

1 **WHOLEMEAL WHEAT BREAD: A COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT**
2 **BREADMAKING PROCESSES AND FUNGAL PHYTASE ADDITION**

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14 **ABSTRACT**

15 The effect of different breadmaking processes (conventional, frozen dough, frozen
16 partially baked bread) and the effect of the storage period on the technological quality of
17 the fresh wholemeal wheat breads are investigated. In addition, the impact of the
18 exogenous fungal phytase on the phytate content was also determined. Results showed
19 that breadmaking technology significantly affected the quality parameters of wholemeal
20 breads (specific volume, moisture content, crumb and crust colour, crumb texture
21 profile analysis and crust flaking) and frozen storage affected in different extent the
22 quality of the loaves obtained from partially baked breads and those obtained from
23 frozen dough, particularly crust flaking. Freezing and frozen storage of wholemeal
24 bread in the presence of fungal phytase decreased significantly the phytate content in
25 whole wheat breads. The combination of fungal phytase addition, breadmaking process
26 and frozen storage could be advisable for overcoming the detrimental effect of bran on
27 the mineral bioavailability. Key words: wholemeal, breadmaking, quality, phytates.

28 INTRODUCTION

29 Until recently, the nutrient value of the wheat bran, although long understood, has been
30 ignored and the bran discarded and used as animal feed. However, its rich nutrient
31 composition ([Antoine et al., 2004](#)), and its dietary fibre content has motivated numerous
32 campaigns for increasing the consumption of whole wheat products. Whole grain
33 products are perceived as more nutritionally balanced, healthy and natural, being bread
34 the most consumed product ([Claupein et al., 2007](#)). Nevertheless, recommendations for
35 the increase of wholemeal cereal consumption have raised questions about the increase
36 intake of antinutritive compounds such as phytates ([Sanz Penella et al., 2008](#)). Whole
37 wheat flours contain phytate or myo-inositol hexaphosphate that decreases the bio-
38 availability of multivalent cations due to the formation of insoluble complexes in the
39 gastrointestinal tract ([Lopez et al., 2002](#)). Significant reduction in the content of
40 phytates in whole wheat bread have been obtained by adding exogenous phytase ([Haros
41 et al., 2001a,b](#)), and also using different lactic acid bacteria with phytase activity
42 ([Palacios et al., 2008](#)).

43 Despite the beneficial effect of consuming whole wheat bread, public's acceptance of
44 this product is limited due to its lower volume, coarser texture and faster staling
45 compared to refined wheat bread ([Gan et al., 1992](#); [Zhang and Moore, 1999](#)). Therefore,
46 some technological efforts are needed in the performance of whole wheat breads to
47 meet consumer's needs and demands. Convenience bakery products are solving the
48 constraints on food preparation and shopping imposed by the accelerated consumer
49 lifestyles. Concerning bakery products, freezing dough, partially baked or fully baked
50 bread become in many cases necessary to face the present demands ([Rosell and Gómez,](#)
51 [2007](#)). The use of frozen dough is very attractive because the low volume of the
52 unfermented dough, which is very convenient when frozen storage is involved in the
53 process, having satisfying quality characteristics even after nine months of storage
54 ([Giannou and Tzia, 2007](#)). The partially baked bread (part-baked, par baked bread or
55 pre-baked bread), also called bake off technology (BOT), consists in partial baking till
56 the dough structure is fixed, giving a product with aerated crumb but without a crunchy
57 crust that is formed along the second baking ([Bárcenas and Rosell, 2006a,b](#)). Numerous
58 studies have been focussed on the sensory and technological quality of refined wheat

59 loaves obtained from frozen dough or partially baked breads ([Bárcenas and Rosell,](#)
60 [2006a, b;](#) [Fik and Surowka, 2002;](#) [Poinot et al., 2008](#)). Those revealed that breads with
61 qualities close to the ones obtained from conventional breadmaking process are
62 obtained. Nevertheless, scarce information exists about the impact of those breadmaking
63 processes on whole wheat breads loaves, where studies have been addressed to the
64 improvement of formulation for counteracting the negative effects of the bran particle
65 size on the breadmaking performance and bread quality ([Collar et al., 2006;](#) [Rosell et](#)
66 [al., 2006;](#) [Shogren et al., 1981;](#) [Zhang and Moore, 1999](#)).

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68 The aim of this research was to determine the effect of different breadmaking processes
69 (conventional, frozen dough, frozen partially baked bread) and diverse storage time on
70 the technological quality (specific volume, texture, crumb structure and crust flaking) of
71 the resulting fresh wholemeal wheat breads and to assess the impact of the exogenous
72 fungal phytase on the phytates profile of the different breads.

