

# Enrichment of Egyptian Balady Bread with Nutrients and Bioactive Compounds through Mixing it with Sweet Potato and Cauliflower Leaves Powder

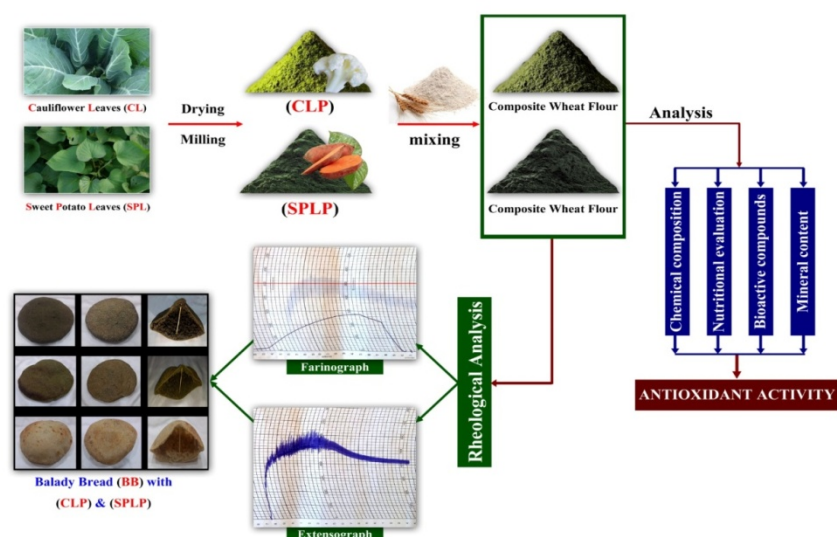
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**Abstract** The present study aims to determine the chemical composition, nutritional evaluation and bioactive compounds content of agricultural ruminant's (sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP, and cauliflower leaves powder, CLP). Also, application in the manufacture of the Egyptian Balady bread by partially replacing wheat flour will be in the scope of this investigation. The contents of moisture, total protein, crude fat, crude fiber, ash and carbohydrates content were 8.02, 3.89, 0.81, 5.72, 2.14 and 79.42% (for SPLP) and 7.59, 7.58, 1.97, 10.07, 2.83 and 69.96% (for CLP), respectively. Also, minerals analysis of SPLP and CLP showed that it is rich in different estimated effectual elements including K, P, Mg, Ca, Fe, Mn, Cu, Zn and Se. Furthermore, SPLP and CLP are rich in various bioactive compounds content including dietary fiber, total phenolics, flavonoids, carotenoids, carotene, total anthocyanin's, chlorophyll a and chlorophyll b. The mixing of SPLP and CLP (20%) to wheat flour leads to increase all the assayed minerals, all assayed bioactive compounds and antioxidant activity. For rheological properties, the incorporating of SPLP and CLP (20%) in dough increased the all farinograph parameters including the water absorption, arrival time, dough development time, dough stability and degree of softening. Also, all extensograph parameters were increased including the elasticity, extensibility, proportional number and energy. Sensory evaluation parameters including colour, taste and flavor, mouth feel and overall acceptability were not significantly different between the control and plant parts incorporated Balady bread. In conclusion, SPLP and CLP could play important roles in strategies to contribute a major role to bridging the nutritional gap and improving the quality parameters, which is the bread industry as a partial substitute for flour. Therefore, the present study recommended like of that SPLP and CLP to be included in food processing and therapeutic nutrition applications.



**Keywords:** chemical composition, nutrition evaluation, minerals, antioxidant activity, farinograph, extensograph, sensory evaluation

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## 1. Introduction

Current and expected future climate changes that the world, including Egypt, may suffer from portend a shrinking of available agricultural areas and a decrease in crop productivity, and thus a decrease in total Egyptian production, in conjunction with a steady population increase over time. The increase in the total food needs required by these populations, and thus the decrease in per capita food intake, greatly affects Egypt's food security. Therefore, the attention of researchers has tended to search for new and innovative food sources to compensate for this nutritional deficiency, or what is known as the nutritional gap. The agricultural sector has had the bulk of this thinking, as the role of this sector in human and economic development cannot be overemphasized. Awareness of increased agricultural production is increasing, arising from the need to feed an ever-growing population. Interestingly, almost all agricultural activities generate waste that is generated in large quantities in many countries. However, this waste may pose a serious threat to human health through environmental pollution and dealing with it may result in a huge economic loss. Unfortunately, in many developing countries such as Egypt, where large quantities of such wastes are generated, they are not properly managed because little is known about their potential risks and benefits if properly managed. There are studies that address some of the challenges of agricultural solid waste as well as suggestions on how to properly manage it [1] Thus new aspects concerning the use of these wastes as by-products for further exploitation on the production of food additives or supplements with high nutritional value have gained increasing interest because these are high-value products and their recovery may be economically attractive [2,3,4,5]. It is well known that crop agricultural ruminants are rich in dietary fibers, some of which contain appreciable amounts of colorants, antioxidant compounds and other bioactive substances with positive health effects [6,7,8,9].

Cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea*), family of *Cruciferae* (*Brassicaceae*), is widely cultivated all over world and Egypt for its nutritive values, high productivity and wider adaptability under different ecological conditions. It contains various kinds of vitamins, especially vitamin C, minerals like potassium, sodium, calcium, iron, phosphorus and magnesium [10]. The total area grown with cauliflower in Egypt 2017/2018 season was about 10394 fed, which produced about 124984 tons with an average yield of 12.025 t/fed [11]. Cauliflower leaves considered as a waste by-product which obtained during its harvesting and processing (freezing and cooking) of the fruits. From such treatment, huge amount of leaves are generated, and their disposal is a major problem which leads to environmental pollution. Leaves constitute about 40-50% of cauliflower fruit and have a high content of different nutrients including protein, ash, fiber, minerals, vitamins and carbohydrates; [2,3]. Also, they are rich sources of bioactive compounds (polyphenols, carotenoids, glycoalkaloids, anthocyanin's, dietary fiber etc., [2,3,12]. Thus, several experiments indicate that such plant part added to laboratory animals' diet had positive effects on

complete blood count (CBC), serum lipid profile, liver and kidney functions and serum glucose [2,13,14].

Sweet potato (*Ipomea batatas* L.), belongs to the *Convolvulaceae* family and is cultivated on large areas in subtropical and tropical area principally in China, India, Japan, south-eastern Asia and Africa. This species is among the most important food crop in the world with more than 133 million tonnes in annual production [15]. Its culture can be found on all continents, in over 95 countries with an area of over 9.5 million hectares, the largest in China [16]. The sweet potato contains complex carbohydrates, especially simple sugars; the sweet potato glycemic index is quite high and it is therefore unsuitable for diabetics and overweight persons [17,18] The leaves of the sweet potato plants, as the above-ground portion of plant, can be collected numerous intervals throughout every cultivating period. Moreover, compared to other leafy plants, they are reported to possess greater yields [19]. Nevertheless, the leaves of sweet potato have been reported to be underutilized. Only a little quantity of these parts is utilized as a fresh vegetal [20,21]. Several studies have shown that the leaves of the sweet potato high rich in vitamins, minerals and fiber [22]. Also, such plant part exhibited several health-promoting pharmacological activities including hypoglycemic, antioxidant, anti-tumor and anti-inflammatory [19,23]. The previous mentioned activities reported in the leaves of the sweet potato are generally related to their different bioactive compounds namely phenolic and flavonoids contents [22,24].

