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Abstract

Chia and sesame oils are important sources of essential fatty acids; however, their ω -3: ω -6 proportions do not comply with nutritional recommendation. A feasible approach to improve the ratio is to blend different oils, but only after understanding physical and chemical changes of the new matrix. Objective of the investigation was to determine the physico-chemical characteristics and the oxidative stability index (OSI), using the Rancimat method, of chia-sesame oil blends. The four ω -3: ω -6 blends tested (1:4, 1:6, 1:8 and 1:10) were exposed to temperatures of 110, 120 and 130 °C. The OSI values of the mixtures varied between 6.24-8.08 h, 3.07-4.00 h and 1.62-2.01 h for each temperature, respectively. In addition, their mean activation energy, enthalpy, entropy and Q_{10} were 88.4 kJ/mol, 85.2 kJ/mol, -41.1 J/mol K and 2.0. Finally, a shelf life prediction performed at 25 °C indicated stability times between 80 and 123 days. Therefore, combining chia and sesame oils produced blends with a good balance of essential fatty acids.

Keywords: chia, sesame, ω -3: ω -6 ratio, oil blends, oxidation stability

33 Introduction

34 Nutritional features, quality and stability of oils can be modified by hydrogenation, interesterification,
35 fractionation and blending. Hydrogenation leads to trans isomers formation, interesterification and
36 fractionation need special and expensive equipment, therefore blending oils with different
37 compositions and properties represents the simplest method to achieve appropriate oil characteristics
38 (Hashempour-Baltork et al., 2016). An edible oil blend is obtained mixing two or more oils (in a
39 proportion greater than 5%) from different vegetable species (Guiotto et al., 2014). The mixing of
40 different vegetable oils changes the fatty acids profile and may improve the nutritional and functional
41 value. An increase in monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA) and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA)
42 intake contributes to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, because ω -3 and ω -9 fatty acids have
43 anti-inflammatory properties (Ramsden et al., 2013). However, previous research suggests that only
44 ω -3 has a significant effect in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases (Griffin, 2008). Additionally,
45 unsaturated oils with high MUFA and PUFA content are more prone to oxidation; therefore, properly
46 balancing MUFA and PUFA may give oil blends with better nutritional value, high storage stability
47 and even suitable for frying (Adhvaryu et al., 2000; Ramsden et al., 2013).

48 The ω -3 and ω -6 fatty acids play fundamental but different roles in the structure of the cells
49 membrane. The different numbers and positions of double bonds in the chain give the fatty acids
50 different physiological properties, making the relationship between ω -3: ω -6 fatty acids in the diet very
51 important. Linoleic acid is metabolized to arachidonic acid and α -linolenic acid gives eicosapentaenoic
52 acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), all of which use the same metabolic pathways and
53 compete for the same elongase and desaturase enzymes, thus ω -3: ω -6 balance in the diet is important
54 (Huerta-Yépez et al., 2016).

55 The international nutrition and food committees convened by FAO/WHO established that fat in
56 general should not contribute more than 30% of the total calories consumed by adults; in addition, the
57 consumption should be evenly distributed between saturated fatty acids (SFA), MUFA and PUFA
58 (1:1:1 ratio) (FAO, 2012). Simopoulos (2002) recommended a ω -3: ω -6 rate inferior to 1:4 to reduce

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5 60 ω -3: ω -6 fatty acids with multiple oxidative stress biomarkers in breast cancer patients; they found that
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8 61 ω -3: ω -6 ratio (plasma) was associated with the anti-inflammatory factor.

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10 62 Chia seeds have 28–32% oil, which presents the highest essential fatty acid content of any known
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12 63 vegetable source and other valuable components such as tocopherols, polyphenols, phytosterols,
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14 64 carotenoids, and phospholipids. The predominant fatty acids in chia oil are α -linolenic acid and linoleic
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16 65 acid, which comprise about 64% and 20%, respectively. The ω -3: ω -6 ratio of this oil is approximately
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19 66 3:1, markedly higher than that of most vegetable oils (Julio et al., 2019).

