of 35 days all birds in the experiment were fed the same diets. The study was carried out on chickens at the age of 35-42 days, according to the principle of two-factorial trial 2 x 5 (2 varieties of domestic varieties x 5 levels of participation of raw grains in the mixture) with a total of 10 treatments. At the end of the experiment, 6 broilers per each tested treatment and gender were randomly selected, a total of 120 chickens, from which the sample of breasts and thigh muscle tissue was taken after the slaughter in order to determine the quality of the meat. It was established that increased concentration of trypsin inhibitor in the final mixtures for chicken had no negative impact on the quality of meat (basic chemical and amino acid composition of dark and white meat).

Key words: *nutrition, soybean, trypsin inhibitors, broiler chicken, chemical and amino acid composition of meat*

Introduction

The nutrition of broilers, in addition to genetics, is the most important factor that can influence the chemical composition of chicken meat. The soybean in chicken diet is the number one protein component and is valuable feed in terms of amino acid composition (*Tan Wilson et al., 1987; Kho and Lumen, 1988*). In comparison with grains and leguminous species, soybean has the highest percentage of proteins (on average of about 38%, with 2.1 to 2.5% lysine). The nutritional value of raw soybean is reduced by the presence of numerous anti-nutritive substances such as trypsin inhibitors (TI) (*Palacios et al., 2004*) and lectins (*Douglas et al., 1999*). The nutritional value of soybean can be increase by proper heat treatment and deactivation of anti-nutritional factors which are mainly proteins, but this procedure also increases its price.

Selection/breeding work has resulted in soybean varieties with reduced content of certain anti-nutritional substances. Variety Lana was developed by *Srebrić and Perić (2008)* as a result of domestic soybean breeding program aimed at reducing the activity of TI. Variety Lana has a lower TI level by 50% compared to conventional soybean varieties. The use of raw soybeans (especially varieties with reduced TI content) influences primarily the reduction of feeding costs and improves the economy of broiler production.

Comparing the nutritional value of soybeans with lower TI level in the diet of broiler chickens, *Petričević et al. (2015)* have found better production results compared to soybeans with standard level of TI, however no significant differences in the quality of the carcasses were identified. Comparing raw and heat-treated soybeans, *Beuković et al. (2012)* have established better quality of chicken carcass, expressed by dressing percentages, in chickens fed heat-treated soybeans. *Petričević et al. (2016)* have determined that the increased levels of raw soybeans in the final mixtures for broiler chickens hinder the utilization of protein in the ration, resulting in weaker development of the most valuable parts of the carcass, primarily the breast.

The aim of this research was to investigate the effects of replacing a part of heat processed soybean of standard variety "Lydia" and variety with reduced TI content "Lana" with raw soybean grains in the final mixtures for broiler chickens on chemical and amino acid composition of dark and white meat.

Materials and methods

The research was conducted at the experimental farm of the Institute for Animal Husbandry in Zemun municipality (Belgrade, Serbia) using Hubbard F15 heavy line hybrid broilers. In the final mixtures for broilers two local varieties were used, variety "Lana" with reduced TI level and variety "Lydia" with standard TI level, extruded and raw (Table 1).

Table 1. Level of trypsin inhibitor in soybean

| Treatment | Raw soybean | | Heat-treated (extruded) soybean | |
|-----------|-------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Variety | Lana | Lydia | Lana | Lydia |
| TI (mg/g) | 17.71 | 36.74 | 4.38 | 14.03 |

A total of 2000 one-day broilers were distributed in 40 equal boxes reared on deep litter (50 chickens per box, 4 boxes replicates per treatment diet). Chickens in all groups had uniform requirements in terms of population density, food area, temperature and light. Until the age of 35 days all birds in the experiment were fed the same diets. Finisher as the final mixture contained 17.5% crude protein and 13.2 MJ/kg metabolic energy in all experimental groups, it was available to broiler chickens from 35 to 42 days and differed for all the tested treatments in regard to soybean varieties and the participation of the heat-treated and the raw soybean. (Table 2).

Effect of different levels of raw soybeans in diets was determined in a two-factorial trial 2 x 5 (2 varieties of soybean x 5 levels of participation of raw grains in the mixture) with 10 dietary treatments.

