

OLIVE AND AVOCADO OILS AND THEIR BLEND: EVALUATION AND UTILIZATION IN SOME FOODS

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ABSTRACT

Olive oil (OO) and avocado oil (AO) along with their blend (OAB) at 1:1 ratio were evaluated in terms of physicochemical properties, polyphenols, oil classes, fatty acids composition, stability and antioxidant activity. Utility of these oils in making cake and oil/butter blend was also investigated. No significant differences could be traced among OO, AO and OAB with respect to saponification value and specific absorbance (K_{232}). In contrast, refractive index, specific gravity, free fatty acids iodine value, peroxide value, specific absorbance (K_{270}) and three colour values assessed by Lovibond Tintometer, exhibited significant differences among the aforementioned oils. Fatty acids composition revealed that AO had the highest content of $C_{16:0}$ (18.63%), followed by OAB (15.23%) while OO trailed behind (13.15%). The highest content (4.01%) of $C_{18:0}$ was belonging to OO, while OAB had (3.26%) and AO exhibited (2.42%). Content of unsaturated fatty acids of the three oils was higher than their counter parts of saturated ones. The OO possessed the highest content of polyphenols, while AO had the least content but it possessed the highest content of chlorophyll. Direct relationship could be figured out between content of polyphenols and antioxidant activity (68.2%, 61.0% and 53.7% for OO, OAB and AO, respectively). Moreover, polyphenols were separated by TLC into nine bands in OO and OAB while six bands were found in AO. Oil classes which were separated by TLC indicated that triacylglycerols, diacylglycerols, monoacylglycerols and polar compounds were the most abundant compounds in studied oils. Incorporation of OO, AO and OAB in formulation of carrot cake and oil/butter blend was found to be quite accepted by panelists.

Keywords: Olive oil, Avocado oil, Polyphenols, Antioxidant activity, Fatty acids composition, Oil classes.

INTRODUCTION

Vegetable oils are the major source of edible lipids which are consumed in the world. They are extracted either from the endosperm of the oil seeds or from the pericarp of oil fruits, mainly palm and olive. Another important oil fruit is avocado (*Persea americana* Mill.). Avocado is mainly grown in Mexico, the USA and Indonesia (Anonymous, 2000). However, the cultivation of avocado is expanding into some non-traditional localities, such as Sicily and Calabria in the Mediterranean area (Frega *et al.*, 1990). Avocado is also grown in Turkey, and plantations have rapidly expanded during the past decade. In Egypt avocado is grown in a small quantities in scattered areas. From the nutritional point of view, avocado is an important and high caloric fruit. Indeed its high content of unsaturated fatty acids is one of its distinguishing characteristics. Moreover, avocado is rich in vitamin E, ascorbic acid, vitamin B₆, β -carotene, and potassium (Bergh, 1992).

Avocado oil is suitable for preventing the human body from accumulating the undesirable low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and promotes healthy high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol accumulation, which is beneficial to the heart. Studies also prove that the presence of β -sitosterol in avocado oil helps in relieving the symptoms of prostate enlargement amongst men, besides lowering the cholesterol build-up (Chan, 2005). Cold-pressed avocado oil is relatively new in culinary circles, and its production volume is relatively small compared with other oils, with approximately 2000 tons/year. New Zealand, Mexico, Chile, United States and South Africa are among the main avocado oil producers. Its significant production, commercialization and marketing are only occurring in the twenty-first century, and limited published information still exists on this product. Avocado oil has the advantage, as with olive oil, which can be obtained from the fruit by means of a cold extraction method, which is an easy, low cost technology that allows maintaining in the oil significant amounts of the bioactive phytochemicals present in the fruit. The concentration of sterols in avocado oil is around 3.3 mg/g oil (Woolf *et al.*, 2008). Plant sterols, or phytosterols, are triterpene compounds, similar in structure to cholesterol, that are found in plants, can be divided into three main classes: 4-desmethylsterols, 4-methylsterols, and 4,4-dimethylsterols (triterpene alcohols). Many studies demonstrated that 4-desmethylsterols have healthy benefits, such as the decrease in the LDL cholesterol. Also, they possess anticancer, anti-inflammatory, antiatherogenic, and antioxidative activities (Berger *et al.*, 2004 and Alvarenga & Ferro, 2005). Regarding 4,4-dimethylsterols, although some healthy properties have been described for some of them, they have been mainly used to oil identification purposes (Azadmard-Damirchi *et al.*, 2005). The phenolic compounds of olive oil have multiple biological effects, including antioxidant activity (Gordon *et al.*, 2001), nutritional properties (Galli and Visioli, 1999) and sensory quality (Angerosa *et al.*, 2000). Moreover, they have been suggested to play a preventive role in the development of cancer and heart disease (Uccella, 2001). The use of oil blends to be consumed either directly or as an ingredient in many foodstuffs is much extended in many countries. The consideration of olive oil as a healthy product, together with its good organoleptic properties, makes it one of the most common ingredients of this kind of blends. The reasons for mixing olive oil with others are not only economical, the production of good olive oil is labour intensive and the resulting product is usually more expensive than other vegetable oils, but also nutritional. It is clear from the composition of vegetable oils, that no single oil, even olive oil, in realistic portion sizes (up to 33 g/day), meets all the oil nutritional requirements of essential fatty acids and vitamins (Darmon *et al.*, 2006).

