



25 The optimum formulation for rice/faba bean bread contained 7.59 g/100 g treated rice flour  
26 and 96.66 g/100 g water, and for corn/faba bean bread the optimum included 4.73 g/100 g  
27 treated corn and 78.81g/100 g water. Optimized breads were found acceptable according to  
28 color and texture structure.

29 **Key Words:** breadmaking, gluten free, hydrothermal treatment, rice, corn.

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### 31 **1. Introduction**

32 Gluten is the main structure-forming protein in flour, because resulting dough presents high  
33 elastic characteristics and it contributes to the appearance and crumb structure of many baked  
34 products (Gallagher et al., 2004). Nevertheless, when pathologies require the removal of  
35 gluten from the diet, the replacement of gluten presents a major technological challenge. In  
36 recent years there has been extensive research for the development of gluten free bread,  
37 involving diverse approaches, like the use of different starches (maize, potato, cassava or  
38 rice), dairy products, gums and hydrocolloids, emulsifiers, other non-gluten proteins and  
39 prebiotics, as alternatives to gluten, to improve the structure, mouth feel, acceptability and  
40 shelf-life of gluten free bakery products (Matos & Rosell, 2012). Other gluten free ingredients  
41 such as leguminous seeds, buckwheat, potato and sorghum flours (Arendt & Dal Bello, 2008;  
42 Matos & Rosell, 2015) have been also investigated.

43 Nevertheless, some autochthonous products offer great opportunities to develop high quality  
44 gluten free products, like breads. Studies on celiac disease in Algeria report that adherence to  
45 gluten free diet is poor and not easy for concerned population, with the subsequent negative  
46 effects on nutritional and health status of patients (Boukezzoula & Zidoune, 2014). One way  
47 to improve that status is to find or to develop gluten free products resembling the traditional  
48 products on the Algerian market, like *Khobz eddar*. This is the traditional bread made from  
49 durum wheat semolina and characterized by a crispy crust and a soft crumb.

50 Pre-gelatinized starches obtained by heating in the presence of water, are used widely for their  
51 technological properties such as solubility in hot or cold water, high viscosity and smooth  
52 texture and can be used in food processing whenever thickening is required (Lai, 2001). For  
53 instance, in cereal porridge, gelatinized flour was used as ingredient to improve texture  
54 (Chiang & Johnson, 1976). Despite the extended use in soups and creams, scarce information  
55 has been reported on bakery products. Tsai et al. (2012) confirmed that the addition of rice  
56 porridge improved the quality of baked bread promoting soft crumb texture. Even later on,  
57 Hesso et al. (2014) proposed the use of pregelatinized starches for delaying the staling of  
58 cakes. Despite the previous use of those starches as antistaling, there is limited information  
59 about the use of those starches as structuring agents, which are required to obtain gluten free  
60 bread.

61 The aim of this study was to evaluate the potential of hydrothermal treatment of rice and corn  
62 flour to obtain pregelatinized slurries for manufacturing gluten free bread based on rice or  
63 corn semolina supplemented with faba bean semolina. The study was carried out following a  
64 RSM (Response surface methodology) to define the levels of water and pregelatinized slurries  
65 (rice or corn), based on a traditional Algerian breadmaking process.

## 66 **2. Materials and methods**

### 67 **2.1. Materials**

68 Rice (*Oryza sativa*) (Basmati, Thailand) was grinded using a stone mill grinder until  
69 obtaining semolina (200-500  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size) or flour (lower than 200  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size).  
70 Rice semolina and flour had 10.30% moisture, 0.04% ash, 0.21% lipid and 10.73% protein  
71 content. Corn (*Zea mays*) semolina (>300  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size) or flour (<300  $\mu\text{m}$  particle size)  
72 were provided by DACSA (Valencia, Spain), containing 13.69% moisture, 0.33% ash and  
73 7.50% protein. Faba bean semolina (*Vicia faba*) (10% moisture, 0.08 % ash, 1.08% lipid,

74 30.01% protein) was obtained after grinding the hulled bean seeds purchased from Alamir  
75 Company (Albehera, Egypt).

76 Instant dry yeast (Saf-instant) was donated by Lessafre Iberica (Valladolid, Spain). Egg  
77 powder was purchased from EPSA company (Valencia, Spain). Salt and sunflower oil were  
78 acquired in local market.

## 79 **2.2. Hydrothermal treatment**

### 80 **2.2.1. Preparation of treated rice and treated corn**

81 Hydrothermally treated rice or corn was prepared according to TangZhong method (Yvonne,  
82 2007): the treatment was done by suspending flours (rice or corn) in cold distilled water ( $21 \pm$   
83  $1^\circ\text{C}$ ) at the ratio of 1/5 (w/w). Slurries kept thoroughly stirred were heated until the inner  
84 temperature reaches  $65^\circ\text{C}$ ; it took about 6-7 min for corn and 8-9 min for rice to reach that  
85 temperature. After cooling down at room temperature for 1 h, slurries were kept for 24 h at  
86  $4^\circ\text{C}$  and used as bread ingredients to improve the breadmaking.

### 87 **2.2.2. Pasting properties**

88 Pasting properties of hydrothermally treated slurries were determined after 1 hour of cooling  
89 at room temperature and after 24 hours storage at  $4^\circ\text{C}$ . Previously prepared slurries (30 g)  
90 were weighed into the aluminum canisters and analyzed using a rapid visco analyser (RVA)  
91 (RVA 4500, Perten Instruments SA, Stockholm, Sweden) by following ICC standard method  
92 No 162 (ICC, 1996). Peak viscosity, through, breakdown, final viscosity, setback (difference  
93 between final viscosity and peak viscosity) and onset temperature were recorded by  
94 Thermocline software (Perten Instruments SA, Stockholm, Sweden). Three replicates were  
95 carried out per sample.

