

Application of FT-IR Spectroscopy with Various Classification and Regression Models for Detection and Quantification of Sodium Hydrosulfite in Iranian Wheat Flour

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Abstract

Wheat flour is one of the most important and strategic food resources especially in developing countries. The addition of Sodium hydrosulfite to flour for improving some appearance features can have dangerous impacts on the consumer health. Therefore, detection of this harmful substance is great practical significance. In the present study, the potential of Fourier transform-mid infrared (FT-MIR) spectroscopy in 400-4000 cm^{-1} for the fast detection of Sodium hydrosulfite powder in wheat flour was investigated. After getting the spectral data from samples, firstly some preprocessing methods were used to correct harmful and unwanted effects on spectral data, and then Principal Component Analysis (PCA) as unsupervised and Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) models as supervised classification models and Partial Least Square Regression (PLSR) as regression model were applied to detect and quantify the adulteration in pure flour samples. The best outcomes were the accuracy of 86.66 and 86.70 for SVM and ANN models with S-G + D2 + SNV preprocessing, respectively and $R^2_p = 0.99$ For PLSR model.

Keywords: Adulteration, Chemometrics, Sodium hydrosulfite, Spectroscopy, Wheat flour

Introduction

Bread as one of the most significant sources of daily requirement components for body (such as proteins, minerals and vitamins) is one of the staple foods for many countries, particularly in Iran (Ahamadabadi *et al.*, 2016; GhR, Yunesian, Vaezi, Nabizadeh, & GhA, 2006; Sabeghi, 2004). The consumption of bread in Iran is five times more than Europe (Malakootian & Dowlatshahi, 2005; Sabeghi, 2004). Among the main ingredients of bread,

wheat flour has a special place and has direct relation to the quality of bread and also to the health of consumers. Therefore, it should get the certificate of Iranian national standard. Wheat contains 78.10% carbohydrate, 14.70% protein, 2.10% fat, 2.10% minerals and noticeable proportion of vitamins (Adams, Lombi, Zhao, & McGrath, 2002; Shewry, 2009; Shewry *et al.*, 2006; Topping, 2007). According to the statistics of world Health Organization and Food and Agriculture



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Organization of United Nations, 25 types of food additives are used in each country according to the food safety policy (Martins, Sentanin, & De Souza, 2019). The maximum acceptable amount of them and also the Assurance of avoidance of any unauthorized additives should be considered. Sodium hydrosulfite also known as Blankit is a white crystalline powder containing inorganic sulfur compounds (Reza *et al.*, 2014). In food industry, this material is applied for nuts, sugar, etc. to avoid browning and bleaching and regeneration of cellulose fibers (de Carvalho & Schwedt, 2005). Sodium hydrosulfite has been utilized in Iranian bread industry to hide visible defects of bread by affecting the velocity of production process and compensating some visible results of lack of natural fermentation and poor flour quality (Asgari, SeidMohammadi, Faradmal, Moradi, & Yari, 2018). This material has so dangerous effects on human health. Adverse effects of Blankit include the elimination and damage of villi in the stomach and intestines in the long term, therefore, it can cause the development of gastrointestinal cancer. It is also known to be an effective factor in developing diabetes (Karami, Alikord, Mokhtari, Sadighara, & Jahed-Khaniki, 2021). Therefore, detection of this harmful material in the human's diet is essential. In general, different approaches have been applied to quantify sulfur factors in food, such as titration (Monnier & Williams, 1972), liquid and gas chromatography (Rethmeier, Rabenstein, Langer, & Fischer, 1997), high performance ion chromatography (Lavigne-Delcroix, Tusseau, & Proix, 1996), electroanalysis methods include the study of the electrical activity of sulfites, voltammetry (Govaert, Temmerman, & Kiekens, 1999), and amperometry, potentiometric and the method of general evaluation of sulfites in the automated system (Pisoschi *et al.*, 2020). The mentioned techniques encompass some drawbacks such as being high-cost, laborious, and destructive. Therefore, some other nondestructive, inexpensive and fast methods are required. Fourier Transform infrared (FT-IR)

