

PRODUCTION AND EVALUATION OF LOW-CALORIE BISCUITS AND CAKES.

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ABSTRACT

Utilization of commercial stevia sugar and fructose as natural sweeteners in preparation of low-calorie cakes and biscuits was evaluated. Based on replacing sucrose with stevia sugar and fructose either singly or in various combinations, eleven formulas were prepared four levels of replacement using i.e. 25, 50, 75 and 100%. Cake and biscuit made of 100% sucrose were also prepared for comparison. The effect of such substitution on baking tests and sensory evaluation of cakes and biscuits was determined. Sensory characteristics showed that cakes and biscuits prepared with stevia sugar or fructose scored lower levels than those prepared with sucrose however these differences were not significant ($P < 0.05$) for biscuits. Mixtures of sugar substitutes gave better cake and biscuit quality, hence, optimum results were achieved by using (50%) sucrose in combination with 30% stevia sugar and 20% fructose. At the same time, cake and biscuit samples achieved about 30% reduction in calories. Consequently these bakery products could be used for diabetes and body weight reduction.

INTRODUCTION

Cakes and biscuits are widely used by consumers all over the world. However, due to their high caloric content, over-consumption may contribute to obesity. One way to achieve a healthy food product is to reduce or to omit some of the calorie-laden ingredients-especially sugar and fat. At the same time there is a constant demand for diabetic foods suitable for diabetics, that may have the same calorie-value being also sucrose-free, since this sugar cannot be metabolized without insulin (Ronda, *et al.*, 2005).

Sucrose is a principal ingredient in cakes and biscuits, and its role extends beyond providing energy and sweetness. In consequence, it cannot be substituted only by intense sweeteners. It acts as a tenderizer by retarding and restricting gluten formation, increasing the temperatures of egg protein denaturation and starch gelatinization, and contributing to bulk and volume (Kulp *et al.*, 1991 and Shukla, 1995). Therefore, the reduction of sucrose levels in a cake or biscuits system affects structural and sensory properties (Frye and Setser, 1991). It is, thus necessary to investigate the substitution of traditional and nutritional sweeteners to generate healthy foods and maintaining, at the same time, original colour, texture and flavour (Altschul, 1993). Bulking agents, which replace the non sweet functional characteristics of sucrose, can be used as alternatives to sucrose in bakery products (Deis, 1993 and Giese 1993), but none of them seems to possess all of sucrose's properties.

Hess and Setser (1983) tested layer cakes sweetened with aspartame, and found that its combination with low levels of fructose led to cakes more tender, more uniform and with higher overall eating quality than the non-bulking aspartame layer cakes.

Stevia sugar is a sweetening substance which is extracted and refined from leaves of stevia (a natural plant). The sweetening strength of stevia sugar is about 200-300 times more than that of can sugar, yet its calorie production is only 1/300 of that of sucrose. The acceptable daily intake of stevia sugar is 7.938 mg/Kg human body (Higginbotham, 1983 and Xu *et al.*, 1992).

El-Azab and Bothagna (1997), reported that cake containing 50% of stevioside, 10% wheat bran and 30% of lactic acid and packed with polyethylene, had acceptable weight, volume, low calorie value and softness (texture) as well as a good overall acceptability. Hassan (2000) found that addition of stevioside at 75% was the nearest to control and stevioside at 100% had the lowest value concerning taste, odour, texture, shape, light and total acceptability with control.

Geuns (2000) reported that stevia and stevioside are safe when used as sweeteners. Both are suited for diabetics and phenylketonuria patients, as well as for obese persons intending to lose weight by avoiding sugar supplements in the diet.

Thus, it would be beneficial to develop the novel formulations for cakes and biscuits production with sugar substitute as stevia sugar and fructose.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

Soft wheat flour (72% extraction), sucrose (commercial grade), shortening (hydrogenated palm oil), fresh eggs, skimmed milk powder, salt, baking powder and vanilla were purchased from the local market. Fructose, crystalline and food grade from Xyrofin LTD, Switzerland. Commercial natural sweetener (ISI-diet, stevia sugar), each 100g contains 2.5g stevia sugar and 97.5g maltodextrine and every 1g contains ≤ 1 calories, made in Egypt, packed by ISIS Co. for Food Industries, Egypt.

