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Efect of natural antioxidants on lipid oxidation in mayonnaise compared with BHA, the industry standard

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Abstract

Introduction Mayonnaise is an oil in water emulsion (O/W) consisting 70–80% oil. Lipid oxidation is a major cause of quality deterioration in mayonnaise. The efectiveness of antioxidants in a hetrophasic systems is highly dependent on their polarity and partitioning properties.

Objectives The aim of the present study was to determine the effect of a hydrophilic [green tea extract (GTE)] and a lipophilic [tocopherol mixture (TOC)] and BHA on lipid oxidation in mayonnaise during 60 days of storage at 38 °C and to examine the interactions between GTE and TOC, to determine possible synergistic or antagonistic efects in antioxidant activity.

Methods The oxidative stability was studied by measuring hydroperoxides, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and colour of mayonnaise during storage. Comprehensive analysis of VOCs was done by static headspace extraction and separation by two-dimensional gas chromatography time of fight mass spectrometry. Sensory analysis was also carried out to study the efect of storage time and antioxidant type on sensory properties of mayonnaise and to investigate the predictive ability of volatile compounds for sensory terms.

Results and conclusion Addition of GTE (500 ppm) and TOC (500 ppm) increased the formation of hydroperoxides and certain VOCs. The combination of GTE with TOC improved the antioxidant efficacy compared to the individual extracts. However, sensory evaluation demonstrated that GTE promoted the development of unpleasant fshy and rancid aroma. The volatile compound methional, was signifcantly and positively correlated with fshy and rancid favour. Regarding colour analysis, GTE showed the highest increase in darkening and browning during storage.

Keywords Volatile compound · Sensory · Lipid oxidation · Antioxidant interaction · Mayonnaise · Natural antioxidant

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1 Introduction

Mayonnaise is an oil in water (O/W) emulsion consisting 70–80% oil. Lipid oxidation is a major cause of quality deterioration in mayonnaise. The most common strategy to retard lipid oxidation is the use of antioxidants (Coupland and McClements [1996](#page-12-0)). Antioxidants are divided into two categories based on their origin: synthetic and natural. Due to health concerns about synthetic antioxidants, there has been an increase in the use of natural antioxidants, which are efficient and safe in food systems. A number of studies investigated the potential of natural antioxidants in mayonnaise see e.g. review by Ghorbani Gorji et al. [\(2016\)](#page-12-1).

Among naturally occurring antioxidants, the antioxidative efficacy of tocopherols (TOCs) has been examined extensively in food systems (Jacobsen et al. [2000;](#page-12-2) Jayasinghe et al. [2013](#page-12-3); Karahadian and Lindsay [1989](#page-12-4); Let et al. [2007](#page-12-5); Panya et al. [2012](#page-13-0); Rizner et al. [2000\)](#page-13-1). TOCs can control autoxidation by acting as radical scavengers. However, the pro-oxidant efect of high concentrations of TOCs have been reported by promoting formation of hydroperoxides (Frankel et al. [1994;](#page-12-6) Karahadian and Lindsay [1989](#page-12-4)).

Green tea extract (GTE) is a water-soluble, polyphenolic compound. Catechins are the predominant group of polyphenols in GTE, and considered to act as antioxidants by scavenging radicals (Huang and Frankel [1997\)](#page-12-7). GTEs have shown good antioxidative activity in oil (Chen et al. [2016;](#page-12-8) Chen and Chan [1996;](#page-12-9) Frankel et al. [1997](#page-12-10); Wanasundara and Shahidi [1998](#page-13-2); Yin et al. [2012\)](#page-13-3). However, pro-oxidative behaviour was seen in corn O/W emulsion (Frankel et al. [1997;](#page-12-10) Huang and Frankel [1997\)](#page-12-7).

The O/W emulsion is a system, containing oil droplets dispersed in an aqueous phase. It can consist of three regions: the continuous phase, the interfacial phase and the interior of a droplet. The efectiveness of antioxidants in such systems is highly dependent on their polarity and partitioning properties. The hydrophilic antioxidants predominantly are partitioned in the aqueous phase and the lipophilic antioxidants are mainly partitioned in the oil phase (Coupland and McClements [1996](#page-12-0); Jacobsen et al. [1999c](#page-12-11)). In O/W emulsion systems, as the "polar paradox" theory states, non-polar antioxidants are more efective than their polar analogues (Frankel et al. [1994\)](#page-12-6). Studies on combining water-soluble antioxidants, such as ascorbic acid and GTE, with TOC showed the regeneration of TOC by reducing the tocopheroxyl radical in the O/W emulsion (Buettner [1993;](#page-12-12) Yin et al. [2012](#page-13-3)). The potential activity of antioxidants is also dependent on the nature of the food system. In order to predict the antioxidant activity, the antioxidants should be tested in the product. To the best of our knowledge, no studies have evaluated the interactions of GTE and TOC in a mayonnaise-like emulsion (80% sunflower oil).

Frankel et al. [\(1994\)](#page-12-6) showed that determination of antioxidant activity is afected by the method used to evaluate lipid oxidation. For this reason, in order to be able to understand whether GTE and TOC act as antioxidants or pro-oxidants, the progress of oxidation was monitored by measuring the formation of primary (hydroperoxides) and secondary oxidation products [volatile organic compounds (VOCs)]. Colour and sensory properties were also monitored.

