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21 Abstract

22 The impact of varying fat and gelatinization on the starch and protein secondary 23 structures was investigated in slurry and batter systems using mid-infrared (MIR) spectroscopy. 24 Following the addition of both thickening agent and oil, the absorbance ratio R_1 : 1022 cm⁻¹/ 995 cm⁻¹ ranged from 0.99 to 1.1 and from 0.85 to 0.89 for slurries and batters, respectively. 25 26 The level of the β -turn structure decreased for both slurries (from 20.2 to 17.9 %) and batters 27 (from 18.8 to 16.4 %) with the thickening agent addition. Similarly, oil incorporation reduced 28 the amount of the β -turn structure for both slurries (from 20.2 to 9.1 %) and batters (from 18.8 29 to 16.4 %). This result confirms the increase of the hydrophobicity of unfolded proteins, the loss of the β -turn structure and the increase of the β -sheet. The gelatinization increased the level 30 31 of α -helix structure and reduced the percentage of β -sheet structure for all slurry and batter 32 systems in the Amide III regions.



1. Introduction

36 Proteins, starch, and lipids are staple macromolecules for cake batter formulation. They are 37 responsible for the density, rheology, as well as stability of the batter (Ortiz, 2004). Jointly to 38 starch and protein, fat components play a pivotal role in macromolecular and / or ingredients 39 interactions influencing the baked-products quality. These interactions depend highly on the 40 technological process, particularly mixing and baking as well as lipid structure (carbon chain 41 length and saturation). For instance, the mixing step accelerates the formation of hydrophobic 42 bonds of non-polar lipids with protein fractions (glutenin, gliadins, albumins), while polar lipids 43 interact mainly with glutenin via hydrophilic bonds. These bonds improve the hydrogen 44 interactions of protein fractions and provide better structural support for the gluten network 45 (Shehzad, 2010). Furthermore, the melting of solid fat could retain air in the lipid phase of the 46 matrix and transform the sugar-fat binary mixture into cream (Ait-Ameur, 2006). All these fat 47 techno-functional properties depend strongly on the various crystalline forms adopted by 48 triglycerides that define the strength of the protein-starch network (Campbell, Raikos, & 49 Euston, 2003).

50 Campbell, Euston, and Ahmed (2016) affirmed that solid fats, such as palm oil, are known to 51 be rich in β and β ' crystalline structure, conferring dense and compact arrangement of 52 hydrocarbon chains to the 3D protein-starch network. However, liquid oils like rapeseed oil 53 contain mostly α forms, which are known to be fragile. Moreover, oil polarity and chemical 54 structure affect also the interfacial tension and the partitioning of the components at the 55 interface (Devi & Khatkar, 2018). Despite all these impacts, scarce studies investigated the 56 effect of oil types on the interactions of the ingredients during batters processing. Such 57 information would improve baked products technologies.

58 Furthermore, the literature data showed that the simultaneous contribution of gelatinization 59 and the interactions of the ingredients on batter structure was studied only at the macroscopic

60 scale using the micro-viscoamylograph, remaining consequently poorly understood (Hesso, 61 Marti, et al., 2015). That is why a fine comprehension is necessary in order to perform further investigation of the involved molecular changes (Hesso, Marti et al., 2015). In this context, 62 63 MIR spectroscopy is considered a powerful technique for determining protein changes during formulation, technological process, and/or storage. For instance, the technique has been 64 65 successfully used for monitoring the secondary structure of proteins in: (i) milk (Ye, Zhou, Shi, 66 Chen, & Du, 2017), (ii) egg (Duan et al., 2018), (iii) pea protein isolates (Beck, Knoerzer, & 67 Arcot, 2017), (iv) mushroom polyphenol oxidase (Baltacıoğlu, Bayındırlı, Severcan, & Severcan, 2015) and so on. It would be interesting to investigate its potential use for monitoring 68 69 proteins, lipids and starch changes during the formulation of cereal products.

70 Regarding cake batters, previous studies were focused on the study of protein secondary 71 structure by using a simple matrix composed of gluten during mixing (Cai & Singh, 1999; 72 Seabourn, Chung, Seib, & Mathewson, 2008) and heat treatment (Ulrichs, Drotleff, & Ternes, 73 2015). Concerning the effect of ingredient addition on the secondary structure of baker matrix, only a few studies dealt with the impact of fiber addition (Nawrocka, Miś, & Niewiadomski, 74 75 2017) and emulsifiers (Gómez, Ferrer, Añón, & Puppo, 2013) in flour system. For complex 76 matrices, such as pound cake batter, the study of Hesso, Marti, et al. (2015) explored the effect 77 of ingredients on the protein secondary structure by focusing mainly on the Amide I region. 78 Thus, it would be interesting to explore other spectral regions such as the Amide III region 79 (1350 - 1200 cm⁻¹), where interesting results were obtained on different proteins including 80 lysozyme, ovalbumin, myoglobin, papain, ribonuclease A, trypsin, and so on (Cai & Singh, 81 1999).

To the best of the knowledge of authors, no published work studied the simultaneous influence of the fat nature and composition on the: i) interactions between fat, starch and proteins; and ii) secondary structure of proteins before gelatinization (BG) and after gelatinization (AG). Furthermore, the Amide III region was not well explored for the quantification of the secondary structure since the signal of the Amide III bands is ~ 5 to 10-fold weaker than that of the Amide I bands. Thus, the present work aims to investigate, for the first time, the potentiality of MIR in the 4000 – 700 cm⁻¹ region to monitor changes occurring in starch and proteins in slurry and batter systems made with different vegetable oils: palm oil (PO), rapesed oil (RO), sunflower oil (SO) and a commercial mixture containing 60 % of sunflower oil (MO).

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2. Materials and methods

92 **2.1. Materials**

93 The ingredients used for producing slurries and batters consisted of wheat flour (~15 %94 moisture and 13.5 % proteins contents and 25 % amylose) provided by Moulin Waast (Lille, 95 France), PO supplied by ADM-SIO (St Laurent Blangy, France), RO, SO and MO purchased 96 from a local supermarket (Arras, France), crystal sugar obtained from Béghin Say/Tereos (Lille, 97 France), commercial liquid whole egg and egg yolk purchased from Fournil artesian (St Laurent 98 Blangy, France), native starch, potassium sorbate and baking powder (Sodium Acid 99 Pyrophosphate, baking soda and wheat starch) from Panemex S.A.S (Caden, France), salt 100 supplied by Fournisel (St Laurent Blangy, France) and deionized water.

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2.2. Batter and slurry models preparations

Model systems (S1, S2, S3, S4, B1, B2, B3, B4) were prepared (**Table 1a**) using a singlebowl mixing procedure (KitchenAid, model 5KPM5, Saint Joseph, Michigan USA), for 15 min at 400 rpm (KitchenAid Professional mixer), according to the following recipe based on the wet batter weight (wb).

The reference recipe is composed of wheat flour (24.5%), crystal sugar (24.5%), liquid whole egg (24.5%), fat (20.5%), water (4%), and salt (0.4%). Since wheat was the common ingredient for all model systems and responsible for batter development, it was accurate to present the composition of each model out of the weight flour basis according to their weightin the reference recipe (Table 1b).

For S4 and B4 models, the fat ingredient was replaced by an emulsion composed of 90 % of vegetable oil and a mixture of egg yolk (3 %) as an emulsifier and native starch (7 %) as a thickener. In this paper, the term "thickening agent" is used to facilitate the comprehension of the role played by egg yolk and native starch together. The use of lipid composition in models was inspired from the invention of Lecointe (2015) for replacing PO without implementing additives and providing these models with physical and rheological properties comparable to those formulated with PO.

