

Document downloaded from:

<http://hdl.handle.net/10251/110335>

This paper must be cited as:

Verdú Amat, S.; Barat Baviera, JM.; Alava Pincay, C.; Grau Meló, R. (2017). Effect of tiger-nut (*Cyperus esculentus*) milk co-product on the surface and diffusional properties of a wheat-based matrix. *Food Chemistry*. 224:69-77. doi:10.1016/j.foodchem.2016.12.016



The final publication is available at

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2016.12.016>

Copyright Elsevier

Additional Information

1 **Effect of tiger-nut (*Cyperus esculentus*) milk by-product on the surface and**  
2 **diffusional properties of a wheat-based matrix**

3 Samuel Verdú, Cecibel Alava, José M. Barat, Raúl Grau

4 Departamento de Tecnología de Alimentos. Universidad Politècnica de València, Spain.

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13 \*Author for correspondence: Samuel Verdú

14 **Address:** Edificio 8G - Acceso F – Planta 0

15 Ciudad Politécnica de la Innovación

16 Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

17 Camino de Vera, s/n

18 46022 VALENCIA – SPAIN

19 **E-mail:** [saveram@upvnet.upv.es](mailto:saveram@upvnet.upv.es)

20 **Phone:** +34 646264839

21

22

23 **Abstract**

24 The food processing industry generates huge volumes of waste and by-products which  
25 still contain valuable compounds. Tiger-nut milk production generates large amounts of  
26 a by-product with a high insoluble fibre content, which is interesting as a bioactive  
27 component from a nutritional viewpoint. This by-product is formed by two different  
28 tissues in composition, particle size and colour terms, so two different flours were  
29 obtained from them. Both flours were included in a wheat-based matrix at different  
30 substitution levels: 5%, 10% and 20% (d.b). The surface tension of matrices, and the  
31 wettability and diffusion of water and oil, were studied. The results showed the matrix's  
32 reduced capacity to interact with solvents, principally from the 10% substitution level,  
33 with diminished surface tension, and a longer time was needed for both water and oil to  
34 wet and diffuse.

35

36

37 **Keywords:** by-product, tiger-nut, surface tension, diffusional properties, wheat matrix

38

39

40

41

42

43

## 44 **1. Introduction**

45 Organisations such as the FDA and EFSA inform that many interesting and valuable  
46 compounds are contained in food processing waste and by-products. This group of  
47 compounds is formed from a mix of substances of different natures; e.g. organic acids,  
48 aromas, colorants, antimicrobial compounds, dietetic fibre, essential oils, etc.  
49 (Tuberoso, Rosa, Montoro, Fenu, & Pizza, 2016). Nowadays industry is considering  
50 improving its processes to recover these products, to turn them into an income source,  
51 and to also recirculate compounds of healthy and technological interest in other  
52 products. These by-products can be converted into profitable products as raw materials  
53 for secondary processes (intermediate compounds), operating supplies, or the  
54 ingredients of new products (Sánchez-Zapata et al., 2009).

55 Many are interesting because their proximal composition contains a large amount of  
56 dietetic fibre. Such interest is based on their benefits as a bioactive component from a  
57 nutritional point of view, where the relation of vegetable fibre and the mitigation and  
58 prevention of health diseases, e.g. type 2 diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease and  
59 colon cancer, have been clearly evidenced (J. Zhang, Cui, Yin, Sun, & Li, 2013). The  
60 overall composition of dietetic fibre is based on cellulose, non-cellulosic  
61 polysaccharides such as hemicellulose, pectins, gums, mucilages, and non-carbohydrate  
62 components like lignin (Dhingra, Michael, Rajput, & Patil, 2012), all of which are  
63 resistant to enzymatic digestion. Their incorporation into food products with small  
64 amounts of fibre natively is an extended practice in industry (bakery, drinks, beverages,  
65 dairy and meat products). However, changes in their physicochemical properties related  
66 to consistency, texture, rheological behaviour and sensory characteristics could appear  
67 (Bortnowska et al., 2016).

68 The by-product obtained from tiger-nut (*Cyperus esculentus*) milk production is an  
69 excellent source of insoluble fibre, which is traditionally destined to organic mass for  
70 combustion, compost and feed production. This false nut is the tuber of a Cursa sedge  
71 genus perennial herb member of the grass family Cyperaceae (Ayeh-Kumi et al., 2014)  
72 from which, after several cycles of grinding and pressing, most of its aqueous fraction  
73 and soluble components are removed to give a fibrous gross flour classified as waste.  
74 The interest in developing applications for this by-product also lies in the fact that vast  
75 volumes of this waste are generated in several geographic zones of Spain, one of the  
76 world's main tiger-nut milk producers. This agro-industry annually generates close to 5  
77 million euros.

78 In this way, several studies have been reported about using tiger nut for enriching some  
79 food products and for recovering other interesting compounds, such as oils or  
80 flavonoids (Ezeh, Gordon, & Niranjana, 2016; Jing et al., 2016). However, the by-  
81 product obtained from the tiger-nut milk process has been less studied as an ingredient  
82 for developing products. Data about the impact of this by-product on some product  
83 properties, such as pork sausages and burgers, and gluten-free breads, have been  
84 reported in several studies (Sánchez-Zapata et al., 2010; Sánchez-Zapata, Zunino,  
85 Pérez-Alvarez, & Fernández-López, 2013), but very little information about its effect on  
86 some food matrices is available. Given its high fibre content, this by-product is quite  
87 susceptible to being added to grain-based food, such as bread, pasta, breakfast cereals,  
88 crisps, biscuits or crackers, whose wholemeal versions occupy an important volume of  
89 total production in the cereal processing industry. Thus including new fibre sources in  
90 cereal products and studying their repercussion on matrix physicochemical properties  
91 represent a wide area of research on their impact on process chains, properties,  
92 functionality, and then on end product quality. One basic aspect that affects product

93 quality is product properties as regards the interaction with liquids since most are  
94 destined to be accompanied by some liquid food (sauces, fat emulsions, milk, jam, etc.).  
95 These interactions could determine their optimum processing, storage conditions,  
96 stability of in contact-ingredients or adequate consumer use conditions. The  
97 characterisation of the impact caused by a new ingredient on these properties could be  
98 made by studying parameters such as the material's surface tension, permeability,  
99 wettability, diffusion assays, sorption isotherms, etc. The aim of this work was to study  
100 the effect of the tiger-nut milk by-product on the surface tension and solvent (water and  
101 oil) diffusional properties of a wheat-based matrix by an approach that simulates the  
102 basic processes for which a wheat-based food product could be destined.