The aim of the present study is to evaluate the anti- or pro-oxidative properties of hydrophilic and lipophilic antioxidants in a mayonnaise-like emulsion over the course of 60 days at 38 °C, using measurement of colour, hydroperoxide concentration and volatile oxidation compounds, as well as descriptive sensory analysis. We therefore chose a TOC mixture that is oil-soluble, and GTE, which is a watersoluble antioxidant. An additional objective was to examine the interactions between GTE and TOC, to determine possible synergistic or antagonistic efects in antioxidant activity.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Materials

Sunfower oil with and without butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) added (200 mg/kg oil) was used. BHA is a synthetic antioxidant commonly used in the food industry. The characterisation of the oil used in the experiments was measured using the following techniques: acidity was determined by titration, hydroperoxide concentration was measured according to FOX2 assay (Nourooz-Zadeh et al. [1995](#page-13-4)), fatty acid $(\%)$ was measured as previously described by Concepcion et al. ([2018\)](#page-12-13), and diferent analogues of tocopherols were analysed by HPLC as previously described by (Zou et al. [2017](#page-13-5)). The characterisation of the oil is presented in Table S1 (see Supplementary material). The green tea extract (GUARDIANTM Green Tea Extract 20S) and tocopherol mixture (GUARDIANTM Toco 70) were donated by Danisco Australia (DuPont Nutrition & Health, Australia). Green tea extract was composed of about 20% of catechins (wt%) and salt (NaCl). It contains gallic acid (1.90 mg/g), thearubigin (0.24 mg/g), gallocatechin (6.61 mg/g), theo-phylline (0.14 mg/g), epigallocatechin (25.83 mg/g), cafeine (18.62 mg/g), epicatechin (0.75 mg/g), epigallocatechingallate (124.01 mg/g), and epicatechingallate (20.09 mg/g) (Soncu and Kolsarici [2017](#page-13-6)). The mixture of tocopherol was oil-soluble, comprising 70% natural tocopherol concentrate. The concentrations of the diferent analogues were analysed by HPLC are α-tocopherol, 15.4% w/w, β and γ-tocopherol, 59.1% w/w, and δ-tocopherol 25.5% w/w.

Ammonium ferrous sulfate, cumene hydroperoxide, butylated hydroxy toluene (BHT), xylenol orange [o-cresolsulfonphthalein-3,3-bis (methyliminoacetic acid sodium salt)], sulfuric acid, methanol and propan-1-ol were from Sigma Aldrich. External standards for identifcation of volatile compounds are listed in Table S2 (see Supplementary material).

2.2 Production of mayonnaise and storage experiment

An O/W emulsion modelled on mayonnaise was produced in 1.5 kg batches using a Kogan 1000 W Professional Food Processor & Blender. The mayonnaise recipe contained (all amounts are stated in $wt\%)$ sunflower oil (80%), egg (11%) , white vinegar (3%) , sugar (2%) and water (4%) . Five different formulations of mayonnaise were produced to assess the effect of antioxidant type. Table S3 (see Supplementary material) shows antioxidant concentration, sample code and in vitro antioxidant activity of antioxidants. The doses of TOC and GTE were decided based on the supplier's recommendation. Potential antioxidants were added in either the oil phase (BHA and TOC) or in the water phase (GTE) before mayonnaise production. TOC and GTE were made in a ratio of 1:1 and named GTT, in order to study the interactions between GTE and TOC, to determine possible synergistic or antagonistic efects in antioxidant activity. The GTE was mixed with the aqueous phase and TOC was mixed with the oil. A control (CON) sample was prepared without adding any antioxidants. Each formulation was made in three batches. pH o samples were 4.19–4.21 (Table S4, see Supplementary material). Samples were aseptically transferred into sterile specimen jars (75 ml) with caps and flled to the top, closed tightly (without headspace), and stored at 38 °C (elevated temperature) in dark for 60 days.

The VOCs and hydroperoxides were determined at day 1, 15, 30, 45, and 60 of storage, whereas sensory and colour measurements were performed at day 1, 30 and 60 of storage. Samples were kept at − 80 °C until the hydroperoxide and VOCs analysis while sensory and colour analyses were made directly after sampling. All determinations were made as triplicate.

2.3 Determination of in vitro antioxidant capacity

The assay for ABTS [2,2-azinobis-(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid)] free radical scavenging capacity was conducted according to the method described by Danh et al. ([2012](#page-12-14)) with some modifcations. Briefy, the ABTS· radical cation stock solution was prepared by mixing 7 mM ABTS solution with 2.45 mM potassium persulphate (fnal concentration) and the mixture was left in the dark at room temperature for 12–16 h. Before performing the assay, the stock solution was diluted with methanol (HPLC grade) to an absorbance of 1.0, measured by a spectrophotometer at the wavelength of 734 nm. The antioxidants were diluted in order to acquire a readable range absorbance measurement. Thirty µl of extracts (three replicates per extract) were added to 1.5 ml of diluted ABTS solution and incubated for 15 min in the dark. The absorbance was measured at 734 nm against blank sample of methanol. Gallic acid was used as the reference standard. The results of radical scavenging activity of the natural antioxidants tested were expressed as gallic acid equivalent (mmol GA/mg).

