



VALUEADDEDMILLETIDLIINCORPORATEDWITH CURRYLEAF(*Murrayakoenigii*)

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ABSTRACT

Idliisanaturallyfermentedfood,whichwaspreparedusingdecorticatedblackgramdhalandparboiledrice.Thestudiesareconductedwiththereplacementofricewithsomeunderutilizedcerealslikemilletsto increasethesourceofprotein,vitamins,minerals,dietaryfibreadessentialcarbohydrates.Themilletintroducedintheidliwasbarnyardmilletandfoxtailmilletandalsotheincorporationofcurryleafto enhancethenutritionalstatusoftheidli.Twovariationsweredonebasedontheinclusionofbarnyardmillet(variation1)andfoxtailmillet(variation2).Usingninepointhedonicscalethe sensoryevaluationwereperformedandthetreatmentsT2andT5werepreferredamong2variationsbythepanelistsanditwasnamed assampleAandB.Thephysicalcharacteristicsofthegrainwereestimated.Thephysicalparametersofbatter(pH)andidlisuchaswidth,diameter,thickness,inkprinttest,colourandtexturewereanalyzed.ThenutritionalcompositionforsampleA-carbohydrate(16.7g),energy(167.1kcal),protein(23.2g),fat(0.76g), fiber(1.2g), calcium(1766mg), iron(34.53),vitaminA(455mcg),magnesium(2125mg),phosphorus(12.77mg)andsampleB-carbohydrate(11.7g),energy(180kcal),protein(29.97g),fat(1.3g),fiber(2.05g), calcium(1915mg), iron(58mg),vitaminA (445mcg),magnesium(1532mg),phosphorus(15.86mg)wereestimated.InmicrobialanalysissthetotalbacteriaandtotalyeastandmouldcountwasseenforbothsampleA(T2)andsampleB(T5).LowmicrobialvaluewasobservedinsampleBfollowedbysampleA.Theshelf-lifeoftheidliwasobservedforspecifichourintervalof0thhr,4thhr,8thhrand12thhr.Theincorporation of curry leaves powder in the idli batter increased the shelf-life at room temperature (30°C) upto5 dayswithretentionof quality.Thusthevalueadded milletidliservesas anexcellentbreakfast.

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[1] INTRODUCTION

Fermented cereals, pulses, meat are consumed throughout the world as means of preservation by identifying its texture, flavor, aroma in addition to their health benefits. Among all, idli is the most common traditional cereals-pulse base fermented breakfast product due to its characteristics like soft texture, mild pleasant flavor, aroma, easy digestible, and also a well-known healthy and nutritional benefits (**Monika Rani, 2019**). The cereal replacement with nutritionally higher quality millets and other functional foodscan provide all essential nutrients needed for the body (**Vijaya Vahini 2018**).

This research pertaining to the study entitled “**VALUE ADDED MILLET IDLI INCORPORATED WITH CURRY LEAF** (*Murrayakoenigii*)” was ethically approved (SDNBVC/HSC/IHEC/2019/01) and carried out to improve the nutrition and health profile of idli by both fermentation and the dehydration process for the curry leaf incorporation to ensure the nutritive profile as well as a healthy breakfast.

The current research study has been undertaken with the following objectives:

- To formulate a value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf (*Murrayakoenigii*).
- To assess the nutrient composition, microbial evaluation and shelf life of the formulated idli.

[2] To study the organoleptic properties of the curry leaf incorporated millet idli for sensory evaluation.
METHODOLOGY

[2.1] PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF

GRAINS [2.1.1] THOUSAND GRAIN

WEIGHT AND VOLUME

The method for estimating thousand grain weight and volume were adopted from the work done by *sharma et al., 2017*. One thousand grains are randomly selected and weighed using electronic balance with least count 0.001g (*Singh, 2010*). The grains were cleaned, counted manually and weighted in grams using an electric compact scale (SF-TS200). The volume of the thousand grains were selected and determined by water displacement method was noted in milliliter using measuring cylinder.