73 MATERIALS AND METHODS

74 Commercial wholemeal wheat flour for breadmaking was used in this study. The
75 characteristics of the flour were: 14.20% moisture content (ICC 110/1), 12.61% protein
76 content (ICC 105/2), 1.82% fat content (ICC 136) and 1.46 % ash content (ICC 104/1).

77 Commercial phytase (3.13.8) from *Aspergillus niger* (11.4 U ml⁻¹, Ronozyme Phytase)
78 provided by Novozymes (Madrid, Spain) was used. One unit of phytase activity was
79 defined as 1.0 mg of Pi liberated per minute at pH 5.0 and 30°C (Haros et al., 2001a).

80 The bread improver was provided by Puracor (Groot-Bijgaarden, Belgium). The rest of
81 the ingredients were acquired in the food market.

82 Breadmaking process

83 Three different breadmaking processes were followed: conventional, frozen dough (FD)
84 and partially baked frozen (PBF). Basic wholemeal wheat dough formula on 100 g
85 flour basis consisted of 3% (w/w) compressed yeast, 1.8% (w/w) salt and 1% (w/w)
86 bread improver. When required, fungal phytase (200 µL/100 g flour) was added. In
87 conventional and partially baked process the amount of water necessary to give 500
88 Brabender Units (BU) of dough consistency was used, whereas dough consistency of

89 600 BU was used in the case of frozen dough. Bread doughs were prepared by mixing
90 ingredients in a spiral mixer (AV18/2, Vimar Industries 1900, S.L., Spain) for six
91 minutes, after 10 min resting, dough was divided into 70 g pieces and hand moulded.
92 Fermentation was carried out in a proofing cabinet at 35°C and 95% relative humidity
93 for 45 min. In conventional process, complete baking was carried out in an electric oven
94 at 185°C for 15 min with steam injection at the beginning of the baking. Partial baking
95 was carried at 170°C for 16 minutes, and then loaves were cooled down at room
96 temperature. Partially baked bread and doughs were placed directly in a blaster freezer
97 at -30°C till the bread core reached -18°C. Loaves and frozen doughs were taken out of
98 the freezer and thawed at room temperature for 60 minutes. Full baking of partially
99 baked breads was carried out at 185°C for 8 minutes. Frozen-thawed doughs were
100 fermented in a proofing cabinet at 35°C and 95% relative humidity for one hour and
101 then baked in an electric oven at 185°C for 15 min, as has been previously described for
102 conventional process.

103 For storage studies, partially baked frozen loaves and frozen dough were packed in
104 polypropylene bags and stored at -18°C for three months. Technological characteristics

105 were evaluated along the storage period taking samples after 1, 2, and 3 months. Two
106 different sets of breads were made for each breadmaking process comprising at least 20
107 loaves for performing further analysis.

108 **Bread quality parameters**

109 Technological parameters of bread quality included: volume, specific volume (rapeseed
110 displacement, AACC Standard 10-05), moisture content (AACC Standard 44-15A),
111 crumb texture profile analysis (TPA), crust and crumb colour, crust flaking, and crumb
112 image analysis. TPA was measured in a Texture Analyzer TA-XT2i (Stable Micro
113 Systems, Surrey, UK) using two bread slices of 1-cm-thickness, which underwent two
114 double compression test up to 50% penetration of its original height at a crosshead
115 speed of 1 mm/s and a 30 s gap between compressions, with a cylindrical stainless steel
116 probe (diameter 25 mm) (Collar and Bollaín, 2005).

117 Bread crust and crumb coloration were measured in four different locations by using a
118 Minolta colorimeter (Chroma Meter CR-400/410, Konica Minolta, Japan) after
119 standardization with a white calibration plate ($L = 96.9$, $a = -0.04$, $b = 1.84$). The colour

120 was recorded as L^* , C and h colour parameters, where L^* is the lightness or clearness, C
121 the chroma and h the shade or hue angle.

122 For crumb to crust ratio determination, crust was separated from the crumb using the
123 razor blade. Crumb to crust ratio was expressed as weight ratio and as volume ratio on a
124 wet basis.

125 Crust flaking test was carried out in specific crushing system developed by [Le Bail et al.](#)
126 [\(2005\)](#). Bread was crushed on its flanks and on its base by 30 % of its diameter and
127 height in crushing system. Crust pieces were collected and weighed and then a digital
128 picture of crust pieces was taken. Using an UTHSCSA Image Tool 3.0 Software,
129 average crust flakes size was measured.