2.4 Colour measurements

Colour of mayonnaises was measured during storage in order to identify whether the addition of diferent potential antioxidants infuenced the colour of samples since a diferent colour could decrease sensory appeal. Colour parameters were measured using the Minolta Chroma Meter CR-4 (Minolta Camera Co., Osaka, Japan) at designated time intervals to estimate mayonnaise colour in CIE space: lightness, (l*); redness, (a*); yellowness, (b*) (International Commission on Illumination, 2008).

2.5 Lipid separation from mayonnaise

The oil phase from the mayonnaise was separated according to the method (Jacobsen et al. [1999b\)](#page-12-15) and kept at − 80 °C until analysis (hydroperoxide concentration).

2.6 Determination of hydroperoxides concentration

Lipid hydroperoxides of the oil phase separated from mayonnaise were measured according to FOX2 assay (Nourooz-Zadeh et al. [1995\)](#page-13-4).

2.7 Analysis of volatile compounds

Comprehensive analysis of volatile compounds in mayonnaise was done by static headspace extraction and separation by two-dimensional gas chromatography time of fight mass spectrometry (GC×GC/TOF–MS; Leco, Australia). Briefly, headspace (1.5 ml) was collected using a 2.5 ml headspace syringe, after 10 min agitation of the sample at 80 °C. At each time point, mayonnaise (1 g) was weighed immediately into 20 ml GC headspace vials, covered with a silicon cap (Restek, Germany) and then placed at − 80 °C until analysis. On the day of analysis samples were equilibrated overnight at room temperature. The instrument parameters and data pre-processing were set as previously described by Daygon et al. ([2016\)](#page-12-16). The full details of the metabolite profling including $GC \times GC$ program settings, MS conditions and chromatogram alignment parameters are given in Table S5 and Supplementary Information S1. Data pre-processing, baseline correction and identifcation of putative compounds were done using the software LECO ChromaTOF 4.50 with library match searching (Nist 11 v2.0). Volatile compounds were identifed by combination of mass spectral library matching using NIST 11 v 2.0 library and an in-house library created by running authentic reference standards of common lipid oxidation products (Supplementary Table S2). Volatile compounds were putatively identifed using mass spectra only when standards were not available. In this case the compounds that had $\geq 80\%$ similarity with NIST library were taken into consideration.

Five volatiles were selected for quantifcation through calibration curves. The fve volatiles were identifed as: pentanal, hexanal, heptanal, octanal and nonanal. These aldehydes have previously been identifed in the headspace of both sunfower oil and mayonnaise and have been shown to correlate with lipid oxidation in sunfower oil (Guillén et al. 2005). The antioxidant efficacy was calculated as the inhibition percentage according the following equation:

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= \left(\frac{\text{VOC sample, CON} - \text{VOC sample, antioxidant}}{\text{VOC sample, CON}}\right)
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VOC_{sample,CON} and VOC_{sample,antioxidant} are samples without antioxidant and samples with antioxidant added, respectively. The antioxidant has a prooxidative efect if the inhibition % is negative $(-)$ and an antioxidative effect if it is positive $(+)$.

2.8 Descriptive sensory evaluation

The descriptive sensory evaluation test was carried out according to the method described by Tikapunya et al. ([2018](#page-13-7)). The panel consisted of 12 members (3 males, 9 females, aged 37–66 years with a mean age of 48) who were recruited from a pool previously screened for ability to discriminate basic odours and tastes, according to standard ISO 3972 (ISO, 1991, 1992, 1993) procedures. The training and discussions sessions were conducted over 8 sessions (2 h each) in a meeting room, using a subset of samples selected to cover the total range of day/treatment variation. A total of 14 descriptors, defnitions and sensory reference standards (7 aroma and 7 favour) were developed (Table S6, see Supplementary material). Prior to each evaluation, the panellists were presented with the 13 sensory reference standards and defnitions to review prior to assessment (Table S6, Supplementary material). The intensities of descriptive terms were quantifed by use of line scale scoring on an unstructured line (10 cm), which was anchored from ''none'' and to ''high''. Scoring was computerised using the *FIZZ* acquisition software (Bio-System, Couternon, France).

2.9 Statistical analysis

Data from hydroperoxides, colour, sensory and volatile analysis were analysed by a one-way analysis of variance, and individual samples were compared on a 0.05 level of signifcance and Fisher's test using XLSTAT (Add in soft 1995-204, CA, USA). All references to signifcant diferences between samples or between sampling times are based on this statistical analysis of data. Multivariate data analysis was done using software Simca V14 (Umetrics).

The sensory results from FIZZ software were exported into Microsoft excel and were analysed by XLSTAT (Add in soft 1995-204, CA, USA). Factors and interactions efects were analysed using Mixed Model Analysis of Variance (three way and two-way ANOVA) applied to the raw data set (15 sample \times 12 panellists \times 3 replicates) for each attribute to determine significant differences ($p < 0.05$ and $p < 0.01$).

2.9.1 Principal component analysis (PCA)

The results from sensory analysis were subjected to principal component analysis (PCA). The PCA models were built on the average of the measured data, scaled to unit variance and full cross-validation was done.