[2.1.2] BULK DENSITY

Bulk density of the sample is the mass of the sample which relates to the volume including the air incorporation present in it (*Amidon, et al., 2017*)

[2.1.3] HYDRATION CAPACITY AND INDEX

Hydration capacity is used to measure the amount of water absorbed by the selected grains. These selected grains are measured through thousand grains and soaked in 100 ml of water for 24 hours duration. After 24 hours the water is drained from the grains and folded with a blotting paper to remove the excess water present in it. Then the weight of the soaked grain was measured in grams using an electronic balance.

The term Hydration index this refers to the percentage of absorbed water by the soaked grains in water (*Reddy Madhavi, et al., 2019*). Hydration index is calculated using the formula given by (*Kantha et al., 1986*) is followed;

$$\text{Hydration index} = \frac{\text{Hydration capacity per 1000 seeds}}{\text{Original dry weight of 1000 grain}} \times 100$$

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[2.1.4] SWELLING CAPACITY AND INDEX

The increase in volume of the soaked thousand grains is called the swelling capacity (Reddy Madhavi et al., 2019).

The term swelling index is used to determine the water holding and water absorption capacity of these selected grains. Swelling index of grains was calculated as described by *Kantha et al., 1986* using the formula.

$$\text{Swelling index} = \frac{\text{Swelling capacity per 1000 seeds}}{\text{Seed volume per 1000 seeds}} \times 100$$

[2.1.5] SIZE

The selected ingredients length, width and thickness were measured using Vernier callipers. The five randomly selected grain were expressed as mean value.

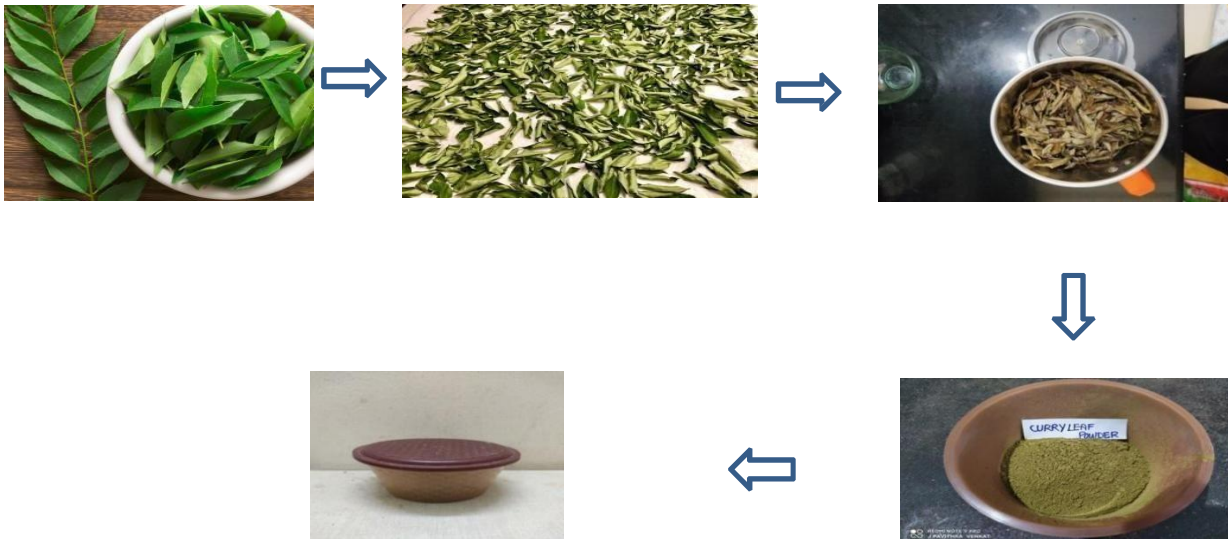
[2.2] PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS

AND IDLI [2.2.1] RAW MATERIALS

The raw materials selected for this study were (a) polished rice (*Oryza sativa*-IR20), (b) decorticated Black Gram (*Vignamungo*), (c) barnyard millet, (d) foxtail millet were procured from local market, Tambaram, Chennai. Curry leaf is procured from the own organic farmland, and it was dehydrated by sundrying and made into powder. All the materials were cleaned and free from crushed seeds, dust, and other foreign materials before processing.