130 Crumb cell analysis was performed by scanning longitudinal and cross sections of bread
131 sample, 10 mm thick. Images were analyzed by Image J software according to
132 [Gonzales-Barron and Butler \(2006\)](#). Number of cells, average cells area, average
133 diameter and cell circularity were calculated. Values were the mean of four replicates.

134 **Determination of *myo*-inositol phosphates**

135 *Myo*-inositol hexaphosphate (InsP6) concentration in flour and the remained
136 concentration of InsP6 and the lower inositol phosphates contained in bread were
137 measured by HPLC method following the method described by [Türk and Sandberg](#)
138 [\(1992\)](#) and lately modified by [Sanz Penella et al. \(2008\)](#).

139 **Statistical analysis**

140 Experimental data were subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) using Statgraphics
141 V.7.1 program (Bitstream, Cambridge, MN), to determine significant differences among
142 the factors combination. When ANOVA indicated significant *F* values, multiple sample
143 comparison was also performed and Fisher's least significant difference (LSD)
144 procedure was used to discriminate among the means.

145 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

146 **Effect of breadmaking processes and phytase addition on bread technological** 147 **quality**

148 The type of process significantly affected the specific volume of the bread ($P < 0.001$),
149 and also the moisture content ($P < 0.01$) (Table 1), and phytase addition did not promote
150 any significant effect on those parameters. The combination process x phytase affected

151 the specific volume of the loaves ($P < 0.05$). In the absence of phytase (-), bread from
152 partially baked showed the lowest specific volume (Table 2), whereas no significant
153 differences were observed between the ones obtained from conventional process or
154 frozen dough. The same trend was observed in the moisture content, although in this
155 case bread from PB had the highest value. Taking into account that FD and PB, in the
156 absence of phytase, were subjected to freezing during breadmaking, it seems that
157 freezing itself did not affect the specific volume or it could affect in different manner to
158 frozen dough and partially baked bread. [Poinot et al. \(2008\)](#) found that breadmaking
159 processes (conventional, frozen dough and partially baked bread), when running with
160 the same formulation, does not produce any effect on the density of white wheat breads.
161 The presence of phytase decreased the specific volume of the bread when it was
162 obtained following conventional process. This result disagrees with previous findings of
163 Haros et al (2001a). Likely wholemeal flour composition might be responsible of this
164 divergence, since the action of the phytase affects the endogenous alfa-amylase activity
165 through the inhibitory role of phytates. No significant effect on the bread specific
166 volume was observed when phytase was added in the other breadmaking processes.

167 [Haros et al. \(2001b\)](#) did not find any significant effect when fungal phytase was added
168 to wholemeal bread. Neither breadmaking processes, nor the presence of phytase
169 induced any significant effect on the bread shape (width/height ratio), in agreement with
170 previous results when similar amount of phytase was added to wholemeal conventional
171 breadmaking ([Haros et al., 2001a](#)). Freezing and thawing processes exert some stress on
172 the refined wheat dough that cause a deterioration in the quality of the baked product,
173 mainly affecting the protein fraction of the wheat flour and the shelf-life of the baker's
174 yeasts. In consequence, extended proofing times are needed and reduced loaf volumes
175 are obtained from frozen dough ([Phimolsiripol et al., 2008](#)). However, freezing process
176 without frozen storage seems to have less detrimental effect on the whole wheat dough
177 as revealed results of the present study.

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179 Process significantly ($P < 0.001$) affected texture profile parameters of the crumb,
180 whereas phytase addition did not showed any significant effect on those parameters
181 (Table 1). Regarding breadmaking process, similar effect has been observed on white
182 wheat breads obtained by different breadmaking processes ([Poinot et al., 2008](#)). The

183 combined effect of process and enzyme had significant ($P<0.01$) effect on hardness,
184 chewiness and ($P<0.05$) resilience. Regarding the individual effect induced by each
185 breadmaking process (Table 2), partially baked bread gave the softest crumb followed
186 by the conventional process and frozen dough. Only in the frozen dough process was
187 observed a significant softening effect derived from phytase addition, likely derived
188 from the relationship existing between phytase and alfa-amylase activities, previously
189 described. In the present study likely the presence of bran could modify that behaviour
190 in whole meal bread, since the disruption of the structure induced by the bran particles
191 will be enhanced with the formation of ice crystals. However, it seems that in the case
192 of PB, where crumb was already formed when freezing, ice crystal formation could
193 induce breaking of the gluten fibrils that form the skeletal framework of coarse pore
194 walls, as has been previously described for frozen dough (Naito et al., 2004). As a
195 consequence a disrupted crumb structure might be obtained, which is manifested as
196 softer crumb. Breads from PB also showed significantly lower springiness,
197 cohesiveness, chewiness and resilience, which again could be attributed to crumb
198 rupture.