103

## 104 **2. Material and methods**

### 105 **2.1 Tiger-nut milk by-product conditioning and used flours**

106 The tiger-nut milk by-product was obtained from a local tiger-nut milk manufacturing  
107 plant, presented as a wet fibrous flour. Two kinds of milled fibrous tissues can be  
108 differenced in this by-product from a macroscopic point of view. The first has a larger  
109 particle size ( $>800\ \mu\text{m}$ ) and is brown, like any grain bran. It is provided by the periderm  
110 (skin) and cortex of the tuber (Figure 1:A). It is a typical woody fraction characterised  
111 by high lignin content, among other insoluble polymers (Donaldson, 2001). The second  
112 has a smaller particle size ( $<800\ \mu\text{m}$ ) and is white (Figure 1:B), and is provided by  
113 internal tuber tissues, such as the perimedulla and medulla. It is a cottony material  
114 whose composition is based on insoluble carbohydrates, like cellulose, hemicellulose  
115 and non-digestible starches (Habibi, Mahrouz, & Vignon, 2009). As both are perfectly  
116 mixed once the tiger-nut milk process finishes, separation was done using a  $180\text{-}\mu\text{m}$   
117 sieve to isolate the white fraction. Thus two types of by-product flour were employed:

118 the whole by-product (F1), whose moisture was  $56\pm 0.4\%$  and white fraction (F2),  
119 whose moisture was  $47.2\pm 0.4\%$  of water. Both flours were dried to 14% of moisture  
120 (w.b) to be remilled in a stainless steel grinder (Retsch GmbH, ZM 200, Haan,  
121 Germany). Finally, the proximate composition of F1 was  $1.9\pm 0.7\%$  of proteins,  
122  $13.3\pm 0.1\%$  of fat,  $14.1\pm 0.4\%$  of water,  $1.86\pm 0.1$  of ash and  $68.2\pm 0.4\%$  of total dietary  
123 fibre (w.b). It was  $1.5\pm 0.7\%$  of proteins,  $11.8\pm 0.2\%$  of fat,  $14.2\pm 0.4\%$  of water,  $1.5\pm 0.1$   
124 of ash and  $71.1\pm 0.3\%$  of total dietary fibre (w.b) for F2.

125 The commercial wheat flour we used was obtained from a local producer (Molí del  
126 Picó-Harinas Segura S.L. Valencia, Spain). Its proximate composition was  $14.7\pm 0.6\%$   
127 of proteins,  $1.1\pm 0.03\%$  of fat,  $14.5\pm 0.5\%$  of water, and  $0.32\pm 0.1$  of ash (w.b). The  
128 alveographic parameters were also facilitated by the company, which were  $P = 94\pm 2$   
129 (maximum pressure (mm)),  $L = 128\pm 5$  (extensibility (mm)),  $W = 392\pm 11$  (strength (J-  
130 4)) and 0.73 of P/L.

131 The particle size of flours was also measured 6 times by laser scattering in a Mastersizer  
132 2000 (Malvern, Instruments, UK), equipped with a Scirocco dry powder unit. The  
133 particle size of wheat flour was  $d(0.1) = 25.5\pm 1.1$ ,  $d(0.5) = 92.0\pm 0.6$ ,  $d(0.9) =$   
134  $180.6\pm 0.8$  and  $D[4, 3] = 99.4\pm 1.2$ . For F1, particle size was  $d(0.1) = 24.3\pm 0.9$ ,  $d(0.5)$   
135  $= 182.7\pm 7.1$ ,  $d(0.9) = 663.6\pm 20.6$  and  $D[4, 3] = 271.1\pm 8.1$  and was  $d(0.1) = 31.9\pm 0.7$ ,  $d$   
136  $(0.5) = 197.4\pm 7.7$ ,  $d(0.9) = 516.5\pm 32.4$  and  $D[4, 3] = 246.7\pm 14.5$  for F2. Particle sizes  
137 are expressed as the maximum size ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) at 10% ( $d(0.1)$ ), 50% ( $d(0.5)$ ) and 90% ( $d$   
138  $(0.9)$ ) as their averages ( $D[4, 3]$ ) of the total volume of analysed particles.

139

## 140 **2.2 Wheat-based matrices production**

141 The selected matrix was close to cereal-derived foods destined to come into contact  
142 with a liquid or spreadable food product (such as sauces or creams), which has a low  
143 moisture and vitreous consistence. Several examples are crackers, toasted bread,  
144 biscuits, tortillas, etc. The wheat-based matrices were produced by mixing wheat flour  
145 with the tiger-nut milk by-product flours. As previously explained, two different by-  
146 product flours were used for substituting wheat flour. Three substitution levels were  
147 employed: 5%, 10% and 20% w/w in dry basis (d.b). The percentages of substituted  
148 mass were calculated on the dry matter fraction of the used wheat flour. This was done  
149 to maintain the g of water/ g of solutes ratio constant between formulas (0.58 g of  
150 water/g of solutes). Finally, seven different formulas were prepared. The formula of the  
151 control sample was 65% of wheat flour, 27.7% of water, 5.7% of oil (maximum acidity  
152 0.2° Koipesol Semillas, S.L., Spain), 1.4% of salt (refined marine salt  $\geq$  97% NaCl  
153 Salinera Española S.A., Spain). These percentages were kept constant for all the  
154 substituted formulas, and the amount of by-product flour varied depending on each  
155 case. The procedure was as follows:

- 156 1. Liquid components (water and oil) and salt were placed into a food mixer  
157 (Thermomix® TM31, Vorwerk, Germany) and mixed to obtain a homogeneous  
158 solution (1.5 minutes/ 50 rpm).
- 159 2. Pre-homogenised flour was added to the food mixer and mixed (4 minutes/550  
160 rpm) with random turns of the mixer helix in both directions to obtain  
161 homogeneous dough.
- 162 3. Dough was left to rest in a sealed bowl for 20 min at room temperature (20°C)
- 163 4. Samples were shaped by separating balls of 10 g of dough, which were placed  
164 inside a manual laminator (IMPERIA SM/220, FIMAR, Italy) to obtain sheets  
165 of 2 mm thickness.



166 5. Baking was done in an oven (530x450x340, grill power 1200W, internal  
167 volume 32L, Rotisserie, DeLonghi, Italy) at 160°C for 30 min

168 6. All the samples rested for 10 minutes at room temperature and were weighed to  
169 determine mass loss during the process based on Equation 1:

170

$$171 \quad \Delta M_B = \frac{m_f - m_0}{m_0} \cdot 100 \quad (1)$$

172 where  $\Delta M_b$  is the mass increment in % ,  $m_f$  is mass post-baking and  $m_o$  is the  
173 initial mass before baking.