[2.2.2] PREPARATION OF CURRY LEAF POWDER BY DEHYDRATION PROCESS

Figure 1. Preparation Of Curry Leaf Powder By Dehydration Process



[2.2.3] PROCESSING OF CONTROL IDLI

The measured 70g of polished rice and 30g of decorticated black gram dhal is washed 2-3 times and it is allowed to soak for 4 hours. Ground the soaked rice and black gram in mixer by adding required quantity of residual water. Grinding time for rice is 8 minutes and for black gram dhal is 6 minutes. The control and composite batter are allowed to ferment for 14 hours (overnight) and it was incubated at temperature maintained at 30°C. Fermented batter were then poured into the idli mould of fidli stand and steam the idli for 20 minutes to get the final product as followed in *Hemavathi et al., 2017* is adopted.

[2.2.4] PREPARATION OF VALUEADDEDMILLETIDLIINCORPORATEDWITHCURRYLEAF (*murrayakoenigii*)

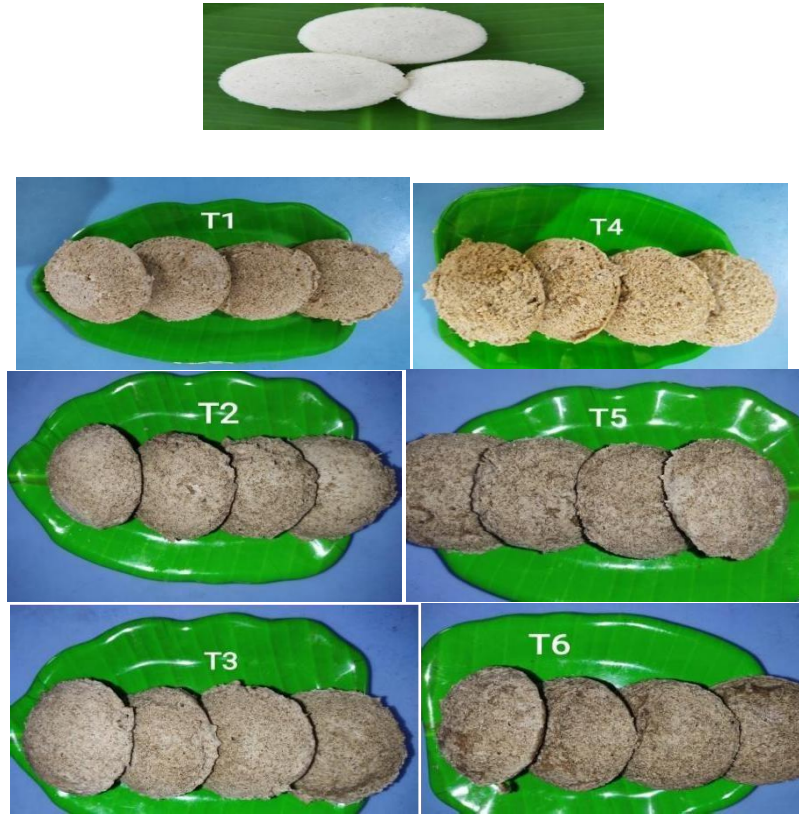
The procured raw materials are measured according to the ratio of giving 6 variations of value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf. The measured ratios of raw materials are thoroughly washed 3-4 times and hence it is allowed soaking for 4-6 hrs. (*Muragod et al., 2019*). After that the soaked grains are wet grinded by adding adequate amount of water and then it was kept for fermentation process (12 hrs.-overnight) (*Sonawane et al., 2019*) which is incubated at temperature maintained at 30°C. The raise in the volume due to the production of lactic acid, active functioning of natural fermentation causing microorganism and the formation of carbon dioxide which will improve the texture and quality of the end product. The addition of curry leaf to the fermented Barnyard and foxtail millet batters in the following ratios as 5%, 10% and 15% (*Uma et al., 2013*). The steaming time for idli is about 15-20 minutes (*Hemavathi et al., 2017*).