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21 67 Sesame seed, containing about 50% oil, is one of the oldest and most important oleaginous
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23 68 matrices, with an annual worldwide oil production of 1.63 million tons (FAOSTAT, 2014). The oil
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25 69 extracted from sesame is mainly used in China and Korea as a condiment oil along with fragrant peanut,
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28 70 safflower, perilla and red pepper oils (Ji et al., 2019). Sesame oil has been reported to contain ~80%
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30 71 unsaturated fatty acids (~42.36% linoleic acid) and many bioactive components including tocopherols,
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32 72 phytosterols and lignans (including sesamol, sesamin, and sesamol) (Dossa et al., 2018). Sesame oil
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34 73 has very low content of ω -3 and high content of ω -6 fatty acids, thus to have a better combination of
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36 74 essential fatty acids their ratio should be balanced. For example, Hashempour-Baltork et al. (2017;
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39 75 2018) proposed blending sesame oil with olive and flaxseed oils.

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42 76 The widely used Rancimat method, an international standard performed under accelerated storage
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44 77 conditions at high temperatures (AOCS, 1998), is reliable, reproducible, does not involve reagents
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46 78 consumption and its measurements can be easily automated (Heidarpour and Farhoosh, 2018).

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49 79 The main objective of this work was to determine, using the Rancimat method, the oxidative
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51 80 stability of chia and sesame oils blends with different ω -3: ω -6 proportions. Additionally, activation
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53 81 energy (E_a), enthalpy (ΔH^{++}), entropy (ΔS^{++}), energy of Gibbs (ΔG^{++}), Q_{10} and shelf life of the blends
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55 82 were computed using the oxidative stability index values and extrapolating the results to standard
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85 **Materials and methods**

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87 *Oils extraction*

88 The chia seeds (cv. Negra) were from the Arequipa region, Peru (15°52'S and 72°15'O) and the sesame
89 seeds (cv. Negra) were from the Chanchamayo province, Junín, Peru (11°03'16"S and 75°19'45"W).

90 The seeds had a moisture content of 8.13±0.12% and 10.43±0.07%, respectively. The oils were
91 extracted by cold pressing using an Expeller Thor (Santa Maria, Brasil) with FA57/G Press (Sew-
92 Eurodrive GmbH & Co KG, Bruchsal, Germany) at a screw speed of 35-40 rpm. The oils were stored
93 at 4.00±0.5 °C in dark flasks under nitrogen atmosphere.

95 *Preparation of the mixtures*

96 The oil blends were formulated in order to obtain ω-3:ω-6 ratios of 1:4, 1:6, 1:8 and 1:10. The
97 formulations (Table 1, expressed as percentage of each oil type) were calculated considering the
98 content of ω-3 (linolenic acid) and ω-6 (linoleic acid) fatty acids, obtained by gas chromatography (see
99 below), for each oil type reported in Table 2. The oils amounts (weight:weight) were thoroughly mixed
100 for 30 s using a vortex (Velp Scientifica, Italy).

102 **Methods**

103 *Physico-chemical characterization*

104 Acidity, peroxide value (PV), expressed as milliequivalents of peroxides per kilogram of oil
105 (mequiv O₂/kg oil) and *p*-anisidine value (*p*-AV) were determined according to AOCS methods Cd 3d-
106 63, Cd 8-53 and Cd 18-90, respectively (AOCS, 1998). The total oxidation value (TotOx) was
107 calculated from PV and *p*-AV as follows: TotOx = 2 PV + *p*-AV. The density was determined with an
108 automatic digital densimeter (DOM 2911, Rudolph Research Analytical, USA). The iodine value was
109 measured according to AOAC Official Methods 920.158 (AOAC, 2005). The fatty acid composition

of the chia and sesame oils as well as of their blends was determined by gas chromatography according to method n. 991.39 (AOAC, 2005).

