

# Optimizing the Replacement of Pork Fat with Fractionated Barley Flour Paste in Reduced-fat Sausage

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**Abstract** Reduced-fat sausages were prepared by replacing pork back fat with barley flours of different particle sizes. Three barley flour fractions with different particle size were obtained by passing the ground barley material through a sieve. Fraction 1 and 2 had a higher water absorption index than other fraction and showed higher peak and final viscosities due to higher  $\beta$ -glucan content. Therefore, fraction 1 and 2 were used as a fat replacer in preparation of reduced-fat sausages. Response surface methodology was employed to optimize the formulation of reduced-fat sausage and the effects of fat content and barley flour paste concentration on the textural properties were analyzed simultaneously. Using a regression model, the optimum formulation of reduced-fat sausage was calculated. For fraction 1, calculated levels of fat content and paste concentration were 7.6 and 3.9%, and for fraction 2, levels were 6.7 and 6.9%, respectively.

**Keywords:** reduced-fat, sausage, barley flour, fractionation

## Introduction

A major goal of the meat industry in recent years has been

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to develop healthier meat products, containing less fat and more health-enhancing ingredients. Fat in meat products plays important roles in product quality by stabilizing meat emulsions, reducing cooking loss, improving water holding capacity, and providing juiciness and hardness (1-4). However, recent concerns about the adverse effects associated with overconsumption of fat have led to the reduction of fat content in meat products (5,6).

The production of low-fat meat products is normally associated with problems such as poor texture, flavor, and mouth feel. Fat replacers or fat mimetics are often used as an effective way to overcome these problems. Nonfat ingredients such as dietary fiber, carrageenan, starch, oat  $\beta$ -glucan, maltodextrins, isolated soy protein, and *konjac* have been used in attempts to eliminate processing problems by improving rheological properties and stability of low-fat food products. In particular, oat  $\beta$ -glucan has been often used in the formulation of low-fat meat products due to its highly viscous nature and water-binding capacity. Many researchers have reported that  $\beta$ -glucan may have health benefits such as serum cholesterol lowering effects, blood glucose regulation, decreasing insulin response, and weight control through prolonged satiety (7,8).

Barley is an excellent source of both soluble and insoluble dietary fiber, especially  $\beta$ -glucan. However, extraction of  $\beta$ -glucan is a long and complicated process. Previous research showed that sieving of barley flour was the most convenient and effective way to produce enriched fractions of  $\beta$ -glucan (9-11). Applying the high  $\beta$ -glucan fraction of barley flour as a fat replacer to reduced-fat sausage would be practically meaningful. To minimize texture deterioration due to fat reduction and barley flour addition, the amount of fat replacement and the barley flour content need to be optimized. Response surface methodology (RSM) has been employed for optimizing a surimi-supplemented pork sausage formulation (12).

Therefore, the objectives of this study were to prepare barley flour fractions with increased  $\beta$ -glucan content by milling and sieving and to optimize the added levels of barley flour fractions and fat replacement to minimize changes in the textural properties of reduced-fat sausage compared to those of high fat sausage using RSM.

## Materials and Methods

**Materials** Commercial waxy barley was purchased from a local grocery store and barley flour was prepared by grinding roasted barley grain with a commercial pin mill (Dae Hwa, Daegu, Korea). The milled barley flour was separated into 3 fractions by passing through a sieve with 150- $\mu\text{m}$  openings and a sieve with 75- $\mu\text{m}$  openings in a series. Barley flour was classified into 3 fractions: 150  $\mu\text{m}$  < fraction 1 (F1), 75  $\mu\text{m}$  < fraction 2 (F2) < 150  $\mu\text{m}$ , fraction 3 (F3) < 75  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Chemical composition** Moisture, fat, protein, and ash contents of barley flour and each barley flour fraction were determined in triplicate according to AACC methods (13). Starch and  $\beta$ -glucan contents were determined according to AOAC methods 995.16 and 996.11 using a Megazyme mixed-linkage  $\beta$ -glucan assay kit (Wicklow, Ireland) and a Megazyme total starch assay kit, respectively.

**Particle size analysis** The size distributions of unsieved barley flour and flour fractions were determined using a particle size analyzer (Mastersizer-2000; Malvern Instruments Ltd., Worcestershire, UK). For size measurement, samples were dispersed in 10 mL of distilled water at a 1:400 (w/v) ratio. The suspensions were stirred continuously at room temperature for 30 min and then measured at 25°C with a scattering angle of 90°.