Preparation and evaluation of low-calorie sponge cakes:

Eleven blends were prepared and control sample was made with 100% sucrose for comparison (Table, 1). Cake samples were processed according to El-Samahy, *et al.* (1980). Sponge cake butters prepared using the ingredients (Fresh eggs, sugar and vanilla) were blended for minutes using 110 ml of water followed by addition of the milk, soft wheat flour, baking powder and salt. 100g butter were added for each pre-greased aluminum cake pans (8 cm diameter). The sponge cake was baked at 170°C for 30 minutes. Weight, volume, specific volume, height and bulking density of cakes were recorded. Organoleptic characteristics of cakes were evaluated according to El-Samahy *et al.*, (1980).

Table (1): Cake Formulations

| Sample* | Sucrose | | Sugar Substitutes** | | | |
|----------|---------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|----|
| | (g) | % | Fructose | | Commercial stevia sugar | |
| | | | (g) | % | (g) | % |
| Control | 100 | 100 | - | - | - | - |
| Blend 1 | 75 | 75 | 16.7 | 25 | - | - |
| Blend 2 | 50 | 50 | 33.4 | 50 | - | - |
| Blend 3 | 25 | 25 | 50.1 | 75 | - | - |
| Blend 4 | - | - | 66.8 | 100 | - | - |
| Blend 5 | 75 | 75 | - | - | 25 | 25 |
| Blend 6 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 50 | 50 |
| Blend 7 | 25 | 25 | - | - | 75 | 75 |
| Blend 8 | 75 | 75 | 6.7 | 10 | 15 | 15 |
| Blend 9 | 50 | 50 | 13.4 | 20 | 30 | 30 |
| Blend 10 | 25 | 25 | 20.1 | 30 | 45 | 45 |
| Blend 11 | - | - | 26.8 | 40 | 60 | 60 |

* 100 g soft wheat flour, 108g fresh eggs, 3g baking powder, 3g vanilla, 30 g milk and 0.83 g salt were added to all formulas.

** The relative sweeteners: 1.5 and 1.0 times of sucrose for each fructose and commercial stevia sugar, respectively.

Preparation and evaluation of low-calorie biscuits:

Eleven blends were prepared and control sample was made with 100% sucrose for comparison (Table 2). Biscuit samples were processed according to the procedure described in A.A.C.C. (1990). Weight, volume, specific volume, diameter, thickness and spread ratio of biscuits were recorded. Organoleptic characteristics of biscuits were evaluated with some modifications, according to Zabik and Hoojjat (1984).

Table (2): Biscuit formulations

| Sample* | Sucrose | | Sugar Substitutes** | | | |
|----------|---------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|----|
| | (g) | % | Fructose | | Commercial stevia sugar | |
| | | | (g) | % | (g) | % |
| Control | 57.8 | 100 | - | - | - | - |
| Blend 1 | 43.4 | 75 | 9.6 | 25 | - | - |
| Blend 2 | 28.9 | 50 | 19.3 | 50 | - | - |
| Blend 3 | 14.4 | 25 | 28.9 | 75 | - | - |
| Blend 4 | - | - | 38.5 | 100 | - | - |
| Blend 5 | 43.4 | 75 | - | - | 14.4 | 25 |
| Blend 6 | 28.9 | 50 | - | - | 28.9 | 50 |
| Blend 7 | 14.4 | 25 | - | - | 43.4 | 75 |
| Blend 8 | 43.4 | 75 | 3.9 | 10 | 8.7 | 15 |
| Blend 9 | 28.9 | 50 | 7.7 | 20 | 17.3 | 30 |
| Blend 10 | 14.4 | 25 | 11.6 | 30 | 26.1 | 45 |
| Blend 11 | - | - | 15.4 | 40 | 34.7 | 60 |

* 100 g soft wheat flour, 28.44g shortening, 0.93g salt, 1.11g sodium bicarbonate, 0.2 ammonium bicarbonate and water for optimal dough handling were added to all formulas.