199 When crumb cells were analyzed deeply (number of alveoli, average area, average
200 diameter and circularity), no significant difference could be attributed to the
201 breadmaking process, neither to the presence of phytase (Table 1). However, although
202 they were not significant (Table 3), some differences were induced by phytase in the
203 number of alveoli, which could explain differences observed in the crumb texture.
204 Rapid freezing and the absence of frozen storage might be responsible of those results,
205 since the main effect on crumb microstructure occurs during prolonged frozen storage
206 ([Bárcenas et al., 2004](#); [Ribotta et al., 2001](#)).

207 Colour of crumb and crust changes due to process and phytase addition were estimated
208 by L^*C^*h colour space (Table 3). Crust colour was significantly affected by type of
209 process but no by the presence of enzyme, neither it was observed any interaction
210 process x enzyme (Table 1). Luminosity and hue angle were significantly ($P<0.05$)
211 higher in the case of bread from PB, whereas crust of conventional breads showed
212 significantly higher chroma values (C) than FD(-) and PB(-), indicating more vivid
213 colouration (Table 3). The two-stages baking that occur in the bread obtained from
214 partially baked significantly modified the crust luminosity, likely the lower baking

215 temperatures or shorter baking times are responsible of reduced Maillard reactions,
216 yielding increased lightness. In fact, the aromatic profile observed in loaves from
217 partially baked breads shows significantly lower amount of volatile compounds
218 compared to frozen dough, mainly due to reduced amount of volatile compounds from
219 fermentative process (Poinot et al., 2008). Despite differences observed in the crust
220 colour, no significant differences were observed on the crust section or crust wideness
221 (Table 3). Crumb colour parameters L^* and C were significantly affected by process and
222 only L^* was significantly ($P < 0.001$) modified by the enzyme, also the combined action
223 of process x enzyme did modify significantly this parameter (Table 1). Again, crumb of
224 bread from PB had significantly higher L^* than the ones obtained from the other
225 processes. Phytase presence significantly affected L^* in bread from conventional and
226 FD, but no change was observed in breads from PB (Table 3).

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228 Crust properties have been considered an important factor for bread quality assessment.
229 Crust flaking resulting from the detachment of some part of the crust constitutes an
230 important drawback, which has been related to excessive drying of the bread surface at

231 the end of the post-baking chilling and freezing process ([Hamdami et al., 2007](#); [Lucas et](#)
232 [al., 2005](#)). Breadmaking processes only affected significantly ($P<0.05$) the crust flaking
233 size and the crumb to crust weight ratio, whereas the enzyme did not influence crust
234 properties (Table 1, Table 3). In the absence of phytase, bread from FD gave
235 significantly smaller crust flakes than the bread obtained from conventional process,
236 whereas breads from PB showed an intermediate behaviour (Table 3). Crust flaking has
237 been mainly investigated on partially baked bread stored under frozen conditions ([Le](#)
238 [Bail et al., 2005](#)). This phenomenon has been ascribed to two different processes, first,
239 the concentration of water as ice under the crust due to the presence of the freezing
240 front. Second process is the interfacial differences between the crust and crumb
241 associated with the tensile forces and stresses induced by the thermo-mechanical shock
242 ([Lucas et al., 2005](#)). However, the similar values of crust flakes amount (CF_M) obtained
243 with the different breadmaking processes stressed the role of the frozen storage on this
244 phenomenon, because freezing itself did not induce significant differences. In addition,
245 temperature fluctuations between crust and crumb produced during baking and cooling
246 could be responsible of the observed effect on the size of the crust flakes. [Le Bail et al.](#)

247 (2005) reported that chilling conditions after partial baking are the most determinant
248 parameter on the crust flaking followed by the proofing conditions, being advisable high
249 air humidity during those processes for reducing crust flaking.

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251 **Effect of frozen storage and phytase addition on bread technological quality**

252 Frozen dough and partially baked bread were stored at sub-zero temperatures during
253 three months to determine the effect of frozen storage on the technological quality of
254 wholemeal breads. Storage and breadmaking processes induced significant effects on
255 the specific volume ($P<0.001$), crumb hardness ($P<0.001$) and crust flaking ($P<0.001$)
256 (Figure 1), whereas phytase addition did not modify those parameters. Breads obtained
257 from FD showed increasing specific volume when extending the storage period (Figure
258 1). Taking into consideration that the bran particles contained in the wholemeal dough
259 causes disruption of the dough structure, structural changes derived from frozen storage
260 and the redistribution of water associated to them might affect positively further
261 wholemeal dough expansion leading a slight increase during storage. No trend was
262 observed with the wholemeal breads obtained from PB. [Bárcenas et al. \(2004\)](#) observed

263 that although the specific volume of white partially baked bread was not significantly
264 affected by the duration of the frozen storage after 42 days, breads obtained from those
265 PB showed a slight hardness increase. Conversely, previous findings regarding the
266 quality of white breads obtained from stored frozen dough revealed that dough weight
267 loss and bread crumb firmness increase with increasing storage time, although
268 temperature fluctuations during storage could explain this divergence (Phimolsiripol et
269 al. 2008; Ribotta et al., 2001).