spectroscopy is one of the fingerprint techniques which is widely used to identify components of food and determine possible impurities. FT-IR spectroscopy can be adjusted in the middle range (450-4000 cm^{-1} , FT-MIR) or near range (4000-10000 cm^{-1} , FT-NIR) (Pallone, dos Santos Caramês, & Alamar, 2018). FT-MIR comes up with more structural and chemical information than Fourier Transform-Near Infrared (FT-NIR) by the ability of displaying vibrational and rotary stretching process of covalent bonds (Lohumi, Lee, Lee, & Cho, 2015). Some researchers have explored the applicability of spectroscopic techniques to investigate chemical information of materials. Mohamed *et al.* explored classification of five food powder types (wheat flour, organic wheat flour, rice flour, corn starch, and tapioca starch) and reported that Support Vector Machine (SVM) model had acceptable outcomes for classification of mentioned powders (Mohamed, Solihin, Astuti, Ang, & Zailah, 2019). In another study, Girolma *et al.* applied FT-IR techniques in different ranges (FT-MIR and FT-NIR) to detect the adulteration of durum wheat pasta with common wheat. Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) and Partial Least Square-Discriminant Analysis (PLS-DA) had the results of 80 and 95% for three class dataset and 91 and 97% for two class datasets (De Girolamo *et al.*, 2020). However as far as our knowledge, the applicability of FT-MIR spectroscopy method with combination of ANN for classification and PLSR model for quantification of adulteration of this harmful material in Iranian wheat flour has not been investigated. In the present study, the applicability of FT-MIR spectroscopy combined with chemometric methods and various preprocessing algorithms for detection and quantification of sodium hydrosulfite in wheat flour in Iran was studied.

Materials and Methods

In the present research, after preparing samples, spectral data were acquired and preprocessed. The both supervised and

unsupervised models were applied. Afterward, the results were analyzed for detection and quantification of pure and adulterated samples.

Fig. 1. represents the flowchart of flour

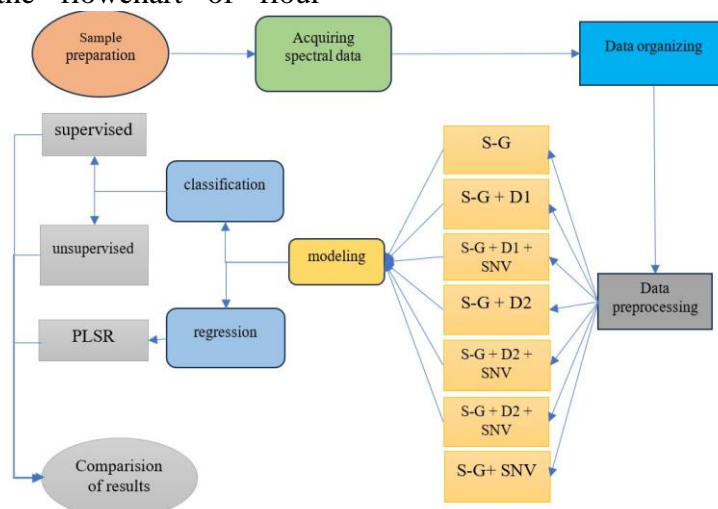


Fig. 1. The schematic flowchart of the steps of present study

Sample Preparation

Sardari wheat seeds (harvested in 2021) were purchased from a seed modifying center in Bonab, East Azerbaijan, Iran. The seeds were then harvested in four distinct places in Iran, taking in consideration the geographical variation of samples. Sardari wheat was selected because it is the highest under-harvest wheat variety in Iran. Sodium hydrosulfite (with the purity of 90%) was acquired from a supermarket in Bonab, Iran. First, wheat seeds were milled by a laboratory benchtop mill to get the wheat flours. Then the flour was passed through a sieve (mesh 420 μ m) to get homogenous flour sample. The considered adulterant concentrations (w/w) were 10, 15, 20, and 25%. Totally, 150 samples were prepared (25 for pure flour, 25 for sodium hydrosulfite, and 25 samples for 4 adulterant groups). After mixing the adulterant to pure flour with the mentioned levels, they were blended intensely to get the homogenous samples as much as possible. Finally, the prepared samples were transferred to microtubes to transfer to the laboratory.

Spectra Acquisition

adulteration detection procedure by FT-MIR spectroscopy.