Despite all the previous factors, various countries of the world including Egypt, still grow sweet potato for their tubers only and cauliflowers for their fruits (flowers) only, while the vegetative part, which represents the majority of green leaves, is left as waste thrown into the surrounding environment without use causing many adverse problems. Therefore, in an attempt to take advantage of this important plant parts, sweet potato and cauliflower leaves, which is present in Egypt in huge quantities, the present study was carried out to estimate the nutrients, bioactive compounds and antioxidant activity in their plant parts Also, the use of sweet potato and cauliflower leaves powder in one of the most important food industry applications that contributes a major role to bridging the nutritional gap, which is the bread industry as a partial substitute for flour, will be in the scope of this investigation.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Materials

#### 2.1.1. Wheat Grains

Wheat grains were obtained from Shebin El-Kom City, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt during the 2023 harvesting period. The collected samples was transported to the laboratory and stored immediately on the refrigerator at 4 °C until using in preparation of flour.

#### 2.1.2. Plant Parts

Cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea*) leaf samples were collected during the month of December 2023, in fresh

condition and through arrangement with some farmers, Shebin El-Kom City villages, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt. Sweet potato (*Ipomea batatas L.*) leaf samples were collected during the month of August, 2023 by special arrangements with some farmers, Tala City villages, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt. The collected samples were transported to the laboratory and used immediately for leaves powder preparation.

### 2.2.3. Chemicals

Gallic acid, catechin,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) and  $\beta$ -carotene were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co agent, Egypt; linoleic acid was from J.T. Baker Chemical Co., Phillipsburg, NJ, and Tween 20 was from BDH Chemical Co., Toronto, Canada. All other chemicals, solvents and buffers (Except what is mentioned otherwise) were of analytical Grade and purchased from AlGhomhoria Co for Trading Drugs, Chemicals and Medical Instruments, Cairo, Egypt.

### 2.2.4. Instruments

Absorbance (Abs) and fluorescence (FL) for different assays were measured using Labo-med. Inc., spectrophotometer, CA and Schematzu fluorescence apparatus, Japan, respectively. Also, Micro-Kjeldahl semiautomatic apparatus, Velp Company, Italy was used for total nitrogen determination. Soxhelt semiautomatic apparatus Velp Company, Italy, was used for crude fat determination. Furthermore, minerals determined using of atomic absorption spectrophotometer (Perkin-Elmer, Model 2380, Waltham, MA, USA).

## 2.3. Methods

### 2.3.1. Preparation of Wheat Flour

Wheat grains were cleaning, manually sorting and then dried in a hot air oven (Horizontal Forced Air Drier, Proctor and Schwartz Inc., Philadelphia, PA) at 70 °C until arriving by the moisture in the final product to 10%. The dried wheat grains were milled into flour using Moulinex miller (Moulinex Egypt, ElAraby Co., Benha, Egypt) and sieved in standard sieves to prepare flour samples with 85% extraction rate.

### 2.3.2. Preparation of Agricultural Ruminant's Powder

Agricultural ruminant's powder samples were prepared according to the methods mentioned by [3]. Cauliflower and Sweet potato healthy leaves were cleaned and washed with water to remove impurities. Leaves were dried in a hot air oven (Horizontal Forced Air Drier, Velp Inc., Italy) at 70 °C for 10 h (moisture final, 7%). The dried leaves sample ground into a fine powder in a Moulinex miller (Moulinex Egypt, ElAraby Co., Benha, Egypt). The passed materials through an 80 mesh sieve was retained for packing in polyethylene pages and kept at 4 °C for using in different experiments.

### 2.3.3. Preparation of Control and composite Wheat Flour Extracts

Control and composite wheat flour samples were used for their aqueous extracts preparation such as mentioned by Gharib et al., [25]. In brief, 20 g from flour sample plus

180 ml water were homogenized and transferred to a beaker and stirred at 200 rpm in an orbital shaker (Unimax 1010, Heidolph Instruments GmbH & Co. KG, Germany) for 1 h at room temperature (24± 4°C). The extract was separated from the residue by filtration in Whatman No. 1 filter paper. The remaining residue was re-extracted twice, and then the two extracts were combined. The residual water was removed under reduced pressure at 60°C using a rotary evaporator (Laborata 4000; Heidolph Instruments GmbH & Co. KG, Germany). All aqueous extracts were stored at 0°C for further experiments.

### 2.3.4. Chemical Analysis of Control And Composite Wheat Flour Samples

Control and composite wheat flour samples were analyzed for proximate chemical composition including moisture, protein (T.N.  $\times$  6.25), fat (petroleum ether solvent), ash, fiber and dietary fiber contents were determined using the methods described in the A.O.A.C. [26]. Carbohydrates calculated by differences: Carbohydrates (%) = 100 - (% moisture + % protein + % fat + % Ash + % fiber).

### 2.3.5. Determination of Nutritional Value of Control and Composite Wheat Flour Samples

#### 2.3.5.1. Total Energy Value

Total energy (Kcal/100 g) of control and composite wheat flour samples was calculated according to Insel et al., [27] using the following equation: Total energy value (Kcal/100 g) = 4 (Protein % + carbohydrates %) + 9 (Fat %)

#### 2.3.5.2. Satisfaction of the Daily Needs of Adult Man (25-50 year old) in Protein

Grams consumed (GDR, g) of food to cover the daily requirements of adult man (63g) in protein was calculated using the RDA values [28]. Percent satisfaction of the daily requirement of adult man in protein (PS/80g,%) when consuming the possibly commonly used portions in Egypt i.e. one loaf (80 g weight), was also calculated.

#### 2.3.5.3. Satisfaction of the Daily Requirements of Adult Man (25-50 year old) in Energy

Grams consumed of food to cover the daily requirements of man in energy (GDR, g) were calculated using the RDA (Recommended dietary allowances) which are 2900 Kcal /day for man as given by RDA [28]. The percent of satisfaction (PS, %) of the daily needs of adult man (25-50 year old, 79 Kg weight and 176 cm height) in energy upon consumption the commonly used portion at homes in Egypt, i.e. one loaf (80g weight), was also calculated.

### 2.3.6. Minerals

Minerals content of samples were prepared and determined according to the method mentioned by Singh et al., [29] In brief, 0.5 g of defatted sample were transferred into a digested glass tube and 6 ml of tri-acids mixture (containing nitric acid: perchloric acid: sulfuric acid in the ratio of 20 : 4 : 1 v/v respectively) were added to each tube. The tubes content were digested gradually as

follow, 30 min at 70<sup>0</sup>C; 30 min at 180<sup>0</sup>C and 30 min at 220<sup>0</sup>C. After digestion process, the mixture was cooled, dissolved in distilled water, and the volume was increased to 50 ml in volumetric beaker. The mixture samples were filtration in ash less filter paper and aliquots were analyzed for minerals (Na, Zn, Fe, Mn, Cu, K, Mg, P, Ca, Se) using of atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

### 2.3.7. Biological Activities

#### 2.3.7.1. Antioxidant Activity

Antioxidant activity (AA) of plant extracts, control flour, composite flour and standards ( $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHT) was determined according to the  $\beta$ -carotene bleaching (BCB) assay following a modification of the procedure described by Marco, [30]

#### 2.3.8. Determination of Bioactive Compounds

Total phenolics in samples were determined using Folin-Ciocalteu reagent according to Singleton and Rossi, [31] and Wolfe et al., [32] and were expressed as gallic acid equivalents (GAE). Total flavonoids contents were estimated using colorimetric assay described by Zhishen et al., [33] and expressed as catechin equivalent, CAE. The total carotenoids were determined by using the method reported by Litchenthaler, [34]. Lutein was extracted from the molokhia leaves according to the methods described by Bangbang et al., [35] and expressed as  $\mu\text{g}\cdot 100\text{ g}^{-1}$ . Total content of anthocyanin's in the sample was measured spectrophotometrically such as described by Sukwattanasinit et al., [36] using molar extinction coefficient of cyanidin-3,5-diglucoside ( $26\ 300\ \text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). Total chlorophylls and carotenes were determined according to the method of Nagata and Yamashita [37] as follow: 10 g of sample been placed separately in 95% acetone (50 mL per gram), were homogenized with Braun MR 404 Plus (Aldrich, UK) for 1 minute. The homogenate was filtered and centrifuged at 2500 rpm for 10 minutes (Jowan centrifuge, France). The supernatant was separated, and the Abs (s) at 400-700 nm were read. Chlorophyll a showed maximum absorbance at 662 nm, chlorophyll b at 645 nm, and total carotene at 470 nm. The amounts of these pigments were calculated according to the following formulae:  $\text{Ca} = 11.75\ \text{A}_{662} - 2.350\ \text{A}_{645}$ ;  $\text{Cb} = 18.61\ \text{A}_{645} - 3.960\ \text{A}_{662}$ .,  $\text{Cx} + \text{c} = 1000\ \text{A}_{470} - 2.270\ \text{Ca} - 81.4\ \text{Cb}/227$  and  $\text{Ca} = \text{Chlorophyll a}$ ;  $\text{Cb} = \text{Chlorophyll b}$ ;  $\text{Cx} + \text{c} = \text{Total carotene}$