Table 1. Proportions of different variations of Value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf

INGREDIENTS	VARIATION I			VARIATION II		
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
Barnyard millet	70	70	70	-	-	-
Foxtail millet	-	-	-	70	70	70
Black gram dhal	30	30	30	30	30	30
Dehydrated curry leaf	5	10	15	5	10	15

The millet idli was formulated at two variations and of 3 different ratios each, totally 6 millet idli samples were prepared. Variation I is the combination of barnyard millet, decorticated black gram dhal and dehydrated curry leaf powder and variation II is Foxtail millet, decorticated black gram dhal and dehydrated curry leaf powder. The three different ratios are 70:30:5, 70:30:10 and 70:30:15 are employed in the preparation of millet idli samples are standardized.

Figure2. Proportions of different variations of Value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf CONTROL IDLI



[2.3] PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FERMENTED BATTER AND IDLI [2.3.1] BATTER

The physical characteristics of the batter were determined under each heading:

pH

The pH of the raw fermented batter was determined to ensure the acidic value of the prepared batter. The pH was analyzed using the digital pH meter (*Neha Shrivastava et al, 2014*) available in the department analytical lab. The procedure for the analysis of pH is provided in the appendix.

Figure 3. Digital pH Meter



[2.3.2] IDLI

Weight, width/diameter, volume, ink print test, colour analysis (hunter colorimeter) and texture analysis (Texture Analyzer TAXT2) was done.

Figure 4. Electric Compact Scale SF-TS200, Ink Print Test**[2.4] SENSORY ANALYSIS**

Sensory Analysis was carried out where 5 non-trained panelists were a part of the study. The panelists belonged to the family of the researcher due to prevalence of the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the research. After the sensory evaluation the idli were ranked upon the acceptability and the likability of the panelist. The desirable parameters such as colour, appearance, texture, flavor, taste and overall acceptability are analyzed using 9 point hedonic scale (*Mau et al., 2016*). Water was provided for rinsing between samples sensory analysis (*Itthivadhanapong, 2015*). The highly acceptable idli were further used for different quality aspects.

Figure 5. sensory evaluation of different treatments of idli**[2.5] PROXIMATE ANALYSIS**

The best acceptable idli was selected and determined the following aspects such as energy (AOAC2000), carbohydrates [Anthrone method (*Sadasivam and manikam, 1996*)], [protein Microkjeldhal method (*Raghuramulu. Kalyanasundharam. Nair. 2003*)], fat (AOAC: *Official method of analysis, 1965.*), fiber [Enzyme-gravimetric method (AOAC, 1985)], iron, calcium [Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (*Haswell., 1991*)] and Phosphorus (*King, E.J., Biochemistry 1932*).

[2.6] SHELF LIFE ANALYSIS

Storage quality is an important parameter influencing the utilization potential of any food commodity so the assessment of shelf life helps to provide suitable storage environment (*Muragod et al., 2019*). This analysis is applied to the food, beverages, pharmaceutical drugs, chemicals or other perishable items. It is advisory that the best before, mandatory use by (or) freshness date is required on the food packages. Shelf life is the period of time after the processing and packaging during which the food product maintains a minimum level of quality tolerable for the human consumption. In order to check the shelf-life of

the value added curry leaf incorporated millet idli, the prepared idli were packed in separate containers and stored at room temperature for a period of 0th -2 day.

[2.7] MICROBIAL ANALYSIS

[2.7.1] Total plate count (TPC)

The total bacterial count (TBC) was determined by the spread plate test technique (*Hitching et al., 1995*).

[2.7.2] Yeast and mold count

Total Yeast and Mold Counts (TYMC) are used to detect and quantify the amount of fungal growth and allow for identification of viable yeast and mold species present. (*Hitching et al., 1995*).