The present study aimed to utilize the avocado oil in food production as a new oil rich in unsaturated fatty acids especially oleic acid. Moreover it is similar in composition and most properties to olive oil, which provides an opportunity to be used in food purposes either alone or mixed with olive oil.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials:-

Extra virgin avocado oil (AO) (Cold pressed, Grove, New Zealand avocado) and extra virgin olive oil (OO) (Cold pressed, SPARTA Gold, Greece) were purchased from Alexandria market, Egypt. A blend of the aforementioned two oils (OAB) was prepared at a ratio of 1:1 to study characteristics and composition of the three oils under investigation.

Methods:-

Analytical methods:-

Oil characteristics and composition:-

Colour:-

Colour of oils was determined using Lovibond Schofield Tintometer and expressed as blue, yellow and red colour fractions according to (Makinney and Little, 1962).

Identity characteristics:-

The specific gravity at 25°C, refractive index at 25°C and iodine absorption number were determined according to AOAC (1998). Saponification value was determined according to Egan *et al.* (1987).

Peroxide value (PV):-

It was determined according to the method of AOAC (1998) and expressed in milliequivalent of active oxygen per kilogram of oil (meq O₂/kg oil).

Free fatty acids:-

These acids were determined according to AOAC (1998) as grams oleic acid per 100 gram oil.

Specific absorbance at ultraviolet:-

The values of specific absorbance of oils at K₂₃₂ and K₂₇₀ were determined according to the method described by Kiritsakis (1991). To one gram of oil in 100 ml volumetric flask, cyclohexane was added up to the mark then mixed vigorously. The absorbance was recorded at 232 and 270 nm, respectively against pure cyclohexane as a blank. The following equation was used to calculate the specific absorbance:

$$E^{1\%}_{1\text{ cm}}(\lambda) = \frac{A \lambda}{C \times d}$$

Where:-

E is the specific absorbance.

λ is the wave length used.

A λ is the concentration at certain wave length

C is the concentration of sample solution (g/100ml)

D is the cell length in cm.

Fatty acid composition:-

Fatty acid methyl esters of oil samples were prepared as described by Radwan (1978) in screw cap vial using 1% H₂ SO₄ in methanol under stream of nitrogen gas. The closed vials were heated in an oven at 90 °C min. Analysis of fatty acids was carried out by Shimadzu gas liquid chromatography (GLC-4 Cm,PYE) in Central Lab. Faculty of Agriculture, Alex. University, Alex.Egypt, using the following conditions:- Packing material (SP-

216), Solid support (Supelce port 801100), column temperature (130.3 °C – 190 °C), 2C/min.rise, detector (Flame Ionization Detector) , detector temperature (250 °C), sheet speed (5mm/min), air flow rate (0.5 ml/min), H₂ flow rate(1ml/min), N₂ flow rate (30 ml/min), sensitivity 10 x 10⁻⁵.