## 96 **2.3. Experimental Design**

97 Two central composite designs with 2 factors each were employed to determine the effect of  
98 water ( $X_1$  for RFBS,  $X'_1$  for CFBS) and the amount of hydrothermally treated slurries ( $X_2$ :

99 treated rice for RFBS, X<sub>2</sub>: treated corn for CFBS) on rheological and technological properties  
100 of breads followed by optimisation of the process using surface response methodology.  
101 Factorial section was a 2<sup>2</sup> test; the star section included four tests. Five replicates center-  
102 points were also added, for a total of 2<sup>2</sup>+2<sup>2</sup>+5=13 runs for each type of bread (Table 1).  
103 For each response variable, model selection appeared to be quadratic; the significance level  
104 was set at 0.05. Responses of each variable were subjected to statistical analysis in order to  
105 define the optima points for breadmaking recipe using the desirability function approach  
106 (DFA). The desirability function approach is a multi-criteria optimization method useful to  
107 find the best compromise between several responses.  $D = (d_1 \times d_2 \times d_3 \dots \times d_n)^{1/n}$  where  $d_i$   
108 are the desirability indices for each response ( $d_i = 0$  least desirable;  $d_i = 1$  most desirable) and  
109  $n$  is the number of responses in the measure (Simurina et al., 2012).

#### 110 **2.4. Bread making process**

111 Rice /faba bean semolina (RFBS) and corn /faba bean semolina (CFBS), in a ratio of 2/1  
112 (w/w) cereal/faba bean semolina, were the two gluten free recipes studied, aiming to offer a  
113 better nutritional balance in amino-acids (Benatallah et al., 2012; Storck et al., 2013). The  
114 hydration range applied in the experimental design was determined for each formula by  
115 preliminary experiments (55 to 110% for rice breads and 51 to 105% for corn breads). The  
116 levels of hydrothermally treated slurries were fixed up to 14.75% or 13.8%, for rice or corn  
117 breads, respectively. Hydration and hydrothermally treated slurries percentages are expressed  
118 based on the semolinas blend basis.

119 The basic bread recipe consisted of: 666 g of rice or corn semolina, 333 g of faba bean  
120 semolina, 20 g of salt, 20 g of instant dry yeast, 20 g powder egg, 200 ml of sunflower oil and  
121 the amount of water defined in the experimental design (Table 1). The making procedure  
122 involved manual premixing of dry ingredients, with exception of powder egg and then water  
123 was added. When hydrothermally treated slurries were added, the corresponding amount of

124 rice or corn semolina and water were replaced. It must be kept in mind that slurries contained  
125 flour/water at the ratio of 1/5 (w/w). The mixture was left to rest for 10 min, then the powder  
126 egg and the rest of water were added and manually mixed for 10 min and sunflower oil was  
127 added and mixed for additional 5 min. The resulting dough was divided in lumps (100 g) and  
128 put into mold and proofed for 45 min at 37 °C in a fermentation cabinet (Salva Industrial  
129 S.A., Lezo, Guipuzcoa, Spain). The baking tests were carried out at 165°C for 25 min into an  
130 electric oven (Salva Industrial S.A., Lezo, Guipuzcoa, Spain).

### 131 **2.5. Bread quality evaluation**

132 Bread characterization after one hour post-baking consisted of specific volume, crumb texture  
133 profile analysis, height/width ratio and bread moisture.

134 Volume was determined by the rapeseed displacement method according to the AACC  
135 Approved Method 10.05. (AACC, 2000); specific volume ( $\text{cm}^3/\text{g}$ ) of an individual loaf was  
136 calculated by dividing volume by weight. Moisture content was calculated based on ICC  
137 110/1 method (ICC, 1996).

138 Height/width ratio was measured by capturing the image of the central slice with an HP  
139 Scanjet G 3110 scanner in the presence of scale.

140 Texture profile analysis (TPA) was evaluated on the breadcrumb using a texture analyzer  
141 (TA-XT plus, StableMicro Systems Ltd., Godalming, UK), using two bread slices of 1-cm-  
142 thickness, which underwent a double compression test up to 50% strain (penetration of its  
143 original height) at a cross head speed of 1 mm/s and a 30 s gap between compressions, with a  
144 cylindrical stainless steel probe P/25 (25 mm diameter) (Rosell et al., 2009). The parameters  
145 recorded were hardness, cohesiveness, springiness and chewiness.

146 The color of the crumb samples was measured at three different locations by using a Minolta  
147 colorimeter (Chroma meter CR-400/410, Konica Minolta, Tokyo, Japan) after standardization  
148 with a white calibration plate ( $L^*=96.9$ ,  $a^*=-0.04$ ,  $b^*=1.84$ ). The color was recorded using

149 CIE- $L^*a^*b^*$  uniform color space, where  $L^*$  indicates lightness,  $a^*$  indicates hue on a green  
150 (–) to red (+) axis, and  $b^*$  indicates hue on a blue (–) to yellow (+) axis (Matos & Rosell,  
151 2013). Data from three slices per sample were averaged.

152 High resolution images (600 ppi) of the bread slices 10 mm thick were captured by HP  
153 Scanjet G 3110 scanner. Crumb cell analysis of breads was performed by Image J software  
154 according to Gonzales-Barron & Butler (2006) in the optimized breads. Number of cells,  
155 average cells area, and average diameter were calculated. Values were the mean of four  
156 replicates.

## 157 **2.6. Statistical analysis**

158 Multiple regression analysis was performed to fit second order model to dependent variables  
159 by using Minitab Release 16 (Minitab Inc., State College PA, USA). The models were used to  
160 determine responses surfaces in Statistica 10 (Stat soft, France). One way analysis of variance  
161 (ANOVA) was applied to compare the effect of water ( $X_1, X_1$ ) and treated flours ( $X_2, X_2$ )  
162 on the dependent variables ( $Y, Y$ ). A coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) was computed and the  
163 adequacy of models was tested by separating the residual sum of squares into pure error and  
164 lack-of-fit. Optimization was performed with Minitab Release 16 (Minitab Inc., State College  
165 PA, USA).

