Anthocyanin Stability Profile of Mango Powder: Temperature, pH, Light, Solvent and Sugar Content Effects

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Research Article: Anthocyanins, a major natural food colorant rich in mango powder, need considerable protection during processing and storage for better retention due to colour instability. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the stability of the anthocyanin’s extracts obtained from cabinet dried mango powder under different factors which could disrupted the anthocyanin pigments during processing. The factors are processing temperature and time (30°C, 60°C and 80°C for 10, 20 and 30 minutes each, respectively), storage conditions (room temperature, refrigerator temperature and freezing temperature), pH (2, 3, 4, 7 and 10), oxygen, influence of light, different extraction solvent (methanol, absolute ethanol, acidified ethanol (1%), and 50% KMS -Ethanol), sugar level (20%, 40%, and 60%). The intensity of the extracted colour was measured at wavelength 520 nm using UV-VIS spectrophotometer. The results can elucidate the increasing heating temperature and time, sugar content, and exposure to light is able to spoil the anthocyanin molecule. There was a proportional effect of pH and oxygen. The anthocyanin stability was found better in pH=10, acidified ethanol (1%) as extracting solvents, absence of light as processing condition and refrigeration temperature as storage temperature. Hence, these findings could be useful in the food industry to choose a proper processing condition for development of mango powders-based products for satisfying the consumer perception by retaining anthocyanin pigment.

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Introduction

Mango (Mangifera indica L. Anacardiaceae) is a popular subtropical fruit grown in the subtropical regions because of its high economic value. It is reported as the second largest tropical crop next to banana in terms of production, acreage, and popularity (FAO, 2011). Mango is the national fruit in India and Philippines and is the king fruits of Bangladesh (Parvez, 2016). Over 1000 mango varieties are available worldwide. Among the available varieties, only a few are grown on commercial scales and traded (Solis-Fuentes and Duran-de-Bazua, 2011). A huge amount of mango varieties are available in Bangladesh, like Amrapali, Gopalbhog, Himsagar, Langra, Khirsapat, Kohitooor, Chausa, Laksmanbhog, Mallika, Misribhog, Fazlee, Mohanbhog, etc. These varieties of mangoes have commercial importance due to their own demand in food industries (Ara et al., 2014). Amropali is very popular due to its sweetness and non-fibrous flesh.

Mango is consumed as fresh fruit as well as making their cultivation a lucrative proposal to the growers by processed value-added product like juice, pulp, powder, mash, pickles, and syrup (Liu et al., 2014). Fruit powder has enormous economic potential. Dehydration of mango juice into powdered particles gives a considerable reduction in volume and one of an effective method of prolonging the shell life (Mahendran, 2011). The consumer acceptance of this fruit is high because of its excellent sensory attributes (sweet taste and luscious favour) and specially it is popular in the markets due to it’s attractive colors. Anthocyanins are water-soluble pigments that are responsible for the red, blue, and purple colors of most fruits that are classified as flavonoids (Da Costa et al., 2000). The most common anthocyanins in the edible parts of plants are the glycosides of cyanidin, peonidin, pelargonidin, delphinidin, petunidin, and malvidin (Kong...
et al., 2003). Cyanidin-3-O-galactoside and anthocyanidin-
hexoside are the main anthocyanin compounds found in the
red colour of mango fruit peel (Berardini et al., 2005).
Anthocyanins act as phytochemical antioxidants with
potential health benefits eg. prevention of neuronal
diseases, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and diabetes in
human beings (Rahman et al., 2008; Yang et al., 2017;
Giampieri et al., 2014; Kong et al., 2003).