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271 Breadmaking process promoted significant effect ($P < 0.001$) on the crumb hardness of
272 bread, being loaves obtained from PB significantly ($P < 0.001$) softer than those obtained
273 from FD during all the frozen storage period tested (Figure 1). Results obtained during
274 frozen storage confirmed that ice crystals formation and growing do not affect in the
275 same way to FD and PB. Crumb hardness of the breads obtained from PB was kept
276 almost constant during the whole storage (three months) and the presence of phytase did
277 not induce any effect on this parameter. Breads from FD showed irregular values of
278 crumb hardness, although an increasing trend could be envisaged, and no effect was

279 clearly observed due to the presence of phytase. Ice crystals initially formed during
280 freezing at the gas pore interface (Esselink et al., 2003) grow during frozen storage
281 since the amount of freezable water in frozen doughs increases with frozen storage (Lu
282 and Grant, 1999), yielding baked breads with harder crumbs and coarse texture
283 (Sharadanant and Khan, 2003).

284 The amount of crust flakes underwent the greatest variation related to frozen storage
285 (Figure 1). Along frozen storage, breadmaking process significantly ($P < 0.001$) affected
286 the amount of crust flakes (CF_M). Although freezing did not significantly affect the
287 CF_M , frozen storage dramatically augmented this parameter. Principally, in breads
288 obtained from FD crust flaking significantly ($P < 0.001$) increased after one month of
289 storage, and further storage only induced a smooth increase in CF_M . In breads obtained
290 from PB, the effect of frozen storage on CF_M was only significant ($P < 0.05$) after
291 prolonged storage (three months).

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293 **Effect of different breadmaking technologies on the phytate content**

294 During fermentation the cereal phytate-degrading enzyme degraded the total InsP_6
295 initially present in the wheat flour and generated lower *myo*-inositol phosphates as
296 released hydrolysis products (Table 4). With the exception of breads obtained from PB,
297 the residual content of phytates was significantly and positively affected by the addition
298 of fungal phytase, which increased the percentage of InsP_6 hydrolysis from 22.9-34.3%
299 to 54.9-60.9%. The *myo*-inositol phosphate profile was also significantly affected by the
300 fungal phytase addition, particularly the lower phosphate compounds (InsP_4 and InsP_3)
301 and that effect was independent on the breadmaking process followed (Table 4). In the
302 case of higher phosphate compounds, fungal phytase significantly reduced the amount
303 of InsP_6 and InsP_5 in breads obtained from conventional process and frozen dough.
304 Breadmaking process and the addition of fungal phytase significantly ($P<0.05$) affected
305 the phytates hydrolysis during frozen storage (Figure 2). Initially, the InsP_6 amount
306 showed a slight increase during frozen storage compared to the samples without storage,
307 which was significant ($P<0.05$) in the case of PB samples. Presumably, the effect of
308 freezing and frozen storage on dough microstructure could favor both the substrate
309 liberation and the accessibility of the fungal phytase to the phytate compounds, as has

310 been observed at dough level ([Sanz Penella et al., 2007](#)), being the overall result an
311 increase in the level of InsP_6 . A reverse tendency was observed with longer storage, the
312 InsP_6 amount significantly ($P < 0.05$) decreased, thus enzymes were not inactivated. On
313 the other hand, in frozen systems although the low temperatures decrease reactions rate,
314 the increment of solute concentration in the unfrozen phase could increase the rates.
315 Another factor that may be involved is a possible catalytic effect of ice crystals, greater
316 proton mobility in ice than in water, a favorable substrate catalyst orientation caused by
317 freezing or a greater dielectric constant for water than ice ([Fennema et al., 1973](#)).
318 Regarding the type of process, in general the InsP_6 level was significantly ($P < 0.05$)
319 higher in breads from PB samples than those from FD samples (Figure 2). Partial
320 baking could induce partial inactivation of the fungal phytases, whereas in FD samples
321 the enzyme might remain active during the storage. Therefore, although phytase did not
322 induce a significant effect on bread specific volume and crust flaking, significantly
323 softer crumbs were obtained in breads from FD containing phytase.

