

Three Sudanese sorghum-based fermented foods (kisra, hulu-mur and abreh): Comparison of proximate, nutritional value, microbiological load and acrylamide content

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Abstract

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Introduction. This article aims to compare the proximate, nutritional value, microbiological load and acrylamide content of *Tabat* and *Feterita* flour and their-based fermented foods (*Kisra*, *hulu-mur* and *abreh*).

Materials and methods. Two sorghum varieties (*Tabat*, and *Feterita*) were stone milled into fine flour. *Kisra*, *Hulu-mur* and *Abreh* batters were prepared according to the traditional way employed in Sudanese household. The fermented batters, were baked. *Sajj* or *doka* an iron plate 60x40 cm was used for baking. The AOAC method was followed to investigate proximate analysis, carbohydrate, mineral and amino acid content. While acrylamide was determined by a GC-MS.

Results and discussion. A significant ($P < 0.05$) difference in the composition of the flours and the fermented foods was observed. During *Kisra* preparation, a significant decrease in fiber, oil and carbohydrate contents was observed. Germination followed by fermentation during processing of *kisra* and *hulu-mur* batter lead to a significant ($P \leq 0.05$) decline in fiber, oil and carbohydrate contents. Glutamic, aspartic, leucine and proline represented the highest values among the whole amino acids of *Tabat* and *Feterita* and their-based foods (*kisra*, *hulu-mur*), whereas cysteine and methionine were the least ones. There was a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) in total lactic acid bacteria count of different batters. Acrylamide was detected in two samples only.

Conclusion. *Kisra*, *abreh* and *hulu-mur* products were found to have appreciable nutritional quality.

Introduction

Sorghum bicolor (family Poaceae), represents the most important staple food for 40% of Sudan's population with a remarkable degree of rural consumption. The mechanized rain-fed sorghum is the more contributing production wise. It accounts for more than 60% of sorghum total production in Sudan [1]. Sorghum is insufficient in lysine, threonine, and tryptophan, and rich in leucine, proline and glutamic acid. Both fermentation and germination affected sorghum proteins, but with different mechanisms. Germination resulted in the significant breakdown of sorghum starch. Fermented sorghum flour gave rice pasta with improved cooking properties [2]. In many parts of Sudan, people consume whole grain sorghum as fermented flat bread (*Kisra*), thick porridge (*Aceda*), thin fermented gruel (*Nasha*), boiled grain (*Balela*) and beverages like *Abreh* and *Hulu-mur* [3].

Acrylamide or 2-propenamide is a chemical compound, that can be created at abnormal states in high-carbohydrate heat-treated foods. Elements influencing acrylamide composition and degradation in foods are acrylamide precursors for example free amino acids (mainly asparagine), reducing sugars and preparing conditions (i.e. baking time and temperature, moisture content and framework of the item) [4]. This study aims to compare between three Sudanese sorghum-based fermented foods (*kisra*, *hulu-mur* and *abreh*) for their proximate composition, nutritional value, microbiological load and acrylamide content

Materials and methods

Sample collection. Two sorghum varieties, named in Sudan as *Tabat*, and *Feterita* were collected from the grain market in Khartoum North, Sudan, and were stone milled into fine flour. The flour was stored at 25°C until used.

Preparation and baking of sorghum kisra batter. Sorghum *kisra* batter fermentation and baking were carried out in a conventional way following Mahgoub *et al.* [3]. A natural fermentation was done by microorganisms found in the previously fermented batter. The fermented batter, (known as *Ajin* is thin to behave like a liquid). Samples were calculated in triplicate.

Hulu-mur dough preparation and baking procedures. *Hulu-mur* dough was prepared following the conventional way utilized in Sudanese household [5]. The dough was kept in a refrigerator at 4°C for chemical analysis. *Sajj* or *doka* an iron plate 60x40 cm was used for baking of *hulu-mur*.

Abreh batter preparation and baking. *Abreh* batter was prepared according to the traditional way employed in Sudanese household. The process of baking the fermented batter is done following Mahgoub *et al.* [3].

Proximate analysis. Moisture, ash, lipid, and crude fiber contents were investigated following the AOAC method [6]. The carbohydrate percentage was calculated by difference. All analyses were carried out in triplicate.

Carbohydrates and mineral content procedure. Soluble carbohydrates from 4 grams of every flour and processed samples were separated with 50mL of 80% ethanol at 60°C for 30 min. Separation and quantization were carried out on bonded column with a

versatile stage of CH₃CN and water (80:20 V: V). The AOAC method [6] was utilized to determine minerals. All analyses were carried out in triplicate.

Determination of amino acids. Amino acids were analyzed following AOAC [6] procedures and separated using Amino Acids Analyzer (Beckman Coulter, Mannheim, Germany). The chemical score was calculated, following Stipanuk & Caudill [7]. All analyses were performed in triplicate.

Acrylamide determination. Acrylamide was determined by a GC-MS method in the EI mode after extraction of acrylamide from the food material. The quantification was carried out by ions with masses 71 and 74. The separation was completed with a DB-23 capillary column (J&W Scientific Products GmbH, Köln, Germany) (30 m x 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 mm film thickness). The carrier gas was helium at a stream rate of 1.0 mL/min. The column temperature was at first kept at 80 °C for 2 min and afterward expanded from 80 °C–220 °C at 10° /min. The acrylamide limit of determination was <10 µg/kg in all food materials tested [8-9].

Microbial analysis and total viable count of bacteria. The Plate Count Agar (PCA) was incubated at 37°C for 48 h. The inoculation was spread all over the plate using sterile bent glass rod (L) shape. The plate was incubated at 37°C for 2-3 days (48-72 h) [10]. In all cases, the bacterial, yeast and mold counts were converted into log CFU/g before analysis. All tests were carried out three times.