[2.8] COST ANALYSIS

The cost for each product is separately calculated. The food cost, labour cost, overhead cost and hidden costs are included under this analysis category. The cost analysis for the value added millet idli was also done to check its affordability to the common people. Per kilogram of millet idli was estimated through the following formula (*Vishal Kumar Jain et al., 2018*):

Cost of production (per kilogram) = Cost A + Cost B

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[1] RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Proportion of different variation of value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf

Table 2. Proportion of different variation of value added millet idli incorporated with curry leaf

Ingredients	Variation I			Variation II		
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
Barnyard millet (g)	70	70	70	-	-	-
Foxtail millet (g)	-	-	-	70	70	70
Black gram dhal (g)	30	30	30	30	30	30
Dehydrated curry leaf powder (g)	5	10	15	5	10	15
Total	105	110	115	105	110	115

The two samples (T2 and T5) were selected on the basis of overall acceptability score. The sample T2 and T5 were renamed as Sample A and B. They were taken for further analysis.

Table 3. Physical Properties Of Millets And Black Gram Dhal

Sl.No	Physical properties	Barnyard Millet	Foxtail Millet	Blackgram dhal
1	Thousand grain weight (g)	4.16±0.20	4.22±0.30	33.55±0.41
2	Thousand grain volume (ml)	4.14±0.02	6.22±0.01	38.71±0.02
3	Bulk density (g/ml)	0.99±0.04	0.67±0.04	0.86±0.01
4	Hydration capacity (g)	0.49±0.02	0.68±0.04	0.89±0.09
5	Hydration index	20.02±0.01	17.76±0.58	24.09±1.04.
6	Swelling capacity (ml)	0.71±0.05	0.2±0.04	1.23±0.10.
7	Swelling index	35±0.03	3.33±0.45	55±0.62
8	Size	Length	0.34±0.16	0.46±0.05
		Thickness	0.22±0.08	0.38±0.08

The values are obtained in the triplicate and represented as Mean ± Standard deviation

Table 4. pH of the batter at different intervals during fermentation

Hour	pH of the batter	
	Sample A	Sample B
0 th hr.	7.3	6.59
4 th hr.	6.43	5.98
8 th hr.	5.36	5.32
12 th hr.	4.81	4.74

The pH of the raw fermented batter was determined to ensure the acidic value of the prepared batter and it was analyzed using the digital pH meter (*Neha Shrivastava et al, 2014*). *Nazni, P (2010)*, evaluated the pH of the idli made with pearl millet was 5.35 which is similar to the present study of pH at 8th hour of batter fermentation.

Table 5. Physical properties of Idli

Sample	Weight	Width/diameter	Volume	Thickness
Sample A	26.13±0.25	2.7±0.26	25.62±0.47	5.6±0.06
Sample B	25.28±0.02	2.8±0.05	25.54±0.01	5.8±0.23

The weight of the both sample A (26.13 ± 0.25) and B (25.28 ± 0.02) millet idli is similar with slight differences. **Hadimani et al., 2016** shows the weight of the idli ranges from 22-27g which seems to be average size. Hence it is clear that the weight of the value added millet idli of the present study is nearly between the reference ranges.

Table 6. Ink Print Test For the Idli

Ink print test	Sample 1	Sample 2
Number of pores per square centimeter	17.6 ± 0.05	19.3 ± 0.21

The ink print test value given in the study of formulation of pearl millet idli by **M. H. Badau et al., 2002** is slightly lower than the present study value ranges differs from 12- 17 number of pores per square centimeter in graph sheets.

Table 7. TPA of Control and Murrayakoenigii leaves incorporated idli

Parameters	Control	Sample A	Sample B	p-value
Hardness (N)	18.54 ± 1.10	21.10 ± 1.25	21.34 ± 1.53	0.053*
Adhesiveness (mg/sec)	-41.45 ± 1.62	-1.10 ± 0.19	-0.46 ± 0.16	0.435NS
Springiness	0.57 ± 2.54	1.36 ± 0.31	1.18 ± 0.31	0.428NS
Cohesiveness	0.76 ± 0.12	0.90 ± 0.03	0.89 ± 0.04	0.191NS
Chewiness	1185.87 ± 51.16	1996.15 ± 653.52	2336.71 ± 914.44	0.002*
Resilience	0.37 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.03	0.52 ± 0.02	0.133*

Values are the mean \pm standard deviation. *Significantly different ($p < 0.05$), NS-not significant.

