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## CRYSTAL CHEMICAL AND POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDY OF CLINOPYROXENES – NATURAL ANALOGUES OF SYNTHETIC PIGMENTS

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**Abstract:** Clinopyroxenes collected from volcanic, intrusive, and metasomatic rocks were investigated. Powder X-ray diffraction and electron probe microanalysis (EPMA) were performed to characterize the studied clinopyroxenes. X-ray diffraction data and unit cell parameters determine the pyroxenes as monoclinic, space group C2/c. In the present study, we present the composition of the clinopyroxenes in terms of major and minor elements and characterize the effect of the elements on the crystal structure. The pyroxene group minerals have the general formula  $M2^{2+}M1^{2+}T_2^{4+}O_6$ , where M2 refers to cations in a generally distorted octahedral coordination, M1 to cations in a regular octahedral coordination, and T to tetrahedrally coordinated cations. The T-site is mainly occupied by Si and (Si+Al<sup>3+</sup>+Fe<sup>3+</sup>) in the case of silica undersaturated end members of the group. The M1-site is occupied by Al, Fe, Mg, Cr, Ti, while the M2-site by Ca and Na. According to the crystal chemical formulae (calculated on the basis of six oxygens) the studied pyroxenes belong to three different series: diopside-hedenbergite, diopside-augite, and silica undersaturated Ca-clinopyroxenes with high content of aluminium in the tetrahedral site of the crystal structure. The obtained results are compared with those of synthesized ceramic pigments at different temperatures and the differences in crystal chemistry and powder X-ray patterns are discussed.

**Keywords:** Clinopyroxene, X-ray powder diffraction, EPMA, ceramic pigments.

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***Abstract:** The Scientific School of Bakery Processes and Equipment, which operates at the National University of Food Technology (Kyiv, Ukraine), has a number of scientific developments that take into account the world's leading trends in the industry and significantly improve product quality, productivity and hygiene requirements. The essence of the proposals concerns the following processes:*

- Use of kneading machines with cam working bodies. This allows to ensure the high quality of the third stage of kneading - plasticization.*
- Combination of dough fermentation operations and forming pieces under pressure in one unit. This reduces fermentation time, reduces the number and metal consumption of equipment.*
- Combination of baking and drying processes for some varieties of bread products, in particular, rusks and chopsticks. This avoids heat consumption for reheating the products, the amount of equipment.*
- Rational use of heat of steam of hygrothermal processing and heat of secondary steam which is formed during baking of bread.*
- Vacuum cooling of bread products. This ensures fast cooling of bread before cutting and packing.*
- Stream cutting of different types of bread.*
- The use of packaging equipment based on integrated technical complexes created on the basis of mechatronic functional modules, each of which is a functionally and structurally independent product with a large number of synergistically interrelated characteristics and parameters.*

*Each of these proposals is examined by competent experts and substantiated. The total result is an increase in product quality, productivity and safety, ensuring hygienic requirements, reducing the number of equipment and ensuring its versatility.*

***Keywords:** bread, equioment, kneading, fermentation, forming, recuperation, baking, cooling, cuttinf, packaging.*

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## SYNTHESIS OF GARNET PIGMENTS AT LOW TEMPERATURE

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**Abstract:** Garnet ceramic pigments were synthesized by the method of solid-phase sintering. The starting materials are pure oxides: CaO, SiO<sub>2</sub>.nH<sub>2</sub>O. The following elements have been added as chromophores: V, Fe and Cr. For this purpose, the following raw materials were used: NH<sub>4</sub>VO<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>Gr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>. The pigments were synthesized at a final firing temperature of 1000 °C. The color characteristics of the synthesized ceramic pigments were determined using a color measurement system - CIELab.