** The relative sweeteners: 1.5 and 1.0 times of sucrose for each fructose and commercial stevia sugar, respectively.

Hunter colour evaluation:

Colour of cakes and biscuits was measured with hunter lab colorimeter model D₂₅. Cake and biscuit samples index were measured based on the parameters: L, measure the lightness on a scale ranging from 0 (black) to 100 white, a denoting greenness when negative and redness when positive; b, denoting blueness when negative and yellowness when positive. The instrument was adjusted on the white standard tile which L = + 92.06, a = 0.8 and b = -1.0, total colour difference (ΔE) was calculated as:

$$\Delta E = [(\Delta L)^2 + (\Delta a)^2 + (\Delta b)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Statistical analysis:

The results of organoleptic evaluations were evaluated by analysis of variance and least significant difference (LSD) was calculated according to McClave and Benson (1991)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Baking quality and energy value of cakes.

The effect of replacing sucrose by fructose and commercial stevia sugar on the baking quality and energy value of sponge cakes is presented in Table (3). Weight of sponge cake increased, while volume, height and specific volume decreased by increasing the levels of fructose and stevia sugar. The reduction in volume and specific volume was 38.5, 42.7 and 28.2, 37.4% when the fructose and stevia sugar were added at 75% replacement level, respectively. Mixtures of sugar substitutes gave better cake baking quality than those produced when sugars added separately. Optimum results were achieved using sucrose (50%) in combination with 30% stevia sugar and 20% fructose. Lower cakes baking quality was elaborated with 60% stevia sugar and 40% fructose. Similar findings were observed by Peck (1994) and Ludewig and Laukamp (1994).

The decrease in sugar-free cake expansion or specific volume seems to have two main causes: Decrease in butter stability during the heating stage-related to butter viscosity decrease and foam bubble size increase – and changes in the thermosetting mechanism, due to different interactions among the bulking agent used and starch and proteins of the butter that affect starch gelatinization and protein denaturation temperatures. A decrease in any of these temperatures is expected to cause a premature thermosetting of protein or starch matrix, which will start at the crust due to direct contact with the heating medium. This, then, lowers, the heat transfer rates and produces a vapour pressure build-up, causing inadequate expansion of individual bubbles (Hiesasmaz *et al.*, 2003 and Stauffer, 1990).

The energy value Kcal or KJ of control cake (Table 3) was 400 or 1674, whereas when fructose and commercial stevia sugar were used in 50 % level individual, the energy values were 333.6 or 1396 KJ and 250 or 1046 KJ, respectively. So, substitution of sucrose by fructose or stevia sugar lowered the calorific value in the product. The percent reduction in energy

value was 16.6 and 37.5% when fructose and commercial stevia sugar were used at 50% replacement level, respectively.

Table (3): Cakes baking quality and energy value.

| Sample* | Baking quality | | | | | Energy value/100g** | | |
|----------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|-------------|
| | Weight [g] | Volume [cc] | Specific volume [cc/g] | Height [Cm] | Bulk density [g/cc] | KcaL | KJ | Reduction % |
| Control | 54 | 195 | 3.61 | 3.4 | 0.276 | 400.0 | 1674 | 0.0 |
| Blend 1 | 55 | 170 | 3.09 | 3.2 | 0.324 | 366.8 | 1535 | 8.3 |
| Blend 2 | 57 | 150 | 2.63 | 2.8 | 0.380 | 333.6 | 1396 | 16.6 |
| Blend 3 | 58 | 120 | 2.07 | 2.5 | 0.483 | 300.4 | 1257 | 24.9 |
| Blend 4 | 57 | 95 | 1.67 | 2.0 | 0.600 | 267.2 | 1118 | 33.2 |
| Blend 5 | 55 | 175 | 3.18 | 3.2 | 0.314 | 325.0 | 1360 | 18.8 |
| Blend 6 | 56 | 160 | 2.86 | 2.9 | 0.350 | 250.0 | 1046 | 37.5 |
| Blend 7 | 62 | 140 | 2.26 | 2.6 | 0.443 | 175.0 | 732 | 56.3 |
| Blend 8 | 56 | 115 | 2.05 | 3.0 | 0.487 | 341.8 | 1431 | 14.6 |
| Blend 9 | 58 | 178 | 3.07 | 2.9 | 0.562 | 283.6 | 1187 | 29.1 |
| Blend 10 | 60 | 165 | 2.75 | 2.7 | 0.364 | 240.4 | 1006 | 43.7 |
| Blend 11 | 61 | 100 | 1.64 | 1.6 | 0.610 | 167.2 | 700 | 58.3 |