#### 2.3.9. Preparation of Wheat Flour and Balady Bread

The Balady bread samples were prepared according to the common method used in Egypt. Formulation of the bread is applied as follow: wheat flour, 1000 g; salt, 20g; and dries yeast, 2 g; and water 500 g. Yeast was mixed with water (25<sup>0</sup>C) to form a suspension, to which the other ingredients were then added and kneaded to form smooth dough. Substitution of the wheat flour with the tested plant parts powder were conducted based on 20% of the weight of the wheat flour. The dough was later proofed for 2 hours in a proofer (Bakbar E81, New Zealand), then cut into loafs 80 g prior to baking at 175<sup>0</sup> C for 9 min.

### 2.3.10. Water (WHC) and Oil (OHC) Holding Capacity

Water (WHC) and oil (OHC) holding capacity were determined according to the method of Larrauri et al., [38]. Twenty-five milliliters of distilled water or commercial corn oil were added to 0.5 g of the tested samples, shaken vigorously for 1 min and then centrifuged for 15 min at 10,000g. The residue was weighed and the WHC and OHC were calculated as g water or oil per g of dry sample, respectively.

### 2.3.11. Rheological Studies of Dough

Both dough of wheat flour control and wheat flour with incorporated with the selected plant parts were determined by using of farinograph and extensograph tests according to the methods of A.A.C.C. [39].

#### 2.3.11.1. Farinograph Measurement

The measurement was achieved by means of ISO 5530-1, [40]. The moisture of flour was determined according to ISO norm 712 [41] The measurement of water absorption (%), arrival time (min), dough development (min), stability time (min) and degree of softening (B.U) was carried out on a Brabender R Farinograph (BrabenderR GmbH & Co, Duisburg, Germany). Visual comparison of the curves was performed in Farinograph Data Correlation program (BrabenderR GmbH & Co, Duisburg, Germany).

#### 2.3.11.2. Extensograph Test

Extensograph test was achieved on a Brabender R Extensograph (BrabenderR GmbH & Co, Duisburg, Germany) to determine the elasticity (B.U), extensibility (mm), Proportional number (P.N) and strength of the dough (energy,  $\text{cm}^2$ ) of wheat flour control sample and samples with additions of tested plant parts.

### 2.3.12. Sensory Evaluation

Sensory evaluation was carried out with 10 panelists comprising of postgraduate students from Menoufia University, Shebin El-Kom, Egypt. Each panelist was served with 5 randomly arranged bread samples on a rectangular plastic tray. The loaves' were individually sealed in a pouch and coded with a three-digit number prior to testing. The 5 samples consisted of 4 types of composite flour loafs and a control (100% wheat flour). Water was provided for rinsing between the samples. Panelists were required to evaluate the colour, taste and overall acceptance of the bread using the 9-point hedonic scale with 1=dislike extremely, 2=dislike very much, 3=dislike moderately, 4=dislike slightly, 5=neither like nor dislike, 6=like slightly, 7=like moderately, 8=like very much, and 9=like extremely.

## 2.4. Statistical Analysis

All tests/measurements were done in triplicates and presented as mean $\pm$  standard deviations (SD). Statistical analysis was performed using Student *t*-test and MINITAB 12 computer program (Minitab Inc., State College, PA).

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1. Bioactive Compounds in Wheat Flour and Agricultural Remnants Powder

Bioactive constituents and dietary fiber content in wheat flour and agricultural remnants (sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP and cauliflower leaves powder, CLP) were shown in Table 1. Such data indicated that dietary fiber was the most largest compound is dietary fiber ranged  $7.14 \pm 0.34$  to  $36.96 \pm 2.47$  g.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ) followed by total phenolics ranged  $13.65 \pm 1.11$  to  $2109.40$  mg gallic acid equivalent.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , flavonoids ranged  $7.98 \pm 0.56$  to  $411.81 \pm 12.47$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , carotenoids ranged  $15.34 \pm 2.03$  to  $394.52 \pm 6.54$  mg catechin equivalent.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , lutein ranged  $2.87 \pm 0.11$  to  $281.09 \pm 5.04$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , carotene ranged  $6.48 \pm 1.33$  to  $193.49 \pm 4.36$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , total anthocyanin's ranged  $2.42 \pm 0.54$  to  $156.71 \pm 5.47$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ , chlorophyll b ranged  $4.04 \pm 0.44$  to  $63.58 \pm 1.59$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$  and chlorophyll a ranged  $4.04 \pm 0.44$  and  $46.02 \pm 2.17$  mg.  $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$  in both wheat flour and agricultural remnants powder. It is also clear from the results that SPLP and CLP are much richer in the percentages of estimated bioactive compounds when compared to the wheat flour. Such data are in accordance with that reported in several studies have been analyzed CLP; [2,3]. Also, Nakachi et al., [42] and Sasaki et al., [43] found that SPLP have been found as a functional food containing various bioactive compounds that provide a variety of health-promoting benefits polyphenols, flavonoids, and carotenoids [43,44]. All of these bioactive constituents play various important roles in applications of food technology and human nutrition [3,9,22].

**Table 1. Total content of bioactive constituents and dietary fiber (Mean  $\pm$ SD) in wheat flour and agricultural remnants powder**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)
Dietary fiber (g. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$7.14 \pm 0.34^c$	$47.12 \pm 3.17^a$	$36.96 \pm 2.47^b$
Total phenolics (mg gallic acid. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$13.65 \pm 1.11^c$	$2109.40 \pm 37.45^a$	$1798.12 \pm 27.98^b$
Total carotenoids (mg catechin. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$15.34 \pm 2.03^c$	$394.52 \pm 6.54^a$	$331.17 \pm 10.45^b$
Total flavonoids (mg RE. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$7.98 \pm 0.56^c$	$411.81 \pm 12.47^a$	$352.14 \pm 5.98^b$
Lutein (mg. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$2.87 \pm 0.11^b$	$276.46 \pm 7.11^a$	$281.09 \pm 5.04^a$
Total anthocyanin's (mg. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$2.42 \pm 0.54^c$	$156.71 \pm 5.47^a$	$134.60 \pm 2.57^b$
Carotene (mg. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$6.48 \pm 1.33^c$	$193.49 \pm 4.36^a$	$173.67 \pm 4.57^b$
Chlorophyll a (mg. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$4.04 \pm 0.44^b$	$46.02 \pm 2.17^a$	$39.88 \pm 1.07^a$
Chlorophyll b (mg. $100 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$4.57 \pm 0.52^b$	$63.58 \pm 1.59^a$	$55.94 \pm 2.87^a$

\*Each value represents the mean of three replicates  $\pm$ SD. Means with the superscript letters in the same raw were significant different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

