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Preparation and Evaluation of Healthy Crackers by Using Flour Mixes of Different Types of Cereal

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to produce healthy crackers by using mixes of wheat flour 72% extraction (W.F) with flour of grains (whole meal) such as maize flour (M.F), naked barley flour (B.F), quinoa flour (Q.F) and proso millet flour (P.F). Results showed that Q.F was highest in protein, fat and ash. While P.F records a high percentage of crude fiber. Barley Flour showed the highest content in phosphorous. P.F showed the highest content in sodium and zinc. Beta-carotene was highest in M.F, while thiamine was highest content in P.M. Barley Flour is highest in niacin and quinoa flour recorded highest content in vitamin E, also it recorded the highest percentage of total essential amino acids, followed by M.F. The results showed that B.F was highest in antioxidants, while total phenols were highest in Q.F and M.F was higher in total flavonoids content. Crackers made from the first mixture were the highest content of crude protein, fat, ash, carbohydrates and mineral (calcium, iron, potassium and magnesium), while the crackers of the second mixture were the highest content of vitamin B1 and B3. The content of beta-carotene was the highest in the third mixture, while crackers of the fourth mixture were higher in riboflavin and ascorbic acid content compared to control crackers. All types of crackers were the highest in contribute of most of Recommended Dietary Allowances for a studied previous nutrient for children compared with control crackers. So it could be recommended to use investigated grains in bakery products to obtain healthy bakery products.

Keywords: crackers, maize flour, naked barley flour, quinoa flour and proso millet flour nutritional value.

INTRODUCTION

Recently functional food sciences have a great responsibility for improving health status in developed countries. On the other hand, people around the world looking for how to become healthier to avoid the increasing in healthcare costs and rising the average life expectancy (Martirosyan and Singh, 2015).

Phytochemicals are biologically active and naturally occurring chemical compounds found in plants. The most common phytochemicals are the polyphenolic which consist of flavonoids and phenolic acids (Puupponen-Pimiä *et al.*, 2005). Bioactive compounds are essential and nonessential compounds e.g., vitamins or polyphenols, which occur in nature, are considered as a part of the food chain and can be shown to have an effect on human health (Biesiekierski *et al.*, 2013). Nature has been a source of medicinal treatments for thousands of years, functional foods continue to play an essential role in the primary health care of 80% of the world's under developed and developing countries (Eidi *et al.*, 2007).

Humans currently derive 30% to 70% of their daily energy from cereal-based foods, indicating that innovation of grain or grain like functional foods plays a role in the conversion of agricultural crops to consumables (Poutanen *et al.*, 2014). The increased interest in cereals has coincided with an increase in the prevalence of obesity and increases in chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, cardiovascular disease and other diseases (Fung *et al.*, 2002 and Truswell, 2002). Studies have shown dietary fiber to have many health benefits. As cereals is an excellent source of dietary fiber and in particular the functional food ingredient

beta-glucan, consumers have become more inclined to increase their utilization of cereals as a source of food. The reviews studied showed that the use of barley and maize beta-glucan in foods and the potential scope for their increased use in foods in the future (Sullivan *et al.*, 2010).

The edible seeds of quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.), are small, round and flat. Seed colors can range from white to grey and black, or can be yellow and red. Because of its high nutritional characteristics, United Nations General Assembly has therefore declared 2013 that quinoa is a rich source of protein (12-16.5%) with protein quality equivalent to that of casein. In addition to quinoa is gluten free rich in bioactive compounds like antioxidants, polyphenols, flavonoids, vitamins and minerals that impart various health benefiting characteristics to this grain. Moreover products prepared with different processing techniques have various health benefits and to be effective in cases of obesity, cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, and celiac disease (Vega-Galvez *et al.*, 2010 and Srujana *et al.*, 2019).

Corn seeds (*Zea Mays*) are used as a nutritional source for humans. All parts of corn plant are good source of a variety of bioactive phytochemical compounds which possess antioxidant potential. The principal phytochemicals present in corn seed and corn silk include polyphenols, phenolic acids, flavonoids, anthocyanins, glycosides, carotenoids, and polysaccharides of biological importance, reducing compounds and some water-soluble vitamins. The presence of these phytochemicals makes corn a medicinal plant which shows various biological activities particularly the antioxidant, antimicrobial, antidiabetic, anti-obesity, antiproliferative,

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hepatoprotective, cardioprotective and renal-protective activities. On the account of its high antioxidant potential, all parts of corn plant can be used for the management of oxidative stress and the treatment of various diseases (Nawaz et al., 2018).

Barley grains (*Hordeum vulgare*, L) contain much greater amounts of phenolic compounds (0.2–0.4%) than other cereal grains. The main flavanols found are the catechins, procyanidin B3, and prodelphinidin B3. From analysis of sixteen varieties of barley, the total amount of flavanols ranged from 325 to 527 µg/g of fresh weight of barley flour, with no associations between proanthocyanidin levels and different barley types (Holtekjolen et al., 2006). Barley contains relatively high concentrations of the mixed-linkage (1-3) (1-4) β-D glucans (β-glucan). Although β-glucan occurs in all cereals, its concentration is highest in oats and barley with values ranging from 2% - 16% (Wood, 2007). The barley and other cereal, rich in functional ingredients are gaining popularity amongst those who are accustomed to softer cereals like wheat and rice because of the presence of dietary fiber, beneficial in various degenerative diseases (Dewettinck et al., 2008).

Proso millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) is the oldest cultivated millet crop and is often cultivated in harsh conditions as an alternative to maize because of their better adaptability to arid and barren lands than most other crops. It is superior to rice and wheat, because it provides protein, mineral and vitamins to the poor where the need for such nutrients is in high demand (Taylor and Emmambux, 2008). Proso millet is rich in nutraceuticals like dietary fiber, omega-3 fatty acids, phenolics, and flavonoids which play a potential role in treatment of degenerative diseases and metabolic disorder by improving cholesterol metabolism, preventing the oxidative damage of body tissues and DNA as well as in the regulation of blood sugar (Thathola et al., 2011 and Bora et al., 2018). Phytochemicals from proso millets have increased interest due to their antioxidant, antimicrobial and anti-carcinogenic effects as well as other potential health benefits (Awika et al., 2003 and Kim et al., 2010).