**Keywords:** garnet pigments, solid-state sintering, CIELab color measurement

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## **CROSS-BORDER REGIONS COLLABORATE FOR BLUE GROWTH PART 1. EXPLORATORY MONITORING OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS**

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***Keywords:** Black sea, water ecosystem, environmental monitoring, Blue Growth*

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## CROSS-BORDER REGIONS COLLABORATE FOR BLUE GROWTH PART 2 – INDICATORS (FACTORS) INFLUENCING THE LIFE CYCLE OF BIOCECENOSIS ORGANISMS

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**Abstract:** *Black Sea, with its water catchment area and coastal ecosystems, could be considered as a laboratory of global importance for fundamental science, sustainability policy and blue economy. The occurring changes in the ecosystems also have an impact on the development of the biocoenotic organisms inhabiting them. The present study examines abiotic factors (indicators) such as: sediment, temperature, salinity, hydrodynamic turbidity and heavy metals, which are essential for the life cycle of biocenosis organisms that affect the shell of the *Rapana venosa*, Valenciennes; *Chamelea gallina* and *Donax trunculus*.*

**Keywords:** *Black sea, Biocenosis organisms, Rapana Venosa, Mussels, Shells*

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## **DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TYPE OF ALCOHOLIC ICE CREAM**

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*Key words:* tinctures, ice cream, cryoscopic temperature, maturation

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## ENERGY PARAMETERS OF THE PROCESS OF ULTRAFINE GRINDING OF MEDICINAL AND COSMETIC COMPONENTS IN A BEAD MILL

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***Abstract:** The process of ultrafine grinding of components of medicines and cosmetics in a laboratory bead mill is considered. The purpose of the study is (1) to determine the energy parameters of the process of ultrafine grinding of medicinal and cosmetic components in a bead mill, as well as (2) to determine the dependences of changes in technological parameters. A suspension of castor oil and cosmetic pigment in a ratio of 60% oil and 40% pigment was used as a model body. A series of experiments was carried out, where the degree of grinding was determined using a microscope with a built-in camera and software, the temperature was measured with ds18b20 temperature sensors, the power was measured with a three-phase CNFAJ Intelligent Power Meter. When grinding the pigment "red 120" for a period of time from 0 to 45 minutes, the power decreases, the temperature of the "beads-product" system increases, and the particle size decreases. This process occurs most intensively in the first 5 minutes. Most of the energy is spent on the work, which is spent on mixing the system "beads-product", and the work, that is spent on heating the structural components of the product and the parts of the mill interacting with them, which, in turn, depend on rheological properties of the suspension.*

***Keywords:** grinding, beads, mill, energy, suspension.*

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## **INFLUENCE OF VACUUM COOLING METHOD ON QUALITY INDICES OF BREAD**

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***Abstract:** The method of vacuum cooling allows to cool the bread quickly, reduce the production area for cooling, to provide sterile process conditions. The influence of cooling modes on the quality of wheat bread was studied.*

*The bread was cooled under a vacuum of 4–6 kPa, the rate of pressure reduction varied from 2 to 8 kPa/s. Structural and mechanical properties of bread were determined by the method of penetration.*

*The critical rate of pressure drop was 4.5 kPa/s, at higher speeds the structure of the bread is destroyed, the crust is separated from the crumb. Bread cooled under vacuum stimulates freshness (elasticity) longer than after the usual, natural method of cooling.*

**Keywords:** Bread, Cooling, Vacuum, Crumb.

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## LACTOSE INTOLERANCE AND ORAL HEALTH

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***Abstract:** Lactose intolerance has various manifestations and symptoms. It can be congenital - alactasia, but it can also be acquired over the years. Approximately 65% of the world's population has this condition since birth. On closer inspection, approximately 70% of East Asian adults are found to be lactose intolerant. The paper reviews the lactose intolerance worldwide, paying particular attention to the available information for Europe. European Dairy Association reported the Hungary, Estonia, Greece and Italy had over 40% frequency of lactase deficiency. There are not enough studies about the problem in Bulgaria. Original results from a questionnaire survey conducted in Bulgaria are presented. The possible connection of the ethnicity of the people with possible lactose intolerance was traced. Facts related to the change in oral health while avoiding the consumption of lactose-containing products (milk and dairy products) are presented and discussed. A group of foods that would be useful for people with lactose intolerance to protect their oral health are presented.*

***Keywords:** lactose intolerance, oral health, vitamin D, calcium, milk.*

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## **SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF RETINOL AND BETA-CAROTENE IN MILK**

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**Keywords:** retinol, beta-carotene, carotenoids, spectral analysis, milk, vitamin A.