Statistical analysis. Representative random samples were drawn for analysis. One-factor Complete Randomize Design (CRD) was performed. Data were analyzed using the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). Duncan's multiple range test (DMR) was used to separate means. Significance was accepted at $P \leq 0.05$ using a statistical program (SPSS version 20). Three replicates were carried out for each determination [11].

Results and discussion

Proximate composition

Table (1) shows the proximate composition of dry matter, ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods on a dry basis. The dry matter of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour was assessed as 96.17 %, and 97.19%, respectively. No significant ($p \geq 0.05$) change was found in the dry matter between *Tabat* and *Feterita* flours. Ash content of *Tabat* flour was found to be 0.89%, which was significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) lower than that of *Feterita* flour (1.0%). Toum [12] reported very high (2.38%) ash content of *Tabat* flour. Dietary fiber is all parts of a plant we eat that contain carbohydrates that are resistant to digestion and absorption in the human digestive system. The fiber content of *Tabat* sorghum cultivar flour was detected at 0.96%, which was significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) lower than that of *Feterita* flour (8.03%). Awadelkareem, *et al.* [13] recorded lower fiber content of *Feterita* at 2.1 and 2.02%, respectively. Toum [12] reported very high fiber content (2.86%) for *Tabat* flour may be due to climatic or location differences.

The protein content of *Tabat* flour was found to be 12.24%, which was significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) lower than that of *Feterita* flour (13.10%). The results obtained were similar to that reported by Awadelkareem, *et al.*¹³ who recorded 13.4%. While Toum [12] reported

9.75% for *Tabat* crude protein. The oil content of *Tabat* flour (3.1%) was approximately similar to that of *Feterita* flour (3.12%). Toum [12] reported 2.8% as oil content for *Tabat* cultivar. The carbohydrate content of *Tabat* flour was found to be (78.99%) (Table 1) which was significantly ($p < 0.05$) higher than that of *Feterita* flour (72.36%). Toum [12] reported lower carbohydrate content (74.9%) for *Tabat* cultivar. While Awadelkareem et al. [13] reported 72.4% as the carbohydrate content for *Feterita*.

Table 1
Proximate composition of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods on dry basis*

Samples/ Parameters (%)	Dry matter	Ash	Fiber	Protein	Oil	Carbohydrate
T	96.17 ± (0.45) ^a	0.89 ± (0.01) ^a	0.96 ± (0.03) ^a	12.24 ± (0.06) ^a	3.10 ± (0.61) ^a	78.99 ± (0.62) ^a
TB	15.74 ± (0.43) ^b	2.32 ± (0.13) ^b	1.93 ± (0.17) ^b	11.59 ± (0.09) ^b	5.82 ± (1.73) ^b	67.29 ± (1.71) ^b
TK	49.94 ± (0.16) ^c	2.82 ± (0.04) ^c	2.45 ± (0.29) ^c	14.47 ± (0.21) ^c	2.06 ± (0.60) ^c	72.37 ± (0.48) ^c
THBS	23.70 ± (0.34) ^d	2.39 ± (0.09) ^d	3.01 ± (0.16) ^d	10.78 ± (0.07) ^d	3.23 ± (1.16) ^d	69.37 ± (1.15) ^d
THAS	25.69 ± (0.40) ^e	1.82 ± (0.07) ^e	1.75 ± (0.14) ^e	10.51 ± (0.16) ^e	3.96 ± (0.45) ^e	70.90 ± (0.53) ^e
TH	93.85 ± (0.05) ^f	2.30 ± (0.04) ^f	2.93 ± (0.11) ^d	10.41 ± (0.06) ^f	2.36 ± (0.32) ^f	75.85 ± (0.37) ^f
TABS	92.56 ± (0.02) ^b	1.77 ± (0.08) ^b	2.04 ± (0.13) ^b	11.66 ± (0.14) ^b	3.12 ± (0.25) ^b	73.96 ± (0.52) ^b
TAAS	92.54 ± (0.57) ^b	2.43 ± (0.06) ^{cd}	1.82 ± (0.19) ^c	12.26 ± (0.07) ^a	3.27 ± (0.58) ^c	72.77 ± (0.70) ^c
TA	88.87 ± (0.15) ^d	2.52 ± (0.06) ^d	1.74 ± (0.23) ^c	12.17 ± (0.12) ^c	3.52 ± (0.29) ^d	68.92 ± (0.27) ^d
F	97.19 ± (0.66) ^a	1.00 ± (0.03) ^b	8.03 ± (0.99) ^b	13.10 ± (0.06) ^b	3.12 ± (0.39) ^{ab}	72.36 ± (0.78) ^b
FB	18.76 ± (0.29) ^b	1.89 ± (0.02) ^c	2.03 ± (0.10) ^c	14.24 ± (0.12) ^c	3.11 ± (0.23) ^{ac}	69.44 ± (0.15) ^c
FK	49.81 ± (0.06) ^c	2.65 ± (0.06) ^d	2.00 ± (0.24) ^c	14.25 ± (0.12) ^d	1.88 ± (0.36) ^f	71.22 ± (0.52) ^d
FHBS	21.91 ± (0.12) ^d	2.13 ± (0.08) ^c	1.83 ± (0.06) ^d	14.12 ± (0.16) ^{de}	1.83 ± (0.23) ^{df}	66.18 ± (0.23) ^c
FHAS	21.71 ± (0.36) ^e	2.06 ± (0.01) ^e	2.20 ± (0.26) ^e	14.02 ± (0.10) ^e	2.78 ± (0.85) ^e	66.89 ± (0.74) ^e
FH	95.48 ± (0.08) ^f	2.20 ± (0.11) ^f	2.47 ± (0.28) ^f	13.30 ± (0.01) ^f	1.73 ± (0.19) ^f	75.85 ± (0.48) ^f