The aim of this study is to formulate novel crackers by using flour mixes of different types of cereal to enriched products, besides having good nutritive value, show new dimensions of health benefits.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials:-

-Wheat flour 72 % extraction rate (*Triticum aestivum*, L.) was obtained from the North Cairo Flour Mills Company, Egypt.

-Hull-less (naked) barley grains (*Hordeum vulgare*, L) variety "Giza 126" was obtained from Crops Research Institute, Agric. Research, Center, Giza, Egypt. They were milled using Hummer mill to obtain whole meal flour.

-Quinoa seeds (*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.), was obtained from Crop Intensification Research Department (CIRD), Field Crops Research Institute (FCRI), Agricultural Research Center (ARC) as a novel crop for agriculture in Egypt.

-Millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) and Maize flour (*Zea Mays*) were obtained from Crops Research Institute, Agric. Research, Center, Kafr-Elsheikh, Egypt.

- Other materials: Salt, sugar, dry yeast, were purchased from local market Kafer El-Shakh city, Egypt.

Methods:-

Preparation of quinoa and hull-less barley flour:

Quinoa flour was prepared according to Al- Shehry (2016). Quinoa seeds were cleaned and washed many times with cold water to remove saponine until there was no more foam in the washing water and then dried on a plate in an air oven at 50°C. The dried seeds were ground to fine powder in an electric grinder stainless using laboratorial disc mill into flour that could pass through a 60mesh screen. Also hull-less barley were milled using Hummer mill to pass through a 60 mesh sieve to obtain whole milled flour. Fine quinoa flour and barley whole milled flour were packaged into polyethylene bags and stored in deep freezer (-18°C) until using.

Preparation of proso millet:

Millet seeds were cleaned and separated from the aromatic skin, then blended to reduce the size. Millet flour then sieved with 80 mesh sieve (Anandito et al., 2019). Then whole milled flour proso millet was packaged into polyethylene bags and stored at -18°C until using.

Preparation of maize flour:

The maize was cleaned from extraneous particles, flour was obtained by sieving through a 250 mm laboratory test sieve after sorting to remove foreign matters and broken grains were winnowed, milled into flour using attrition mill and sieved using 250 mm laboratory test sieve to obtain fine flour. The flours were packaged into polyethylene bags and stored at -18°C until using (Gebrezgi, 2019).

Treatments:

Pretest experiment has been carried out to determine the best mix ratio of suggested raw materials are chosen for this study as shown following in Table (A).

Table A. The blends used for preparing crackers.

Treat.	Blends composition		
Control	100 %	Wheat flour 72% extraction rates	W
Single mixes	1	30 % wheat flour +70% barley flour.	B
	2	30 % wheat flour +70% quinoa flour.	Q
	3	30 % wheat flour +70% proso millet flour.	P
	4	30 % wheat flour +70% maize flour.	M
Duple mixes	5	30 % wheat flour +35% maize flour + 35% barley flour.	MB
	6	30 % wheat flour +35% quinoa flour + 35% barley flour.	QB
	7	30 % wheat flour +35% maize flour + 35% quinoa flour.	MQ
	8	30 % wheat flour +35% proso millet flour + 35% barley flour.	PB
	9	30 % wheat flour +35% proso millet flour + 35% maize flour.	PM
	10	30 % wheat flour +35% proso millet flour + 35% quinoa flour.	PQ
Multi mixes	11	30 % wheat flour+20% barley flour +25% maize flour+ 25% proso millet flour.	T1
	12	30 % wheat flour + 20% maize flour + 25% barley flour+ 25% proso millet flour.	T2
	13	30 % wheat flour +20% quinoa flour + 25% barley flour+ 25% proso millet flour.	T3
	14	30 % wheat flour + 20% proso millet flour +25% barley flour + 25% quinoa flour.	T4
	15	20 % wheat flour +20% barley flour +20% maize flour+ 20% proso millet flour + 20% quinoa flour.	T5

Preparation of crackers:

Crackers were made according to the method described in Bose and Shams-Ud-Din (2010). Basic formulations used for preparation of crackers are outlined in Table (B). The pre weighted ingredients (flour, powder milk, salt, lemon salt, baking powder) were mixed. Corn oil was added into the dry ingredients. Water was added accurately to form smooth dough, and the resulted dough was let to rest for 5 min. The dough kneaded and rolled to a uniform thickness of 3 mm. The crackers were cut out. Then the crackers were baked at 200°C for 10-15 minutes and cooled at room temperature for about 1 hr. before sensory evaluation.

Table B. The basic formula used in the preparation of crackers was followed as:

Ingredients	Quantity(g)
Flour	100
Powder milk	1
Corn oil	10
Salt	2
Lemon salt	0.4
Baking powder	3

Sensory evaluation of crackers:

Crackers produced using suggested blends were evaluated for their sensory characteristics by ten panelists from the staff of Bread and Pastry, Research Dep., Agr. Res. Center, Giza. The scoring scheme was established as mentioned by Omobuwajo (2003) as follows; taste (10), color of crust (10), flavor (10) Crispness (10), general appearance (10). The overall score 50 degrees.

Chemical analysis:

-Moisture, protein, ether extract and ash content were determined according to the method described in A.O.A.C (2012).

-Crude fiber content was determined as described by Kirk and Sawyer (1991).

-Available carbohydrates content of sample was calculated by difference as mentioned by Fraser and Holmes (1959).

Available Carbohydrates (on dry weight basis) = 100 – (% Protein + % Fat + % Ash + % Crude fiber).

The energy value of cracker was calculated according to Lawrence (1965) using the following equation:

Total energy (K.cal/100g) = 4 (% carbohydrate + % protein) + 9 % fat

-Minerals content, i.e., Fe, Zn, Ca, and Mg were determined by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (Model 3300, Perkin Elmer, England) (Lanyon and Healed, 1982).

-Phosphorus content was determined by ascorbic acid technique using the colorimetric method that described by Murphy and Riley (1962). Potassium and sodium contents of samples were estimated using flame photometer as given by Pearson (1976).

-Vitamins content: Thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, ascorbic acid, β-carotene and tocopherol contents of dry samples were determined using High Performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Model 7300 Beckman, according to the method described in A.O.A.C (2012) at Central Laboratory for Food and Feed, Agric. Res. Center, Egypt.