**Determination of water absorption index** For unsieved barley flour and flour fractions (F1, F2, and F3), each sample (0.4 g) were mixed with 12.5 mL of distilled water in conical tubes by vortex mixer, equilibrated at 25°C for 5 min, and then heated to 90°C (or held at 25°C) and held at that temperature for 30 min with stirring. The samples were centrifuged at 3,000 $\times$ g for 10 min. The supernatant was carefully removed, and the wet flour sediment was weighed. The water absorption index was determined with the following equation:

$$\text{Water absorption index (WAI)} \\ = \frac{\text{wet sediment weight}}{\text{dry sample weight}}$$

**Thermal properties** Thermal properties of unsieved barley flour and flour fractions (F1, F2, and F3) were

investigated with a Pyris Diamond differential scanning calorimeter (DSC, Perkin Elmer, Waltham, MA, USA) equipped with an Intracooler 2P and nitrogen gas purge. Each sample (8 $\pm$ 0.1 mg, d.b.) was weighed in a large volume DSC pan (Perkin Elmer) and water was added at the level of 1:2.5. The sample pan was sealed and equilibrated for 5 h at room temperature before analysis. The sample pan was cooled to 10°C, and scanned from 10 to 90°C at a rate of 5°C/min. An empty pan was used as a reference. The onset temperature ( $T_o$ ), peak temperature ( $T_p$ ), end temperature ( $T_e$ ), and enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) were determined from DSC curves.

**Pasting properties** A rapid visco-analyzer (Newport Scientific Pvt., Ltd., Warriewood, Australia) was used to determine the pasting properties of barley flour and its fractions according to a modified AACC method (14). The flour (3 g, 12% m.b.) was transferred into 25 mL of distilled water within the canisters and stirred manually by rotating the plastic paddle for 15–30 s to disperse the sample thoroughly. The temperature was maintained at a uniform 50°C for 1 min and then raised to 95°C over 3 min 42 s. The samples were maintained at 95°C for 2 min 30 s, cooled to 50°C over 2 min, and held at 50°C for 2 min. Each measurement was performed in duplicate.

**Experimental design** RSM was used to study the simultaneous effects of 2 variables, replacing a quantity of fat with barley flour fraction paste (X1) and the concentration of the paste (X2) for unsieved barley flour and flour fractions. The experiment was based on a small composite design. Five levels of each variable were chosen (Table 1). Experimental data were fitted to a second-order polynomial model and regression coefficients were obtained. The generalized second-order polynomial model used in the response surface analysis was as follows:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^2 \beta_{ii} x_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} \beta_{ij} x_i x_j$$

where  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_i$ ,  $\beta_{ii}$ , and  $\beta_{ij}$  are the regression coefficients for intercept, linear, quadratic, and interaction terms, respectively. Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y4 represented the hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, and chewiness of TPA parameters, respectively. To optimize formulations of reduced-fat sausages prepared with each barley flour fraction, X1 and X2 values were determined from the regression model. X1 and X2 levels were determined by selecting the levels at which TPA parameters of reduced-fat sausages (Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y4) were within the range found in normal sausages (average  $\pm$  standard deviation). Common values of independent variables (X1 and X2) were selected. Among common values, the biggest X2 values were chosen as the optimum level.

**Table 1. Levels of variables used to prepare reduced-fat sausages by central composite design with rotatable axial scaling** (unit: %, w/w)

No.	Paste quantity (X1)	Paste concentration (X2)
1	19.18	3.17
2	19.18	8.83
3	86.13	3.17
4	86.13	8.83
5	5.31	6.00
6	100.00	6.00
7	52.65	2.00
8	52.65	10.00
9	52.65	6.00
10	52.65	6.00
11	52.65	6.00

**Table 2. Formulations of sausages**

	Normal sausage	Reduced-fat sausage <sup>1)</sup>
Pork red meat	54.88	54.88
Pork fat	20.71	20.71-X1
Barley flour paste	0	X1
Ice	20.71	20.71
Salt	1.55	1.55
Phosphate	0.26	0.26
Vit-C	0.07	0.07
Spice	1.47	1.47
Sugar	1.35	1.35

<sup>1)</sup>X1, barley flour paste quantity (%)

**Sausage preparation** For unsieved barley flour and flour fractions (F1, F2, and F3), 5 kinds of pastes with different paste concentrations (2.00, 3.17, 6.00, 8.83, and 10.00%) were prepared (Table 1), respectively. To prepare barley flour paste, unsieved barley flour and flour fractions were gelatinized at 90°C for 20 min and then they were cooled to room temperature with stirring.

