

Color and Texture Evaluation in Pasta with Added Cassava Bran and Hydrocolloid

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Abstract

Objective: To evaluate the effect of cassava bran and hydrocolloids addition on color and texture properties of fiber rich pasta. **Methods/Analysis:** Wheat semolina pastas were made with 10, 20 and 30% bran additions, separately enriched with two types of hydrocolloid: xanthan gum (XG) or carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) in 0.5, 1 and 1.5% concentrations. Color and the textural properties of tensile strength, elasticity and compression were evaluated. **Findings:** Color analysis showed high luminosity in pastas with 10% bran and 1.5% XG. Nonetheless, the most yellow tones were found in pastas with 30% bran. Textural evaluation of cooked pasta indicated a greater strength and elasticity with lower inclusion of bran and higher concentration of XG. The same behavior was presented in the raw pasta strength. **Improvement:** Addition of bran decreased textural properties evaluated, while use of hydrocolloids favored them.

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1. Introduction

Cassava (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) is a specie of starchy root grown in tropical and subtropical climates around the world due to its excellent capacity to adapt to different climatic conditions and high yields in starch production¹. The starch production process also generates solid and liquid waste that can become polluting agents if an adequate management and final disposal is not carried out, making necessary to implement cleaner production alternatives in the processes, with an integral use of raw materials and by-products looking for economic and environmental benefit. Cassava bran is one of these residues, a fibrous

semisolid material with high moisture content, resulting from separation of starch granules in the sieving stage and containing residual starch not feasible to remove physically². Thanks to fiber content, it can be exploited in the development of food products, such as in functional foods considering that consumers are more concerned every day about health and well-being, looking for food providing benefits beyond traditional nutrients within. They include foods such as breads, beverages and cereals³, characterized for being fortified with vitamins and minerals, and recently enriched with dietary fiber. According to the FDA, pastas are thought to be a good vehicle for addition of nutrients. That's why new materials are used

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to improve their nutritional value. Dietary fiber content in pastas is low and, given the benefits, it is necessary to add raw materials to increase it. Pasta is considered a food of mass consumption and with high acceptability worldwide, due to low cost and versatility (variety of shapes and sizes)⁴. Also, it has the advantage of being known for its low glycemic index since it progressively liberates sugars during digestion, and because of the reduction of the glycemic response⁵, which is beneficial for the health of people with diabetes.

All these traits in pasta have generated a growing interest in conducting research to improve their nutritional profile⁶, by means of total or partial replacement of wheat semolina with other gluten-free flours, affecting quality and limiting inclusion of these flours in formulation. Therefore, hydrocolloids improving basic properties of food can be used, i.e., the flow behavior (viscosity) and solid characteristics (texture). Hydrocolloids such as xanthan gum (XG), locust bean gum, guar gum, carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose (HPMC) are used, among others, to mimic viscoelastic properties of gluten and give firmness; thus, improving texture characteristics of pasta in which wheat semolina has been partially or totally replaced, thanks to water binding capacity of hydrocolloids⁷.

Acceptance of pasta by consumers is determined by its quality traits, in which the typical yellow color and textural properties of raw and cooked pastapredominate⁸. They can be affected by type of raw material used in the elaboration. Therefore, the objective of this work was to evaluate the color and texture properties of fiber-rich food pastaby adding cassava bran and supplemented with hydrocolloids.

2. Methodology

2.1 Raw Material

Commercial wheat semolina was used, supplied by the *Harinera Pardo S.A* Company. Hydrocolloids (Xanthan Gum -XG and Carboxymethylcellulose-CMC) were supplied by Bell Chem International S.A. The bran used was

obtained from the extraction process of native cassava starch from *Almidones de Sucre S.A.S.* company, located in the municipality of Sincelejo - Sucre - Colombia. The bran was subject to a 10psi pressing process to decrease water content, drying with warm air at 55 °C for 24 hours to an 11% final humidity and eventually to a grinding and sieving process to bring it to the same particle size as the semolina (\leq mesh 40) to obtain uniformity in the finished product⁹.

2.2 Pasta Preparation

Mixtures of wheat semolina were prepared by adding cassava bran in 10, 20 and 30% ratios. 1% salt in flour base was added to these mixtures. Hydrocolloids were dissolved in water at 50°C⁵ and subsequently added to the flours' mixture previously prepared. A mixing and kneading process was carried out for 10 min to achieve good hydration. Obtained mass was extruded as fettuccine type pasta (4mm diameter). Finally, a drying process was carried out at 70°C up to a 10 and 11.5% final humidity⁵.

