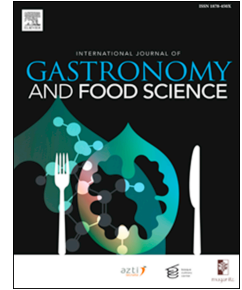


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## SEAWEEDS IN BAKERY AND FARINACEOUS FOODS: A MINI-REVIEW

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Seaweed is characterized by its nutritional composition. They contain protein and dietary fiber in high concentration, along with low fat and calorie intake. They also include bioactive compounds that are beneficial to health. For these reasons, its incorporation in processed foods is interesting. In bakery and farinaceous foods, seaweed is incorporated as finely ground powder. The foods in which they have been incorporated are bread, noodles, cake, cookies, biscuits, and others. Thus, in general, foods with seaweeds incorporated, increase their content of protein, dietary fiber, total polyphenols, and antioxidant capacity.

Stable mixtures and emulsions are formed between the dough and the seaweed, furthermore, the functional properties improve in the products. Adding seaweeds into a bakery and farinaceous products decreases lightness, redness, and yellowness color parameters.

The sensorial quality is affected by the high concentration of seaweed, mainly flavor. It is being taken very carefully because sensory aspects are the most important for determining acceptability for consumers.

According to studies, the incorporation of seaweed in products should be a maximum of 10% for noodles, 4% for bread, 5% for biscuits, 5% for cookies, less than 10% for cake, and 3.55% in extruded maize.

**Keywords:** seaweeds, algae, bakery, farinaceous, sensory.

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2 **1. INTRODUCTION**

3 Seaweeds are marine vegetables with nutrients and bioactive compounds, they constitute a  
4 renewable resource of the marine environment with conditions of application in the food,  
5 pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries. Seaweeds are classified according to their  
6 predominant pigmentation as Chlorophyta or chlorophytes (green), Phaeophyta or  
7 phaeophytes (brown), and Rhodophyta or rhodophytes (red). The red and brown seaweeds  
8 are the most consumed directly into culinary preparations (Pereira, 2011).

9 Seaweeds can be incorporated as an ingredient in processed foods, providing nutrients,  
10 bioactive compounds and enhance food quality because they have antioxidant and  
11 antimicrobial action (Gupta & Abu-Ghannam, 2011; Syad et al., 2013). A study with 120  
12 adult consumers evidenced that the most preferred forms of consuming seaweed were as  
13 snacks, bread, and in various dishes (Wendin & Undeland, 2020). The seaweeds used for this  
14 purpose are mainly brown and red (Gullón et al., 2020).

15 From the nutritional value, seaweed is characterized by high protein content, reaching similar  
16 concentrations to meats and dry legumes (Dawczynski et al., 2007). Red seaweed has higher  
17 protein content than brown and green ones (Fleurence, 1999; Fleurence et al., 2012; Cian et  
18 al., 2015). For example, protein concentration in seaweeds genera *Adenocystis* (brown) is  
19 12.6 g/100 d.w.; in *Codium* (green) is 14.8 g/100 d.w., and in *Porphyra* (red) is 22.0 g/100  
20 d.w. (Astorga-España et al., 2016). However, the digestibility of seaweed's proteins is lower  
21 than those of animal origin because it has a high dietary fiber concentration that reduces the  
22 access of digestive and proteolytic enzymes (Urbano & Goñi, 2002).

23 The seaweed has a low contribution of fat, with distribution and ratio of fatty acids  $\omega 6/\omega 3$   
24 very beneficial for health, very low values of this relationship have been found, such as 0.5  
25 and 0.02 in *Brongniartella australis* and *Gracilaria changii* respectively (Schmid et al.,  
26 2018; Gressler et al., 2011).

27 The seaweed's caloric content is low, Ortiz et al. (2009) determined values of 324, 331, and  
28 360 kcal / 100g in *Codium fragile*, *Gracilaria chilensis* and *Macrocystis pyrifera*, green, red,  
29 and brown algae respectively; Gamero-Vega et al. (2020) determined 223 kcal/100 as an

30 average in red seaweed. This is mainly due to the low-fat content and high dietary fiber

32 The dietary fiber in seaweed reaches values over 50% d.m. (Ortiz et al., 2006) with soluble  
33 dietary fiber in high proportion. The content of insoluble fiber (IF) is higher than soluble  
34 fiber (SF) in all terrestrial vegetables, cereals, and legumes, however, it is found similar  
35 content of soluble and insoluble fiber in seaweed, and there are even some that have a higher  
36 content of SF than IF, such as *Himanthalia elongate* with 23.6 and 13.5g/100g of SF and IF  
37 respectively (Gómez-Ordóñez et al., 2010). SF has a greater effect on satiety, decreased  
38 postprandial glucose, insulin, and cholesterol levels (Ye et al., 2015; Fiszman & Varela,  
39 2013). Further, seaweed contains minerals, vitamins, carotenoids, polyphenols, sulpholipids,  
40 sulfated polysaccharides (such as fucoidan), etc. (Parada et al., 2019; Belghit et al., 2017;  
41 Edelman et al., 2019; Fernández-Segovia et al., 2018; Ganesan et al., 2019).

42 Seaweeds consumption has been linked to health effects by its nutrients and components. It  
43 has been reported on its biological activity in vitro as an antioxidant (Agregán et al., 2017;  
44 Wijesinghe & Jeon, 2012; Wang et al., 2009), anti-inflammatory (Kim & Himaya, 2011; Kim  
45 & Pangestuti, 2011; Rajapakse & Kim, 2011), anti-HIV (Sanniyasi et al., 2019), anti-  
46 Alzheimer's, and Parkinson diseases (Pereira & Valado, 2021), in addition to reducing the  
47 risk of chronic diseases such as metabolic syndrome (Rico et al., 2018), cancer (Rengasamy  
48 et al., 2020), osteoporosis, it influences the control of glycemic index (Parada et al., 2019),  
49 has antibacterial, potential therapeutic effect on calcium mineralization (Thi Nguyen et al.,  
50 2011). Its potential antidiabetic effect has been investigated through inhibition of enzymatic  
51 activity and control of anti-inflammatory and obesity response (Ganesan et al., 2019).