## 166 **3. Results and discussion**

### 167 **3.1. Pasting performance of hydrothermally treated slurries**

168 Rice and corn flours were submitted to hydrothermal treatment to modify their functionality  
169 looking for obtaining bakery improvers. After hydrothermally treatment, rice and corn flours  
170 were stored for one and 24 hours and the pasting profile of those treated flours were compared  
171 with the native ones to check the impact of the thermal treatment on starch gelatinization  
172 (Figure 1 and 2). Significant differences were observed among the pasting profiles of the  
173 flours before and after treatment. The RVA profile confirmed that hydrothermal treatment

174 partially gelatinized the starch, increasing the initial viscosity of the flours (1800 cP and 2000  
175 cP for rice and corn treated flours, respectively) and decreasing the viscosity during heating.  
176 The high initial viscosity for the pre-gelatinized rice and corn was attributed to the disruption  
177 of the molecular order within the starch granules during the treatment, resulting in the loss of  
178 granule integrity and destruction of starch crystallinity (Marti et al., 2013). Besides the  
179 reduction in the maximum viscosity during heating, a shift in the onset pasting temperature  
180 was observed due to higher temperature was required to gelatinize the remaining intact starch  
181 granules. Nevertheless, differences were observed depending on the flours source, rice  
182 (Figure 1) or corn (Figure 2), since botanical origin is responsible of morphological, thermal  
183 and rheological properties of starches (reviewed by Sing et al., 2003). Rice flour after  
184 treatment showed a significant reduction in the maximum viscosity during heating, but the  
185 trend changed during cooling, whose viscosity was higher than in the native flour. During  
186 cooling rapid reorganization of the amylose chains is produced increasing the viscosity of the  
187 flour (Rosell et al., 2007). It seems that the structure disorder promoted by the thermal  
188 treatment favored the amylose released, which was rapidly enabled to reorganize during  
189 cooling. It must be stressed that the degree of granule disintegration in rice is greatly  
190 dependent on the amount of amylose, particularly low amylose starch granules are weak and  
191 fragile whereas high amylose rice starch is strong and rigid (Sandhya & Bhattacharya, 1995),  
192 leading to higher viscosities during heating and cooling (Klug Tavares et al., 2010). The  
193 storage of the thermally treated rice flour during 24 hours induced a reduction in the viscosity  
194 obtained during heating and cooling. In opposition, thermal treatment of corn flour induced a  
195 decrease in the viscosity during the heating and cooling stages compared to the native flour.  
196 Moreover, the storage of the treated flour resulted in an increase of the viscosity along the  
197 temperature gradient likely due to the progress of starch retrogradation during the post-  
198 treatment storage. It must be remarked that the staling kinetics is dependent on the starch

199 source, thus differences must be ascribed to the nature of rice or corn starches (Jane et al.,  
200 1999).

201 The two profiles revealed that the treated rice achieved higher final viscosity (about 9000 cP  
202 to 12000 cP) than those of corn (6000-7000 cP) at the end of RVA measurement. Therefore,  
203 depending on the extend of the hydrothermal treatment would be possible to obtain different  
204 degree of gelatinization and in consequence different level of viscosity, which would be  
205 useful for obtaining gluten free bread.

### 206 **3.2. Improving effect on *khobz eddar* gluten free breads quality**

#### 207 **3.2.1. Model fitting**

208 The analysis of variance induced by the hydration level and the amount of treated flours on  
209 the quality parameters of rice/faba bean semolina and corn/faba bean semolina breads is  
210 shown in Tables 2 and 3. The statistical analysis indicated that the fitting models were  
211 adequate because they gave satisfactory values of the  $R^2$  (higher for corn breads) for all the  
212 responses and model significance. Results showed that the lack-of-fit test was significant for  
213 the specific volume, hardness, chewiness and moisture content for experimental design 1  
214 (Table 2), whereas it was significant for the specific volume, hardness, cohesiveness and  
215 chewiness for experimental design 2 (Table 3). This can be attributed to the very large  
216 experimental region covered in which all appropriate functions of independent variables were  
217 not included. However, when large amounts of data were included in the analysis, a model  
218 with a significant lack of fit could still be used (Phatcharee et al., 2014). In the case of gluten  
219 free breads this model was really convenient due to their large variability derived from their  
220 complex formulations (Matos & Rosell, 2011), and it is always more convenient to extend the  
221 range of analysis than to carry out the experimental design within narrow limits to give more  
222 robust information.

#### 223 **3.2.2. Gluten free bread quality characteristics**

224 The effect of different concentrations of water and treated rice or corn on the response surface  
225 graphs for specific volume and height/width ratio of RFBS bread and CFBS is shown in  
226 Figures 3 and 4, respectively. For RFBS breads, the specific volume varied from 1.50 to 2.35  
227 cm<sup>3</sup>/g, showing a positive effect of increasing water content and treated rice, although in the  
228 later a quadratic effect was observed with a maximum value of 2.35 cm<sup>3</sup>/g against 1.70 cm<sup>3</sup>/g  
229 for the bread without treated flour.

230 The specific volume of CFBS bread ranged from 1.40 to 2.90 cm<sup>3</sup>/g (Figure 4),  
231 indicating that a higher specific volume can be obtained with corn in comparison to rice. The  
232 response surface (Figure 4) again showed a positive effect of water hydration and treated flour  
233 on specific volume, although the water effect was less pronounced than that was observed in  
234 rice bread. Many authors confirmed the dependence of gluten free bread volume with water  
235 amount and indicated also its dependence on the type of raw material (Marco & Rosell, 2008;  
236 Schoenlechner et al., 2010). A quadratic effect of the amount of treated corn rice was  
237 observed, with a maximum when 5 g of treated corn were present. Therefore, hydrothermally  
238 treated slurries, which have partially gelatinized starch, improved the specific volume of  
239 gluten free rice or corn based *khobz eddar*. Presumably, the higher initial viscosity induced by  
240 treated flours favor the entrapment of air bubbles in the dough structure, and it is even enough  
241 to hold the gas pressure during expansion at the early stage of baking (Shibata et al., 2011). In  
242 order to achieve a good bread volume, the dough should have enough strength to develop and  
243 maintain the cells gas and gelatinized starch must be able to withstand the rapid expansion of  
244 cells during the initial phase of the cooking (Pongjaruvat et al., 2014).