Table 2. Trial design/plan and extruded and raw soybean ratio in the final mixtures

| Treatment | Broilers | % of soybean in the diet (Extruded : Raw) | Soy bean ratio % (Extruded : Raw) |
|-------------------|----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Lana - 0% (K) | 200 | 20% (20% : 0%) | 100/0 |
| Lana - 5% (I) | 200 | 20% (15% : 5%) | 75/25 |
| Lana - 10% (II) | 200 | 20% (10% : 10%) | 50/50 |
| Lana - 15% (III) | 200 | 20% (5% : 15%) | 25/75 |
| Lana - 20% (IV) | 200 | 20% (0% : 20%) | 0/100 |
| Lydia - 0% (K) | 200 | 20% (20% : 0%) | 100/0 |
| Lydia - 5% (I) | 200 | 20% (15% : 5%) | 75/25 |
| Lydia - 10% (II) | 200 | 20% (10% : 10%) | 50/50 |
| Lydia - 15% (III) | 200 | 20% (5% : 15%) | 25/75 |
| Lydia - 20% (IV) | 200 | 20% (0% : 20%) | 0/100 |

At the end of the experiment, broilers were selected randomly, 6 for each test treatment and gender - total of 120 chickens, from which post-slaughter samples of breast and thigh muscle tissue were taken in order to determine the chemical and amino acid composition of meat. The basic chemical and amino acid composition samples of white and dark meat was determined:

- Moisture content was determined according to standard SRPS ISO 1442/1998;
- The content of free fat was determined according to standard SRPS ISO 1444/1998;
- Content of total ash was determined according to standard SRPS ISO 936/1999;
- The nitrogen content was determined according to standard SRPS ISO 937/1992 and protein content according to the following formula: CP (%) = N (%) x 6.25;
- The amino acid composition was determined by HPLC (IC with electrochemical detector).

The software package STATISTICA Version 6 (StatSoftInc.) was used in the statistical analysis.

Results and discussion

Table 1 shows data on the basic chemical composition of dark and white meat of broiler chickens of both genders.

Table 3. Chemical composition of chicken meat (%)

| Treatment | Dark meat | | | | White meat | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|------------|-------|-------|---------|
| | Water | Fat | Ash | Protein | Water | Fat | Ash | Protein |
| Soybean variety | | | | | | | | |
| Lana | 76.41 | 2.58 | 1.09 | 20.32 | 75.04 | 0.69 | 1.17 | 23.07 |
| Lydia | 76.15 | 2.63 | 1.11 | 19.90 | 75.29 | 0.68 | 1.16 | 23.17 |
| Level of raw soybean, % | | | | | | | | |
| 0 (K) | 75.52 | 2.71 | 1.09 | 20.52 | 74.85 | 0.54 | 1.18 | 24.16 |
| 5 (I) | 77.43 | 2.38 | 1.09 | 20.15 | 75.25 | 0.68 | 1.15 | 22.92 |
| 10 (II) | 76.07 | 2.74 | 1.08 | 19.68 | 75.30 | 0.70 | 1.16 | 22.81 |
| 15 (III) | 76.14 | 2.74 | 1.10 | 20.00 | 75.10 | 0.74 | 1.16 | 22.99 |
| 20 (IV) | 76.25 | 2.45 | 1.12 | 20.21 | 75.32 | 0.77 | 1.16 | 22.73 |
| p value | | | | | | | | |
| Soybean variety | 0.571 | 0.749 | 0.381 | 0.056 | 0.075 | 0.855 | 0.386 | 0.783 |
| Level of raw soybean | 0.129 | 0.338 | 0.675 | 0.180 | 0.181 | 0.143 | 0.740 | 0.078 |
| Variety x Level | 0.237 | 0.118 | 0.984 | 0.709 | 0.406 | 0.499 | 0.609 | 0.683 |

Statistical analysis of the data obtained for the chemical composition of dark and white meat of broiler chickens of both genders showed absence of significant differences under the

influence of investigated factors ($p>0.05$). The use of raw soybean with reduced TI levels in mixtures for broilers did not affect the significant changes in the content of water, fat, ash and protein in the dark and white meat compared to soybean of variety Lydia. Increasing the level of raw soybeans in the final mixture did not cause poorer quality of meat. Also, the interaction of investigated factors did not influence the chemical composition of meat.