52 Rico et al. (2018) demonstrated that seaweed is a potential ingredient for the development of  
53 functional foods, to mitigate the risk factors for metabolic syndrome. Parada et al. (2019)  
54 showed that polyphenols from seaweed an ingredient in functional foods can low glycemic  
55 response.

56 When seaweeds are incorporated as an ingredient in food, they provide physicochemical and  
57 textural properties. Seaweeds contain sulfated polysaccharides, and these positively affect  
58 the structure and strength of food products. The principal sulfated polysaccharides present in  
59 seaweeds are fucoidans, laminaran, carrageenan, and ulvan. The carrageenans, present in red

60 seaweeds, have gelling properties, emulsifying, thickening, and stabilizing; for this reason,

62 produce increased water absorption of the dough, reduced stickiness properties, increased  
63 firmness in bread (Mamat et al., 2014).

64 In consumers in countries where the consumption of seaweed is not common, neophobia  
65 towards them occurs, which affects the intention to consume seaweed. However, the  
66 qualifiers of "healthy" and the nutritional composition of seaweed, stimulate consumers more  
67 interested in health (Losada-López et al., 2021). Even so, it must be recognized that seaweed  
68 has a very characteristic and strong aroma and flavor, which affects the foods that contain  
69 them, so their incorporation into processed foods must be very well dosed and evaluated to  
70 obtain good results.

71 The incorporation of seaweeds in processed foods provides strong odors and characteristic  
72 marine flavors, they also produce, astringency and bitter taste (Cassani et al., 2020). More  
73 than 200 volatile compounds of different chemical groups have been identified in six species  
74 of seaweeds. The main volatile compounds correspond to hydrocarbons, ketones, aldehydes,  
75 alcohols, halogen or sulfur-containing compounds, acids, esters, furans, and phenols. It is  
76 necessary to identify that those most likely to impact sensory perception (Garicano Vilar et  
77 al., 2020).

78 The purpose of this study is to review the information regarding the effect of the  
79 incorporation of seaweed as an ingredient in bakery and farinaceous foods on nutritional  
80 properties, physical and sensory properties.

## 81 **2.- Materials and methods**

82 The literature search is done in databases: ScienceDirect, Web of Science, Scopus, PubMed,  
83 and Google Scholar. The search keywords included *seaweeds, bakery, bread, algae, noodles,*  
84 *cake, cookies, biscuit, pasta, farinaceous.* No restrictions were made regarding language  
85 (Articles in a language other than English or Spanish were translated with Google Translator)  
86 or date of publication. The included studies were published in food chemistry and  
87 bioenvironmental journals.

## 88 **3.- Bioactive compounds in seaweeds**

89 Seaweed contains different bioactive compounds such as polyphenols, including phenolic

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91 Phlorotannins are present in brown seaweed, while red algae contain bromophenols, both  
92 compounds present in vitro activity to inhibit the proliferation of cancer cells, antidiabetic  
93 and antithrombotic properties, on the other hand, they inhibit the growth of tumors in vivo  
94 (Gullón et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2011). Phlorotannins have a strong antioxidant effect, they  
95 help to inhibit lipid peroxidation, an in vitro model system is more efficient than  $\alpha$ -tocopherol  
96 (Ganesa et al., 2019). Seaweed polyphenol's concentrations have different values, in green  
97 algae, *Ulva lactuca* 55.6 mg GAE/100g (Nunes et al., 2017) were quantified, while in brown  
98 algae *Himantalia elongata* 1800 mg GAE/100g has been determined (Fernández-Segovia  
99 et al., 2018), in *Zonaira tournefortii* also brown, 2155 mg GAE/100g (Nunes et al., 2017)  
100 was determined, and the average in red algae was established at 542 mg GAE/100g (Gamero-  
101 Vega et al., 2020).

102 Dietary fiber and polyphenols have health benefits; however, benefits can be attributed to the  
103 association of both components (González-Aguilar et al., 2017). Saura-Calixto (1998)  
104 established the term “antioxidant fiber” to refer to bioactive compounds with antioxidant  
105 capacity associated with dietary fiber (Saura-Calixto, 2011). In the case of polyphenols, the  
106 same author differentiates extractable polyphenols (EP) (those extracted with solvents such  
107 as water, methanol, ethanol, etc.) from non-extractable polyphenols (NEP), the latter strongly  
108 associated with dietary fiber. This association between dietary fiber and polyphenols would  
109 modify the accessibility and bioavailability of the latter. Unabsorbed polyphenols are  
110 transported by dietary fiber to the colon, where they are released by the action of bacteria and  
111 there, they could exert beneficial health effects (Jakobek & Matić, 2019).

112 Further seaweed contains other compounds with antioxidant capacity such as carotenoids  
113 (carotenes, lycopene, fucoxanthin, zeaxanthin, lutein, neoxanthin, and violaxanthin)  
114 (Koizumi et al., 2018; Aryee et al., 2018), tocopherols (Ortiz et al., 2009), vitamin C  
115 (Bhattacharjee & Islam, 2014), and extracts of polysaccharides with sulfur groups with a  
116 significant antioxidant activity (Roohinejad et al., 2017). The antioxidant capacity of brown  
117 and red seaweed is very high (Devi et al., 2011).

118 About carotenoids, values of 199, 116, and 18  $\mu\text{g/g}$  of [Lutein+ $\beta$ -carotene] have been  
119 reported in *Codium fragile*, *Gracilaria chilensis*, and *Macrocystis pyrifera* respectively

120 (Ortiz et al., 2009). Fucoxanthin in *Sargassum horneri* and *Cystoseira hakodatensis*, both

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122 algae *Eucheuma denticulatum* (red) and *Sargassum polycystum* (brown), the concentration  
123 of [Lutein + zeaxanthin] was 109 and 26 mg/100g respectively (Palmieri & Forleo, 2020).

#### 124 4.- Seaweed as food ingredients

125 In western countries, seaweed cannot be considered "new foods" strictly speaking, due to the  
126 presence of these for years in various preparations, however, processed foods that include  
127 seaweed as an ingredient can be considered "new" on the market. It is possible to promote  
128 the consumption of foods that use seaweed as an ingredient, highlighting healthy, ethical,  
129 and sustainable aspects (Palmieri & Forleo, 2020).