-Amino acids content were determined according to the method of Sadasivam and Manickam (1992) by using Amino Acid Analyzer (Beckman Amino Acid Analyzer, Model 119 CL). Tyrtophan content of samples was

determined calorimetrically in the alkalin hydrolyzate following the method of Miller (1967).

-Total flavonoids in sample extracts were determined according to the method described by Zhishen *et al.* (1999).

-The antioxidant activity of samples was determined by the 2, 2'-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) according to the method described by Brand-Williams *et al.* (1995).

-Total phenolic content in sample extracts was determined according to the method described by Mazza *et al.* (1999), with some modifications as described by Radovanovic and Radovanovic (2010).

- Recommended dietary allowances % (RDA):

Recommended dietary allowances from the Dietary Reference Intakes according to Food and Nutrition Board as reported by National Academy of Science (2004).

% RDA = $\frac{\text{Value of nutrient in sample of crackers}}{\text{RDA for the same nutrient}} \times 100$

Statistical Analysis:

Data were analyzed using a completely randomized design (SAS, 1985) when a significant main effect was detected, the means were separated with the student-Newman-Keuls test. Differences between treatments of (P≤0.01) were considered significant.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemical composition of used cereals:

The chemical compositions of some cereals under investigation were found in Table (1). It could be noticed that the moisture content of the different raw materials did not show any significant differences between and flours was found to vary between 9.9 % for proso millet flour and 12% for hulls barley flour compared with 10.5% for wheat flour (72% extraction). Protein of wheat flour (12.8%) was significant higher than protein of maize flour (10.8%) but was significant lower than protein of quinoa flours (16.7%). This result was near to Chandra *et al.* (2016) whose reported that protein of maize, barley and proso millet were (12.1, 11.5 and 11%) respectively. On the other hand ether extract of wheat flour was (1.5%) and significant lowest followed by barley, proso millet, maize and quinoa flours (2.69, 3.3, 4.6 and 7.1, respectively). This result were fairly close Yaseen *et al.* (2010) whose reported that ether extract of wheat flour and maize flour was (1.7 and 4.5%). As for fiber of proso millet flour was significant highest content (14.8) as compared with all of wheat, maize, barley and quinoa flours (0.6, 1.9, 4.64 and 3.7) respectively. This result agreed with Devi *et al.* (2014) who reported that proso millet was rich in dietary fiber (18%) and protein (6%–13%). Quinoa flour was significant highest content of ash (3.8) but barley flour content was near proso millet, while wheat flour (0.5) was the lowest followed by maize flour (1.10%) in ash content. Furthermore, available carbohydrate of wheat flour (84.5) was near to maize flour content but significant higher than proso millet, quinoa and barley (66.30, 68.70 and 77.33). This result agreed with Mlyneková *et al.* (2014) whose reported that ash of quinoa flour was very high (3.8), barley and proso millet flours was lower (2.2 and 2.0). From the previous resulted concluded that quinoa flour is rich in protein, ether extract and ash from other grains. This result agreed with (Nowak *et al.*, 2015) who reported that quinoa flour was rich in protein and ether extract (15.7 and 7.6,

respectively). While the percentage of protein in proso millet and hulls barley flour was fairly close, the data suggest that these grains are a good source of ash, crude fiber

which is nutritionally important. So data indicates that these cereals are considered a good source of ash, crude fiber and total carbohydrates which are important from the nutrition

Table 1. Chemical composition of raw materials (g/100g on dry weight basis).

Constituents %	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Maize flour	Hulls barley flour	Quinoa flour	Proso millet flour
Moisture	10.50 ^b ±0.29	10.20 ^b ±0.12	12 ^a ±0.20	11.50 ^a ±0.16	9.90 ^b ±0.31
Crude protein	12.80 ^b ±0.28	10.80 ^c ±0.25	12.90 ^b ±0.41	16.70 ^a ±0.36	12.80 ^b ±0.10
Ether extract	1.50 ^c ±0.04	4.60 ^b ±0.27	2.69 ^d ±0.19	7.10 ^a ±0.04	3.30 ^c ±0.24
Crude fiber	0.60 ^b ±0.18	1.90 ^b ±0.21	4.64 ^b ±0.26	3.70 ^b ±0.30	14.80 ^a ±3.22
Ash	0.50 ^c ±0.27	1.10 ^c ±0.26	2.45 ^b ±0.20	3.80 ^a ±0.29	2.80 ^b ±0.32
*Available carbohydrates	84.40 ^a ±0.05	81.60 ^a ±0.38	77.32 ^b ±0.46	68.70 ^c ±0.59	66.30 ^c ±3.07

Means ± standard deviations with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at ($P \leq 0.01$).

*Available carbohydrates were calculated by difference.

Minerals content of used cereals:

Humans require minerals for their normal life processes, particularly essential minerals, those necessary to support adequate growth, reproduction and health throughout the life cycle. Because they cannot be synthesized, minerals are necessarily obtained from the diet, and thus animals require a mineral intake for a long-term maintenance of body mineral reserves (Mc-Dowell, 2003). Minerals are involved in many important functions in the body, e.g. cofactors of hundreds of enzymatic reactions, bone mineralization, as well as protection of cells and lipids in biological membranes (antioxidant properties). Low intake or reduced bioavailability of minerals may lead to deficiencies, which causes serious impairment of body functions (Schlenker and Williams, 2003).

From the results presented in Table (2), it could be observed that barley flour contains higher values in phosphorus compared to wheat flour. Quinoa flour is considered as a good source for the minerals. Quinoa flour has the highest calcium, iron, potassium and magnesium content among all cereals. Meanwhile, the content of sodium and zinc were reach in proso millet than other cereals. From data in this Table observed that, iron, zinc, calcium, phosphorus and potassium contents of cereals were high. This result was harmony with those reported by Chethan and Malleshi (2007). So maize, barely, quinoa and proso millet flour consider rich in minerals. The importance of these minerals could be attributed to their physiological effect in human body such as calcium and phosphorus for bone and iron for blood and muscles.

Table 2. Minerals content (mg/100g on dry weight basis) of some cereals.