The alterations in texture among the samples during the fermentation may be due to the production of acids and CO₂ by the microorganisms as well as particle size variation of the ingredients (**Chelliah et al., 2016**).

Table 8. Colour Analysis For Idli

Sample	L*	a*	b*
Control idli, T0	48.91 ± 0.04	0.20 ± 0.15	11.36 ± 0.07
Sample T2	54.99 ± 0.21	0.43 ± 0.04	14.90 ± 0.24
Sample T5	53.7 ± 0.06	0.36 ± 0.14	13.76 ± 0.07

L*-Lightness, a*-Redness, b*-Blueness

The control and commercial idli showed similar colour characteristics with slight difference while curry leaves idli showed variation in L*, a*, and b* values due to the addition of curry leaf powder. The lightness value increased from 48.91 to 54.99 and 53.7 indicating a darker coloured batter with light greenish tinge.

Table 9. Sensory Analysis of Idli

Treatments	Colour	Flavour	Texture	Appearance	Taste	Overall Acceptability
T0	9.5±0.78	8.08±0.78	8±0.60	8.65±0.68	9.1±0.62	8.55±0.35
T1	8.5±0.51	7.05±0.68	7.45±0.60	8.65±0.48	7.1±0.78	7.55±0.25
T2	8.4±0.59	8.35±0.67	8.5±0.51	8.45±0.51	8.7±0.47	8.48±0.28
T3	8±0.56	7.05±0.75	7.65±0.81	7.5±0.60	7.05±0.75	7.25±0.21
T4	8.35±0.74	7.05±1.14	8.2±0.95	7.15±0.67	6.25±0.44	7±0.34
T5	8.25±0.55	8.36±0.60	8.25±0.63	8.15±0.67	8.1±0.64	8.26±0.27
T6	8.5±0.60	8.36±0.72	7.2±1.10	7.3±0.57	6.7±0.80	7.34±0.41

Sensory Analysis was carried out where 5 non-trained panelists were a part of the study. The panelists belonged to the family of the researcher due to prevalence of the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of the research. After the sensory evaluation the idli were ranked upon the acceptability and the likability of the panelist. The freshly prepared idli assessed for sensory attributes such as appearance, colour, flavour, texture, aroma and over all acceptability using 9 – point hedonic scale. Sensory score of control idli was highly followed by samples T2 and T5. The best acceptable idli samples were analysed further and compared with control idli.