#### 3.2. Antioxidant Activities of Control and Composite Wheat Flour

**Table 2. Antioxidant activity (AA) of control, composite wheat flour and standards**

Factor	Value (Mean $\pm$ SD)
Antioxidant activity (AA) assayed as a value (%)	
AA (Wheat flour, WF)	$31.89 \pm 1.89^f$
AA (Sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP)	$81.21 \pm 2.11^c$
AA (Cauliflower leaves powder, CLP)	$74.98 \pm 2.01^d$
AA (WF+ 20% SPLP)	$45.37 \pm 1.75^e$
AA (WF+ 20% CLP)	$42.71 \pm 1.08^e$
Butalyted hydroxyl toluene (BHT, Standard, 50 mg/L)	$87.03 \pm 0.13^b$
Butalyted hydroxyl toluene (BHT, Standard, 200mg/L)	$98.01 \pm 0.21^a$
$\alpha$ -tocopherol ( Standard, 50 mg/L)	$98.84 \pm 0.42^a$
AA as a percent of BHT standard, 50 mg/L (%)	
AA (Wheat flour, WF)	$36.53 \pm 0.76^c$
AA (Sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP)	$93.34 \pm 1.03^a$
AA (Cauliflower leaves powder, CLP)	$86.15 \pm 0.45^b$
AA (WF+ 20% SPLP)	$52.13 \pm 0.32^c$
AA (WF+ 20% CLP)	$49.08 \pm 0.68^c$
AA as a percent of BHT standard, 100 mg/L (%)	
AA (Wheat flour, WF)	$32.03 \pm 0.70^d$
AA (Sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP)	$82.86 \pm 1.01^a$
AA (Cauliflower leaves powder, CLP)	$76.50 \pm 0.31^b$
AA (WF+ 20% SPLP)	$46.26 \pm 0.20^c$
AA (WF+ 20% CLP)	$43.58 \pm 0.51^c$
AA as a percent of $\alpha$ -tocopherol standard, 50 mg/L (%)	
AA (Wheat flour, WF)	$32.26 \pm 0.60^e$
AA (Sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP)	$82.16 \pm 0.99^b$
AA (Cauliflower leaves powder, CLP)	$75.86 \pm 0.24^c$
AA (WF+ 20% SPLP)	$95.90 \pm 0.12^a$
AA (WF+ 20% CLP)	$43.21 \pm 0.36^d$

\* Each value represents the mean of ten replicates  $\pm$ SD. Mean values with the different superscript letters in the same column mean significantly different at level  $p \leq 0.05$ .

Data in Table 2 are shown the antioxidant activity of control and composite wheat flour aquatic extract. Such data indicated that agricultural remnants (SPLP and CLP) samples showed high antioxidant activity (AA,  $74.98 \pm 2.01$  and  $81.21 \pm 2.11$  %, respectively) and wheat flour showed low one (AA,  $31.89 \pm 1.89$  %). Agricultural remnants (SPLP and CLP) samples also recorded high antioxidant values compared to standard substances ( $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHT). With the mixing of SPLP and CLP to the wheat flour, the value of antioxidant activity in the composite samples were significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) increased. The increasing of antioxidant activity in composite flour is correlated with its reasonable content of different bioactive compounds such as phenolics, flavonoids, carotenoids, lutein, carotenoids and chlorophyll. The variation in the antioxidant activity values in composite flours may be possible due to the presence of different quantities of such specific bioactive constituents [45,46]. Such data are in accordance with that observed by several authors who reported that agricultural remnants (SPLP and CLP) samples are rich in nutrients and bioactive compounds (polyphenols, flavonoids, and carotenoids) subsequently antioxidant activities [3,22,43,44]. Also, Nguyen et al., [22] reported that SPLP contain a large amount of unique vitamins and minerals which exhibited different biological roles including the antioxidant activity. The determined bioactive compounds

(polyphenols, flavonoids, carotenoids different, lutein and chlorophyll) in composite wheat flour recorded free radical scavenging activity which are very important to prevent the adverse role of free radicals in different diseases including obesity, cancer, cardiovascular, diabetes, neurological, pulmonary diseases [9,47,48] [49,50] [51,52,53].

### 3.3. Chemical Composition and Nutritional Evaluation of Control and Composite Wheat Flour

Data in Table 3 and Table 4 showed the chemical composition of control and composite wheat flour with SPLP and CLP. Such data indicated that wheat flour samples recorded high values for total protein while SPLP and CLP samples recorded high values for the rest of the components (crude fiber, ash and carbohydrates). With the mixing of SPLP and CLP to the wheat flour, the value of crude fiber, ash and carbohydrates in the composite samples were significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) increased. The total protein content was recorded the opposite direction. On the other side, nutritional properties of control and composite wheat flour samples may be altered as the result of such chemical composition alterations (Table 5 and Table 6). These properties include the total energy (Kcal/100g), the daily requirement of adult man from energy (GDR/energy) and from protein (GDR/protein), and percent satisfaction of the daily requirements of adult man in energy (P.S./energy) and protein (PS/protein). With

the mixing of SPLP and CLP to the wheat flour, the value of total energy, GDR/energy and GDR/protein in the composite samples were significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) altered. Data of this study are in accordance with that obtained by several authors who found that SPLP and CLP contain high levels of diverse essential nutrients [2,3,22,54]. Subsequently, the addition of such plant parts to wheat flour samples leads to highly significant increasing in their crude fiber and mineral content. This property could be played many nutritional and therapeutic benefits. Soluble fiber, which dissolves in water, can help lower blood glucose and cholesterol levels [55,56]. Insoluble fiber, which does not dissolve in water, can help food move through your digestive system, promoting regularity and helping prevent constipation [57]. Thus, fiber contributes to reduce the risk of developing various diseases including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and constipation [5,48,58]. Also, various studies proposed that higher intake of fiber may offer protective benefits through manipulate various adverse biochemical parameters including high level of insulin (insulin resistance), excess weight, hyperlipidemia, and low levels of HDL-c (good cholesterol) [47,48,49] [51,52,59,60]. Furthermore, Farvid et al., [61] reported that higher fiber intake reduces breast cancer risk, suggesting that fiber intake during adolescence and early adulthood may be particularly important. Finally, several studies reported that diets low in fiber causes sudden increases in serum glucose which may increase the risk of developing type 2 Diabetes [48,62,63].

**Table 3. Chemical composition of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Composite wheat flour SPLP (20%)	
			g/100g	% of change
Water	10.41±1.05 <sup>a</sup>	8.02±0.56 <sup>b</sup>	9.87±0.44 <sup>a</sup>	-5.19±0.24
Total Protein	14.28±2.11 <sup>a</sup>	3.89±0.52 <sup>b</sup>	12.46±1.58 <sup>a</sup>	-12.75±1.22
Fat	1.51±0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.81±0.11 <sup>b</sup>	1.42±0.21 <sup>a</sup>	-5.96±0.31
Fiber	1.94±0.24 <sup>c</sup>	5.72±1.02 <sup>a</sup>	2.88±0.18 <sup>b</sup>	48.45±5.14
Ash	1.18±0.14 <sup>b</sup>	2.14±0.21 <sup>a</sup>	1.41±0.20 <sup>b</sup>	19.49±3.04
Carbohydrates	70.68±4.11 <sup>b</sup>	79.42±5.28 <sup>a</sup>	71.96±3.84 <sup>b</sup>	1.81±0.16

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 4. Chemical composition of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour CLP (20%)	
			g/100g	% of change
Water	10.41±1.20 <sup>a</sup>	7.59±1.11 <sup>c</sup>	9.78±1.09 <sup>b</sup>	-6.09±0.55
Total Protein	14.28±2.41 <sup>a</sup>	7.58±2.02 <sup>b</sup>	13.12±2.04 <sup>a</sup>	-8.12±0.41
Fat	1.51±0.20 <sup>b</sup>	1.97±0.12 <sup>a</sup>	1.64±0.12 <sup>b</sup>	8.61±1.07
Fiber	1.94±0.10 <sup>c</sup>	10.07±1.33 <sup>a</sup>	3.66±0.24 <sup>b</sup>	88.66±5.10
Ash	1.18±0.14 <sup>c</sup>	2.83±0.10 <sup>a</sup>	1.59±0.22 <sup>b</sup>	34.75±3.11
Carbohydrates	70.68±3.10 <sup>a</sup>	69.96±2.89 <sup>a</sup>	70.214±4.06 <sup>a</sup>	-0.66±0.09