There are four different structures of Anthocyanins, namely
flavylium cation, carbilin pseudobase, quinoidal
base, and chalcon, which are in equilibrium. The relative
amounts of anthocyanin structures depend on the pH (Mazz
and Minitiati, 1993). Various factors are responsible for the
strength and stability of anthocyanins including pH,
temperature, quality and presence of other pigments
together, light intensity, metal ions, oxygen, ascorbic acid,
sugar, enzymes, and sugar metabolites, sulphur oxide,
structure and concentration of the pigments etc (Mazz and
Minitiati, 1993; Francis, 1989). Copigmentation is another
crucial factor in increasing the stability of the anthocyanin
(Francis, 1989; Malien-Aubert et al., 2001). The co-
pigment effect is evident under weakly acid conditions (pH
4–6) (Castaneda-Ovando et al., 2009). Cabrita et al. (2000)
showed that even though six common anthocyanin 3-
glucosides (i.e., pelargonidin, peonidin, malvidin,
cyanidin, petunidin, and delphinidin) displayed the most
intense red coloration and the highest stability in aqueous
solutions of pH 1–3, however, the first three also exhibited
intense and stable bluish colours at pH 8–9, highlighting
the possibility of using them as colorants in alkaline food
products. Anthocyanins in foods were found to decrease
during processing and storage as temperature rises
(Maccarone et al., 1985). Even at lower temperatures,
degradation of anthocyanins is still a concern. The
degradation rates of anthocyanins increase with increasing
solid content during heating, due to the closeness of
reacting molecules in juice with higher soluble solid
content (Patras et al., 2010). A number of enzymes and
oxygen amplifies the impact of anthocyanin degradation
processes (Cavalcanti et al., 2011). Sondheimer and
Kertesz (1953) suggested that maximal loss of
anthocyanins occurred under conditions most favourable to
ascorbic acid oxidation. Meschter (1953), Tinsley and
Bockian (1960), and Mackinney et al. (1955) observed that
the presence of sugars accelerated the degradation of
pelargonidin-3-glucoside in strawberry products. Van
Buren et al. (1968) found that acylated methylated
anthocyanidin diglycosides displayed the greatest stability
against light in wines, nonacylated diglycosides were less
stable and monoglycosides even less stable.

Thus, anthocyanins color preservation has continuously
been a challenge to the food processing industry.
Minimally processed ready-to-eat powder-based product
have become popular owing to their easy convenience, low
maintaining cost, better keeping quality, high nutritional
value, and unique sensory characteristics. Moreover, for
satisfying the consumer perception, development of mango
powders-based products with maintaining anthocyanins
colour retention is challenging during processing and
storage. Colour retention is an essential indicator for
sensory characteristics of products. The identification of
the liable stability dependable factors of anthocyanins and
its proper processing techniques developments are crucial
for industrialization of mango powder products. Hence, it
is very important to investigate the stability of
anthocyanins in different processing conditions, so that the
losses of targeted product can be minimized. However,
research on the anthocyanin stability of mango (Amropali
variety) cultivar in Bangladesh is not common. Therefore,
the aims of the study were to evaluate the degradation
stability of anthocyanins at different extraction conditions
from dried mango powders.

Materials and Method

Collection of Mangoes

The fresh mangoes (Amropali cultivars) were
purchased from Rajshahi districts in Bangladesh. The ripe
mangoes of uniform colour were selected by visual
observation. Then transferred to the laboratory maintaining
low temperature (4°C) before processing. The average
weight of mango was 241± 0.12 g.

Preparation of Mango Power

The mangoes were washed with distilled water and
trimmed to remove the stem and blossom end. The
mangoes were peeled, cut and removed the seed. Then
mango pulp was prepared by a blender (Philips HR7761,
China). The basic composition of the collected mango pulp
was total solid soluble (TSS) 17±0.45° Brix and pH
4.92±0.04. The pulp was spread with 0.5cm thickness in a
stainless steel tray (14 inch × 8 inch) and dried at 50°C for
48±2 hrs (up to moisture content 5% DB) in a Cabinet dryer
(GENLAB 1000-L, Drying Cabinet). The lower
temperature was maintained to reduce the loss of phenolic
property in dried powder. The dried samples were cool
down to room temperature and then ground in a grinder
(Panasonic super mixer grinder (MX-AC300), Japan) for
total 3 mins (3 times-1 min each) at 21000 RPM to obtain a
fine powder. Then powder was sieved by a stainless-steel
lab test hand sieve (No. 60, mesh size 250µm, China) and
kept in the refrigerator at 4°C till use.