Spectral data were acquired at the central laboratory of Tabriz University with FT-MIR spectrometer (TENSOR 27, Bruker, Germany) in transmittance mode and with resolution of 1 cm^{-1} . The scanning speed was 20 kHz and with 64 scans. Each powdered sample was placed on the ATR (single bounce) crystal and pressed until the desired signal density acquired. The crystal was washed with 100% ethanol after testing each sample. For each individual sample, 3 transmittance spectra were acquired and mean spectrum of three replicates was used for further analysis. Finally, the mean spectra were transferred to Excel 2019 version to be prepared for statistical analysis. Multivariate statistical analysis was conducted with Unscrambler v 10.4 (Camo software As, Oslo, Norway, 2011) for PCA and SVM and classification Toolbox in Matlab (Mathworks, Inc., Natick, Massachusetts, USA) for Artificial Neural Networks (ANN).

Preprocessing

Before classification or regression modeling, pretreatment of spectral data is an essential step to remove the unwanted and uninformative data. This can be due to large amount of water in samples, different

conditions of samples, and noise in spectra that comes from electronic components in the system (Boysworth & Booksh, 2008; Christy & Kvalheim, 2007; Varmuza & Filzmoser, 2016). The most common applied preprocessing techniques in spectroscopy is divided in to two categories: spectral normalization and spectral derivatives (Rinnan *et al.*, 2009). Spectral normalization techniques which contain Standard Normal Variate (SNV), Multiplicative Scatter Correction (MSC), and de-trending (DT) can be used for correction of scattering effects. While spectral derivatives including (first and second derivatives and smoothing techniques) are applied for correction of peak overlap and baseline drifts (López-Maestresalas *et al.*, 2019). Both SNV and MSC are the most commonly used algorithms to correct the scatter effects. The difference between SNV and MSC methods is based on the fact that the scatter correction in SNV method is based on the average value of every individual spectra, but in MSC technique a reference spectra (average spectra) is required to contrast the whole spectra with that (Dhanoa, Lister, Sanderson, & Barnes, 1994; Zeaiter, Roger, & Bellon-Maurel, 2005). Among the spectral derivative methods, Savitzky-Golay (S-G) is the most common algorithm for derivation (Savitzky & Golay, 1964). By this method, the data with a window size chosen are fitted by a polynomial for which the degree must also be chosen (Barak, 1995). In present study, S-G (with the window size of ten), SNV, MSV, first and second derivatives and combination of them were applied.

Classification

Spectra contain high volumes of information, which are very difficult to interpret by visual inspection only. Chemometrics is a tool for extracting this information from the multivariate chemical data, using mathematics. Chemometrics is generally applied to explore patterns of association in data; track properties of materials on a continuous basis or to prepare and use multivariate classification models. By utilizing

diverse preprocessing techniques, the generation of principal models is triggered and subsequently produces output data. Both unsupervised and supervised techniques for classification were utilized in this study.

Unsupervised Classification

In the first step of data exploration, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is usually applied to recognize any possible separated groups. The main objective of PCA model as an unsupervised modelling method is decreasing the dimensionality of data and preservation of the present variation (Jolliffe, 1986). The reduction of dimensionality is done by defining new variables, principal Components (PCs) that consists linear combinations of the original data (Kamruzzaman, Barbin, ElMasry, Sun, & Allen, 2012). First PC represents the most variance of dataset and the next PCs which are orthogonal to the preceding ones contain the most of the remaining variance (Fodor, 2002). Application of data matrix for PCA model in this study consists of 1886 columns (corresponding to the recorded wavenumbers) and 150 rows (corresponding to the number of samples).

Supervised Classification

SVM Model

The Support Vector Machine classification (SVMC) is a supervised classification technique that utilizes kernel functions to represents the original space in the format of feature space. It determines the best separation between classes by applying a unique hyperplane to the dataset (Ballabio & Todeschini, 2009; Fletcher, 2009; Vapnik, 1999). The final classification outcomes of SVM are determined by a small number of Support Vectors that are the samples lying on the margins of the model. For building classification model and evaluation of their performance, calibration and test datasets were used, respectively. 70% of data was appointed as training and 30% of data was considered as test dataset. SVs lie to the closest boundaries between classes. In SVM model various kernel

functions encompassing linear, Radial Basis Function (RBF), Sigmoid, and polynomial could be employed (Chandrasekaran, Panigrahi, Ravikanth, & Singh, 2019). It is necessary for the correct selection of functions since the type of kernel function directly impacts the model's performance and outcomes (Kazemi, Mahmoudi, & Khojastehnazhand, 2023).