2.3 Color Analysis

To determine color, a Colorflex EZ 45 colorimeter (HunterLab®) was used, measuring instrumental parameters, by means of CIElab system; where color space is a Cartesian coordinate system defined by three rectangular coordinates L^* (brightness or clarity) from white ($L = 100$) to black ($L = 0$), a^* (red-green), b^* (yellow -blue) of dimensionless magnitudes. Color study of wheat semolina, cassava bran and pasta obtained was carried out. The study of color of pastas was carried out in cooked pasta until optimal cooking time, which were left to rest 5 min after cooking up to reaching room temperature (Foschia *et al.*, 2015). Three measurements with their respective average were taken.

2.4 Texture Analysis

Texturometer model TA.TX2i®. plus, Stable Micro System equipped with a 5 kg charge cell was used by the 16.50 AACC (2000) method. The equipment was coupled to the Texture Exponent 32 software. The following tests were performed:

Tensile strength and elasticity in cooked pastas: For these analyzes, the A/SPR sensor was used. Pastas were cooked with water at boiling temperature for 5 min (optimal cooking time), rinsed with 100 ml distilled water and allowed to stand for 10 min until room temperature was reached. Sample was placed between friction rollers by rolling 2 or 3 times to avoid slipping and ensure that the rupture occurred along the wide part of the sample. For carrying out the test, some adjustments were considered: speed before test: 3mm/s; test speed: 3mm/s, speed after test: 5mm/s, initial distance: 10mm; final distance: 100 mm; type of shot: 5g auto; data acquisition speed: 200pps. Results were expressed as maximum rupture resistance (N)¹⁰⁻¹¹.

Raw Pasta Compression characteristics: This texture characteristic determines the breaking or rupture strength of the long pasta using an A/SFR tension probe. A 20cm long raw pasta sample was used, placed between upper and lower supports perfectly aligned with each other to obtain a correct vertical support of the sample. By applying the force of the head on the pulp wire, compression was started, and it was flexed until broken. Results were expressed as rupture force (N). To carry out the test, the following parameters were considered: pre-test speed: 0.5mm/s, test speed: 2.5mm/s, post-test speed: 10mm/s, data acquisition speed: 400pps, trigger type: Auto-15g, distance from head to sample: 50mm (Ref. A/SFR, Stable Micro System)¹².

3. Experimental Design

A factorial experiment was carried out under a completely randomized design (CRD). Which in the following factors were considered: Wheat semolina substitution by cassava bran (10, 20 and 30%), hydrocolloid type (XG, CMC) and hydrocolloid concentration (0.5, 1 and 1, 5%). Results obtained from the experimental part were analyzed by means of an ANOVA and for the comparison of means, the Tukey multiple range test was used at a 5% significance level.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Color of Cassava Bran and Wheat Semolina

Cassava bran showed a high luminosity and tendencies towards reddish and yellow tones, as evidenced by values found in color attributes $L^* = 88.03 \pm 0.24$, $a^* = 2.91 \pm 0.08$ and $b^* = 16.10 \pm 0.24$ respectively. This could be due to fiber content present in the bran. In integral flours, darkening is a common color attribute, since components such as fiber accumulate in the grain outer part; and to a greater polishing, less removal in peripheral layers causing greater darkening¹³. Equivalent results were reported by¹ who evaluated color for two samples of cassava bran taken from two regions with different environmental conditions for cassava cultivation, being very similar in terms of luminosity (83,79) and tendency towards red and yellow color shown by the values in attributes of a^* and b^* respectively.

Color analysis for wheat semolina showed values of $L^* = 86.48 \pm 0.43$, $a^* = 1.42 \pm 0.12$ and $b^* = 18 \pm 0.20$. These results agree with those reported by¹⁴, who found b^* values between 18.6 and 22.6, indicating the yellow color in the sample and L^* values (brightness or luminosity) between 86.6 and 87. Differences in the color attributes of wheat semolina can be caused by genotype and crop environmental conditions. Color characteristics of wheat semolina determine the color of pasta and is considered an attribute of quality relevant to the consumer. In fact, the bright yellow color in semolina is very important and is mainly due to carotenoid pigments, although it can be affected by the amount of ash included¹⁴.