All the model systems were subjected to a heat treatment using the MicroViscoAmyloGraph
 (MVAG) (Brabender, GmbH & Co, Duisburg, Germany) to monitor gelatinization. Thus, two
 model categories were respectively evaluated: slurries and batters BG and AG.

Regarding gelatinization, a suspension of a sample (slurry or batter) and water were accurately weighted to keep constant the moisture of the system fixed to 12 %. Suspensions were premixed and homogenized for 5 min using a pallet provided with the instrument and then transferred to the MVAG bowl. The heat treatment started from 25 to 95 °C at 7.5 °C / min, held at 95 °C for 5 min, cooled from 95 to 25 °C at 7.5 °C / min, and held at 25 °C for 5 min.

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2.3.Mid infrared measurements

127 The MIR spectra were collected at room temperature (20 °C) between 4000 and 700 cm⁻¹ 128 at a resolution of 4 cm⁻¹ on a Fourier transform spectrometer IRTracer-100 (Shimadzu, 129 Duisburg, Germany), which was mounted with an attenuated total reflection (ATR) accessory 130 equipped with a grip (Pike Technologies, Inc. Madison, United States). The ATR cell was made 131 of a horizontal ZnSe crystal which presented an incidence angle of 45 ° and a total reflection of 132 n = 10. Before each measurement, the spectrum of the ZnSe crystal was recorded and used as background. H₂O and CO₂ corrections were performed automatically by auto-adjusting the beam. Suspensions of slurry and batter models (S1, S2, S3, S4, B1, B2, B3, B4) BG and AG were placed on the crystal and pressed gently onto the crystal to assure good contact between the matrix and crystal. Between different slurry and batter samples, the crystal was carefully cleaned using ethanol and ultra-pure water. For each sample, 3 spectra were recorded within 5 min of rest.

After spectra acquisition, the Labsolution software was deployed for arithmetic treatments.
Baseline correction, normalization by the absorbance of the highest peak and deconvolution
were performed before calculating area and quantifying both protein and starch structures.

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2.4.1 Protein secondary structure determination

For slurry and batter systems, the original protein spectra were used for Gaussian/Lorentzian curve-fitting. Fourier-self deconvolution and the 5-point Savitzky - Golay second-derivative function were applied according to Fevzioglu, Ozturk, Hamaker, and Campanella (2020). These treatments allowed the determination of the number of overlapped bands and their positions as well as maxima and minima of the resolved peaks, respectively on both Amide I (1600 - 1700 cm⁻¹) and the Amide III (1200 - 1300 cm⁻¹) regions.

150 The characteristic mean absorption frequencies of the secondary structure in proteins used in 151 the present work are summarized in **Table 1c** according to Fevzioglu et al. (2020).

152 The secondary structure was determined from the relative area of the peaks centered at these 153 absorption bands to Hesso, Loisel, et al. (2015). Each structure was expressed as percentages 154 of the protein's total secondary structures in the Amide I and Amide III regions.

155 To explore deeply the evolution of secondary structure induced by ingredient interactions and

156 gelatinization, the variation rate was calculated according to the following equation:

$$158 = \frac{\% SS^* of any formulation - \% SS of the formulation considered as the reference}{\% SS of the formulation considered as the reference}$$

159 * SS means secondary structures

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2.4.2. Starch crystalline and amorphous structure determination

To study the effect of the ingredient interaction and gelatinization on the starch 161 amorphous and crystalline structures, the 800 - 1200 cm⁻¹ spectral region of raw spectra was 162 163 considered, based on the study of Hesso, Marti, et al. (2015). Three absorbance ratios R₁ (1022 $cm^{-1}/995 cm^{-1}$), $R_2 (1047 cm^{-1}/1022 cm^{-1})$ and $R_3 (1047 cm^{-1}/1035 cm^{-1})$ were determined 164 165 using Labsolution software provided with the ATR-FTIR spectrometer. The R₁ and R₂ ratios 166 are known to represent the order in more crystalline regions and the state of the organization of 167 the double helices localized inside crystallites, respectively (Flores-Morales, Jiménez-Estrada, & Mora-Escobedo, 2012), while the R₃ ratio is related to the modifications of crystalline 168 169 structure (Copeland, Li, Niu, & Wang, 2015).

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2.4. Statistical analysis

To evaluate differences (P < 0.05) between macroscopic and molecular properties of batters and slurries as a function of formulation and gelatinization, a one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with the least significant difference (LSD) Fisher's test was applied to the experimental data.

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5 **3. Results and discussions**

3.1. Impact of ingredient interactions on the starch structure during gelatinization

To evaluate the effect of ingredient interactions and gelatinization on the molecular structure of amylose and amylopectin, three absorbance ratios R_1 (1022 cm⁻¹ / 995 cm⁻¹), R_2 (1047 cm⁻¹ / 1022 cm⁻¹) and R_3 (1047 cm⁻¹ / 1035 cm⁻¹) were determined. These ratios have been defined in the literature since the R_1 was found to be related to the model liquid-crystalline polymeric model of the starch structure as a result of a nematic-smectic transition, while the R_3 182 was found to be essentially independent to the degree of structure in the starch (Warren et al.,183 2016).

Starch crystalline and amorphous structures were found to have different trends in slurry and batter model systems. For instance, the R_1 ranged between 0.99 - 1.1 and 0.85 - 0.89 for slurries and batters, respectively (**Table 2a**). Regarding the R_2 , it ranged between 0.86 – 0.98 and 1.1 -

187 1.15 for slurries and batters, respectively. A similar trend was observed for the R₃.

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188 This difference could be due to a combined effect of sugar, salt, and whole egg, which 189 determined the transition from slurry to batter. These conformational changes should be 190 assigned to the interaction between ingredient and the availability of water. Our results were in 191 agreement with the finding of Hesso, Marti, et al. (2015), who observed R_2 and $R_3 < 1$ for 192 slurries while R_2 and $R_3 > 1$ for batters. A similar finding was reported by Warren et al (2013) 193 when studying the effect of gelatinization on the R_1 . The authors reported an increase of R_1 194 reflecting the transition from an ordered to a disordered state of starch structure. Additionally, they observed a greater and broader peak ~ 1080 cm^{-1} , shifting to higher wavenumbers, 195 196 associated with the crystallinity order.

197 Conjointly with gelatinization, the effect of the addition of a thickening agent (native starch 198 + egg yolk) was assessed. The starch ratios were found to be similar in B1 (without thickening 199 agent) model and B2 (with thickening agent) model BG and AG (Table 2a, b). For instance, 200 R₁, R₂ and R₃ were equal to 0.94, 1 and 1.02, respectively for both B1 and B2 AG (Table 2b). 201 No significant (P > 0.05) change was observed in starch structures in slurry and batter models towards the nature of the used vegetal oil. These results could be explained by the formation of 202 203 amylose-lipid complexes. Indeed, Zhou et al (2007) showed that amylose leaching increased 204 with the addition of fatty acids. For instance, the amylose helix undergoes many conformational 205 changes from the coil to a single, due to its interaction with fatty acids, to form the V-amylose 206 complex. Thus, oil addition restrained the starch granule from hydration and swelling behaviors

207 during gelatinization. It could be suggested that lipids may cover the starch surface with a film, 208 increasing hydrophobicity, the resistance to the hydrothermal treatment, and inhibiting water 209 transfer into the granules. It is also, in agreement, with the study of Wang et al (2018) who 210 evaluated the effect of fatty acid interactions with starch by using FTIR. No change was 211 observed on the starch absorbance at 1022 and 1047 cm⁻¹, indicating that the formation of 212 amylopectin-fatty acid complex was too little to be detected by FTIR. Indeed, the beam 213 penetrated the surface of the granule to a depth of 5–10 % of the granule diameter in the case 214 of starch solution. As amylopectin is deeper due to gelatinization, spectrum intensity has been 215 reduced, because the numerous short branches prevent or hinder the necessary helical 216 conformation of the backbone (Guraya et al., 1997).