Extract Preparation

100 g dried mango powder transferred into a beaker
containing 1000 mL absolute ethanol as a solvent and
shake it on a shaker for 72 hours at room temperature. The
extract was filtered by wattman filter paper (grade 1) into
a conical flask and filter funnel. The filtrate was collected
and stored at room temperature. At the same time, the
residue was re-extracted for two times and every time with
fresh ethanol solvent. Then, all the filtrates were
evaporated using a rotary evaporator (Heidolph™ Hei-
VAP Value Digital Model) under vacuum pressure at 60°C
to get the crude extracts. The crude extracts were weighed
and then stored at 4°C under refrigerated conditions until
further analysis.

Total Anthocyanin Content (TAC) Assay

TAC of the mango powder extracts was determined
calorimetrically following the method described with
slight modifications (Selim et al., 2008). Stock solutions of
10 mg/mL of extracts were prepared, then extract solution
(3 mL) was pipetted into a cuvette. The intensity of the
extracted color was measured at wavelength 520 nm using
UV-VIS spectrophotometer (UV-2600, Shimadzu). As a
blank ethanol was used. Total anthocyanin content (TAC) was calculated using the following equation:

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TAC = \frac{\text{Absorbance of the sample} \times \text{DF} \times 100}{\text{m} \times \text{E}}
\]

Where;
- TAC = Expressed as milligrams per 100g (mg/100g)
- DF = Stands for dilution factor
- m = Means the weight of sample used to make a stock solution
- E = Refers to extinction coefficient (55.9)

Each experiment was replicated three times.

**Different Processing Temperature Effects**

The sample was put in a capped falcon tube and covered with aluminum foil paper. Then kept at different temperatures ranging from 30°C, 60°C and 80°C for 10, 20 and 30 minutes each, respectively. Then follow the previously described method for TAC to find the effect of anthocyanin stability at different temperatures.

**Storage Conditions Effects**

To study the influence of natural light on the stability of anthocyanin pigment, the sample was put in a capped falcon tube and covered with aluminum foil paper then stored in the light and the dark condition, respectively. For observing the influence of storage temperature on anthocyanins, the sample was put in a capped falcon tube and covered with aluminum foil paper then were kept at room temperature (30°C), freezing temperature (-18°C) and refrigerator temperature (4°C) respectively. Then all samples were measured TAC by following the previously described methods for 7 days intervals, respectively up to 28 days.

**pH effects**

For determination of anthocyanin solubility on different pH, the following buffers were used: (a) pH=2 and 3 (0.13 M HCl -0.05 M KCl); (b) pH=4 (REAGECON) (c) pH=7 (REAGECON) and (d) pH=10 (REAGECON) (Reagecon Diagnostics Ltd. Shannon Free Zone, Shannon V14 X073, Co. Clare, Ireland). Then, samples and respected buffer were mixture and then equilibrated in the dark condition. Then their absorbance was recorded for seven days intervals for each sample up to 28 days.

**Oxygen Exposed Effects**

Regarding the influence of oxygen, the stability of anthocyanin’s extract was exposed to air bubbling in a bioreactor (Sartorius stedim, BIOSTATA) for 4 hr. Then their absorbance was measured by following the previously described method for TAC. The data for TAC were recorded for 7 days intervals up to 28 days by repeating the same procedure.

**Different Extracting Solvent Effects**

To find the influence of different extracting solvent, 10g dried mango powder was mixed with 100 mL of methanol, absolute ethanol, acidified ethanol (1%), and 50% KMS (Potassium metabisulfite)-Ethanol respectively in amber glass bottles. Then TAC was recorded by following the previously described method. The data were recorded for seven days intervals for each sample up to 28 days.

**Sugar Percentage Effects**

Three various percentages of sucrose were used. Firstly, the pH of anthocyanin extract sample was controlled (pH=2) by pH meter. Then sugar (20%, 40%, and 60% respectively) was mixed with the sample and kept in dark condition at room temperature. The quantity of anthocyanin absorbance was recorded by following the previously described method. The data for each sample was recorded for seven days intervals for up to 28 days.

