

## Substantiation of hemp seeds storage and processing technologies for functional, dietary and specialty products. Review

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### Abstract

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**Introduction.** Analytical researches of the composition and quality of hemp seeds, their storage and processing methods and technologies for the production of functional, dietary and specialty products are presented.

**Materials and methods.** The subjects of research are aspects of the composition of industrial hemp seeds and its storing; peculiarities of production of hemp food products (oil, kernel, flour et al.); aspects of using hemp seeds and its derivative products. Research methods are the analysis of scientific works.

**Results and discussion.** Hemp seeds contain more than 30% of oil and about 25% of protein, a variety of minerals (Ca, Mg, P, K, S, Fe, Zn, etc.), dietary fiber and biologically active substances. The component composition and biological value of hemp seeds depend upon the region and growing conditions. Sustainable storage conditions are seeds moisture content of 8–11%, temperature of 14–18 °C and relative humidity of 50–55%. Products derived from processing of hemp seeds are oil, kernel, flour and protein concentrate. Oil is mainly extracted from seeds by mechanical pressing. Hemp oil contains fatty acids such as linoleic, linolenic and  $\gamma$ -linolenic acids, with the latter promoting the formation of  $\gamma$ -globulin, which has an important function in the human immune system. Hemp oil tocopherols act as antioxidants in alimentary, dietary and specialty products. Seed shelling machine did the hemp seeds de-hulling. The resulting product is rich in essential amino acids. Flour, fiber and protein concentrate are produced from hemp cake. Publications deal superficially with the relationship between the factors of material preparation, production process variables of hemp products, storage conditions and time in terms of the content of functional and biologically active components. Utilization of hemp seeds and their derivatives enhances the biological and nutritional value, functional and sensory properties of foods. Further research on the use of drugs to regulate the antimicrobial and antioxidant properties of functional, dietary and specialty products is of paramount importance.

**Conclusion.** The article substantiates the relevancy of using the presented theoretical, scientific and practical insights in integrated solutions for the processing of environmentally sound industrial and medical hemp seeds.

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## **Introduction**

There is an increased interest of producers and consumers in products from industrial hemp seeds.

This requires increased scientific and practical knowledge and accelerated efforts in the systemic research into the integrated processing of seeds for the production of functional and specialty foods, dietary supplements and drugs.

## **Materials and methods**

### **Materials**

The subjects of research are:

- Aspects of the composition of industrial hemp seeds;
- Aspects of storing hemp seeds;
- Peculiarities of production of hemp food products (oil, kernel, flour, protein concentrates)
- Aspects of using hemp seeds and its derivative products.

### **Methods**

Research methods are the analysis of scientific works.

## **Results and discussion**

### **1. Aspects of the composition of industrial hemp seeds**

Hemp seed (Figure 1) is a one-seeded fruit – a roundish egg-shaped nutlet consisting of an outer hard coat and a kernel located in the middle, surrounded by a thin film of dark green color. The seed has two cotyledons, a radicle and a budlet, which have grown together into a single whole – the embryo. The bulk of the nutrients in hemp seeds are concentrated in the embryo. Hemp seeds contain more than 30% of oil and about 25% of protein, as well as a fair amount of minerals, scarce coarse dietary fiber (cellulose, hemicellulose, pectin, and lignin) and biologically active substances (phospholipids, fatty acids, and vitamins). Hemp seeds mainly include edestin protein, as well as nitrogen-containing substances such as nucleic, choline and a small amount of trigonelline. In addition, 37 chemical elements are found in hemp seeds, of which calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur are dominant, as well as a small amount of iron and zinc (Sukhorada et al., 2009; Shewry et al., 2000; Yufriakova. et al., 2020). Shashkarov with co-authors (2016) additionally emphasizes the presence of rare earth elements in hemp seeds such as thorium, selenium, molybdenum, zirconium and beryllium.



**Figure 1. Hemp seeds**

Comparison of the composition and quality indicators of hemp seeds from different parts of the world is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1**

**Composition and quality characteristics of hemp seeds**

Component	Content, %, in hemp seeds of different region of production				
	Pakistan (Anwar et al., 2006)	Russia (Serkov et al., 2011)	Canada (Vonapartis et al., 2015)	Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019)	USA (Lan et al., 2019)
oil	26.9–31.5	30.24	26.9–30.6	33.3±0.5	24.3–28.1
linoleic acid*	56.5–60.5	78.60	59.7	54.8–56.9	-
α-linolenic acid*	16.9–20.0	19.52	17.0	16.0–18.5	-
protein	23.0–26.5	21.3	23.8–28.0	22.5±0.15	32.7–35.9
fiber	17.0–20.5	17.71	-	32.3±0.2	-

\* from the total amount of fatty acids.

As can be seen from Table 1,

- Ukraine has hemp seeds with the highest content of oil (33.3%) (Oseyko et al., 2019), with the United States having the smallest (24.3–28.1%) (Lan et al., 2019);
- United States have hemp seeds with the highest content of protein (32.7–35.9%) (Lan et al., 2019), with Russia having the smallest (21.3%) (Serkov et al., 2011);
- Ukraine has hemp seeds with the highest content of fiber (32.3%) (Oseyko et al., 2019), with Russia having the smallest (17.71%) (Serkov et al., 2011).
- The ash content in hemp seeds from different regions ranges from 5.0 to 7.6% (Anwar et al., 2006; Serkov et al., 2011; Vonapartis et al., 2015; Lan et al., 2019).

Comparative analysis of the composition of mineral substances in hemp seeds from different parts of the world is shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 2

Content of macroelements in hemp seeds

Macroelement	Content in hemp seeds of different region of production		
	Russia (Serkov et al., 2011)	Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019)	USA (Lan et al., 2019)
Phosphorus, g/kg	1.11	8.9	4.1
Calcium, g/kg	0.28	0.9	-
Potassium, mg/kg	1.07	-	-
Magnesium, g/kg	-	2.4	3.4

Table 3

Content of microelements in hemp seeds

Microelement	Content in hemp seeds of different region of production		
	Romania (Mihoc et al., 2013)	Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019)	USA (Lan et al., 2019)
Iron, mg/kg	130-164	74.7	46.7
Zinc, mg/kg	42-57	56.1	28.2
Cobalt, mg/kg	-	0.5	-
Manganese, mg/kg	89-108	59.4	169.1
Copper, mg/kg	10-12	-	29.0
Nickel, mg/kg	1.6-6.1	-	41.0
Chromium, µg/kg	598-877	-	-
Molybdenum, µg/kg	265-652	-	-
Lead, µg/kg	217-626	-	-

As can be seen from Tables 2 and 3,

- Hemp seeds from Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019) and Russia (Serkov et al., 2011) were found to have the highest (8.9 g/kg) and the lowest (1.1 g/kg) phosphorus content, respectively;
- Hemp seeds from Romania (Mihoc et al., 2013) and USA (Lan et al., 2019) were found to have the highest (130–164 and 42–57 mg/kg) and the lowest (46.7 and 28.2 mg/kg) content of iron and zinc, respectively;
- Hemp seeds from the USA (Lan et al., 2019) and Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019) were found to have the highest (169.1 mg/kg) and the lowest (59.4 g/kg) manganese content, respectively.

According to summarized data, the component composition and biological value of hemp seeds depend upon the region and growing conditions, and, obviously, on the seed material quality. Breeders should pay due attention to the improvement of existing varieties of industrial hemp and development of new ones based on their primary and functional purpose.

## 2. Aspects of storing hemp seeds

As hemp seeds are stored, their composition and quality characteristics change, which affects their further processing. Among the main parameters that affect the shelf life of hemp seeds are moisture content, temperature and storage time.

Klevtsov with co-authors (2015) determined the physical and mechanical properties of hemp seeds: 1000 kernel weight, bulk weight, moisture content, density of seeds, angle of repose, static and dynamic friction coefficients, flowability and intergrain space. This allows addressing practical issues. Physical and mechanical properties of hemp seeds were assessed based on the characteristics of grain masses. These properties have a bearing on the organization of seed harvesting and further processing of hemp seeds. Samples of hemp seeds of Ukrainian varieties Zolotonos'ki 15 and YuSO-31 had a bulk density ranging from 513 to 586 kg/m<sup>3</sup>; 1000 kernel weight of 15.2–17.7 g; static internal friction coefficient of 0.47–0.55; dynamic external friction coefficient of 0.30–0.52; static external friction coefficient of 0.29–0.37. The data show that hemp seeds are extremely free flowing materials. The characteristics that determine the flowability of hemp seeds can be used to simulate their behavior as they move by gravity through sieves, containers, and the like.