130 The incorporation of seaweed as an ingredient in processed foods shows advantages from the  
131 nutritional point of view, and the technological one, thanks to its functional properties such  
132 as water retention capacity, oil retention, swelling, and others. These properties depend  
133 mainly on the protein and dietary fiber content of the algae, allowing a positive interaction  
134 with other ingredients, as well as contributing to the stability against thermal processes and  
135 during food storage. (Elleuch et al., 2011; Quitral et al., 2019; Morales et al., 2019).

136 Further, the natural antioxidants of seaweed increase the shelf life of foods, since they delay  
137 the oxidation of the lipids present in them, thus Agregán et al. (2017) evaluated the  
138 antioxidant effect of extracts of the brown algae *Bifurcaria bifurcata* in canola oil, through  
139 of peroxide index, p-Anisidine, conjugated dienes, Totox value. The authors concluded that  
140 the inhibition of lipid oxidation is like that exerted by 200 ppm of BHT, which is why the  
141 extracts of the seaweed constitute a natural antioxidant potential.

142 Bakery and farinaceous foods (such as pasta, noodles, bread, or the like) have wheat flour or  
143 semolina as their main ingredient, their nutritional contribution is mainly carbohydrates.

144 There are many studies in which other ingredients ground as flour are incorporated into bread,  
145 pasta, and other farinaceous products, such as dried legumes (Bojnanska et al., 2012),  
146 pumpkin (See et al., 2007), and other dehydrated vegetables (Salehi & Aghajanzadeh, 2020;  
147 Arslan et al., 2019). Seaweed can also be incorporated into the bakery and farinaceous  
148 products, providing nutrients, dietary fiber, and bioactive compounds.



149 According to the studies presented in Table 1 and Table 2, mainly brown and red algae have

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151 been added in concentration ranges of 0.5 to 8%; in noodles has been incorporated into a  
152 range of 3 to 30%; pasta in 5 to 20%; cake in 2.5 to 20%; biscuit in 5 to 60%; cookies in 3 to  
153 9%; extrudes maize in 3.5%.

#### 154 4.1.- Nutritional and bioactive compounds values

155 The incorporation of seaweed in the formulation of processed foods improves its nutritional  
156 quality due to the increase in the content of proteins, minerals, and dietary fiber  
157 (Prabhasankar et al., 2009), among others.

158 In this sense, Rodríguez de Marco et al., (2014) reported that the protein content increased  
159 significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) when incorporating *Spirulina* in noodles, and their cooking did not  
160 cause significant losses in the content of this macronutrient. Concerning fiber content, this  
161 increased from 4.65% to 7.95% when *Himanthalia elongata* was incorporated by 17% in  
162 breadsticks (Cox & Abu-Ghannam, 2013). Similar effects were observed in bread with 4%  
163 of *Ascophyllum nodosum* incorporated, increasing the total dietary fiber by 34%, to control  
164 bread (Hall et al., 2012).

165 With micronutrients, it has been reported that the incorporation of the red algae *Porphyra*  
166 *columbina* significantly increased the content of phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium in  
167 extruded maize products, however, the bioaccessibility of these minerals decreased compared  
168 to the control sample. These effects could be attributed to the presence of dietary fiber,  
169 phenolic compounds, and phytic acid in seaweed, which could form insoluble complexes  
170 with minerals, affecting their bioavailability (Cian et al., 2014).

171 Moreover, it has been described that the incorporation of *Spirulina platensis* in noodles in  
172 different concentrations (5 to 20%) is capable of significantly reducing the fraction of total,  
173 soluble, and resistant starch at a biological level. The authors attribute these results to  
174 *Spirulina* provides a high amount of protein, which could limit the accessibility of  $\alpha$ -amylase  
175 to starch, encapsulating its granules, thus reducing starch digestibility and the glycemic index  
176 (Rodríguez de Marco et al., 2014).

177 About the contribution of fatty acids, it has been described the incorporation of 10% *Undaria*  
178 *pannatifida* in noodles significantly reduces the  $\omega$ -6/ $\omega$ -3 ratio, due to the contribution of

179 polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) from the seaweed, such as octadecatetraenoic acid (18:

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181 al., 2009). Lower ratios of  $\omega$ -6/ $\omega$ -3 are beneficial for health since they contribute to reducing  
182 the risk of metabolic syndrome (Jang & Park, 2020), depressive disorders in children and  
183 adults (Trebatická et al., 2020), neurodegenerative diseases (Shirooie et al., 2018), and others.  
184 Further, lipidic components such as fucoxanthin (xanthophyll that gives coloration to brown  
185 seaweed) and fucosterol (sterol), both with healthy properties, have also been reported in  
186 concentrations of 0.23 and 2.55 mg/g respectively, in noodles added with 30% *Undaria*  
187 *pannatifida* (Prabhasankar et al., 2009).

188 The incorporation of seaweed in farinaceous foods also improves the content of bioactive  
189 compounds, such as polyphenols and carotenoids, and therefore, of the antioxidant properties  
190 (Prabhasankar et al., 2009; Rodriguez de Marco et al., 2014). Over this, it has been described  
191 that the incorporation of seaweed in noodles produced a significant increase in the content of  
192 total polyphenols in raw and cooked samples, concerning the control. However, the cooking  
193 process decreased the content of polyphenols. This effect could be attributed to the fact that  
194 polyphenols are thermosensitive, also producing leaching in the cooking water (Pokorny et  
195 al., 2005; Gunathilake et al., 2018; Sengül et al., 2014; Mba et al., 2019). Higher polyphenol  
196 contents have also been observed in extruded maize added with *Porphyra columbina* (Cian  
197 et al., 2014), in noodles with *Spirulina* (Rodriguez de Marco et al., 2014), and breadsticks  
198 with 17% *Himanthalia elongata*. In this last study, the polyphenol content increased from 28  
199 to 146 mg AGE/100g (Cox & Abu-Ghannam, 2013). Likewise, in most of these studies an  
200 increase in the antioxidant capacity of farinaceous products added with seaweed has been  
201 observed (Cox & Abu-Ghannam, 2013; Cian et al., 2014). Cox et al., (2012) also reported  
202 that thermal processes after dehydration could further increase the antioxidant capacity in  
203 farinaceous products added with seaweed. Furthermore, It has been described that  
204 antioxidant capacity induced by baking is related to the Maillard's reaction; reaction products  
205 would cause an increase on polyphenols and antioxidant capacity (Zilic et al., 2016).