4.2 Pasta Color

Results obtained for luminosity parameter L^* are shown in Table 1. In general, values for L^* were high since they ranged between 60 and 70. Equivalent results were reported by¹⁵ (59 to 69) in pastes made with 2 β -glucan concentrates. Nonetheless, results found are above those reported by¹⁶ (29.6 to 32.30) for gluten-free pastas made from high-protein flours (soybean meal, channa

Table 1. Parameter L^* of the pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid amount

Bran amount (%)			
Hydrocolloid (%)	10	20	30
	XG		
0,5	69,57±0,53 ^{aa}	66,92±0,37 ^{ab}	62,96±0,63 ^{ac}
1	70,46±1,12 ^{aa}	66,62±0,28 ^{ab}	60,71±0,09 ^{bc}
1,5	70,61±1,01 ^{aa}	66,43±0,58 ^{ab}	61,01±0,69 ^{bc}
CMC			
0,5	68,56±0,9 ^{aa}	64,77±0,73 ^{ab}	59,25±1,25 ^{cc}
1	66,86±0,81 ^{ba}	60,24±0,75 ^{cb}	60,61±0,6 ^{bb}
1,5	68,18±0,19 ^{abA}	63,35±0,55 ^{bb}	62,91±0,59 ^{ab}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for each quantity of bran and hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each quantity and hydrocolloid type) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

flour, sorghum flour and whey protein concentrate) and supplemented with hydrocolloids (XG, guar gum and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose); possibly due to low L^* values of these gluten-free flours compared to the luminosity of grits. On the other hand, results found are lower than those reported by¹¹ for pastas made with dietary fibers (oat bran, psyllium fiber, Glucagel and inulin) ranged between 92 and 97, possibly due to type of supplement used in the pastas preparation.

Analysis of variance shows that factors: bran amount, hydrocolloid type, hydrocolloid amount and the interaction among these three factors were significant ($p \leq 0.05$). In pastas made with XG or CMC at any concentration, an increase in the bran amount causes a decrease in L^* value, possibly due to the higher ash content present in

the cassava bran (2.17%) compared to the ash present in wheat semolina (0.5%)¹², causing browning in pastas, a typical trend of whole wheat flours¹³. Equivalent results were found in pasta with pumpkin flour inclusions⁸.

In pastas elaborated with the cassava bran amounts studied, it is shown that when using XG, higher L^* values are obtained than with CMC at any concentration, since it is typical of XG to give transparency and brightness to the food, while CMC is characterized by opacity. This behavior could be due to natural color of biopolymers, which produces an effect of clarity in some foods, especially at high concentrations¹⁸. These results agree with those reported by¹⁶, who found that pastas added with XG presented values of L^* higher than those found in pastas added with hydroxypropyl methylcellulose. The same

Table 2. Parameter a* of pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid amount

Bran (%)			
Hydrocolloid (%)	10	20	30
	XG		
0,5	2,59±0,33 ^{aC}	3,77±0,33 ^{aB}	4,86±0,19 ^{bA}
1	2,72±0,18 ^{aC}	3,77±0,26 ^{aB}	5,51±0,10 ^{aA}
1,5	2,78±0,54 ^{aC}	3,87±0,24 ^{aB}	5,26±0,02 ^{abA}
CMC			
0,5	2,19±0,26 ^{bC}	4,44±0,22 ^{aB}	5,28±0,14 ^{aA}
1	2,22±0,31 ^{bB}	4,30±0,06 ^{aA}	4,26±0,35 ^{ba}
1,5	2,90±0,10 ^{aB}	4,13±0,11 ^{aA}	4,08±0,28 ^{ba}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for each quantity of bran and hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each quantity and hydrocolloid type) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test (p <0.05).

behavior was found in the production of flat bread without gluten with hydrocolloids, observing that the bread with XG have luminosity values higher than those made with CMC in all concentrations used; both, in the crumb and in the crust of the loaves, showing that XG has greater influence on L* and improves this property¹⁹.

Positive a* values (Table 2), indicated a visual position regarding the red color and were in the 2.1 to 5.51 range. Reddening may be associated with the Maillard reaction development, since non-enzymatic browning related to this reaction easily occurs during the pasta drying, especially at high and very high temperatures¹⁷, and it may also be associated with contamination with bran²⁰.