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 5. Nutritional evaluation of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Composite wheat flour SPLP (20%)	
			Value	% of change
Energy (Kcal/100g)	353±4 <sup>a</sup>	341±6 <sup>b</sup>	350±8 <sup>a</sup>	-0.84±0.11
G.D.R. (g) for protein (63 g)	441.18±4.25 <sup>c</sup>	1619.54±4.91 <sup>a</sup>	505.62±15.21 <sup>b</sup>	14.61±0.55
G.D.R. (g) for energy (2900 Kcal)	820.53±8.14 <sup>b</sup>	851.61±5.23 <sup>a</sup>	827.48±10.24 <sup>b</sup>	0.85±0.09

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Composite wheat flour SPLP (20%)	
			Value	% of change
P.S./ 80 g (One loaf, %) For protein (63g)	22.67±1.11 <sup>a</sup>	6.17±0.12 <sup>b</sup>	19.78±1.11 <sup>a</sup>	-12.75±0.88
P.S./80 g (One loaf, %) For energy (63g)	12.19±1.08 <sup>a</sup>	11.74±0.24 <sup>a</sup>	12.08±0.85 <sup>a</sup>	-0.84±0.11

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 6. Nutritional evaluation of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour CLP (20%)	
			Value	% of change
Energy (Kcal/100g)	353±11 <sup>a</sup>	328±8 <sup>b</sup>	348±9 <sup>a</sup>	-1.51±0.10
G.D.R. (g) for protein (63 g)	441.18±12.10 <sup>b</sup>	831.13±9.12 <sup>a</sup>	480.18±10.35 <sup>b</sup>	8.84±2.01
G.D.R. (g) for energy (2900 Kcal)	820.53±13.99 <sup>b</sup>	884.44±10.21 <sup>a</sup>	833.10±14.30 <sup>b</sup>	1.53±0.09
P.S./ 80 g (One loaf, %) For protein (63g)	22.67±1.02 <sup>a</sup>	12.03±0.55 <sup>b</sup>	20.83±1.11 <sup>a</sup>	-8.12±0.41
P.S./80 g (One loaf, %) For energy (63g)	12.19±0.44 <sup>a</sup>	11.31±0.60 <sup>a</sup>	12.00±0.66 <sup>a</sup>	-1.51±0.11

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

### 3.4. Mineral Composition of Control and Composite Wheat Flour

Data in Table 7 and Table 8) showed the mineral content of control and composite wheat flour with SPLP and CLP. Such data indicated that with the except of Na SPLP and CLP samples recorded high values for all estimated mineral including Ca, Mg, K, P, Fe, Zn, Mn, Cu and Se than wheat flour. With the mixing of SPLP and CLP to the wheat flour, the value of the all estimated minerals in the composite samples were significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) increased. The high significant increasing in SPLP composite samples was observed for Ca, K, Mg, Fe, Na and Se which recorded 996.82, 418.01, 236.88, 117.88, 144.98 and 145.92% when compared with the control wheat flour samples. While for CLP composite sample, the high significant increasing for the same minerals were recorded 1380.06, 463.60, 330.84, 158.94, 753.34 and 159.18%, respectively. Therefore, mixing wheat flour with the tested plant parts powder covered the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of the adult man and adult woman with different levels of elements estimated in different proportions ranging from 17.14 to 4381.82% (for SPLP) and 19.78 to 4618.18% (for CLP). The present data are in accordance partially with that reviewed by Sun et al., [20] and Sun et al., [21] who mentioned that SPLP contain essential minerals of Na, Mg, P, Ca, and K with ranges of 8.06-832.31, 220.2-910.5, 131.1-2639.8, 229.7-1958.1, and 479.3-4280.6 mg/100 g DW, respectively, while the minerals Cu, Zn, Mn, and Fe have ranges of 0.7-1.9, 1.2-3.2, 1.7-10.9, and 1.9-21.8 mg/100 g DW, respectively.

In general, Mg is a key element in making several parts of the body work smoothly such as the heart, bones, muscles, nerves, etc., as without enough Mg, these areas are disrupted, and the lack or decrease of the diet in magnesium leads to health problems [64]. K levels influence multiple physiological processes. Among of them, they are including in resting cellular-membrane potential and the propagation of action potentials in neuronal, muscular, and cardiac tissue, hormone secretion and action, acid-base homeostasis, systemic blood

pressure control, fluid and electrolyte balance [65,66,67]. Ca is the most abundant mineral in the body. Almost all calcium in the body is stored in bones and teeth, giving them structure and hardness. The body needs Ca for muscles to move and for nerves to carry messages between the brain and every part of the body [68,69]. P is a key element of bones, teeth, and cell membranes. It helps to activate enzymes, and keeps blood pH within a normal range. It regulates the normal function of nerves and muscles, including the heart, and is also a building block of the genes, as it makes up DNA, RNA, and ATP, the body's major source of energy [70]. On the other side, mixing SPLP and CLP leads to increase the levels of some trace metals in composite flours including Fe, Se, Mn, Cu and Zn. All of those trace elements are biologically very vital to the human body through prevention and/or fighting many diseases including anemia, immunodeficiency cancer and atherosclerosis [25,52,71,72]. The main role of Fe, as an integral part of haemoglobin in red blood cells, the transfer of oxygen from the lungs to the tissues of all organs in the body [25]. Also, Fe has a main biological role through carry oxygen in the hemoglobin of red blood cells in the body so cells can produce energy. It improves oxygen storage through myoglobin, a protein containing iron which transports and stores oxygen within the muscles. Furthermore, Fe is necessary for DNA synthesis and plays an important role in the human immune system [73]. Cu works together with Fe to help the body in formation the red blood cells. It also helps keep the blood vessels, nerves, immune system, and bones healthy. Cu also aids in iron absorption [74]. Zn is necessary for several enzymes to carry out vital chemical reactions. It is a major player in the creation of DNA, growth and multiply of cells, building proteins, healing damaged tissue, supporting a healthy immune system, and involved with the senses of taste and smell [75,76]. Se plays a significant biological role as cofactor for reduction of antioxidant enzymes, such as glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px) and thioredoxin reductase found in animals and some plants. The GSH-Px catalyze reactions that remove reactive oxygen species (ROS) such as hydrogen peroxide

(H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and organic hydroperoxides (HOO<sup>•</sup>) [5,77]. Mn has an important role in the metabolism of lipids and lipoproteins and it participates in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis as well as numerous other cardiovascular diseases [78].

### 3.5. Bioactive Compounds and Dietary Fiber Content in Wheat Flour Composite

Data in Table 9 and Table 10 showed the bioactive compounds and dietary fiber of control and composite wheat flour with SPLP and CLP. With the mixing of SPLP and CLP to the wheat flour, the value of the all estimated bioactive compounds in the composite samples were significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) increased. The high significant increasing in SPLP composite samples was observed for total phenolics, total carotenoids, total flavonoids, lutein, total anthocyanin's, carotene, Chlorophyll a, Chlorophyll b and dietary fiber which recorded 3119.27, 483.12, 953.76, 1716.03, 1139.26, 587.50, 192.57, 226.04 and 111.99% when compared with the control wheat flour samples. While for CLP composite sample, the high significant increasing for the same bioactive compounds were recorded 1798.12, 331.17, 352.14, 281.09, 134.60, 173.67, 39.88, 55.94 and 36.96%, respectively. The present data are in accordance partially with that reviewed by Sayed Ahmed, [2] and Elhassaneen et al., [3] who found that CLP is rich in total phenolics and total carotenoids. Many studies on functional compounds of SPLP indicate that their health benefits are related to high levels of polyphenols, flavonoids, and carotenoids [43,44]. These