After preparation of barley flour paste, all ingredients were mixed in the bowl mixer for 2 min to obtain a base mixture (Table 2). The mixture was stuffed into 17 mm casings and linked into 40 to 45 g portions to form sausages. Sausages were then steamed for 9 min and cooled with ice water for 9 min.

**Texture analyses** The textural properties of sausages were measured using a texture analyzer (TA-XT2i, Stable Microsystems, Surrey, UK). The samples were placed on the platform of the texture analyzer. An aluminum cylinder probe ( $\varnothing$  50 mm) was used and texture profile analysis (TPA) test was performed with pre-test speed, test speed and post-test speed of 2.0 mm/s and 50% of strain. Hardness, cohesiveness, springiness, and chewiness were response variables.

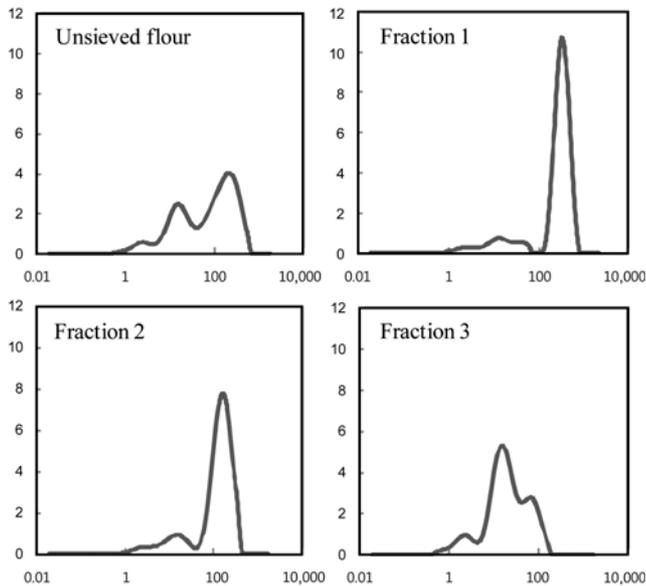
**Statistical analyses** All statistical analyses except for RSM were executed using PASW (V17; SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA). Duncan's multiple range tests were used to determine differences in mean values. Significance was established at  $p < 0.05$ .

## Results and Discussions

**Particle size analysis of barley flour fractions** Before the optimization of replacing pork fat with barley flour paste for preparation of reduced-fat sausages, barley flour was sieved to obtain  $\beta$ -glucan enrichment and particle size of each fraction was measured. Previous studies have sieved or air-classified barley flours to produce fractions with enhanced levels of different chemical components, mostly  $\beta$ -glucan and protein. However, it has been suggested that sieving of barley flour was more effective than air classification in producing enriched fractions of  $\beta$ -glucan (9-11).

The average particle sizes of unsieved barley flour and flour fractions (F1, F2, and F3) which were passed through sieves of different sizes were 100.2, 317.0, 158.9, and 22.4  $\mu$ m, respectively. F1 and F2 had larger average particle size than unsieved barley flour. The full particle size distributions are shown in Fig. 1. As for the sieved fractions (F1, F2, and F3), the upper and lower limits of measured particle size distributions slightly exceeded the mesh sizes of sieves (F1 > 150  $\mu$ m, 75  $\mu$ m < F2 < 150  $\mu$ m, F3 < 75  $\mu$ m). The over estimation of particle size compared to sieve mesh size was probably due to hydration of particles during measurement. However, the trend of measured distribution did not deviate to a great extent from expectation. The particle size distributions of F1 and F2 had a higher percentage of relatively large particles (100 < size < 1,000  $\mu$ m). On the other hand, F3 had a higher percentage of particles with size ranging from 10 to 100  $\mu$ m compared to unsieved barley flour and other fractions. Barley starch consisted of large, lens-shaped particles (10-20  $\mu$ m diameter) and small particles less than 5  $\mu$ m in diameter (15,16). Therefore, much of the barley starch present would be able to pass through the 75- $\mu$ m sieve. A previous study (17) reported that finely ground barley had the highest  $\beta$ -glucan content in flour with particle sizes 103-149  $\mu$ m and considerably lower content in flour with particle sizes >250  $\mu$ m or <103  $\mu$ m.