245 Response surface of height/width ratio for RFBS indicated that it varied from 0.61 to  
246 0.82 with the most significant effect observed with the amount of water. A significant  
247 different response was observed for CFBS breads, in which a quadratic effect was observed  
248 for the water hydration and the amount of treated corn flour. For CFBS the H/W ratio ranged

249 from 0.63 to 0.81 obtaining the optimum at 75-105 ml of water and 3.0-13.8 g of treated corn  
250 flour. Taking into account that breads were baked in molds, the H/W ratio gave information  
251 about the oven rise and thus the holding ability of the dough structure during baking.  
252 Hardness is one of the most important quality characteristic of bread texture,  
253 with consumers desiring soft and flexible crumbs and low hardness (Hager & Arendt, 2013).  
254 The response surface for RFBS breads showed a quadratic effect of both factor, with a  
255 minimum hardness located in the interval 7 g-10 g of treated rice and 85 ml-98 ml of water  
256 per 100 g semolina blends (Figure 3). The same response, although less pronounced, was  
257 obtained with the CFBS breads (Figure 4) and lower hardness was obtained within the range  
258 1.8 g-13.8 g of treated corn and 76 ml-110 ml of water. Shibata et al. (2011) also reported  
259 higher dough expansion and softer texture when added gelatinized rice flour or rice porridge  
260 to wheat bread.

261         Regarding chewiness (Figures 3 and 4), different effect was observed in the rice and  
262 corn breads. Water content and treated rice amount promoted quadratic negative effects on the  
263 chewiness of rice breads, with minimum values when containing 5 g-12 g of treated rice and  
264 80 ml-100 ml of water per 100 g semolina blends, indicating easy chewing of the breads. For  
265 CFBS bread chewiness, a deep decrease was observed when increasing water, and a smoother  
266 decrease was induced by the addition of treated corn. Therefore, the use of rice or corn  
267 semolina as ingredients obligated to adapt recipes and even the addition of pregelatinized  
268 flours confers different characteristics.

269 The opposite effect was induced by water hydration and treated flour amount on springiness  
270 in rice and corn based breads, being in both cases a quadratic effect. It must be remarked that  
271 springiness is associated to fresh, aerated and elastic product, thus high springiness values are  
272 recommended (Matos & Rosell, 2012). Values obtained in rice and corn breads fall within the  
273 springiness values (0.76 to 1.00) found for gluten free breads (Matos & Rosell, 2012).

274 Cohesiveness reflects the ability of a material to be deformed before breaking down; in breads  
275 high cohesiveness is desirable indicating the bolus formation during mastication without  
276 crumbling. Water content and the amount of treated flour induced a quadratic negative effect  
277 on the rice and corn bread cohesiveness; with the exception of the positive effect promoted by  
278 treated corn flour on CFBS bread (Figures 3 and 4).

279 Generally, the hydrothermally treated cereal flours improved the quality of gluten free bread,  
280 because the partial gelatinization of starch increased the dough consistency and likely the  
281 entrapment of gas during mixing and baking. Similarly, Tsai et al. (2012) reported that the  
282 addition of rice porridge improved the texture of wheat bread, which was ascribed to the  
283 gelatinization of rice starch granules. In addition, results showed the fundamental role of  
284 water hydration in the quality of the resulting gluten free breads, and in particular these gluten  
285 free *khobz eddar* breads, based on rice or corn semolina. The moisture content of the breads  
286 varied from 30 to 45 %, which agree with previous results in commercial gluten free breads  
287 (Matos & Rosell, 2012). Gluten free breads usually show high moisture content due to the  
288 importance of hydrating the dough. In fact, the response surface obtained with RFBS and  
289 CFBS breads showed the increase moisture content of breads when increasing water  
290 hydration. For CFBS bread the moisture content ranged from 30 to 45 % and presented a  
291 linear rise with increasing water and it was independent on the quantity of treated corn.

### 292 **3.2.3. Optima gluten free breads**

293 From the results obtained in the experimental design, optimized recipes for rice and corn  
294 based gluten free breads were developed with the aim to maximize specific volume, H/W  
295 ratio and minimize hardness, chewiness and moisture content. Figure 5 showed the cross-  
296 section of the bread slices compared to the references ones without treated flours.

297 The selection of improver content and water concentration was fundamental for obtaining the  
298 two gluten free breads with the best quality characteristics and they were obtained by

299 applying the desirability function. The optima concentrations were 7.59 g/100 g (semolina  
300 blends basis) of rice improver and 96.66 g water/100 g semolina blends for the rice formula,  
301 with a desirability value of 0.747. At these concentrations of improver and water, maximum  
302 specific volume and best textural parameters were obtained compared to the bread without  
303 improver. For corn based bread, 4.73 g of corn improver and 78.81 g of water (based on  
304 semolina blend) were obtained with a desirability value of 0.627. These concentrations of  
305 corn improver and water allowed obtaining a bread with maximum specific volume and  
306 minimum hardness and chewiness comparing bread without improver.

307 The specific volume of the two gluten-free breads, textural properties (hardness, chewiness,  
308 springiness and cohesiveness), H/W ratio and moisture content, besides the color and crumb  
309 image analysis of the selected gluten free breads are described in table 4. Optimization of  
310 gluten free breads based on rice or corn gave different quality characteristics. Specific volume  
311 of corn bread was higher than that of rice bread, which also led to softer crumbs when using  
312 corn semolina. The estimated values of specific volume in optimally formulated bread were  
313 2.24 cm<sup>3</sup>/g for RFBS bread and 2.60 cm<sup>3</sup>/g for CFBS bread. H/W ratio for RFBS is 0.79 and  
314 for CFBS is 0.85. Bread containing treated corn presented higher specific volume and H/W  
315 ratio than bread containing treated rice, which might be related to the pasting properties of the  
316 improvers derived from rice or corn flour. Both breads presented the best textural parameters.  
317 For RFBS bread, it was obtained lower hardness and chewiness (566 g, 217) than its  
318 counterpart without treated rice (2604 g, 1314). For CFBS optimized bread, (435 g, 298)  
319 hardness and chewiness improved compared to the reference bread (495 g hardness and 330  
320 chewiness).

321 The color of the breads was related to the color of the corresponding semolina, being in the  
322 case of CFBS higher *b\** due to the yellowish color derived from corn semolina. No  
323 differences were observed in lightness (*L\**). Lightness of ingredients plays an important role

324 in bakery products due to consumer preferences. In fact, numerous efforts have been devoted  
325 to lighten the color of the grains and grains products (Metzger, 2003). The hue green ( $-a^*$ )  
326 varied from 0.55 for RFBS to 1.74 for CFBS.