Sacilik with co-authors (2003) proved that the higher moisture content of industrial hemp seeds correlates with the higher 1000 kernel weight, the angle of repose and the friction coefficient.

Sova with co-authors (2019) investigated the quality of industrial hemp seeds at the stages of post-harvest handling, namely: seeds from stems (sample 1), seeds from the bunker of a combine harvester (sample 2), seeds after primary cleaning on an OVS-25 grain cleaner (sample 3), seeds after drying on a stationary grain dryer (sample 4), and commercial seeds after sorting on the PETKUS K531 GIGANT grain cleaner (sample 5). Samples 4 and 5 had the moisture content not exceeded 11%. The seed purity of the mechanically harvested sample 2 was less than that of the manually harvested sample 1. The mass fraction of oil in samples 2 and 3 decreased in comparison with that of sample 1. The increased acid value of oil in seed samples 2, 3, and 4 as opposed to sample 1 is attributed to the grain damage during their mechanical treatment. Following sorting, the acid value of oil in seeds decreased. Sample 1 was found to be the most resistant to oxidative deterioration during storage. Mechanized harvesting of hemp seeds requires stages of cleaning, sorting and wet seed conditioning. The identified imperfection of the drying process affected the increase in the peroxide value of oil. A decrease in the 1000 kernel weight was common for all post-harvest handling stages as opposed to sample 1.

The method of harvesting hemp seeds was found to affect the change in its physical and chemical parameters. Thus, the water level indicator for manually harvested seeds (sample 1) was 2.5% less than for mechanically harvested seeds (sample 2). Mass fraction of oil in sample 1 was 0.7% more than that of sample 2. Mechanized harvesting of hemp seeds was found to increase the acid and peroxide values of oil extracted from samples 1 and 2 by 0.22 mg KOH/g and 0.65 ½ O mmol/kg, respectively. Thus, harvesting and drying of hemp seeds deserve special attention (Sova et al., 2019).

Lukianenko with co-authors (2009) revealed the extent to which the main factors of drying hemp seeds (layer thickness, air flow rate, flow temperature and layer mixing) affected the process time and quality indicators of the product. The germination capacity and quality indicators of hemp seeds were most influenced by the air temperature above 60 °C in the drying zone.

According to (Small et al., 2012), hemp seeds of Canadian varieties were exposed to a combination of four temperature regimes (20, 5, -20 and -80 °C) and three seed moisture

indicators (11, 6 and 4%) for 66 months. Storage of hemp seeds with a moisture content of 11% at 20 °C was found to reduce the germination capacity to zero in less than 18 months. A decrease in temperature to 5 °C and moisture content to 6% had a positive effect on the survival of seeds. There has been no evidence of benefit from oxygen-free storage.

It was found in (Mishchenko, 2013) that the longer storage time of hemp seeds of Ukrainian varieties resulted in the lower germination energy and capacity of seeds. Germination capacity showed a rather sharp decline after three years and was actually lost after four years under normal storage conditions.

Parihar with co-authors (2014) investigated the effect of moisture, temperature and storage time on the germination capacity and survivability of hemp seeds released in India. The study was carried out with a combination of moisture content indicators (5, 7, 8, 10 and 12%), temperature indicators (environment, 15 and -20 °C) and various storage periods (0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months). The critical moisture content was 5% and was found to increase to 7% at a storage temperature of 15 °C, and to 12% at -20 °C. With a moisture content of 5 and 7%, the survivability of hemp seeds was maintained for up to 36 months of storage, and with 8% up to 12 months of storage. A complete loss of survivability was reported after 24 months of storage of hemp seeds with a moisture content of 12%, whereas a germination capacity decrease of more than 40% was observed after storage of hemp seeds for 36 months at 15 °C.

Suriyonga with co-authors (2015) revealed the effect of storage conditions on the quality of hemp seeds grown in Thailand. The hemp seeds were packed in aluminum foil and a polypropylene bag. Seeds packed in aluminum foil were stored at room temperature and at temperatures of 15, 4 and -4 °C, and seeds in the polypropylene bag were stored at room temperature. The hemp seeds underwent a monthly quality control for 12 months. As a result, hemp variety, storage conditions and shelf life, and interactions between these parameters were found to influence seed quality. During storage, the moisture content of hemp seeds packed in the polypropylene bag varied with moisture control. Germination capacity and energy of seeds packed in both types of materials did not change for 6 months of storage at room temperature, with a germination energy decrease of 30% observed during 8-12 months of storage. It should be noted that the germination energy of hemp seed samples stored at temperatures of 15, 4 and -4 °C for a year remained almost unchanged. Therefore, a temperature of 15 °C (cold room) was suggested as the optimal storage condition for hemp seeds.

When stored, grain produces heat and moisture due to the vital activity (respiration) of grain mass (seeds, microorganisms, kernels, and impurities) and oxidation of organic substances. In addition, grains and seeds can absorb water vapor and gases from the environment. The degree of moisture absorption by the grain mass predetermines its hygroscopicity, which depends on the colloidal, physical, and structural properties of seeds (Oseiko, 2006).

Special attention should be given to the sorption properties of seeds when stored under various conditions, since it is the high oil content of oilseeds that makes their equilibrium moisture content significantly lower than that of grain crops. According to the research findings (Klevtsov, 2015), the most active moisture absorption was found to occur at a temperature of 25 °C and a relative humidity of 80%, with the lowest equilibrium moisture content recorded in seed samples at a temperature of +5 °C and a relative humidity of 50%. The equilibrium moisture content of hemp seeds is higher than that of flax seeds. As a result, hemp seeds can be stored in the relative humidity range of 50-80% until equilibrium moisture content is reached. Equilibrium moisture content was also found to increase with increasing storage temperature from 5 to 25 °C within the same relative humidity.

Hemp seeds of Ukrainian varieties are placed and stored in grain warehouses in accordance with applicable sanitary regulations and storage conditions. Transportation and storage of hemp seeds should take into account their conditions in terms of moisture and dockage. Reasonable conditions for storing hemp seeds for their subsequent complex processing are seeds moisture content of 8–11%, temperature of 14–18 °C and relative humidity of 50–55%. It is advisable that hemp seeds be stored in an anaerobic environment with minimal exposure to light (Oseyko et al., 2020).

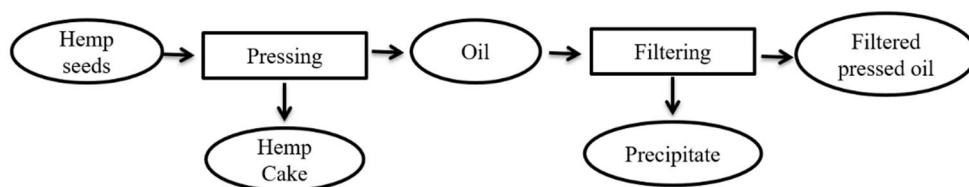
Nataša with co-authors (2020) tested various chemical agents to obtain microbiologically safe industrial hemp seeds. Such seeds can be used for further use in various food technologies (with a reduced total microbial count, total yeast and mold counts). Reasonable storage conditions were different for different microorganisms. For hemp seeds produced in 2018, the room temperature storage was the most optimal. Storing seeds in hermetically sealed bags at refrigerator / freezer temperatures revealed a suppressed yeast and mold growth. For hemp seeds produced in 2019, storage in the refrigerator (to reduce the number of enterobacteria) and in the freezer (to reduce the total microbial count) were the reasonable storage conditions. For reduced total yeast and mold counts, room temperature storage was the reasonable storage conditions. Ethanol (75 vol%) was found to be the most effective disinfectant among the chemicals tested (ethanol, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium hypochlorite).

According to (Oseyko et al., 2020), the long-term storage of industrial hemp seeds of Ukrainian varieties was found to yield the moisture content ranging from 8.2 to 10.1%, seed purity of 97.5–99.8%, and seed oil content of 31.9–34.3%. The decrease in the seed oil content observed from the second half of the storage period till the end can be attributed to the biochemical processes taking place in it throughout the long-term storage. That said, 1000 kernel weight ranged from 17.7 to 19.2 g, with the bulk weight of the hemp seeds ranging from 503.8 to 530 g/l.

Summarizing the findings, researchers and producers should give special attention to the post-harvest handling conditions, as well as to the methods and conditions of storage of industrial hemp seeds for food purposes.

### 3. Peculiarities of oil extraction from hemp seeds

Mechanical pressing is the principal method for hemp oil extraction (Figure 2).