*T: *Tabat* flourhjk sample. TB: *Tabat* batter sample. TK: *Tabat* *Kisra* sample. THBS: *Tabat* hulu-mur batte before adding spices sample. THAS: *Tabat* hulu-mur batter after adding spices sample. TH: *Tabat* hulu-mur sample. F: *Feterita* flour sample. FD: *Feterita* batter sample. FK: *Feterita* *Kisra* sample. FHBS: *Feterita* hulu-mur batter before adding spices sample. FHAS: *Feterita* hulu-mur batter after adding spices sample. FH: *Feterita* hulu-mur sample. TABS: *Tabat* Abreh batter before adding spices sample. TAAS: *Tabat* Abreh batter before adding spices sample. TA: *Tabat* Abreh sample. Values are means (± SD). Values not sharing a common superscript in a column (for T, F and S separately) are significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different.

These differences in ash, fiber, protein and carbohydrate contents in Table 1 might be due to genetic variations between seeds of the two cultivars. For both cultivars when the flour was fermented during *kisra* preparation, significant decrease in ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate contents were observed. Baking of fermented *kisra* batter of both cultivars (*Aowasa*) significantly ($p < 0.05$) increase ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate contents. The concentration of vitamins, minerals, and protein appear to increase as a result of fermentation when measured on dry weight basis [14]. Table 1, shows the protein content of *Tabat* flour 12.24%, *Tabat kisra* batter 11.59%, *Tabat kisra* 14.47%. These results showed a significant ($P \leq 0.05$) difference in the content as a result of fermentation and baking process, as the protein content of *Tabat* flour, increased in *Tabat kisra*. This increase can be related to the loss of dry matter mainly carbohydrates [15].

From Table 1, the protein content of *Tabat* flour is 12.24% and it was decreased in *Tabat hulu-mur* batter before adding spices to 10.78%, and to 10.51% in *Tabat hulu-mur* batter after adding spices, and to 10.41% in *Tabat hulu-mur*. There was a significant ($P \geq 0.05$) decrease in protein content from 12.24 to 10.41% during *Tabat hulu-mur* batter fermentation. This reduction may be identified with germination and malting forms as malting is a biotechnological strategy which includes the controlled germination of a cereal grain, which goes for initiating enzyme systems that catalyze the hydrolysis of polymerized reserved food materials, notably, proteins, starches and cell-wall substances, thus, extracting fermentable materials [16]. The slight change in protein content may attribute to the fact that water-soluble nitrogen was lost during soaking of seeds (sorghum seeds were soaked prior germination) and also, during seed germination, part of the protein was utilized for the development and advancement of the embryo [17].

The carbohydrate content of *Tabat* flour was 78.99 %, and that of *Tabat kisra* batter was 67.29%, and *Tabat kisra* was 72.37% (Table1). While the carbohydrate content of *Tabat hulu-mur* batter before adding spices was 69.37%, and *Tabat hulu-mur* batter after adding spices was 70.90%, and *Tabat hulu-mur* was 75.85%. Table 1 clearly indicates a significant ($P \geq 0.05$) decrease in carbohydrate content with fermentation. This is due to microbial activity on *Tabat* fermentation. The available carbohydrates are converted to organic acids due to the fermentation process and significantly ($P \geq 0.05$) reduced the amount of carbohydrates which may be attributed to the utilization of sugars by the fermenting microflora [18].

The proximate composition of *Abreh* produced from *Tabat* cultivar is given in Table 1. The ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate contents of *Tabat* flour and *Abreh* product were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different. In the decorticated sorghum, the germ was partly or completely removed. This may have nutritious results as the germ contains most minerals and lipids. During *Abreh* processing the seeds first decorticated so this decortication had numerous effects on grain composition. The protein content of *Tabat* flour was 12.24% it was signed ($P \leq 0.05$) decreased to 11.66% in *Abreh* batter before the addition of spices, this decrease was related to a fermentation process. No significant ($P \leq 0.05$) difference in protein content of *Tabat* flour and *Abreh* as a final product.

The proximate composition of *Feteria* flour and its based products (*Kisra* and *Hulu-mur*) is given in Table 1. The ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate contents of *Feterita* flour and its based products (*Kisra* and *Hulu-mur*) were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different. When the flour was fermented during *Kisra* preparation, a significant decrease in fiber, oil, and carbohydrate contents were observed. While the crude protein content was increased by fermentation. These results are in good agreement with that of El Tinay *et al.* [19] who reported a slight increase in protein content of *Kisra* produced from three sorghum varieties as a result of fermentation. Adams[14] reported an increase in the concentration of minerals and protein as result of cereal fermentation.

Baking of fermented *kisra* batter (*Aowasa*) significantly ($p < 0.05$) increase ash, and protein contents. These results were disagreeing with the results of Elkhalfa *et al.* [20] who reported that, the protein content of *Kisra* was slightly lower than the value for its fermented batter.