2.9.2 Partial least square regression (PLS)

In the PLS analysis, the design variables used as *X*-variables were $X =$ type of antioxidants (CON, BHA, GTE and TOC) and replicates [R1, R2, R3, AV (mean values)], and a single quantitative variable for 'days' of storage (D; with levels 1, 15, 30, 45 and 60). Analytical data from volatile oxidation products (peak areas) were used as *Y*-variables. The data was scaled to unit variance and full cross-validation was done. The model parameters such as R2 and Q2 is presented in Table S7 (see Supplementary material).

The sensory and chemical predictive ability of volatile compounds for sensory attributes was tested by PLS analysis with sensory terms as *X*-matrix and volatile compounds as the *Y*-matrix. The data was scaled to unit variance and full cross-validation was done. The model parameters such as R2 and Q2 is presented in Table S8 (see Supplementary material).

The regression coefficients were automatically calculated by the Simca V14 software relating to the calculations of the PLS model, so it was possible to assess whether regression coefficients for the different design variables were positive or negative for each of the measured variables. The+or − sign associated with the regression coefficient indicated either positive or negative correlation between the two variables. To gain information about signifcance indications for the relationship in the X - and Y -, regression coefficients were analysed by jack-knifing $(p < 0.1)$ (Nissen et al. [2004\)](#page-13-8) using Simca V14 software.

3 Results

3.1 Efect of storage time and antioxidant type on lipid oxidation products

3.1.1 Formation of hydroperoxides

Generally, until day 30, there was no diference among CON, TOC and GTE mayonnaises. After day 30 the hydroperoxides decreased in CON, remained constant in TOC and increased in GTE (Fig. [1a](#page-4-0)). The hydroperoxides concentration increased signifcantly faster and to a higher level in

Fig. 1 a The concentration of hydroperoxides (mM) in mayonnaises during storage of 60 days. Data points and error bars represent means ±stand ard errors (*n* =3). *CON* no antioxidant, *BHA* butylated hydroxyanisole, *TOC* tocoph erol, *GTE* green tea extract. **b**, **c** Partial least square regression analysis (PC1, PC2), $X =$ design variables (days of storage: 1, 15, 30, 60; antioxidant type: CON (no antioxidant); BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole); TOC (tocopherol); GTE (green tea extract), replicates (R1, R2, R3, AV (mean values)) and *Y* = volatile compounds: **b** scores plot of mayonnaises stored for 1 day (green circle), 15 days (orange circle), 30 days (blue circle), 45 days (yellow circle) and 60 days (red circle), **c** correlation loadings plot of *X* = design variables (red circle) and $Y =$ analytical variables (volatile compounds) (green circle). Ellipses (solid line) rep resent $r^2 = 50\%$, 75% and 100% explained variance. Group: A positively correlated with GTE. Group B positively correlated with the storage time (Color fgure online)

X-expl: 12% and 14% , Y-expl: 59% and 12%

mayonnaises with GTE than BHA during 60 days of storage. BHA reduced the formation of hydroperoxides in mayonnaise during storage and showed antioxidative activity whereas, GTE was pro-oxidant, and accelerated the formation of hydroperoxides.

3.1.2 Formation of volatile compounds

From the $GC \times GC/TOF-MS$ analysis, 77 compounds were used for multivariate analysis. The compounds were identifed using authentic standards (Supplementary Table S9). The 77 compounds identifed included four acids, 11 alcohols, one ester, 11 ketones, 20 aldehydes, five furans, 19 hydrocarbons, one nitrogen derivative, two sulfur derivatives and three miscellaneous compounds. The identifed compounds are listed in Table S9 together with peak number and method of identifcation.

The dataset of volatile compounds was subjected to PLS analysis to investigate the efect of storage time and antioxidant on lipid oxidation in mayonnaise. In total, two principal components (PCs) were validated, accounting for 26% of the variance in *X* variables (design) and 71% in *Y* variables (volatile compounds) (Fig. [1](#page-4-0)b, c).

As illustrated in the scores plot (Fig. [1b](#page-4-0)), all fresh samples (day 1 storage, green circles) were located to the left in the diagram, and diferences in the volatile profle could be seen even at the initial phase of storage. Samples moved toward more positive values on PC1 with increasing storage days. Thus, PC1 mainly seemed to explain the variation in the data caused by storage time. The samples are located at diferent places along PC2 according to presence of diferent types of antioxidant. GTE samples had positive PC2, BHA and CON samples had negative PC2 and TOC samples were always located between GTE and BHA.