Analysis of variance shows that factors: bran amount, hydrocolloid type and the interaction bran amount *

hydrocolloid type * hydrocolloid amount were significant (p≤0.05). In pastas made with XG or CMC at any concentration, an increase in the bran amount causes an increase in the a* value, possibly due to the tendency of cassava bran towards the red tonality (2.91), greater than in the wheat semolina (1,42). Similarly²⁰ reported an increase in a* index with the increase of raw amaranth flour in the pasta formulation. A similar behavior was reported for pasta fortified with pumpkin flour⁸. It is to be considered that presence of a darker color in the cassava substitution with cassava bran compared to those made from only wheat semolina (a* = -3.6) is a negative factor in their appearance. However, some consumers can accept them, given their greater nutritional value; brown color in pastas may be related to an antioxidant potential, which can be attributed to brown melanoidins²⁰.

Table 3. Parameter b^* of the pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid type

Hydrocolloid type	Bran (%)		
	10	20	30
GX	16,39±0,64 ^{aC}	17,88±0,29 ^{aB}	18,85±0,3 ^{aA}
CMC	15,72±0,71 ^{bC}	17,9±0,42 ^{aA}	17,14±0,84 ^{bB}

Averages with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among the hydrocolloid type for each quantity of bran) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each hydrocolloid type) indicate a statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

Table 4. Parameter b^* of the pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	Bran (%)		
	10	20	30
0,5	15,62±0,59 ^{bB}	18,13±0,34 ^{aA}	18,59±0,46 ^{aA}
1	16,052±0,58 ^{abB}	17,89±0,31 ^{aA}	17,69±0,25 ^{bA}
1,5	16,49±0,57 ^{aB}	17,64±0,17 ^{aA}	17,68±0,36 ^{bA}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for each quantity of bran) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons between quantities of bran for each hydrocolloid amount) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

On the other hand, differences were found between XG and CMC for each hydrocolloid amount and amount of added bran, observing that in pastas made with 10% cassava bran, it was found that when using XG at 1%, a^* value was greater than when using CMC; a similar trend was observed in pastas made with 30% cassava bran and 1% and 1.5% XG. These results agree with those from Susanna and Prabhasankar (2013), who, when making gluten-free pasta with protein meals and added with hydrocolloids, found that treatments with GX presented values for a^* higher than with hydroxypropyl methylcel-

lulose, but lower than those found with guar gum and without additives. Nonetheless, for pastas made with 20% cassava bran, CMC presented a^* values higher than the GX in of 0.5% and 1% concentrations, this behavior was also evidenced by¹⁹ when preparing flat bread with XG or CMC, where higher a^* values in the bread crust with CMC were observed.

As for the yellow-blue chromaticity (b^*), values were found between 15.6 and 18.8 (Tables 3-5), being in the yellow tone. The yellowish color of the pasta is affected by degradation of carotenoid pigments of the xanthophyll

Table 5. Parameter b^* of pastas with different type and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	Hydrocolloidtype	
	XG	CMC
0,5	17,67±0,45 ^{aA}	17,23±0,48 ^{aB}
1	17,83±0,26 ^{aA}	16,6±0,51 ^{bB}
1,5	17,62±0,4 ^{aA}	16,92±0,33 ^{abB}

Averages with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid type for each hydrocolloid amount) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

type in the semolina, caused by oxidative enzymes, such as lipoxygenases, peroxidases and polyphenol oxidases and the manufacturing process⁸. Mixing and kneading processes in the preparation of the pasta lead to incorporation of water and oxygen in the dough, which promotes oxidation of poly unsaturated fatty acids mediated by polyphenol oxidase, which in turn favor oxidation of carotenoids²¹. Equivalent results regarding the yellow color of pasta were reported by⁸ when making pastas including the durian seed flour. Differences that can occur in the b^* shade are possibly due to the different raw materials used as substitution of the wheat semolina in the preparation of the pasta or it can also be due to variation in the quantity of carotenoid pigments according to wheat cultivars used to obtain semolina. Generally, consumers prefer pasta with a bright yellow color¹⁷. Analysis of variance shows that factors: quantity of bran and hydrocolloid type, and the interactions bran amount * hydrocolloid type, bran amount * hydrocolloid type, and hydrocolloid type * hydrocolloid amount were significant ($p \leq 0.05$).