Oxidative stability index OSI

The oxidative stability index (OSI) of each oil and of the blends was evaluated by the method AOCS Cd 12b-92 (AOCS, 1998) using a 743 Rancimat equipment (Metrohm Schweiz AG, Zofingen, Switzerland). The assays were carried out using 3.0 ± 0.1 g of oil sample with an air flow of 15 L/h at 90, 100 and 110 °C for chia oil (Villanueva et al., 2017) and at 110, 120 and 130 °C for sesame oil (Villanueva et al., 2013) and blends. The temperatures were chosen according to the nature of the oil and its resistance to oxidation; a very high temperature originates very short analysis times and a very low temperature would require many hours of study (Bodoira et al., 2017; Martínez et al., 2015; Prasad-Timilsena et al., 2016). The oxidative stability index (OSI) was expressed in hours.

Thermodynamic analysis

The activation energy (E_a) was determined from the slope of the line representing the natural logarithm of the OSI values versus the inverse of the absolute temperature ($1/T$) (Villanueva et al., 2013).

$$\ln(\text{OSI}) = \ln\left(\frac{-\ln(1 - \alpha^*)}{Z}\right) + \frac{E_a}{RT}$$

where α^* represents the degree of transformation of unsaturated molecules for the induction time, R is the universal gas constant (8.314 J/mol K) and Z is the pre-exponential factor of the Arrhenius equation.

The enthalpy (ΔH^{++}) and entropy (ΔS^{++}) of activation were obtained by regression of the logarithm of (K/T) vs. ($1/T$) (Heidarpour and Farhoosh, 2018):

$$\log\left(\frac{K}{T}\right) = \log\left(\frac{k_B}{h}\right) + \left(\frac{\Delta S^{++}}{2.303R}\right) - \left(\frac{\Delta H^{++}}{RT}\right)$$

where K is the inverse of OSI, k_B is Boltzmann constant (1.380658×10^{-23} J/K) and h is Planck's constant ($6.6260755 \times 10^{-34}$ Js).

The Gibbs free energy (ΔG^{++}) was calculated according to the Gibbs equation:

$$\Delta G^{++} = \Delta H^{++} - T \Delta S^{++}$$

The prediction of the shelf life was determined by extrapolation of the linear correlation of the logarithm of OSI vs. T for a 25 °C temperature (Heidarpour and Farhoosh, 2018):

$$\text{Log(OSI)} = \alpha(T) + \beta$$

While the Q_{10} number, which indicates the increase in reaction rate due to a 10 °C rise in temperature, was computed as: $\frac{\text{OSI at time T}}{\text{OSI at T} + 10^\circ\text{C}}$ (Farhoosh, 2017)

Statistical analysis

All analyses were carried out in triplicate and the data were subjected to **one-way** analysis of variance (ANOVA). **When significant differences were found ($p \leq 0.05$), Fisher's lowest significant difference (LSD) at 95% significance level was computed. The analyses were performed using the Statgraphics® Centurion XVI statistical program (Statpoint Technologies, Inc., Warrenton, Virginia, USA). The average values and the standard deviation were calculated using the Excel program (Microsoft® Office Excel 2016).**

Results and discussion

Fatty acids characterization

Chia oil composition (Table 2) was 12.3% SFA ($C_{16:0} + C_{18:0}$), 7.6% MUFA ($C_{18:1}$) and 82.7% PUFA ($C_{18:2} + C_{18:3}$). The α -linolenic acid ($C_{18:3}$; ω -3) represented 63.5% of all fatty acids, a proportion very similar to those (63.26%, 65.2% and 61.8%) observed by Bodoira et al. (2017), Guiotto et al. (2014) and Villanueva et al. (2017), respectively. Sesame oil composition was 12.3% SFA, 39.5% MUFA and 45.2% PUFA. Linoleic acid ($C_{18:2}$; ω -6) was the predominant fatty acid (44.8% of total), a result close

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12 162 sesame oil blends (Table 2), determined by gas chromatography, were 1:4.0 for the first formulation,
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21 166 quest for oil blends able to heal wounds by enzymatic interesterification, mixed sunflower-canola oils
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24 167 at 85:15 (w:w) and canola-flaxseed at 70:30 (w:w), obtaining ω -3: ω -9 ratios of 0.62:1 and 1.24:1.