**Chemical composition of barley flour fractions** The proximate compositions of barley flour fractions are given in Table 3. Fractionation of barley flour by passing through different size sieves made a difference in the content of  $\beta$ -glucan and starch of fractions. F1 and F2 with a relatively large particle size had higher levels of  $\beta$ -glucan and lower



**Fig. 1.** Particle size distributions of unsieved flour and fractions.

levels of starch content compared to the unsieved barley flour. Unsieved flour had 4.5%  $\beta$ -glucan and F1 and F2 had 8.4 and 9.1%, respectively. After fractionation,  $\beta$ -glucan content increased more than 2-fold compared to that of unsieved barley flour. F3 with relatively small particle size had the opposite result of those of fraction 1 and 2. The starch content was the highest in F3, but the  $\beta$ -glucan content was the lowest (1.5%). Protein and ash contents were higher in F2 with the higher content of  $\beta$ -glucan. Zheng *et al.* (18) reported that in cereal, including barley, bran is characterized by high protein and low starch concentrations. Among bran tissues, the aleurone layer is known to be high in protein. They also suggested that  $\beta$ -glucan was relatively high in the subaleurone region for low  $\beta$ -glucan hull-less barley, but not for high  $\beta$ -glucan hull-less barley that contained medium to high  $\beta$ -glucan, as the starchy endosperm contained more  $\beta$ -glucan than subaleurone (18). Hence, the higher concentration of protein and  $\beta$ -glucan of F2 might be related to a higher prevalence of the aleurone and subaleurone layers than in other fractions.

**Water absorption index (WAI)** WAI is one of the

factors which can affect the processing and texture of the product. Therefore, WAI of unsieved flour and fractions was measured at room temperature and 90°C (Table 3). WAI values of F1 and F2 measured at room temperature were almost 2-fold higher than those of unsieved flour and F3. The ability of water to be absorbed depends on limitations in mass transport as well as chemical composition of the samples (19). The higher WAI of F1 and F2 at room temperature were more likely due to their higher content of  $\beta$ -glucan. As the temperature was raised to 90°C, WAI of samples increased, with those of unsieved flour and F3 increasing greatly. Unsieved flour and F3 had higher starch contents and lower  $\beta$ -glucan contents compared to F1 and F2. Thus, the large increase in WAI of unsieved flour and F3 at 90°C might be attributed to the relatively higher content of starch and gelatinization of starch.

**Pasting properties** Leached soluble carbohydrate and swollen granules are known to cause viscosity changes of starch during gelatinization. Different additives and ingredients can be used to modify the pasting properties. Among ingredients, gums and hydrocolloids are often used to modify the pasting properties of starch-containing products due to their desirable effect on the acceptability of foodstuffs. Some researchers reported that pasting properties of barley starch were changed when isolated  $\beta$ -glucan was added into starch suspension (20,21).

Pasting properties of barley flour and fractions were examined (Table 4). The interaction between  $\beta$ -glucan and starch could be an important factor in viscosity during flour pasting. The initial pasting temperatures of unsieved flour and fraction suspensions were not different. The different composition of fractions had no effect on the gelatinization temperature of starch in flours. A noticeable result was that F1 and F2, containing relatively higher amounts of  $\beta$ -glucan and lower contents of starch, had significantly higher peak, trough, and final viscosity and setback compared to those of unsieved flour and F3. In particular, F1 had the highest of these values among the samples. This result indicated that the interaction between  $\beta$ -glucan and starch might cause an increase in the viscosity. F1 and F2 were  $\beta$ -glucan-concentrated fractions, and even though these fractions had lower starch content compared to F3,

**Table 3.** Yield, chemical analysis, and water absorption index (WAI) of barley flour and flour fractions

	Yield	$\beta$ -Glucan	Starch	Protein	Fat	Ash	WAI (g/g, d.b.)	
							% (w/w)	
Unsieved barley flour	-	4.31	54.92	11.64	3.13	1.72	1.09±0.16 <sup>a</sup>	9.22±0.15 <sup>a</sup>
Fraction 1	17.39	8.46	40.24	12.29	3.22	1.91	2.13±0.25 <sup>b</sup>	11.54±0.25 <sup>b</sup>
Fraction 2	19.15	9.12	33.96	13.84	4.19	2.24	1.91±0.29 <sup>b</sup>	7.54±0.32 <sup>c</sup>
Fraction 3	62.85	1.46	71.39	9.95	3.03	1.37	0.95±0.18 <sup>a</sup>	8.67±0.53 <sup>ac</sup>