The proximate composition of *Feteria* flour and it is based product *Hulu-mur* is given in Table 1. The ash, fiber, protein, oil and carbohydrate contents of *Feterita* flour and that of *Hulu-mur* produced from it were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different. Germination of *Feterita* seeds followed by fermentation during processing of *hulu-mur* batter lead to a significant ($P \leq 0.05$) decline in fiber, oil and carbohydrate contents, and a slight increase of ash and protein, respectively. These outcomes are in good agreement with that of Mella

[21] who reported that fermentation brought about an expansion in the amounts of soluble proteins and the free amino acids. Malting and fermentation pre-treatments can enhance the composition and functionality of sorghum flour. The reduction in fat and carbohydrate contents might be because of the way that biochemical and physiological changes happened during germination; such changes need the energy to continue, and therefore part of the seed fat was utilized for the production of this energy [22]. Adding spices to the germinated fermented batter of *hulu-mur* significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increase fiber, oil and carbohydrate contents, respectively. Baking (*Aowasa*) of *hulu-mur* batter significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increase the dry matter, ash, and fiber contents, and decreased protein and oil contents, respectively. In contrast Khalil, et al. [23] reported that baking had no impact on fatty and amino acid composition. However, it increased the Na and Ca levels, but decreased the K, P, and vitamin B5 amounts

Carbohydrate content

The amount of reducing sugars (%) in *Tabat* and *Feterita* cultivars flour and their-based foods was determined. As shown in Table 2 the fructose, glucose, sucrose, maltose, raffinose and total contents of *Tabat* flour was found to be 0.04%, 0.08%, 0.95%, 0.02%, 0.08% and 1.24%, respectively. Both glucose and raffinose contents of *Tabat* flour were lower than those of *Feterita* flour (0.14% and 0.11%, respectively), while no significant change observed in fructose, sucrose, maltose and total sugars between the two cultivars. As appeared in table (2) sucrose is the major soluble sugar in both cultivars followed by glucose and raffinose. Significant ($P \leq 0.05$) reduction occurred in both sucrose and raffinose contents after processing of the two cultivars. There was a significant ($P \leq 0.05$) increment observed in fructose, glucose and total sugars of baked *hulu-mur* in both cultivars, while maltose and total sugar fluctuated.

Table 2
Sugar content of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods on dry basis

Samples/ Parameter s (%)	Fructose	Glucose	Sucrose	Maltose	Raffinose	Total
T	0.04 ± (0.01) ^a	0.08 ± (0.01) ^a	0.95 ± (0.16) ^a	0.02 ± (0.01) ^a	0.08 ± (0.01) ^a	1.24 ± (0.33) ^a
TB	0.01 ± (0.00) ^b	0.01 ± (0.01) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.01 ± (0.01) ^a	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.02 ± (0.01) ^b
TK	0.03 ± (0.00) ^c	0.63 ± (0.03) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^c	0.67 ± (0.03) ^c
THBS	0.05 ± (0.00) ^a	0.14 ± (0.00) ^d	0.01 ± (0.01) ^c	1.04 ± (0.02) ^c	0.02 ± (0.00) ^d	1.25 ± (0.01) ^a
THAS	0.02 ± (0.00) ^d	0.17 ± (0.00) ^d	0.02 ± (0.00) ^c	1.35 ± (0.01) ^d	0.02 ± (0.00) ^d	1.58 ± (0.00) ^d
TH	1.60 ± (0.15) ^c	8.64 ± (0.29) ^e	0.07 ± (0.02) ^d	23.18 ± (0.81) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	33.58 ± (1.12) ^e
TABS	0.01 ± (0.00) ^b	0.31 ± (0.01) ^f	0.01 ± (0.00) ^c	0.01 ± (0.00) ^a	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.34 ± (0.01) ^f
TAAS	0.01 ± (0.00) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.01 ± (0.00) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.02 ± (0.00) ^b
TA	0.01 ± (0.00) ^b	0.08 ± (0.04) ^a	0.07 ± (0.04) ^d	0.03 ± (0.00) ^f	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.19 ± (0.07) ^e
F	0.04 ± (0.01) ^a	0.14 ± (0.02) ^a	1.11 ± (0.01) ^a	0.01 ± (0.01) ^a	0.11 ± (0.01) ^a	1.39 ± (0.02) ^a
FB	0.00 ± (0.00) ^b	0.01 ± (0.01) ^b	0.01 ± (0.01) ^b	0.02 ± (0.01) ^b	0.00 ± (0.00) ^{bc}	0.04 ± (0.00) ^{bf}
FK	0.01 ± (0.00) ^c	0.45 ± (0.00) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^c	0.00 ± (0.00) ^c	0.46 ± (0.00) ^c
FHBS	0.01 ± (0.00) ^c	0.34 ± (0.00) ^d	0.02 ± (0.00) ^{dc}	1.13 ± (0.06) ^{dc}	0.04 ± (0.01) ^{df}	1.54 ± (0.06) ^d
FHAS	0.01 ± (0.00) ^c	0.27 ± (0.01) ^e	0.02 ± (0.00) ^c	1.13 ± (0.02) ^e	0.03 ± (0.00) ^c	1.46 ± (0.02) ^e
FH	0.05 ± (0.00) ^d	0.04 ± (0.00) ^f	0.04 ± (0.00) ^f	0.04 ± (0.00) ^f	0.04 ± (0.00) ^f	0.04 ± (0.00) ^f

*For Abbreviations see Table 1. Values are means (± SD). Values not sharing a common superscript in a column (for T, F and S separately) are significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different.

Minerals content

The mineral content (mg/100g) of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods on a dry basis is shown in Table 3. From this table, it was clear that K and P contents were the most abundant minerals in both cultivars while Pb and Cu were the lowest ones. The potassium content of *Tabat* flour was 456.97 mg/100g which was significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) higher than that of *Feterita* flour (427.64 mg/100g). The iron content of *Tabat* flour was found to be 11.26 mg/100g which was significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) lower than that of *Feterita* flour (39.02 mg/100g). Fermentation of both flours during *kisra* preparation significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) decreased Ca, K, P, Pb and Cu contents, while there was a significant increase observed in Fe and Mn contents. A similar trend was observed by Oyewole & Odunfa [24] during the fermentation of cassava. These researchers reported that the fermentation process caused reductions in the levels of potassium, copper, and phosphorus. In contrast, they showed that fermentation of cassava created an expansion in the concentration of calcium and a lessening in manganese, and iron. These results haven't agreed with results of Mahgoub, et al. [3] who found that fermentation during *kisra* processing has insignificant change on mineral contents. This may be because of the removal of antinutritional factors, by fermentation technology, which enhances the nutritional value of the food [24]. Baking of fermented *kisra* batter (*Aowasa*) of both cultivars significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased all determined minerals (Ca, K, P, Fe, Mn, Pb and Cu) in both sorghum cultivars. Germination followed by fermentation plus the addition of spices of *Tabat* during processing of *hulu-mur* significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased the content of all determined minerals.