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26 168 The chia oil acidity (0.43%), peroxides (0.67 meq O₂/kg) and *p*-AV (0.36; Table 2) were similar
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33 171 Alimentarius, 2011), indicating the high quality of the oil used; sesame oil has density (0.903 g/mL),
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35 172 acidity (0.61%), iodine (108.1 g/100 g) and peroxide (1.14 meq O₂/kg) values similar to those reported
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41 42 175 43 44 176 **Oxidative stability index**

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47 177 The OSI of sesame oil, chia oil and blends (Table 3) showed that the rate of autooxidation doubled for
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49 178 each 10 °C increase in temperature. Therefore, the OSI values increased as the temperature decreases
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54 180 fundamental role in their oxidative stability, because high degrees of unsaturation are directly
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56 181 associated with lower OSI (García-Moreno et al., 2013). However, the lowest OSI did not always
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8 185 The OSI values of sesame oil (Table 3) were similar to those reported by Villanueva et al. (2013),
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17 189 (2016) and by Prasad-Timilsena et al., (2016), respectively.

19 190 Table 3 also shows the OSI of the oil blends. An increase in OSI due to the addition of sesame oil
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21 is observed; this stabilizing function can be attributed to the augment of linoleic acid and the reduction
22 191 of linolenic acid in the oil blends. In trials of olive oil adulteration with palm oil or sunflower oil,
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24 192 Heidarpour and Farhoosh (2018) observed an improved OSI value as a consequence of the enrichment
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26 193 of the SFA and MUFA from palm oil. In sunflower-chia oil blends (80:20 and 90:10 w:w) with ω -
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28 194 3: ω -6 ratios of 1:32.7 and 1:5.3, respectively, at 98.5 °C and a 20 L/h flow, Guiotto et al. (2014)
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30 195 observed OSI values of 7.6 and 9.2 h and attributed the OSI boost to an increase in linoleic acid supplied
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40 199 **Thermodynamic study**

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42 200 The activation energy indicates the delay of the initial oxidation process due to the cleavage of the fatty
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46 202 by the degree of oil polyunsaturation, so that a high content of linoleic (ω -6) and/or linolenic acids
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48 203 (ω -3) should decrease the E_a of lipid oxidation while a high oleic acid contents should increase it; on
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51 204 the contrary, an increase in saturated fatty acids content should improve the resistance to the initial
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56 206 degree of unsaturation and E_a values are both high, mainly because of the antioxidant activity that
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3 208 As expected, Table 4 shows a greater influence of the unsaturated fatty acids on chia oil E_a (82.0
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5 209 kJ/mol) than on sesame oil E_a (96.2 kJ/mol). The sesame oil E_a is similar to those (97.28, 98.79 and
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7 210 96.86 kJ/mol) reported by Villanueva et al. (2013) using three different air flows (15, 20 and 25 L/h,
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10 211 respectively). The chia oil E_a is similar to the value reported by Villanueva et al. (2017; 81.98 kJ/mol)
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12 212 but higher than the values observed by Guiotto et al. (2014) and Ixtaina et al. (2012), i.e. 71.95 and
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14 213 69.50 kJ/mol, respectively. The E_a of the new formulations obeys to the fatty acids nature, therefore it
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17 214 can be inferred that their increased ω -3: ω -6 ratio will result in an oxidation faster than sesame oil and
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19 215 a stability higher than chia oil. The ΔH^{++} and ΔS^{++} values showed a significant difference ($p \leq 0.05$)
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21 216 among treatments. The positive sign of the activation enthalpy ($\Delta H^{++} > 0$) reflected the endothermic
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23 217 nature of the formation of the activated complex (Farhoosh and Hoseini-Yazdi, 2014). Table 4 shows
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25 218 that sesame oil during the auto-oxidation absorbed more heat than all the mixtures including chia oil,
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27 219 an expected result since OSI was highest in sesame oil at 110 °C, as reported in Table 3. Rancimat-
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29 220 based studies in olive oil have ΔH^{++} values between 91.00 and 103.60 kJ/mol (Heidarpour and
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31 221 Farhoosh, 2018), in canola oil 86.78 kJ/mol, in soy oil 89.20 kJ/mol, in maize oil 84.92 kJ/mol and in
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33 222 sunflower oil 87.52 kJ/mol (Farhoosh et al., 2008). On the other hand, the activation entropy resulted
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35 223 negative ($\Delta S^{++} < 0$) with values from -44.4 J/mol K in chia oil to -23.7 J/mol K in sesame oil. Negative
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38 224 entropy values suggest that the activated complexes are more ordered than their reactants, and high
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45 227 rate. Studies in olive oil show ΔS^{++} between -78.8 and -95.4 J/mol K (Heidarpour and Farhoosh, 2018)
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47 228 and between -69.1 and -70.9 J/mol K (Farhoosh and Hoseini-Yazdi, 2014). In other vegetable oils they
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49 229 vary: in canola -112.99 J/mol K, in soybeans -104.35 J/mol K, in maize -112.28 J/mol K and in
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51 230 sunflower -107.73 J/mol K (Farhoosh et al., 2008). Finally, the energy of Gibbs was always positive
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54 231 (ΔG^{++}), suggesting that in Rancimat the autooxidation process is not spontaneous at different
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56 232 temperatures; sesame oil had a higher ΔG^{++} value (83.7 kJ/mol) than the other oil samples, showing
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Shelf life