From a mechanistic side, the starch of the wheat flour used in the present study is poor in amylose. Thus, the breakage of hydrogen bonds of fatty acids in the crystalline stage and the formation of new hydrogen bonds between the carbonyl group of fatty acids and the hydroxyl group of amylose cannot be detected with FTIR. Based on this fact, it could be concluded that the thickening agent and fat would not affect the crystallinity of the batter and would not promote a fast staling.

3.2. Impact of ingredients interactions on secondary structures of proteins in slurries and batter before gelatinization

Figure 1a illustrates the 1600 - 1700 cm⁻¹ region characteristic of the Amide I region. It showed bands located ~ 1682, 1667, 1651, 1646 and 1635 cm⁻¹, which have been reported in the literature when studying slurries, batters and final products such as bread and cake (Hesso, Marti, et al., 2015; Nhouchi, et al., 2018). Jointly, Figure 1b illustrates the 1200 - 1350 cm⁻¹ region characteristic of the Amide III region. A summary of the percentages of the different secondary structures of proteins calculated for raw ingredients (wheat flour, whole egg and yolk), as well as for slurry and batter is shown in **Table 3a**.

233 Initially, in its dry state, the wheat flour was mostly composed of the ordered secondary 234 structure of proteins with 40.3 %, 31.6 %, 15.4 % and 12.7 % of α -helix, β -sheet, unordered 235 and β -turns, respectively. The predominance of the α -helix and β -sheet structures in gluten 236 could explain this trend (Bock & Damodaran, 2013). This result is quite different from the 237 finding of Hesso, Marti, et al. (2015) who found the following order of secondary structure: β-238 sheet (59.9 %) > unordered (31.0 %) > β -turn (7.8 %) > α -helix (1.3 %). This discrepancy could 239 be explained by the difference in moisture and starch contents of the flours used in the recipe: 240 15 % and 75 % of moisture and starch contents, respectively, in the present study, versus 13 % 241 and 83 %, of moisture and starch contents, respectively in the study of Hesso et al. (2015).

242 After hydration (S1_{BG}), the secondary structure contents of protein were modified. 243 Indeed, in the S1 system, the β -sheet (51.2 %), β -turn (20.2 %), and unordered (18.9 %) 244 conformations increased significantly, while the α -helix conformation decreased significantly 245 (9.6 %) in agreement with previous findings (Bock & Damodaran, 2013; Hesso, Marti, et al., 246 2015); the authors indicated that the competition between starch and gluten towards water 247 generate partially hydrated gluten with a predominantly increase of β -sheet conformation. 248 According to Feng et al (2018), the destruction of the α -helix level might be related to the 249 reduction of the hydrogen bond in the gluten. From a mechanistic point of view, hydration 250 provides disulfide bonds and enhances consequently the formation of β -sheet.

To understand the effect of ingredient addition on proteins secondary structures, slurries and batters were explored in both Amide I and III regions. Surprisingly, no significant changes were observed in the Amide III region following the transition from $S1_{BG}$ to $B1_{BG}$, where values varied for unordered (23.1 % for $S1_{BG} - 23.0$ % for $B1_{BG}$), α -helix (8.7 % for both), β -sheet

255 (37.8 % for S1_{BG} – 38.0 % for B1_{BG}), and β -turn (30.4 % for S1_{BG} – 30.0 % for B1_{BG}) structures 256 (**Table 3b**). This discordance between the findings in the Amide I and the Amide III regions 257 could be explained by the difference in protein sensitivity regarding infrared radiation as 258 showed by Bock and Damodaran (2013).

259 Moreover, the transition from $S1_{BG}$ to $S2_{BG}$ by the addition of yolk and native starch 260 increased slightly for β -sheet structure from 51.2 % (S1_{BG}) to 52.8 % (S2_{BG}), and α -helix 261 structure from 9.6 % (S1_{BG}) to 10.9 % (S2_{BG}). As expected, an opposite trend was observed for 262 the unordered and the β -turn structures (**Table 3a**). Similar results were found in the Amide III 263 region, where the addition of the thickening agents allowed a classification according the 264 following order for S1_{BG} (β -sheet (37.8 %) > β -turn (30.4 %) > unordered (23.3%) > α -helix (8.7%)) and S2_{BG} (β -sheet (37.5 %) > β -turn (30.3 %) > unordered (23.2%) > α -helix (9%)) 265 266 (Table 3b). These modifications in the secondary structure could be explained by egg and flour 267 proteins interactions.

Mechanistically, the interaction between egg proteins and flour proteins could reflect also the new rearrangement of the secondary structures due to the use of yolk, where its secondary structure showed the following order: β -sheet (51.5 %) > unordered (19.4 %) > α -helix (17.7 %) > β -turn (11.4 %) (**Table 3a**). Luo et al. (2016) confirmed the impact of egg proteins-gluten interactions on the β -sheet structure. Indeed, the authors reported an increase in β -sheet that could be interpreted as the formation of a range of new β -sheet structures together with a shift to weaker hydrogen-bonded structures.

It should be noticed that the sugar and salt addition would not have a significant impact on the protein structures, in concordance with the findings of Secundo and Guerrieri (2005) and Widjanarko, Nugroho, and Estiasih (2011) since they might not have access to the buried parts of the molecule of gluten because of a steric hindrance.

The effect of oil addition BG and AG was also studied in the present study. Regardless of oil type, the unordered structure increased after the addition of fat reaching values varying between 20.2 % for S3(PO)_{BG} and 25 % for S3(SO)_{BG}, while β -turn structure decreased (9.1 % for S3(SO)_{BG} - 19.1 % for S3(RO)_{BG}) in comparison with the reference slurry S1_{BG} (18.9 % and 20.2 % for unordered and β -turn structures, respectively (**Table 3a**).

Regarding the α-helix structure, an increase was observed after the addition of oil for S3 systems except for S3(PO)_{BG} in comparison with the reference S1_{BG}(9.6%). Indeed, the amount of α-helix followed this order: S3(PO)_{BG} (6.7%) < S3(RO)_{BG} (9.9%) < S3(MO)_{BG} (13.1%) < S3(SO)_{BG} (14.4%). It seems that PO influenced particularly the α-helix structure probably due to its richness in palmitic acid (45%) as presented previously.

289 Concerning the β -sheet structure, different behaviors were observed as a function of oil type 290 in comparison with S1_{BG} (51.2 %). Indeed, the amount of β -sheet structure increased for 291 S3(PO)_{BG} (54.9 %) and S3(SO)_{BG} (51.6 %), whereas it decreased for both S3(RO)_{BG} (50.4 %) 292 and S3(MO)_{BG} (50.6 %) (**Table 3a**). The presence of a high level of polyunsaturated fatty acids 293 such as linolenic acid appeared to affect significantly the variation of β -sheet structure content 294 in the Amide I region when compared to S3(PO)_{BG}. These variations were also oil botanical 295 type-dependent in the Amide III region (**Table 3b**).