Table 3
Minerals content (mg/100g) of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods on dry basis

Samples/ Parameters	Ca	K	P	Fe	Pb	Cu	Mn
T	5.05±(1.81) ^a	456.97±(46.23) ^a	259.65±(1.43) ^a	11.26±(0.03) ^a	0.57±(0.11) ^a	0.24±(0.07) ^a	1.04±(0.23) ^a
TB	0.55±(0.01) ^b	100.65±(0.09) ^b	26.38±(0.12) ^b	6.53±(0.17) ^b	0.04±(0.00) ^b	0.05±(0.00) ^b	0.76±(0.01) ^b
TK	2.94±(0.11) ^c	389.18±(6.99) ^c	82.32±(1.85) ^c	25.16±(0.30) ^c	0.05±(0.00) ^{cb}	0.12±(0.00) ^c	3.09±(0.28) ^c
THBS	7.99±(0.02) ^d	193.42±(1.28) ^d	39.08±(0.11) ^{dc}	11.56±(0.05) ^{dc}	0.07±(0.00) ^d	0.10±(0.01) ^d	1.81±(0.05) ^d
THAS	9.54±(0.24) ^c	159.13±(2.42) ^c	40.46±(0.14) ^c	12.10±(0.08) ^c	0.02±(0.00) ^c	0.05±(0.00) ^c	1.28±(0.34) ^c
TH	35.23±(0.30) ^f	868.82±(5.40) ^f	161.40±(2.15) ^f	77.72±(0.81) ^f	0.08±(0.00) ^{df}	0.47±(0.13) ^f	9.62±(1.05) ^f
TABS	0.37±(0.08) ^g	127.31±(0.96) ^g	29.75±(0.04) ^g	7.04±(0.17) ^g	0.10±(0.00) ^g	0.07±(0.00) ^g	0.89±(0.14) ^g
TAAS	0.95±(0.00) ^h	130.52±(0.06) ^h	23.93±(0.24) ^h	12.39±(0.05) ^h	0.09±(0.00) ^h	0.02±(0.00) ^h	1.04±(0.14) ^h
TA	9.74±(0.07) ⁱ	892.43±(12.89) ⁱ	148.88±(0.11) ⁱ	105.76±(0.17) ⁱ	0.05±(0.00) ⁱ	0.25±(0.01) ⁱ	8.77±(2.06) ^h
F	5.19±(2.72) ^a	427.64±(3.40) ^a	265.51±(0.00) ^a	39.02±(5.19) ^a	0.43±(0.03) ^a	0.17±(0.07) ^a	1.51±(0.03) ^a
FB	1.41±(0.06) ^b	135.17±(0.42) ^b	30.78±(0.11) ^b	38.35±(0.34) ^{ab}	0.01±(0.00) ^b	0.07±(0.00) ^b	1.22±(0.09) ^b
FK	0.77±(0.02) ^c	314.18±(5.36) ^c	82.53±(1.48) ^c	51.39±(0.47) ^c	0.11±(0.00) ^c	0.09±(0.00) ^c	3.67±(0.80) ^c
FHBS	1.42±(0.08) ^{bd}	146.19±(1.00) ^d	37.48±(0.66) ^d	11.27±(0.38) ^d	0.07±(0.00) ^d	0.07±(0.00) ^{db}	1.28±(0.02) ^d
FHAS	7.59±(0.00) ^{ef}	161.32±(1.53) ^c	35.12±(0.24) ^c	14.64±(0.00) ^c	0.02±(0.00) ^c	0.07±(0.01) ^{cb}	1.87±(0.13) ^c
FH	8.08±(0.47) ^f	724.07±(4.82) ^f	158.30±(1.77) ^f	32.80±(0.24) ^f	0.27±(0.00) ^f	0.35±(0.01) ^f	4.39±(0.57) ^f

*For Abbreviations see Table 1. Values are means (± SD). Values not sharing a common superscript in a column (for T, F and S separately) are significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) different.

The mineral content of *Abreh* produced from *Tabat* cultivar is given in Table 3. This content was significantly different than that of *Tabat* flour. During *Abreh* processing the grains were decorticated and the bran was separated. This process decreased the content of minerals as shown in Table 3. The addition of spices followed by baking increased the mineral content of *Abreh* produced from *Tabat* flour. Akhtar, *et al.* [25] reported minor losses during baking of fortified whole wheat flour. Germination followed by fermentation plus the addition of spices of *Feterita* during processing of *hulu-mur* significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased the contents of Ca, K, Cu and Mn minerals. While the contents of P, Fe and Pb were decreased (Table 3).

Amino acids

Table 4 shows the amino acid content (g/100g protein) of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based foods (*kisra*, *hulu-mur*) on a dry basis. As shown in Table 4 glutamic, aspartic, leucine and proline represent the highest values among the whole amino acids of *Tabat* and *Feterita* and their-based foods (*kisra*, *hulu-mur*), whereas cyctine and methionine were the lowest ones. Youssef, [26] revealed that glutamic acid, leucine, alanine and proline were found in highest amounts among the amino acids of total protein of sorghum varieties. Osman, [15] reported a significant ($P \leq 0.05$) decrease in glycine, lysine and arginine content of pearl millet during preparation of Lohoh when fermented for 24 h.