ANN Model

Recently, Artificial Neural Network (ANN) elucidated from human brain function has been one of the most commonly used modeling technique for classification. The functioning of Neural Networks relies on input, hidden, and output layers, each containing varying numbers of neurons. Neurons have a weight assigned to them based on the model's training and serve as storage for the model's inputs and calculation layers. Randomly assigning weights to neurons sets the foundation for training an ANN model. The present study employed a feed-forward network, a type of neural network methodology, where 70% of data was initially used for training purposes and the remaining 30% for testing purposes.

Regression Modeling

After classification of samples, the prediction of adulterated level was done by using partial least squares regression (PLSR). The utilization of PLSR helps to enhance the interconnection between spectral data and the features that need to be quantified. By distinguishing between X and Y variables, PLSR defines a set of new features named latent variables, which are characterized as orthogonal and linear combinations of X variables (Peng, Cheng, Wang, & Zhu, 2020). In present study, the PLSR model was applied to the FT-MIR spectra to investigate the possibility to predict the percentage of sodium hydrosulfite adulteration in wheat flour. The reliability of the acquired predicted model is explored by using external validation data. 70% of the dataset were used to build calibration

model and 30% of the dataset was used for testing the created model.

The assessment of acquired models are done by sensitivity and specificity according to equations 1 and 2 (Kazemi, Mahmoudi, Veladi, Javanmard, & Khojastehnazhand, 2022):

$$\text{Sensitivity (\%)} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} * 100 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Specificity (\%)} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP} * 100 \quad (2)$$

Where TP (True Positive) is the number of samples belonging to either pure flour correctly classified as pure samples; FP (False Positive) is the number of mixed samples wrongly classified as pure samples; TN (True Negative) is the number of mixed samples correctly classified as mixed; FN (False Negative) is those pure samples classified as mixed. These two statistical parameters take values between 0 and 1. The higher their values, the better the classification performance of models. In the regression modeling, Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of calibration (RMSEC), prediction (RMSEP), and coefficient of determination (R^2) values are important parameters which evaluate the predictive power of a PLS calibration model. Higher predictive power is represented with higher R^2 and lower RMSE (Pebriana, Rohman, Lukitaningsih, & Sudjadi, 2017; Rohman & Salamah, 2018). For PLS calibration models developed to predict the amount of adulteration in adulterated flour, RMSEC and RMSEP can be calculated using equations 3 and 4, where Y_i and \hat{Y}_i are the actual and predicted values of an adulterated samples, respectively. M and N are the number of data in calibration and prediction set, respectively (Sikorska, Khmelinskii, & Sikorski, 2014).

$$\text{RMSEC} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2}{M-1}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{RMSEP} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(\hat{Y}_i - Y_i)^2}{N}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{CCR} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+FN+TN+FP} \quad (5)$$

Results and Discussion

Spectra Interpretation

FT-MIR spectra of pure wheat flour, sodium hydrosulfite, and adulterated samples with different adulteration levels is displayed in Fig. 2. Due to some peaks overlaps, chemometric tools is necessary to extract information. In most of peaks almost all of the classes showed similar peaks except Blankit. We had major peaks at 1050 cm^{-1} , 1730 cm^{-1} , 2950 cm^{-1} , and 3400 cm^{-1} . But the wavelength of pure Blankit was different and except some peaks like 1050 cm^{-1} , in the majority of peaks of other adulterated classes, it did not have peaks and also in some cases like 1950 cm^{-1} and 2050 cm^{-1} it showed peaks but other classes did not have. The basic bands at $2800\text{--}3040\text{ cm}^{-1}$ are related to C-H and C-H₂ symmetric and asymmetric stretching and mainly attributed to band vibrations of the lipids in the flours (Roa, Santagapita, Buera, & Tolaba, 2014). The

bands with the maximum at 1640 cm^{-1} are associated to protein band vibrations (Guzmán-Ortiz *et al.*, 2015). Furthermore, spectra show a strong absorption band, from $900\text{--}1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and C-H bending (1000 cm^{-1}), mainly related to carbohydrates (Rodríguez, Rolandelli, & Buera, 2019).