174

### 175 **2.3 Surface tension of wheat-based matrices calculation**

176 This parameter was determined according to the Zisman-plot method. It is based on the  
177 experimental finding that when a liquid spreads completely over an analysed surface, its  
178 surface tension is lower than or equal to that of the surface on which it spreads. It is  
179 interpreted theoretically as the surface tension of the liquid needed to completely wet  
180 the solid (contact angle between the solid and liquid is zero). The method was based on  
181 measuring contact angle  $\theta$ , in degrees, between the wheat matrix surface and drops of  
182 probe liquids with different surface tensions  $\gamma_l$ . The cosines of each contact angle of the  
183 probe liquid were plotted against their respective surface tension  $\gamma_l$  values in mN/m.  
184 Then the model was extrapolated to  $\cos=1$  and the surface tension value for this point  
185 was taken as the surface tension of solid  $\gamma_s$ . This procedure was described by Zisman  
186 (Han et al., 2005), and is based on the relationship between the cosines of several  
187 liquids regarding a given solid material surface, and their surface tension, following  
188 function number 2:

189  $\cos\theta = a - b\gamma_l = 1 + \beta(\gamma_s - \gamma_l)$  (2)

190

191 where a, b, and  $\beta$  are constants. The three probe liquids were glycerol (Sigma Chemicals  
192 Co., St. Louis, MO, USA), polyethyleneglycol-200 (Sigma Chemicals Co., St. Louis,  
193 MO, USA) and dipropilen glycol (Sigma Chemicals Co., St. Louis, MO, USA). They  
194 had a  $\gamma_l$  of 63.1, 45.5 and 33.9 mN/m, respectively. Drops of 3  $\mu$ L were deposited onto  
195 the wheat-based matrix with a microsyringe under room conditions (20°C/50% R.H).  
196 Contact solid-liquid angles were measured in thirty drops of each liquid for each matrix  
197 formula. Drop images were captured with a camera (Webcam Logitech C920 HD Pro)  
198 and a digital goniometer based on the ImageJ image analyser software, used to obtain  
199 the dataset.

200

## 201 **2.4 Interaction between the matrix and model solvent**

### 202 **2.4.1 Wettability of model solvents**

203 The effect of the tiger-nut milk by-product on the surface wettability of the wheat-based  
204 matrix was also studied throughout the contact angle  $\theta$  generated between solvent drops  
205 and the solid surface. In this case, the solvents that represented the base of most liquid  
206 food products, emulsions and sauces were tested. Those model solvents were water and  
207 a vegetable oil (sunflower), which could potentially come into contact with a multitude  
208 of wheat-based matrix foods. Thirty drops of 3 $\mu$ L were deposited onto different zones  
209 of the wheat-based matrix and their angle data were obtained in the same way as  
210 described in Section 2.2. The evolution of drop angles over 25 seconds (divided into 5-  
211 second intervals) was recorded to study the effect of time (Y. Zhang, Thompson, & Liu,  
212 2011).

213

#### 214 **2.4.2 Solvent diffusion assay**

215 The diffusion of the model solvents, water and oil was tested by mass uptake during  
216 solid immersion. This assay was carried out by immersing full sheets of the solid in  
217 water or oil, whose surface area ( $4\pm 1.5\text{ cm}^2$ ) and mass were known. This study was  
218 done to simulate a real situation of a wheat matrix food that comes into contact with any  
219 liquid food, such as water- or oil-based sauces and dressings. An area of pieces was  
220 obtained while they were scanned with Scanner Canon Lide 120 and the ImageJ image  
221 analyser software. Pieces were fixed by fine-tip tweezers to a universal support and  
222 were completely immersed in a glass with the solvent, which was placed onto a  
223 precision balance (FV120, Anapesing, Spain). Mass uptake was recorded in 10-second  
224 intervals for 40 seconds. Diffusion was calculated as flux  $J$  using Equation 3:

$$225 \quad J = \frac{g}{(A \cdot 2) \cdot s} \quad (3)$$

226 where  $g$  is the mass updated at any time,  $A$  is the area of the piece in  $\text{cm}^2$  duplicate  
227 because of the two contact sides of the piece, and  $s$  is the time in seconds. Thirty  
228 replicates were used for each case.

#### 229 **2.6 Statistical procedure**

230 The results were studied by a one-way variance (ANOVA) study, and by multifactor  
231 when it was necessary to study the main effects and interactions on the evolution of the  
232 parameters. In the cases in which the effect was significant ( $P\text{-value} < 0.05$ ), the average  
233 was compared by Fisher's least significant difference (LSD).

234

235

### 236 3. Results and Discussion

#### 237 3.1 Mass loss during the baking process

238 Mass loss during the baking process was evaluated to know the final moisture  $X_{wf}$  of  
239 the samples (see the results in Table 1). Presence of the by-product generated a slight  
240 and non-significant increase in mass loss during the baking process, independently of  
241 the substitution level and type of substitutive flour (*A* or *B*). The control formula  
242 presented minor mass loss compared to whatever the substituted formula was, and no  
243 differences were found among formulae. The results coincided with those provided by  
244 Sánchez-Zapata et al., (2009), who reported that the water retention capacity of this by-  
245 product was similar to that of wheat flour.

246

#### 247 3.2 Surface tension of the wheat-based matrix

248 Figure 2 shows the Zisman-plot, where the models generated between  $\cos \theta$  vs.  $\gamma_l$  from  
249 the probe liquids are represented. Figure 2A includes the model for the control formula  
250 (black dots), whose linear fit is represented as a visual example to show the intersection  
251 point with the line of  $\cos = 1$ . The rest of the formulae are not represented graphically,  
252 but the result for  $\gamma_s$  and correlation coefficients  $R^2$  are included in Table 1. The  $R^2$  of the  
253 linear regressions obtained values that came quite close to 1 in all cases, so the  $\cos \theta$  vs.  
254  $\gamma_l$  relationship was successfully evidenced. However, the  $\cos \theta$  values of the probe  
255 liquids presented significant differences when the percentage of wheat substitution was  
256 taken into account. Both by-product flours led to reduced surface tension  $\gamma_s$  of the wheat  
257 matrix (Table 1), but F2 was that with the most accentuated effect. Increments between  
258  $\gamma_s$  of the pure wheat formula and the substituted ones were calculated in % to make the  
259 observation of changes easier. Table 1 shows increments  $\Delta\gamma_s$ , where a progressive

260 reduction of  $\gamma_s$  to -1.8% for F1 and -8.4% for F2 took place. This phenomenon can be  
261 related to the compounds present in the by-product fibre fraction, which are formed  
262 almost completely by insoluble polymers, such as cellulose, lignin and some  
263 hemicelluloses. These molecules could modify the capacity of the surface to interact  
264 with other compounds because the heat process conditions improved their strong union  
265 with wheat components like starch chains (Slavutsky & Bertuzzi, 2014). This effect  
266 could explain the lower  $\gamma_s$  of F2, whose composition had a higher cellulose fraction.  
267 This compound is presented as a parenchymal structure with a larger contact surface  
268 (Figure 1: C-D), and therefore a better capacity to interact with wheat compounds  
269 during the process.