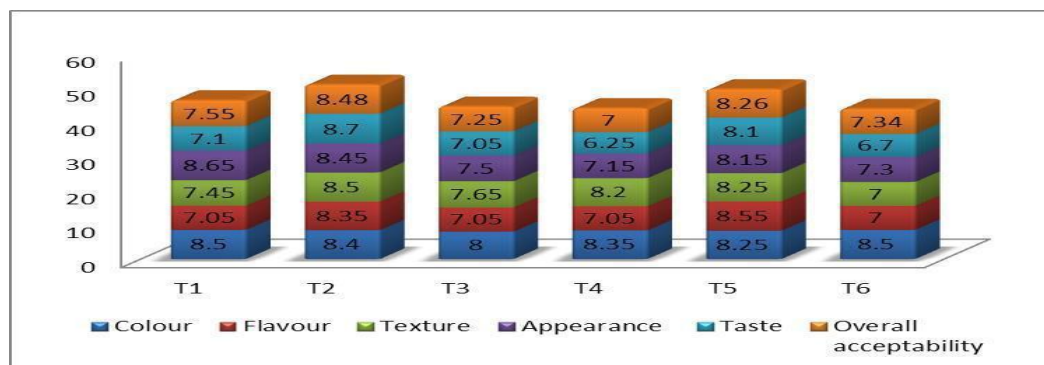
Figure 6. Sensory score of the idli's

Table 10. Nutrient Analysis (Content per 100g) of idli

S.NO	Properties	Control	Sample A	Sample B
1	Energy(kcal)	280.6±5.13	167.1±0.57	180±0.05
2	Carbohydrates(g)	17.13±0.1	16.77±0.01	11.77±0.01
3	Protein(g)	12.07±0.54	23.22±0.01	29.97±0.005
4	Fat(g)	1.26±0.51	0.765±0.7	1.33±0.003
5	Fibre(g)	1.42±0.01	1.22±0.05	2.05±0.005
6	Ash(%)	0.21±0.09	1.36±0.03	1.46±0.005
7	Moisture(%)	66±0.3	54.54±0.05	54.99±0.005
8	Calcium(mg)	26.5±0.07	1766.6±0.05	1915.76±0.05
9	Iron(mg)	6.12±0.2	34.53±0.05	58.34±0.005
10	Vitamin A(mcg)	-	455.7±0.05	445.83±0.05
11	Magnesium(mg)	-	2125.7±0.1	1532±0.05
12	Phosphorous(mg)	-	12.77±0.01	15.86±0.12

The developed product assessed for nutritive value such as energy, protein, fat, carbohydrates, ash, dietary fibre, moisture, iron and calcium, vitamin A, magnesium and phosphorous. The energy content of idli T0, T2 and T5 was 250.6 kcal, 167.1 kcal and 180 kcal respectively. **Kannan et al., (2015)** reported that the carbohydrate content of the curry leaf incorporated rice and dhal idli was 20.32g which is slightly higher than the control and curry leaf powder added barnyard millet idli of the present study.

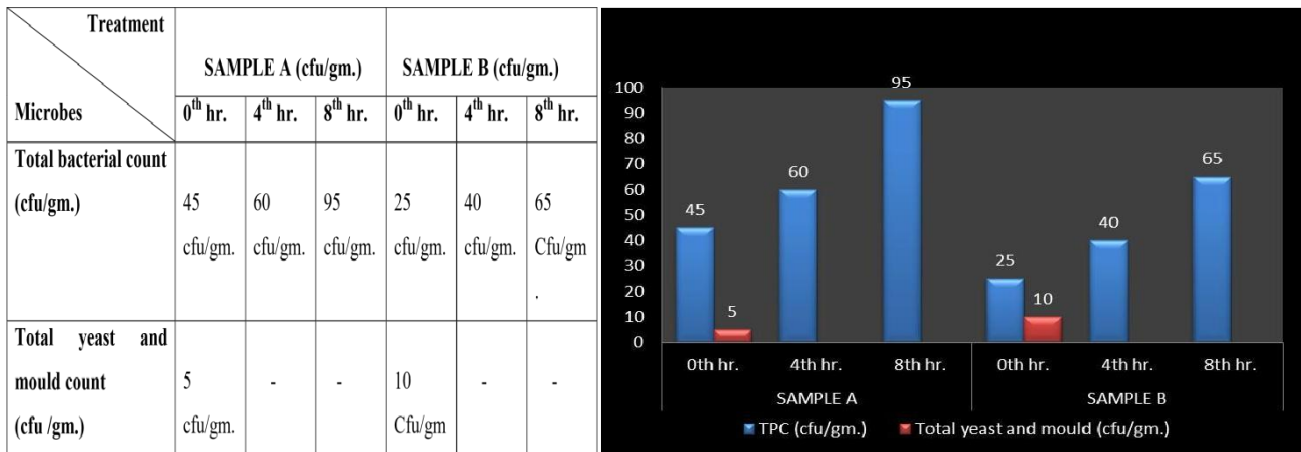
The value added millet idli contain sufficient amount of protein ranges from 23 grams to 30 grams. Idli T5 (sample B) contain high grams of protein when compare to other samples. The control value is similar to **Uma Maheswari et al., 2013**. Higher content of moisture was

observed in control sample when compared to experimental idli. The moisture content of control idli was 66 % w/w. Ash content was high in experimental sample T5 (sample B).