* See Table (1)

** Estimated by sweeteners (sucrose, fructose and stevia sugar) of each cake

Colour of cakes

The effect of replacing sucrose by fructose and stevia sugar on the colour properties of sponge cakes is indicated in table (4). A noticed difference of crumb and crust cakes colour was reported. Adding fructose or stevia sugar reduced colour or lightness "L" values. This lightness reduction was more pronounced in fructose cakes. The excessive exterior brown colour given to the fructose and stevia sugar cakes was mainly related to promote browning reactions as a result of thermal degradation.

Table (4) : Colour quality of cakes.

| Sample* | Crust | | | | Crumb | | | |
|----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| | Lightness "L" | Redness "a" | Yellowness "b" | ΔE | Lightness "L" | Redness "a" | Yellowness "b" | ΔE |
| Control | 80.06 | -2.7 | -3.7 | 0.00 | 85.76 | -5.4 | 1.4 | 0.00 |
| Blend 1 | 77.16 | -1.5 | -6.9 | 4.48 | 83.46 | -4.7 | -0.6 | 5.02 |
| Blend 2 | 79.16 | -1.7 | -4.2 | 1.44 | 82.86 | -5.1 | -1.4 | 4.35 |
| Blend 3 | 77.86 | -2.3 | -5.8 | 3.07 | 82.66 | -4.7 | -0.7 | 4.45 |
| Blend 4 | 78.26 | -1.4 | -5.0 | 2.57 | 82.06 | -1.8 | -1.5 | 13.11 |
| Blend 5 | 84.66 | -1.8 | -3.9 | 4.69 | 84.66 | -4.6 | -0.3 | 6.03 |
| Blend 6 | 78.76 | -2.0 | -4.4 | 1.63 | 84.76 | -8.3 | 0.0 | 8.19 |
| Blend 7 | 80.06 | -2.6 | -2.7 | 1.00 | 83.06 | -3.3 | -1.0 | 4.08 |
| Blend 8 | 79.16 | -0.5 | -3.8 | 2.38 | 84.96 | -4.7 | -0.1 | 6.40 |
| Blend 9 | 78.76 | -1.1 | -4.5 | 2.21 | 80.66 | -2.9 | -3.2 | 0.91 |
| Blend 10 | 79.26 | -2.7 | -3.8 | 0.81 | 80.56 | -2.2 | -3.3 | 0.81 |
| Blend 11 | 78.96 | -0.3 | -4.0 | 3.21 | 82.06 | -3.2 | -2.0 | 2.67 |

* See Table (1).

Comparison among "a" values (degree of redness) and "b' values (degree of yellowness) of cakes indicated that cakes prepared using fructose and stevia sugar were clearly less red and less yellow than those of cakes prepared using sucrose only (control). These results are in agreement with Attia, et al.,(1993), who found that the presence of fructose in the cake formula caused the development of a greenish colour. Total colour difference "ΔE" ranged between 0.81-4.69 and 0.81-8.19 for crust and crumb cakes, respectively indicating substantial colour differences among the samples.

Sensory evaluation of cakes.

The results of sensory evaluation of cakes are presented in Table (5). All blends were rated lower than the control sample. Significant differences at (P < 0.05) were observed within all cakes and between the control sample. Cakes for blends 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 received slightly higher sensory scores than other blends. Cakes prepared with commercial stevia sugar or fructose more than 50% replacement level, received the lowest scores. The colour of the crust and crumb of the cakes were changed and became darker by increasing levels of stevia sugar in the blends. Panelist scores agreed with Hunter L, a and b values, which indicated that the crust of cakes became darker, less red and less yellow as the stevia sugar content increased (Table, 4).