Fractionation of oil classes:-

Oils were fractionated into different classes according to the method of Mangold and Malins (1960) using 20 x 20 cm TLC plates coated with 0.25 mm thickness silica gel (Merk G,type 60) and developing solvent system consisted of petroleum ether (40 – 60 °C) : diethyl ether: glacial acetic acid (70 :30:2, v/v/v). The oil classes were visualized by exposing to iodine vapour in closed jar and cotton seed oil was used as a standard.

Determination and separation of polyphenols :-

Extraction :-

Method of Papadopoulos and Boskou (1991) was applied to extract polyphenols from studied oils as follows:- Fifty grams of oil in 50 ml hexane were extracted 3 times each with 30 ml mixture of methanol: water (60:40 v/v) in a blender. The combined extract was first filtered then concentrated near dryness under vacuum in a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The concentrated extract was dissolved in methanol and brought to 50 ml in volumetric flask with methanol. This extract used for determination and separation of polyphenols and determination of antioxidant activity.

Determination:-

The total polyphenols content (mg/kg oil) in the above extract was determined by folin ciocalteu colorimetric method according to AOAC (1998) using gallic acid as standard and spectronic 20 spectrophotometer at 760 nm.

Separation :-

The methanol extract of polyphenols was separated and fractionated on TLC prepared plate (20x20 cm) coating with 0.25 mm thickness silica gel G (Merk) after one hour activation at 110 °C (Fayad and Neeman, 1988). The developing solvent was consisted of the upper phase of benzene:glycical acetic acid:water (60:70:30)mixture. The visualization of polyphenols fractions was based on using iodine vapour (Mangold and Malins, 1960).

Antioxidant activity:-

Antioxidant activity was measured by the N,N-Dimethyl -*p*-phenylenediamine dihydrochloride (DMPD) . Two hundred and nine mg of DMPD were dissolved in 10 ml of deionized water. One ml of this solution was added to 100 ml of 0.1 M acetate buffer (pH = 5.25) then 0.2 ml of 0.05 M ferric chloride solution was added to obtain coloured radical cation (DMPD⁺) as follows:

DMPD (uncoloured) + oxidant (Fe³⁺) + H⁺ → DMPD⁺ (purple coloured radical cation)

DMPD⁺ ((purple coloured radical cation) + AOH (antioxidant material) → DMPD (uncoloured) + AO (antioxidant compounds)

One ml of this solution was directly placed in a 1 ml plastic cuvette and its absorbance was measured at 505 nm. Standard solution of the antioxidant compounds was prepared as follows: 0.1 g of ascorbic acid was dissolved in 100 ml of deionized water to obtain 1 mg/ml of ascorbic acid. Antioxidant compounds were extracted from samples as follows: 1ml of polyphenol extract was added to 9 ml methanol , then centrifuged at 12,000

xg for 15 min. A volume of 50 µl of standard antioxidant or sample extraction was added in the spectrometric cuvette contained 1 ml of DMPD⁺ solution, and after 10 min at 25 °C under continuous stirring, the absorbance was measured at 505 nm. Buffered solution was placed in the reference cuvette. A dose-response curve was derived for ascorbic acid, by plotting the absorbance at 505 nm as percentage of the absorbance of the uninhibited radical cation solution according to the following equation:

$$\text{Inhibition of } A_{505} (\%) = (1 - A_F / A_0) \times 100$$

Where:

A_0 = Absorbance of uninhibited radical cation.

A_F = Absorbance measured at 10 min after the addition of antioxidant samples. (Fogliano *et al.*, 1999).

Chlorophyll:-

The content of chlorophyll (ppm) in olive oil was estimated as described in AOAC. (1998) by measuring the absorbance of olive oil at 360, 670 and 710 nm using spectronic- 20 Spectrophotometer to calibrate and adjust the instrument to zero, carbon tetrachloride was used as a blank. The cell containing the oil sample was heated to 30 °C in water bath before absorbance reading.