**Figure 2. Cold-pressed hemp oil production scheme**

Hemp oil is a rare source of nutrition through a unique  $\omega$ -6/ $\omega$ -3 fatty acid ratio of 3:1 (Devi et al., 2019; Leizer et al., 2000). This is beneficial for the prevention and health of the cardiovascular, ophthalmic and other human body systems (Oseyko et al., 2020; Oseyko et al., 2019). This adds value to the production of highly refined hemp oil in the food industry and related industries (Devi et al., 2019).

According to (Latif et al., 2009) the cold pressing of the material involved pretreatment of hemp seeds with enzyme preparations (Protex 7L, Viscozyme L, Kemzyme, Feedzyme, and Natuzyme). The oil content in the experimental samples (28.4-32.8%) was higher than that in the test sample (26.7%). According to the authors' data, the enzyme treatment was not affected by the content of protein, fiber and ash in seeds. No notable variations were found for the iodine value, refractive index, density and fatty acid composition of oil. The content of tocopherols in the experimental samples of hemp oil (724.4–788.8 mg/kg) was found to be higher than that in the test sample (691.2 mg/kg). When analyzing the research results, it was desirable to bring reasonable pressing temperature, dosing conditions for enzymes or mixtures of enzymes, as well as to refine additional technological operations.

Morar with co-authors (2010) determined the efficiency coefficient of cold pressing of hemp seeds (from 23.89 to 27.69% of resulting oil) with the oil content of the material from 30.89 to 33.25%. The cold pressing process was also influenced by the quality of hemp seeds, which yielded reasonable values when using a pressing nozzle with a diameter of 8 and 10 mm. The acid and peroxide values of hemp oil ranged from 0.65 to 4.45 mg KOH/g of oil and from 0.62 to 26.91 mEq O<sub>2</sub>/g, respectively. The authors recommend using the findings as a basis for further research and launching an information campaign to raise consumer awareness of the beneficial and therapeutic health effects of hemp oil.

Da Porto with co-authors (2012) applied an experimental design methodology to optimize the process of in-vitro extraction of oil from hemp seeds using supercritical carbon dioxide. The independent variables were operating temperature (40, 50 and 60 °C), pressure (250, 300 and 350 bar) and particle size of the material (0.59, 0.71 and 0.83 mm). A second order polynomial equation was used to express oil yield and oxidation stability as a function of independent variables. The responses and variables were made consistent with each other using multiple regression equations. The maximum oil yield of 21.50% was obtained by extraction with supercritical carbon dioxide at a temperature of 40 °C, pressure of 300 bar and particle size of 0.71 mm. The highest oil oxidation stability (2.35 Eq  $\alpha$  toc/ml of oil) was obtained at a temperature of 60 °C, pressure of 250 bar and particle size of 0.83 mm.

It was found in (Aladić et al., 2014) that a reasonable condition for obtaining an oil yield of 23.34% during cold pressing with subsequent extraction using supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> was a temperature of 60 °C, frequency of 20 Hz, and a 6 mm diameter nozzle. Oil (10.33%) was extracted from the press cake completely with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>. According to the authors, oregano essential oil has served as the best antioxidant in protecting hemp oil from oxidative breakdown.

Aladić with co-authors (2015) compared the yield and composition of hemp oil extracted with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>, n-hexane using a Soxhlet apparatus, and expeller pressing. Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> extraction yielded extracts with a higher tocopherol content. The amount of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol in supercritical extracts ranged from 37.09 to 110.61 mg/kg, depending on the applied technological conditions. The content of  $\gamma$ -tocopherol was 2-3 times higher. The content of pigments in hemp oil obtained by extraction with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> ranged throughout the extraction process from 9.79 to 178.76 mg/kg of chlorophyll and from 8.15 to 57.66 mg/kg of carotene.

Devi with co-authors (2019) investigated various processes of hemp oil extraction (supercritical fluid extraction, Soxhlet, and ultrasonic treatment). Comparison was made in terms of economic assessment of an industrial scale, hemp oil yield and composition as well as physical and chemical properties of hemp oil. The maximum oil yield of 37.3% was obtained from material pretreated with ultrasound using the Soxhlet method.

Da Porto with co-authors (2015) described the pretreatment of hemp seeds without solvent exposure for 10, 20, and 40 minutes prior to oil extraction with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> at



a temperature of 40 °C, pressure of 300 bar, and CO<sub>2</sub> consumption of 45 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg of seeds. The maximum oil yield of 24.03% was obtained after a 10-minute ultrasonic pretreatment.

According to (Crimaldi et al., 2017), a combination of a high pressing temperature (70 °C) and a low screw speed (22 rpm) was found to positively affect the oil yield for the Italian variety hemp seeds under experimental conditions when using pretreatment (heating for an hour at 50 °C).

The authors in (Subratti et al., 2019) recommended using liquefied dimethyl ether as the most effective in a comparative study on the application of organic solvents in the extraction of hemp seed oil.

Esmailzadeh Kenari with co-authors (2020) established reasonable conditions for the use of solvent mixtures of hexane and isopropanol (0:100, 50:50, 100:0), extraction temperatures (30, 45 and 60 °C) and sonication time (30, 60 and 90 min). Reasonable conditions were obtained at a hexane-to-isopropanol ratio of 60:40, a temperature of 40.26 °C, and a sonication time of 54.4 minutes.

Summarizing the studied data, scientists and manufacturers should place special emphasis on:

- The material pretreatment methods prior to oil extraction and their effect not only on the yield of the finished product, but also on its quality and safety performance;
- Conditions for obtaining hemp oil;
- Biological, ecological and economic efficiency of production.

### 3.1 Peculiarities of the composition of hemp oils

Hemp seed oil is distinguished not only by its decent taste, but also by its unique fatty acid profile and the content of associated biologically valuable substances. So, hemp oil contains fatty acids, five of which are polyunsaturated. Linoleic, linolenic and  $\gamma$ -linolenic fatty acids are the most biologically valuable.  $\gamma$ -linolenic acid promotes the formation of  $\gamma$ -globulin, which is instrumental in human immunity. In addition, hemp oil contains tocopherols (vitamin E), which act as antioxidants in both food and other foods. Hemp oil is known to have healing properties and is recommended for use in cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes mellitus, asthma, sclerosis, epilepsy, as well as for cancer prevention (Orhan et al., 2000; Virovets et al., 2014; Laiko Iet al., 2014).

Information on the fatty acid composition of oils obtained in various ways from hemp seeds found in different parts of the world is given in Table 4.

As can be seen from Table 4,

- Oil obtained from experimental varieties of Russian regions (Shelenga et al., 2010; Shelenga et al., 2012; Iurchenko et al., 2019) was found to have the highest (17.4%) and the lowest (7.5%) content of saturated fatty acids, in particular palmitic and stearic acids;
- Oil obtained from Ukrainian varieties (Oseyko et al., 2020) was found to have the highest (19.4%) content of monounsaturated fatty acids, in particular oleic acid, with that from Russian varieties (Grigorev, 2019) having the lowest;
- Oil obtained from experimental varieties of Russian regions was found to have the highest (96.4%) and the lowest (48.8%) total content of polyunsaturated fatty acids, in particular linoleic,  $\alpha$ -linolenic,  $\gamma$ -linolenic and arachidonic acids;
- Oil obtained from Iranian varieties (Abdollahi et al., 2020) was found to have the highest  $\omega$ -6-to- $\omega$ -3 ratio of 7.6:1, with that from Russian varieties (Iurchenko et al., 2019) having the lowest;