Minerals (mg/100g)	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Maize Flour	Hulls barley flour	Quinoa flour	Proso millet Flour
Calcium (Ca)	35.1	9.0	31.3	85.1	22.7
Phosphorus (P)	467.7	320	489	389.5	265.7
Iron (Fe)	2.0	2.5	3.6	9.7	9.4
Potassium (K)	498.3	287.0	459.5	797.3	378.2
Sodium (Na)	19.4	17.8	7.7	13.2	35.1
Magnesium(Mg)	15.49	132	139.1	249.6	123.3
Zinc (Zn)	0.83	2.35	3.40	3.37	3.50

Vitamins contents in used cereals:

The vitamins were determined in wheat, maize, barley, quinoa and proso millet which calculated mg/100g of dry weight samples. Results in Table (3) showed that cereals are an important source of vitamins that helps to release energy from foods, promotes normal appetite, and is important in maintaining proper nervous system function

(DRI,1998). Proso millet was higher in thiamine (0.52mg/100g) then wheat flour (0.47mg/100g) than other cereals but maize and hulls barley flour were recorded near results in riboflavin (0.14 and 0.15mg/100g, respectively). Also barley was higher in niacin (6.11mg/100g) than other cereals. These results are in agreement to some extent with those found by (Devi *et al.*, 2014) who reported that Wheat flour was higher in thiamine (0.57mg/100g) then proso millet (0.63mg/100g). Maize and hulls barley flour were recorded near results in riboflavin (0.12, 0.14 and 0.15mg/100g, respectively). Also barley was recorded in niacin (6.11 mg/100g). On other hand quinoa was high in ascorbic acid (0.40 mg/100 g) and maize flour contain (0.12 mg/100g) ascorbic acid, while ascorbic acid was absent in other cereals. Moreover, a quinoa content of tocopherols (5.43 IU) was also found to be increased. These results are in agreement to some extent with those found by (Vega-Galvez *et al.*, 2010) who reported that quinoa include vitamin A precursor β -carotene (0.39 mg/100g), thiamin (0.4 mg/100g), riboflavin (0.39 mg/100g), niacin (1.06 mg/100g) and tocopherols (3.7 to 6.0 IU). Finally maize recorded higher result in β -Carotene (IU) than other cereals. These results are in agreement to some extent with those found by (Dangeti *et al.*, 2013). So, wheat, maize, barley, quinoa and proso millet flour consider rich in vitamins .The importance of these vitamins could be attributed to their physiological effect in human body.

Table 3. Vitamins of used cereals.

Vitamins (mg/100g)	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Maize Flour	Hulls barley flour	Quinoa flour	Proso millet Flour
β -Carotene (IU)	0.02	0.86	0.01	0.39	—
V.B ₁ (Thiamine) (mg)	0.47	0.35	0.39	0.22	0.52
V.B ₂ (Riboflavin) (mg)	0.26	0.14	0.15	0.21	0.29
V.B ₃ (Niacin) (mg)	5.5	3.04	6.11	0.57	4.97
V. C(Ascorbic acid) (mg)	—	0.12	—	0.40	—
V. E(Tocopherols) (IU)	1.6	2.5	2.44	5.43	—

Amino Acid Composition of Cereals used:

Protein quality is partly dependent upon its amino acid profile. The essential amino acids are very important for nutritional point of view since the cannot make and should there for supplemented in the diet (Mohamed *et al.*, 2016). Amino acids composition of cereals wheat flour, maize, hulls barley, quinoa and proso millet flour are shown in Table (4). The results revealed that eleven essential amino acids were detected. In this relation, lysine, isoleucine, leucine, methionine, phenylalanine, therionine, valine and tryptophan are essential for adults, besides cysteine, tyrosine, histidine which are considered semi essential

(Davedson *et al.*, 1973). The samples contained all detected essential amino acids. It could be observed that the quinoa and proso millet flours had the highest amount of essential amino acids without histidine (individual except leucine) also it was high in quinoa then maize and proso millet in total amino acid. All samples contained more amounts of non-essential amino acids than essential amino acids.

Most of E.A.A in the samples were considerably higher than need for balance (FAO/ WHO/UNU Pattern (1990)). These findings may be due to the effect of extraction rate or the variation of amino acid and types of

protein in the crude extract in cereals used. However, addition of Q.F to the M.F used for preparing cracker leads to convergence ratios in their contents of sulphur containing amino acids (methionine and cystine) and this would increase the nutritive value of the food produced as reported by (Gabel-Jensen *et al.*, 2008).The nutritive value of any protein depends primarily on its capacity to satisfy the needs for essential amino acids for human being. Thus, the amino acid requirements are the logical factors by which protein quality can be measured (Bhushan, 2004).

Table 4. Amino acids composition (g/100g protein) of cereals.

Cereals Amino Acids	Wheat flour (72% ex.)	Maize flour	Hulls barley flour	Quinoa flour	Proso millet Flour	FAO/WHO/ UNU Pattern (1990)
Essential amino acids (E.A.A)						
Histidine	2.5	2.8	2.2	3.6	2.3	1.9
Lysine	2.7	2.8	3.6	6.9	2.9	5.8
Isoleucine	3.4	3.6	3.5	4.6	4.0	2.8
Leucine	6.9	10.3	6.7	8.3	7.1	6.6
Methionine	1.7	2.1	1.8	3.1	1.9	
Cystine	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.6	
Methionine+ Cystine	3.2	3.9	3.3	4.7	3.5	2.5
Phenyl alanine	5.2	4.6	5.4	5.5	5.7	
Tyrosine	2.6	3.3	2.7	4.0	2.8	
Phenyl alanine +Tyrosine	7.8	7.9	8.1	9.5	8.5	6.3
Threonine	3.0	3.15	3.3	3.8	3.5	3.4
Valine	4.2	4.9	4.8	5.6	4.9	3.5
Tryptophan	1.3	0.7	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.1
Total (without histidine)	32.50	37.25	35	44.9	36.3	
Total E.A.A	35	40.05	37.2	48.5	38.6	
Non-essential aminoacids (N.E.A.A)						
Arginine	4.8	4.7	4.8	10.3	4.7	
Aspartic	5.5	6.7	6.0	9.3	7.5	
Serine	5.2	5	4.3	4.9	6.2	
Glutamic	32.8	18.8	25.0	16.4	24	
Proline	13.7	8.5	11.8	4.9	7.3	
Glycine	4.1	3.9	3.5	7.6	3.7	
Alanine	3.7	6.8	3.7	4.6	7.9	
Total N.E.A.A	69.80	54.40	59.10	58	61.30	
Total A.A	104.80	94.45	96.30	106.50	99.90	

Antioxidative activity, total phenolic compounds and total flavonoid of cereals:

Results of DPPH radical scavenging activity (Antioxidative activity), total phenolic compounds and total flavonoid of different cereals given in Table (5).