Regarding the Amide I region with S4 models, the addition of vegetable oil (PO, RO, SO and MO) generated different behaviors for the secondary structures (**Table 3a**). These results were in agreement with the findings of Hesso, Marti, et al. (2015) who reported an increase of α -helix structure from 16 % to 35 % and a decrease in β -sheet structure (from 49 % to 22 %) for slurry systems. An explanation could arise from the role of fat in promoting the decrease of the interactions among hydrophilic molecules and restrict the gluten–water interaction (Sivam, Sun-Waterhouse, Perera, & Waterhouse, 2013). 303 Concerning batters, to understand in-depth, the impact BG of the addition of vegetable fat 304 in comparison with the reference formulations ($B1_{BG}$ or $B2_{BG}$) which are considered as fat-free, 305 it is worthy to calculate the variation rate of discrepancy between the secondary structures of 306 $B1_{BG}$ or $B2_{BG}$ as reference and $B3_{BG}$ or $B4_{BG}$ on the basis of the secondary structure amount 307 exhibited due to the transition of B1_{BG} to B3_{BG} models and B2_{BG} to B4_{BG} models (Figure 2a 308 and **b**). Indeed, regardless of the used oil, the α -helix amount increased significantly from 2.7 309 to 7.1 %, while the β-turn decrease varied in the 10.6 - 14.9 % range (Figure 2a). For unordered 310 structure amount, Fig. 2a showed that B3(MO) and B3(SO) contained the highest level, 311 whereas B3(PO) and B3(RO) represented the lowest amount. Regarding β -sheet structure, the 312 transition of B1_{BG} to B3_{BG} models was accompanied by an increase of its variation rate except 313 for B3(MO).

314 Otherwise, when considering all variation ratios of B4 models on the basis of $B2_{BG}$ (Figure 315 **2b**), the α -helix amount decreased significantly for two vegetal oils with a rate varying from 316 0.5 % for B4(PO)_{BG} to 21.1 % for B4(RO)_{BG}. However, the rate of variation increase in β -turn 317 ranged from 0.8 % for B4(PO)_{BG} to 10.1 % B4(MO)_{BG}. This difference could be explained by 318 the fatty acid structure of the vegetable oil. Indeed, fat rich in saturated fatty acids such palmitic 319 acid (45 % for PO versus 4.6 % for RO) is dispersed in fine droplets in the aqueous phase, 320 assuring the foaming and emulsion properties, increasing the hydrophobicity of unfolded 321 proteins, and thus causing the apparition of the β -sheets structures and the loss of unordered 322 structure.

323 In this context, Han et al. (2021) studied, recently, the effects of fatty acid saturation degree on 324 protein conformation. Authors showed that the unsaturated degree increased, decreased the α -325 helix, and increased the β -sheet and β -turn levels. Indeed, the α -helix content was equal to 66.80 326 % for oleic acid, less than linolenic acid (59.95 %). In addition, the β -turn increased from 13.35 % (for oleic acid) to 14.34 % (for linolenic acid). These findings are in agreement with our
results presented in Fig 2a.

329 From a mechanistic point of view, the conformation change was ascribed to the re-arrangement 330 and the formation of an orderly protein backbone during the adsorption at oil/water interfaces. 331 According to Han et al. (2021), the conformational re-arrangement depends on the transfer of 332 hydrophobic residues to the oil phase that is influenced by the polarity of the oil phase. The 333 increase of β -turn content was due to the interaction by hydrophobic groups and disulfide bonds. 334 The α -helix was found to facilitate steric repulsion in the interfacial protein layer to avoid 335 coalescence and flocculation. Thus, fatty acids with higher unsaturation degree induced protein 336 unfolding, conformational re-arrangement and crosslink to change the emulsification stability. 337 These findings are in coherence with the study that explored the effect of oil pomaces on the 338 secondary structures of gluten in a dough model (Rumińska et al., 2020). Indeed, the authors 339 showed that the β -sheet content increased significantly with the addition of 15 and 20 % oil in 340 gluten dough in comparison with a control sample.

341 These results indicate that the β -sheet structure is favored by the high content of saturated fatty 342 acids. It could be also explained by the different behavior of the dispersion of the fat phase and 343 the crystalline form of triglycerides. Indeed, the co-existence of fat droplets and batter 344 ingredients changes the nucleation mechanism of the system. So, for solid fats, the 345 crystallization of triglycerides is often described by a homogeneous nucleation mechanism 346 contrarily to the heterogeneous nucleation mechanism reported for fat in the continued phase, 347 allowing the generation of an aqueous phase and increased the availability of water to be 348 absorbed by starch and proteins and thus favoring the β sheet structure.

349 3.3.Impact of gelatinization and ingredient interactions on the secondary structure of 350 proteins in slurry and batter models

351 The gelatinization (heat treatment from 25 to 95 °C) induced significant changes (p < 0.05) 352 in the secondary structure of the protein of all slurry and batter systems in both the Amide I and 353 Amide III regions (**Table 1c** and **d**). For a better understanding of gelatinization impact on the 354 secondary structure of proteins, the variation rate of each structure was calculated by 355 considering the formulation BG as the reference. Regarding slurries, the gelatinization 356 decreased the β -sheet for both S1_{AG/BG} (1.4 %) and S2_{AG/B} (3.4%) (Figure 2c). Similarly, the 357 unordered content diminished by 7.4 % and 6.5 % for S1_{AG/BG}, and S2_{AG/BG} respectively, while 358 the β -turn structure showed an opposed trend with an increasing variation rate of 3.9 % and 359 27.8 % for S1_{AG/BG}, and S2 _{AG/BG} respectively. Surprisingly for α -helix structure, different 360 tendency was observed as a function of the studied system. For instance, the α -helix structure 361 content increased strongly for S1_{AG/BG} (15.6 %) and slightly for B1_{AG/BG} (2.3 %), while it 362 decreased significantly for S2 $_{AG/BG}$ (18.3 %) and B2 $_{AG/BG}$ (13.3 %) (Figure 2c).

363 As expected, all the secondary structure contents in batters followed the same variations 364 observed for slurries (Figure 2c). For instance, the gelatinization reduced the amount of β -sheet 365 structure for B1_{AG/BG} (4.9 %) and B2_{AG/BG} (7.1 %) as well as the unordered structure (reduction 366 by 8.2 % and 9.9 % for both B1 AG/BG and B2 AG/BG, respectively) at the expanse of the increase 367 of the β -turn structure, which augmented significantly for both B1 AG/BG (19.6 %) and B2 AG/BG 368 (44.6 %), confirming the diminution of β -sheet structure. The same tendency was observed for 369 slurries. These findings are in agreement with those of Zhongjiang, Yang, Lianzhou, Baokun, 370 and Linyi (2014), who reported an increase in the percentage of α -helix structure (observed 371 with $S1_{AG/BG}$ and $B1_{AG/BG}$ in our study) and a reduction of the β -sheet structure following heat 372 treatments (70, 80 and 90 °C for 20 min) of soybean protein isolate; attributed to the partial loss 373 of β -sheet structure to a self-reassembly from β -sheet in α -helix and β -turn forms.

374 Zhongjiang et al (2014) suggested that β -conglycinin was denaturated and gradually formed 375 aggregation, which increased the α -helix structure but reduced the β -sheet structure. The 376 increased antiparallel β -sheet structure of soy protein heating at a longer period was reported to 377 be associated with aggregate formed by α' and α -7S subunits. Thus, the authors reported that 378 the involvement of β -sheets in the secondary structure of protein aggregates might be attributed 379 to the relatively large surface areas for ordered hydrogen bonding and the unfolding of any 380 higher-ordered structures such as antiparallel β-strands. A recent study on gluten reported an 381 increase by 27.21 % and 36.61 % for α -helix and β -sheet at 65 °C followed by 27.21 % and 382 36.61 % content decrease at 95 °C, respectively (Luo et al., 2016). This finding was interpreted 383 to the formation of a range of new β -sheet structures together with a shift to weaker hydrogen-384 bonded from β -Turn and antiparallel β -sheet structures. From a mechanistic point of view, the 385 protein degradation of sulfhydryl groups to the disulfide structure strengthens the protein-386 protein interactions (Bruun, 2006).