compounds exhibit various bioactivities, such as antioxidant, anti-cancer, anti-mutagenic activities, immune modulation, and hepato-protection [22,25] [79,80,81] [82,83] [84,85] [86,87]. Dietary fibers are good for human health as they make an excellent intestinal environment by favoring the growth of intestinal microflora, including probiotic species so they can be considered as prebiotic [88,89]. Also, Elbasouny [9] reported that fibers are primarily insoluble, and can bind bile acids. It is believed that binding of bile acids is one of the mechanisms whereby certain sources of dietary fibers lower plasma cholesterol. Furthermore, high intakes of dietary fibers has a positive influence on blood glucose profile through altering the gastric emptying time and affect the absorption of other simple saccharides [55,56]. Lutein is an oxygenated carotenoid found naturally in high quantities in green leafy vegetables such as spinach, kale and yellow carrots [90]. It is synthesized only by plants and like other xanthophylls and animals obtains lutein by ingesting plants. Several studies have shown that higher dietary intake of lutein is associated with the reducing risk of age-related cataract, coronary heart disease, stroke, and metabolic syndrome, possibly through less atherosclerosis and lower inflammatory activity [84,85,91]. Such physiological roles of lutein are due to its acts as an antioxidant [90,92]. Finally, SPLP and CLP are an excellent source of chlorophylls and carotenes. Chlorophyll provides nutritional benefits to the body and helps keep the healthy including right bones, strong muscles, maintaining normal blood pressure and needs for the blood to clot properly [52,53] [93,94].

**Table 7. Mineral composition of control and composite wheat flour compared to RDA**

Mineral	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Composite wheat flour SPLP (20%)		RDA For Men	Cover of RDA of Men	RDA For Women	Cover of RDA of Women
			mg/100g	% of change	mg/day	(%)	mg/day	(%)
Ca	25.78 <sup>c</sup>	1298.12 <sup>a</sup>	282.76 <sup>b</sup>	996.82	1000	28.28	1000	28.28
K	141.67 <sup>c</sup>	3176.25 <sup>a</sup>	733.87 <sup>b</sup>	418.01	3016	24.33	2320	31.63
Mg	32.78 <sup>c</sup>	412.98 <sup>a</sup>	110.43 <sup>b</sup>	236.88	420	26.29	320	34.51
P	112.43 <sup>b</sup>	141.65 <sup>a</sup>	119.98 <sup>b</sup>	6.72	700	17.14	700	17.14
Fe	1.51 <sup>c</sup>	10.71 <sup>a</sup>	3.29 <sup>b</sup>	117.88	8	41.13	18	18.28
Zn	1.74 <sup>b</sup>	3.09 <sup>a</sup>	2.04 <sup>b</sup>	17.24	11	18.55	8	25.50
Na	5.98 <sup>c</sup>	41.67 <sup>a</sup>	14.65 <sup>b</sup>	144.98	2300	0.64	2300	0.64
Mn	1.76 <sup>c</sup>	8.01 <sup>a</sup>	3.05 <sup>b</sup>	73.30	2.3	132.61	1.8	169.44
Cu	0.69 <sup>c</sup>	1.63 <sup>a</sup>	0.87 <sup>b</sup>	26.09	0.9	96.67	0.9	96.67
Se	0.98 <sup>c</sup>	7.96 <sup>a</sup>	2.41 <sup>b</sup>	145.92	0.055	4381.82	0.055	4381.82

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 8. Mineral composition of control and composite wheat flour compared to RDA**

Mineral	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour CLP (20%)		RDA For Men	Cover of RDA of Men	RDA For Women	Cover of RDA of Women
			mg/100g	% of change	mg/day	(%)	mg/day	(%)
Ca	25.78 <sup>c</sup>	1762.67 <sup>a</sup>	381.56 <sup>b</sup>	1380.06	1000	38.16	1000	38.16
K	141.67 <sup>c</sup>	3504.11 <sup>a</sup>	798.45 <sup>b</sup>	463.60	3016	26.47	2320	34.42
Mg	32.78 <sup>c</sup>	597.45 <sup>a</sup>	141.23 <sup>b</sup>	330.84	420	33.63	320	44.13
P	112.43 <sup>c</sup>	231.56 <sup>a</sup>	138.45 <sup>b</sup>	23.14	700	19.78	700	19.78
Fe	1.51 <sup>c</sup>	13.88 <sup>a</sup>	3.91 <sup>b</sup>	158.94	8	48.88	18	21.72
Zn	1.74 <sup>c</sup>	4.12 <sup>a</sup>	2.18 <sup>b</sup>	25.29	11	19.82	8	27.25
Na	5.98 <sup>b</sup>	50.72 <sup>a</sup>	51.03 <sup>a</sup>	753.34	2300	2.22	2300	2.22
Mn	1.76 <sup>c</sup>	8.21 <sup>a</sup>	3.10 <sup>b</sup>	76.14	2.3	134.78	1.8	172.22

Mineral	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour CLP (20%)		RDA For Men mg/day	Cover of RDA of Men (%)	RDA For Women mg/day	Cover of RDA of Women (%)
			mg/100g	% of change				
Cu	0.69 <sup>b</sup>	1.87 <sup>a</sup>	0.91 <sup>b</sup>	31.88	0.9	101.11	0.9	101.11
Se	0.98 <sup>c</sup>	8.92 <sup>a</sup>	2.54 <sup>b</sup>	159.18	0.055	4618.18	0.055	4618.18

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 9. Bioactive compounds of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Composite wheat flour SPLP (20%)	
			g/100g	% of change
Total phenolics (mg gallic acid.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	13.65±0.79 <sup>c</sup>	2109.40±47.29 <sup>a</sup>	439.43±17.51 <sup>b</sup>	3119.27±29.25
Total carotenoids (mg catechin.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	15.34±1.11 <sup>c</sup>	394.52±11.20 <sup>a</sup>	89.45±5.32 <sup>b</sup>	483.12±14.25
Total flavonoids (mg RE.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	7.98±0.55 <sup>c</sup>	411.81±5.43 <sup>a</sup>	84.09±1.89 <sup>b</sup>	953.76±21.15
Lutein (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.87±0.12 <sup>c</sup>	276.46±2.54 <sup>a</sup>	52.12±5.10 <sup>b</sup>	1716.03±31.40
Total anthocyanines (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.42±0.41 <sup>c</sup>	156.71±3.68 <sup>a</sup>	29.99±2.01 <sup>b</sup>	1139.26±9.31
Carotene (mg.100g <sup>-1</sup> )	6.48±0.36 <sup>c</sup>	193.49±9.07 <sup>a</sup>	44.55±3.11 <sup>b</sup>	587.50±10.32
Chlorophyll a (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	4.04±0.11 <sup>c</sup>	46.02±2.07 <sup>a</sup>	11.82±2.08 <sup>b</sup>	192.57±2.89
Chlorophyll b (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	4.57±0.22 <sup>c</sup>	63.58±4.10 <sup>a</sup>	14.90±0.99 <sup>b</sup>	226.04±4.55
Dietary fiber (g.100g <sup>-1</sup> )	7.14±0.47 <sup>c</sup>	47.12±6.10 <sup>a</sup>	15.14±0.57 <sup>b</sup>	111.99±11.21