**Table 4. RVA parameters of barley flour fractions**

	Unsieved flour	Fraction 1	Fraction 2	Fraction 3
Pasting temp.	69.78±0.53 <sup>a</sup>	69.83±0.53 <sup>a</sup>	71.05±1.20 <sup>a</sup>	68.98±0.67 <sup>a</sup>
Peak time	4.83±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	4.70±0.05 <sup>ab</sup>	4.60±0.09 <sup>b</sup>	5.23±0.05 <sup>c</sup>
Peak viscosity	955.00±26.87 <sup>a</sup>	1,794.00±76.37 <sup>b</sup>	1,198.05±0.71 <sup>c</sup>	962.50±75.66 <sup>a</sup>
Trough	704.00±9.90 <sup>a</sup>	1,571.50±61.52 <sup>b</sup>	982.00±1.41 <sup>c</sup>	621.00±55.15 <sup>a</sup>
Final viscosity	1,300.50±21.92 <sup>a</sup>	2,096.50±65.76 <sup>c</sup>	2,040.00±0.00 <sup>c</sup>	1,146.00±101.82 <sup>b</sup>
Breakdown	251.00±16.97 <sup>a</sup>	222.50±14.85 <sup>a</sup>	216.50±2.12 <sup>a</sup>	341.50±20.51 <sup>b</sup>
Setback from trough	596.50±12.02 <sup>a</sup>	1,335.00±4.24 <sup>b</sup>	1,058.00±1.41 <sup>c</sup>	525.00±46.67 <sup>d</sup>

**Table 5. DSC characteristics of unsieved barley flour and fractions**

	Onset temp. (°C)	Peak temp. (°C)	ΔH (J/g)	End temp. (°C)
Unsieved barley flour	73.74±0.20 <sup>a</sup>	77.68±0.51 <sup>a</sup>	6.00±0.25 <sup>a</sup>	82.12±0.81 <sup>ab</sup>
Fraction 1	74.35±0.18 <sup>a</sup>	79.15±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	4.24±0.01 <sup>b</sup>	83.54±0.18 <sup>a</sup>
Fraction 2	73.89±0.42 <sup>a</sup>	78.83±0.47 <sup>b</sup>	4.48±0.49 <sup>b</sup>	82.80±0.45 <sup>ab</sup>
Fraction 3	72.72±0.13 <sup>b</sup>	77.05±0.24 <sup>a</sup>	6.85±0.19 <sup>c</sup>	81.65±0.58 <sup>b</sup>

**Table 6. Analysis of variance of regression models for TPA parameters of reduced-fat sausage formulated with flour F1 and F2**

	F1		F2	
	Significant value	R <sub>y</sub> <sup>2</sup>	Significant value	R <sub>y</sub> <sup>2</sup>
Hardness	0.0012	0.9655	0.0245	0.8783
Springiness	0.0239	0.8796	0.0764	0.8009
Cohesiveness	0.0143	0.9029	0.0019	0.9581
Chewiness	0.0018	0.9589	0.0268	0.8735

these fractions still had 30–40% starch. Therefore, interactions between β-glucan and starch within F1 and F2 seemed to cause different pasting properties. Two phenomena may possibly explain these pasting property results of barley flours with different compositions. First, the interaction between β-glucan and starch caused an increase in the shear forces exerted on the granules (22,23). Second, a combination of swollen starch particles, effused amylose, and β-glucan competed for water particles (24).