Table 5. Antioxidative activity , total phenolic and total flavonoids content of different cereal flours.

parameters	Antioxidative activity % (DPPH Inhibition)	Total phenolic compounds (mg/100g) (as gallic acid)	Total flavonoid compounds (mg/100g) (ascatechein)
Wheat flour (72% ex.)	3.55	2.64	0.06
Maize flour	7.79	2.15	2.35
Hulls barley flour	11.37	2.12	0.29
Quinoa flour	5.36	4.42	1.93
Proso millet flour	6.33	3.86	2.01

It should be noticed that hulls barley flour had highest value of antioxidative activity (7.79%), results reported are in close agreement with these findings of Farooqui *et al.*(2018) who reported that antioxidant activity (%) was (14.36%) for barley flour. Then maize flour, proso millet flour and quinoa flour were (11.37- 6.33- 5.36%) respectively were higher than wheat flour. This could be

attributed to phenolic acids and flavonoid content of cereals. On the other hand, total phenolic compounds of quinoa, proso millet, wheat, maize and hulls barley flour were (4.42- 3.86- 2.64- 2.15 and 2.12 mg/100g, respectively) and total flavonoid compounds of maize were (2.35 mg/100g).These results were higher than other cereals.

Sensory evaluation of produce crackers:

Sensory evaluation is considered as an important indicator of potential consumer preferences, In spite of its short comings it will remain one of the most reliable quality assessment technique for food and food products in general and for bread and bakery products in particular (Stone, 2012). So that pretest experiment has been carried out to determine the best mixes ratios of suggested raw materials are selected for this study.

Sensory evaluation of crackers produced from single mixes:

The recorded data in Table (6) showed the sensory evaluation of crackers made from wheat flour 72% as control sample and cracker samples made from 30% wheat flour supplemented with 70% of used different cereals barley, maize, quinoa and proso millet. The blend WM comparing with control and other blend samples sample had

the maximum acceptance of taste, flavor, texture, crispness and overall acceptability. Also Table (6) showed that blends WM and WQ didn't show significant differences with control sample (W) in taste, flavor, color, crispness and overall acceptability. Blend WP showed less significant differences as compared with control. Moreover blend WM

showed more improving in taste, flavour, crispness and overall acceptability as compared with control sample follow by blend WP then blend WB. Finally it could be conclude that blend WM had better evaluated than control sample in all characteristics except the color.

Table 6. Sensory evaluation of produce crackers supplemented with formulated of mixes cereals:

Characteristics Couscous	Taste (10)	Color (10)	Flavour (10)	Crispness (10)	overall acceptability (10)	Overall Score (50)	Acceptance
Control (100% W)	8.38 ^{ab} ±0.69	8.81 ^a ±0.59	8.50 ^{ab} ±0.71	8.56 ^{ab} ±0.62	8.69 ^b ±0.53	42.94	G
WB (30%W+70% B)	7.69 ^{ab} ±1.0	7.88 ^{ab} ±0.74	8.13 ^{bc} ±0.74	7.81 ^{bc} ±0.70	8.19 ^b ±0.59	39.70	G
WP (30%W+70% P)	7.25 ^b ±0.76	7.44 ^b ±0.42	7.38 ^c ±0.58	7.44 ^c ±0.50	7.0 ^c ±0.53	36.51	S
WQ (30%W+70% Q)	8.43 ^{ab} ±0.56	7.75 ^{ab} ±0.76	8.75 ^{ab} ±0.38	7.94 ^{bc} ±0.42	8.56 ^b ±0.32	41.43	G
WM (30%W+70% M)	8.88 ^a ±0.95	8.75 ^a ±0.65	9.13 ^a ±0.35	9.13 ^a ±0.35	9.38 ^a ±0.44	45.27	V
LSD	1.10	0.88	0.78	0.76	0.67		

Values are mean ± SD (n=10).

Means ± standard deviations with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at (P≤ 0.01).

Values in the same column with different superscript letters are significantly different at p≤0.05. 45-50 Very Good (V). 44.50-40 Good (G). 39.5-35 Satisfactory (S).

W= Wheat flour extraction 72% (control). B = Hulls barley flour. Q= quinoa flour.

P= Proso millet flour. M= Maize flour

Sensory evaluation of crackers produced from double blends of cereals:

Sensory evaluation of crackers made from 30% wheat flour (72% ex.) and double supplemented with different levels of barley, maize, quinoa and proso millet are presented in Table (7). The data showed that blend WMB was higher than other samples on all characteristics values except WPM moreover, blends WBP and WMP reported non-significant differences in all characteristics as compared with control sample except color value in blend WPM and the odor in blend WPB. No significant

differences were found between blends WMB, WPB and WPM each other at taste, flavor and crispness values. Furthermore, blend WPQ were the significant lowest values at taste, color, flavor, crispness and over all acceptability as compared with control sample and other blends then blends WMQ and MQB also were recorded the significant lowest values. So, it can be included that blends WMB, WPB and WPM had highest acceptance while blend WPQ had lowest acceptance at overall acceptability as compared with control sample (W).