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

**Table 10. Bioactive compounds of control and composite wheat flour**

Component	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour CLP (20%)	
			g/100g	% of change
Total phenolics (mg gallic acid.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	13.65±1.11 <sup>c</sup>	1798.12±24.94 <sup>a</sup>	386.11±17.25 <sup>b</sup>	2728.64±41.32
Total carotenoids (mg catechin.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	15.34±0.99 <sup>c</sup>	331.17±10.32 <sup>a</sup>	73.45±5.23 <sup>b</sup>	378.81±10.23
Total flavonoids (mg RE.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	7.98±2.01 <sup>c</sup>	352.14±14.35 <sup>a</sup>	69.34±2.54 <sup>b</sup>	768.92±24.56
Lutein (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.87±0.41 <sup>c</sup>	281.09±9.11 <sup>a</sup>	53.09±11.20 <sup>b</sup>	1749.83±31.25
Total anthocyanines (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.42±0.55 <sup>c</sup>	134.60±2.59 <sup>a</sup>	25.95±1.33 <sup>b</sup>	972.31±18.69
Carotene (mg.100g <sup>-1</sup> )	6.48±1.02 <sup>c</sup>	173.67±1.98 <sup>a</sup>	41.40±2.11 <sup>b</sup>	538.89±18.37
Chlorophyll a (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	4.04±0.21 <sup>c</sup>	39.88±0.23 <sup>a</sup>	10.09±0.35 <sup>b</sup>	149.75±10.25
Chlorophyll b (mg.100 g <sup>-1</sup> )	4.57±0.31 <sup>c</sup>	55.94±0.40 <sup>a</sup>	13.66±1.45 <sup>b</sup>	198.91±11.36
Dietary fiber (g.100g <sup>-1</sup> )	7.14±0.47 <sup>c</sup>	36.96±0.62 <sup>a</sup>	13.54±0.89 <sup>b</sup>	89.64±2.57

\* Each value represents the mean value of three replicates. Values with different superscript letters in the same row are significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

### 3.6. Physical Properties of Wheat Flour, Agricultural Remnants Powder and Composite Wheat Flour

Data in Table 11 showed the water (WHC) and oil (OHC) holding capacity of wheat flour, SPLP, CLP and composite flour. Such data indicated that CLP powder recorded the highest WHC and OHC being  $8.96 \pm 0.21$  g H<sub>2</sub>O.g<sup>-1</sup> and  $4.11 \pm 0.09$  g oil.g<sup>-1</sup>, while the wheat flour recorded the lowest values being  $6.43 \pm 0.17$  g H<sub>2</sub>O.g<sup>-1</sup> and  $2.76 \pm 0.11$  g oil.g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The addition of the tested plant parts (SPLP and to the wheat flour led to an increase in both Wu compared to the control flour samples. The addition of the tested plant parts (SPLP and CLP) to the wheat flour led to an increase in both WHC and OHC compared to the control flour samples. Such data are in

accordance partially with several authors who reported that the plant parts have high WHC is mainly attributed to high fiber content [2,3,46,95]. The higher in WHC recorded in brown WHC and OHC could be attributed to the higher fiber content which hold more water compared to wheat flour. In similar study [96] reported that mango peel powder was higher than that of mango kernel powder being 5.08 and 2.08 g water/g, respectively indicating that the higher fiber content in mango peel powder hold more water compared to mango kernel powder. Also, this observation is agreed with that reported by [3,46,60,95,97].

### 3.7. Effect of Agricultural Remnants Powder Mixing on the Rheological Parameters of Wheat Flour Bread

### 3.7.1. Farinograph Parameters

Data in Table 12 showed all farinograph parameters of wheat and wheat flour mixing with the tested agricultural remnants powder. The incorporating of sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP) and cauliflower leaves powder (CLP) in dough by 20% (/w) increased the water absorption, arrival time, dough development time, dough stability and degree of softening. The samples mixed with CLP also recorded values higher than the increase for all previous parameters when compared to samples mixed with SPLP powder. Such data are in accordance partially with that obtained by [2] who found that the incorporating of plant parts by-products i.e. 5% of potato peel, cauliflower, onion and mango peels powder in dough increased its water absorption. Also, [95] reported that the incorporating of plant powder other than SPLP and CLP i.e. quinoa powder by 10 and 20% in dough increased its all farinograph parameters for cake dough. Furthermore, [5] found that mixing of algae powder by 5 to 10% in dough increased its all farinograph parameters for Egyptian Balady bread. This increment in dough water absorption observed in the present study may be due to high content of dietary fiber in SPLP and CLP which with significant difference with control. Also, the increasing in dough development time and dough stability observed with 20% incorporation of SPLP and CLP may be due to its high content of dietary fibers and pectin which act as a food hydrocolloid. Such as reported by several studies, dough stability in minutes is the most important index for dough strength [3,5,45,46,98,99,100]. Incorporation of SPLP and CLP by 20% to flour samples showed significantly longer stability periods than the control samples (wheat flour). This affect could be attributed to the effect of such plant parts powder incorporation on the quality of protein and dietary fiber flour in particular the binding force property [3,5,46,95,99,101]. From the viewpoint of dough degree of softening, statistically

significant difference was found between the control sample and the dough with incorporation of SPLP and CLP by 20%. It is meaning that an improvement in the quality of the dough occurred after the addition of SPLP and CLP, when the degree of softening value significantly increased in comparison with the control sample.

### 3.7.2. Extensograph parameters

Data in Table 13 showed all extensograph parameters of wheat and wheat flour mixing with SPLP and CLP. The incorporating of such plant parts powder in dough increased the extensibility, elasticity, proportional number and energy. The samples mixed with CLP also recorded values higher than the increase for all previous parameters except the proportional number when compared to samples mixed with SPLP powder. Such data are in accordance partially with that obtained by [2] who found that the incorporating of plant parts by-products including cauliflower leaves powder in dough increased its all extensograph parameters. Also, the same observation was reported by [5] through mixing of algae powder by 5 to 10% in dough for Egyptian Balady bread. The effect of SPLP and CLP powder on increasing the extensibility of the wheat flour may be due to the alteration of the viscosity and forced the gluten network [2,102]. Also, several reports suggest that different plant parts by-products such as potato and onion peels, cauliflower leaves, and prickly pear skin have antioxidant activity which could be easily prevented the oxidation process usually decreases dough extensibility [2,3,46]. Therefore, this effect may be similar to what occurs in the plant parts tested in this study (SPLP and CLP), especially after many studies have determined the superior ability in antioxidant activity possessed by these plant parts [22,79,80,83]. Finally, data of the rheological studies reported that in order to improve the quality of bakery products such as bread, additions of the SPLP and CLP by rate up to 20% to the dough are recommended.

**Table 11. Physical properties of wheat flour, agricultural remnants powder and composite wheat flour**

Parameters	Wheat flour (WF, 85%)	Sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP)	Cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)	Composite wheat flour (WF + 20% SPLP)	Composite wheat flour (WF + 20% CLP)
Water holding capacity (WHC, g H <sub>2</sub> O.g <sup>-1</sup> )	6.43 ± 0.17 <sup>d</sup>	7.63 ± 0.30 <sup>b</sup>	8.96 ± 0.21 <sup>a</sup>	6.83 ± 0.23 <sup>cd</sup>	7.00 ± 0.14 <sup>c</sup>
Oil holding capacity (OHC, g oil.g <sup>-1</sup> )	2.76 ± 0.11 <sup>d</sup>	3.57 ± 0.22 <sup>b</sup>	4.11 ± 0.09 <sup>a</sup>	3.04 ± 0.12 <sup>c</sup>	3.12 ± 0.08 <sup>bc</sup>

Each value represents the mean of three replicates ±SD. Mean values with different superscript letters in the same row were significant different at p≤0.05.

**Table 12. Farinograph parameters of the control and composite wheat flour bread with agricultural remnants powder**

Treatment	Water absorption (WA, %)	Arrival time (AT, min)	Dough development time (DDT, min)	Stability (DS, min)	Degree of softening (B.U)
Control wheat bread (CWB)	61.00 ± 1.00 <sup>b</sup>	1.50 ± 0.07 <sup>c</sup>	2.50 ± 0.09 <sup>c</sup>	11.00 ± 1.00 <sup>a</sup>	30 ± 1 <sup>c</sup>
CWB + 20% SPLP	66.20 ± 2.30 <sup>a</sup>	2.00 ± 0.04 <sup>b</sup>	4.00 ± 0.17 <sup>b</sup>	6.50 ± 0.29 <sup>c</sup>	50 ± 2 <sup>b</sup>
CWB + 20% CLP	68.50 ± 1.28 <sup>a</sup>	2.50 ± 0.12 <sup>a</sup>	6.50 ± 0.15 <sup>a</sup>	8.50 ± 0.86 <sup>b</sup>	70 ± 1 <sup>a</sup>

Each value represents the mean of three replicates ±SD. Mean values with the different letters in the same column mean significantly different at level p≤0.05.