Table 4

Fatty acid composition of hemp oils

Hemp oil described in	Fatty acid content, %							
	Linoleic	$\alpha$ -linolenic	Oleic	Palmitic	Stearic	$\gamma$ -linolenic	Arachidonic	$\omega$ -6: $\omega$ -3
Anwar et al., 2006	56.5–60.5	16.8–20.0	10.2–14.0	5.7–8.3	2.2–2.8	0.6–1.6	-	2.8:1–3.2:1
Shelenga et al., 2010	42.6–57.4	10.6–22.3	8.9–15.0	6.6–14.3	1.7–3.1	1.4–7.8	0.3–2.1	2.4:1–4.6:1
Serkov et al., 2011	58.4–59.1	19.5–20.1	12.1–12.8	-	-	-	-	2.9:1–3:1
Vyrovets et al., 2011	36.0–57.0	12.0–19.0	11.9–18.8	5.8–9.9	2.5–3.5	0.7–3.8	0.1–1.1	2.5:1–2.8:1
Da Porto et al., 2012	59.6	18.0	-	-	-	3.4	-	2.8:1
Shelenga et al., 2012	42.6–57.4	10.6–22.3	8.9–15.7	6.6–14.3	1.7–3.1	1.4–7.8	0.1–2.6	2.6:1–3.1:1
Montserrat-de la Paz et al., 2014	55.0	16.0	11.0	-	-	-	-	3.4:1
Shashkarov et al., 2016	50.0–70.0	15.0–25.0	-	-	-	-	-	2.8:1–3.3:1
Mikulcova et al., 2017	55.3–57.3	16.7–20.3	9.0–12.1	5.9–6.2	2.2–2.4	3.0–4.4	1.0–1.7	2.8:1
Sova et al., 2018	54.8–55.0	14.6–14.8	16.1–16.2	6.0	3.0–3.1	2.3	1.0	3.6:1
Baibekov et al., 2019	55.8	15.2–17.8	13.4–13.5	5.8–10.7	2.6–2.8	-	-	3.1:1–3.8:1
Iurchenko et al., 2019	36.0–50.0	15.0–28.0	6.0–16.0	5.8–9.9	1.7–5.6	-	-	1.8:1–2.9:1
Grigorev, 2019	53.4–64.2	12.6–27.1	5.9–14.0	-	-	0.6–5.1	-	2:1–4:1
Oseyko, 2019	54.8–56.9	16.0–18.5	13.3–13.6	5.7–6.3	3.0–3.2	1.3–2.8	0.8–2.4	3:1–3.7:1
Abdollahi et al., 2020	57.5–64.0	7.6–22.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.8:1–7.6:1
Serkov et al., 2020	57.0	16.0	12.0	-	-	3.3	-	3:1
Oseyko et al., 2020	53.4–56.6	11.3–16.2	14.9–19.4	5.6–6.6	3.3–3.5	1.6–2.6	-	3.4:1–5:1

Comparative characteristics of the tocopherol content in hemp oils from different parts of the world are given in Table 5.

Table 5

Comparative characteristics of the tocopherol content in hemp oils

Hemp oil described in	Tocopherol content, mg/kg			
	$\alpha$ -	$\delta$ -	$\gamma$ -	$\beta$ -
Anwar et al., 2006	54.0–60.4	35.0–45.6	600.0–745.0	-
Vonapartis et al., 2015	-	7.74	24.81	-
Kriese et al., 2005	18±0.5	12±0.4	217±3.2	2±0.04
Montserrat-de la Paz et al., 2014	73.4±2.86	-	-	-
Oseyko et al., 2019	234.0–246.2	12.8–14.0	316.0–322.0	

As can be seen from Table 5,

- Oil samples from Pakistan (Anwar et al., 2006) and Canada (Vonapartis et al., 2015) were found to have the highest (745 mg/kg) and the lowest (24.81 mg/kg)  $\gamma$ -tocopherol content, respectively;
- Oil samples from Ukraine (Oseyko et al., 2019) and Germany (Kriese et al., 2005) were found to have the highest (246.2 mg/kg) and the lowest (18 mg/kg)  $\alpha$ -tocopherol content, respectively;
- Oil samples from Pakistan (Anwar et al., 2006) and Canada (Vonapartis et al., 2015) were found to have the highest (45.6 mg/kg) and the lowest (7.74 mg/kg)  $\delta$ -tocopherol content, respectively.

Summarizing the data of section 3.1, it should be noted that the reviewed publications give insufficient attention to the relationship between the factors of material treatment, parameters of hemp oil production, conditions of hemp oil purification and long-term storage in terms of the content of fatty acids and tocopherols.

### 3.2 Oxidation stability of hemp oil during storage

Thanks to its high content of  $\omega$ -6 and  $\omega$ -3 fatty acids and minor biologically active components with antioxidant activity, hemp oil is now generally recognized by consumers as health-promoting. Although tocopherols, polyphenols, and phytosterols prevent the oxidative degradation of hemp oils, high levels of chlorophyll can adversely affect the quality of oil (Liang et al., 2015).

Sapino and co-authors (2005) provided a comparison of hemp oils and olive oil in terms of some physicochemical quality indicators and oxidation stability assessment. The peroxide value of hemp oil (1998 and 1999 samples) was 1.57 and 5.15  $\frac{1}{2}$  O mmol/kg. Hemp oil was less resistant to peroxidation than olive oil. Chlorophyll found in extra virgin olive oil had a higher photostability than that found in hemp seed oil, possibly due to higher antioxidant content in olive oil. Hemp oil was found to contain a certain amount of vitamin E (0.08 and 0.25 mg/l).

According to Abuzaytoun with co-authors (2006), the oxidative stability of flax oil and hemp oil, as well as their compositions devoid of minor components, were evaluated in the dark at 60 °C and under fluorescent light at 27 °C. According to the authors, the biologically active constituents of these edible oils are instrumental in their oxidative stability. However,

their stability is contributed by the composition of phenolic antioxidants and total tocopherols in oil, as well as the type of pigments. Untreated flax oil and hemp oil compositions showed higher stability. In addition, non-fibrous hemp oil had a higher oxidative stability than untreated flax oil. This was evidenced by the purification of the 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl radical and the data on total phenols.

Raikos with co-authors (2015) investigated the effect of heating, storage and light exposure on the oxidative stability of the dispersed phase of the emulsion – hemp oil. The lipid oxidation rate increased following heat treatment and exposure to light, while oxidation markers remained relatively unchanged during storage of the emulsion at 4 °C for 10 days. The induction period of the emulsions was reduced to 26%. The concentration of substances reacting with thiobarbituric acid increased 4.5 times, depending on the processing conditions.

It was found in (Lamotkin et al., 2016) that during the determination of resistance of the composition of rape oil and hemp oils to oxidation by air oxygen (64:36) with a  $\omega$ -6-to- $\omega$ -3 ratio of 10:1, after 5 days of bubbling, the acid, peroxide and anisidine values of the composition were 2.99 mg KOH/g, 22.62 mmol (SO)/kg and 2.98 U/g, respectively. Based on the findings, the authors concluded that the composition of rape oil and hemp oils is not stable during storage.

In (Liang et al., 2018), ultrasonic treatment of cold-pressed hemp oil combined with bleaching clays (sepiolite, activated bentonite and industrial clay) proves very effective in reducing chlorophyll content from 56.3 to 14.8, 9.9 and 7.8  $\mu$ g/kg, respectively. The method is not only rapid and clean but requires significantly less bleaching clay. Hemp oil treated in this way exhibits greater oxidative stability making it more attractive for industrial and consumer use. The results of ultrasonic bleaching suggest its potential for prolonging the shelf-life of oil. According to the authors, utilizing the ultrasonic bleaching technique as an alternative to conventional bleaching would be beneficial to the edible oil industry.

Hamidioglu with co-authors (2019) investigated the stability of hemp oil using natural plant extracts such as rosemary, pomegranate, and green tea, together with vitamin E. The concentration of each plant extract was 30 mg/l and 50 mg/l. Vitamin E was mixed with oil in an amount of 2 g/l. The value of the induction period of oil with additional plant extracts was significantly higher than that of the test samples. The vitamin E oil sample exhibited the longest induction period ( $4.12 \pm 0.04$  hours at 120 °C) during the Rancimat test. The authors attribute this to the strong antioxidant ability of the tocopherol content in vitamin E. The induction period of the hemp oil sample with added extracts in the amount of 30 mg/L was  $3.56 \pm 0.06$  hours for pomegranate,  $3.67 \pm 0.05$  hours for green tea,  $3.69 \pm 0.03$  hours for rosemary; in the amount of 50 mg/L:  $3.6 \pm 0.03$  hours for pomegranate,  $3.7 \pm 0.01$  hours for green tea,  $3.89 \pm 0.02$  hours for rosemary. Herbal extracts and vitamin E had a positive effect on the peroxide value of hemp oil as opposed to the test sample. The peroxide value of the test sample was  $19.4 \pm 0.12$  mEq/kg, of the sample with added vitamin E –  $12.14 \pm 0.17$  mEq/kg, with added extracts in the amount of 30 mg/l:  $14.43 \pm 0.06$  mEq/kg for rosemary,  $15.23 \pm 0.05$  mEq/kg for green tea,  $16.1 \pm 0.09$  mEq/kg for pomegranate; in the amount of 50 mg/l:  $13.12 \pm 0.17$  mEq/kg for rosemary,  $14.55 \pm 0.08$  mEq/kg for green tea,  $15.76 \pm 0.13$  mEq/kg for pomegranate.