In Table 3, results of the parameter b^* are shown, for the interaction of the quantity of bran * hydrocolloid type factors. It was found that in pastas made with 10% and 30% bran, higher b^* values were obtained when using

XG compared to CMC. In addition, when using GX, an increase in the bran amount causes an increase in the of b^* values. Similarly²⁰ reported that the b^* value increased as the percentage of raw amaranth flour increased, which was attributed to the amount of carotenoid pigments and enzymatic reactions.

In Table 5, type hydrocolloid * hydrocolloid amount interaction is presented. Use of CMC at concentrations of 1% and 1.5% caused the lowest b^* values in the processed pastas compared to XG.

Generally, color in pastas depends on type of wheat used and is determined by presence of carotenoid pigments - yellow color being desirable. Differences observed in the colors of pastas made with respect to the cited authors can be associated to differences in the quantities and qualities of pigments present in the raw materials used in the different formulations⁹.

4.3 Pasta Texture

Pasta made with cassava bran and supplemented with hydrocolloids was texturally characterized with the following parameters: for pasta cooked by tension characteristics (maximum rupture strength and elasticity) and for raw pasta by compression characteristics as maximum rupture strength.

Table 6. Maximum rupture strength (N) of pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid type

Hydrocolloidtype	Bran (%)		
	10	20	30
XG	0,328±0,05 ^{aA}	0,247±0,028 ^{aB}	0,155±0,029 ^{aC}
CMC	0,238±0,02 ^{bA}	0,245±0,051 ^{aA}	0,178±0,035 ^{aB}

Mean with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among the hydrocolloid type for each quantity of bran) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each hydrocolloid type) indicate a statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

4.3.1 Tensile Strength and Elasticity of Cooked Pasta

Results obtained in the tensile strength of cooked pasta ranged between 0.13 and 0.32N. susceptibility to breakage or stress to spaghetti rupture is associated with residual deformations, depending on presence of structuring agents and their concentrations. In addition, the breaking properties of a product depend on the properties of the matrix and presence of defects²². Analysis of variance shows that the factors: bran amount, hydrocolloid type and hydrocolloid amount were significant ($p \leq 0,05$) and

the interactions bran amount * hydrocolloid type, bran amount * hydrocolloid amount and hydrocolloid type * hydrocolloid amount were significant ($p \leq 0.05$).

In Table 6, the results of the interaction bran amount * hydrocolloid type are shown. When using XG or CMC, an increase in the bran amount (10% to 30%) causes a decrease in the maximum rupture resistance (N), this behavior is associated with the characteristic structural changes occurring in the network of proteins by adding other flours in the preparation of pastas¹⁰, which generates the disruption of the protein network by the presence of fibers, affecting the texture of the surface when starch

Table 7. Maximum rupture strength (N) of pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	Bran (%)		
	10	20	30
0,5	0,236±0,01 ^{bA}	0,236±0,02 ^{abA}	0,137±0,03 ^{bB}
1	0,304±0,01 ^{aA}	0,230±0,02 ^{bB}	0,177±0,02 ^{aC}
1,5	0,309±0,02 ^{aA}	0,272±0,05 ^{aA}	0,185±0,02 ^{aB}

Mean with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for each quantity of bran) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each hydrocolloid amount) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

Table 8. Maximum rupture resistance (N) of pastas with different type and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	Hydrocolloidtype	
	XG	CMC
0,5	0,203±0,002 ^{bA}	0,202±0,026 ^{bA}
1	0,261±0,013 ^{aA}	0,212±0,017 ^{bB}
1,5	0,265±0,022 ^{aA}	0,246±0,039 ^{aA}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons between hydrocolloid amount for hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons between hydrocolloid type for each hydrocolloid amount) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

granules disintegrate by cooking in water¹⁶. Given the high affinity of the fiber for water, it probably leaves only

partially available water for the development of the gluten network, resulting in a paste of lower hardness. When

Table 9. Elasticity of cooked pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	Bran amount (%)		
	10	20	30
	XG		
0,5	13,7±1,05 ^{cA}	8,67±0,84 ^{bB}	9,98±0,78 ^{bB}
1	34,72±0,71 ^{bA}	8,82±0,17 ^{bB}	8,75±0,26 ^{bB}
1,5	38,34±0,95 ^{aA}	12,29±0,26 ^{aC}	14,29±0,28 ^{aB}
	CMC		
0,5	12,33±1,23 ^{cA}	4,97±0,78 ^{cB}	5,24±0,48 ^{aB}
1	14,47±0,81 ^{bA}	6,93±0,9 ^{bB}	6,18±0,73 ^{aB}
1,5	16,22±1,16 ^{aA}	12,07±0,89 ^{aB}	6,81±0,8 ^{aC}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for each quantity of bran and hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each quantity and hydrocolloid type) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test ($p < 0.05$).