The quality of chicken meat is determined by sensory properties and nutritional value i.e. chemical composition (water content, protein, minerals and fats). The favourable chemical composition, high content of protein with low fat content, is what makes the chicken meat very desirable food of animal origin (*Kralik et al., 2007*). The chemical composition of poultry meat, in addition to diet, can be influenced by other factors: genotype, age, gender (*Ristić et al., 2008*). In the literature, there are few results that are directly related to the impact of increased TI concentrations on the chemical composition of chicken meat. Similar to our results, *Sardary (2009)* have found no statistically significant differences in the chemical composition of dark and white meat of chickens fed diets with different amounts of heat-treated whole soybean and raw soybean. *Marcu et al. (2009)* and *Haščik et al. (2011)* have found a slightly higher water content and lower content of fat in the breast meat as compared to our results. *Lonergan et al. (2003)* suggest that breast meat contains 24.02% protein, 73.42% water and 1.08% fat. *Ristić (2007)* point out that the protein content of the breast meat is by 3.5% higher than in the thigh meat, which is consistent with our results.

Data for the amino acid composition of chicken meat of broilers of both genders under the influence of tested factors are shown in Table 2. The contents of valine, leucine, lysine and tryptophan in dark and white meat are determined.

Table 4. Amino acid composition of chicken meat (%)

| Treatment | Dark meat | | | | White meat | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | Valine | Leucine | Tryptoph. | Lysine | Valine | Leucine | Tryptoph. | Lysine |
| Soybean variety | | | | | | | | |
| Lana | 1.04 | 1.59 | 0.24 | 1.81 | 1.03 | 1.57 | 0.24 | 1.80 |
| Lydia | 1.05 | 1.61 | 0.25 | 1.81 | 1.04 | 1.59 | 0.24 | 1.81 |
| Level of raw soybean, % | | | | | | | | |
| 0 (K) | 1.04 | 1.59 | 0.25 | 1.81 | 1.06 | 1.61 | 0.25 | 1.82 |
| 5 (I) | 1.03 | 1.61 | 0.25 | 1.82 | 1.03 | 1.57 | 0.25 | 1.82 |
| 10 (II) | 1.05 | 1.61 | 0.26 | 1.82 | 1.05 | 1.60 | 0.23 | 1.80 |
| 15 (III) | 1.06 | 1.58 | 0.24 | 1.82 | 1.01 | 1.55 | 0.23 | 1.78 |
| 20 (IV) | 1.06 | 1.62 | 0.25 | 1.82 | 1.05 | 1.57 | 0.25 | 1.81 |
| p value | | | | | | | | |
| Soybean variety | 0.461 | 0.530 | 0.451 | 0.756 | 0.373 | 0.353 | 0.516 | 0.564 |
| Level of raw soybean | 0.339 | 0.438 | 0.275 | 0.346 | 0.292 | 0.148 | 0.370 | 0.194 |
| Variety x Level | 0.185 | 0.218 | 0.382 | 0.619 | 0.152 | 0.254 | 0.339 | 0.484 |

The analysis of the data reveals that the soybean variety and different levels of soybean grain in chicken final mixtures exerted no statistically significant impact on the amino acid composition of dark and white meat ($p>0.05$). It was also determined that the interaction effect of studied factors had no significant effect on the content of valine, leucine, tryptophan and lysine in the dark and white meat.

The chicken meat is a rich source of biologically valuable protein, essential amino acids, minerals and vitamins in the human consumption. Compared to other types of meat chicken meat represents a significant source of essential polyunsaturated fatty acids, especially omega-3 (*Losso, 2002*).

Conclusions

Based on the results of the study of the individual impact of the variety and level of participation of raw soybeans and interactive influence of both factors in the diet of broiler chickens aged from 35 to 42 days, it can be concluded that the increased concentration of trypsin inhibitors in the final mixtures for chickens had no negative impact on the quality of chicken meat. The use of soybean of variety Lana did not influence ($p>0.05$) achieving of more favourable chemical and amino acid composition of dark and white meat compared to soybean with a standard TI level. The 20% of raw soybean grains in mixtures did not cause poor results of the tested parameters of chicken meat quality in relation to groups with lower participation and without the raw soybeans ($p>0.05$).

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