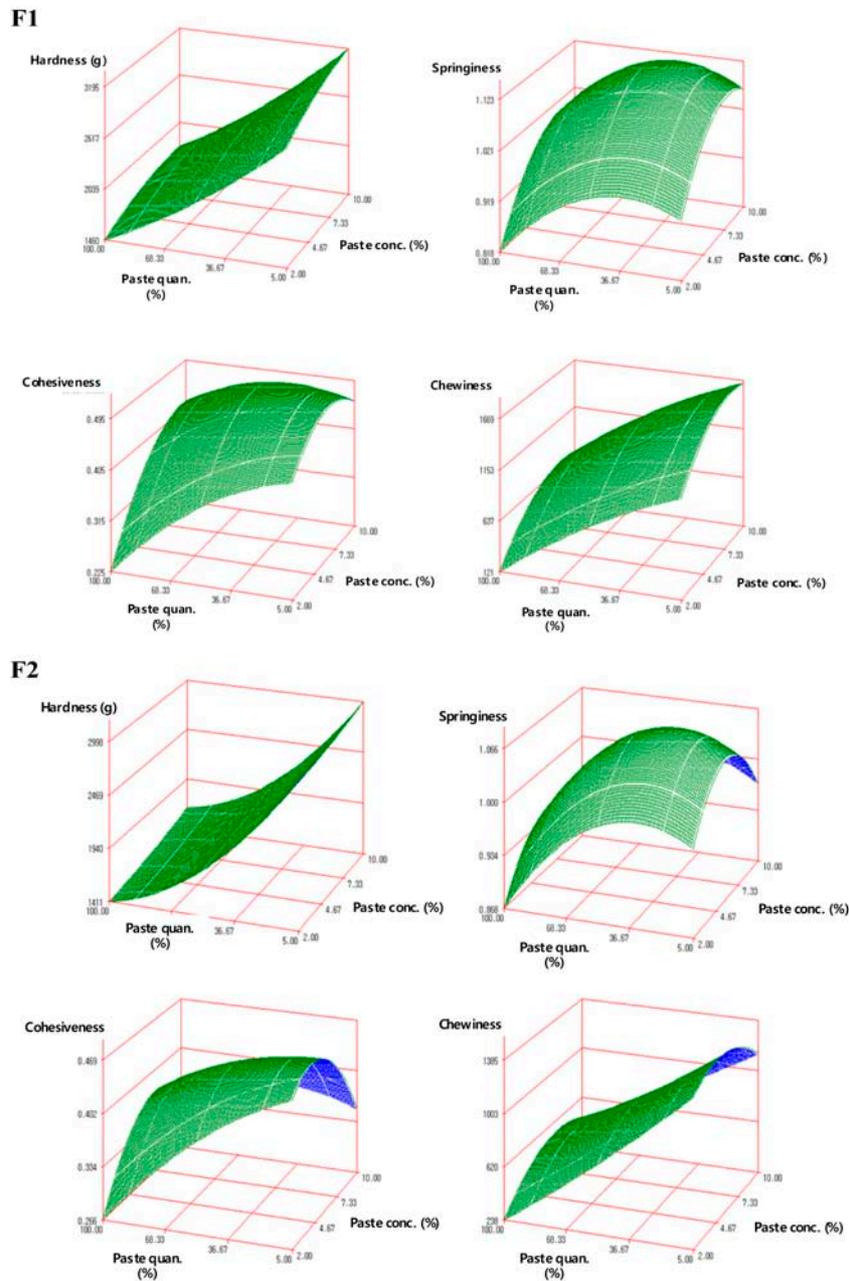
**Thermal properties** DSC characteristics of unsieved flour and fractions are shown in Table 5. Only F3 had significantly different onset temperature among samples. F3 was mainly composed of starch (71.4%) and had only 1.5% β-glucan; therefore, the swelling and gelatinization of starch were more easily attainable compared to other fractions. The peak temperatures of F1 and F2 were higher than those of unsieved flour and F3 and the enthalpy was lower. These results seemed to be caused by the interaction of starch and β-glucan. β-Glucan competes with starch for water, consequently, the amount of available water which would be used to gelatinize starch decreases. Furthermore, β-glucan can affect the structural changes of molecules occurring during starch gelatinization. These factors might be related to the changes in DSC characteristics of barley flour fractions with different compositions.

### Development of reduced-fat sausage formulated with F1

As described above, F1 and F2 had higher β-glucan contents and higher viscosities than unsieved barley flour and F3. Thus, F1 and F2 were chosen as fat replacers to prepare reduced-fat sausages. Due to their higher viscosity and β-glucan, it was expected that these fractions could improve water holding capacity and cooking yield of reduced-fat sausages and would have the potential health benefits offered by β-glucan.