Table 7. Sensory evaluation of crackers made from wheat flour (72% ex.) supplemented with double of cereals:

Characteristics Blends	Taste (10)	Color (10)	Flavour (10)	Crispness (10)	overall acceptability (10)	Overall Score (50)	Acceptance
Control (100% W)	8.38 ^{ab} ±0.69	8.81 ^a ±0.59	8.50 ^{ab} ±0.71	8.56 ^{ab} ±0.62	8.69 ^b ±0.53	42.94	G
WMB 30%W+35%M+35%B	8.06 ^{ab} ±1.0	8.56 ^a ±0.73	8.06 ^a ±0.86	8.44 ^a ±0.77	8.25 ^a ±0.65	41.37	G
WQB 30%W+35%Q+35%B	7.75 ^{ab} ±0.54	7.50 ^b ±0.59	7.25 ^{ab} ±0.46	7.56 ^{abc} ±0.68	7.63 ^{ab} ±0.44	37.69	S
WMQ 30%W+35%M+35%Q	7.25 ^{bc} ±0.27	7.13 ^{bc} ±0.58	7.37 ^{ab} ±0.69	7.31 ^{bc} ±0.37	7.56 ^{ab} ±0.49	36.62	S
WPM 30%W+35%P+35%M	8.06 ^{ab} ±0.73	7.44 ^b ±0.49	7.63 ^{ab} ±0.58	7.81 ^{ab} ±0.65	7.69 ^{ab} ±0.79	38.63	S
WPB 30%W+35%P+35%B	8.31 ^a ±0.37	7.56 ^b ±0.49	7.56 ^{ab} ±0.78	8.06 ^{ab} ±0.49	8.25 ^a ±0.93	39.84	G
WPQ 30%W+35%P+35%Q	6.63 ^c ±0.69	6.44 ^c ±0.56	6.68 ^b ±0.75	7.06 ^c ±0.68	7.0 ^b ±0.96	33.81	
LSD	0.88	0.79	0.95	0.84	0.99		

Values are mean ± SD (n=10).

Means ± standard deviations with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at (P≤ 0.01).

Values are mean ± SD (n=10).

Values in the same column with different superscript letters are significantly different at p≤0.05.

45-50 Very Good (V). 44.50-40 Good (G). 39.5-35Satisfactory (S).

W, B, Q, P and M as recorded in table(6).

Sensory evaluation of produce crackers supplemented with formulated of mixes cereals:

Data presented in Table (8) showed that crackers samples in sensory evaluation for taste, color, flavour, crispness and overall acceptability reported that T5 higher than control sample. Also control sample had highest evaluation for taste, flavour and crispness as compared with other blends. T4 had less value than other treatments but did not show significant change in overall acceptability compared with T1 and T2 that had less values after T4. On the other hand, T2 did not report significant change between each other in taste and color characteristics. Although values were near to the same value, the values referred to significant differences as compared with other samples in taste, color, flavor, crispness and overall acceptability

except T5 and control. Finally, it could be noted that T5 had the highest overall acceptability and color as compared with control simple.

Chemical composition and nutritive values of crackers made from different flour blends:

Chemical analysis of crackers made from different flour blend used in this study (as shown in Table 9) were chemically analyzed for their contents of moisture, protein, ether extract, ash, crude fiber and available carbohydrates. The obtained results are presented in Table (9). In respect of moisture content, it could be noted that control had a low level of moisture content (12.50%). Blend II had the highest moisture content (13.59) and no significant differences between crackers made from different blends and control. Table (9) show that, protein is the main constituent of the

prepared crackers meal which recorded 12.69 and 11.1% in Type I and III, respectively. Removal of most W.F increased the ether extract from 1.75% of control to 4.76 and 3.17% in crackers made from blends. Type I and IV, respectively. Ash content increased in blend I (3.01%), and other results were close together. Also crude fiber was highest in blend II (6.32%) and decreased to (1.56%) in control crackers. On

the other hand, the calculated energy showed that cracker made from 30% W.F+70% Q.F (Blend I) was the highest than all Blends. Available carbohydrate is the main constituted the prepared crackers and showed a significant differences between control crackers and the crackers made from different blends, but no significant differences in different blends.

Table 8. Sensory evaluation of produce crackers supplemented with formulated of mixes cereals:

Characteristics Treatment	Taste (10)	Color (10)	Flavor (10)	Crispness (10)	overall acceptability (10)	Overall Score (50)	Acceptance
Control (100% W)	8.95 ^a ± 0.60	8.55 ^a ± 0.50	8.85 ^a ± 0.47	8.90 ^a ± 0.46	8.65 ^a ± 0.41	43.90	G
T1 (30% W+20%B+25%M+25%P)	7.38 ^b ± 0.88	7.50 ^b ± 0.65	7.63 ^b ± 0.74	7.37 ^b ± 0.88	7.56 ^b ± 0.56	37.44	S
T2 (30% W+20%M+25%B+25%P)	7.56 ^b ± 0.94	7.75 ^b ± 0.46	7.44 ^b ± 0.56	7.50 ^b ± 0.59	7.69 ^b ± 0.53	37.94	S
T3 (30% W + 20% Q +25% B + 25% P)	8.30 ^a ± 0.42	7.85 ^a ± 0.58	7.85 ^a ± 0.58	7.85 ^a ± 0.58	8.30 ^a ± 0.62	40.15	G
T4 (30% W + 20% P +25% B + 25% Q)	7.44 ^b ± 1.08	7.44 ^b ± 0.56	7.50 ^b ± 0.54	7.31 ^b ± 0.46	7.56 ^b ± 0.62	37.25	S
T5(20% W+20% B+20%M+20% P+20% Q)	8.94 ^a ± 0.32	8.75 ^a ± 0.75	8.63 ^a ± 0.79	8.63 ^a ± 0.64	9.13 ^a ± 0.52	44.08	G
LSD	1.28	0.88	0.95	0.93	0.91		

Values are mean ± SD (n=10).

Means ± standard deviations with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at (P≤ 0.01).

Values in the same column with different superscript letters are significantly different at p≤0.05.

45-50 Very Good (V). 44.50-40 Good (G). 39.5-35Satisfactory(S).

W, B, Q, P and M as recorded in table(6).

Table 9. Chemical composition and nutritive values of crackers made from different flour blends (on dry weight basis).