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325 A comparison of different breadmaking processes for obtaining wholemeal breads
326 showed that the type of process significantly affects technological quality parameters
327 like specific volume, crust and crumb color, crumb texture and moisture content,
328 whereas the addition of fungal phytase only induced significant effect on the crumb
329 lightness. However, there was significant interaction between breadmaking process and
330 enzyme addition concerning specific volume, crumb lightness and crumb texture.
331 Freezing and frozen storage influenced in diverse way the quality of wholemeal breads
332 obtained from frozen dough or partially baked breads.
333 Freezing and frozen storage of wholemeal bread in the presence of fungal phytase
334 decreased significantly the phytate content, independently of the breadmaking process
335 followed, thus the combination of both variables could be a good approach to increase
336 the mineral bioavailability in whole wheat breads.

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433 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

434 **Figure 1.** Effect of breadmaking process and frozen storage on some technological
435 quality parameters of breads containing phytase (+) or in the absence of phytase (-). FD:
436 frozen dough, PB: partially baked.

437 **Figure 2.** Effect of fungal phytase addition, breadmaking process and frozen storage on
438 residual InsP6 content in whole wheat bread. Breads containing phytase (+) or in the
439 absence of phytase (-). FD: frozen dough, PB: partially baked.

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441 **Table 1.** Significant effects of the breadmaking process and the presence of fungal
 442 phytase on the technological quality parameters of wholemeal breads.
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Parameters	Process	Enzyme	Process x Enzyme
Specific volume	***	ns	*
Crust colour			
<i>L*</i>	***	ns	ns
<i>C</i>	*	ns	ns
<i>h</i>	**	ns	ns
Crumb colour			
<i>L*</i>	*	***	*
<i>C</i>	**	ns	ns
<i>h</i>	ns	ns	ns
Crumb texture, TPA			
Hardness	***	ns	**
Springiness	***	ns	ns
Cohesiveness	***	ns	ns
Chewiness	***	ns	**
Resilience	***	ns	*
Moisture content	**	ns	ns
Crust flaking			
CF _M	ns	ns	ns
CF _S	*	ns	ns
Crust section	ns	ns	ns
Crumb to crust ratio			
Volume	ns	ns	ns
Weight	*	ns	ns
Crumb cell analysis			
Number of alveoli	ns	ns	ns
Average area	ns	ns	ns
Average diameter	ns	ns	ns
Circularity	ns	ns	ns

CF_M: g crust/100g bread; CF_S: average crust flaking size
 ns: no significant effect; * significant effect at P<0.05; ** significant effect
 at P<0.01; *** significant effect at P<0.001.

444 **Table 2.** Effect of different breadmaking process and fungal phytase addition on technological quality parameters of the fresh loaves.

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Process	Phytase	Specific Volume (g/cm ³)	Moisture content (%)	width/height ratio	Crumb texture fresh bread				
					Hardness, g	Springiness	Cohesiveness	Chewiness, g	Resilience
Conventional	-	3.6 b	35.4 a	1.43 a	340 b	0.990 d	0.839 b	281 b	0.432 c
	+	3.3 a	34.9 a	1.43 a	337 b	0.982 cd	0.829 b	274 b	0.423 c
FD	-	3.7 b	35.1 a	1.65 a	418 c	0.960 bc	0.834 b	334 c	0.420 c
	+	3.9 b	35.3 a	1.69 a	344 b	0.981 cd	0.837 b	282 b	0.427 c
PB	-	3.2 a	38.5 b	1.66 a	256 a	0.922 a	0.794 a	188 a	0.345 a
	+	3.2 a	38.4 b	1.60 a	278 a	0.947 b	0.805 a	212 a	0.366 b

Means followed by the same letter within a column were not significantly different (P<0.05) (n=4).

Process: FD: bread obtained from frozen dough; PB: bread obtained from frozen partially baked bread

Phytase: -: in the absence of phytase; +: in the presence of phytase

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451 **Table 3.** Effect of different breadmaking process and fungal phytase addition on the characteristics of crust and crumb of the crust and
 452 crumb of fresh loaves.