Analysis of variance of regression models was significant for hardness ( $p < 0.01$ ), springiness ( $p < 0.05$ ), cohesiveness ( $p < 0.05$ ), and chewiness ( $p < 0.01$ ) of reduced-fat sausages formulated with F1 (Table 6). The different effects (linear, quadratic, and interaction) exerted by the studied variables are shown in Fig. 2. These results indicate that changes in paste quantity (fat-replacing quantity) and paste concentration affected the textural characteristics of reduced-fat sausages prepared with F1. Hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, and chewiness increased as paste concentration increased, while hardness, cohesiveness, and chewiness decreased as paste quantity increased.

Conflicting results have been reported regarding the influence of β-glucan or other hydrocolloids on textural parameters when they were added to meat products. Owing to their water binding ability and swelling properties, β-glucan and other hydrocolloids can influence food texture.



**Fig. 2.** Response surface plot of hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, and chewiness of reduced-fat sausages formulated with paste of flour F1 and F2.

Usually, fat reduction is accompanied by an increase in moisture levels in the products and causes changes in the food characteristics. Pietrasik and Duda (3) reported that as fat content was reduced by increasing water content, hardness decreased. However, other studies reported that adding starch,  $\beta$ -glucan, or protein could make hardness increase (25,26). Another study suggested that certain polysaccharides inhibited the precipitation of some water-soluble proteins following thermal denaturation, thus hindering the formation of a strong protein-protein network (27).

In the case of chewiness, response surface plots showed

results similar to those for hardness. Cohesiveness and springiness also had similar response surface plots to hardness; however, in a specific range, the 2 parameters showed maximum values. From TPA parameters of normal sausages, optimum X1 and X2 were calculated to coincide with values obtained from normal sausages. Selected levels of X1 and X2 and predicted TPA parameters of optimized reduced-fat sausages prepared with F1 are shown in Table 7.

**Development of reduced-fat sausage formulated with F2** Analysis of variance (Table 6) showed significance

**Table 7. Predicted TPA parameters of optimized reduced-fat sausages using barley flour F1 and F2**

	Reduced-fat sausage (predicted)	
	F1 <sup>1)</sup>	F2 <sup>2)</sup>
Hardness	2,873.85	2,873.78
Springiness	1.03	N/A
Cohesiveness	0.47	0.42
Chewiness	1,376.30	1,332.37

<sup>1)</sup>Paste quantity (X1)=7.6 (%), paste concentration (X2)=3.9 (%)

<sup>2)</sup>Paste quantity (X1)=6.7 (%), paste concentration (X2)=6.9 (%)

for hardness ( $p < 0.01$ ), cohesiveness ( $p < 0.05$ ), and chewiness ( $p < 0.01$ ) of reduced-fat sausages formulated with F2. The effect of paste quantity and paste concentration on the textural characteristics of reduced-fat sausages prepared with F2 was similar to that for F1 and response surface plots were also similar (Fig. 2). However, in the case of springiness, the regression model was not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ). In acquiring optimum values, springiness was excluded. Selected levels of X1 and X2 and predicted TPA parameters of optimized reduced-fat sausages prepared with F2 are shown in Table 7. The selected levels of X1 and X2 were 6.7 and 6.9%, respectively.

In conclusion, ground barley flour was divided into 3 fractions using sieves to increase the  $\beta$ -glucan content of barley flour. As a result,  $\beta$ -glucan contents of fractions 1 and 2 increased 96.09 and 111.39%, respectively. In the gelatinization process, the swelling power of fractions was mainly affected by particle size except for fraction 3. However,  $\beta$ -glucan contents were affected by particle size only at room temperature. Fraction 1 and 2 had higher swelling powers. The water absorption index showed a similar tendency. Pasting properties of fractions were affected by particle size and  $\beta$ -glucan contents. For that reason, fraction 1 and 2 had higher peak and final viscosity than unsieved barley flour. Because fraction 1 and 2 had higher  $\beta$ -glucan contents and final viscosity, the barley flour paste of fraction 1 and 2 were selected as a fat replacer in reduced-fat sausage. Using RSM, TPA parameters (hardness, springiness, cohesiveness, and chewiness) of reduced-fat sausages were analyzed. In sausages formulated with fraction 1, hardness (Y1), springiness (Y2), cohesiveness (Y3), and chewiness (Y4) fit well. The regression model for springiness of sausages formulated with fraction 2 was not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ). Using the regression model, the optimum formulations of reduced-fat sausages were calculated. For fraction 1, paste quantity (X1) was 7.6% and paste concentration (X2) was 3.9%, while for fraction 2 these values were 6.7 and 6.9%, respectively.

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