**Statistical Analysis**

Each evaluation was done at least three times, and the data were expressed as a mean value with standard deviation (SD). All obtained data in this investigation were analyzed by one-way ANOVA (Tukey’s Multiple Comparison Test) using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 23. A significant difference was considered at the level of P<0.05.

**Results and Discussions**

**The Effect of Temperature On the Stability of Anthocyanin**

Table 1 showed the total anthocyanin content (mg/100g) of mango powder with different heating temperature (30°C, 60°C and 80°C) for 10, 20, and 30 minutes, respectively. Temperature is a leading factor, which has an adverse role in destabilizing the anthocyanin molecular structure (Cavalcanti et al., 2011). Table 1 shows that increasing heating temperature and time resulted in decreases anthocyanin content in mango powder.

**Table 1. TAC (mg/100g) of mango powder at a different heating temperature during storage**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Heating Temp (°C)</th>
<th>Heating Time (min)</th>
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<td></td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Without heat expose (control)</td>
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<td>2.11±0.02 *</td>
<td>2.11±0.02*</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.93±0.07 a</td>
<td>1.76±0.1 b</td>
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<tr>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.64±0.21 a</td>
<td>1.47±0.1 c</td>
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<tr>
<td>80</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.62±0.31 a</td>
<td>1.37±0.11 c</td>
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<tr>
<td>F- test</td>
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<td>4.645**</td>
<td>42.097***</td>
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*Significant at P<0.01, *Significant at P<0.05; Values followed by different superscript letters denote a significant difference; the comparison is made across the days. Results are means ± standard deviation of triplicates (n=3)
The anthocyanin was destroyed in higher temperature because of hydrolyzation of 3-Glycoside structure (has a protective effect in the stability of anthocyanin). Another reason could be hydrolyzation of the pyrylium ring resulted in production of chalcone, which are responsible for brown colour (Giusti and Wrolstad, 2001). A similar effect was found by Saravankumar and Aravindhan (2011). Palamidis and Markakis (1975) have studied anthocyanins stability in soft drinks that increases the storage temperature significantly accelerate the destruction of colours in soft drinks. Maccarone et al. (1985) have found the effect of anthocyanin in red-orange juice at different temperatures (15°C, 25°C and 35°C) during a 15-day period and concluded that the decolorizing or destruction of anthocyanins occurs due to increase in temperature. Meschter (1953) stated that the time for 50% destruction (half-life) of anthocyanin pigment in strawberry preserve at 100°C was 1 hr; the half-life was ten days during storage at 38°C, the half-life was 54 days during storage at 20°C and the pigment half-life would be expected to be 11 months during storage at 0°C.

**The Effect of Light On the Anthocyanin’s Stability of Mango Powder**

Light exposure is sensitive and essential factor, which significantly affects the anthocyanins stability. The effect of light on total anthocyanin content in the cabinet dried mango powder has been presented in Table 2. The anthocyanin content was higher in the absence of light. There were no significant differences in anthocyanin in the case of the absence of light during storage. But in case of presence of light, anthocyanin content had changed significantly after 7 days exposure. Moreover, Palamidis and Markakis (1975) have shown the adverse destruction effect of light in grape juice, exhibited that almost 30% of the pigments were destroyed, after placing the juice samples containing anthocyanin in dark for 135 days at 20°C but more than 50% of total pigments destroyed after placing the same samples in the same temperature and same period of time in the presence of light. Stanciu et al. (2010) also found the impact of light exposure throughout one month on anthocyanins extracts, in which losses of anthocyanins content were 37.91% (861.206 to 534.947 mg/100g fresh product), 68.14% (500.267 to 159.376 mg/100g fresh product) and 89.48% (501.358 to 52.71 mg/100g fresh product) for three types of extracts respectively from black grape skin (*Vitis vinifera*).