327 Image crumb analysis revealed that CFBS breads contained higher number of small holes,  
328 whereas rice based bread contained bigger holes. In both cases, breads exhibited an aerated  
329 crumb structure.

#### 330 **4. Conclusion**

331 Gluten-free breads based on rice or corn semolina were successfully developed following the  
332 Algerian (*khobz eddar*) traditional breadmaking, but applying needed changes for making  
333 gluten free products. A recipe based on rice and faba bean semolina or corn and faba bean  
334 semolina was used adding hydrothermally treated rice or corn flours as bakery improvers. A  
335 experimental design, used to optimize the level of water hydration and the amount of  
336 improver, revealed the importance of those factors in the quality characteristics of gluten free  
337 breads and allowed determining the optima levels for improving specific volume, H/W ratio  
338 and textural parameters. The optimum gluten free rice/faba bean bread was produced by  
339 incorporating 7.59 g of treated rice and 96.66 g of water (based on 100 g semolina blends),  
340 whereas the optimum gluten free corn/faba bean bread was produced by incorporating 4.73 g  
341 of treated corn and 78.81 g of water (based on 100 g semolina blends). According to the  
342 results of specific volume, texture parameters, color and crumb structure, it can be concluded  
343 that optimized rice or corn breads were obtained using hydrothermally treated slurries as  
344 bakery improvers, leading to gluten free *khobz eddar* breads for celiac patients.

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## 442 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

443 **Figure 1.** RVA profiles of rice flour, hydrothermally treated rice flour after 1 h and after 24 h  
444 storage. **Legend:** (—): temperature profile; (— —) rice flour; (– –) treated rice 1 h; (...)   
445 treated rice 24 h.

446 **Figure 2.** RVA profiles of corn flour, treated corn after 1h and pre-gelatinized corn after 24 h.

447 **Legend:** (—): temperature profile; (— —) rice flour; (— —) treated rice 1 h; (...) treated rice

448 24 h.

449 **Figure 3.** Responses surfaces of experimental design for rice/faba bean semolina (RFBS)

450 bread.

451 **Figure 4.** Responses surfaces of experimental design for corn/faba bean semolina (CFBS)

452 bread.

453 **Figure 5.** Cross section of central bread slice obtained with the optima recipes for rice and

454 corn breads. **A.**Control rice based bread; **B.** Optimum rice based bread; **C.** Control corn based

455 bread; **D.** Optimum corn based bread.

456 **Table 1.** Factors, levels and code values used in the two Central Composite Designs (CCD1,  
 457 CCD2) for rice bread and corn breads, respectively.

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Run	Code values		Real values			
	Hydration (ml) X1	Treated flour (g) X2	CCD 1		CCD2	
			Hydration X1 (ml)	Treated rice X2 (g)	Hydration X`1 (ml)	Treated corn X`2 (g)
1	1.41421	0	110	7.375	105	6.9
2	-1.41421	0	55	7.375	51	6.9
3	0	1.41421	82.5	14.75	78	13.8
4	-1	1	63.055	12.589	58.908	11.779
5	1	-1	101.945	2.160	97.092	2.021
6	1	1	101.945	12.589	97.092	11.779
7	-1	-1	63.055	2.160	58.908	2.021
8	0	-1.41421	82.5	0	78	0
9	0	0	82.5	7.375	78	6.9
10	0	0	82.5	7.375	78	6.9
11	0	0	82.5	7.375	78	6.9
12	0	0	82.5	7.375	78	6.9
13	0	0	82.5	7.375	78	6.9

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461 **Table 2.** Analysis of variance (ANOVA) test tracing parameters for the response surfaces formula of rice/faba bean breads.

Source	Sequential sum of squares						
	Specific volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Texture parameters				H/W ratio	Moisture content (%)
		Hardness (g)	Springiness	Cohesiveness	Chewiness (g)		
Lack of fit	0.040*	0.019*	0.072	0.804	0.000*	0.597	0.020*
Pure error	0.017954	400591	0.013233	0.028575	529	0.001887	3.032
<i>F</i>	7.52 <sup>*NS</sup>	11.69 <sup>*NS</sup>	5.21 <sup>*NS</sup>	0.33 <sup>*NS</sup>	3078.51 <sup>*NS</sup>	0.70 <sup>*NS</sup>	11.35 <sup>*NS</sup>
R-Sq (%)	71.67	67.67	67.05	81.33	71.39	86.20	78.50

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463 H/W: Height/Width ration; F: variance Ficher—Snedecor; \*NS: not significant ( $P>0.05$ ); \*: Significant at  $P\leq 0.05$ .

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466 **Table 3.** Analysis of variance test tracing parameters response surfaces formula corn/faba bean.

Source	Sequential sum of squares						
	Specific volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Texture parameters				H/W ratio	Moisture content (%)
		Hardness (g)	Springiness	Cohesiveness	Chewiness (g)		
Lack of fit	0.008*	0.000*	0.061	0.449*	0.010*	0.173	0.182
Pure error	0.02507	98.78	0.000106	0.001803	308.8	0.001073	1.251
<i>F</i>	19.26 *NS	23.2 *NS	5.81 *NS	1.09 *NS	16.94 *NS	2.79 *NS	2.69 *NS
R-Sq (%)	74.90	96.38	71.82	91.78	89.37	75.47	97.41

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468 H/W: Height/Width ration; F: Ficher—Snedecor variance; \*NS: not significant ( $P>0.05$ ); \*: Significant at  $P \leq 0.05$ .

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472 **Table 4.** Characteristics of optima gluten free rice or corn bread.