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## TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS IN THE APPLICATION OF EDIBLE COATINGS

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**Abstract:** *The search for better strategies for preserving food with minimal changes during processing has been of great interest in recent decades. A solution is to apply coatings to minimally processed fresh foods. Most publications and scientific literature comment on the composition and properties of edible coatings. Various aspects are considered, mainly of a functional nature. It should be noted that in most cases it is a question of laboratory experiments and results of the effect of various coatings with additives on the protective function of the coating, its physical, physicochemical, antibacterial and other properties. There is only a small discussion about problems related to the industrial application of edible coatings and especially on the technological aspects of their application on specific food products. The presented material reviews the information from various literature sources about the methods and equipment through which the coatings are applied. An attempt has been made to summarize the main problems and the solutions adopted so far for the industrial application of edible coatings on various food products.*

**Keywords:** *edible coatings, edible packaging, deposition of edible coating, coating formation.*

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## POSSIBILITY FOR USE OF OLD DRUGS IN THE THERAPY OF NEW DISEASES

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**Keywords:** pandemic, development of new drugs, repurposing drugs, rare diseases.

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## **IN SILICO PREDICTING METABOLIC ACTIVATION OF METRONIDAZOLE IN LIVER**

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**Keywords:** metronidazole, prediction, metabolism, liver, OECD QSAR Toolbox

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## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF BIODIESEL PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES USING SUITABLE RAW MATERIALS

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**Keywords:** *Biodiesel, Biomass, Transesterification*

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## BIOACTIVE GLASS CRYSTALLINE MATERIALS OBTAINED BY SOL-GEL METHOD

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**Abstract:** The article is devoted to the establishment of the method of obtaining glasses of a given chemical composition in the system  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} - \text{CaO} - \text{SiO}_2 - \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , which involves the use of sol-gel method. The method involves the use of the following raw materials: ethyl silicate  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O})_4\text{Si}$  as a source of gelation, phosphoric acid  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  and soluble salts of  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{NaNO}_3$ . The synthesis of the material takes place with constant stirring during gelation and subsequent calcination at a temperature of at least  $600^\circ\text{C}$ . This technology involves reducing energy consumption for production and improving the basic characteristics of the glassy material. The glasses obtained by this technology can be used in the production of bioactive glass crystalline materials.

**Keywords:** Sol-gel method, Ethyl silicate, Bioactive glass, Calcination, Glass crystalline materials

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## STUDY OF DIOPSIDE CERAMIC PIGMENTS WITH RARE EARTH ELEMENTS

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**Abstract:** Diopside ceramic pigments with basic diopside phase  $MgCaSi_2O_6$  were synthesized by solid phase sintering with pure raw materials:  $CaCO_3$ ,  $MgO$ ,  $SiO_2 \cdot nH_2O$ ,  $Pr_6O_{11}$  and  $Er_2O_3$ . The pigments were synthesized at three final firing temperatures: 1000, 1100 and 1200 °C. The resulting ceramic pigments were examined by powder X-ray diffraction, infrared spectroscopy, electron microscopy, electron paramagnetic resonance. The color characteristics were measured spectrophotometrically using a color measurement system - CIELab. The best pigments are applied in white cover glaze for faience.