270

### 271 **3.3 Wettability of model solvents**

272 Figure 3 provides the results of wettability produced by the liquid food solvents, water  
273 and oil through the contact angle measure. After firstly analysing the results at time  
274 zero, oil in all cases generally presented high contact angles because of its apolar nature  
275 compared to the solid components, and with the strong presence of, e.g., carbohydrates  
276 and water. The effect of the by-product flours was observed in each solvent assay,  
277 where the control sample presented the smallest, and hence the most wettable, surface  
278 of them all for both water and oil. F1 and F2 obtained a significantly reduced surface  
279 wettability of the matrix for the 20% substitution level for them all, and also at the 10%  
280 level for oil. Differences in the wettability reduction tendency for F1 and F2 were  
281 observed because of the high slope presented by F2 for water (F1 =0.2043; F2 =0.278).  
282 However, few differences in the slopes for oil were found (F1=0.2754; F2 =0.2871).

283

284 Regarding the effect of time, the contact angle reduced due to the progressive  
285 absorption of the solvent in the matrix. The behaviour of the samples with the by-  
286 product flours followed the same pattern to time 0, and the contact angle increased  
287 (between substitution levels) at time 0. However from second 10, only F1 with water  
288 (Figure 3: A1) presented the same decrement (between substitution levels) to 40  
289 seconds. All the other cases (Figure 3: A2, B1 and B2) followed the tendency given the  
290 difficult in absorption for both water and oil, and the cases that contained F2 were the  
291 most substantial ones. The results of the solvents' wettability agreed with the surface  
292 tension results. The increment in the by-product in the wheat matrix formula matched  
293 the reduced surface tension and then the difficulty to interact with solvents. As this  
294 effect did not appear to be related only to hydrophobicity as it was observed for both  
295 water and oil, perhaps the difficulties to wet the surface could also be attributed to the  
296 by-product's influence on the matrix structure. From this point of view, the effect of  
297 heat during baking could be important. This hypothesis could be leaned in previous  
298 studies, like that reported by Zia-ur-Rehman, Islam, and Shah (2003), where the partial  
299 degradation of insoluble polymers, such as cellulose and hemicelluloses, during the  
300 cooking process by non-enzymatic depolymerisation was observed in several food  
301 products rich in insoluble fibre. Such partial degradation could explain a better union  
302 with the interaction zones of starch and proteins (Slavutsky & Bertuzzi, 2014). Figure 1  
303 provides an example of the fibre particles integrated into the wheat matrix after  
304 processing. Here we can see that the original parenchymal structure of the white fraction  
305 fibre was affected after processing, manifesting presence of starch across the resulting  
306 composite structure (Figure 1: C-D). Modification of the fibre from skin (Figure 1: E-F)  
307 was not visible, but its links were observed across the particle perimeter.

308

### 3.4 Solvents diffusion

309  
310 To study the effects observed in previous assays from the practical wheat-based matrix  
311 food use perspective, the fluxes of the solvents inside the matrices were measured by  
312 immersion (see the results in Figure 4). The same tendency of the samples with a  
313 different by-product level was once again observed, but in this case they were in the  
314 inverse order and no clear linear behaviour was noted, but was inversely proportional to  
315 the contact angle in the wettability assay. The samples with a higher contact angle  
316 presented less flux. The differences between formulae were less marked under the  
317 immersion conditions. So once again the samples that contained F2 were those that  
318 presented less flux of solvents. Under the immersion conditions, the flux of oil was  
319 slightly higher than that of water.

320

321 In general, these observations were contrary to the results reported by Aravind et al.,  
322 (2012), who suggested a disruption of protein-starch matrix continuity because of the  
323 addition of insoluble pollard fibre to wheat pasta, which generated spaces or cracks  
324 across the matrix that could promote faster water uptake during cooking. The  
325 differences probably lie in wheat matrix preparation, where the effect of heat was not  
326 present because pasta was dried, but not at such high temperatures reached during  
327 baking. As previously mentioned, the effect of heat produces degradation or changes in  
328 the structure of some polymers and cuts their length, whose impact is less on the  
329 protein-starch matrix structure when restructured during the dehydration process that  
330 takes place in the oven. This effect could also explain why the larger particle size of the  
331 by-product flours compared to wheat flour did not have the inverse effect, which could

332 be expected given its impact on gluten-network development (De La Hera, Rosell, &  
333 Gomez, 2014)

334 The differences between F1 and 2 followed the same lines as in the study of Rodr et al.,  
335 (2014), where a higher water-holding capacity for a mix of lignin and cellulose  
336 extracted from olive stones was observed compared to pure cellulose. Almost equal  
337 values were reported for the oil-holding capacity. These results agreed with the  
338 behaviour observed of F1 and 2, respectively. Both by-product flours had a general  
339 solvent diffusion reduction effect, but the capacity of their components to interact with  
340 water and oil could also explain part of the variability noted in the differences found,  
341 apart from their influence on the matrix structure. This is coherent to the fact that F2,  
342 whose tissue compositions are basically cellulose, had more difficulties to absorb water  
343 than F1, which also contained considerable lignin.

344 To observe the differences in the relationship between the solvent mass updating in the  
345 matrix during the immersion time and the observed fluxes, the data of the fluxes and  
346 solvents content at each immersion time were plotted. Figure 5 shows the flux of the  
347 solvents against the water and oil fraction ( $X_w$  and  $X_o$  respectively) for each time,  
348 starting from the initial amount. The slowdown of flux was according to the increment  
349 in the substitution level. Several cases of samples that contained the by-product started  
350 at a slightly lower water fraction, but also had less flux, which was more pronounced in  
351 F2. Diffusion of oil followed the same pattern and, in this case, the initial oil amount  
352 presented by the control sample was smaller (Table 1). However at 40 s, flux was higher  
353 compared to the other samples. In this solvent, both types of by-product flours presented  
354 a maximum slowdown at the 20% substitution level. Therefore, it is important to note  
355 that deceleration of fluxes was not related to the concentration gradient differences  
356 between the concentrations of solvents inside and outside the matrices. Although fluxes



357 reduced following the by-product's substitution level, they approached the control  
358 values with time and mass updating.

359

#### 360 **4. Conclusions**

361 The effect of the tiger-nut milk by-product incorporated into wheat-based matrices was  
362 evidenced. Substitution levels from 10% depleted the capacity of the matrix to interact  
363 with solvents. The surface tension of matrices diminished following an increase in the  
364 substitution level, and reached a maximum (8.4%) when F2 flour was employed at the  
365 20% substitution level. The wettability of the matrix surfaces by water and oil also  
366 reduced when the by-product level increased, and significant increases in the degrees of  
367 the solvent-liquid contact angles were recorded. Diffusion of solvents was also  
368 influenced as the fluxes of both water and oil significantly reduced from the 10%  
369 substitution level. With the by-product-type flours, F1 had less impact on matrices than  
370 F2, which obtained more marked reductions for all the tested properties. The observed  
371 differences could respond to the type of mean insoluble compounds that their proximal  
372 composition contained. The heat effect on these insoluble fibre compounds coincided  
373 with results reported in previous studies, with changes noted in the capacity to interact  
374 with wheat flour components.