A slightly bitter aftertaste appeared when stevia sugar was used at levels of 75 and 100%. Sojarto et al., (1983) reported that the bitter taste, common to many stevia species, was probably due to sesquiterpene lactones. It was also, suggested that volatile aromatic or essential oils, tannins and flavonoids contributed to the implant flavour associated with stevia.

Table (5): Sensory evaluation of cake samples.

| Sample* | Characteristics | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Tenderness (10) | Colour (10) | Texture (10) | Flavour (10) | Taste (10) |
| Control | 8.1 ^a | 8.4 ^a | 8.8 ^a | 7.8 ^a | 7.8 ^a |
| Blend 1 | 7.7 ^{ab} | 7.1 ^{abc} | 6.4 ^{bc} | 7.1 ^a | 7.2 ^{ab} |
| Blend 2 | 6.6 ^{bcd} | 7.3 ^{ab} | 6.6 ^b | 6.5 ^{abcd} | 6.5 ^{ab} |
| Blend 3 | 7.7 ^{ab} | 6.8 ^{abc} | 6.6 ^b | 6.9 ^{ab} | 6.6 ^{ab} |
| Blend 4 | 6.5 ^{bcd} | 6.0 ^{bc} | 5.5 ^{bcd} | 6.8 ^{ab} | 6.2 ^{abc} |
| Blend 5 | 7.6 ^{abc} | 7.1 ^{abc} | 7.0 ^b | 6.8 ^{ab} | 6.3 ^{ab} |
| Blend 6 | 7.4 ^{abc} | 6.9 ^{abc} | 7.1 ^b | 6.7 ^{abc} | 6.1 ^{abc} |
| Blend 7 | 6.6 ^{bcd} | 6.6 ^{bc} | 5.9 ^{bcd} | 6.2 ^{abcd} | 5.9 ^{bcd} |
| Blend 8 | 7.0 ^{abcd} | 6.9 ^{abc} | 6.3 ^{bc} | 6.3 ^{abcd} | 5.9 ^{bcd} |
| Blend 9 | 6.3 ^{cde} | 5.7 ^{bc} | 4.4 ^d | 5.0 ^{cd} | 4.5 ^{cde} |
| Blend 10 | 6.0 ^{de} | 5.8 ^{bc} | 4.9 ^{cd} | 4.8 ^d | 4.1 ^e |
| Blend 11 | 5.6 ^a | 5.6 ^{bc} | 4.6 ^d | 5.2 ^{bcd} | 4.2 ^{de} |

* See Table (1).

- Means with the same letter within column are not significantly different (P < 0.05).

Addition of commercial stevia sugar and fructose to sucrose in a combination form decreased the mean scores of all sensory characteristics of cakes. As shown in the same table, it could be noticed that accepted results were achieved using sucrose (50%) in combination with 30% stevia sugar and 20% fructose. The differences in sensory characteristics of the mixtures were attributed to be influence of each molecule on water structure and to the nature of their hydration. Hutteau, *et al.*, (1998) reported that synergy arises when sweeteners with the same type of hydration are mixed, while suppression and addition occur when sweeteners with different type of hydration are mixed and when there is a decrease in water mobility around the sweeteners. It is concluded that determination of the compatibility of bulk and intense sweeteners with water structure may be useful for prediction of optimal sweetener formulations.

Baking quality and energy value of biscuits.

Quality characteristics of biscuits are given in Table (6). The results indicated that the reduction in volume, specific volume, diameter and spread ratio of biscuits when fructose was used in biscuit preparation. The reduction in specific volume and spread ratio of biscuit was 12.34 and 16.93% when fructose was used at 75% level, respectively. Doescher and Hosney (1985) showed that the cookie dough containing sucrose had a much greater spread than doughs containing either glucose or fructose. In contrast, using commercial stevia sugar in the biscuit formula yielded biscuit samples having better baking quality than the control sample. For instance, the improvement in specific volume and spread ratio of biscuit was 5.19 and 26.9% when stevia sugar was used at 50% level, respectively. Same findings were noticed when fructose and stevia sugar used in combination form, hence, spread ratio of biscuit containing 15% stevia sugar + 10% fructose was increased by 13.76%.