Moczowska with co-authors (2020) characterized the effectiveness of antioxidants of rosemary extract obtained using various solvents (ethanol, methanol, acetone, and ethyl acetate) on the quality of hemp oil and its storage stability. The effectiveness of antioxidants was compared with hydroxytoluene butyl ether. Rosemary methanolic and ethyl acetate extracts showed the highest and lowest total phenols and antioxidant capacity, respectively. The lowest value of reaction substances with thiobarbituric acid following 14 days of storage was established for the rosemary methanolic and acetone extracts, 1.01 and 1.18  $\mu$ mol/kg,

respectively. Utilization of rosemary extract indicates a greater antioxidant effect on certain fatty acids, such as  $\alpha$ -linoleic acid, compared to the reference. According to the authors, rosemary extract can provide a natural alternative to synthetic antioxidants.

According to (Babiker et al., 2021), reasonable heat treatment of hemp seeds (14 min at 160 °C) brought about an increase in phenolic acids, polyphenols, and glycosylated flavonoids. Roasting of seeds had little effect on the fatty acid content. The amount of phosphorus and magnesium in hemp seeds dropped significantly, but the amount of calcium, iron, copper, manganese and zinc increased over time of roasting.

Summarizing the studied data, scientists and manufacturers should place significant emphasis on:

- The utilization of plant extracts as antioxidants instead of synthetic ones;
- The conditions for obtaining and storing hemp oil in order to stabilize the composition and quality indicators.

#### **4. Peculiarities of production of hemp food products**

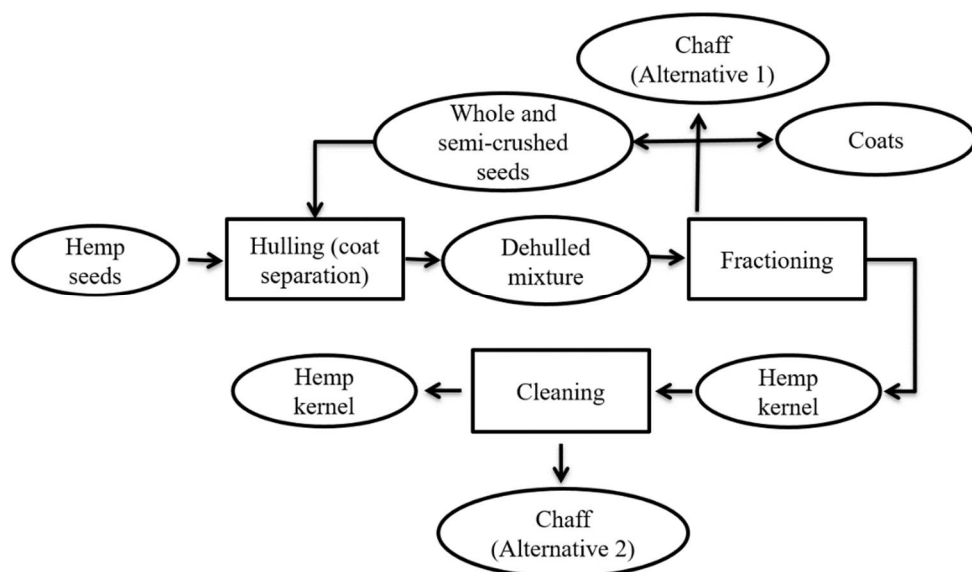
##### **4.1. Aspects of obtaining a hemp kernel**

Petrachenko with co-authors (2019) characterized one of the promising directions of processing non-narcotic hemp seeds – obtaining a hulled seed kernel. Profound insight into structures of mechanisms for hulling with different operation principle allowed determining the peculiarities, pros and cons of the single-blow and multiple-blow techniques. The effect of the shape of the working body (impeller or disk) of the hulling mechanism on the ability to destroy the seed coat has been clarified. The oriented single-blow technique, which is implemented in the design of a centrifugal dehuller, was found to be more effective in terms of dehulling hemp seeds. The impeller of a closed sectoral type has been found to have the prospect of further utilization and requires in-depth research.

The hemp kernel production scheme is shown in Figure 3.

Prior to the hemp kernel production, hemp seeds are tested for purity and moisture. Industrial hemp seeds are loaded into a dehulling system, where the fruit coat is destroyed and the kernel is released. The resulting mixture, which consists of a ready-made hemp kernel, semi-crushed and whole industrial hemp seeds, coats and chaff, is divided into fractions. The hemp kernel yield ranges from 33.2 to 41.4%, chaff – from 0.6 to 5.2%, substandard seeds from 1.3 to 4.8%, intermediate products – from 53.3 to 61.2% (Oseyko et al., 2020).

Some manufacturers split the mixture in two stages. The first stage provides for separation into 4 fractions on a sieve cleaner: coats (waste following the air part of the separator); whole and semi-crushed seeds – rejects from the upper sieve; ready kernel – rejects from the lower sieve; chaff – outsiftings from the lower sieve. After that, the ready kernel ends up in another air cleaner that yields two fractions – ready kernel and chaff. The waste products of this technology are coats and two chaff alternatives.



**Figure 3. Hemp kernel production scheme**

Physicochemical indicators of quality and amino acid composition of hemp kernel in comparison with the raw material input are given in Tables 6 and 7 (Oseyko et al., 2019).

**Table 6**  
**Physicochemical indicators of quality of hemp kernel (Oseyko M. et al., 2019)**

Component	Content		
	Hemp seed findings		“Hemp-Flax”**
	Hulled	Whole	
Moisture content, %	7.0±0.02	8.4±0.02	≤7.0
Mass fraction of impurities, %	0.4±0.02	3.3±0.15	-
Acid value, mg KOH/g	3.1±0.1	3.3±0.1	-
Mass fraction of oil, %	54.0±1	33.3±0.5	48.0
Mass fraction of protein, %	32.8±0.2	22.5±0.15	34.0
Mass fraction of fiber *, %	5.5±0.03	32.3±0.2	6.0
Mass fraction of ash, %	6.5±0.03	5.91±0.03	-
Mass fraction of minerals*:			
Phosphorus, g/kg	13.5	8.9	13.8
Calcium, g/kg	0.5	0.9	0.4
Magnesium, g/kg	2.7	2.4	5.6
Iron, mg/kg	94.1	74.7	76.0
Zinc, mg/kg	111.8	56.1	85.0
Cobalt, mg/kg	1.0	0.5	-
Manganese, mg/kg	38.3	59.4	57.0
Copper, mg/kg	12.6	not determined	9.0

Note: \* – on a dry basis; \*\* – organization specialized in processing hemp and flax in the Netherlands and Romania.

Table 6 shows the improved performance of the hemp kernel compared to the whole seed. The content of oil and protein can be seen to have increased by 1.5 times, and the content of macro- and microelements (except for calcium and manganese) can be seen to have increased by 1.5 times for phosphorus, 1.25 times for iron and 2 times for zinc and cobalt.

Table 7

**Amino acid composition of hemp kernel (Oseyko M. et al., 2019)**

Amino acid	“n” or “e”*	Content					
		Hemp kernel		Whole hemp seeds		“Hemp-flax”	
		mg/100 g	%	mg/100 g	%	mg/100 g	%
Alanine	“n”	1624	5.4	642	5.5	1760	5.6
Arginine	“n”	4149	13.7	1409	12.1	3420	11.0
Aspartic acid	“n”	2616	8.6	1100	9.4	1870	5.9
Valine	“e”	946	3.1	351	3.0	1880	6.0
Histidine	“n”	936	3.1	326	2.8	860	2.8
Glycine	“n”	1546	5.1	644	5.5	1420	4.6
Glutamic acid	“n”	5546	18.4	2370	20.4	6340	20.3
Isoleucine	“e”	833	2.8	323	2.8	1320	4.2
Leucine	“e”	2023	6.7	791	6.8	2000	6.4
Lysine	“e”	1538	5.1	661	5.7	960	3.1
Methionine	“e”	877	2.9	263	2.3	770	2.4
Proline	“n”	1410	4.7	593	5.1	-	-
Serine	“n”	1888	6.2	656	5.6	1850	5.9
Tyrosine	“n”	1200	4.0	383	3.3	1670	5.4
Threonine	“e”	1091	3.6	438	3.8	1580	5.1
Tryptophan	“e”	not determined				210	0.7
Phenylalanine	“e”	1396	4.6	525	4.5	1740	5.6
Cysteine	“n”	604	2.0	163	1.4	1570	5.0
Total		30223	100	11638	100	31220	100

Note: \* “n” is nonessential amino acid; “e” is essential amino acid.

Table 7 shows that the hemp kernel in Ukrainian variety seeds is rich in essential amino acids. The content of isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, threonine, phenylalanine in the hemp kernel significantly exceeds that in the whole hemp seeds. The hemp kernel is found to have an increased content of lysine, which is usually deficient. Additional processing of hemp seeds to produce flour or protein concentrate can significantly improve data on increasing the biological value of products. In particular, thanks to additional processing, the protein content in hemp flour on adry basis can be as high as 44.0% and in protein concentrate – 52.1–75% (Oseyko et al., 2019).