375 The tiger-nut milk by-product can be used to increase the fibre content in wheat-based  
376 products with no modifications when all the by-product (F1) is used until the 5%  
377 substitution level. However with the white fraction of the by-product (F2), all the  
378 substitution levels led to reduced water flux and from the 10% level with the oil flux.

379

## 380 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

381 This study was supported by the Regional Valencian Ministry of Culture, Education and  
382 Sport for Scientific and Technological Politics, with the project entitled “Use of non-  
383 wheat flours, from by-products of the food industry, to produce bread, cakes and snacks  
384 (AICO/2015/107)”

385

## 386 5. References

- 387 Aravind, N., Sissons, M., Egan, N., & Fellows, C. (2012). Effect of insoluble dietary  
388 fibre addition on technological, sensory, and structural properties of durum wheat  
389 spaghetti. *Food Chemistry*, *130*(2), 299–309.
- 390 Ayeh-Kumi, P. F., Tetteh-Quarcoop, P. B., Duedu, K. O., Obeng, A. S., Addo-Osafo, K.,  
391 Mortu, S., & Asmah, R. H. (2014). A survey of pathogens associated with *Cyperus*  
392 *esculentus* L (tiger nuts) tubers sold in a Ghanaian city. *BMC Research Notes*, *7*,  
393 343.
- 394 Bortnowska, G., Krudos, A., Schube, V., Krawczyńska, W., Krzemińska, N., & Mojka,  
395 K. (2016). Effects of waxy rice and tapioca starches on the physicochemical and  
396 sensory properties of white sauces enriched with functional fibre. *Food Chemistry*,  
397 *202*, 31–39.
- 398 De La Hera, E., Rosell, C. M., & Gomez, M. (2014). Effect of water content and flour  
399 particle size on gluten-free bread quality and digestibility. *Food Chemistry*, *151*,  
400 526–531.
- 401 Dhingra, D., Michael, M., Rajput, H., & Patil, R. T. (2012). Dietary fibre in foods: A  
402 review. *Journal of Food Science and Technology*.
- 403 Donaldson, L. A. (2001). Lignification and lignin topochemistry - An ultrastructural  
404 view. *Phytochemistry*. Ezeh, O., Gordon, M. H., & Niranjan, K. (2016). Enhancing  
405 the recovery of tiger nut (*Cyperus esculentus*) oil by mechanical pressing: Moisture  
406 content, particle size, high pressure and enzymatic pre-treatment effects. *Food*  
407 *Chemistry*, *194*, 354–61.
- 408 Habibi, Y., Mahrouz, M., & Vignon, M. R. (2009). Microfibrillated cellulose from the  
409 peel of prickly pear fruits. *Food Chemistry*, *115*, 423–429.
- 410 Jing, S., Wang, S., Li, Q., Zheng, L., Yue, L., Fan, S., & Tao, G. (2016). Dynamic high  
411 pressure microfluidization-assisted extraction and bioactivities of *Cyperus*  
412 *esculentus* (C. *esculentus* L.) leaves flavonoids. *Food Chemistry*, *192*, 319–27.

- 413 Rodr, G., Lama-mun, A., & Ferna, J. (2014). Properties of Lignin, Cellulose, and  
414 Hemicelluloses Isolated from Olive Cake and Olive Stones: Binding of Water, Oil,  
415 Bile Acids, and Glucose, (August).
- 416 Sánchez-Zapata, E., Muñoz, C. M., Fuentes, E., Fernández-López, J., Sendra, E., Sayas,  
417 E., Pérez-Alvarez, J. A. (2010). Effect of tiger nut fibre on quality characteristics  
418 of pork burger. *Meat Science*, *85*, 70–76.
- 419 Sánchez-Zapata, E., Zunino, V., Pérez-Alvarez, J. A., & Fernández-López, J. (2013).  
420 Effect of tiger nut fibre addition on the quality and safety of a dry-cured pork  
421 sausage (“Chorizo”) during the dry-curing process. *Meat Science*, *95*, 562–568.
- 422 Sánchez-Zapata, E., Fuentes-Zaragoza, E., Fernández-López, J., Sendra, E., Sayas, E.,  
423 Navarro, C., & Pérez-Alvarez, J. A. (2009). Preparation of dietary fiber powder  
424 from tiger nut (*Cyperus esculentus*) milk (“Horchata”) byproducts and its  
425 physicochemical properties. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, *57*(17),  
426 7719–25.
- 427 Slavutsky, A. M., & Bertuzzi, M. a. (2014). Water barrier properties of starch films  
428 reinforced with cellulose nanocrystals obtained from sugarcane bagasse.  
429 *Carbohydrate Polymers*, *110*, 53–61.
- 430 Tuberoso, C. I. G., Rosa, A., Montoro, P., Fenu, M. A., & Pizza, C. (2016). Antioxidant  
431 activity, cytotoxic activity and metabolic profiling of juices obtained from saffron  
432 (*Crocus sativus* L.) floral by-products. *Food Chemistry*, *199*, 18–27.
- 433 Zhang, J., Cui, J.-H., Yin, T., Sun, L., & Li, G. (2013). Activated effect of lignin on  $\alpha$ -  
434 amylase. *Food Chemistry*, *141*(3), 2229–37.
- 435 Zhang, Y., Thompson, M., & Liu, Q. (2011). The effect of pea fiber and potato pulp on  
436 thermal property, surface tension, and hydrophilicity of extruded starch  
437 thermoplastics. *Carbohydrate Polymers*, *86*(2), 700–707.
- 438 Zia-ur-Rehman, Z., Islam, M., & Shah, W. (2003). Effect of microwave and  
439 conventional cooking on insoluble dietary fibre components of vegetables. *Food*  
440 *Chemistry*, *80*(2), 237–240.
- 441