Table (6): Biscuit baking quality and energy value.

| Sample* | Baking quality | | | | | | | Energy value / 100g** | | |
|----------|----------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------|
| | Weight [g] | Volume [cc] | Specific volume [cc/g] | Diameter [cm] | Thickness [cm] | Spread ratio [Cm] | Spread ratio [+ %] | Kcal | KJ | Reduction % |
| Control | 25.9 | 40 | 1.54 | 6.8 | 1.2 | 5.67 | 0.00 | 231.2 | 968 | 0.0 |
| Blend 1 | 26.1 | 38 | 1.46 | 6.7 | 1.3 | 5.15 | -9.17 | 212.0 | 887 | 8.2 |
| Blend 2 | 26.4 | 36 | 1.36 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 5.00 | -11.82 | 192.8 | 807 | 16.5 |
| Blend 3 | 26.0 | 35 | 1.35 | 6.6 | 1.4 | 4.71 | -16.93 | 173.2 | 725 | 25.0 |
| Blend 4 | 26.1 | 35 | 1.35 | 6.5 | 1.2 | 5.42 | -37.31 | 154.0 | 645 | 33.3 |
| Blend 5 | 27.0 | 42 | 1.56 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 7.00 | +23.46 | 188.0 | 787 | 18.6 |
| Blend 6 | 27.2 | 44 | 1.62 | 7.2 | 1.0 | 7.20 | +26.90 | 144.5 | 605 | 37.4 |
| Blend 7 | 26.5 | 46 | 1.74 | 7.2 | 1.1 | 6.55 | +15.52 | 101.0 | 423 | 56.3 |
| Blend 8 | 26.8 | 41 | 1.53 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 6.45 | +13.76 | 197.9 | 828 | 14.3 |
| Blend 9 | 26.6 | 43 | 1.62 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 6.45 | +13.76 | 163.6 | 685 | 29.1 |
| Blend 10 | 26.7 | 44 | 1.62 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 6.00 | +5.82 | 130.1 | 545 | 43.7 |
| Blend 11 | 26.5 | 45 | 1.70 | 7.1 | 1.2 | 5.92 | +4.41 | 96.3 | 403 | 58.3 |

* See Table (2).

** Estimated by Sweeteners (sucrose, fructose and stevia sugar) of each biscuit.

This means that the presence of commercial stevia sugar in the formula succeeded to reduce dough stability and produce weaker dough. Saxena *et al.*, (1992) reported that biscuits prepared from soft dough had a significantly higher spread than those prepared from hard dough. A slight increase in biscuit weight samples occurred after baking with fructose or stevia sugar compared with the control sample.

The energy value of the biscuit sample (Table 6) was 231.2 Kcal in the control, while, 173.2 and 101 Kcal when fructose and stevia sugar were used each in a proportion of 75% individual, respectively. Same findings were noticed when mixtures of sugar substitutes were considered. Biscuit sample contained 30% stevia sugar + 20% fructose showed 29% reduction in calories.

Colour of biscuits:

Colour quality of processed biscuit is summarized in Table (7). Fructose or stevia sugar affected the colour of biscuit especially the lightness "L" values. Colour of biscuits made with fructose was slightly darker (lower L values) and more red (positive a values) than those of biscuits made with stevia sugar prepared with different levels. Total colour differences "ΔE" ranged between 2.25 and 5.06. The highest colour difference was recorded for fructose incorporation, which could be attributed to the reaction of fructose with non-reducing sugars. A decrement in colour differences was observed by using commercial stevia sugar in biscuit formula in comparison with fructose biscuit. However, mixtures of sugar substitutes minimized such differences in colour biscuit than when used separately.