**Key words:** diopside pigments, solid-state sintering, CIELab color measurement

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## EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON THE KINETICS OF OLEIC ACID ESTERIFICATION PROCESS WITH TRIMETHYLOL PROPANE (TMP)

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**Abstract:** *The present study investigates the kinetics of esterification of oleic acid with trimethylol propane at different process temperatures. 1% p-TSA was used as catalyst. The process was carried out under vacuum and the reaction rate was monitored by analyzing the acid number of the mixture. The reaction was studied at following temperatures: 90, 105, 120 and 150 °C, and the duration time was 1200 min. There was noticed significantly higher speed of the process at temperature of 150 °C in comparison with the other studied reaction temperature. However, final acid values recorded at 120 °C and 150 °C and time duration of 1200 min are close, i.e. 2.71 and 2.5mgKOH/g, but they are significantly lower than acid values observed at 90 °C and 105 °C, which are 5.66 and 4.35 mgKOH / g, respectively*

**Keywords:** *Trimethylol propane, Biodegradable lubricants, Oleic acid, Esterification, p-TSA*

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**Abstract:** The kinetics of continuous constant voltage ( $U_V = \text{const}$ ) anodizing of aluminum (AA1050) in an electrolyte, with no dissolving action (aqueous borate electrolyte) on the formed anodic alumina was studied in the present work. The recorded  $J_{\text{total}}(t)$ -dependencies are interpreted on the basis of the notion that the total current ( $J_{\text{total}}$ ) flowing in the Al/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Electrolyte system includes an ionic ( $J_i$ ) and an electronic ( $J_e$ ) component, i.e.:  $J_{\text{total}} = J_i + J_e$ . The dependences of these two components on the electric field strength ( $E$ ) and temperature ( $T$ ) are discussed considering existing theoretical concepts. The analysis of the kinetics undoubtedly shows that the presence of an electronic component in the total current flowing under conditions of continuous constant voltage anodizing in the (+)/Valve metal/Anodic oxide/Electrolyte systems should not be neglected.

**Keywords:** barrier anodic Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> film, constant voltage anodization, ionic and electronic current component

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## SINGLE-FACTOR ANALYSIS ON THE KINETICS OF OLEIC ACID ESTERIFICATION PROCESS WITH TRIMETHYLOL PROPANE (TMP) AT DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF P-TSA AS CATALYST

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**Abstract:** The present study investigate the kinetics of esterification of oleic acid with trimethylol propane at different amount of catalyst: 0,5, 1% and 5%. p-TSA was used as catalyst and was compared to kinetic of process without catalyst. The process is carried out under vacuum, reaction temperature 120 ° C and the time duration of 1200 min. Best results and significantly higher reaction rate of the process were recorded at 5% p-TSA mgKOH/g respectively, but we observed high darkness of the mixture and have some problems with washing of the mixture probably due to increasing of emulsification properties of reaction mixture at higher amounts of catalyst.

**Keywords:** Trimethylol propane, Biodegradable lubricants, Oleic acid, Esterification, p-TSA

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**SYNTHESIS OF 6-NITRO- AND 6-AMINO- DERIVATIVES OF 2-(2,4-DIOXO-1,3-DIAZASPIRO[4.5]DECAN-3-YL)-1H-BENZO[de]ISOQUINOLINE-1,3(2H)-DIONE**

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**Abstract:** *This article describes the synthesis of 6-nitro- and 6-amino- derivatives of 2-(2,4-dioxo-1,3-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-3-yl)-1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione. The structures of the obtained compounds were proved by physicochemical parameters, elemental analysis, IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data. The antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds against various microorganisms was studied.*

**Keywords:** 1,3-phenalenediones, isoquinolines, spirohydantoin, antimicrobial activity

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## LEAN-PRODUCTION: PRINCIPLES AND TOOLS

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**Abstract:** To reach a new level of development, the food industry definitely needs new technologies, technical solutions for the development of which are directed to many investments coming into the industry.

The food industry needs to change, and the tools available to make it successful are LEANs, which are relatively easy to use and effective. This can increase the value of products, help solve the problem of supply-demand, develop followers and improve performance.

Lean production involves the involvement of each employee in the optimization process and maximum customer focus. According to the concept of lean production, all activities of the enterprise are divided into operations and processes that add value to the consumer, and operations and processes that do not add value to the consumer. The task of "lean production" is the systematic reduction of processes and operations that do not add value.