PCA Model

PCA model as unsupervised modeling was applied to dataset to decrease the dimensions of data as preserving the original variables. The acquired FT-MIR data was processed by PCA model to explore the probable similarities and differences among pure and adulterated flour samples. With the comparison of different applied preprocessing techniques, the result of PCA model with (S-G + D1 + SNV) was the best.

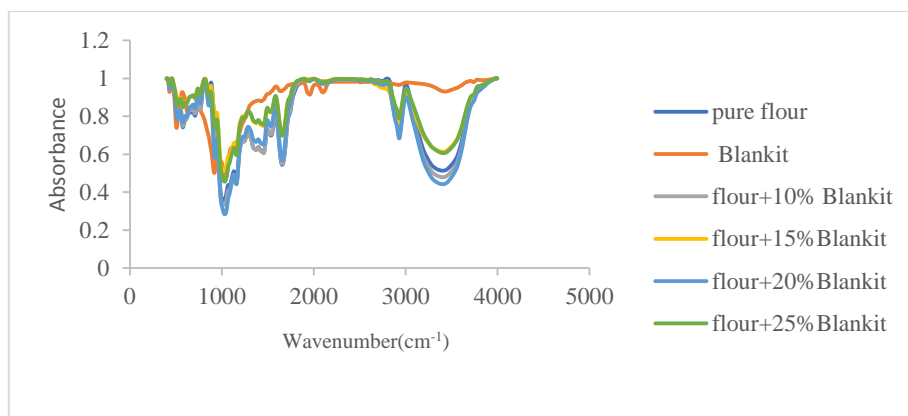


Fig. 2. The acquired FT-MIR spectra for flour samples

The obtained score plot of first two PCs (PC1=88% and PC2 = 4%) is shown in fig.3. this figure displays that, all the pure samples were projected on PC1 negative values. Thus, PC1 provided a fairly discrimination between pure and adulterated samples. As it is observable from Fig. 3, the pure flour samples were gathered and separated well from the adulterated samples. Due to high chemical composition difference of pure Sodium hydrosulfite, the hydrosulfite samples were well-separated and were located on the other side of PC1. Because of similarities of the

chemical composition of adulterated samples, there were some misclassifications between different adulterated level groups. Similarities of compositional structure of samples with different adulteration levels can be a reason for misclassification of adulterated samples. Mishra *et al.* applied PCA model combined with hyperspectral imaging method to detect peanut traces in wheat flour with the presentation of 99.43% of variance, pure and adulterated samples were well-distinguished along PC1 similar to the present study (Mishra *et al.*, 2015). In addition, the results of PCA

model in the present study was in agreement with the result of PCA model for discrimination of wheat flour with other cereal flours (barley, rye, and triticale flour). The score plot

represented good discrimination of barley flour samples from wheat flour. However, one type of wheat flour was located very close to other flours (Nur Arslan, 2020).

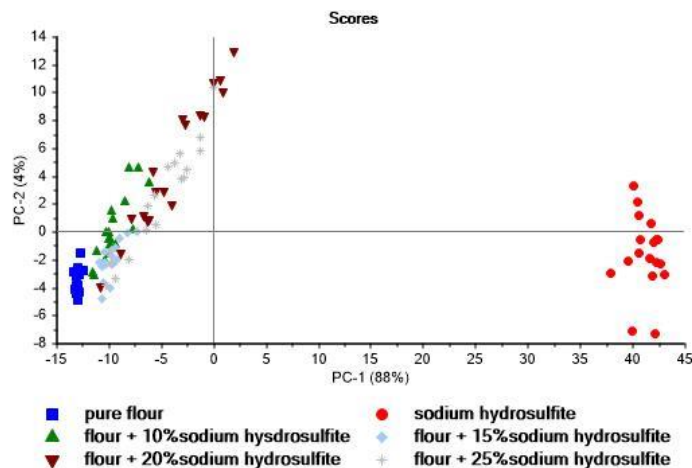


Fig. 3. The score plot of PCA model

SVM and ANN Models

Table 1 represents the accuracy of SVM and ANN models as supervised classification methods after applying various kinds of preprocessing methods and combination of them for training datasets. The SVM model was implemented in four different kernel functions (linear, polynomial, Radial Basis Function (RBF), and Sigmoids). In both models, 70% of data was randomly assigned to model training and other 30% were used for model testing. In addition, 5% of 70% neural network model training data was used to validate them. As

depicted in Table 1, the accuracy of SVM model with linear kernel function with S-G + D2 + SNV preprocessing was 86.66% and also 86.70% for ANN models. Based on the applied preprocessing methods, the ANN model also yielded acceptable results based on the optimal neural network structure shown in Fig. 4.