the formation of this network is delayed, starch granules swell highly and rapidly, being susceptible to rupture and reducing the firmness of pastes²³. Equivalent results were reported by¹¹ in pasta with partial substitution of semolina by different fiber sources (oat bran, Physillium, gluca-gel, insulins), which oscillated between 0.16 to 0.40N, being close to those found in this study. They observed a significant decrease in the strength of pastas at higher fiber content. On the other hand¹⁷ when performing a tensile test, found that energy of rupture in pastas with 35% of peas was lower than that of durum wheat pasta, which they attributed to the inclusion of fiber fractions that probably cause the appearance of discontinuities or cracks inside the pasta, which weakens its structure; this parameter is associated with the strength to breakage of pasta.

In Table 7, the interaction bran amount * hydrocolloid amount is shown. To any bran amount used, an increase in the hydrocolloid amount (from 0.5% to 1.5%) causes a greater resistance to the maximum breakage of the pastas, which can be associated with the high capacity of water absorption of hydrocolloids, improving its firmness²⁴, which may be related to rupture strength and fragility of a product; and also, hydrocolloids are incorporated into the protein matrix, becoming an integral part of the pasta structure and encapsulating the starch granules that seem to stabilize and possibly increase the firmness of pasta²⁵. A similar behavior was observed in pasta with egg albumin, protein concentrates of rice bran, soy protein and whey proteins as protein supplements²⁶ and in gluten-free pastas supplemented with XG and guar gum in 0%, 1% and 2% concentrations, where they observed that firmness increased with addition of hydrocolloids, thus improving the starch network. Since pastas without hydrocolloids disintegrated during cooking, these hydrocolloids promoted the association of granules of starch at high temperature, involved with the improvement in texture.

The interaction type hydrocolloid * hydrocolloid amount for the maximum rupture strength of the pastes are detailed in Table 8. When using XG or CMC an increase in their amount (from 0.5% to 1.5%) causes an

increase in the resistance to maximum rupture, finding the highest values when using 1.5%. In addition, greater resistance to maximum breakage was observed with 1% XG compared to CMC at the same concentration. This behavior can be attributed to the fact that GX has a greater water absorption capacity than CMC, which favors more resistance in the pastas²⁴. A similar behavior was found in pastas added with XG and guar gum, where greater firmness was observed in pastas containing XG²⁷.

In Table 9, results obtained for the elasticity of the pastas are shown, which ranged between 4.97 and 38.34mm. ANOVA shows that factors: bran amount, hydrocolloid type and hydrocolloid amount and their interaction significantly affected the elasticity variable in cooked pasta.

In pastas made with XG or CMC at any concentration, an increase in the bran amount (from 10% to 30%) causes decrease in elasticity, observing the higher elasticity in those made with 10% cassava bran, that, the lower the inclusion of bran in the formulation, the structure is better preserved thanks to the fact that the greater amount of gluten in the semolina gives pasta strands a more solid network. It is possible that structural changes occur in the protein network due to the addition of other flours with high fiber content different from wheat semolina, because this generates a disruptive behavior of network during the formation of the pasta matrix¹⁰, affected by the type and amount of fiber added²⁵. In¹⁰, reported that, when increasing the inclusion of pea flour in pasta, the elasticity decreased, going from 26.98 to 18.3mm for pasta with 20 and 40% of this flour respectively. Nonetheless, this behavior differs from that reported by²⁸ in pasta with semolina substitution by diverse levels of meat emulsion, where the elasticity showed an increase with the addition of the emulsion, which is possibly since the meat protein improves the gluten network.

In addition, in pastas made with XG or CMC and the different amounts of cassava bran, an increase in the amount added of the hydrocolloid (from 0.5% to 1.5%) causes an increase in elasticity²³ reported an increase in the extensibility of masses for gluten-free pastas made from glutinous rice thanks to the addition of XG in concentrations of 1%, 3% and 5% showing that this gum

improves the interactions between the gelatinized granules, but, when adding 7% of gum there was a decrease in the extensibility associated with the fact that the excess of gum could compete with the starch for water. However²⁹ reported that pastas with broccoli powder and added with hydrocolloids had less extensibility with respect to the control without hydrocolloids.