The following equation was used to calculate the chlorophyll:

$$\text{Chlorophyll (ppm)} = \frac{\text{OD at 670} - (\text{OD at 630} + \text{OD at 710})}{2} \times \frac{1000}{0.0964 \text{ L}}$$

Where L = Cuvette length in cm

Technological methods:-

Oil / butter blend: -

Oil samples and butter were blended in food processor (at ratio 1:1 oil : butter) until combined and had a thick cream consistency then packed into a small polystyrene bowl, covered with aluminum foil and placed in a refrigerator at 4 °C to firm (Mostafa, 2007).

Carrot cake: -

Oil samples, eggs and sugar were beaten in a mixer until obtaining a creamy texture. The dry ingredients were mixed in a separate bowl then added to the egg mixture and stirred until combined. The mixture was packed into a lightly greased baking pan and baked for about 35 minute at 350 °C in a baking oven. After cooling at room temperature, it was packed in aluminum foil (Mostafa, 2007).

Sensory evaluation:-

Colour , odour, taste and texture of the oil / butter blend and carrot cake were subjectively evaluated using 10 panelist of Food Science and Technology Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Alex. University, Egypt. Hedonic ranking test where 9=extremely acceptable to 1= extremely rejected as described by Kramer and Twigg (1970).

Statistical analysis:-

The present study was carried out in Randomized Complete Block design and Least Significant Difference at 0.05 probability level (L.S.D_{0.05})

was used to compare the differences among treatment means according to Steel and Torrie (1984).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identity characteristics:-

The data in Table (1) shows some identity characteristics of olive oil (OO), Avocado oil (AO) in addition to their blend (OAB). Generally, all these oils did not reveal any significant differences regarding saponification value and K_{232} . In contrast, there were many significant differences could be traced with respect to colour, specific gravity, refractive index, iodine value, free fatty acids, peroxide value and K_{270} . Red colour was higher in OAB compared to OO and AO, meanwhile yellow color was higher in OO and OAB compared to AO but the latter had the highest value of blue colour followed by OAB and OO. These differences in the three colour fractions perhaps are attributed to the variation of pigments content such as polyphenols and chlorophyll. The AO had the highest value of specific gravity and refractive index followed by OAB while OO tailed behind. Results in Table (1) also indicate that Iodine value exhibited the highest value for OO followed by OAB and AO, respectively, This result agree with those of El-Refai *et al.* (2010) who mentioned that iodine value (IV) varies depending on the kind of oil, which indicate to the degree of saturation. OO had the highest peroxide value compared with OAB and AO. Cuellar (1990) suggested the following standards for the olive oil, light yellow colour, $\leq 1.5\%$ free fatty acids, ≤ 20 milleq O_2 /kg peroxide value, $\leq 0.9 K_{270}$, and 184-196 saponification value.

Fatty acids composition:-

The results in table (2) shows fatty acids composition of the three studied oils. These oils had considerable amounts of saturated fatty acids. It is worth to mention that AO had the highest content of $C_{16:0}$ (18.63%) followed by OAB (15.23%) and OO (13.15%). Meanwhile OO had the highest amount of $C_{18:0}$ (4.01%) followed by OAB (3.26%) and AO (2.42%). Studied oils had little amounts of $C_{10:0}$, $C_{12:0}$ and $C_{20:0}$ and a relatively considerable amount of $C_{14:0}$. Furthermore, these oils contained high amounts of unsaturated fatty acids compared with saturated ones, especially $C_{18:1}$ and $C_{18:2}$. The highest amount of oleic acid was found in OO followed by OAB and AO in descending order, but AO exhibited the highest amount of linoleic acid ($C_{18:2}$) followed by OAB and finally OO. The highest ratio between unsaturated and saturated fatty acids was figured out in OO and OAB followed by AO, this means that OO and AOB had higher concentration of unsaturated fatty acid (79.09% and 78.86%) compared to AO (76.59%) Boskou (1996) found that extra virgin olive oil had high proportion of monounsaturated fatty acids . i.e. oleic acid, , and a modest presence of polyunsaturated fatty acids and natural antioxidants , such as tocopherols, carotenoids, sterols, and phenolic compounds . Requejo *et al.* (2003) showed that avocado oil could be used as an ingredient in functional foods because of its high concentration of oleic acid, and substantial amounts of health beneficial compounds, such as antioxidants, vitamins and

phytosterols. Meanwhile, Menendez *et al.* (2005) reported that oleic acid is present as a major constituent in avocado oil.