In the correlation loadings plot (Fig. [1](#page-4-0)c), design variable day (D) is located to the far-right part of the plot. Thus, the day design variable had a high PC1 value while the design variable antioxidant types were located along PC2. Interpretation of the efect of design variable antioxidant type is difficult because most of the volatiles were located to the far-right side of PC1. However, the model could indicate that volatiles could be categorised in two groups: A consisting of 29 volatiles which are positively correlated with GTE and B consisting of 48 volatiles which are positively correlated with the storage time as indicated by ellipses (Group A and B) in Fig. [1c](#page-4-0) and as listed in Table [1](#page-6-0) (Group A). The examination of the regression coefficients of the volatile compounds for the antioxidant type design variable showed that GTE and TOC increased the concentration of the volatile compounds in group A (Table [1](#page-6-0)), the regression coefficient for GTE and TOC was significantly positive $(p<0.1)$. However, most of the variables for the volatiles in group A had significant negative regression coefficients for the BHA design variable (Table [1](#page-6-0)). The raw data showed that (data not shown) fresh mayonnaise containing GTE had already high concentrations of volatile compounds in group A, which indicates that volatiles in group A were rapidly formed in mayonnaises with GTE. Therefore, addition of GTE increased formation of certain volatile compounds in group A. The volatile compounds in group A are; four alcohols, two acids, four alkanals, four ketones, 12 hydrocarbons, three lactones and one miscellaneous. Further information on the origin of the compounds in group A is presented in Table [1](#page-6-0).

Some of Group A volatile compounds e.g. heptanal, octanal and nonanal were quantifed and the inhibition percentages for BHA, GTE and TOC were measured (Table [2](#page-7-0)). BHA was the only one acting as antioxidant, while GTE and TOC showed pro-oxidative effects. These results confirm our fnding in Table [1.](#page-6-0)

3.2 Impact of combination of TOC and GTE on formation of hydroperoxides and volatile compounds

The combination of TOC and GTE antioxidants on the oxidative stability of mayonnaise was studied. In this study equal part blend of each antioxidant was investigated $(250 \text{ mg/kg} \text{ oil } TOC + 250 \text{ mg/kg} \text{ oil } GTE)$. The improvement of antioxidant activity was seen in GTT compared to individual GTE (water-soluble antioxidant) and TOC (oilsoluble antioxidant). GTT showed antioxidative activity and reduced the formation of hydroperoxides Fig. S1 (see Supplementary material). GTT exhibited excellent antioxidative activity on the basis of pentanal and hexanal (Table [3\)](#page-7-1) and its efficacy was higher than that of BHA until day 45 of storage.

3.3 Efect of storage time and antioxidant type on colour stability

During storage of mayonnaise, l* (lightness) decreased, while a^* (+ a^* represents the red coordinate, – a is the green coordinate) increased (Fig. [2\)](#page-8-0). Storage time caused a decrease in lightness and greenness of the samples (Fig. [2](#page-8-0)), which indicated that the samples darkened over time and became browner. The darkening and browning during storage was more pronounced in samples that had GTE (Fig. [2](#page-8-0)).

3.4 Efect of storage time and antioxidant type on sensory properties

Descriptive analysis was employed to quantify the intensity of the sensory attributes of mayonnaises stored for 60 days. A trained panel of 12 judges rated each mayonnaise in triplicate for the intensity of seven aroma and seven favour Table 1 Standardized, estimated regression coefficient from partial least square (PLS) for the relationship of design variables [*X*-matrix: BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole), CON (no antioxidant), GTE (green tea extract), TOC (tocopherol)] to volatile compounds (*Y*-matrix) as determined by jack-knife uncertainty test (PC2)

Volatile compounds presented are categorised in group A based on the partial least square regression analysis in Fig. [1](#page-4-0) b, c

RI retention index calculated from frst dimension

a Peak number

^bNIST + std: identified by means of authentic standards; Level 1identification., NIST: putatively identified on MS fragmentation patterns and NIST library

c Estimated regression coefcient. Jack-knifng technique was used to analyse the regression coefcients. Jack-knifng is based on cross-validation and stability plots, and allows the estimated regression coefficients to be presented with uncertainty limits that correspond to ± 2 standard deviation under ideal conditions, and from that, significances ($p < 0.1$) of the variable relationship in the X- and Y-matrices can be detected. Each regression coefficient reflects how many standard deviations a data Y-matrix changed in response to a change of one standard deviation in a design X-matrix. The negative sign associated with the value indicates negative correlation between the two variables (Nissen et al. [2004](#page-13-8))

^dKeszler et al. ([2000\)](#page-12-18)

 e Zhou et al. [\(2014](#page-13-9))

^fKochhar [\(1996](#page-12-19))

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Table 2 Antioxidant efficacy as inhibition percentage for heptanal, octanal and nonanal in stored mayonnaises measured at selected time points

BHA butylated hydroxyanisole, *TOC* tocopherol, *GTE* green tea extract

a Inhibition (%) = $\left(\frac{\text{VOC sample, CON} - \text{VOC sample, antioxidant}}{\text{VOC sample, CON}}\right) \times 100$

b Values are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (n=3). The data were compared using one-way analysis of variance followed by Fisher's test. Means with diferent capital letter superscripts in the same column are significantly different $(p < 0.05)$

Table 3 Antioxidant efficacy as inhibition percentage for pentanal and hexanal in stored mayonnaises measured at selected time points

BHA butylated hydroxyanisole, *TOC* tocopherol, *GTE* green tea extract, *GTT* green tea extract+tocopherol *VOCs* volatile organic compounds