### Table-2. TAC (mg/100g) of mango powder at different Storage temperature and under the influence of light

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Days</th>
<th>Room Temp (30°C)</th>
<th>Refrigeration Temp (4°C)</th>
<th>freezing Temp (-18°C)</th>
<th>In the presence of light</th>
<th>In the absence of light</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
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<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>1.41±0.05a</td>
<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
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<td>0.97±0.1b</td>
<td>1.41±0.05a</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>1.38±0.001a</td>
<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
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<td>0.88±0.03b</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>1.34±0.003a</td>
<td>1.48±0.1a</td>
<td>1.34±0.003a</td>
<td>0.78±0.1b</td>
<td>1.34±0.003a</td>
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**F-test**

|                | 0.875**          | 0.016**                  | 0.875**               | 22.368**                | 0.875**                |

**Significant at P<0.01; Values followed by different superscript letters denote a significant difference; the comparison is made across the days. NS=not significant. Results are means ± standard deviation of triplicates (n=3).**

### Table-3. TAC (mg/100g) of mango powder at different extracting solvent

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<tr>
<th>Days</th>
<th>Methanol</th>
<th>1% acidified ethanol</th>
<th>50% KMS+50% absolute ethanol</th>
<th>Absolute ethanol</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>24.8±4.1a</td>
<td>23.68±0.94a</td>
<td>148.48±3.08a</td>
<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>15.9±0.01b</td>
<td>14.87±1.03b</td>
<td>129.86±2.98b</td>
<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>14.87±1.03b</td>
<td>11.65±0.67c</td>
<td>120.57±3c</td>
<td>1.41±0.05a</td>
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<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>14.87±1.03b</td>
<td>9.12±0.89d</td>
<td>118.42±3c</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>14.87±1.03b</td>
<td>9.12±0.89d</td>
<td>79.42±3d</td>
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**F-test**

|                | 14.165**       | 138.607**             | 211.127**                  | 0.875**         |

**Significant at P<0.01; Values followed by different superscript letters denote a significant difference; the comparison is made across the days. NS=not significant. Results are means ± standard deviation of triplicates (n=3).**

The anthocyanins were slightly decreased after twenty days of storage periods. Therefore, the colour loss of the anthocyanins pigment was most obvious at higher storage periods. On the other hand, an increase in total anthocyanins content during frozen storage have achieved eg. red raspberries (Syamaladevi et al., 2011; De Ancos et al., 2000); sour cherries (Urbanyi and Hotti, 1992); strawberries (Oszmianski et al., 2009) and serviceberries (Michalczzyk and Macura, 2010) due to tissue softening enhanced extraction of anthocyanins (Hager et al., 2008). Although previous studies were found that there were no significant change in total anthocyanins in frozen storage of fruits e.g., clarified pomegranate juice (Turfani et al., 2012), black carrot juice (Turkyimaz and Ozkan, 2012), black raspberries (Hager et al., 2008), red raspberries (Sousa et al., 2005; Mullen et al., 2002), and blueberries (Lohachoompol et al., 2004). Apart from that, De Ancos et al. (2000) revealed that frozen storage affects total anthocyanin content depending on the cultivar of fruits. Therefore, it is suggested that the decolorizing effect might be due to the mango cultivars variety, storage condition and plant chemical composition, etc.
Table 4. TAC (mg/100g) of mango powder at different Sugar level

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Days</th>
<th>Control (no sugar added)</th>
<th>Extract with 20% Sugar</th>
<th>Extract with 40% Sugar</th>
<th>Extract with 60% Sugar</th>
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<td>0.32±0.09b</td>
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**F-test** 0.875**NS** 639.884** 237.773** 2524**

** Significant at P<0.01; Values followed by different superscript letters denote a significant difference; comparison is done across the days. NS=not significant. Results are means ± standard deviation of triplicates (n=3).

Table 5. TAC (mg/100g) of mango powder at different pH

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<tr>
<th>Days</th>
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<th>pH 4</th>
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<td>1.42±0.1a</td>
<td>0.32±0.01b</td>
<td>0.28±0.01b</td>
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**F-test** 0.875**NS** 73.582** 650.339** 9.366** 193.215** 3.78**

** Significant at P<0.01, *significant at p< 0.05; Values followed by different superscript letters denote a significant difference; the comparison is made across the days. NS=not significant. Results are means ± standard deviation of triplicates (n=3).