To better understand the impact of gelatinization on batter models containing vegetable fat in comparison with their reference formulations BG (B4(PO)_{BG}, B4(RO)_{BG}, B4(SO)_{BG}, B4(MO)_{BG}), it is more pertinent to calculate the variation rate of discrepancy between secondary structures amount of B4(PO)_{BG} and B4(PO)_{AG}, B4(RO)_{BG} and B4(RO)_{AG}, B4(SO)_{BG} and B4(SO)_{AG}, and B4(MO)_{BG} and B4(MO)_{AG}.

392 Indeed, as shown in Figure 2d and regardless of the different structure of fat in the formulation, 393 the gelatinization decreased the unordered structures (0.2 - 18.5 %) and α -helix (8.8 - 53.6 \%), 394 while it increased the β -turn (9.7 – 45.5 %) of B4_{AG} systems in comparison to B4_{BG}. However, 395 fluctuations as a function of the used oil were found for the β -sheet. For instance, the β -sheet 396 content increased for both B4(PO)_{AG/BG} (3.5 %) and B4(SO)_{AG/BG} (3.6 %), while it decreased 397 for both B4(RO)_{AG/BG} (3.5 %) and B4(MO)_{AG/BG} (1.6 %). This finding could be explained by 398 the denaturation of unfolded proteins promoted by the high coefficient of thermal conductivity 399 of fats that act as a very good heat transmitting agent during gelatinization (Stauffer, 2005).

400 Regarding the Amide III region (**Table 3d**), the variation ranges of secondary structures 401 were 27.4 - 31.9 % for the β-turn and 22.7 - 26.4 % for the unordered structures. These amounts 402 were quite similar to those obtained BG (**Table 3b**) in the Amide I region. Indeed, regardless 403 of the formulation, the protein secondary structure was found to vary between 29.2 and 31 % 404 for the β-turn, and 23 and 26.1 % for the unordered structures. This result agrees with the 405 findings in the Amide I region and would confirm that β-turn and the unordered structures were 406 not very sensitive to the heat treatment.

407 Interestingly, the β-sheet and the α-helix revealed a greater variation in the Amide III 408 region following the gelatinization as illustrated in **Figure 2e**, showing a predominant decrease 409 of the β-sheet structure AG. For instance, for all slurry and batter systems, a reduction average 410 of 20 % was observed (**Figure 2e**). An opposite trend was found for the α-helix structure 411 (**Figure 2f**), where the gelatinization has almost doubled and triplicated its amount. The greatest 412 increase was observed for the B3(PO) since the variation rate was around 220 %.

413 The novelty of the present paper is based on the understanding of protein secondary 414 structures changes under gelatinization using different oils in complex matrix (pound cakes) 415 and the use of MIR spectroscopy for determining their levels. The presented methods and the 416 obtained results could be deployed in food industry in two ways. Firstly, our findings would contribute in the improvement of the nutritional values, and thus the gelatinization and 417 418 formulation conditions. Secondary, the use of MIR spectroscopy would contribute to the recent 419 development of hardware (e.g. image techniques, optical sensors, handled instrumentation) in 420 vibrational spectroscopy methods including MIR spectroscopy and to some extent in the 421 development of analysis of hyperspectral images for determining the quality of food products 422 on the basis of the relationships between protein secondary structure and nutrition / 423 functionality properties.

424 In fact, the review of literature showed that the digestibility of proteins depends tightly on their 425 molecular structure conformation (Peng et al., 2014). For instance, Qin et al., (2014) proved a 426 positive correlation between the intestinal absorption of proteins and the percentage of their β-427 sheet structures, where higher percentage was assigned with a good digestibility in the small 428 intestine. This feature was attributed to the large number of hydrogen bonds in β -sheets that can 429 hinder protease activity. They also confirmed that the nutritional value of proteins feed differed 430 according to α -helix-to- β -sheet ratio. Previous studies have also reported that this ratio is a good 431 predictor of nutritional value or digestibility of proteins feed (Theodoridou and Yu, 2017). 432 Based on these literature findings, it could be concluded that the gelatinization as well as the 433 use of rapeseed oil would improve the digestibility of cereal products, since they increase the 434 amount of ordered structure.

435 In another approach, the identification of secondary structure of proteins in presence of 436 different ingredients, as stated in the present paper, is an important feature in improving the 437 stability of food matrix. Indeed, the amount of β -sheet and β -turn could affect the techno-438 functional properties of proteins such as their emulsion, foaming, gelation, solubility, 439 rheological, viscosity and water-binding properties. In this context, the increase of α -helix-to-440 β -sheet ratio are known to improve the aggregation of proteins and attain enhanced emulsification, gelation and foaming functional properties. So, the production of stable 441 emulsion and foam systems such as ice cream, salad dressing, and yogurt would be fully 442 443 controlled by the identification of protein structures (Lafarga et al., 2020). Thus, establishing a 444 relationship between the molecular structure characteristics of proteins is a good indicator for 445 industries to confirm their nutritional value and their techno-functional properties.

Regarding developments in hardware, software and sensing technologies in vibrational
spectroscopy, they are supposed to contribute in the improvement of the existing capabilities
and incorporating new processing technologies (e.g., real time monitoring of processes and

449 storage conditions throughout food production). According to Cozzolino (2021), the 450 incorporation of digital and technological innovations is necessary to increase the information 451 gathered in a single process in food industry. Indeed, knowledge and understanding of food 452 properties and the complexity of food (e.g., composition, functionality) in the context of the 453 food matrices and the property-relationships needed to develop sensors (Blecker & al., 2012; 454 Karoui et al; 2008). Some authors have reported recently the importance of vibrational 455 spectroscopy such as MIR spectroscopy in the process analytical technologies for collecting 456 chemical information during the processing of foods (e.g., spatial and temporal information) 457 (Eifert, Eisen, Maiwald, & Herwig, 2020; Herwig, 2020). The implementation of MIR 458 spectroscopy into processing has been possible due to the availability of a wide range and type 459 of sensors that can provide with fast, reliable and robust analytical data.

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461 4. Conclusion

462 The MIR spectroscopy demonstrated its ability to explore the conformational changes of 463 starch and secondary structure of proteins in slurry and batter models of pound cakes systems 464 as a function of the gelatinization and the different fat structure and the use of thickening agent. 465 In the Amide I region, the obtained results suggest that β -sheet and β -turn are dramatically 466 modified by the addition of batter ingredients (fat, sugar, salt and whole egg) due to the 467 competition towards the water. However, the unordered and the α -helix structures are the most 468 affected by the addition of the thickening agent AG. Additionally, gelatinization was found to 469 reduce the hydrogen-bonding capacity through the reduction of water availability for 470 ingredients and thus increasing β -sheet at the expanse of β -turn. The findings in the Amide III 471 region suggested that this region is still very promising to estimate protein secondary structure 472 content. In addition, the understanding of proteins secondary structures changes will strengthen

the current knowledge on their nutritional values and their emulsification and foam stabilizationproperties.

Amylose and amylopectin structures depend also on ingredient interactions and gelatinization. The different ratios showed that the addition of ingredients was accompanied by system stabilization and structuration. Moreover, the enhancements of baked product quality involve a deep knowledge of the morphology of fat crystals side by side to the understanding of interactions between different ingredients at the interfaces.

The present work showed a real potential of MIR spectroscopy for protein secondary structure evaluation, which may contribute to tackle some challenges such as the reluctance by the food industry to integrate this type of technology during the routine analysis control of foods and ingredients and foods, or to monitor the food manufacturing process.