206 Arufe et al. (2019) determined an increase in antioxidant capacity in the mass of cookies  
207 before baking, however, in the cookies already made, in which the Maillard reaction has  
208 occurred, the antioxidant activity is overlapped by Maillard's products generated during  
209 baking.

210 Regarding shelf-life studies, in bread showed that the incorporation of 0.5 and 1% of

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212 of 0.5% *Myagropsis myagroides* was able to decrease the count of viable cells and molds  
213 (Lee et al., 2010). This property is due to its antimicrobial capacity and antioxidant effect  
214 against lipid oxidation.

215 Another aspect to consider when incorporating seaweed into a farinaceous and bakery  
216 product is to evaluate satiety, in this sense Hall et al., (2012) studied the satiety produced by  
217 samples of control and with 4% of *Ascophyllum nodosum* bread, in 12 healthy men and with  
218 overweight, observing that after 4 hours, all subjects reduced their energy consumption by  
219 16.4%.

#### 220 **4.2.- Physical properties**

221 From the technological vision, when incorporating seaweed in farinaceous products, some  
222 modifications are observed in certain parameters, such as an increase in their weight after  
223 cooking, what happened to add *Undaria pinnatifida* in noodles at different concentrations (5  
224 to 30%). This is explained by the hydration produced by the hydrocolloids (Prabhasankar et  
225 al., 2009). The seaweeds are raw materials for the production of hydrocolloids  
226 (polysaccharides), such as agar, alginate, and carrageenan. Hydrocolloids are characterized  
227 by their ability to form viscous solutions and/or gels when partially or dispersed in water (Li  
228 & Nie., 2016). Also, in this same farinaceous product added with *Spirulina* a shorter optimal  
229 cooking time was observed. This effect was attributed to the high protein content of these  
230 microalgae (60 to 70 g/100g), which would weaken the structure of the pasta because their  
231 proteins are not capable of developing gluten, and steric hindrance interferes in the network  
232 formation. (Rodriguez de Marco et al., 2014).

233 Besides, the addition of 4% protein hydrolysate of *Palmaria palmata* (a red seaweed) in  
234 bread, showed a lower specific volume ( $p < 0.001$ ), that is, the dough did not manage to  
235 expand or “rise” as in the control. The authors attribute it to the amount of additional protein  
236 in bread that would compete with wheat starch for free moisture, restricting hydration and  
237 swelling of the starch granules (Fitzgerald et al., 2014). A similar result has been described  
238 in two studies, but in these the authors explained it by the antimicrobial effect of seaweed,

239 affecting yeast, which is the leavening agent used in making bread, and also by the lower

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241 Bread with 4% protein hydrolysate of *Palmaria palmata*, produced an increase in the  
242 hardness of the crumb, a decrease in cohesiveness and elasticity, and effects on the texture  
243 was observed. The authors agree with other studies, in that the cause of these modifications  
244 corresponds to the incorporation of vegetable protein (Fitzgerald et al., 2014).

245 According to the data in Table 2, in general, firmness increases in bread and pasta; chewiness  
246 increases in pasta and cake; hardness decreases in bread and increases in the cake. Specific  
247 volume decreases in bread. Cooking loss increases in noodles, pasta, and instant fried  
248 noodles.

249 Seaweeds are rich in pigments, mainly chlorophyll, carotenoids, phycoerythrin, and  
250 phycocyanin (Osorio et al., 2020), so their incorporation into food provides colorations  
251 depending on the type of algae. In Table 2 studies are presented in which the color parameters  
252 L\* (lightness), a\* (redness), and b\* (yellowness) in foods are measured. The incorporation  
253 of seaweeds affects these parameters. In 5 out of 6 studies, L\* decreased, meaning that the  
254 food darkened; the effect on the decrease of a\* and b\* was also greater, which means that the  
255 tones were more greenish and bluer. These color variations are attributed to the presence of  
256 pigments such as phycobillins, and chlorophylls in the seaweed (Kim et al., 2011). Darker  
257 colors have also been described in breadsticks with 17% *Himanthalia elongata* (Cox et al.,  
258 2012).

### 259 **4.3.- Sensory properties**

260 Sensory properties like appearance, color, texture, aroma, flavour, and overall quality in  
261 farinaceous and bakery products added with seaweed have different results. In noodles with  
262 5 to 10% *Undaria pinnatifida* did not present significant differences in sensory quality  
263 compared to the control sample. However, when the percentage of incorporation was  
264 increased to 20 and 30%, it presented a low sensory evaluation for appearance, strand quality,  
265 mouthfeel, and overall quality (Prabhasankar et al., 2009). In terms of texture, contradictory  
266 results were also observed in bread, with a variable degree of firmness. The color was  
267 affected by the incorporation of seaweed depending on the seaweed's color and the level of  
268 its incorporation. In bread with 4% of protein hydrolysate from *Palmaria palmata*, a darker

269 coloration was observed due to the greater availability of substrates for the Maillard reaction

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271 Seaweed has a strong and characteristic aroma and flavor, which are not always highly  
272 acceptable to consumers. The flavor is attributed to specific amino acids, especially  
273 glutamate (glutamic acid), also guanylate, and inosinate, which provide an "umami" taste.  
274 Mannitol has been found in seaweed, over 30% in *Laminaria* and *Saccharina* species.  
275 Glutamate and mannitol combined can open a different flavor profile depending on the  
276 proportion of each component (Rioux et al., 2017). The seaweed's aroma is derived from  
277 dimethyl sulfide [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S], with notes of iodine, bromine, and other volatile compounds  
278 (Mouritsen et al., 2018). In this sense, extruded maize products added with 3.5% *Porphyra*  
279 *columbina*, results in the sensory evaluation kept the smell, taste, and crunchiness within the  
280 acceptable limit. Similar results were observed in bread with 4% *Ascophyllum nodosum* (Hall  
281 et al., 2012) and bread with 0.5, 1, and 2% extract *Sargassum fulvellum* (Kim et al., 2011).  
282 In contrast, the addition of 4% hydrolyzate protein from *Palmaria palmata* in bread, altered  
283 the taste for the control sample, producing a bitter taste, caused by the peptides of the seaweed  
284 protein hydrolysate (Fitzgerald et al., 2014).