![Figure 1. Effect of oxygen](image)

**Effect of Different Extracting Solvent on TAC**

Table 3 shows the effect of different extracting solvent on the total extraction percentages of anthocyanin. From the experimental results, it represents that total anthocyanin obtained from 50% KMS+50% absolute ethanol were the highest in terms of amount at the end of the duration among the four extracting solvents but in terms of stability percentage of total anthocyanin content (60% approximately) were the highest in case of methanol at the end of the duration. Similar results were reported by Kopjar et al. (2014) that the most efficient extraction solvent was methanol acidified with hydrochloric acid among water and ethanol acidified forms for anthocyanin extraction from sour cherry puree extracts. However, Oancea et al. (2012) found that good recovery of anthocyanins from blueberry samples were obtained with 50 % ethanol than that of others ((1) water; (2) ethanol/acetic acid/water (50/2/48); (3) ethanol/0.1 N hydrochloric acid (95/15); (4) 80 % ethanol (v/v); (5) 70 % ethanol (v/v)); (6) 60 % ethanol (v/v)). For plant materials, the almost universal approach is to treat the sample with a solution of 1% hydrochloric acid in methanol. For foods, 1% HCl in ethanol may be preferred, due to the toxicity of methanol, even though it is slightly less effective in the extraction and more difficult to concentrate (Francis, 1982).

**The Effect of Sugar Percentages**

Table 4 represent the effect of sugar percentages on the stability of anthocyanin pigment in mango powder. The anthocyanin content decreases at three different percentages of sugar (20, 40, and 60%) during storage for 28 days. However, higher anthocyanins value was found in the concentration of 20% sugar (1.56 mg/100g), which
indicates moderate concentration of sugar could preserve anthocyanins in the mango powder. The results agree with the previous results carried out by Nnikkhah et al. (2007) that primary concentration (20%) of sugar (sucrose) has a caring effect on anthocyanin but decreased in higher concentration. Principally, sugars are naturally present in fruits, and during the food preparation process, usually, sugar added to different products such as jams, jelly, and fruit extracts but sugars decreased stability of anthocyanins (Meschter, 1953; Thakur and Arya, 1989). Daravingas and Cain (1968) tested all sugars (sucrose, fructose, glucose, and xylose) which shows increased amount of sugar is responsible for anthocyanins degradation. Additionally, Anthocyanin reactions with destructed production of sugar cause the formation of brown-colour polymerized pigments (Krifi et al., 2000).

The Effect of Oxygen on the Anthocyanin’s Stability of Mango Powder

Figure 1 exhibited that the total anthocyanin content decreased insignificantly during storage with and without oxygen exposure. The anthocyanin content is higher when oxygen is exposed. Stanciu et al. (2010) also found that anthocyanins extracts subjected to air bubbling for eight hrs period demonstrate an increase in colour pigments, which might be resulted from direct oxidative mechanism increasing brown products formation which further reacts with anthocyanins giving rise to brown products.

The Effect of pH on The Anthocyanin’s Stability of Mango Powder

According to Table 5, anthocyanin increased with increases of pH where it was stable at pH=7 and pH=10. However, anthocyanin in mango powder decreased during storage at all pH conditions. For pH=10 mango samples have the highest value of anthocyanins (4.88 mg/100gm). Little (1977) showed that the destruction of anthocyanin pigments increases with an increase of pH in packaged Strawberries and Strawberry jam at 37.7°C during storage. Laleh et al. (2006) also found a similar effect for Berberis Species.

Conclusion

In order to obtain the level of influence on total anthocyanin content, which may influence the quality of the final product, various parameters were optimized (extraction solvent, processing temperature and time, storage temperatures, influence of light, sugar level, oxygen, pH for 28 days storage). The findings conclude that increase in heating temperature, time, sugar content, and exposure to light result in the degradation of anthocyanin content. Selected conditions for anthocyanin stability were pH=10, acidified ethanol (1%) as extracting solvents, refrigeration temperature as storage temperature, 20% sugar content, 30°C as heating temperature, and the presence of oxygen. The present experimental studies would undoubtedly help to select the perfect condition for processing and storage and preparing further product from mango powder without any losses of this valuable pigments. Further investigation will be carried out to develop and evaluate anthocyanin’s rich powder-based product.

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