Lean production is not done. This is a constant improvement in the little things. With Lean there are no grand innovations, only continuous improvement in small steps.

**Keywords:** Lean, Production, Development, Food, Industry.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF CHEESE FILLING TECHNOLOGY FOR MEAT INDUSTRY, IN CONDITIONS OF DEFICIENCY OF DAIRY RAW MATERIALS

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***Abstract.** The issues of development of cheese products technology for further use as a part of sausage products are covered in the work. Model samples of cheese products based on protein concentrates using a stabilization system, dyes and flavoring mixtures. The main organoleptic and physical-technological indicators of the developed products are investigated. The hardware-technological scheme of production is developed, taking into account the minimum production areas and additional equipment of equipment, for direct production of this product at the meat-processing enterprises. The use of the developed mixture for the production of cheese products will allow to produce a wide range of products in regions with a shortage of traditional raw materials. The production of cheese products on the basis of protein concentrates makes it possible, at the initial level, to control the content of milk protein in the finished product.*

***Key words:** cheese, cheese product, milk, protein concentrates.*

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## ADVANCED TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR YEAST DOUGH KNEADIND

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**Abstract:** *In the bakery industry, the most labor-intensive production have special varieties of bread products: bakery and rusks, bread sticks and others. This is due to the more complex technological scheme of production and the insufficient level of its mechanization. Different types of machines are used for kneading yeast dough, which, depending on the type of flour, recipe composition and features of the range, have different mechanical effects on the dough. To obtain a high quality dough, it is necessary to apply the kneading process taking into account the specifics of the mode and the optimal process parameters: kneading intensity, the influence of the rotational speed of the working element and the duration of kneading. In the production of bakery products there are trends in the use of accelerated dough technology, which leads to the intensification of the process of kneading the dough and the development of continuous kneading machines to ensure continuous flow production.*

*In the food industry, it is advisable to develop and implement new technologies, constructive working element, increase productivity and improve the quality of finished products. The use of machines of uniform-flow action with highly productive working element will allow to mechanize and automate production processes, to exclude the use of human labor, to reduce energy consumption, to ensure high quality of finished products.*

**Keywords:** Bakery, Industry Kneading, Dough, Technical, Cam.

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## USE OF ALTERNATIVE SWEETENERS IN ICE CREAM

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**Abstract:** *The article is devoted to research aimed at improving the technology of ice cream through the use of sugar substitutes and their compositions that exhibit functional and technological properties and improve the quality of the finished product. The feasibility of using starch syrup and polyols for the formation of recommended organoleptic, physical and chemical characteristics of ice cream, and their stabilization during the guaranteed period of storage is scientifically substantiated. The main criteria for the choice of sugar substitutes in the composition of different types of ice cream are selected such characteristics as the degree of sweetness, cryoprotective and structural ability. The article describes the results of analytical and experimental research methods: rheological characteristics and cryoscopic temperature of mixtures, organoleptic characteristics of ice cream, whipped cream, resistance to melting. According to the same criteria, the expediency of complete replacement of sucrose in the composition of ice cream with erythritol and its composition with glucose syrup in the ratio of 90:10 to 50:50 was confirmed. The conclusion about the possibility of purposeful technological effect in the cycle of ice cream production with erythritol and composite mixtures of starch syrup with different degree of saccharification is formulated.*

**Keywords:** *Cryoscopic Temperature, Ice Cream, Polyols, Structuring Ability, Sweeteners*

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## DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING TRENDS OF FLEXIBLE PACKAGING MATERIALS

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**Keywords:** *flexible packaging; polymer; monomaterials; recycling; sustainability; circular economy.*

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## **SIMULATION MODELING OF THE ULTRAFINE GRINDING PROCESS IN A BEAD MILL**