Table 5 shows the linear relationship between temperature and Log(OSI) for each chia-sesame oil blend, starting from the results of Table 5, where the α values vary between -0.0293 and -0.0326. Villanueva et al. (2013) reported similar values (α : -0.031 to -0.032) using sesame oil under different air flows (15, 20 and 25 L/h). The Q_{10} values ranged between 1.96 and 2.12, as in other vegetable oils such as soybean (1.99-2.09) (Farhoosh, 2007), olive (2.09-2.48) (Farhoosh and Hoseini-Yazdi, 2014), maize (2.00-2.01) and canola (2.00-2.01) (Farhoosh et al., 2008). All these Q_{10} around 2.0 represent the temperature acceleration factor, indicating that the reaction speed doubles for every 10 °C of temperature increase (Farhoosh and Hoseini-Yazdi, 2014).

Table 5 also shows the extrapolation values for the determination of the shelf life of the blends at 25 °C. All the oil samples present a significant difference ($p \leq 0.05$), reflecting the strong influence of the unsaturated fatty acids of chia oil; as expected, the OSI_{25} of the four chia-sesame oil blends (from 80.4 to 123.2 days) fell between the 25.8 days of chia oil and the 253.3 of sesame oil. The Rancimat extrapolation method has been successfully applied in the study of different oils, such as sacha inchi (Rodríguez et al., 2015); interestingly, soybean oil, whose ω -3: ω -6 ratio is around 1:6-7 (Kulkarni et al., 2017), shows a shelf life between 125 and 149 days (Farhoosh, 2007), similar to that of our 1:10 blend (Table 5). The shelf life was also determined under accelerated conditions, using combined models such as a regression model in storage at 50 °C and high temperatures (100-130 °C) which got a shelf life for olive oil between 1.14 and 1.63 years (Farhoosh and Hoseini-Yazdi, 2013). Finally, Guiotto et al. (2014) for the shelf life of chia oil, sunflower oil and their blends, tested under non-accelerated storage conditions at 20 °C, reported values between 120 and 240 days for a peroxide index not exceeding 10 meqv O_2 /kg.

Conclusions

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3 259 The results of this study show that the OSI of the chia-sesame oil blends, maintaining a ω -3: ω -6 ratio
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5 260 between 1:4 and 1:10, increased with the addition of sesame oil and decreased with that of chia oil.
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10 262 are α -linolenic in chia and linoleic in sesame. The process of accelerated oxidation of chia-sesame oil
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12 263 blends allowed to estimate the shelf life by extrapolation: the OSI obtained were outside the range of
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14 264 the experimental values at 25 °C, giving stability times ranging between 80 and 123 days. The
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17 265 thermodynamic behaviour was studied by calculating activation energy (86.7 - 89.1 kJ/mol), enthalpy
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19 266 (83.4 - 86.1 kJ/mol) and entropy (-44.3 - -39.1 J/mol) of the oxidation reaction.
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22 267 The oil obtained from the mixture of chia and sesame oils has a better proportion of ω -3: ω -6 fatty acids,
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24 268 with a good oxidative stability that fluctuates between 6 to 8 h at 110 °C and a shelf life at 25 °C
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Table 1. **Formulation of** sesame and chia oil blends and their omegas ratios.