285 The studies presented evaluate sensory acceptability using a hedonic scale. In most cases,  
286 this is reduced by incorporating seaweed, and the most affected attributes are flavor, taste,  
287 aroma, and aftertaste; as presented in Figure 1, which represents the variation of acceptability  
288 (measured on a 9-point hedonic scale) to the concentration of added seaweed, for different  
289 sensory attributes (Hall et al., 2012).

290 In some cases, the addition of seaweed causes increased acceptability, when concentrations  
291 are low, such as 0.5 to 1% in bread (Kim et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2010), 5% in biscuits (Pratiwi  
292 & Titik, 2019). In the case of the cake, the incorporation of algae greatly affects the  
293 acceptability of the product. Figure 2 presents the variation of overall acceptability (in  
294 percentage) versus the addition of seaweed in bread, biscuit, and cake. It is observed that  
295 adding 2% of seaweed in bread harms it a lot, and in cake over 4% addition is negative.  
296 However, in biscuits, the effect is milder.

297 **5.- Conclusion**

298 According to the studies reviewed, it is concluded that the incorporation of seaweed in

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300 enriches them from a nutritional point of view, in texture properties and could prolong the  
301 useful life of these.

302 Seaweed has functional properties such as the ability to: water retention, oil retention, and  
303 swelling that allow them to interact with the other ingredients of the formulation, forming  
304 stable mixtures or emulsions.

305 Adding seaweeds into the bakery and farinaceous products decreases lightness, redness, and  
306 yellowness color parameters.

307 The incorporation of seaweeds in bakery and farinaceous products affects the sensory  
308 characteristics, mainly flavor. Considering the sensory characteristics, seaweed's level  
309 incorporation should be a maximum of 10% for noodles, 4% for bread, 5% for biscuits, 5%  
310 for cookies, less than 10% for cake, and 3.55% in extruded maize. Higher concentrations can  
311 negatively affect the sensory characteristics of the products.

312 It is possible to continue investigating the use of seaweed as an ingredient in bakery and  
313 farinaceous foods, varying types of seaweed, seaweed mixtures, concentrations, and other  
314 ingredients to improve sensory acceptability.

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**Table 1. Incorporation of seaweed in bakery and farinaceous foods - Effect on nutrients, bioactive compounds, antioxidant capacity, and satiety**

Food	Seaweed - Addition%	Nutritional effects	Ref.
Noodles	Brown <i>Undaria</i> <i>pinnatifida</i> . Wakame 5–10-20-30%	<p>↑: moisture, fat, ash, raw fiber (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↑ proteins (18.7% to 21.7 % in 0 and 30% seaweed addition) (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↓ Carbohydrates</p> <p>Fucoxanthin: varies from n.d. to 0.23 mg/g in 0 and 30% seaweed addition respectively.</p> <p>Fucoesterol: varies from n.d. to 2.55 mg/g in in 0 and 30% seaweed addition.</p> <p>↑ Total phenolic content in raw and cooked simples (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↑ in vitro antioxidant activities (DPPH-radical scavenging, superoxide radical scavenging, metal chelating, reducing power) in raw and cooked simples (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>ratio <math>\omega</math>-6/<math>\omega</math>-3= 15.2 to 3.4 in 0 and 10% seaweed addition</p>	Prabhasankar et al., 2009

<b>Pasta</b>	Green-blue <i>Spirulina platensis</i> 5 -10-20%	<p>↑ Protein content (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>Raw pasta: varies from 12.9 to 23.5 g/100g d.s. in in 0 and 20% seaweed addition.</p> <p>Cooked pasta: varies from 13.1 to 23.7 g/100g d.s. in in 0 and 20% seaweed addition.</p> <p>↑ Protein availability: from 10.3 to 12.9 g/100g d.s. in in 0 and 20% seaweed addition.</p> <p>↑ Total phenolic content, antioxidant capacity (TEAC), (FRAP) (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↓ Total starch, soluble starch, resistant starch (p&lt;0.05)</p>	Rodriguez de Marco et al., 2014
<b>Instant fried noodles</b>	Red <i>Eucheuma cottonii</i> 5%	<p>↑ Protein varies from 9.34 to 16.92 g/100g in 0 and 5% seaweed addition</p> <p>↑ fat, ash, dietary fibre.</p> <p>↓ carbohydrate, moisture moisture.</p>	Kumoro et al., 2016
<b>Bread</b>	Brown <i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i> 4%	<p>↑ Satiety</p> <p>No differences in relation to glycemic control and postprandial cholesterol</p>	Hall et al., 2012

<b>Breadsticks</b>	Brown <i>Himanthalia</i> <i>elongata</i> 3-5-10-15- 17%	↑: dietary fiber, total polyphenols, antioxidant capacity (DPPH). (greater effect at higher algae concentration).	Cox and Abu- Ghannam, 2013
<b>Cake</b>	Red <i>Eucheuma</i> <i>cottonii</i> 5-10-15-20%	↑ ash (p<0.05) Total dietary fibre is 1.5, 3.0, 5.4, 6.7 and 8.1% in 0, 5, 10, 15 and 20% addition seaweed (p<0.05) The increase in soluble fibre is greater than in insoluble fibre.	Huang & Yang, 2019.
<b>Biscuits</b>	Green <i>Ulva Lactuca</i> 30-40-50- 60%	↓ essential amino acid content with increasing concentration of seaweed	Jenifer & Kanjana, 2018