The total amino acid in *Tabat* flour (92.63 g/100gm protein) was affected by fermentation and preparation as it was increased to 104.09 and 96.09 g/100gm protein in TD and TK, respectively. Fermentation of *Tabat* flour resulted in a decrease in the level of nine amino acids (aspartic, serine, glutamic, valine, isoleucine, phenyle alanine, histidine, lysine and arginine) in TK. While Threonine, methionine, cysteine, proline, tyrosine, leucine, alanine and glycine were enriched during *Kisra* fermentation in *Tabat* sorghum studied (Table 4). El Tinay, *et al.* [27] found that fermentation of sorghum resulted in a decrease in the level of most of the essential amino acids. In a previous study El Tinay, *et al.* [19] investigated the nutritive value of sorghum *Kisra* and they showed no increase in lysine or threonine but tyrosine and methionine did increase.

The total amino acid in *Tabat* flour (92.63 g/100gm protein) decreased to 89.27, in MHBS as affected by germination and fermentation processes during *Hulu-mur* preparation, and it was increased to 91.63 g/100gm in THAS as a result of spices addition. The previous amount was increased to 93.66 g/100gm protein in TH as affected by the baking process. Mella, [21] reported an increase in free amino acids in the malted and fermented sorghum flour. Decortication of *Tabat* grains followed by a fermentation process for the batter decreased the total amino acid of *Tabat* flour from 92.63 g/100gm protein to 92.96 in TABS and 88.36 in TAAS and 90.08 in TA. The content of eleven amino acids was decreased during *Abreh* processing and after addition of spices. While the content of glycine, alanine, leucine, tyrosine and proline was increased (Table 4).

Table 4
Amino acids content (g/100g protein) of Tabat, and Feterita sorghum cultivars and their-based foods on dry basis*

*For Abbreviations see Table 1. Values are means (\pm SD).

Amino Acid /Sample	T	TB	TK	THBS	THAS	TH	TABS	TAAS
Aspartic	8.20 \pm .04	7.20 \pm .04	7.32 \pm .05	7.37 \pm .04	7.09 \pm .04	7.23 \pm .04	6.73 \pm .04	6.26 \pm .04
Therionine	3.38 \pm .02	3.43 \pm .02	3.41 \pm .03	3.05 \pm .02	2.86 \pm .01	2.98 \pm .01	3.07 \pm .02	2.87 \pm .02
Serine	4.36 \pm .03	4.46 \pm .03	4.02 \pm .03	3.68 \pm .02	3.39 \pm .02	3.62 \pm .04	4.06 \pm .03	3.74 \pm .02
Glutamic	18.72 \pm .07	20.57 \pm .08	17.93 \pm .08	17.16 \pm .08	17.78 \pm .09	18.62 \pm .09	18.71 \pm .09	17.13 \pm .08
Glycine	2.86 \pm .01	3.43 \pm .01	3.66 \pm .02	3.47 \pm .02	3.49 \pm .02	3.62 \pm .02	3.17 \pm .02	2.96 \pm .02
Alanine	7.59 \pm .04	9.14 \pm .04	8.90 \pm .06	8.00 \pm .04	8.57 \pm .06	8.19 \pm .05	8.71 \pm .06	8.09 \pm .05
Valine	5.26 \pm .02	5.37 \pm .04	5.12 \pm .04	4.53 \pm .02	4.76 \pm .03	5.00 \pm .04	4.85 \pm .03	4.52 \pm .03
Isoleucine	4.14 \pm .02	4.80 \pm .03	4.02 \pm .03	3.68 \pm .04	3.70 \pm .02	3.94 \pm .03	3.76 \pm .03	3.48 \pm .02
Leucine	9.92 \pm .05	12.57 \pm .06	11.46 \pm .07	10.74 \pm .06	11.32 \pm .09	11.38 \pm .08	11.78 \pm .08	10.70 \pm .07
Tyrosine	3.23 \pm .01	6.17 \pm .02	4.51 \pm .03	4.32 \pm .03	4.44 \pm .03	4.79 \pm .03	4.36 \pm .03	4.17 \pm .03
Ph. alanine	5.64 \pm .03	6.97 \pm .02	5.37 \pm .04	5.16 \pm .03	5.50 \pm .04	5.74 \pm .04	5.64 \pm .03	5.04 \pm .04
Histidine	2.71 \pm .01	2.86 \pm .02	2.56 \pm .02	2.53 \pm .02	2.54 \pm .02	2.55 \pm .02	2.28 \pm .02	2.09 \pm .02
Lysine	2.93 \pm .02	2.74 \pm .02	2.68 \pm .01	2.32 \pm .02	2.22 \pm .02	2.02 \pm .02	2.18 \pm .02	2.26 \pm .02
Arginine	4.44 \pm .03	3.89 \pm .02	4.15 \pm .02	3.79 \pm .02	3.70 \pm .03	2.77 \pm .02	3.37 \pm .02	3.22 \pm .02
Proline	6.09 \pm .04	8.00 \pm .04	7.56 \pm .04	6.84 \pm .05	7.41 \pm .04	7.45 \pm .04	8.02 \pm .06	7.57 \pm .05
Cytine	1.58 \pm .01	1.49 \pm .01	1.71 \pm .01	1.37 \pm .01	1.38 \pm .01	1.38 \pm .01	1.29 \pm .01	1.13 \pm .01
Methionine	1.58 \pm .01	1.71 \pm .01	1.71 \pm .01	1.26 \pm .01	1.48 \pm .01	1.38 \pm .01	1.29 \pm .01	1.13 \pm .01
Total	92.63	104.8	96.09	89.27	91.63	93.66	92.96	88.36