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Parameters	Rice/faba bean Bread	Corn/faba bean Bread
Specific volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	2.24 ±0.56	2.60 ±0.32
Hardness (g)	566 ±5	435 ±5
Springiness	0.977 ±0.011	0.918 ±0.010
Cohesiveness	0.766 ±0.010	0.752 ±0.040
Chewiness	217 ±6	298 ±4
Height/Width ratio	0.79 ±0.13	0.85 ±0.01
Moisture content (%)	37.80 ±0.69	36.78 ±0.30
<i>L</i> *	61 ±1	61 ±1
<i>a</i> *	-0.55 ±0.38	-1.74 ±0.04
<i>b</i> *	17.6 ±1.5	27.8 ±0.1
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Number of holes	286 ±2	382 ±0.1
Total area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.20 ±0.1	1.44 ±0.02
Diameter (cm)	0.03 ±0.02	0.02 ±0.01

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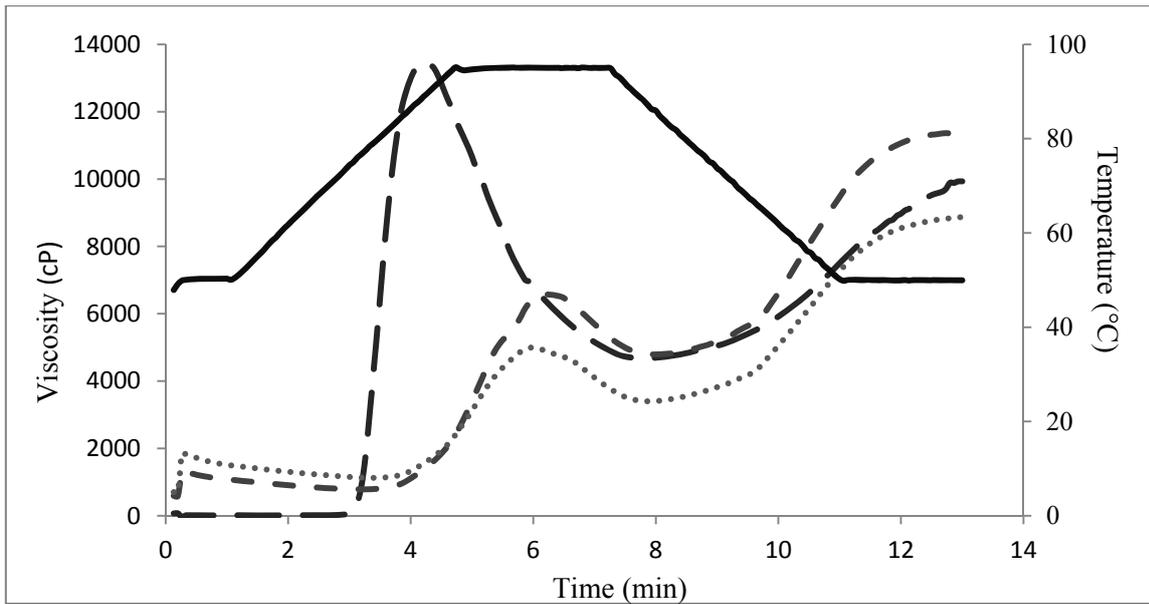
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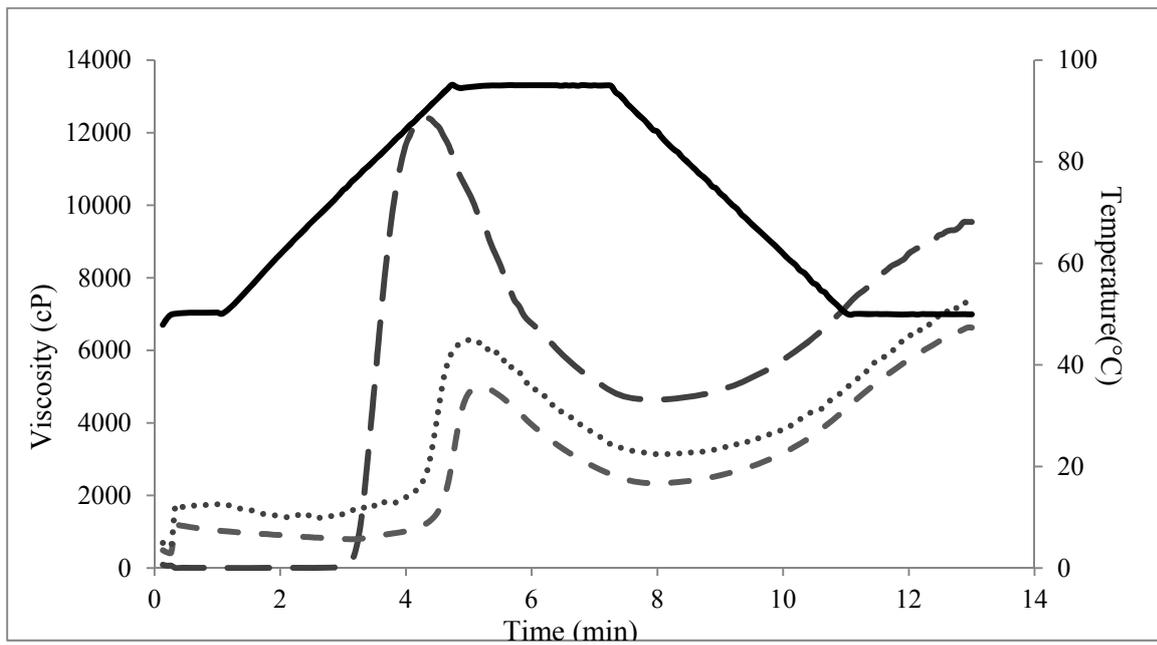
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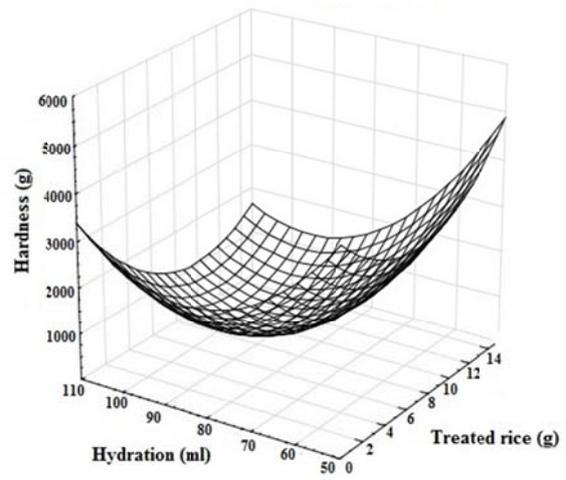
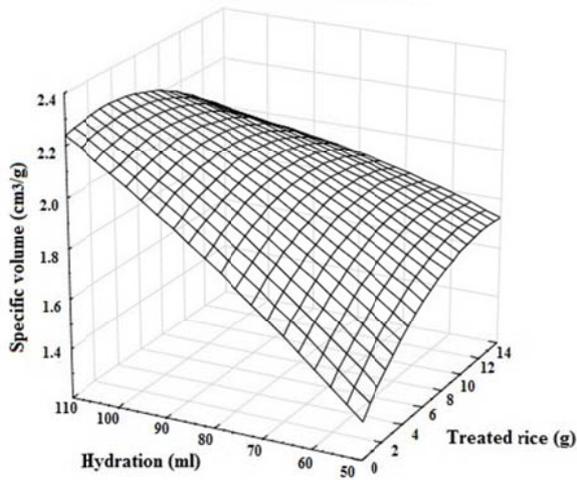
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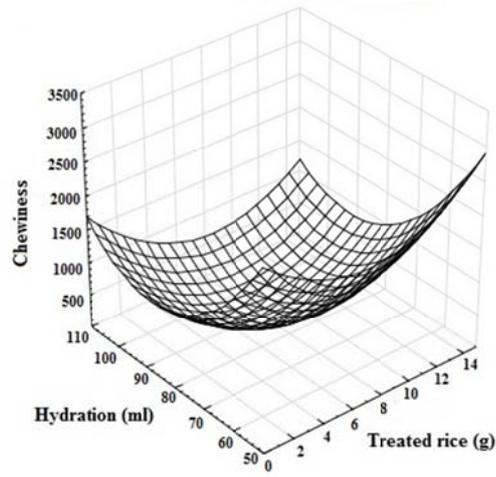
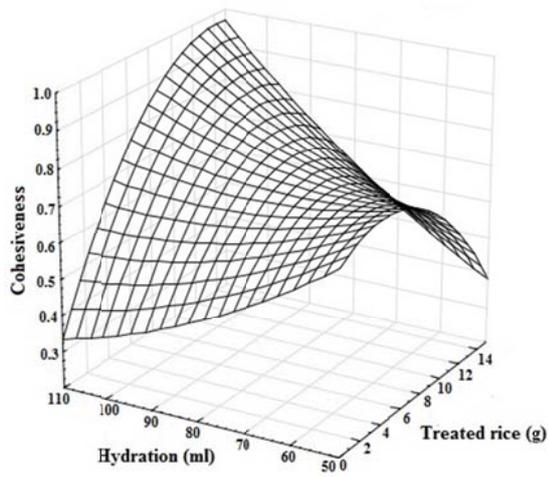
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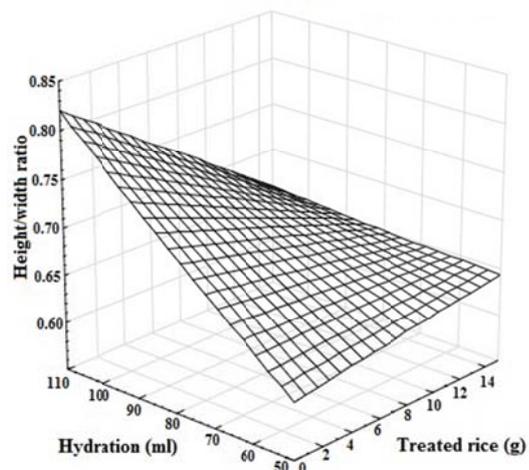
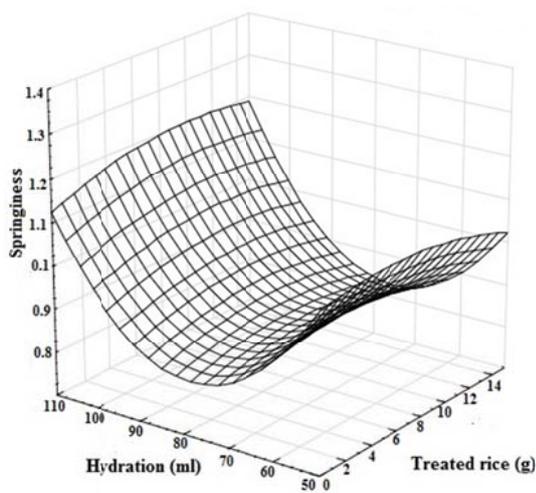