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Table 1a:

	Abbreviations	Composition of models
	S1	Wheat flour + water
	S2	Wheat flour + water + <i>egg yolk</i> + <i>native starch</i>
SLUKKI (S)	S3 (RO, PO, SO, MO)	Wheat flour + water + fat
	S4 (RO, PO, SO, MO)	Wheat flour + water + <i>egg yolk</i> + <i>native starch</i> + fat
	B1	Wheat flour + water + sugar + liquid whole egg + salt
	B2	Wheat flour + water + sugar + liquid whole egg + salt + egg yolk + native starch
BATTER (B)	B3 (RO, PO, SO, MO)	Wheat flour + water + sugar + liquid whole egg + salt + fat
	B4 (RO, PO, SO, MO)	Wheat flour + water + sugar + liquid whole $egg + salt + egg yolk + native starch + fat$

Egg yolk + native starch = thickening agent

676 Four formulations were prepared for models containing fat (S3, S4, B3, and B4) in function of the 4 vegetable oils selected (RO, PO,

SO, MO)

79	Table 1b:							
		Wheat flour (% wb of flour)	Native starch (% wb of flour)	Egg yolk (% wb of flour)	Fat (% wb of flour)	Liquid whole egg (% wb of flour)	Crystal sugar (% wb of flour)	Salt (% wb of flour)
S	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
S	2	100	0.5	7.5	0	0	0	0
S	3	100	0	0	83.7	0	0	0
S	4	100	0.5	7.5	75.6	0	0	0
E	31	100	0	0	0	100	100	1.6
E	32	100	0.5	7.5	0	100	100	1.6
E	33	100	0	0	83.7	100	100	1.6
E	34	100	0.5	7.5	75.6	100	100	1.6

Table 1c:

Secondary structures of proteins	Amide I region	Amide III region
β-sheet	1620 - 1641 cm ⁻¹	1220 - 1245 cm ⁻¹
random coil structures (unordered)	1641 - 1650 cm ⁻¹	1245 - 1270 cm ⁻¹
α-helix	1650 - 1660 cm ⁻¹	1295 - 1330 cm ⁻¹
β-turns	1660 - 1684 cm ⁻¹	1270 – 1295 cm ⁻¹

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Table 2a:

	$R_1 (1022 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 995 \text{ cm}^{-1})$	$R_2 (1047 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 1022 \text{ cm}^{-1})$	$R_3 (1047 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 1035 \text{ cm}^{-1})$
S1 _{BG}	$1.001^{\circ} \pm 0.008$	$0.860^{\rm f} \pm 0.008$	$0.951^{\rm f} \pm 0.003$
S2 _{BG}	$0.996^{\rm d} \pm 0.003$	$0.900^{\rm e} \pm 0.006$	$0.971^{e} \pm 0.002$
S3(RO) _{BG}	$1.022^{\rm bc} \pm 0.005$	$0.910^{\rm e} \pm 0.006$	$0.981^{de} \pm 0.002$
S3(PO) _{BG}	$1.082^{ab} \pm 0.002$	$0.870^{\rm ef} \pm 0.001$	$0.950^{\rm ef} \pm 0.001$
S3(SO) _{BG}	$1.091^{ab} \pm 0.001$	$0.901^{e} \pm 0.001$	$0.970^{\rm e} \pm 0.001$
S3(MO) _{BG}	$1.100^{a} \pm 0.001$	$0.872^{\rm ef} \pm 0.001$	$0.950^{\rm ef} \pm 0.001$
S4(RO) _{BG}	$1.030^{\rm b} \pm 0.002$	$0.980^{de} \pm 0.002$	$1.011^{d} \pm 0.001$
S4(PO) _{BG}	$1.040^{\rm b} \pm 0.002$	$0.980^{de} \pm 0.010$	$1.001^{d} \pm 0.003$
S4(SO) _{BG}	$1.091^{ab} \pm 0.001$	$0.941^{def} \pm 0.002$	$0.990^{de} \pm 0.000$
S4(MO) _{BG}	$1.090^{ab} \pm 0.001$	$0.893^{\rm ef} \pm 0.002$	0.960 ± 0.001
B1 _{BG}	$0.871^{\rm ef} \pm 0.003$	$1.121^{\rm bc} \pm 0.01$	$1.111^{\rm bc} \pm 0.004$
B2 _{BG}	$0.891^{\circ} \pm 0.001$	$1.100^{\rm d} \pm 0.011$	$1.101^{\rm bc} \pm 0.005$
B3(RO) _{BG}	$0.881^{\rm ef} \pm 0.004$	$1.120^{\rm c} \pm 0.031$	$1.110^{\circ} \pm 0.015$
B3(PO) _{BG}	$0.890^{\rm ef} \pm 0.003$	$1.121^{\circ} \pm 0.013$	$1.110^{\rm b} \pm 0.005$
B3(SO) _{BG}	$0.860^{\rm f} \pm 0.003$	$1.131^{\rm b} \pm 0.011$	$1.110^{bc} \pm 0.004$
B3(MO) _{BG}	$0.860^{\rm f} \pm 0.001$	$1.150^{a} \pm 0.002$	$1.121^{a} \pm 0.001$
B4(RO) _{BG}	$0.850^{\rm f} \pm 0.003$	$1.150^{ab} \pm 0.005$	$1.110^{\rm b} \pm 0.003$
B4(PO) _{BG}	$0.860^{\rm f} \pm 0.001$	$1.140^{ab} \pm 0.002$	$1.110^{\rm b} \pm 0.002$
B4(SO) _{BG}	$0.881^{\rm ef} \pm 0.004$	$1.110^{\circ} \pm 0.021$	$1.100^{\circ} \pm 0.008$
B4(MO) _{BG}	$0.881^{\rm ef} \pm 0.001$	$1.131^{\rm bc} \pm 0.026$	$1.110^{\circ} \pm 0.010$

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Table 2b:

	$R_1(1022 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 995 \text{ cm}^{-1})$	$R_2 (1047 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 1022 \text{ cm}^{-1})$	$R_3 (1047 \text{ cm}^{-1} / 1035 \text{ cm}^{-1})$
S1 _{AG}	$1.190^{a} \pm 0.002$	$0.871^{\rm f} \pm 0.001$	0.931 ^{e±} 0.001
S2 _{AG}	$1.210^{a} \pm 0.002$	$0.951^{\rm d} \pm 0.002$	$0.972^{\circ} \pm 0.002$
S3(RO) _{AG}	$1.061^{b} \pm 0.001$	$0.911^{\rm e} \pm 0.001$	$0.951^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$
S3(PO) _{AG}	$1.056^{b} \pm 0.002$	$0.921^{e} \pm 0.001$	$0.960^{\rm cd} \pm 0.001$
S3(SO) _{AG}	$1.047^{\rm b} \pm 0.002$	$0.941^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$0.961^{cd} \pm 0.001$
S3(MO) _{AG}	$0.980^{cd} \pm 0.012$	$0.970^{\circ} \pm 0.007$	$0.991^{\rm bc} \pm 0.005$
S4(RO) _{AG}	$1.071^{b} \pm 0.003$	$0.911^{\rm e} \pm 0.001$	$0.951^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$
S4(PO) _{AG}	$1.022^{\rm bc} \pm 0.002$	$0.940^{\rm d} \pm 0.002$	$0.970^{\circ} \pm 0.001$
S4(SO) _{AG}	$1.011^{\rm bc} \pm 0.002$	$0.950^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$0.972^{\circ} \pm 0.002$
S4(MO) _{AG}	$1.041^{b} \pm 0.001$	$0.931^{de} \pm 0.001$	$0.964^{cd} \pm 0.001$
B1 _{AG}	$0.941^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$1.002^{ab} \pm 0.002$	$1.021^{a} \pm 0.001$
B2 _{AG}	$0.941^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$1.001^{ab} \pm 0.002$	$1.022^{a} \pm 0.001$
B3(RO) _{AG}	$0.950^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$0.982^{\rm bc} \pm 0.001$	$1.001^{ab} \pm 0.001$
B3(PO) _{AG}	$0.951^{\rm d} \pm 0.004$	$1.001^{\rm b} \pm 0.004$	$1.011^{ab} \pm 0.002$
B3(SO) _{AG}	$1.031^{\rm b} \pm 0.002$	0.932 ± 0.002	$0.961^{cd} \pm 0.002$
B3(MO) _{AG}	$0.941^{\rm d} \pm 0.001$	$1.011^{a} \pm 0.002$	$1.021^{a} \pm 0.002$
B4(RO) _{AG}	$0.981^{\circ} \pm 0.05$	$0.981^{\rm cd} \pm 0.044$	$0.991^{\circ} \pm 0.033$
B4(PO) _{AG}	$0.950^{\rm d} \pm 0.002$	$1.001^{ab} \pm 0.001$	$1.022^{a} \pm 0.001$
B4(SO) _{AG}	$0.971^{\circ} \pm 0.001$	$0.982^{bc} \pm 0.001$	$0.991^{b} \pm 0.001$
B4(MO) _{AG}	$0.961^{\circ} \pm 0.001$	$0.981^{\rm bc} \pm 0.002$	$1.010^{ab} \pm 0.002$