Table (1): Some identity characteristics of olive oil, avocado oil and their blend

Characteristics	Olive oil (OO)	Avocado oil (AO)	Oil blend (OAB)
Colour			
Red	8.26 ^b	8.03 ^b	9.46 ^a
Yellow	29.40 ^a	27.66 ^b	29.42 ^a
Blue	8.86 ^c	11.66 ^a	10.33 ^b
Specific gravity at 25 °C	1.4640 ^c	1.4808 ^a	1.4703 ^b
Refractive index at 25 °C	0.9185 ^b	0.9345 ^a	0.9214 ^b
Iodine value	86.74 ^a	75.35 ^c	80.68 ^b
Saponification value (mg KOH/ g oil)	191.95 ^a	195.51 ^a	191.16 ^a
Free fatty acids (%)	0.28 ^a	0.17 ^b	0.19 ^b
Peroxide value	3.66 ^a	2.05 ^b	2.23 ^b
Specific absorbance at ultraviolet			
K ₂₃₂	0.275 ^a	0.248 ^a	0.233 ^a
K ₂₇₀	0.0843 ^a	0.070 ^b	0.0830 ^a

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Table (2): Fatty acid composition of olive, avocado oils and their blend.

Fatty acid (%)	Olive oil (OO)	Avocado oil (AO)	Oil blend (OAB)
<u>Saturated fatty acids</u>			
C _{10:0}	0.69	---	0.31
C _{12:0}	0.57	0.64	0.50
C _{14:0}	1.18	1.72	1.32
C _{16:0}	13.15	18.63	15.23
C _{18:0}	4.01	2.42	3.26
C _{20:0}	1.31	---	0.52
Total	20.91	23.41	21.14
<u>Unsaturated fatty acids</u>			
C _{16:1}	1.52	4.49	3.14
C _{18:1}	67.50	57.64	62.16
C _{18:2}	10.07	14.46	13.56
Total	79.09	76.59	78.86
Unsaturated: Saturated	3.78 :1	3.27 :1	3.73:1

Polyphenols, chlorophyll and antioxidant activity:-

Data in Table (3) show the polyphenols and chlorophyll contents along with antioxidant activity of OO, AO and OAB. Data revealed significant differences among the three studied oils regarding each of polyphenols, chlorophyll and antioxidant activity, whereas OO contained the highest value of polyphenols followed by OAB and AO. Meanwhile, chlorophyll content was found to be the highest in AO compared with OAB and OO. The relatively high content of polyphenols and chlorophyll in each of the three oils investigated here reflected considerable percentage of antioxidant activity in such oils, whereas OO possessed the highest antioxidant activity (68.2%) followed by OAB (61.0%) then AO (53.7%). Interesse *et al.* (1971) showed that chlorophyll and pheophytin had a prooxidant effect on lipids in the presence of light, and acted as antioxidant in dark. Endo *et al.* (1985) found that the antioxidant effect of chlorophyll and pheophytins were depended on the storage temperature. Chlorophyll (a) had the strongest antioxidant activity, followed by chlorophyll (b). Baldioli *et al.* (1996) found that virgin olive oil contains a number of substances which elongate its shelf-life. Amongst them, phenolic compounds are the ones that mainly determine a greater resistance to auto-oxidation. Boskou (1996) reported that olive oil contains natural antioxidants such as tocopherols, carotenoids, sterols and phenolic compounds that represent 27% of the unsaponifiable fraction. Teissedre and Waterhouse (2000) and Koski *et al.* (2002) reported that olive oil has been established more stable than other vegetable oils to thermal degradation due to its high amount of mono unsaturated fatty acids (MUFA) and to the content of phenolic compounds.

Table(3): Polyphenols, chlorophyll and antioxidant activity of olive, avocado oils and their blend.