Constituent%	Types of crackers				
	Control	I	II	III	IV
Moisture	12.50 ^a ±0.43	13.25 ^a ±0.43	13.94 ^a ±0.42	13.59 ^a ±0.47	12.95 ^a ±0.43
Crude Protein	9.80 ^b ±0.53	12.69 ^a ±0.45	10.45 ^b ±0.56	11.10 ^b ±0.42	10.60 ^b ±0.45
Ether Extract	1.75 ^c ±0.34	4.76 ^a ±0.34	1.98 ^c ±0.35	2.75 ^{bc} ±0.36	3.17 ^b ±0.43
Crude Fiber	1.56 ^c ±0.36	3.14 ^b ±0.26	6.32 ^a ±0.49	5.20 ^a ±0.40	5.40 ^a ±0.28
Ash	1.16 ^b ±0.29	3.01 ^a ±0.34	1.98 ^b ±0.45	2.20 ^a ±0.18	2.30 ^a ±0.36
*Available Carbohydrate	85.73 ^a ±1.45	76.40 ^b ±1.11	79.27 ^b ±0.8	78.75 ^b ±0.9	78.53 ^b ±1.5
K cal /100g	397.87	399.20	376.70	384.15	385.05

*Available carbohydrates were calculated by difference

Where:

(Control=100%W.F), I (30% W.F + 70% Q.F), II (30% W.F+ 35% B.F+35%P.F), III (30%W.F+20% Q.F+25% B.F+25%P.F), IV (20% W.F+ 20% Q.F+20% B.F+20% P.F+20% M.F).

Minerals content of crackers:

Some minerals content, iron (Fe), Zinc (Zn), calcium (Ca) sodium (Na), potassium (K), magnesium (Mg) and phosphorus (P) of crackers made from different flour blends were determined. Data given in Table (10) show the mineral elements composition of crackers prepared from control and different blends.

Table 10. Minerals content (mg/100g on dry weight basis) of crackers.

Minerals (mg/100g)	control	I	II	III	IV
Calcium (Ca)	32.8	69.70	24.29	40.16	34.33
Phosphorus (P)	442.3	396.41	400.54	400	338.86
Iron (Fe)	2.6	7.63	3.95	6.03	4.60
Potassium (K)	483	667.77	440.74	518.38	468.8
Sodium (Na)	17.30	14.65	18.92	19.17	16.84
Magnesium(Mg)	149.5	219.21	136.32	159	157.11
Zinc (Zn)	2.90	2.94	3.30	3.34	3.34

Where:

(Control=100%W.F), I (30% W.F + 70% Q.F), II (30% W.F+ 35% B.F+35%P.F), III (30%W.F+20% Q.F+25% B.F+25%P.F), IV (20% W.F+ 20% Q.F+20% B.F+20%P.F+20% M.F).

It could be concluded that, crackers (Blend I) contains high content of Ca, Fe, K, and Mg compared with other blends. The values of these elements in type I were 69.70, 7.63, 667.77 and 219.21 mg/100g samples, respectively. While crackers made from blend III (30%W.F+ 20%Q.F+ 25%B.F+25%P.F) contained high amounts of Na and Zn than

other crackers types which contained 19.17 and 3.34 mg/100g samples, respectively follow by blend II (30% W.F+ 35% B.F+35% P) also high amounts of Na and Zn they were 18.92 and 3.3, respectively. While control contained high amounts of P (442.3 mg/100g samples). These differences of minerals content in different crackers referred to type of flour in each blend and the percentage.

Vitamins Contents of crackers:

The vitamins were determined in crackers made from different blends I, II, III, IV and reported as mg/100g of dry weight samples. Results in Table (11) showed that crackers are an important source of vitamins that helps to release energy from foods, promotes normal appetite, and is important in maintaining proper nervous system function (DRI,1998) The contents of vitamins in crackers made from different flours were recorded in Table (11). Blend II recorded the highest values with thiamine and niacin were 0.45mg, and 5.43 mg/100g, respectively. Also results showed that values of Type III the highest value of β-Carotene and tocopherols which contained 0.63IUand 2.81IU respectively. Vitamin C was recorded lowest value in all types. Most commonly, thiamin is found in whole grains and fortified grain products such as cereal, and enriched products like bread, pasta, rice, and tortillas Biochemical, Physiological, Molecular Aspects of Human Nutrition (2006).

Table 11. Vitamins of plain crackers (on dry weight basis).

Vitamins (mg/100g)	control	I	II	III	IV
β-Carotene (IU)	0.01	0.43	0.58	0.63	0.26
V.B1(Thiamine)(mg)	0.33	0.15	0.45	0.41	0.39
V.B2 (Riboflavin)(mg)	0.18	0.10	0.20	0.15	0.21
V.B3 (Niacin)(mg)	3.85	0.95	5.43	3.75	4.02
V. C(Ascorbic acid)(mg)	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.09
V. E (Tocopherols) (IU)	1.12	1.94	1.33	2.81	2.4

Where:

(Control=100% W.F), I (30% W.F + 70% Q.F), II (30% W.F+ 35% B.F+35%P.F), III (30%W.F+20% Q.F+25% B.F+25%P.F), IV (20% W.F+ 20% Q.F+20% B.F+20%P.F+20% M.F).

Percentage of the recommended dietary allowances (%RDA) for some nutrient provided from 100g of crackers for Children:

Multiple micronutrient (MMN) deficiencies often occur simultaneously as a result of a poor-quality diet. In developing countries, low dietary intakes of animal source foods (Schurch, 1995) which are important source of iron, zinc, vitamin E, B₂ and protein, can lead to MMN deficiencies (Ramakrishnan and Huffman,2008).

Table 12. Percentage of the recommended dietary allowances (%RDA) for some nutrient provided from 100g of crackers for Children.

Age	Components	RDA*	%RDA				
			Types of crackers				
			Control	I	II	III	IV
Children (4-8) years	Carbohydrate	(130gm)	65.95	58.77	60.98	61.58	60.41
	Protein	(19gm)	51.58	66.79	55.00	58.42	55.79
	Energy	(1742K.cal)	22.84	22.92	21.62	22.05	22.10
	TDF	(25g)	6.24	12.56	25.28	20.80	21.60
	Fe	(10mg)	26.00	76.30	39.5	60.30	46.00
	Zn	(5mg)	58.00	58.80	66.00	66.80	46.80
	Ca	(1000mg)	3.28	6.97	2.43	4.02	3.43
	Mg	(130mg)	115.00	168.62	104.87	122.30	120.85
	K	(3800mg)	12.71	17.57	11.59	13.64	12.34
	(Tocopherols)V.E	(7mg)	16.00	27.71	19.00	40.14	34.29
	Riboflavin V.B2	(0.6mg)	30.00	16.67	33.33	25.00	35.00

*RDA= Recommended dietary allowances from the Dietary Reference Intakes according to Food and Nutrition Board as reported by National Academy of Science (2004).