 $\frac{a_{\text{Inhibition (%)}}{\text{VOC sample, CON}-\text{VOC sample, CON}} \times 100$

b Values are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (n=3). The data were compared using one-way analysis of variance followed by Fisher's test using. Means with diferent capital letter superscripts in the same column are significantly different $(p < 0.05)$

attributes on a ten-point scale (0–10). The terms selected to describe lipid oxidation in mayonnaise in this study are somewhat similar to sensory attribute terms used in other studies for descriptive analysis of salad dressings based on an emulsion of sunfower oil (Sainsbury et al. [2016\)](#page-13-10) and fsh oil mayonnaise (Jacobsen et al. [2000;](#page-12-2) Jacobsen et al. [1999b](#page-12-15); Jacobsen et al. [2001a](#page-12-20); Timm-Heinrich et al. [2004](#page-13-11)). The sensory dataset with (n =15 samples \times 12 panellists \times 3 replicates) was analysed with a mixed model analysis of variance to explore the quality and robustness of the sensory

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data. The results of the model are shown in Table S10 (see Supplementary material). All sensory attributes were significantly different $(p < 0.05)$ between the mayonnaises with the exception of the aroma attributes of *plastic/chemical*, *eggy* and favour attribute of *savoury*, *tangy*, *saltiness*, and *hotness* which are marked with a star (*).

To explore groupings between the mayonnaises the sensory data were analysed by PCA which explained 63.9% of the variation of data set in the two frst PCs (Fig. [3a](#page-9-0)). From the visual observations of the PCA bi-plot, PC1 separated

Fig. 2 Changes in a* and l* values during storage of 60 days. Error bars show standard errors. The data were compared using one-way analysis of variance followed by Fisher's test. Data with diferent lowercase letters (for the same storage time), are significantly differ-

ent $(p<0.05)$ and photos of mayonnaise samples during storage of 60 days. *CON* no antioxidant, *BHA* butylated hydroxyanisole, *TOC* tocopherol, *GTE* green tea extract, *GTT* tocopherol-green tea mixture

the mayonnaises according to antioxidant type (samples having GTE have positive PC1) and PC2 separated the mayonnaises according to the day of storage. The sensory attributes of *fshy* favour and aroma are located near fresh mayonnaises with GTE (GTE and GTT). Addition of GTE to the model mayonnaise caused immediate formation of distinct *fshy* aromas and favours. Mayonnaises with GTE stored for 60 days were located in the same side of the plot as aroma intensity, *rancid* favour and aroma.

3.5 Sensory and volatile compounds

The predictive ability of volatile compounds $(GC \times GC)$ method) for sensory terms was further investigated by PLS analysis, with the *X*-matrix comprising sensory terms and volatile compounds as *Y*-matrix (Fig. [3b](#page-9-0)). Addition of GTE caused immediate formation of distinct *fshy* and *rancid* aroma and favour. To identify the responsible volatile compounds for *fshy* and *rancid* favour and aroma, and *eggy* favour, the volatile compounds that had signifcant positive correlation with these terms were selected (Jack-knife uncertainty test) (Table [4](#page-10-0)). 3-methylsulfanylpropanal (methional) had the highest positive correlation with *fshy*, *rancid* and *eggy* aroma and favour (Table [4;](#page-10-0) Fig. [3b](#page-9-0)) whereas vinegar term was negatively related.

4 Discussion

Lipid oxidation during storage of mayonnaise was demonstrated by the formation of lipid oxidation products (hydroperoxides and volatile compounds), change in sensory properties and colour stability.

Incorporation of GTE (500 mg kg oil), increased formation of hydroperoxides and certain volatile compounds. GTE used in this study is rich in polyphenolic compounds, containing 20% catechins and salt (NaCl). Jacobsen et al. ([1999c\)](#page-12-11) previously found that about 0% of catechin is in the oil phase of mayonnaise and 80% in the aqueous phase. Mayonnaise has a low pH and at this pH, the release of iron is caused because of the breakdown of the iron bridges between phosvitin, lipovitelin and low-density lipoprotein (Jacobsen et al. [1999a;](#page-12-21) Jacobsen et al. [2001a](#page-12-20)). GTE acting as a pro-oxidant could be due to reducing Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} , which is more active as an oxidation catalyst than $Fe³⁺$ as shown in Fig. [4.](#page-11-0) A similar trend was previously reported for pro-oxidative activity of gallic acid on decomposition of hydroperoxides in fsh-oil enriched mayonnaise (Jacobsen et al. [2001b\)](#page-12-22). Zhou and Elias ([2013](#page-13-12)) have previously reported that antioxidants such as epigallocatechin-3-gallate can act as antioxidants or pro-oxidants in O/W emulsions in that they can scavenge free radicals and reduce transition metals to their catalytically active state.

In other systems e.g. blubber oil, menhaden oil and corn O/W emulsion (Frankel et al. [1997](#page-12-10); Huang and Frankel [1997](#page-12-7)) GTE exhibited pro-oxidative efect. Several reasons were reported for pro-oxidative efect of GTE, such as the catalytic efect of their chlorophylls (Wanasundara and Sha-hidi [1998](#page-13-2)), partitioning of hydrophilic tea catechins in the water phase of emulsion and becoming less protective (Frankel et al. [1997\)](#page-12-10).