Component	Olive oil (OO)	Avocado oil (AO)	Oil blend (OAB)
Polyphenols (mg/kg)	176.07 ^a	10.51 ^c	96.28 ^b
Chlorophyll (mg/kg)	14.91 ^c	73.45 ^a	46.37 ^b
Antioxidant activity (%)	68.20 ^a	53.70 ^c	61.00 ^b

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Oil classes:-

Fig (1) illustrates separation of olive, avocado, oils and their blend by TLC chromatogram, the main class in them was triacylglycerols, the other classes which were detected in considerable quantities were polar lipids, monoacylglycerols, 1,2 and 2,3 diacylglycerols, free steroids, 1,3-diacylglycerols, hydrocarbons, esters and traces from free fatty acids. Gamel (1995) found that most of the fatty acids of olive oil are present as triglycerides and the non- glycerides fraction of olive oil contain non-glyceride

fatty acid esters, hydrocarbons, sterols, phospholipids, chlorophyll and flavour compounds.

Polyphenols separation: -

Fig (2) shows the separation of polyphenols from the three studied oils, (AO, OO and OAB) by TLC method. From the chromatogram, it could be noticed that, there were six compounds of polyphenols could be separated from AO. Meanwhile, nine compounds of polyphenols were separated from OO and OAB. These results indicated that, OO contained more compounds of polyphenols compared with AO and this was reflected in polyphenols content in OAB which contained the same components found in the two oils.

Carrot cake and oil / butter blend products:-

Table (4) shows results of the organoleptic evaluation of carrot cake and oil/butter blend using OO, AO and OAB. Data of organoleptic evaluation indicated that, all organoleptic properties of the two products were quite accepted. There are significant differences between some organoleptic properties such as colour and taste in carrot cake and oil/butter blend, whereas the colour and taste for carrot cake produced from OO and OAB were more accepted comparing to that produced from AO. Meanwhile colour and taste of oil /butter blend made from AO and OAB were more accepted comparing with that made from OO. Other organoleptic properties of the two products did not show any significant differences and they were quite accepted as judged by panelists. Fig. (3) shows oil / butter blend and carrot cake which were made in the present study.

Result in our study confirm the encouragement of avocado cultivation in Egypt due to a high nutritional value of it's oil.

Table (4) : Organolyptic evaluation of oil / butter blend and carrot cake processed from studied oils

Oils	Carrot cake					Oil /butter blend				
	Taste	Odour	Texture	Acceptability	Colour	Taste	Odour	Texture	Acceptability	Colour
Olive oil	6.5 ^a	7.5 ^a	7.7 ^a	7.6 ^a	7.7 ^a	6.3 ^b	6.6 ^b	7.8 ^a	7.2 ^a	7.2 ^a
Avocado oil	6.4 ^b	6.7 ^b	8.0 ^a	7.3 ^a	8.1 ^a	7.6 ^a	7.5 ^a	7.8 ^a	7.6 ^a	7.8 ^a
Blend oil	7.5 ^a	8.3 ^a	8.1 ^a	7.6 ^a	8.3 ^a	6.9 ^{ab}	7.0 ^a	7.6 ^a	7.0 ^a	7.7 ^a

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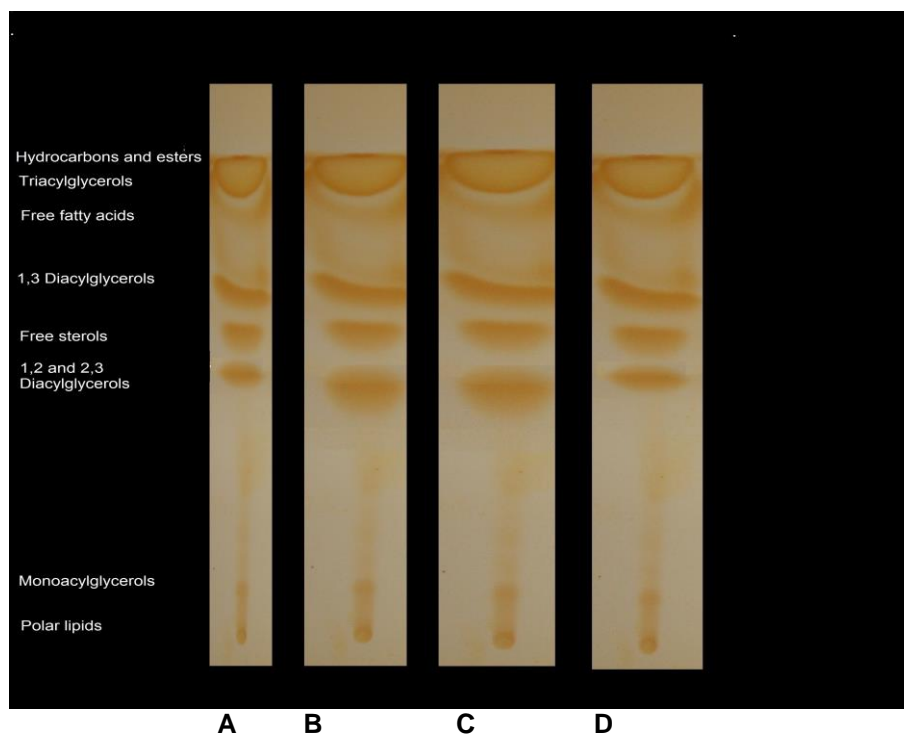