Fig. 5 represents SVM graphical model after employing S-G + D2 + SNV preprocessing.

As shown in Table 1, linear kernel had better results for all preprocessing techniques.

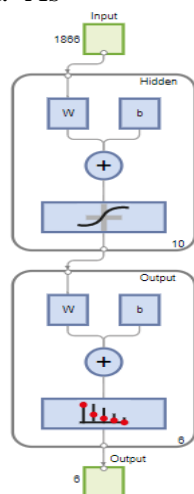


Fig. 4. The structure of the optimal artificial neural network

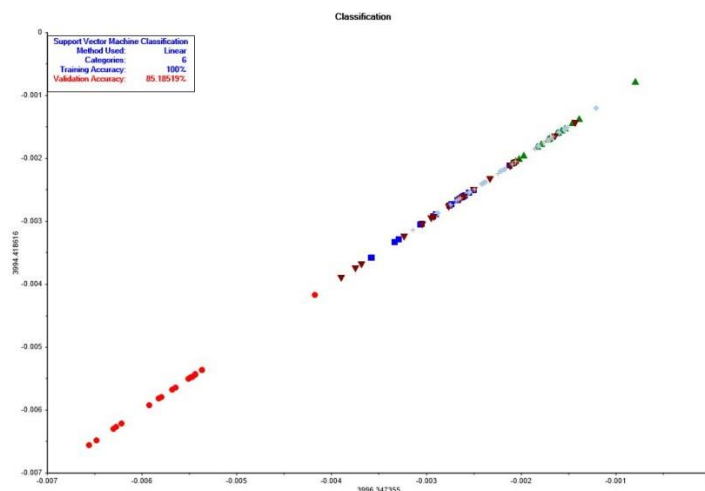


Fig. 5. SVM graphical model for classification of samples

Table 1- The accuracy of SVM and ANN models

Model Kernel function	SVM									ANN					
	Linear			Polynomial			RBF			Sigmoid			-		
Preprocess ing	Trai n	Val	Tes t	Trai n	Val	Tes t	Trai n	Val	Tes t	Trai n	Val	Te st	Trai n	Va l	Te st
S-G	78.7 5	68.7 5	75.5 5	12.5 0	11.2 5	6.66	10	13.7 5	6.66	17.5	18.7 5	20	88.9	80	80
S-G +D1	20	17.5	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	84.4	80	75. 6
S-G + D1 + SNV	100	81.2 5	84.4 4	67.5	50	71.1 1	52.5	43.7 5	51.1 1	1.25	10	2.2 2	98.9	10 0	80
S-G + D2	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	50	60	46. 7
S-G + D2 + SNV	100	81.2 5	86.6 6	68.7 5	53.7 5	68.8 8	61.2 5	45	55.5 5	1.25	23.7 5	4.4 4	100	10 0	86. 7
S-G + D2 + MSC	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	98.9	10 0	80
S-G + SNV	93.7 5	70	80	30	30	30	30	28.7 5	26.6 6	10	12.5	8.8 8	85.6	86. 7	73. 3

Linear kernels work well when the underlying relationship between the input features and the target variable is approximately linear. The better performance of linear kernel maybe due to the nature of the dataset, which is separated or modeled effectively by linear boundaries. Furthermore, in high-dimensional spaces, like spectroscopic data, linear kernels can perform better than more complex kernels. This is because complex kernels can exacerbate the curse of dimensionality making it harder to find a suitable decision boundary. In addition, according to the better outcomes of polynomial kernel in comparison with other kernels, it can

be concluded that the structure and nature of dataset tends to simple and linear form. In another study, Yuan et al, employed NIR spectroscopy to detect Sodium hydroxymethanesulfonate in wheat flour. Three algorithms including PLS-DA, advanced K-means dynamic clustering, and LS-SVM were used to establish the calibration models. The outcomes of LS-SVM outperformed other two methods, with the classification accuracy of 94.70% for the prediction (Yuan, Xiang, Yu, & Xu, 2011). However, the outcomes of SVM model in the mentioned research was better than our present study but this point should be