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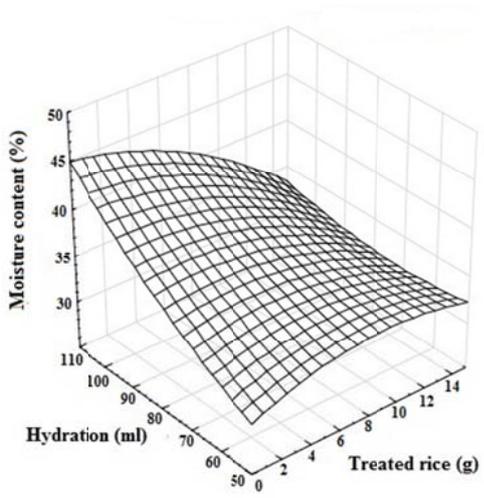


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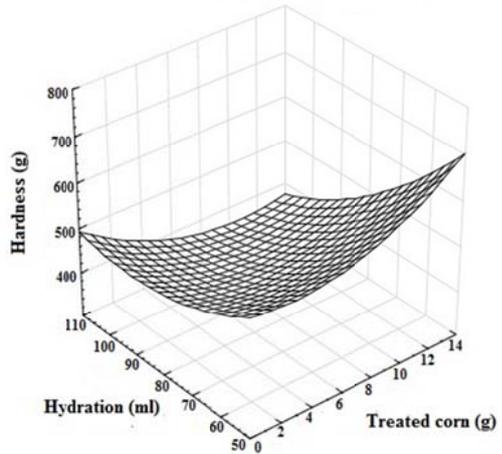
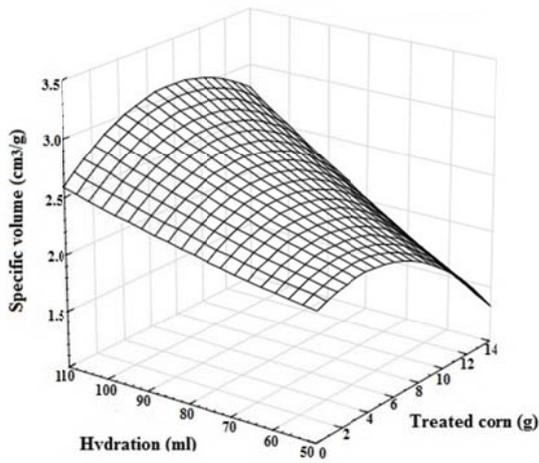