% oil (w/w)		Omegas ratio
Chía	Sesame	(ω -3: ω -6)
15.5	84.5	1:4
10.4	89.6	1:6
7.7	92.3	1:8
6.1	93.9	1:10

Table 2. Physico-chemical characteristics of **chia oil, sesame oil and their blends**. Mean value \pm SD (n=3).

Profile	Chia	Sesame	ω -3: ω -6 ratios of chia–sesame oil blends			
			1:4	1:6	1:8	1:10
Fatty acid %						
C _{16:0}	8.31 ^c \pm 0.03	8.32 ^d \pm 0.01	8.55 ^c \pm 0.01	8.63 ^b \pm 0.01	8.37 ^d \pm 0.01	8.73 ^a \pm 0.02
C _{18:0}	4.02 ^c \pm 0.02	4.02 ^c \pm 0.02	4.04 ^c \pm 0.04	4.20 ^b \pm 0.02	4.39 ^a \pm 0.06	4.04 ^c \pm 0.09
C _{18:1}	7.55 ^e \pm 0.07	39.47 ^a \pm 0.47	36.65 ^d \pm 0.32	37.19 ^c \pm 0.25	38.71 ^b \pm 0.03	38.90 ^b \pm 0.10
C _{18:2} (ω -6)	19.18 ^c \pm 0.85	44.76 ^a \pm 0.16	40.33 ^b \pm 2.85	43.19 ^a \pm 0.23	43.52 ^a \pm 0.45	43.87 ^a \pm 0.64
C _{18:3} (ω -3)	63.49 ^a \pm 0.17	0.45 ^e \pm 0.05	10.16 ^b \pm 0.73	7.41 ^c \pm 1.29	5.44 ^d \pm 0.38	4.41 ^d \pm 0.33
ω -3: ω -6	3.3 \pm 0.2:1	1:100.3 \pm 11.4	1:4.0 \pm 0.4	1:6.0 \pm 1.1	1:8.0 \pm 0.6	1:10.0 \pm 0.7
Density (g/mL)	0.870 ^c \pm 0.00	0.903 ^a \pm 0.01	0.873 ^c \pm 0.01	0.877 ^c \pm 0.01	0.890 ^b \pm 0.00	0.897 ^{ab} \pm 0.01
Acidity (%)	0.43 ^d \pm 0.05	0.61 ^a \pm 0.02	0.51 ^c \pm 0.04	0.53 ^{bc} \pm 0.02	0.55 ^{bc} \pm 0.01	0.58 ^{ab} \pm 0.01
Iodine (g/100 g)	103.3 ^d \pm 0.6	108.1 ^b \pm 1.0	105.4 ^{bcd} \pm 1.3	106.4 ^{bc} \pm 2.6	112.6 ^a \pm 1.2	104.4 ^{cd} \pm 1.8
PV (meq O ₂ /kg)	0.67 ^c \pm 0.15	1.14 ^a \pm 0.04	0.98 ^b \pm 0.03	1.02 ^{ab} \pm 0.03	1.05 ^{ab} \pm 0.04	1.10 ^{ab} \pm 0.03
<i>p</i> -AV	0.36 ^d \pm 0.05	0.86 ^a \pm 0.02	0.48 ^c \pm 0.05	0.53 ^c \pm 0.03	0.73 ^b \pm 0.03	0.81 ^a \pm 0.02
TotOx	1.69 ^d \pm 0.26	3.14 ^a \pm 0.07	2.44 ^c \pm 0.08	2.57 ^c \pm 0.08	2.83 ^b \pm 0.10	3.01 ^{ab} \pm 0.05

Different letters in the same row indicate significant differences between samples ($p \leq 0.05$).