Almost all Ukrainian businesses use hemp kernel waste as bedding in animal husbandry, and some in the production of fuel briquettes or pellets. But, in our opinion, it is unacceptable to incinerate or dispose of hemp kernel waste (as intermediate products). Table 8 shows the composition of intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel, on a dry basis (Sova. et al., 2021).

Table 8

**Characterization of the composition of intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel (Sova et al., 2021)**

Component	Content, %		
	Coats	Chaff (Alternative 1)	Chaff (Alternative 2)
moisture	7.90±0.02	12.00±0.02	8.84±0.02
protein	10.75±0.15	26.90±0.2	26.90±0.2
oil	7.81±0.2	41.23±0.5	39.13±0.5
fiber	60.23±0.5	22.20±0.2	32.45±0.2

Table 8 shows that both chaff alternatives are rich in protein (26.9±0.2%) and oil (39.13±0.5% and 41.23±0.5%). Although seed coats have significantly lower content of protein and oil, they have been found to be rich in fiber (60.23±0.5%).

The mineral composition of intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel, on a dry basis, is given in Table 9 (Sova et al., 2021).

Table 9

**Mineral content of intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel (Sova et al., 2021)**

Mineral	Content		
	Coats	Chaff (Alternative 1)	Chaff (Alternative 2)
Calcium, g/kg	2.10	1.72	2.06
Phosphorus, g/kg	2.37	13.00	12.72
Magnesium, g/kg	1.13	4.40	4.91
Iron, mg/kg	138.39	147.97	195.45
Zinc, mg/kg	20.52	98.31	102.23
Copper, mg/kg	13.31	14.79	15.36
Manganese, mg/kg	99.54	137.13	185.28

It can be seen from data in Table 9 that intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel contain significant amounts of minerals. However, the content of phosphorus, magnesium, iron, zinc and manganese differs significantly, with seed coats containing less of them in comparison with chaffs.

Further research should expediently be devoted to the utilization of intermediate products derived from the production of hemp kernel in the technology of functional food products, dietary supplements, and feed products (Sova et al., 2021).

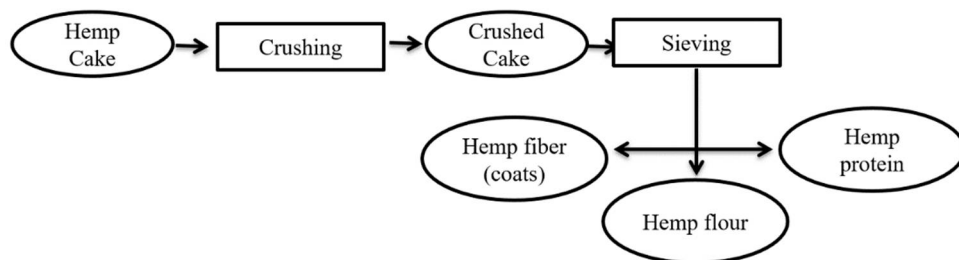
Shen and co-authors (2020) revealed that the use of hemp kernel in the hemp protein isolate production technology increased the yield and quality of the isolate (purity, Arginine vs Lysine ratio, color). Utilization of hemp kernel as a raw material input does not affect protein composition and structure.



## 4.2 Aspects of hemp flour and protein (protein concentrate) production

Hemp meal contains 30-35% of protein, more than 10% of oil and 25% of fiber. 100 g of hemp cake corresponds to 73 feed units. Phytin (phytic acid calcium magnesium salt), being a major component of hemp cake, sees heavy medical use in stimulating hematopoiesis, enhancing growth and development of bone tissue, as well as in managing some diseases of the nervous system (Shashkarov et al., 2016).

Hemp cake is a unique source of protein, natural carotene, phytosterols and phospholipids, which are helpful in preventing anemia, with K, Zn, S and Mg strengthening the heart muscle and nervous system. Hemp cake contains fiber, which is essential for the normal functioning of the gastrointestinal tract; improves motor skills, eliminates toxins from the body; positively affects the respiratory system; enhances treatment of cardiovascular diseases and obesity; improves kidney and liver function. Hemp cake is unique in that it contains adequate amounts of complete protein. Bulk hemp products such as flour, fiber and protein concentrate are produced by crushing the cake and fractioning the resulting mass. The resulting fractions have a different size, with the smallest one, commonly referred to as “hemp protein”, having the highest protein content. This fraction also contains considerable amounts of fat, ash and fiber. A production scheme of hemp flour, “protein” and fiber is shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4. Bulk hemp products production scheme**

Physicochemical indicators of quality and amino acid composition of bulk hemp products are given in Tables 10 and 11 (Sova et al., 2018).

**Table 10**  
**Physicochemical indicators of quality of bulk hemp products (Sova et al., 2018)**

Component	Content, %, in			
	Hemp seeds	“Protein”	Flour	Fiber
moisture content, %	8.36	7.00	6.50	7.17
protein	24.70	52.14	44.01	22.65
oil*	33.62	15.68	11.65	10.62
ash*	4.99	9.55	8.84	5.05
fiber*	36.85	5.51	13.88	44.94
pest contamination	N/D			

\* on a dry basis

According to data in Table 10, the hemp “protein” fraction is rich in protein, oil, minerals, which makes it the most valuable for consumption among the presented bulk hemp products. The biological value of hemp “protein” is 81.7% (Sova et al., 2018).

**Table 11**  
**Amino acid composition of bulk hemp products, mg/100 g (Sova et al., 2018)**

Amino acid	Hemp seeds	“Protein”	Flour	Fiber
Alanine	735	1556	1462	671
Arginine	1647	3589	3411	1336
Aspartic acid	1359	2263	2224	1286
Valine	445	885	910	371
Histidine	413	870	806	335
Glycine	740	1272	1319	717
Glutamic acid	2870	4445	4625	2593
Isoleucine	374	782	813	331
Leucine	913	1951	1877	813
Lysine	788	1458	1300	843
Methionine	302	686	630	184
Proline	673	1358	1305	604
Serine	824	1597	1514	725
Tyrosine	469	1078	955	376
Threonine	555	1056	1029	485
Phenylalanine	653	1350	1271	570
Cysteine	197	594	545	160

Pojić with co-authors (2014) showed how the value of hemp seed flour can be increased. Chemically, two fractions that contained cotyledons ( $>180$  and  $<180$   $\mu\text{m}$ ) had a notably higher content of protein ( $41.2 \pm 0.04\%$  and  $44.4 \pm 0.02\%$ , respectively), lipids ( $15.1 \pm 0.02\%$  and  $18.6 \pm 0.04\%$ , respectively), and carbohydrates ( $4.96 \pm 0.11\%$  and  $3.46 \pm 0.08\%$ , respectively) than fractions that contained coats ( $>350$  and  $>250$   $\mu\text{m}$ ), which, in turn, had a higher content of crude fiber ( $29.5 \pm 0.04\%$  and  $21.3 \pm 0.03\%$ , respectively). All fractions were found to have balanced  $\omega$ -6/ $\omega$ -3 fatty acids (3:1). Antinutrients (trypsin inhibitors, phytic acid, glucosinolates and condensed tannins) are mainly located in the cotyledon fractions. The data obtained by the authors show that fractioning of hemp seed flour can be useful in concentrating valuable target compounds. Therefore, this facilitates their extraction.

#### 4.3 Aspects of production of hemp protein concentrates and isolates

Hemp seeds contain a broad spectrum of biologically active chemical compounds. In particular, increasingly greater attention is given to proteins and biologically active peptides as an alternative source of nutraceuticals. Hemp seeds contain the salt-soluble globulins or edestin ( $\sim 75\%$ ) and the water-soluble albumin ( $\sim 25\%$ ) as the main storage proteins. Hemp seed proteins have a high level of arginine and a sulfur-rich protein fraction, two unique

features that impart high nutritional values. Hemp protein has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. It is a by-product of hemp oil technology (Stefan et al., 2018).

Hemp protein hydrolysates generated by enzymatic hydrolysis are composed of polypeptides, oligopeptides, and free amino acids displaying high availability of biological activity. Hemp protein hydrolysates have showed different biological activities as antihypertensive, hypocholesterolemic, antioxidant, antithrombotic, and immunomodulatory effects (Zanoni et al., 2017). Hemp protein is a complete protein source containing all essential amino acids. Plant-based sources of protein are often considered inferior to animal-based ones, but hemp protein is an exception. It contains all 9 essential amino acids found in other complete protein sources such as meat or dairy products. Hemp protein is also classified as a source of high-quality protein comparable to that of soybean or egg white (Fountoulakis et al., 2008). (James et al., 2010) notes that lysine is the first limiting amino acid in hemp protein. Removing seed coats improves lysine digestibility.