Table (7) : Colour quality of biscuits.

| Samples * | Lightness "L" | Redness "a" | Yellowness "b" | ΔE |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|------|
| Control | 80.96 | -1.4 | -2.1 | 2.25 |
| Blend 1 | 77.86 | +0.1 | -5.2 | 3.86 |
| Blend 2 | 78.66 | -0.5 | -4.1 | 2.64 |
| Blend 3 | 77.86 | +1.7 | -4.9 | 5.06 |
| Blend 4 | 78.06 | +1.1 | -4.4 | 4.35 |
| Blend 5 | 79.76 | -0.5 | -2.9 | 2.36 |
| Blend 6 | 82.46 | -1.8 | -0.8 | 3.87 |
| Blend 7 | 81.96 | -0.4 | -0.9 | 4.09 |
| Blend 8 | 80.76 | -1.3 | -2.0 | 2.31 |
| Blend 9 | 80.56 | -0.6 | -2.3 | 2.57 |
| Blend 10 | 80.46 | -0.4 | -2.3 | 2.72 |
| Blend 11 | 80.56 | -0.4 | -2.0 | 2.90 |

* See Table (2)

Sensory evaluation of biscuits.

Means of the sensory evaluations of the biscuits prepared with varying levels of sweeteners are presented in Table (8). No significant differences at the 5% level was noted between control biscuit and those

prepared by using commercial stevia sugar or fructose. Biscuits prepared with stevia sugar or fructose more than 50% replacement level received the lowest sensory scores. When fructose was incorporated with the stevia sugar the sensory properties of the biscuits was generally higher than that of those samples prepared with stevia sugar. The highest values of sensory scores of biscuit were achieved using sucrose (50%) in combination with 30% stevia sugar and 20% fructose (Blend 9).

Based on these results, it could be recommended that sucrose could be replaced by commercial stevia sugar or fructose at levels up to 50% to produce low-calorie biscuits and cakes. Optimum results were achieved using sucrose (50%) in combination with 30% stevia sugar and 20% fructose.

Table (8) : Sensory evaluation of biscuit samples.

| Samples* | Characteristics | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Surface colour (10) | Shape (10) | Surface characteristics (10) | Distribution of cell (10) | Mouth feel (20) | Texture (20) | Flavour (20) |
| Control | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 13.5 | 11.0 | 13.8 |
| Blend 1 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 12.1 | 12.7 | 13.2 |
| Blend 2 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 11.9 |
| Blend 3 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 12.2 | 12.6 |
| Blend 4 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 11.9 |
| Blend 5 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 12.6 |
| Blend 6 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 10.5 |
| Blend 7 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 9.7 |
| Blend 8 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| Blend 9 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 12.9 |
| Blend 10 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 11.2 |
| Blend 11 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 10.7 |
| L.S.D 0.05 | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS | NS |

* See Table (2)

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إنتاج وتقييم بسكويت وكيك منخفضا السعرات الحرارية
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نظرا لزيادة الاهتمام بالمحليات الطبيعية والرغبة في الابتعاد عن المحليات الصناعية استهدفت هذه الدراسة إمكانية إنتاج بسكويت وكيك منخفضا السعرات الحرارية عن طريق إحلال جزء من السكر بنسب مختلفة من سكر الاستيفيا التجاري أو الفركتوز كمحليات طبيعية. حيث تم تصنيع إحدى عشر خلطة مختلفة علاوة على التجربة القياسية (بدون إضافة فركتوز أو سكر الاستيفيا) وقد استخدمت أربع نسب إحلال هي ٢٥، ٥٠، ٧٥، ١٠٠% وتم تقدير الخواص الطبيعية مع اختبارات الخبير والصفات الحسية لكل من الكيك والبسكويت. أوضحت النتائج أنه يمكن استخدام سكر الاستيفيا التجاري أو الفركتوز في صناعة بسكويت وكيك منخفضا السعرات الحرارية حتى نسبة استبدال ٥٠% للسكر. وأن استخدام أكثر من محلي في الخلطة الواحدة يعطى بسكويتا وكيكا ذات جودة عالية وقد أظهرت الخلطة المحتوية على ٥٠% سكر + ٣٠% سكر استيفيا + ٢٠% فركتوز تفوقا واضحا عن الخلطات المقترحة الأخرى بالنسبة للمظهر العام واللون والقوام والطعم والرائحة لكل من البسكويت والكيك بالإضافة إلى انخفاض السعرات الحرارية في هذه الخلطة إلى ٣٠% مقارنة بالعينة القياسية.