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Process	Phytase	Crust flaking		Crust section, mm	Crumb to crust ratio		Crust Colour			Crumb Colour		
		CF _M	CF _S , mm ²		volume	weight	L*	C*	h	L*	C*	h
Conventional	-	0.10 a	0.77 b	2.7 a	1.19 ab	1.38 abc	56.5 ab	34.0 b	70.6 a	61.7 ab	18.1 a	78.7 b
	+	0.10 a	0.58 ab	2.5 a	0.94 a	1.17 abc	58.4 b	34.3 b	71.2 a	64.3 c	18.6 abc	78.6 ab
FD	-	0.08 a	0.37 a	2.9 a	1.48 ab	1.60 c	56.2 ab	31.4 a	71.9 a	59.9 a	19.3 c	77.4 a
	+	0.07 a	0.53 ab	2.7 a	1.73 b	1.54 bc	55.7 a	32.5 ab	71.6 a	62.2 b	19.4 c	78.6 ab
PB	-	0.13 a	0.67 ab	2.9 a	1.36 ab	1.07 a	63.5 c	31.4 a	75.8 b	66.4 d	19.1 bc	78.7 ab
	+	0.13 a	0.83 b	2.9 a	1.31 ab	1.11 ab	61.5 c	33.1 ab	74.7 b	65.3 cd	18.2 ab	78.9 b

Phytase: -: in the absence of phytase; +: in the presence of phytase

CF_M: g crust/100g bread; CF_S: average crust flakes size

454 **Table 4.** Residual amount of *myo*-inositol phosphates in whole wheat bread^{ab}

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Process	Phytase	Hydrolysis %	<i>Myo</i> -inositol phosphates, $\mu\text{mol/g d.m.}$			
			<i>InsP</i> ₆	<i>InsP</i> ₅	<i>InsP</i> ₄	<i>InsP</i> ₃
Conventional	-	22.9 \pm 13.5 a	5.88 \pm 1.03 a	1.00 \pm 0.27 a	0.47 \pm 0.08 a	0.13 \pm 0.06 a
	+	60.9 \pm 7.8 b	2.99 \pm 0.60 b	0.42 \pm 0.06 b	0.15 \pm 0.04 b	n.d.
FD	-	34.3 \pm 14.7 a	5.01 \pm 0.71 a	0.98 \pm 0.32 a	0.58 \pm 0.26 a	0.18 \pm 0.01 a
	+	54.9 \pm 5.4 b	3.44 \pm 0.49 b	0.53 \pm 0.10 b	0.20 \pm 0.04 b	n.d.
PB	-	21.7 \pm 11.1 a	5.97 \pm 0.91 a	0.88 \pm 0.12 a	0.45 \pm 0.05 a	0.11 \pm 0.03 a
	+	35.0 \pm 14.4 a	4.96 \pm 0.55 a	0.58 \pm 0.09 b	0.13 \pm 0.07 b	n.d.