mentioned that, the applied SVM model in that study was for classification of two classes but 86.66% result of present study was for classification of five classes. In spite of the fact that FTIR spectroscopy combined with chemometric methods confirmed its application to detect the adulteration of Sodium hydrosulfite in wheat flour, but there were some limitations in the present study which we hope to be solved in the future studies. The environmental effects like moisture are different from the bakeries or industrial places. Although, due to the fact that the moisture was similar in all samples, this issue was solved. But for application of this study method in other situations, definitely the conditions of system should be calibrated again. Besides, the applied technique in the present study can be studied for

detection of other adulterants in wheat flour simultaneously. In order to assess the classification ability of each class in SVM model, the confusion matrix was investigated for test dataset (Table 2). The results were assessed by calculation of sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy statistical parameters. As it was expected, the highest classification accuracy was for class 1 (pure wheat flour). Also, the accuracy of class C (adulterated with 15% level) was 100%. The weakest classification result was for class D (20% adulterated). In class E (25% adulterated) 6 samples were classified correctly, and 3 samples were classified for class D. The difference of these classes is 5% adulteration level. Then, the classification result of this class was acceptable too.

Table 2- The confusion matrix of SVM model for test dataset

	A	B	C	D	E
A	9	0	0	0	0
B	0	9	0	0	0
C	0	1	8	0	0
D	0	1	0	7	1
E	0	0	0	3	6
Sensitivity	1	1	0.88	0.77	0.66
Specificity	1	0.94	1	0.91	0.97
CCR (%)	100	81	100	70	85

PLSR Model

In order to quantify the adulterant in wheat flour, FT-MIR spectroscopy-based regression model (PLSR) was built. This regression model is based on developing algebraic correlation between the quantity of adulteration in wheat flour samples and

absorption of sample along different wavelengths. The ideal calibration model was determined based on lowest RMSEC, RMSECV, and highest R_c^2 and R_{cv}^2 . The value of mentioned statistical parameters as well as the number of "Latent Variables" (LVs) are presented in Table 3.

Table 3- The results of PLSR model in predicting the adulteration level using different preprocessing methods

Preprocessing	LV	Calibration		Test	
		R^2	RMSE	R^2	RMSE
SG	7	0.995	0.118	0.994	0.123
S-G + D1	7	1.00	2.46	1.00	2.39
S-G + D1 + SNV	7	0.987	0.36	0.979	0.82
S-G + D2	7	1.00	3.94	1.00	2.87
SG + D2 + SNV	7	0.975	0.265	0.967	0.312
SG + D2 + MSC	7	1.00	2.87	1.00	2.50
S-G+ SNV	7	0.992	0.15	0.989	0.18

As shown in Table 3, the best PLS model was obtained with the preprocessing method of S-G using seven LVs, which showed the prediction performance ($R_{cv}^2 = 0.994$ and $RMSECV = 0.123$). The similarity of train and test results represent of model's good ability for prediction of precise levels of adulteration. The performance of PLSR was also externally

validated by using the test set of samples, as shown in Fig. 6. The PLS prediction plot illustrates that PLSR model displayed a very good prediction ability ($R_p^2 = 0.992$). Fig. 6 shows the relationship between reference data and predicted values obtained in the laboratory.