<b>Cookies</b>	Brown <i>B. bifurcata</i> <i>F. vesiculosus</i> <i>A. nodosum</i> 3-6-9%	<p>↑ total polyphenolic content, proportional to the concentration of seaweed.</p> <p>The increase is: <i>A. nodosum</i> &gt; <i>B. bifurcata</i> &gt; <i>F. vesiculosus</i></p> <p>Before baking: significant differences (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>After baking: significant differences (p&lt;0.05) only with 6 and 9%</p> <p>↑ antioxidant properties of doughs (before baking).</p>	Arufe et al., 2019
<b>Extruded maize.</b>	Red <i>Porphyra</i> <i>columbina</i> 3.5%	<p>↑: protein, ash, dietary fiber (total and insoluble), (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↑ lipid (n.s.)</p> <p>↓ soluble dietary fiber, moisture, energy.</p> <p>Amino acids: ↑ aspartic acid, serine, alanine, methionine, proline (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>Minerals: ↑ Na, P, Ca, Mg. (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>Dializability %: ↑ Mg. ↓ Ca, Fe and Zn.</p> <p>↑ total polyphenols, antioxidant capacity (TEAC and DPPH).</p>	Cian et al., 2014

↑: increase; ↓: decrease.

n.d.: not detected

d.s.: dry sample

n.s.: no significant

**Table 2. Sensory and physical properties**

<b>Food</b>	<b>Thermal treatment</b>	<b>Seaweed</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>Technological and sensory effects</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
<b>Noodles</b>	Extrusion: 75°C x 3 hr.  Cooking: 100°C x 8 min	Brown	5%	↑: cooking loss ( $p < 0.05$ )	Prabhasankar et al., 2009
		<i>Undaria</i>	10%	↓: Sensory quality (appearance, strand quality, mouth	
		<i>pinnatifida</i> .	20%	feel, overall quality) ( $p < 0.05$ ).	
		Wakame	30%		
<b>Pasta</b>	Dehydration	Green-blue	5%	↑: swelling index, water absorption, stickiness in 20%	Rodriguez de Marco et al., 2014
		<i>Spirulina</i>	10%	addition ( $p < 0.05$ ).	
		<i>platensis</i>	20%	↑ cohesiveness in 10% and 20% addition ( $p < 0.05$ ).  Springiness remains without significant differences  ↑ cooking loss, fracturability, firmness, chewiness for all concentrations	

<b>Noodles</b>		Green <i>Monostroma nitidum</i>	4% 6% 8%	↑: cooking yields (p < 0.05)	Chang and Wu, 2008
<b>Noodles</b>		Green <i>Monostroma nitidum</i>	3% 6%	↑: cooking performance, softness and fluffiness (p < 0.05) ↓: tension and extensibility	Chang et al., 2011
<b>Instant fried noodles</b>	Frying in palm olein at 150-160°C x 1 min	Red <i>Eucheuma cottonii</i>	5%	↓ water absorption (p < 0.05) ↑ cooking loss (no significant) ↓ swelling index (n.s.) ↓ sensory evaluation of texture, aroma, flavour ↑ sensory evaluation of colour	Kumoro et al., 2016
<b>Bread</b>	---	Brown <i>Ascophyllum nodosum</i>	1% 2% 3% 4%	Sensory evaluation: appearance, aroma, texture (n.s.) ↓: flavor, aftertaste, total acceptability (p < 0.05)	Hall et al., 2012

<b>Bread</b>	---	Brown <i>Sargassum</i> <i>fulvellum</i> extracts	0.5% 1% 2%	<p>↑: shelf life (less humidity).</p> <p>Color: ↓ L, ↓ a, ↑ b (p &lt; 0.05)</p> <p>↓: hardness, shear force, gumminess, chewiness, resilience (p &lt; 0.05)</p> <p>Springiness: no difference</p> <p>Sensory evaluation:</p> <p>↓: color-inside, color-outside, inner shape, smell (n.s.).</p> <p>Taste ↑ in 0.5%, 1% addition; ↓ in 2% addition (n.s.)</p> <p>Texture ↑ (n.s.)</p>	Kim et al., 2011
<b>Bread</b>	---	Brown <i>Myagropsis</i> <i>myagroides</i> Ethanol extracts	0.5% 1% 2%	<p>↓ viable cell and mold count.</p> <p>↑ protection factor (n.s.)</p> <p>pH: ↑ 0 day (n.s.); ↓ 3 - 6 day (p &lt; 0.05)</p> <p>Color: ↓ L (p &lt; 0.05); ↓ a and ↑ b (p &lt; 0.05)</p> <p>Sensory evaluation:</p> <p>↓: color-outside (n.s. in 0.5%, 1%. p &lt; 0.05 in 2%)</p>	Lee et al., 2010



				<p>↑: color-inside (n.s.), inner shape (n.s.), texture (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>No difference: smell, taste.</p>	
<b>Bread</b>		<p>Red</p> <p><i>Kappaphycus</i></p> <p><i>alvarezii</i></p>	2 – 8%	<p>↑ water absorption of the dough.</p> <p>↓ stickiness properties of the dough.</p> <p>↑ firmness of the bread</p>	<p>Mamat et al., 2014</p>
<b>Bread</b>	<p>220°C x 20</p> <p>min</p> <p>Oven</p> <p>cooking</p>	<p>Red</p> <p><i>Palmaria</i></p> <p><i>palmata</i></p> <p>protein</p> <p>hydrolyzate</p>	4%	<p>↓: specific volume (p &lt; 0.001); crust L (n.s.); crumb L*/b* (p&lt;0.01)</p> <p>Digital image analysis: ↓ number of cells, wall thickness.</p> <p>↑ cell volume. (n.s.)</p> <p>↑ crumb hardness (n.s.)</p> <p>↓ crumb cohesiveness, crumb springiness (p&lt;0.05), moisture % (n.s.)</p> <p>Sensory evaluation: ↓ appearance, texture, flavor, and general acceptability.</p>	<p>Fitzgerald et al., 2014</p>

<b>Bread</b>		Red <i>Kappaphycus</i> <i>alvarezii</i>	0,5% 1% 1,5%	↓: specific volume.  By including 1 g of fresh garlic, they improve the sensory characteristics.	Komatsuzaki et al., 2019
<b>Breadsticks</b>	40°C x 24 h  Dehydration  210°C x 20 min  Oven cooking	Brown  <i>Himanthalia</i>  <i>elongata</i>	3%  5% 10% 15% 17%	↑: darker bread  Sensory evaluation:  ↓ aroma, appearance, texture, taste, overall acceptability.	Cox and Abu- Ghannam, 2013
<b>Cake</b>	180°C x 30 min  Oven cooking	Red  <i>Eucheuma</i>  <i>cottonii</i>	5% 10% 15% 20%	Batters:  ↑ specific gravity, consistency coefficient (p<0.05)  ↓ flow behavior index (p<0.05).  Cakes:  ↑ weight; ↓ volume (p<0.05)  ↓ L*; ↑ a* and b* (p<0.05)	Huang & Yang, 2019.