Table 3. Oxidative stability index (OSI; h) of chia oil, sesame oil and their blends. Mean value \pm SD (n=3).

Temperature (°C)	Chia OSI \pm SD	Sesame OSI \pm SD	ω -3: ω -6 ratios of chia–sesame oil blends			
			1:4 OSI \pm SD	1:6 OSI \pm SD	1:8 OSI \pm SD	1:10 OSI \pm SD
130	-	2.33 ^a \pm 0.02	1.62 ^e \pm 0.05	1.82 ^d \pm 0.02	1.90 ^c \pm 0.03	2.01 ^b \pm 0.01
120	-	4.74 ^a \pm 0.12	3.07 ^e \pm 0.05	3.52 ^d \pm 0.09	3.75 ^c \pm 0.08	4.00 ^b \pm 0.10
110	1.49 ^f \pm 0.00	10.45 ^a \pm 0.25	6.24 ^e \pm 0.04	7.22 ^d \pm 0.13	7.65 ^c \pm 0.34	8.08 ^b \pm 0.08
100	3.03 \pm 0.05	-	-	-	-	-
90	6.16 \pm 0.01	-	-	-	-	-

Different letters in the same row indicate significant difference between samples ($p \leq 0.05$).

Table 4. Activation energy (E_a), enthalpy (ΔH^{++}), entropy (ΔS^{++}), energy of Gibbs (ΔG^{++}) of chia oil, sesame oil and their blends.

Oil samples	E_a (kJ/mol)	ΔH^{++} (kJ/mol)	ΔS^{++} (J/mol K)	ΔG^{++} (kJ/mol)
Chia	82.0 ^d \pm 0.1	78.9 ^d \pm 0.1	-44.4 ^b \pm 0.1	62.3 ^c \pm 0.1
Sesame	96.2 ^a \pm 2.0	93.0 ^a \pm 2.0	-23.7 ^a \pm 5.0	83.7 ^a \pm 3.9
Blends (ω-3:ω-6 ratios)				
1:4	86.7 ^c \pm 1.7	83.4 ^c \pm 1.7	-44.3 ^b \pm 4.5	66.0 ^{bc} \pm 3.5
1:6	88.6 ^{bc} \pm 0.9	85.3 ^{bc} \pm 0.9	-40.7 ^b \pm 2.1	69.3 ^b \pm 1.7
1:8	89.4 ^b \pm 2.0	86.1 ^b \pm 2.0	-39.1 ^b \pm 4.8	70.7 ^b \pm 3.9
1:10	89.1 ^{bc} \pm 0.9	85.9 ^{bc} \pm 0.9	-40.2 ^b \pm 2.3	70.1 ^b \pm 1.8

Different letters in the same column indicate significant difference between samples ($p \leq 0.05$).

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Table 5. Shelf life (oxidative stability index at 25 °C, OSI_{25}) and Q_{10} (increase of reaction rate due to a 10 °C temperature rise) of chia oil, sesame oil and their blends.

Oil samples	Log OSI = $\alpha(T) + \beta$			OSI_{25} (days)	Q_{10}
	$\alpha \pm SD$	$\beta \pm SD$	R^2		
Chia	-0.0308±0.0000	3.5621±0.0038	0.999	25.8 ^d ±0.2	2.03±0.00
Sesame	-0.0326±0.0007	4.5949±0.0773	0.999	253.3 ^a ±36.1	2.12±0.12
Blends (ω-3:ω-6 ratios)					
1:4	-0.0293±0.0006	4.0168±0.0667	0.999	80.4 ^c ±9.8	1.96±0.10
1:6	-0.0300±0.0003	4.1515±0.0409	0.999	105.4 ^{bc} ±8.3	1.99±0.08
1:8	-0.0302±0.0007	4.2076±0.0862	0.999	118.9 ^b ±18.6	2.01±0.05
1:10	-0.0302±0.0003	4.2242±0.0411	0.999	123.2 ^b ±9.5	2.01±0.02

α and β : constants; R^2 : coefficient of determination. Different letters in the same column indicate significant difference between samples ($p \leq 0.05$).