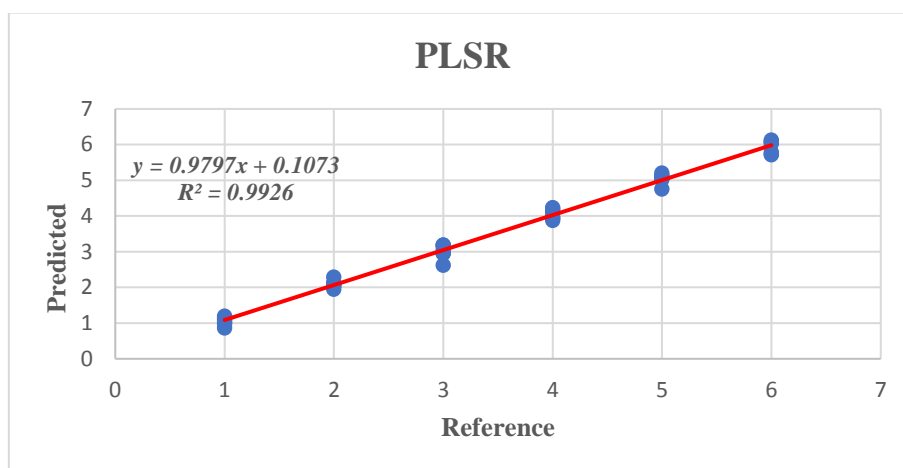


Fig. 6. The performance of PLSR model for prediction of adulteration levels

Recently, Martins et al, predicted the presence of whey protein in wheat flour by FT-IR spectroscopy and multivariate analysis. The PLSR model was applied to the acquired spectra and the best model of obtained spectra had $R_{cal}^2 = 0.99$, $R_{pre}^2 = 0.98$, $RMSEC = 3.5$, and $RMSEP = 3.00$ (Martins et al., 2022). However, the R^2 results were in agreement with this research, but RMSE results were weaker. In other research, Nur Arslan, applied PLSR model to explore the amount of barely flour in wheat flour. The statistical parameters of this study were close to the results of present study (R^2 values were at least 0.994 and $RMSECV$ result was in the range 0.36-1.50%) (Arslan et al., 2020). In another study, the prediction of Azodicarbonamide in wheat flour by visible/near-infrared spectroscopy was investigated by Che et al. By comparing 3 applied models in this research (PLSR, Back Propagation Neural Network, and Radial Basis Function), Radial Basis Function model had the best prediction results with Correlation Coefficient @, $RMSEP$ 0.99 and 0.54,

respectively (Che et al., 2017), and were in agreement with the outcomes of present study.

Conclusion

The presence of Sodium hydrosulfite (Blankit) in wheat flour was investigated by FT-MIR spectroscopy. PCA as unsupervised and SVM and ANN as supervised models were applied to detect the adulteration and PLSR model as regression model was applied to quantify the amount of adulteration. The mentioned chemometric models were built after some preprocessing techniques. The acquired results for detection and quantification of Sodium Hydrosulfite proved that FT-IR spectroscopy can be a reliable method to detect and quantify Sodium hydrosulfite in wheat flour.

Declarations

Conflict of Interest

There is no potential conflict of interest between the authors.

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کاربرد طیف‌سنجی FT-IR با مدل‌های طبقه‌بندی و رگرسیون مختلف برای تشخیص و کمی‌سازی هیدروسولفیت سدیم در آرد گندم ایران

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چکیده

آرد گندم یکی از مهم‌ترین و استراتژیک‌ترین منابع غذایی به‌ویژه در کشورهای در حال توسعه است. افزودن هیدروسولفیت سدیم به آرد برای بهبود برخی ویژگی‌های ظاهری می‌تواند اثرات خطرناکی بر سلامت مصرف‌کننده داشته باشد. بنابراین تشخیص این ماده مضر از اهمیت عملی بالایی برخوردار است. در مطالعه حاضر، پتانسیل طیف‌سنجی مادون قرمز تبدیل فوریه (FT-MIR) در $4000-400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ برای تشخیص سریع پودر هیدروسولفیت سدیم در آرد گندم مورد بررسی قرار گرفت. پس از گرفتن داده‌های طیفی از نمونه‌ها، ابتدا از برخی روش‌های پیش‌پردازش برای تصحیح اثرات مضر و ناخواسته بر داده‌های طیفی استفاده شد و سپس از آنالیز مؤلفه‌های اصلی (PCA) به‌عنوان مدل بدون نظارت و از مدل‌های ماشین‌بردار بدون نظارت و پشتیبانی (SVM) و شبکه عصبی مصنوعی (ANN) به‌عنوان مدل‌های بانظارت استفاده شد. همچنین از مدل رگرسیون حداقل مربعات جزئی (PLSR) به‌عنوان مدل رگرسیونی برای تشخیص و تعیین کمیت تقلب در نمونه‌های آرد خالص استفاده شد. بهترین نتایج به‌ترتیب با دقت ۸۶.۶۶ و ۸۶.۷۰ برای مدل‌های SVM و ANN با پیش‌پردازش S-G + D2 + SNV و $R^2_p = 0.99$ برای مدل PLSR بود.

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