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Table 3a:

	β-sheets	unordered	α-helix	β-turns
Wheat flour	$31.6^{i} \pm 1.1$	$15.4^{\rm e} \pm 1.0$	$40.3^{a} \pm 0.5$	$12.7^{hi} \pm 0.3$
Whole egg	$55^{a} \pm 0.6$	$18^{cd} \pm 0.3$	$13.6^{cd} \pm 0.9$	$13.4^{h} \pm 0.8$
yolk	$51.5^{de} \pm 1.2$	$19.4^{bcd} \pm 1.0$	$17.7^{\rm b} \pm 0.5$	$11.4^{hi} \pm 0.5$
S1 _{BG}	$51.2^{\text{def}} \pm 0.0$	$18.9^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$9.6^{g} \pm 0.0$	$20.2^{a} \pm 0.0$
S2 _{BG}	$52.8^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$18.5^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$10.9^{\rm efg} \pm 0.0$	$17.9^{cde} \pm 0.0$
S3(RO) _{BG}	$50.4^{\text{fgh}} \pm 0.0$	$20.5^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$9.9^{\rm fg} \pm 0.0$	$19.1^{ab} \pm 0.0$
S3(PO) _{BG}	$54.9^{a} \pm 0.0$	$20.2^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$6.7^{h} \pm 0.0$	$18.2^{cd} \pm 0.0$
S3(SO) _{BG}	$51.6^{d} \pm 0.0$	$25^{a} \pm 0.1$	$14.4^{c} \pm 0.0$	$9.1^{i} \pm 0.0$
S3(MO) _{BG}	$50.6^{efgh} \pm 0.0$	$23.9^{ab} \pm 0.0$	$13.1^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$12.5^{\rm hi} \pm 0.0$
S4(RO) _{BG}	$51.5^{de} \pm 0.0$	$20.1^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$13.7^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$14.7^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$
S4(PO) _{BG}	$53.8^{b} \pm 0.0$	$20.4^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$11.4^{\text{defg}} \pm 0.0$	$14.5^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$
S4(SO) _{BG}	$49.9^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$	$21.3^{bc} \pm 0.1$	$17.1^{b} \pm 0.0$	$11.6^{hi} \pm 0.0$
S4(MO) _{BG}	$51.1^{\text{defg}} \pm 0.0$	$19.8^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$12.6^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$16.6^{\text{def}} \pm 0.0$
B1 _{BG}	$50.6^{\text{efgh}} \pm 0.0$	$18.3^{cd} \pm 0.1$	$12.3^{bcd} \pm 0.01$	$18.8^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$
B2 _{BG}	$51.2^{\text{def}} \pm 0.0$	$18.8^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$13.5^{cd} \pm 0.1$	$16.4^{efg} \pm 0.0$
B3(RO) _{BG}	$51.9^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$18.7^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$12.7^{bcde} \pm 0.0$	$16.8^{\text{def}} \pm 0.0$
B3(PO) _{BG}	$52.6^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$18.2^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$13.1^{cde} \pm 0.0$	$16.0^{\rm fg} \pm 0.0$
B3(SO) _{BG}	$51.1^{\text{defg}} \pm 0.0$	$19.8^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$12.7^{cdef} \pm 0.0$	$16.4^{\rm efg} \pm 0.0$
B3(MO) _{BG}	$50.2^{\text{gh}} \pm 0.0$	$20.9^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$12.6^{cdef} \pm 0.1$	$16.3^{\rm efg} \pm 0.0$
B4(RO) _{BG}	$50.1^{\text{gh}} \pm 0.0$	$19.9^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$13.5^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$16.6^{\text{def}} \pm 0.0$
B4(PO) _{BG}	$54^{ab} \pm 0.0$	$17.9^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$10.6^{\text{fg}} \pm 0.0$	$17.5^{cdef} \pm 0.0$
B4(SO) _{BG}	$48.3^{h} \pm 0.0$	$21.3^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$13^{\text{cdef}} \pm 0.0$	$17.4^{cdef} \pm 0.0$
B4(MO) _{BG}	$50.6^{\text{gh}} \pm 0.0$	$20.0^{bcd} \pm 0.0$	$11.3^{\text{defg}} \pm 0.0$	$18.1^{cd} \pm 0.1$

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Table 3b:

	β-sheets	unordered	α-helix	β-turns
S1 _{BG}	$37.8^{d} \pm 0.0$	$23.1^{\text{gh}} \pm 0.0$	$8.7^{e} \pm 0.0$	$30.4^{b} \pm 0.0$
S2 _{BG}	$37.5^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$23.2^{\text{g}} \pm 0.0$	$9.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$30.3^{\circ} \pm 0.0$
S3(RO) _{BG}	38.1° ± 0.0	$23.6^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$8.6^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$29.7^{e} \pm 0.0$
S3(PO)BG	$37.5^{e} \pm 0.0$	$23.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$9.1^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$30.0^{d} \pm 0.0$
S3(SO) _{BG}	$35.5^{h} \pm 0.0$	$24.6^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$9.6^{b} \pm 0.0$	$30.3^{\circ} \pm 0.0$
S3(MO) _{BG}	$38.1^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$23.6^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$8.6^{\rm f} \pm 0.1$	$29.8^{de} \pm 0.0$
S4(RO)BG	$38.0^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$23.5^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$8.8^{de} \pm 0.0$	$29.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$
S4(PO)BG	$37.9^{d} \pm 0.0$	$23.2^{\text{g}} \pm 0.0$	$9.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$29.9^{d} \pm 0.0$
S4(SO) _{BG}	$33.4^{i} \pm 0.0$	$26.1^{a} \pm 0.1$	$10.1^{a} \pm 0.0$	$30.5^{b} \pm 0.0$
S4(MO) _{BG}	$38.2^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$23.9^{\rm d} \pm 0.1$	$8.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$29.2^{g} \pm 0.0$
B1 _{BG}	$38.0^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$23.0^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$	$8.9^{de} \pm 0.0$	$30.0^{d} \pm 0.0$
B2 _{BG}	$37.6^{de} \pm 0.0$	$23.5^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$9.2^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$29.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$
B3(RO) _{BG}	$38.0^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$24.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$8.6^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$29.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
B3(PO)BG	$39.4^{\rm a} \pm 0.0$	$25.2^{b} \pm 0.0$	$5.7^{\rm g} \pm 0.0$	$31^{a} \pm 0.0$
B3(SO) _{BG}	$37.9^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$23.9^{d} \pm 0.0$	$8.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$29.5^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
B3(MO) _{BG}	$38.0^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$23.2^{g} \pm 0.0$	$8.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$30.1^{\circ} \pm 0.0$
B4(RO) _{BG}	$36.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$23.0^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$	$10.1^{a} \pm 0.0$	$30.5^{b} \pm 0.0$
B4(PO)BG	$36.0^{\rm g} \pm 0.0$	$23.9^{d} \pm 0.0$	$9.3^{\rm c} \pm 0.0$	$30.8^{a} \pm 0.0$
B4(SO) _{BG}	$38.4^{b} \pm 0.0$	$23.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$8.6^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$29.6^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
B4(MO) _{BG}	$37.8^{d} \pm 0.0$	$23.1^{\text{gh}} \pm 0.0$	$8.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$30.4^{\rm b} \pm 0.0$