**Figure 1**

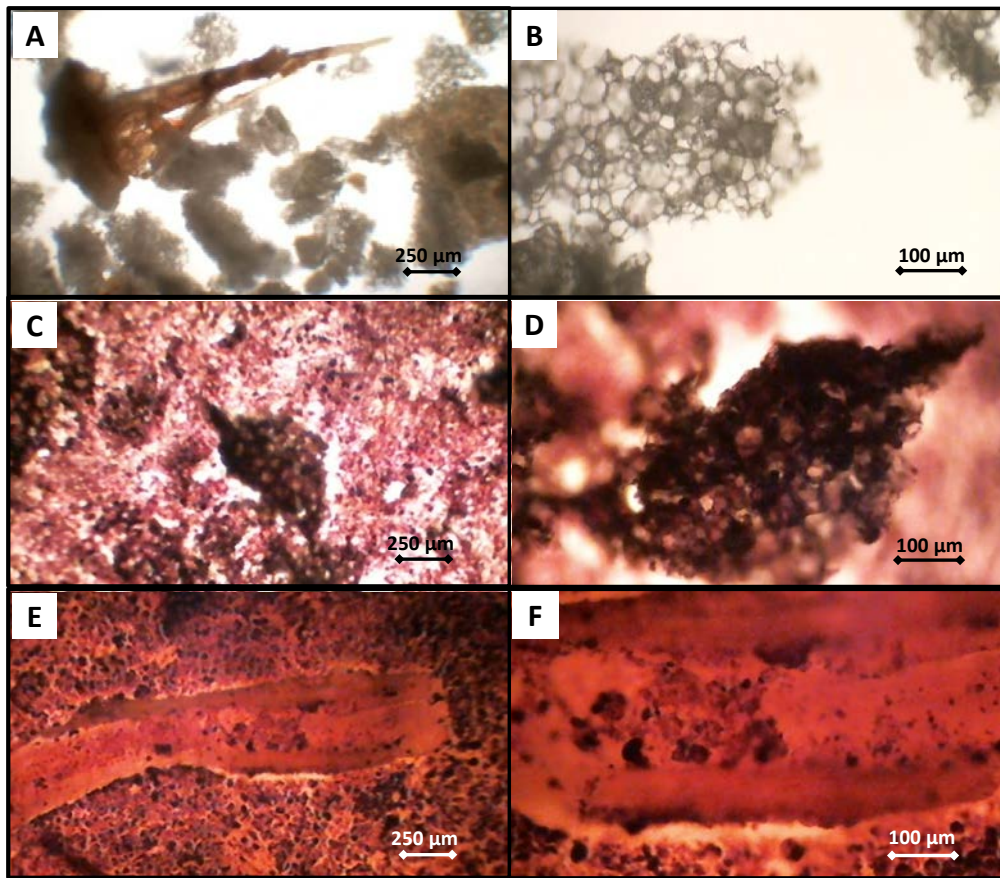


Figure 1. Optic microscopic view of the complete by-product (A), tuber internal tissue particle (B), particles of internal tissue included in the surface of the wheat matrix (C-D), particle of periderm included in the surface of the wheat matrix (E-F). Contrast in C, D, E, F carried out by lugol's iodine staining.

**Figure 2**

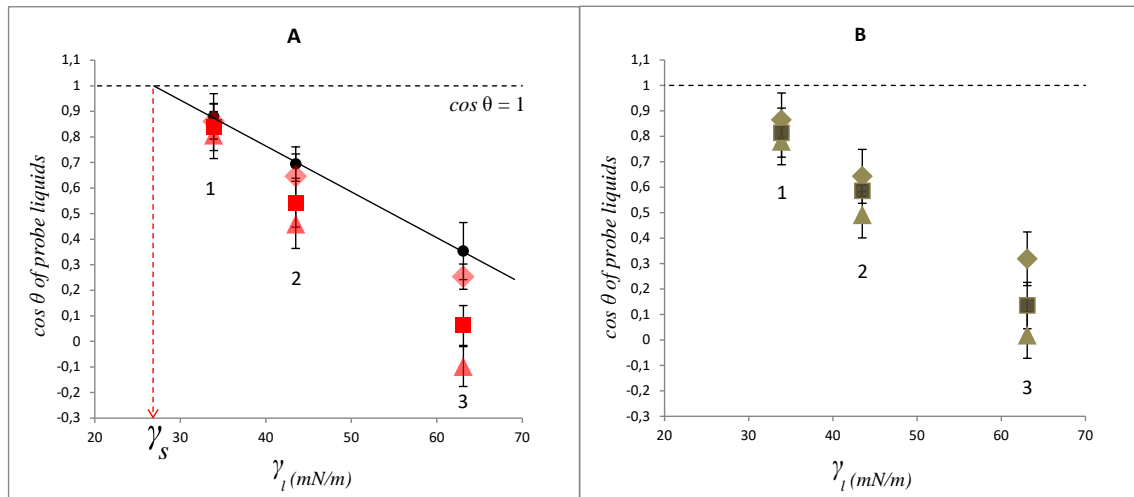


Figure 2. Zisman-plot representing  $\cos \theta$  vs.  $\gamma_l$  for the wheat-based matrix formulas. A: F1 substitutions and B: F2 substitutions. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 represent the  $\cos \theta$  of dipropylene glycol, polyethylene glycol 200 and glycerol, respectively. Control  $\bullet$ ; F1 5%  $\blacklozenge$ , 10%  $\blacksquare$  and 20%  $\blacktriangle$ ; F2 5%  $\blacklozenge$ , 10%  $\blacksquare$  and 20%  $\blacktriangle$ . Black dashed line represents  $\cos \theta = 1$ . Red dashed line depicts the  $\gamma_s$  for the control formula.