				<p>↑ hardness, chewiness. (n.s. in 5% and 10%; p&lt;0.05 in 15% and 20%)</p> <p>Springiness, cohesiveness, resilience: does not vary</p> <p>↓ Sensory evaluation: appearance, colour, odour, flavour, overall acceptability. 5% and 10% substitution were acceptable to the consumers.</p>	
<b>Cake</b>		Red <i>Eucheuma</i> <i>cottonii</i>	2.5% 5% 7%	<p>↓ color, flavour, taste with 5 and 7% of seaweed.</p> <p>↓ texture with 7% of seaweed.</p>	Ningsih & Anggraeni, 2021.
<b>Cake</b>	160°C x 35 min Oven cooking	Red <i>Gracilaria sp</i>	2.5% 5% 7.5%	<p>L* is higher in 2.5 and 5% than 0 and 7.5% (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>↓ a*</p> <p>↓ b* in 5 and 7.5% (p&lt;0.05)</p> <p>Sensory evaluation: appearance, flavor, taste, texture, total</p> <p>↑ sensory acceptability in 2.5% addition.</p> <p>↓ sensory acceptability in 5 and 7.5% addition.</p>	Chiciani & Titik, 2019.

<b>Biscuit</b>	150°C x 15 min Oven cooking	Red <i>Eucheuma cottonii</i>	5% 10% 15%	Sensory evaluation: appearance, flavor, taste, texture, total ↑ sensory acceptability in 5% addition (all attributes). ↓ sensory acceptability in 10 and 15% addition (all attributes). ↓ L*, b* (p<0.05) ↑ a* (p<0.05)	Pratiwi & Titik, 2019
<b>Biscuits</b>	170-180°C x 20-25 min Direct fired oven	Green <i>Ulva lactuca</i>	30% 40% 50% 60%	↓: sensory attributes (appearance, colour, aroma, texture, taste, flavour, overall).	Jenifer & Kanjana, 2018
<b>Cookies</b>	160°C x 10 min Oven cooking	Brown <i>Sargassum fuilvellum Hizikia fusiforme</i>	5%	Dough pH ↓ with <i>E. linza</i> , <i>C. fragile</i> , <i>H. fusiforme</i> . Dough density ↑ ↑ cookie moisture, height, spread factor, breaking stress, distance (p<0.05) ↓: baking loss (n.s.), diameter (p<0.05)	Oh et al., 2020

		Green <i>Enteromorpha</i> <i>linza</i> <i>Codium</i> <i>fragile</i>		Colour: ↓ L*, b*.  Sensory evaluation:  ↓: color, flavor, hardness, fishy, overall (p<0.05).	
<b>Extruded maize.</b>	175°C	Red <i>Porphyra</i> <i>columbina</i>	3.5%	Color:  ↓ L* , a*, b* (p<0.05)  ↑: Greens tones.  Sensorially without differences: smell, taste, and crispness.  ↑ flavor, adherence	<a href="#">Cian et al., 2014</a>

↑: increase; ↓: decrease.

n.s.: not significant difference to 5%

Figure 1. Effect of seaweed concentration on sensory attributes of bread containing *Ascophyllum nodosum*