Incorporation of TOC (500 mg kg oil), seems to have slowed down the reactions that lead to the breakdown of the hydroperoxides once maximum hydroperoxides were reached. However increased formation of some of the volatile compounds. TOC is composed of 70% natural mixed TOCs and 30% vegetable oil. The pro-oxidative efect of TOC has been previously reported in several bulk oil and mayonnaise systems (Jacobsen et al. [2000](#page-12-2), [2001a;](#page-12-20) Karahadian and Lindsay [1989;](#page-12-4) Rizner et al. [2000](#page-13-1)). TOCs act as antioxidants by donating hydrogen to lipid and/or to peroxide radicals. However, they can have pro-oxidant activity at high concentrations by promoting the formation of hydroperoxides (Frankel et al. [1994](#page-12-6); Karahadian and Lind-say [1989](#page-12-4)). Initial oxidation of TOC results in tocopheroxyl radicals that can increase oxidation by abstracting

Fig. 3 a PCA bi-plot of sensory properties (aroma (A) and favour (F)

attributes, $n=3$ replicates \times 12 panellists) of samples stored for 1 day (green circle), 30 days (blue circle) and 60 days (red circle). (Asterisk) Sensory attributes not significantly different $(p > 0.05)$ between the mayonnaises. *CON* no antioxidant, *BHA* butylated hydroxyanisole, *TOC* tocopherol, *GTE* green tea extract, *GTT* tocopherol-green

hydrogen from lipid hydroperoxides and converting them to active peroxide radicals rather than inhibiting lipid oxidation (Let et al. [2007\)](#page-12-5). The two factors that play the most important roles in determining anti-/pro-oxidant activity of phenolic compounds in lipid systems are pH and concentration (Zhou and Elias [2013\)](#page-13-12). Low pH promotes

tea mixture. **b** Correlation loadings plot of partial least square regression analysis (PC1, PC2), $X =$ sensory attributes (aroma (A) and flavour (F)) (green circle) and $Y =$ volatile compounds (red circle) (numbers represent peak number). Ellipses represent $r^2 = 50\%$, 75% and 100% explained variance (Color fgure online)

pro-oxidant activity of polyphenols. To clarify the anti-/ pro-oxidant activity of GTE and TOC more information is needed on the efect of other variables such as pH and concentration.

Combination of a hydrophilic antioxidant (GTE), with a hydrophobic antioxidant (TOCs), improved antioxidant

Table 4 PLS derived regression coefficients for the relationship of sensory terms (*X*-matrix) to volatile compounds (*Y*-matrix) as determined by jack-knife uncertainty test (PC1)

	No. ^a Volatile compounds	Flavour			Aroma				Odour threshold (ppb), descriptor
		Fishy		Rancid Intensity	Vinegar Fishy		Rancid Eggy		
78	3-Methylsulfanylpropanal	0.17	0.17	0.14	-0.11	0.16	0.14	0.13	$0.2d$, potato-like ^g
46	Phenylacetaldehyde	0.13	0.12	0.10	-0.08	0.12	0.11	0.10	$\overline{}$
57	2-Methylnonane	0.12	0.12	0.10	-0.08	0.12	0.11	0.09	$\overline{}$
63	2,6,7-Trimethyldecane	0.12	0.11	0.10	-0.08	0.11	0.10	0.09	$\overline{}$
64	Tridecane	0.12	0.12	0.10	-0.08	0.12	0.11	0.09	
19	2-Octanone	0.11	0.10	0.09	-0.07	0.10	0.09	0.08	510° , mould, green ^e
25	3-Penten-2-one	0.11	0.11	0.09	-0.07	0.11	0.10	0.09	
49	5-Ethyldihydro-2(3H)-furanone	$0.11^{*,b}$	$0.11*$	0.09	$-$ 0.07*	0.10	$0.09*$	$0.08*$	$\overline{}$
61	2,4,6-Trimethylheptane	0.11	0.11	0.09	-0.07	0.11	0.10	0.09	
79	1-Iodo-2-methylundecane	$0.11*$	$0.11*$	$0.09*$	-0.07	0.10	$0.09*$	$0.08*$	$\overline{}$
18	4-Methyl-2-heptanone	0.10	0.10	0.09	-0.07	0.10	0.09	0.08	
21	2-Decanone	0.10	0.10	0.08	-0.06	0.09	0.08	$0.07*$	
50	5-Butyldihydro-2(3H)-furanone	0.10	0.10	0.09	$-0.07*$	0.10	0.09	0.08	282° , coconut-like ^f
67	2,6-Dimethylheptadecane	$0.10*$	$0.10*$	$0.08*$	$-0.07*$	0.10	$0.09*$	$0.08*$	
32	Nonanal	0.09	0.09	0.08	-0.06	0.09	0.08	0.07	150, fatty, waxy, pungent ^e
75	1,3-Bis(2-methyl-2-propanyl)benzene	0.09	0.09	0.07	-0.06	0.09	$0.08*$	0.07	
24	1-Octen-3-one	0.08	0.08	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.07	0.06	10° , mushroom, mould, pungent ^e
28	Pentanal	0.08	0.08	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.07	0.06	240° , woody, bitter, oily ^e
30	Heptanal	0.08	0.08	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.07	0.06	500° , oily, fatty, woody ^e
31	Octanal	0.08	0.08	0.07	-0.05	0.08	0.07	0.06	320°, fatty, sharp ^e
59	2,7-Dimethyloctane	0.08	0.08	0.07	-0.05	0.08	$0.07*$	$0.06*$	
10	1-Hexanol	0.07	0.07	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05	400° , fruit, banana, soft ^e
12	1-Heptanol	0.07	0.07	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	
17	2-Heptanone	0.07	0.07	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	300° , sweet, fruity ^e
60	3-Ethyloctane	0.07	0.07	0.06	-0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	
62	2,6-Dimethylundecane	0.07	0.07	0.05	-0.04	0.06	$0.06*$	0.05	

a Peak number

^bSignificance of regression coefficients, $* p > 0.1$

c Odor threshold in oil

d Odor threshold in water

^eKalua et al. ([2007\)](#page-12-24)