In pastas elaborated with the amounts of cassava bran studied, it is shown that when using XG, greater elasticity is obtained than with CMC at any concentration²⁹

reported that the type and concentration of hydrocolloid was a less influential factor in its extensibility.

4.3.2 Compression Characteristics of Raw Pasta

Results found for the rupture strength in raw pasta ranged from 0.27 to 0.52N, being close to those reported by¹² for vermicelli-type commercial pasta, which determined an average breaking strength of 0.60N (61.63g). The differences in the mechanical properties of dry pasta are related to the chemical characteristics and the par-

Table 10. Rupture strength (N) of the pasta with different bran amount and hydrocolloid type

Hydrocolloidtype	Bran Amount (%)		
	10	20	30
XG	0,526±0,005 ^{aA}	0,34±0,008 ^{aB}	0,277±0,013 ^{bC}
CMC	0,41±0,097 ^{bA}	0,31±0,042 ^{aB}	0,337±0,049 ^{aB}

Averages with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among the hydrocolloid type for each quantity of bran) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons among quantities of bran for each hydrocolloid type) indicate a statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test (p < 0.05).

Table 11. Rupture strength (N) of pastas with different type and hydrocolloid amount

Hydrocolloid (%)	HydrocolloidType	
	XG	CMC
0,5	0,360±0,002 ^{bA}	0,276±0,001 ^{cB}
1	0,376±0,001 ^{abA}	0,339±0,003 ^{bA}
1,5	0,406±0,003 ^{aA}	0,442±0,011 ^{aA}

Means with different letters in columns (lowercase, indicate comparisons among hydrocolloid amount for hydrocolloid type) and rows (uppercase, indicate comparisons between hydrocolloid type for each hydrocolloid amount) indicate statistically significant difference according to the Tukey test (p < 0.05).

ticle size of semolina, with the extrusion process and the drying conditions³⁰. ANOVA shows that factors: bran amount, hydrocolloid type and quantity of hydrocolloid and the interactions bran amount * hydrocolloid type and hydrocolloid type * hydrocolloid amount were significant ($p \leq 0.05$).

In Table 10, the results of the interaction bran amount * hydrocolloid type are shown. When using GX or CMC an increase in the bran amount (from 10% to 30%) causes a decrease in the breaking force in raw pasta, this behavior is probably due to the presence of dietary fiber containing cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin, which cause a disruption of the protein-starch matrix²⁵. It is typical that inclusion of dietary fiber in products such as bakery can modify textural properties, and in gluten products such as pasta, reduction of flour with gluten by adding flour with high fiber content can cause a lower resistance. Results found by²⁵ show that textural traits of pasta are affected by type and amount of fiber included in its formulation, finding that increasing the amount of fiber progressively decreased firmness. Equivalent results were reported in gluten-free pastas with addition of hydrocolloids (XG and CMC)²⁷.

Interaction type hydrocolloid * hydrocolloid amount for the maximum rupture strength of pastas is detailed in Table 11. When using XG or CMC, an increase in their amount (from 0.5% to 1.5%) causes an increase in the breaking strength, this is possibly because hydrocolloids help to strengthen the network structure of pasta, being necessary the application of a greater force for the rupture of the strand of dry pasta²³ report a positive correlation between XG concentration and maximum resistance to extension in rice masses incorporated with hydrothermally treated polysaccharide mixtures for preparation of gluten-free noodles. In turn²⁹ report that the resistance of pasta including broccoli powder was in the same range of commercial pasta thanks to inclusion of 1% XG in its formulation.

In general, texture traits of pastas are strictly related to starch source, ingredients used and processing conditions during manufacture. In addition, they are mainly affected by the structural matrix of the network of starches, gluten, additional proteins and other ingredients²⁸.

5. Conclusions

Cassava bran addition of in pasta affects color parameters evaluated; decreasing of L^* values. Use of Xanthan gum favors even more luminosity compared to CMC. In addition, there is a tendency toward yellow tonality, a desirable trait in pasta, which increases with the inclusion of bran. Addition of cassava bran in pasta formulation decreases the maximum rupture strength of cooked pasta, elasticity and maximum rupture strength in raw pasta. Use of hydrocolloids, as well as their concentration increase, improves the textural traits evaluated.

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