Wang with co-authors (2018) suggested that hemp seed protein isolates have a higher nutritional value in terms of amino acid composition and are easier to digest than soy protein isolate. They can be used as the primary source of proteins in human nutrition.

Yin with co-authors (2009) revealed the effects of succinylation and acetylation on some functional, structural properties and trypsin digestibility of hemp protein isolate. Succinylation leads to gradual increase in hemp protein solubility from 30 to 85–90%, while in the acetylation case, the protein solubility is improved only at low anhydride levels, increasing from 30 to about 50%. Differential scanning calorimetry and intrinsic fluorescence spectrum analysis indicated gradual structural unfolding of proteins, or exposure of hydrophobic clusters to the solvent, especially at higher anhydride levels. Additionally, trypsin digestibility was significantly improved by the succinylation. The results indicated that succinylation could be applied to modify some selected functional properties of hemp proteins.

Malomo with co-authors (2014) identified the effects of pH and protein concentration on some structural and functional properties of hemp seed protein isolate (84.15% protein content) and defatted hemp seed flour (44.32% protein content). The protein isolate was characterized by a minimum protein solubility at pH 4.0, which increased as pH decreased or increased. In contrast, the hemp seed flour had minimum protein solubility at pH 3.0, which increased at higher pH values. Intrinsic fluorescence and circular dichroism data indicated that the hemp protein isolates had a well-defined structure at pH 3.0, which was lost as pH value increased. The differences in structural conformation of hemp protein isolates at different pH values were reflected as better foaming capacity at pH 3.0 when compared to pH 5.0, 7.0, and 9.0. Therefore, the functional properties of hemp seed protein products are dependent upon structural conformations as well as protein content and pH.

In (Teh et al., 2016), hemp protein isolates were hydrolyzed using proteases (AFP, HT, ProG, actinidin, and zingibain). Physical properties of hydrolysates were evaluated by particle size, zeta potential and surface hydrophobicity. HT protease had the highest rate of caseinolytic activity at the lowest concentration, 0.1 mg/ml, compared to other proteases that required concentration of 100 mg/ml to achieve their maximum rate of caseinolytic activity. This led to the highest degree of hydrolysis of hemp protein isolate as affected by HT protease in the SDS-PAGE profiles. Among all proteases and substrates, HT resulted in the highest biological activity generated from alkali extracted hemp protein isolate in the shortest time (2 hours) compared to the other protease preparations.

In (Girgih et al., 2013), hemp seed protein hydrolysate was produced through simulated gastrointestinal tract digestion of hemp protein isolate, followed by partial purification and separation into eight peptide fractions. The peptide fractions exhibited higher oxygen radical

absorbance capacity as well as scavenging of 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl, superoxide and hydroxyl radicals when compared to hemp seed protein hydrolysate. Radical scavenging activities of the fractionated peptides increased as content of hydrophobic amino acids or elution time was increased, with the exception of hydroxyl radical scavenging that showed decreased trend. Although glutathione, hemp seed protein hydrolysate and peptide fractions possessed low ferric ion reducing ability, all of them had strong (>60%) metal chelating activities. Inhibition of linoleic acid oxidation using some of the hemp seed protein hydrolysate peptide fractions was higher at 1 mg/ml when compared to that observed at 0.1 mg/ml peptide concentration. Peptide separation resulted in higher concentration of some hydrophobic amino acids (especially proline, leucine and isoleucine) in the fractions when compared to hemp seed protein hydrolysate.

It was found in (Mamone et al., 2019) that hemp-based food products were considered less allergenic than those based on other edible seeds. High purity grade hemp flour and hemp protein isolate were derived from defatted hemp cakes, residues of hemp oil extract. The resulting hemp protein isolate contained almost 86% protein, represented mainly by the storage protein edestin (which accounted for 70% of the total protein). In vitro hemp protein digestibility was determined using a static model of gastrointestinal digestion. Hemp flour and hemp protein isolate showed a high degree of digestibility. The survival of potential biologically active and/or allergenic peptide sequences in digests was investigated by peptidomic analysis. Only a limited number of sequences survived gastrointestinal digestion. All known hemp allergens, including the major thaumatin-like protein, were entirely eliminated by the hemp protein isolate production process. These data support the use of hemp protein isolate as an ingredient for hypoallergenic foods.

According to (Potin et al., 2020), hemp seeds were found to contain considerable amounts of nutrients in the hemp kernel and in its derivative products 26% of protein and 36% of oil, respectively. The authors presented the current state of knowledge about the hemp kernel in terms of its composition, nutritional value, extraction, physicochemical, functional and biological properties. Various extraction methods have been proposed to extract major hemp protein fractions from the hemp cake. The protein obtained from hemp flour is classified as globulins and albumins and contains highly digestible (about 90%) essential amino acids. The authors emphasize that hemp protein hydrolysates have a wide range of health-promoting biological activities, such as antioxidant properties, metal chelation, antihypertensive, hypoglycemic properties, etc.

Raikos with co-authors (2015) investigated the effect of heat treatments on the denaturation and oxidative stability of hemp seed protein during simulated gastrointestinal digestion. Heat-denatured hemp protein isolate solutions were prepared by heating hemp protein isolate (2 mg/ml, pH 6.8) to 40, 60, 80 and 100 °C for 10 min. Heat-induced denaturation of the protein isolates was monitored by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Heating hemp protein isolate at temperatures above 80 °C significantly reduced solubility and led to the formation of large protein aggregates. Additionally, the oxidative stability of the resulting peptides was investigated. Heating did not significantly affect the formation of oxidation products. The results suggest that heat treatments should ideally unfold below 80 °C in order to preserve heat stability and solubility of hemp protein isolate.

In (Pojić et al., 2014), hemp proteins have been found to form high-quality emulsions similar to those of milk-based emulsions. A novel hemp protein concentrate has been shown to have >70% solubility at pH 4.0–6.0, whereas most plant proteins are typically insoluble. Addition of hemp protein to diet led to reduced pathological intensity of renal disease and cardiovascular diseases. Moreover, hemp seed enzymatic hydrolysates exhibited antioxidant

and antihypertensive properties. According to the authors, hemp proteins and hydrolysates have the potential to be used as ingredients to formulate functional foods.

Dapčević-Hadnađev with co-authors (2020) identified the ability of hemp protein to act as a functional agent in a variety of foods. The role of hemp protein as an emulsifier, foaming, film-forming and gelling agent creates the potential for replacing synthetic agents with natural ones. Studies have revealed a biological functionality of hemp proteins, i.e. application of enzymatic hydrolysis for the production of biologically active peptides.

Summarizing information in section 4, it should be noted that the reviewed publications deal superficially with the relationship between the factors of material preparation, production process variables of hemp foods, storage conditions and time in terms of the content of functional and biologically active components.

## **5. Aspects of using hemp seeds and its derivative products**

Foods containing hemp seeds and oil are currently marketed worldwide for both animal and human nutrition. It was estimated that the global market for hemp consists of more than 25,000 products (Cerino et al., 2020). Hemp seeds are widely used in the production of kernel, oil, flour, protein, milk, animal feed, etc. (Serkov et al., 2011; Pojić et al., 2014; Karus et al., 2004; Leson, 2006; Kolodziejczyk et al., 2012; Cherney et al., 2016; Fike, 2016; Schluttenhofer et al., 2017; Klir et al., 2019; Williams, 2019; Leonard et al., 2020; Xu et al., 2020; Della Rocca et al., 2020; Crini et al., 2020; Farinon et al., 2020). Hemp seeds or their ingredients are added to beverages, for example, in the brewing and wine industry, as well as to neutral products (Cerino et al., 2020). In Latvia (Ivanovs et al., 2017), for example, crushed hemp seeds see heavy use in the manufacture of butter-based delicacy paste. Hemp oil is used for cosmetics and personal care items, paints, printing inks, detergents and solvents. In addition to food products, hemp flour is used in animal and poultry husbandry (Silversides et al., 2005). Hemp seeds and their derivative products have been scientifically proven to have a curative, health-improving and rehabilitative effect on the human body (Noelia et al., 2019; Metwally et al., 2021; Valizadehderakhshan et al., 2021).

Table 12 shows example uses of hemp seeds and their derivative products in technologies of functional, dietary and specialty products.

Summarizing the data in Table 12, the following should be noted:

- Utilization of hemp seeds and their derivatives in various food technologies enhances the biological and nutritional value, functional and sensory properties of finished products;
- Adding hemp derivative products to the formulation of baked goods increases their shelf life;
- Utilization of hemp derivative products in bakery technologies ensures decreased amounts of gluten in finished products, which is relevant in modern conditions.