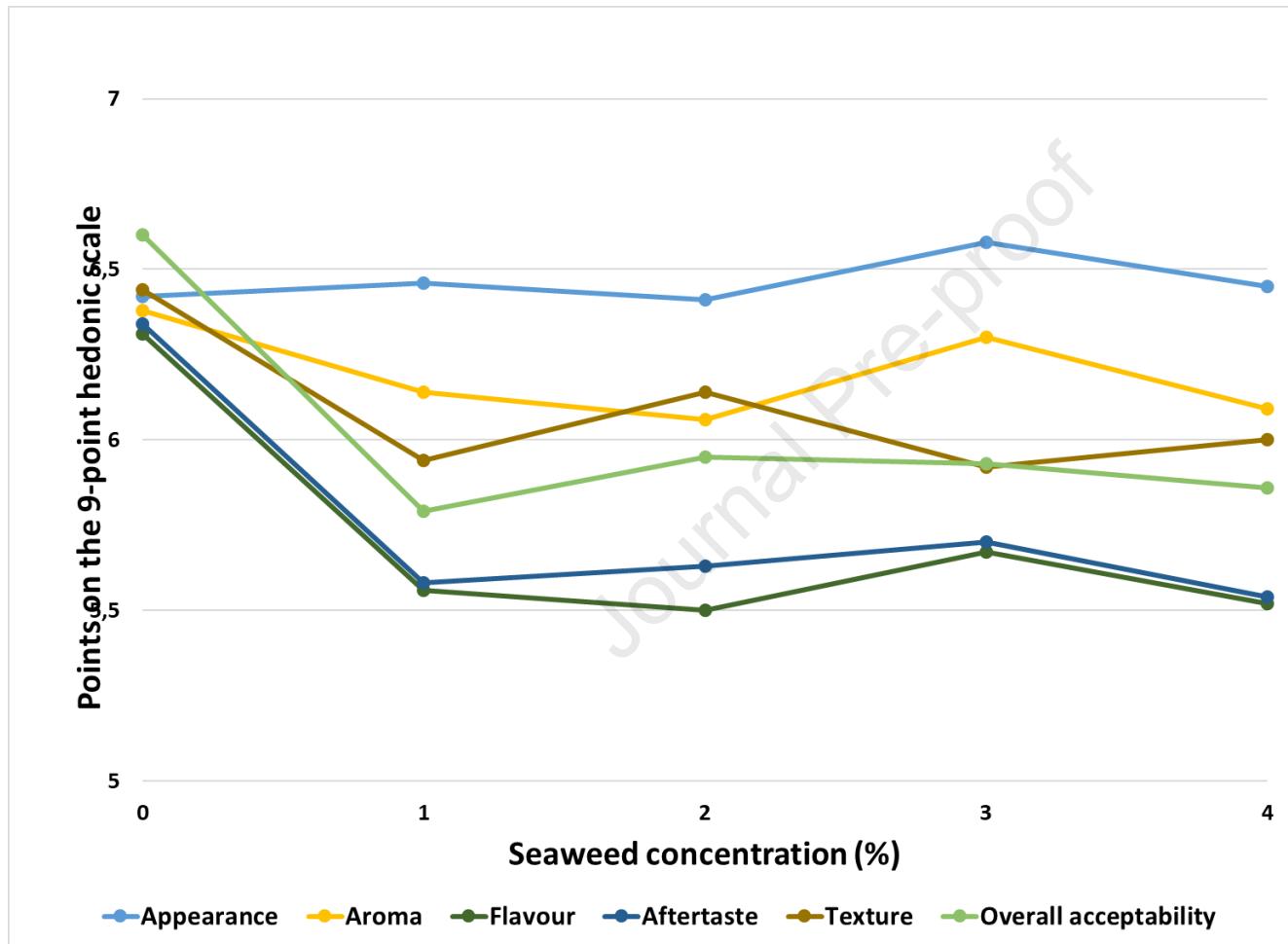
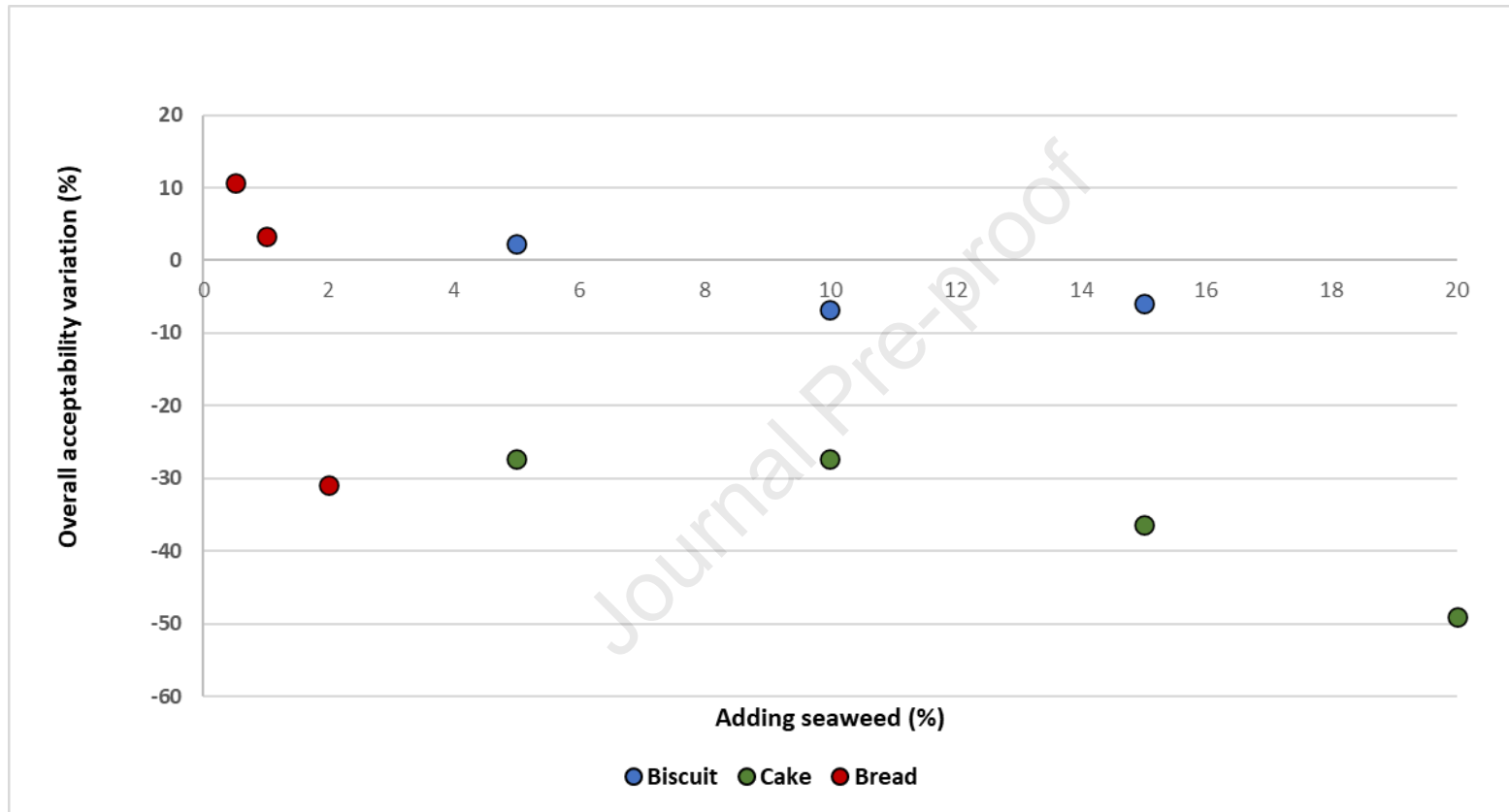


Figure 2. Effect of seaweed concentration on variation of acceptability for biscuit, cake and bread



## IMPLICATIONS FOR GASTRONOMY

Bakery and farinaceous foods such as bread, cookies, noodles, and others are widely consumed by the western population of all ages. They are enjoyed for breakfast, lunch, dinner and as snacks between meals. These foods provide mainly carbohydrates, which contribute to weight gain. If ingredients with a high content of dietary fiber, such as seaweed, are incorporated, bakery foods will be healthier; in addition, seaweed provide bioactive compounds of great interest to health.

The researchs reviewed in the present study reports on the benefits of incorporating seaweed, such as increased shelf life, increased softness and fluffiness in noodles, increased protein content, dietary fiber, minerals, polyphenols in the foods, and produce greater satiety when eating food. However, sensory quality was affected in some products. Seaweed have a characteristic flavor and aroma, so their incorporation cannot be in very high concentrations, however, using additives and other ingredients the sensory quality of the products can be improved.

This study serves as the basis for future research in the culinary area, such as incorporation in other farinaceous and bakery products such as pizza doughs, other doughs, incorporation of different types of algae, combination of algae, different concentrations, incorporation of other ingredients or additives to improve sensory quality, etc.



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