**Table 13. Extensograph of the control and composite wheat flour bread with agricultural remnants powder**

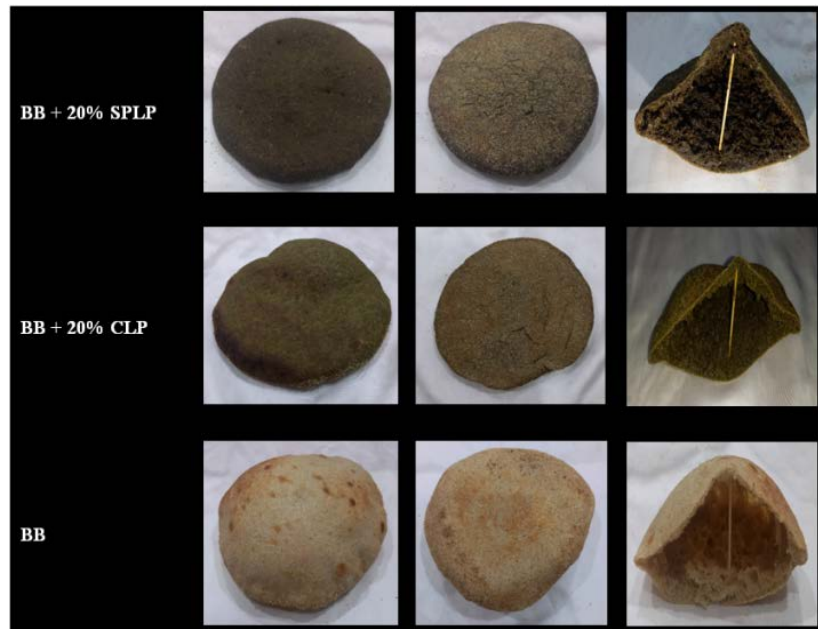
Treatment	Extensibility (mm)	Elasticity (B.U)	Proportional number (P.N)	Energy (cm <sup>2</sup> )
Control wheat bread (CWB)	170 ± 3 <sup>a</sup>	270 ± 4 <sup>c</sup>	1.58 ± 0.15 <sup>c</sup>	45 ± 3 <sup>c</sup>
CWB + 20% SPLP	85 ± 2 <sup>c</sup>	640 ± 8 <sup>b</sup>	7.52 ± 0.46 <sup>a</sup>	55 ± 4 <sup>b</sup>
CWB + 20% CLP	135 ± 4 <sup>b</sup>	740 ± 7 <sup>a</sup>	5.48 ± 0.38 <sup>b</sup>	90 ± 4 <sup>a</sup>

Each value represents the mean of three replicates ±SD. Mean values with the different letters in the same column mean significantly different at level p≤0.05.

**Table 14. Sensory evaluation of Balady bread incorporated with agricultural remnants powder**

Treatment	Crust appearance	Crust colour	Texture	Taste and Flavor	Mouth feel	Overall acceptability
Control Balady bread (CBB)	9.29±0.21 <sup>a</sup>	9.10±0.30 <sup>a</sup>	9.05±0.11 <sup>a</sup>	9.33±0.21 <sup>a</sup>	9.01±0.20 <sup>a</sup>	9.42±0.15 <sup>a</sup>
CBB + 20% SPLP	7.47±0.34 <sup>b</sup>	7.81±0.17 <sup>b</sup>	8.59±0.10 <sup>a</sup>	7.83±0.14 <sup>b</sup>	7.80±0.31 <sup>b</sup>	8.59±0.24 <sup>b</sup>
CBB + 20% CLP	8.51±0.26 <sup>a</sup>	8.68±0.23 <sup>a</sup>	8.74±0.30 <sup>a</sup>	8.72 ±0.32 <sup>a</sup>	8.32±0.19 <sup>a</sup>	9.07±0.17 <sup>a</sup>

\* Each value represents the mean of ten replicates ±SD. Mean values with the different letters in the same column mean significantly different at  $p \leq 0.05$ .



**Figure 1.** Photos of Balady Bread (BB) mixed with sweet potato leaves powder (SPLP) and cauliflower leaves powder (CLP)

### 3.8. Sensory Evaluation of Balady Bread Incorporated With Agricultural Remnants Powder

Results of sensory evaluation of Egyptian Balady bread incorporated with SPLP and CLP in terms of appearance, colour, texture and flavor, mouth feel and overall acceptability are illustrated in Table 14 and Figure 1. Colour, taste and flavor, mouth feel and overall acceptability were slight significantly different between the control and plant parts incorporated Balady bread especially SPLP at the level of 20%. The present data are in accordance with that obtained by Ismail et al., [60] with the incorporation of other plant powder i.e. date seed powder mixed with Balady bread at the levels of 5 and 10%. Also, Aly and Sadeek [95] reported the same observation with the incorporation of wheat flour with quinoa powder in cake. Such as reported by Broyart et al., [102] the initial acceptance of baked products is much influenced by colour, which can also be an indicator of baking completion. The desirable colour of bread is mainly due to the Millard browning reaction induced during baking process. However, in SPLP and CLP blended Balady bread, the colour could be partially contributed by the phenolics and carotenoids in such plant powder which imparts a yellowish/brownish colour to the final bread. Similar data were noticed by Brannan et al., [103] who observed that an increased flour and thus muffin visual lightness (with more yellowness and brownness rather than dark and yellow green) yield a

higher aroma, texture and colour acceptability scores. Also, in such data there was no significant difference in texture amongst the different control and composite bread samples. Furthermore, slightly significant difference was observed in terms of taste and flavor between the control and SPLP mixed bread. This could probably attribute to the nature of SPLP which did impart some additional flavor to the bread. Finally, there was partially no significant difference in term of overall acceptability among the control and tested plant (SPLP and CLP) incorporated bread. This could be attributed to the close resemblance of the breads types in terms of the colour, texture and taste/flavor of the commercial breads in the market, for example, bread with bran wheat.

## 4. Conclusion

The chemical composition of agricultural remnants (sweet potato leaves powder, SPLP and cauliflower leaves powder, CLP) showed that it is a good source of ash, dietary fibers, carbohydrates and bioactive compounds such as total phenolics, carotenoids, flavonoids, lutein, carotene and chlorophyll). Incorporation of such plant parts with the flour (extraction rate, 58%) improved the rheological properties of the dough including farinograph and extensograph parameters subsequently their baking characteristics. Egyptian Balady bread samples enriched with SPLP and CLP showed higher crude fiber, minerals and bioactive than the control breads. Increasing of such bioactive compounds in bread samples probably exhibited

significant improving in their antioxidant activity. The SPLP and CLP powder incorporated bread up to 20% doesn't affect on their almost sensory evaluation parameters. Thus, the use of SPLP and CLP in one of the most important food industry applications could be contributed a major role to bridging the nutritional gap, which is the bread industry as a partial substitute for flour.

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## Ethical Considerations

The ethical issues of the current work was reviewed and approved by the Scientific Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of Home Economics, Menoufia University, Shebin El-Kom, Egypt (Approval # 19- SREC- 12-2022).

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## Abbreviations

AA, antioxidant activity; Abs, absorbance; BCB,  $\beta$  - Carotene Bleaching; BD, BHT, butylated hydroxytoluene; CA, catechine; CLP, cauliflower leaves powder; DMSO, dimethylsulfoxide; DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid; FAO, Food Agriculture Organization; GA, gallic acid; GDR (g), Grams consumed of food to cover the daily requirements of man, RDA, Recommended dietary allowances, ROS, reactive oxygen species; PS (%), The percent of satisfaction (PS, %) of the daily needs of adult man (25-50 year old, 79 Kg weight and 176 cm height), SPLP, sweet potato leaves powder.

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