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Amino Acid /Sample	TA	F	FB	FK	FHBS	FHAS	FH
Aspartic	6.33 \pm .05	6.99 \pm .05	6.77 \pm .04	7.00 \pm .05	6.91 \pm .05	7.49 \pm .6	7.52 \pm .04
Therionine	3.03 \pm .02	2.68 \pm .02	2.96 \pm .01	3.17 \pm .02	2.81 \pm .02	3.05 \pm .03	3.64 \pm .02
Serine	3.58 \pm .02	3.58 \pm .02	4.05 \pm .03	3.92 \pm .02	3.61 \pm .02	3.95 \pm .03	4.61 \pm .03
Glutamic	17.61 \pm .09	19.35 \pm .09	19.38 \pm .09	18.58 \pm .02	17.19 \pm .04	17.04 \pm .06	20.48 \pm .22
Glycine	3.21 \pm .02	2.76 \pm .02	2.80 \pm .02	3.00 \pm .02	2.89 \pm .02	2.88 \pm .02	3.76 \pm .02
Alanine	8.81 \pm .06	8.37 \pm .05	8.79 \pm .06	9.25 \pm .08	8.43 \pm .06	7.90 \pm .05	9.45 \pm .07
Valine	4.77 \pm .03	4.63 \pm .03	4.75 \pm .03	5.08 \pm .03	4.50 \pm .02	4.44 \pm .03	5.82 \pm .04
Isoleucine	3.67 \pm .03	3.66 \pm .02	3.66 \pm .02	4.08 \pm .03	3.61 \pm .02	3.54 \pm .03	4.12 \pm .03
Leucine	11.19 \pm .08	12.11 \pm .08	12.30 \pm .11	12.50 \pm .01	11.49 \pm .03	11.03 \pm .09	12.36 \pm .08
Tyrosine	4.40 \pm .03	4.63 \pm .03	4.59 \pm .03	4.67 \pm .03	4.26 \pm .03	4.28 \pm .04	5.45 \pm .04
Ph. alanine	5.50 \pm .04	5.45 \pm .03	5.45 \pm .04	5.50 \pm .04	5.30 \pm .04	5.19 \pm .04	6.30 \pm .05
Histidine	2.20 \pm .01	2.44 \pm .02	2.26 \pm .02	2.42 \pm .02	2.25 \pm .02	2.14 \pm .02	2.67 \pm .02
Lysine	2.57 \pm .02	2.03 \pm .02	2.02 \pm .02	2.08 \pm .02	1.77 \pm .02	1.56 \pm .01	2.91 \pm .02
Arginine	3.39 \pm .02	3.74 \pm .02	3.35 \pm .02	3.67 \pm .03	3.21 \pm .02	3.37 \pm .02	4.24 \pm .03
Proline	7.16 \pm .05	7.89 \pm .05	8.25 \pm .06	8.08 \pm .06	7.23 \pm .05	7.00 \pm .05	8.12 \pm .06
Cytine	1.28 \pm .01	1.30 \pm .02	1.40 \pm .01	1.50 \pm .01	1.20 \pm .01	1.07 \pm .01	1.58 \pm .01
Methionine	1.38 \pm .01	1.14 \pm .02	1.25 \pm .01	1.42 \pm .01	1.20 \pm .01	1.15 \pm .01	1.70 \pm .02
Total	90.08	92.75	94.03	95.92	87.86	87.05	104.73

The change in individual amino acids amount during the fermentation of *Feterita* and *Feterita*-based fermented foods is presented in Table 4. A significant ($P \leq 0.05$) sharp increase in the total of amino acids was observed as the total amino acids of *Feterita* flour was 92.75, this amount was increased to 94.03 as affected by batter fermentation, and it was increased to 95.92 after baking of the batter to produce *kisra*, and this amount reached 104.73 in *Feterita hulu-mur*. All the individual amino acids of *Feterita* flour were increased as a result of *kisra* batter fermentation, the amount of each individual amino acid in *Feterita kisra* was higher than that of *Feterita* flour. Popoola, [28] reported an increase in values for some of the amino acids in the fermented seeds of *C. altissimum*. Fermentation of grains has been accounted to expand free amino acids and their derivatives by proteolysis and/or by metabolic synthesis. Fermentation has been shown to increase the content of the essential amino acids lysine, methionine, and tryptophan [28]. Germination followed by cooking and fermentation during *hulu-mur* processing decreased the total amino acids of *Feterita* flour from 92.75 to 87.86 in *Feterita hulu-mur* batter before adding spices (FHBS) (Table 4) [29]. Fermentation did not realize any critical change in ash and oil contents, however, noteworthy diminishing was seen in crude protein, crude fiber, starch, total and insoluble dietary fiber contents. Another increment in the amount of each individual amino acid was observed in the final *Feterita hulu-mur* (FH) as a result of spices addition and baking of *hulu-mur* batter.

Amino acids score

Table 5 shows the amino acid score of *Rabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars flour and their-based products on a dry basis.