% RDA=Value of nutrient in sample of crackers× 100 / RDA for the same nutrient.TDF =Total dietary fiber
Where: (Control=100%W.F), I (30% W.F + 70% Q.F), II (30% W.F+ 35% B.F+35%P.F), III (30%W.F+20% Q.F+25% B.F+25%P.F), IV (20% W.F+ 20% Q.F+20% B.F+20%P.F+20% M.F).

CONCLUSION

From this study it could be concluded that incorporated of wheat flour with different sources of whole meal cereals (ex. Maize, naked barley, quinoa and proso millet flours) caused rising in nutrition value; minerals and vitamin content and of produced crackers, and it is recommended to incorporation the mentioned cereals in bakery products.

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Recent dietary guidelines emphasize a need for whole grains and a variety of vegetables and fruits in adolescents diets to ensure an adequate intake of micronutrients (Nutrition and Your Health, 2005). Because eating behaviors developed during adolescence can have both immediate health implications and influences on future chronic disease risk (Stockman et al.,2005).

The percentage of the recommended dietary allowances (%RDA) that provided from 100g of produced crackers for children (4-8 years) are showed in Table (12),the percentage values of protein, Fe, Zn, V.E and V.B2 are more than of that reported by National Academy of Science (2004). Meanwhile, levels of carbohydrates, energy, TDF, Ca and K are lowest than that of RDA for this category of children. Moreover, the highest value were recorded with Mg (115.00, 168.62, 104.87, 122.30 and 120.85%) while, the lowest ones were recorded with Ca (3.28, 6.97, 2.43, 4.02 and 3.43%), TDF (6.24, 12.56, 25.28, 20.80 and 21. 60%) then K (12.71, 17.57, 11.59, 13.64 and 12.34%) of all the types of crackers.

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إعداد وتقييم مقرمشات صحية باستخدام خلطات دقيق أنواع مختلفة من الحبوب

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تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى إعداد مقرمشات صحية عالية القيمة الحيوية وذلك بعمل عدة خلطات متوازنة باستخدام دقيق القمح استخلاص 72% مع دقيق أنواع مختلفة من الحبوب (مطحون الحبة الكامل) مثل دقيق الذرة، الشعير، الكينوا والدخن). و بتقييم أنواع الحبوب المستخدمة وجد أن دقيق الكينوا احتوي على أعلى نسبة في البروتين، الدهن والرماد (16,70، 7,10 و 3,80% على التوالي). بينما احتوى دقيق القمح على أعلى نسبة من الكربوهيدرات (84,40%)، واحتوي الدخن على أعلى نسبة في الألياف الخام (14,80%). وسجل دقيق الكينوا أعلى محتوى تركيز من الكالسيوم، الحديد، البوتاسيوم والماغنسيوم (85,1 و 9,7 و 79,3 و 249,6 ملجم/100 جم على التوالي)، و أظهر دقيق الشعير أعلى محتوى في الفوسفور ويليه دقيق القمح (489 و 467,7 و 400 ملجم/100 جم على التوالي)، و أظهر دقيق الدخن أعلى محتوى من الصوديوم والزنك (30,1 و 123,3 و 100 ملجم على التوالي). وسجل البيتاكاروتين أعلى محتوى في دقيق الذرة (86,0 وحدة دولية بينما سجل التيامين أعلى محتوى في دقيق كل من القمح والدخن (0,06 و 0,05 ملجم/100 جم على التوالي) وكان الريبوفلافين أعلى محتوى في دقيق الدخن (29,0 ملجم/100 جم) وسجل دقيق الشعير أعلى محتوى في النياسين (11,1 ملجم/100 جم) وسجل دقيق الكينوا ارتفاع ملحوظ في حمض الاسكوربيك وفيتامين هـ (40, و 5,43 و 100 ملجم/100 جم على التوالي). سجل دقيق الكينوا أعلى محتوى من الأحماض الأمينية الضرورية الكلية ويليه دقيق الذرة وتقربت النسب بين باقي أنواع الدقيق الأخرى. وأظهرت النتائج أن دقيق الشعير الأعلى في مضادات الأكسدة (11,37%) بينما كانت الفينولات الكلية الأعلى في دقيق الكينوا (4,42 ملجم/100 جم) وكان دقيق الذرة أعلى في محتوى الفلافونيدات الكلية (2,35 ملجم/100 جم). وجد أن المقرمشات المصنعة من الخلطة الأولى (30% دقيق قمح+70% دقيق كينوا) هي الأعلى في محتواها من البروتين الخام، الدهن، الرماد والعناصر المعدنية (الكالسيوم، الحديد، البوتاسيوم والماغنسيوم)، بينما احتوت مقرمشات الخلطة الثانية (30% دقيق قمح+30% دقيق شعير+30% دقيق دخن) على المحتوى الأعلى من فيتامين ب1، ب3 بينما كان محتوى البيتاكاروتين والتوكوفيرول الأعلى في مقرمشات الخلطة الثالثة (30% دقيق قمح+20% دقيق كينوا+20% دقيق شعير+20% دقيق دخن) بينما كانت مقرمشات الخلطة الرابعة (20% دقيق قمح+20% دقيق كينوا+20% دقيق شعير+20% دقيق دخن) هي الأعلى في محتواها من الريبوفلافين وحمض الاسكوربيك مقارنة بالكنترول. وجد أن كل أنواع المقرمشات الناتجة من خلطات الحبوب المقترحة هي الأعلى بالنسبة لتغطية الاحتياجات اليومية الموصى بها لجميع المغذيات المدروسة السابقة للأطفال من (4 إلى 8 سنوات) مقارنة بالعينة الكنترول (غير المدعم بأنواع الدقيق الأخرى). وتوصي نتائج هذه الدراسة باستخدام هذه المصادر من الحبوب لعمل منتجات صحية عالية القيمة الحيوية.

الكلمات الدالة: المقرمشات، دقيق القمح، الذرة، الشعير، الكينوا والدخن، القيمة الغذائية.