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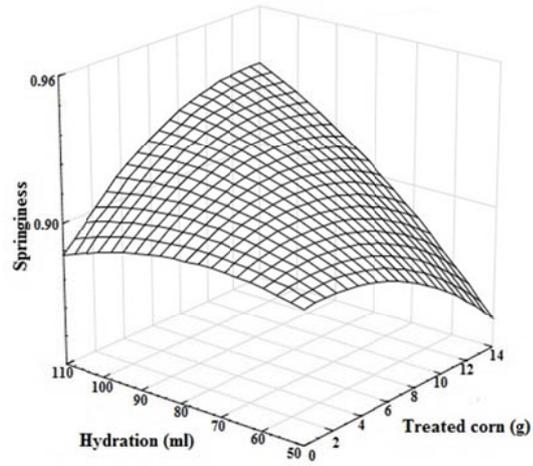
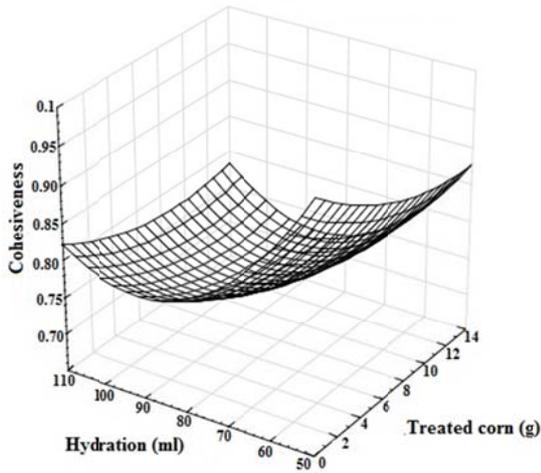
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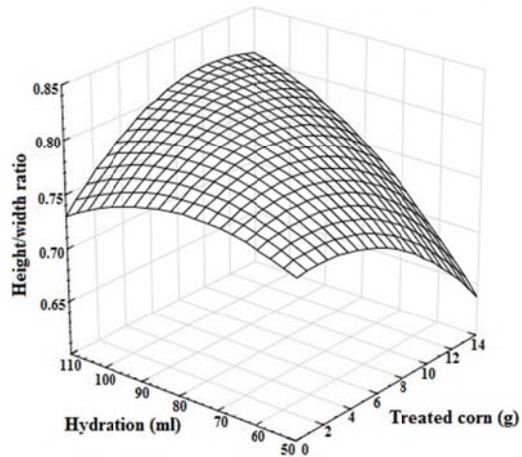
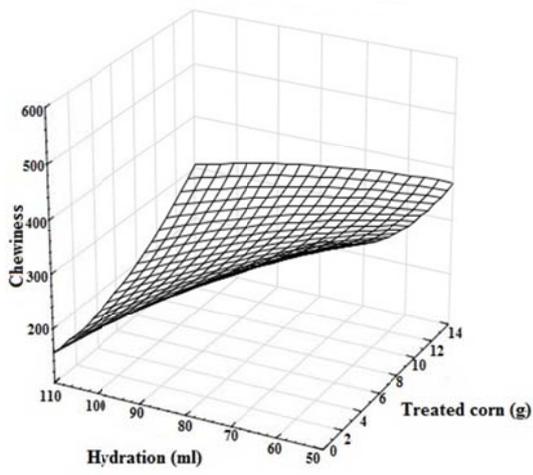
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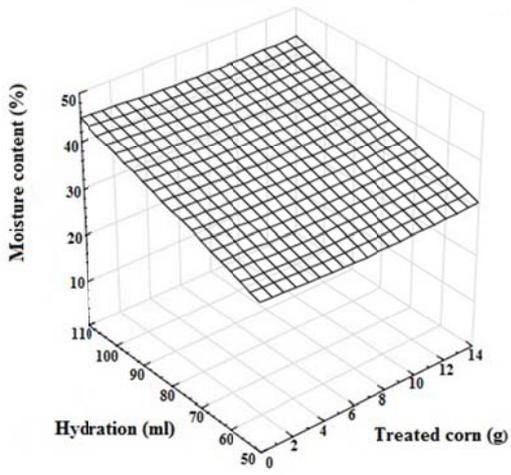
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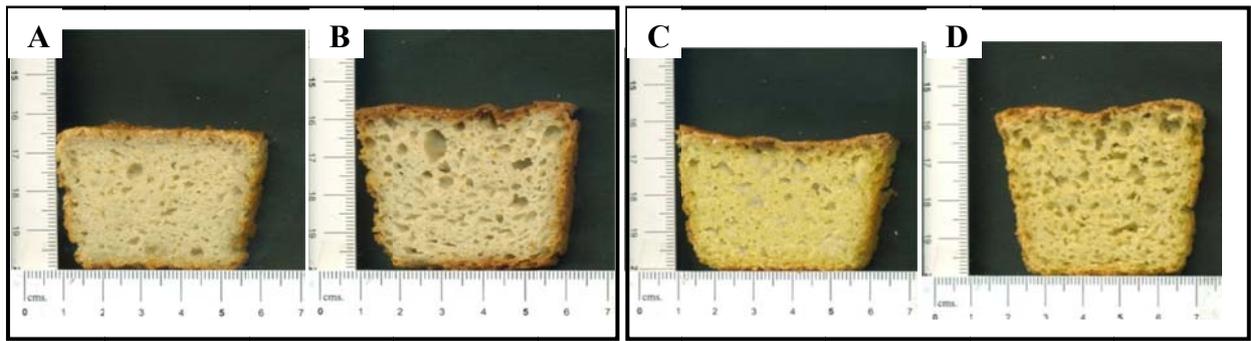


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