The carbohydrate content of the developed product was low when compare to idli developed in other studies with slight difference. The carbohydrate content of the developed product was 16.77 grams (T2), 11.77 grams (T5). The carbohydrate content of control idli was 17.13 grams. The calcium content of the developed product was 1766.6 milli grams (T2), 1915.76 milligrams (T5) and 26.5 milligrams (T0).

Iron content of the developed product was 34.53 milli grams (T2) and 58.34 milli grams (T5). The iron content of the control idli T0 contain 6.12 milli grams. Over all nutritive value was high in sample T5 (70:30:10). The nutritive value of experimental idli was high when compare to control idli.

Figure 7. microbial analysis of the idli's



Microbial analysis such as TBC (total bacterial count) and YMC (yeast and mould count) was carried out for the following samples T2 and T5. Low microbial value was observed in sample T5 followed by sample T2.

SHELF LIFE ANALYSIS

The shelf-life of the idli was observed for specific hour intervals of 0th hr, 4th hr, 8th hr and 12th hr. The incorporation of curry leaves powder in the idli batter increased the shelf-life at room temperature (30°C) up to 5 days with retention of quality.

But the curry leaves powder added idli didn't extend its shelf-life unless it is refrigerated. Storage of idli batters was done at two temperatures 30 and 40°C (*R. Chelliah et al., 2016*).

0th Hour - All the three variations are good including control idli, based on the few aspects like colour, texture, flavour and appearance.

4th Hour - During 1st hour of evaluation, colour, flavour, texture and appearance of the idli was good in condition and was in desirable state. Sample A has much more desirable aspects of the idli when compared to control and Sample B.

8th Hour - At 8th hour, all three treatments (control, Sample A, Sample B) shows slight changes in colour, flavour, texture and appearance and fungal growth was visible.

12th Hour - At 12th hour, all three samples showed deterioration in their texture, flavor, appearance and taste. The colour of the idli became slightly faded from the desirable condition and the flavour of the idli as fully altered. Fungal growth was seen visibly. On examining the sample under electron microscope, Black mould was seen. The Black mould was observed at 10x.

Kannan et al. (2015) employed a new method by adding *Murraya koenigii* (curry leaves) to idli batter for increasing its shelf life. The curry leaf added idli shelf life only extends up to 6 hours. But its batter has extended shelf life. The researchers said that the curry leaf powder increased the shelf life and also increased the texture, flavor, and appearance of the idli. Thus the calcium content was 10 times more than that of normal idli, even the dietary fiber increased up to 18%. Table 11. Cost Analysis

ITEMS	COST
SAMPLE A	Rs.5/idli
SAMPLE B	Rs.5/idli

The cost of the value added millet idli was low when compared to idli available in food service establishments. The cost of the idli was Rs. 5 which weighs 26 grams approximately. The cost obtained includes labour charges as well as electricity cost.

[2] CONCLUSION

The developed value added millet idli with the incorporation of dehydrated curry leaf powder has high acceptancy score. It also contains sufficient amount of nutrient when compare to control idli. The developed product contains low energy and carbohydrate so it can be suggested to the obese individuals who end to follow low caloric diet. The developed product only contains natural and organic greenish colour due to the addition of dehydrated curry leaf powder but it doesn't contain any artificial food colour or artificial preservative. Idli T2 has 167.1 kcal, 23.22g of protein, 0.765g of fat, 1.22g of dietary fibre, 16.77g of carbohydrates, 1.36% of ash, 54.54 % w/w of moisture, 1766.6 mg of calcium, 34.53g of iron, 455mcg of vitamin A, 2125.7 mg of magnesium and 12.77 mg of phosphorous. Whereas idli T5 contain 180 kcal, 29.97g of protein, 1.33g of fat, 12.05g of dietary fibre, 11.77g of carbohydrates, 1.46% of ash, 54.99 % w/w of moisture, 1915.76 mg of calcium, 58.34g of iron, 445.83mcg of vitamin A, 1532 mg of magnesium and 15.86 mg of phosphorous. The cost of the developed product was Rs.5 which is low when compare to the idli which are available in food service establishments. It can be concluded that the value addition of millet idli serves as an excellent breakfast.

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