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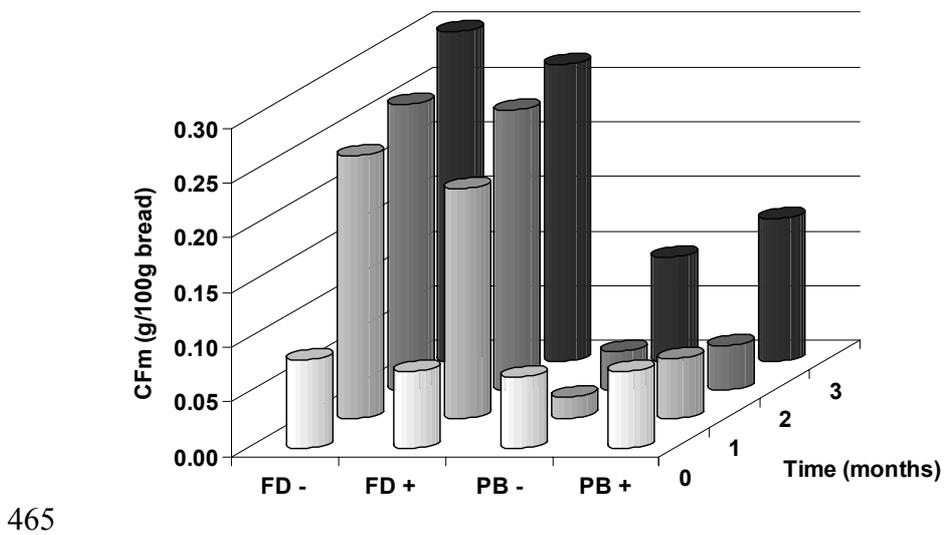
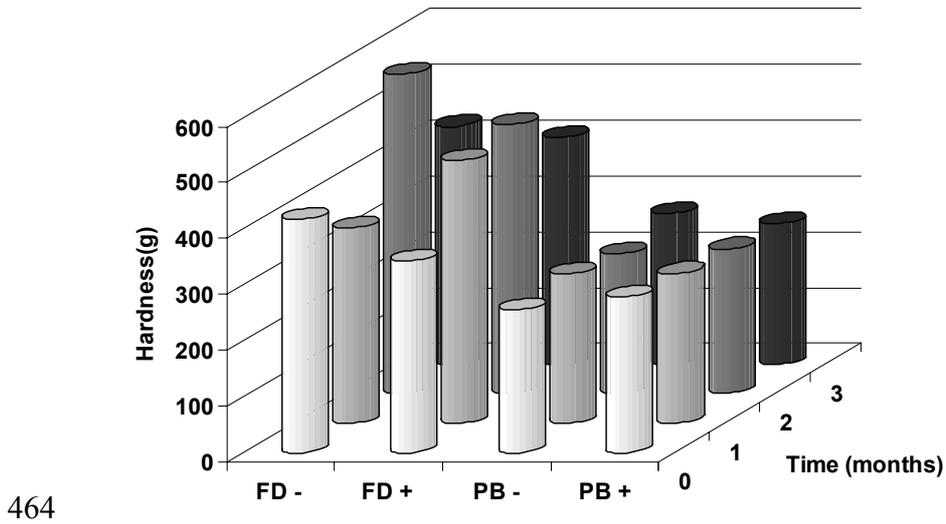
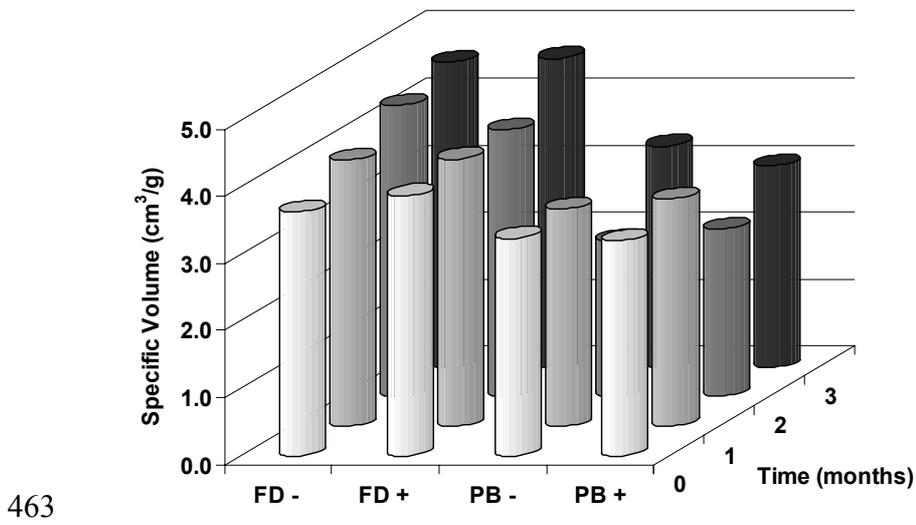
458 ^aMeans \pm standard deviation followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different at 95% confidence level.

459 ^b**d.m.**: dry matter; **n.d.**: not detected; **InsP**₃- **InsP**₆: *myo*-inositol phosphate containing 3-6 phosphates per inositol residues.

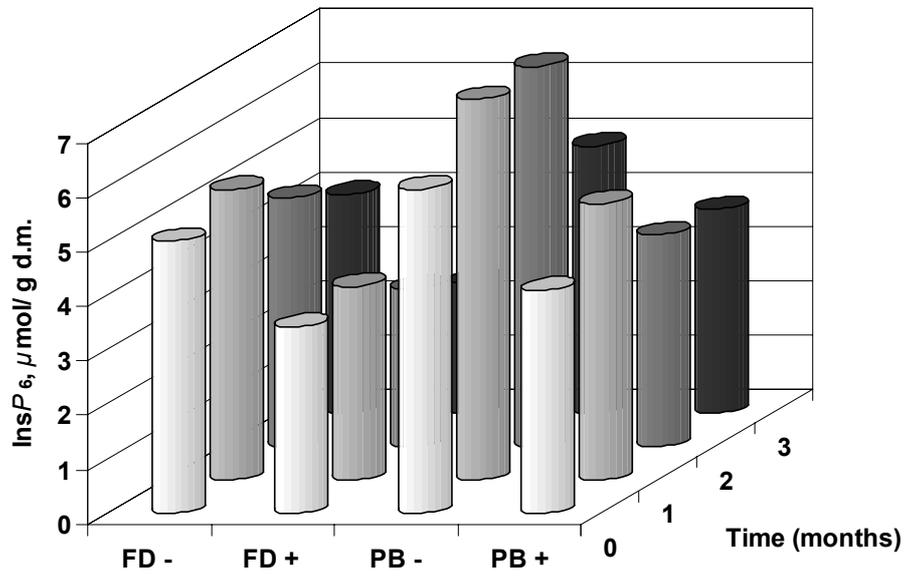
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