**Figure 3**

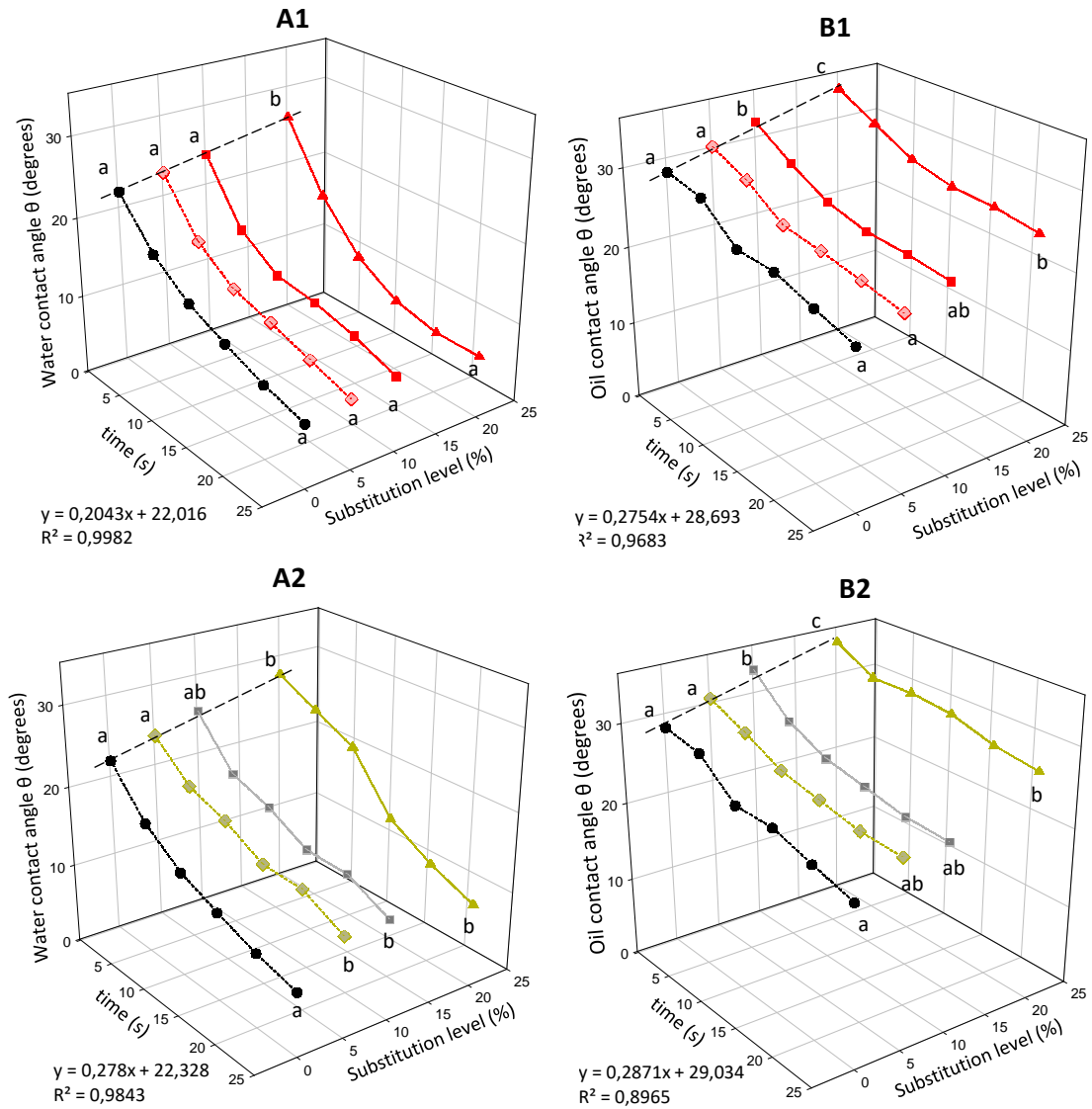


Figure 3. Drop contact angle degrees of water (A) and oil (B) vs. time (s) for the wheat-based matrix formulas. A1: A1: F1/water; B1: F1/oil; A2: F2/water; B2: F2/oil. Control ●; F1: 5% ◆, 10% ■ and 20% ▲; F2: 5% ◇, 10% ■ and 20% ▲. Linear fit at t0 is represented by dashed lines, and their regression equations and correlation coefficients are indicated. Letters mean significant differences of degrees and flours at t0 and t25 seconds in the same solvent at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Figure 4**

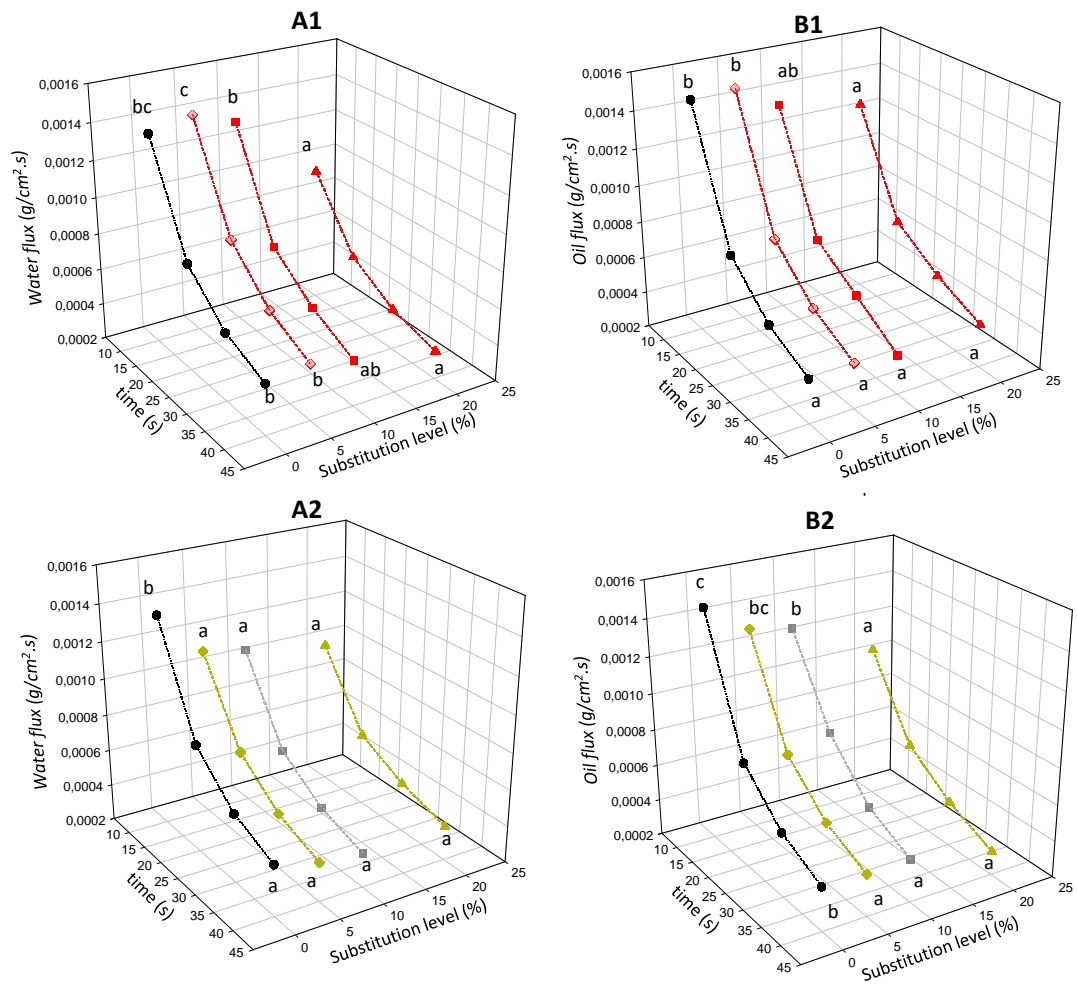


Figure 4. Flux of solvents with time (g/cm<sup>2</sup>.s). A1: F1/water; B1 F1/oil and A2: F2/water; B2: F2/oil. Control ●; F1: 5% ◆, 10% ■ and 20% ▲; F2: 5% ◆, 10% ■ and 20% ▲. Letters mean significant differences of degrees and flours at 10 sec in the same solvent at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Figure 5**