Table 12

Utilization of hemp seeds and their derivative products as a functional component

Product or semi-finished product	Hemp supplement content	Efficiency	Reference
Mixed rye-wheat bread	10% of wheat flour replaced with hemp flour	Fermentation property increased by 42%, specific volume by 26.3% and finished product porosity by 10.9%. Dough, proofing and baking time reduced by 30%. 150 g of this product meets the daily requirement for polyunsaturated fatty acids.	Samofalova et al., 2004
Wheat bread	Hemp/wheat flour ratio 10/90	Increased nutritional value. Increased content of proteins, macro- and microelements, especially iron. Decreased gluten content.	Pojić M. et al., 2015
Wheat bread	15% of hemp flour, 4% of hemp kernel and 8% of hemp oil	Increased content of proteins, essential fatty acids, dietary fiber. Decreased gluten content. Increased shelf life of bread.	Bădărașu Carmen et al., 2018
Wheat bread	50% of hemp flour	Increased protein content (13.38-19.29 g/100 g). Change in the hardness of bread crust due to a decrease in bread stability index from 1.12 to 0.05. Increase in crumb browning index from 29.69 to 46.26. Increase in total polyphenols from 256.43 to 673.59 mg GAE/kg. Formation of furan derivatives (furfuryl alcohol, furfuryl aldehyde, hydroxymethylfurfural).	Mikulec et al., 2019
Wheat bread	10% of hemp flour	Intensification of dough maturation. Production time reduced by 8–20 minutes. Reduced calorie content due to low starch content. Product consumption compensates the daily requirement of the human body for proteins by 9.5%, fats by 5.5%, fiber by 13.6%, $\omega$ -3 and $\omega$ -6 fatty acids by 37 and 29%, respectively. Increased content of B vitamins and minerals (phosphorus, magnesium, calcium, iron).	Falendysh et al., 2019
Wheat bread and bakery products	10% of hemp kernel or 5% of hemp protein	Reduced baking, convexity losses of baked goods. Increased nutritional value of the finished product.	Ruban et al., 2016
Gluten-free bread	20% of hemp protein	Increase in fiber levels from 15.2 to 61.0 g/kg and dietary fiber from 29.3 to 90.0 g/kg. Increase in bread volume	Korus et al., 2017

	concentrate and flour	from 633 to 878 ml. Improved organoleptic characteristics (color and taste). Limited product staling through reduced rate of amylopectin recrystallization during storage.	
Gluten-free bread	Non-conventional starter culture using hemp, chia and quinoa flour	Reduced pH, specific volume and staling rate of the finished product. Increased bread porosity.	Jagelaviciute et al., 2021
Whole-wheat bread	5, 7, 10% of hemp flour	Product crumb and crust browning. More uniform crumb structure. Providing the finished product with a light nutty aroma and pleasing savor. Protein content increased by 4–4.4%. Content of natural food sorbents in the product increased by 17.2%. Reduced bread brittleness. Soft product for 24–48 hours.	Bazhai-Zhezherun et al., 2020
Bread sticks	15% hemp cake flour	Water absorption capacity of the resulting bake mix increased by 6%. Dough balls running increased by 7.4%. Carbon dioxide generation during dough fermentation (180 min) reduced by 16%. Titratable acidity increased by 16%.	Iorgacheva et al., 2020
Pasta	5% of semolina flour replaced with hemp flour	Increased protein, fat and crude fiber content. Improved functional properties (antioxidant activity, increased content of macro-, microelements and phenolic compounds). Consistent cooking performance of pasta. Reduced cooking time, product surface stickiness.	Pojić et al., 2014
Gluten-free crackers	20% of hemp flour	Enriched with minerals, fiber (39–249%) and polyunsaturated fatty acids. Decreased carbohydrate content (8.4–42.3%). Increased antioxidant properties.	Radočaj et al., 2014
Gluten-free sugar cookies	Hemp/cornmeal ratio 80:20	Improved organoleptic properties (texture and physicochemical properties).	Lukin et al., 2017
Shortbread cookies	20% of hemp cake	Increased cookie strength and porosity, moisture content increased by 0.5–0.8%, wetness index by 10–15%. Enriched with complete protein, chlorophyll, vitamins and minerals. Developed cookies have functional properties. 100 g of cookies covers the daily human need for dietary fiber by 11–16%.	Holia et al., 2018

Cookies	20% of hemp flour (raw and roasted)	Increased percentage of protein, oil, ash, phenols and antioxidant activity. Decreased hardness of products.	Nilgün et al., 2020
Konoplyana Nasoloda (Hemp Delight) cupcake	34% of hemp flour	Increased nutritional value of finished products. High organoleptic quality indicators.	Tkachenko, 2018; 2020
Semi-finished minced meat products	10% of hemp flour	Increased content of lipids (by 2.2%), magnesium (2.4 times) and iron (1.5 times).	Perekhodova et al., 2017
Chopped beef liver products	15% of hemp flour and emulsified hemp oil	Increased water-binding and water-holding capacity of the product. Improved fat absorbing, emulsifying capacity and emulsion stability.	Stoporeva et al., 2018
Liver pate	17% of hemp seeds	Increased fat content and nutritional value of the product. Improved fatty acid composition and sensory properties (hardness, softness and stickiness).	Zajac et al., 2018
Milk drink	Hemp seeds	Increased prebiotic activity. The content of biologically active compounds is increased due to the inhibited enteropathogen growth and high levels of acetate, propionate and butyrate produced during fermentation.	Nissen et al., 2020

In addition to the foods listed in Table 12, hemp seeds are also used in the production of hemp oil softgel capsules, hemp gummies (Canada), roasted hemp seeds with sea salt, hemp jelly beans, energy drinks, hemp tea, hemp chewing gums, hemp honey, coffee beans and hemp kernel (USA), hemp lager beer, hemp protein bars (UK), hemp candies, hemp chocolate and hemp pads (Netherlands) (Sova et al., 2020).

It is essential that the technology of composite food products provide antimicrobial and antioxidant properties throughout the guaranteed shelf life (Oseyko et al., 2019).

Bartkiene with co-authors (2020) proposes fermentation with *Pediococcus acidilactici*, *P. pentosaceus*, *Lactobacillus casei* and *L. uvarum* strains, as well as ultrasonic treatment of hemp kernel paste. It includes an assessment of the content of biogenic amines and antimicrobial properties of the derivative products. Combined fermentation and ultrasonic treatment helps lower the total bacteria count in the hemp kernel paste. The treated hemp kernel was found to be rich in biogenic amines, 639.87 mg/kg. Pure lactic acid bacteria showed a reduction in a broad spectrum of pathogens. However, the hemp kernel paste exhibited a very low antimicrobial activity and formulated emulsion did not exhibit any antimicrobial properties. Treatment with selected LAB can be recommended for preparation of stable emulsions, and the most acceptable beverages can be obtained using *L. uvarum* strain.

Frassinetti and co-authors (2018) evaluated the antioxidant effect of hemp seeds and sprouts after 3 and 5 days of germination. Total polyphenols, flavonoids and flavonols content expressed on a dry basis were highest in sprouts. A number of analyses including



cellular antioxidant activity in red blood cells and hemolysis test showed a higher antioxidant activity in sprouts than in seeds. Main polyphenol (caffeoyltyramine) was identified in hemp seeds and of  $\omega$ -6 (linoleic acid) was identified in sprouts. Therefore, hemp seeds and sprouts can have beneficial effects on human body and should be investigated as a potential functional food.

Siano with co-authors (2019) determined chemical and biochemical characteristics including phytosterol composition, total phenolics, antioxidant activity, and content of macro- and microelements of edible hemp resources such as seeds, oil, and flour. Hemp seeds, flour, and oil contained  $767 \pm 41$ ,  $744 \pm 29$ , and  $21 \pm 5$  mg GAE/kg of total polyphenols, respectively. The antioxidant potential of hemp flour and seeds was higher than that of oil. K and Mg were the most abundant macroelements, particularly in flour, 5064.45 and 2310.54 mg/kg, respectively.

## Conclusion

Hemp seeds and their derivative products are still insufficiently used in food technologies such as cereals, pasta, confectionery, food concentrate, meat and dairy and fermentation. In the short term, the theoretical, scientific and practical insights presented in this review should be used in integrated solutions for the processing of environmentally sound industrial and medical hemp seeds.

It is essential that further research be conducted on the use of drugs to regulate the antimicrobial and antioxidant properties of functional, dietary and specialty products is of paramount importance.

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