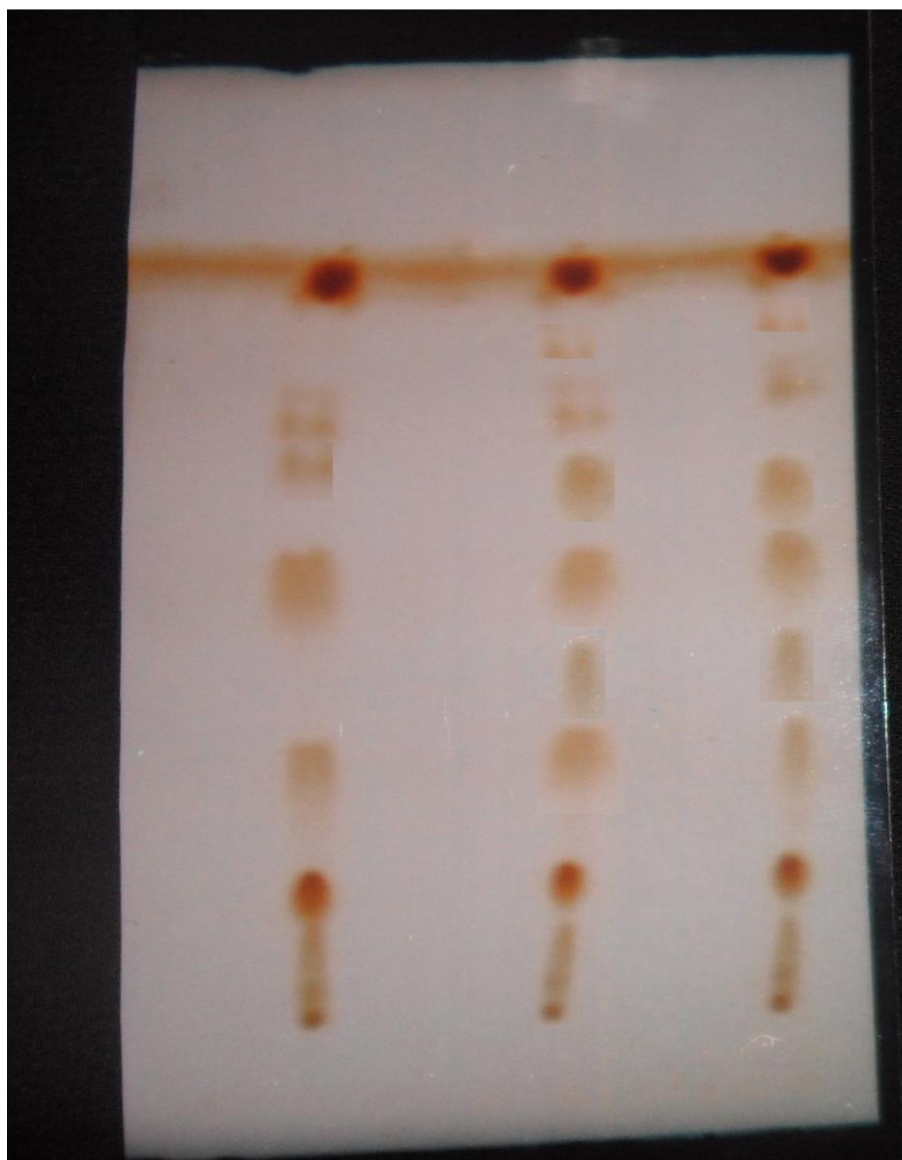
Figure (1): The TLC chromatogram, for oil classes of olive, avocado oils and their blend