Table 5
Amino acids score of Tabat, and Feterita sorghum cultivars flour and their-based products on dry basis*

Amino acid score (%)	T	TB	TK	THBS	THAS	TH	TABS	TAAS	TA	F	FB	FK	FHBS	FHAS	FH
Threonine	84.60	85.71	85.37	76.3	71.4	74.47	76.7	71.7	75.7	67.1	73.9	79.2	70.3	76.1	90.9
Valine	105.3	107.4	102.4	90.5	95.4	100.0	97.0	90.4	95.4	92.7	94.9	101.7	89.9	88.9	116.4
Isoleucine	103.4	120.0	100.6	92.1	92.6	98.4	94.1	86.9	91.7	91.5	91.4	102.1	90.4	88.5	103.0
Leucine	141.8	179.6	163.8	153.4	161.8	162.6	168.3	152.8	159.9	173.1	175.7	178.6	164.1	157.6	176.6
Tyr + PA	147.9	219.1	164.6	157.9	165.8	175.5	166.8	153.6	165.1	168.0	167.3	169.4	159.3	157.8	195.9
Lysine	53.32	49.9	48.8	42.1	40.4	36.8	39.6	41.1	46.7	36.95	36.8	37.9	32.1	28.4	52.9
Cy + Met	89.71	90.91	97.01	74.76	81.2	78.6	73.1	64.2	75.6	69.3	75.2	82.9	68.5	63.1	92.9

*For Abbreviations see Table 1. Tyr + PA = Tyrosine + P. alanine, Cy + Met = Cystine + methionine. Values are means of duplicate determinations.

For both *Tabat* and *Feterita* flour, lysine was found the first limiting amino acids with values of 53.32% and 36.95%, respectively. The second limiting amino acid was threonine followed by cystine + methionine for both cultivars. Fermentation of both cultivars during *kisra* processing, increased threonine, cystine + methionine scores, while lysine score was decreased. Baking of *kisra* increased Cy + Met score from 89.71 to 97.0 and it decreased lysine score from 53.32 to 48.8 in *Tabat* and *Feterita* respectively. Germination followed by cooking and then fermentation in *hulu-mur* processing decreased all the amino acids

except leucine and Tyr + PA which was increased sharply. Baking of *Tabat hulu-mur* decreased all amino acid scores except leucine and Tyr + PA which were increased when compared to *Tabat* flour (Table 5). In *abreh* processing seeds were fermented, decorticated, fermented and cooked, then baked these processes decreased the amino acid scores of valine, isoleucine, threonine, lysine, and Cy + Met from 105.3, 103.4, 84.60, 53.32, and 89.71, in *Tabat* flour to 95.4, 91.7, 75.7, 46.7, and 75.6 in TA, respectively. While the scores of leucine and Tyr + PA were increased from 141.8 and 147.9 in *Tabat* flour to 159.9 and 165.1 in TA respectively (Table 5).

Microbial analysis and total viable count of bacteria: Table (6) shows the microbiological load (cfu/g) of *kisra*, *Abreh* and *hulu-mur* batters of *Tabat*, and *Feterita* sorghum cultivars. From this table, it was clear that there was a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) in total lactic acid bacteria count of TKD (7.25×10^5), THAS (5.15×10^5), THBS (5.65×10^6 CFU/g), TABS (4.15×10^5), and TAAS (5.05×10^4). As shown the differences might be related to each batter fermentation time and different process steps, as in TKD only fermentation while in *hulu-mur* batter there besides fermentation there were germination and cooking processes. From table 6, there were significant differences ($P < 0.05$) in yeast and mold count of *Feterita* batter, as in FKD this account was 3.20×10^3 , and it was significantly ($P < 0.05$) increased to 4.75×10^3 in FHBS and to 6.50×10^2 in FHAS. These outcomes are in agreement with Sulieman *et al.* [30] who reported high yeast counts in *Hulu-mur* batter samples. The increase in lactic acid bacteria and yeast counts in these batters could be due to the long fermentation time and the availability of essential nutrients in *Tabat* and *Feterita*. Probably added spices has provided more nutrients, particularly minerals, and consequently resulted in more favorable conditions for growth of yeast, hence more yeast count in TAAS compared to TABS and the same trend in FHAS compared to FHBS. Sulieman *et al.* [30], found that addition of spices to *Hulu-mur* batter stimulated yeast growth during fermentation. The increase in microbial counts of *kisra* batter is in agreement with Mohammed, *et al.* [31] who reported an increase in both bacterial and yeast counts of *Kisra* batter as a result of fermentation.

Acrylamide content

In this study 20 *kisra* samples made from *Tabat* and *Feterita* cultivars were collected from Khartoum, Omdurman and Bahri states. No acrylamide content was found in all samples except one sample of the *Tabat kisra* obtained from Omdurman State contained (22 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$). 15 *hulu-mur* samples made from *Feterita* cultivar were collected from different states. From those entire 15 samples just one obtained from Shendi state contained acrylamide with a value of (84 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) (data not shown). The occurrence of acrylamide in those two samples might be due to differences in the preparation of *hulu-mur* and *kisra* in each state. Omer, [32] measured acrylamide in *hulu-mur* using 3 different methods for determination and found that the values of acrylamide are 51.50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, 59.43 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ and not detected according to the method used.

Conclusions

In conclusion sorghum cultivars (*Tabat* and *Feterita*) and their final products (*Kisra* and *hulu-mur*) contain great levels of carbohydrate, protein, K, P, Fe, Mn and essential amino acids (Valine, isoleucine, leucine, tyrosine, and phenylalanine, while lysine, threonine and sulfur amino acids were insufficient. Acrylamide was found in two samples

(*Tabat kisra* and *Ferterita hulu-mur*) of 35 samples analyzed in amounts less than 0.2 mg/kg which confirm that traditional Sudanese food at this study (*hulu-mur* and *kisra*) are safe for human consumption. Further research must be done to detect the level of acrylamide in coffee, cookies like biscuits, and other traditional Sudanese homemade cookies, which ammonium bicarbonate is utilized as additives because it is one of the primary materials induce the formation of acrylamide. Acrylamide was detected in two samples *Tabat kisra* (22 µg/kg), and *Ferterita hulu-mur* (84 µg/kg) only.

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