695 **Table 3c**

	β-sheets	unordered	α-helix	β-turns
S1 _{AG}	$50.5^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$17.5^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$11^{c} \pm 0.0$	$21^{e} \pm 0.0$
S2 _{AG}	$51.00^{bc} \pm 0.0$	$17.3^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$8.9^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$22.8^{d} \pm 0.0$
S3(RO) _{AG}	$50^{cd} \pm 0.1$	$17.4^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$12.3^{a} \pm 0.0$	$20.3^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$
S3(PO) _{AG}	$50^{cd} \pm 0.1$	$18.5^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$11.3^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$20.2^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$
S3(SO) _{AG}	$49.6^{d} \pm 0.0$	$18.8^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$11^{c} \pm 0.0$	$20.5^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$
S3(MO) _{AG}	$49.9^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$17.8^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$11.2^{bc} \pm 0.0$	$21.1^{e} \pm 0.0$
S4(RO) _{AG}	50.8 ^{bc} ± 0.0	$16.4^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$	$10.8^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$21.9^{de} \pm 0.0$
S4(PO) _{AG}	50.3 ^c \pm 0.0	$18.6^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$10.9^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$20.2^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$
$S4(SO)_{AG}$	$49.4^{de} \pm 0.0$	$19.2^{b} \pm 0.0$	$10.1^{d} \pm 0.0$	$21.3^{de} \pm 0.0$
S4(MO) _{AG}	$47.9^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$19.2^{b} \pm 0.0$	$11^{c} \pm 0.0$	$21.8^{de} \pm 0.0$
B1 _{AG}	$48.1^{e} \pm 0.0$	$16.8^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$12.5^{a} \pm 0.0$	$22.5^{d} \pm 0.0$
B2 _{AG}	$47.5^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$16.9^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$11.7^{\rm b} \pm 0.0$	$23.8^{\circ} \pm 0.0$
B3(RO) _{AG}	$51.5^{b} \pm 0.0$	$17.8^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$5.8^{g} \pm 0.2$	$24.9^{b} \pm 0.0$
B3(PO) _{AG}	51.3 ^b ± 0.0	$17.6^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$5.1^{h} \pm 0.0$	$26.1^{a} \pm 0.0$
B3(SO) _{AG}	$49.4^{de} \pm 0.0$	$18.7^{\rm c} \pm 0.0$	$10^{de} \pm 0.0$	$21.8^{de} \pm 0.0$
B3(MO) _{AG}	$50^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$18.4^{\rm c} \pm 0.0$	$11^{c} \pm 0.0$	$20.5^{\rm ef} \pm 0.0$
B4(RO) _{AG}	$51.9^{ab} \pm 0.0$	$16.3^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$8.1^{f} \pm 0.0$	$23.7^{\circ} \pm 0.0$
B4(PO) _{AG}	52.1 ^a \pm 0.0	$17.5^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$4.9^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$	$25.5^{ab} \pm 0.0$
B4(SO) _{AG}	$50.1^{cd} \pm 0.0$	$18.5^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$8.4^{\rm ef} \pm 0.1$	$23.1^{d} \pm 0.0$
B4(MO) _{AG}	$49.8^{d} \pm 0.0$	$20^{a} \pm 0.0$	$10.3^{d} \pm 0.0$	$19.9^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$

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	β-sheets	unordered	α-helix	β-turns
S1 _{AG}	$29.7^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$23.9^{b} \pm 0.0$	$17.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$28.7^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$
S2 _{AG}	$26.8^{i} \pm 0.0$	$26.4^{a} \pm 0.0$	$15.5^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$	$31.3^{b} \pm 0.0$
S3(RO) _{AG}	$30.1^{de} \pm 0.0$	$23.2^{d} \pm 0.0$	$19.0^{a} \pm 0.0$	$27.7^{\rm h} \pm 0.0$
S3(PO)AG	$30.1^{de} \pm 0.0$	$23.1^{d} \pm 0.0$	$18.4^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$28.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
S3(SO) _{AG}	$31.1^{a} \pm 0.0$	$22.8^{e} \pm 0.0$	$18.8^{ab} \pm 0.0$	27.4 ± 0.0
S3(MO) _{AG}	$30.0^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$23.4^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$17.2^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$29.3^{d} \pm 0.0$
S4(RO)AG	$30.7^{c} \pm 0.0$	$23.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	18.9 ^{ab} ± 0.0	$27.5^{h} \pm 0.1$
S4(PO)AG	$30.4^{d} \pm 0.1$	$23.3^{d} \pm 0.0$	$18.7^{\rm b} \pm 0.0$	$27.6^{h} \pm 0.0$
S4(SO) _{A G}	$29.6^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$23.7^{\rm bc} \pm 0.0$	$18.3^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$28.3^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
S4(MO) _{AG}	$30.0^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$23.6^{b} \pm 0.0$	$17.4^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$29.0^{de} \pm 0.0$
B1 _{AG}	$29.4^{g} \pm 0.0$	$23.5^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$19.0^{a} \pm 0.0$	$28.0^{\rm g} \pm 0.0$
B2 _{AG}	$29.4^{g} \pm 0.0$	$23.4^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$19.0^{a} \pm 0.0$	$28.1^{g} \pm 0.0$
B3(RO) _{AG}	31.1 ^b ±0.1	$22.8^{e} \pm 0.1$	$18.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.1$	$28.1^{\text{g}} \pm 0.0$
B3(PO) _{AG}	$30.3^{d} \pm 0.01$	$23.4^{\rm c} \pm 0.0$	$18.0^{\rm d} \pm 0.0$	$28.3^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
B3(SO) _{AG}	$31.2^{a} \pm 0.0$	$22.7^{e} \pm 0.0$	$17.6^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$28.5^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$
B3(MO) _{AG}	$30.3^{d} \pm 0.0$	$23.0^{d} \pm 0.0$	$17.8^{\rm e} \pm 0.0$	$28.9^{\rm e} \pm 0.1$
B4(RO) _{AG}	$29.8^{\text{ef}} \pm 0.0$	$24.0^{b} \pm 0.0$	$16.5^{\rm g} \pm 0.0$	29.7 ^c ±0.0
B4(PO)AG	$29.0h \pm 0.0$	$24.0^{b} \pm 0.0$	$15.1^{i} \pm 0.0$	$31.9^{a} \pm 0.0$
B4(SO) _{AG}	$30.8^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	$22.8^{e} \pm 0.0$	$18.7^{\circ} \pm 0.0$	27.7 ± 0.0
B4(MO) _{AG}	$30.2^{d} \pm 0.0$	$23.1^{d} \pm 0.0$	$17.1^{\rm f} \pm 0.0$	$29.6^{\circ} \pm 0.0$

700 Different small letters (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h) represent statistical differences between different storage days (p < 0.05); AG: after

701 gelatinization; RO, PO, SO and MO: rapeseed oil, palm oil sunflower oil and mixture oil (60 % of sunflower oil), respectively.

