A: Cotton seed oil

B: Olive oil

C: Avocado oil

D: Oil blend



A B C

Figure (2): The TLC chromatogram for phenolic compounds of olive, avocado oils and their blend
A: Avocado oil
B: Olive oil
C: Oil blend



Oil / butter blend Carrot cake

Fig (3): Oil / butter blend and carrot cake containing olive, avocado oils and their blend at 1:1 ratio

A: Product from avocado oil
B: Product from olive oil
C: Product from oil blend
D: Control sample

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زيت الزيتون و زيت الأفوكادو و مخلوطهما: تقييمهما و استخدامهما فى بعض الأغذية

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أجري هذا البحث بغرض دراسة الخواص الفيزيوكيميائية و تركيب الأحماض الدهنية مع تقدير كل من نسبة المواد الفينولية و الكلوروفيل و النشاط المضاد للأكسدة مع استخدام كروماتوجرافيا الطبقة الرقيقة فى فصل كل من أقسام الزيت و المواد الفينولية و وذلك لكل من زيت الزيتون و زيت الأفوكادو و مخلوطهما بنسبة ١:١ مع دراسة امكانية الاستفادة من هذه الزيوت موضع الدراسة فى عمل كيك الجزر و مخلوط الزيت و الزيت. ولقد أوضحت النتائج عدم وجود فروق معنوية بين الزيوت الثلاثة فى كل من رقم التصين و نسبة الأحماض الدهنية الحرة و كذلك امتصاص الأشعة فوق البنفسجية عند طول موجى ٢٣٢ نانومتر بينما لوحظت فروق معنوية فى كل من معامل الانكسار و الكثافة النوعية و اللون و الرقم اليودى و رقم البيروكسيد و كذلك امتصاص الأشعة فوق البنفسجية عند طول موجى ٢٧٠ نانومتر. وبدراسة تركيب الأحماض الدهنية لوحظ احتواء زيت الأفوكادو على المحتوى الأعلى من حامض البالمتيك (١٨,٦٣ %) يليه خليط الزيتون (١٥,٢٣ %) ثم زيت الزيتون (١٣,١٥ %). بينما كانت النسبة الأعلى من الحامض الدهنى الاستياريك موجوده فى زيت الزيتون (٤,٠١ %) متبوعا بمخلوط الزيتون (٣,٢٦ %) ثم زيت الأفوكادو (٢,٤٢ %). احتوت الزيوت الثلاثة موضوع الدراسة على نسبة أعلى من الأحماض الدهنية غير المشبعة بالمقارنة بنسبة الأحماض المشبعة. احتوى زيت الزيتون على أعلى نسبة من المواد الفينولية بينما احتوى زيت الأفوكادو على أقل نسبة كما وجدت علاقة مباشرة بين نسبة المواد الفينولية و النشاط المضاد للأكسدة حيث كانت نسبة النشاط المضاد للأكسدة (٦٨,٢ % و ٦١,٠ % و ٥٣,٧ %) لكل من زيت الزيتون و مخلط الزيتون و زيت الأفوكادو على الترتيب. تم استخدام كروماتوجرافيا الطبقة الرقيقة لفصل كل من المواد الفينولية و كذلك أقسام الزيت حيث أظهر الكروماتوجرام فصل تسعة مركبات فينولية من كل من زيت الزيتون و مخلوط الزيتون وستة مكونات فقط من زيت الأفوكادو و كانت كل من ثلاثى أسيل الجليسرول وثنائى و أحادى أسيل الجليسرول وكذلك المركبات القطبية هى أهم المركبات المفصولة من الزيوت الثلاثة, كما لاقى كل من كيك الجزر و مخلوط الزيت مع الزيت المصنعين من زيت الزيتون و زيت الأفوكادو و مخلوطهما قبولا لدى المحكمين.

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