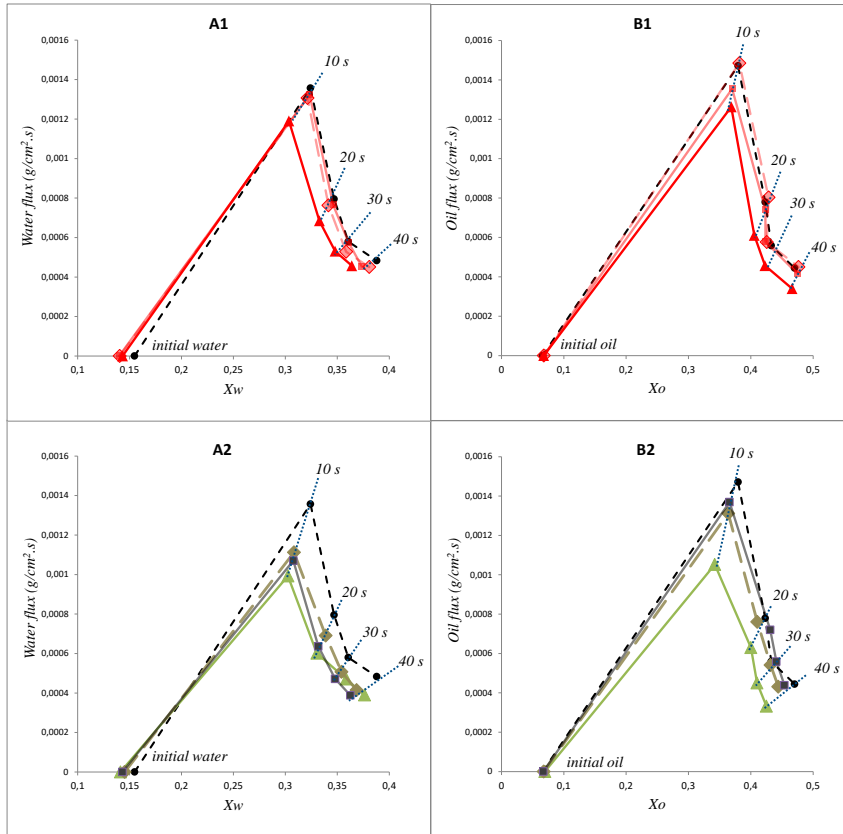


Figure 5. Flux of solvents (g/cm<sup>2</sup>.s) vs. water content ( $X_w$ )/ oil content ( $X_o$ ) during immersion. A1: F1/water; B1 F1/oil and A2: F2/water; B2: F2/oil. Control ●; F1: 5% ◆, 10% ■ and 20% ▲; F2: 5% ◆, 10% ■ and 20% ▲. Initial moisture and time sections in seconds are indicated.



Table1. Results of mass loss, water and oil amount, surface tension and solvent diffusion.

Formula	Baking process and composition			Surface tension			Wettability		Solvents diffusion			
	$\Delta M_b$	$X_w$	$X_o$	$R^2$	$\gamma_s$	$\Delta\gamma_s$	$\theta_w t_{0s}$	$\theta_o t_{0s}$	$J_w t_{10s} (x10^{-3})$	$J_o t_{10s} (x10^{-3})$	$X_{wf}$	$X_{of}$
Control	-32.5 ± 0.1 a	0.154 ± 0.013 a	0.066 ± 0.001 a	0.999	26.9 ± 0.3 c	-	22,0 ± 0.6 a	28.3 ± 1.3 a	1.35 ± 0.09 c	1.47 ± 0.08 bcd	0.387 ± 0.01 b	0.47 ± 0.012 c
F1 5%	-33.6 ± 0.8 a	0.14 ± 0.021 a	0.068 ± 0.001 a	0.992	26.8 ± 0.5 c	-0.6	23.9 ± 0.8 a	30.1 ± 1.5 a	1.3 ± 0.1 bc	1.48 ± 0.16 d	0.38 ± 0.011 b	0.476 ± 0.011 c
F1 10%	-34 ± 0.5 a	0.14 ± 0.017 a	0.068 ± 0.002 a	0.989	26.5 ± 0.5 c	-1.6	23.9 ± 1,0 a	32 ± 1.7 b	1.32 ± 0.1 ab	1.35 ± 0.02 cd	0.373 ± 0.012 a	0.474 ± 0.009 c
F1 20%	-33.4 ± 0.5 a	0.143 ± 0.016 a	0.067 ± 0.002 a	0.963	26.5 ± 0.3 c	-1.8	26.1 ± 1,0 bc	33.8 ± 0.9 c	1.19 ± 0.1 a	1.26 ± 0.08 ab	0.363 ± 0.09 a	0.466 ± 0.011 bc
F2 5%	-34.2 ± 1.2 a	0.145 ± 0.016 a	0.067 ± 0.001 a	0.999	25.4 ± 0.3 b	-5.5	23.7 ± 3.7 a	30.6 ± 1.3 a	1.11 ± 0.11 bc	1.31 ± 0.03 abc	0.376 ± 0.01 a	0.444 ± 0.008 b
F2 10%	-35.1 ± 0.8 a	0.143 ± 0.01 a	0.067 ± 0.002 a	0.996	25.4 ± 0.4 ab	-5.8	25.5 ± 3.7 ab	33 ± 1.3 bc	1.07 ± 0.05 a	1.26 ± 0.03 bcd	0.368 ± 0.012 a	0.453 ± 0.01 b
F2 20%	-33.4 ± 1,0 a	0.141 ± 0.013 a	0.069 ± 0.001 a	0.977	24.7 ± 0.3 a	-8.4	27.6 ± 3.6 c	34.1 ± 1.1 c	0.99 ± 0.1 a	1.05 ± 0.1 a	0.362 ± 0.011 a	0.425 ± 0.012 a

F1: Flour 1; F2: Flour 2;  $\Delta M_o$ : increment of mass during baking loss (%);  $X_w$ : water fraction (w.b);  $X_o$ : oil fraction (w.b);  $R^2$ : correlation coefficient between the surface tension of probe liquids and the cosine of the probe liquid-matrix surface contact angle;  $\gamma_s$ : surface tension of the matrix surface (mN/m);  $\Delta\gamma_s$ : increment of surface tension compared to the control sample (%);  $\theta_w t_{0s}$ : contact angle of water/matrix in degrees;  $\theta_o t_{0s}$ : contact angle of oil/matrix in degrees;  $J_w t_{10s}$ : water flux at time=10s (g/cm<sup>2</sup>.s);  $J_o t_{10s}$ : oil flux at time=10s (g/cm<sup>2</sup>.s);  $X_{wf}$ : water fraction at the end of the solvent assay;  $X_{of}$ : oil fraction at the end of the solvent assay. Letters in columns mean significant differences at p ≤ 0.05.