^fMatheis et al. [\(2016](#page-12-25))

 g Ho et al. [\(2015](#page-12-26))

activity compared to the individual antioxidants. GTT reduced formation of hydroperoxides, pentanal and hexanal. Antioxidants in a hetrophasic system such as mayonnaise, may partition into at least three phases. Studies showed that the diferences in activity between TOC and GTE may be due to an interfacial phenomenon (Frankel et al. [1994,](#page-12-6) [1997\)](#page-12-10). GTE partitions into the water phase and oil–water interfaces, because of its water solubility (Jacobsen et al. [1999c\)](#page-12-11). Jacobsen et al. [\(1999c](#page-12-11)) reported that approximately 6% of the α-tocopherol present in mayonnaise was located at the interface whereas the remaining TOC was located in the oil phase. The improved protective efect of GTT could be due to reduction of the TOC radicals, resulting from initial

oxidation of TOC, at the surface of lipid droplets, by the water-soluble reductant in GTE, in the pseudo-phase interfacial layer (Buettner [1993;](#page-12-12) Durand et al. [2015](#page-12-23)) or reduction of the lipophilic radicals (Durand et al. [2015\)](#page-12-23) as shown in Fig. [4.](#page-11-0) Consistent with this, several studies have reported the regeneration of TOC by ascorbic acid, rosmarinic acid, caffeic acid and GTE (Durand et al. [2015](#page-12-23); Panya et al. [2012](#page-13-0); Sørensen et al. [2017;](#page-13-13) Yin et al. [2012\)](#page-13-3).

Darkening and browning occurred during storage of mayonnaise. The decrease in lightness could be due to change in droplet size of emulsion. As the droplet size of the emulsion decreases, the colour would be lighter because of the light fractionation (Worrasinchai et al. [2006](#page-13-14)). The change

Fig. 4 Potential reactions schemes for catechin and tocophrol in the mayonnaise. *LOOH* lipid hydroperoxide, *LO*· alkoxy radical

in colour could also be due to oxidative decomposition of diferent ingredients, especially the oil. Addition of GTE caused a more pronounced change in colour during storage that could be due to oxidation of phenolic compounds in GTE during storage and forming brown colour.

Addition of green tea promoted *fshy* and *rancid* favour and aroma in mayonnaise. The compound methional was signifcantly and positively correlated with *fshy* and *rancid* favour and aroma whereas vinegar term was negatively related. This could be due to the ability of the high *fshy* and *rancid* aroma in mayonnaises to shield the natural vinegar aroma. Methional is a sulfur-containing compound (odour threshold value 0.2 ppb in water, a Strecker aldehyde of methionine) that has been found as one of the main odorants of GTE (Ho et al. [2015\)](#page-12-26). In The Good Scents company database, the taste of methional at 0.01–5.00 ppm is described as egg and seafood nuances. Further investigations of, e.g. odour threshold of methional in oil, as well as exact concentration, are necessary to form an accurate conclusion.

5 Conclusion

The infuence of hydrophilic and hydrophobic, and a mixture of hydrophilic/hydrophobic antioxidants was investigated by monitoring colour, hydroperoxides, volatile compounds and sensory properties of mayonnaise samples during storage for 60 days at 38 °C. Addition of GTE, a water-soluble antioxidant, caused an increase in hydroperoxide concentration, was a pro-oxidant on certain volatile compounds, and promoted *fshy* and *rancid* favours and aromas. The results of the predictive PLS (volatile compounds vs sensory) revealed that methional is positively correlated with *fshy*, *rancid* and *eggy* aroma and flavour. The pro-oxidative effect of GTE could be due to partitioning of hydrophilic tea catechins in the water phase of the emulsion and becoming less protective and/or reducing transition metals to their catalytically active state. Further investigation is needed to confrm these hypotheses. GTE changed the colour of mayonnaise during storage. Evaluation of data shows that incorporation of GTE at 500 mg/kg (oil) concentration is not a suitable antioxidant for mayonnaise made with sunfower oil. TOC at 500 mg/kg (oil), an oil-soluble antioxidant, showed prooxidative efects on formation of some volatile compounds. Antioxidant efficacy of TOC mixtures could be influenced by the presence of a hydrophobic antioxidant (GTE). GTT appeared to inhibit the formation of hydroperoxides and certain volatile compounds to a greater extent, compared with individual extracts (TOC and GTE). More investigation needs to be done to understand the synergistic efect of TOC and GTE in terms of concentration, and type of lipid. The origin of volatile oxidation compounds that are promoted by the presence of GTE should be studied in future.

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