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***Abstract:** It was conducting the modelling of the grinding process in a laboratory bead mill with a standard working elements configuration using simulation software. The purpose of the study is to determine the stress-strain state of the structure, the speed of movement of the system "beads-product", pressure and temperature in the working chamber. A suspension of castor oil and cosmetic pigment was used as a model body. The properties of the suspension were previously investigated to determine the rheological properties. When running a simulation in the laboratory bead mill using simulation software, it is clearly seen the areas where mixing, friction and grinding are most effective. In these zones, the contact of the working elements (beads) with the ground product in the suspension is maximum, which is expressed in the release of a large amount of heat.*

***Keywords:** grinding, beads, mill, modelling, energy, suspension.*

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## THE BIOMASS OF CONIFEROUS PLANT SPECIES AS A BIOENERGY RESOURCE – MINI REVIEW

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**Keywords:** Bioenergy potential, Coniferous species, Alternative energy resources, Biofuels

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GRAPE SEED ANTIOXIDANTS

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**Key words:** antioxidants, red grapes, white grapes, grape seeds

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## EFFECT OF CHICKPEA FLOUR ON SOME INDICATORS OF WHEAT CAKE DOUGH AND QUALITY OF PRODUCTS

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**Keywords:** *Chickpea flour, products quality, sensory analysis*

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## GRAPE ANTIOXIDANTS IN MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

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**Abstract:** Lipid oxidation is one of the biggest important problems that reduce the shelf life of meat and meat products. Delaying the oxidation of lipids and development of unpleasant odors, as well as improving color stability is done with the help of antioxidants. Antioxidants are divided into two groups - natural and synthetic. Synthetic antioxidants intake leads to cancer and acute toxicity. Therefore, in recent years, the food industry prefers natural to synthetic antioxidants. This review presents current trends in the use of antioxidants from grape extracts to inhibit lipid oxidation of meat and meat products. The results show that grape seed contains effective antioxidants for use in meat and meat products and those natural antioxidants can completely replace synthetic ones.

**Keywords:** lipid oxidation, meat, meat products, antioxidants, grape seed

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## STUDY OF THE MAGNESIUM CONTENT IN GLUTEN-FREE TYPES OF FLOUR

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**Abstract:** Nowadays, many of people pay attention to healthy eating and consumption of food products rich in biologically active substances. Such products help prevent the deficiency of various macro- and microelements caused by malnutrition. This aroused our interest in studying the magnesium content of gluten-free types of flour: from quinoa, amaranth, buckwheat, carob and chickpeas. The results reveal that the magnesium content of gluten-free flours varies from 594,00 mg/kg (carob flour) to 1915,00 mg/kg (amaranth flour) and is higher than that found in wheat flour type 500 – 130,75 mg/kg. The determination of magnesium content is performed by using highly sensitive AES-ICP method.

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## PRODUCING BIOGAS BY APPLIYNG ELECTRICAL CHARGE

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**Abstract:** *The paper reviews the methods of applying electrical charge to manure, which is important part of the anaerobic fermentation, in order to produce biogas. During the experiments, different voltages are applied to the manure. The aim is to investigate the influence of the electrical charge with manure. It's believed that the electric charge improves the process of anaerobic digestion and results in higher yield of biogas with higher methane content. The experiment consists of two main parts: part one is the plant material, which is treated with acid and part two which is the manure treated with electric charge. After the two materials are treated, they are mixed and placed in glass bottles, which are hermetically closed and attached to biogas collectors. Then the bottles are placed in a water bath at 35 ° C. Samples were taken daily for analysis.*

**Keywords:** Biogas, plant material, electric charge, methane content

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## **MICROBIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF READY-TO-EAT SUNFLOWER SEEDS**

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***Abstract:** The subject of this report is a microbiological evaluation of four batches of ready-to-eat sunflower seeds. The total number of microorganisms, the presence of coliforms, Staphylococcus aureus and Salmonella were found. The obtained results were compared with the regulatory requirements for the product and it was found that the four batches of sunflower seeds meet the requirements.*

***Keywords:** Sunflower seeds, Microbiological contamination, Coliforms, Staphylococcus aureus, Salmonella*

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