



Cotton Seed Oil: Nutritional and Health Benefits

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Cotton seed oil

COTTON SEED



COTTON PLANT



COTTON SEED OIL



Varieties : *Gossypium hirsutum*, *Gossypium arboreum*, *Gossypium herbaceum*, *Gossypium barbadense*

It is **by-product of cotton manufacturer**; extracted from the decorticated and delinted cottonseed for their used as edible oil and industrial applications.

Uses: production of crackers, biscuits, mayonnaise, pastries, potato chips, salad, margarine, shortening, dressing, doughnuts, ice cream substitutes, baking, frying, oriental dishes and for industrial applications

Oil yield- 15-22% depending on varieties and extraction technology

Phytochemicals

Pan et al., (2019); Yang et al., 2019

Phenolics compounds

Gossypol (Toxic at higher levels)

Flavonoids

Quercetin

Tocopherols

α , β , γ , δ -Tocopherols

Phenolic acid

Caffeic acid, ferulic acid, p-coumaric

Sterols and Policosanols

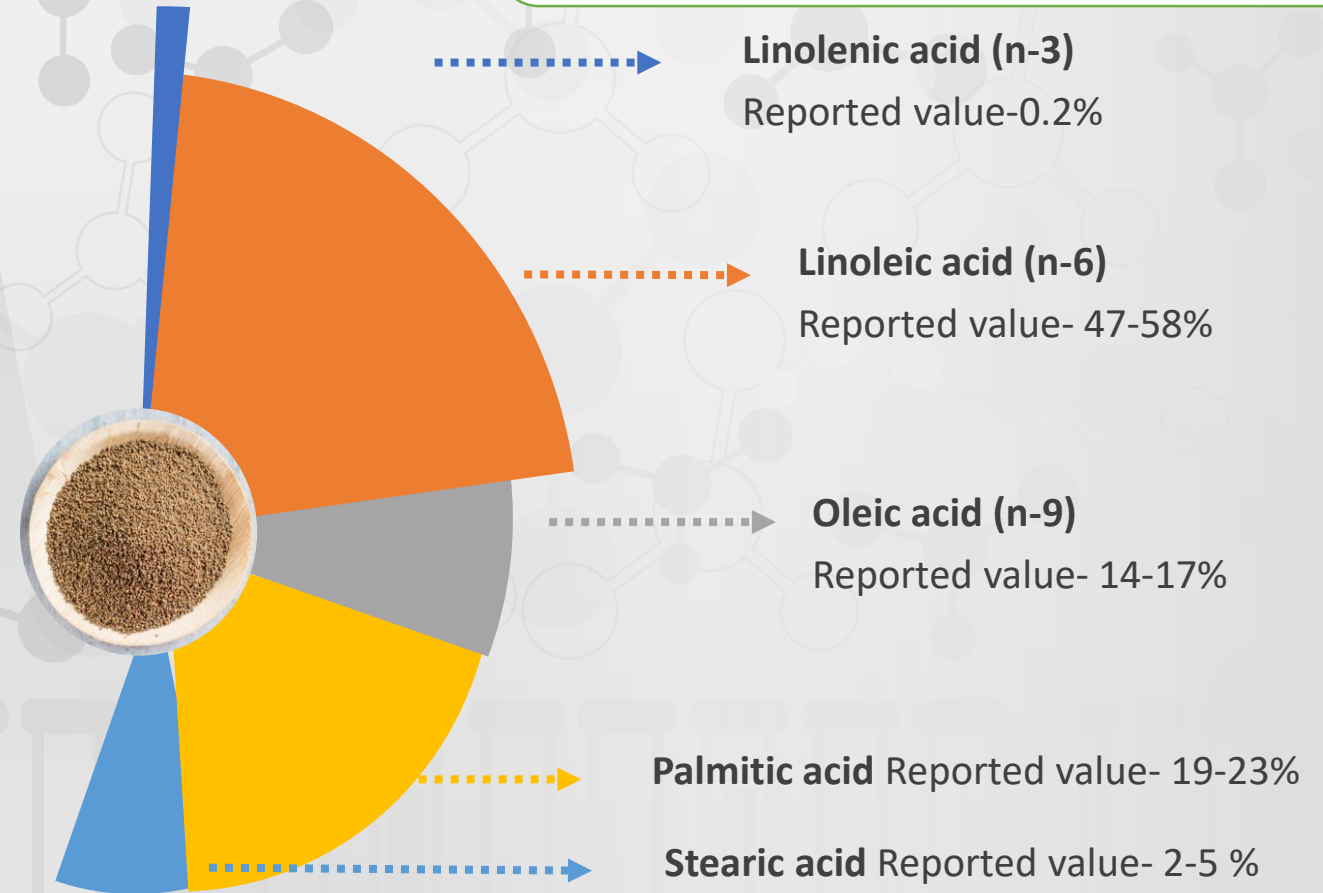
Campesterol-874.2mg/100g

Stigmasterol-255 mg/100g

β -sitosterol-272.9

Fatty acid composition

Yang et al., 2019; Zia et al., (2022)



These phytochemicals collectively contribute to the oxidative stability and shelf-life of cottonseed oil, making it more resistant to rancidity.

Commonly used edible oil

Fatty Acid (%)	Cottonseed Oil	Coconut Oil	Mustard Oil	Sunflower Oil	Olive Oil	Rice Bran Oil
Capric Acid	--	3.91	--	--	--	--
Lauric Acid	--	41.21	--	--	--	--
Myristic Acid	1.0	23.90	0--	0.07	--	0.35
Palmitic Acid	23.7	16.50	2.19	6.62	10.27	19.34
Stearic Acid	3.4	3.14	1.17	3.27	3.15	2.0
Oleic Acid	19.4	9.14	10.16	30.4	77.86	43.42
Eicosanoic Acid	--	--	5.48	--	--	--
Erucic Acid	--	--	51.18	--	--	--
Linoleic Acid	53.2	1.61	15.58	58.25	6.17	11.23
Linolenic Acid	0.5	--	11.70	0.05	0.63	0.30
SFA	26.9	88.66	3.36	9.96	13.42	22.78
MUFA	19.4	9.14	66.82	30.4	77.86	43.42
PUFA	53.7	1.61	27.28	58.3	6.8	32.63
MUFA:PUFA	0.361	5.677	2.449	0.521	11.450	1.331

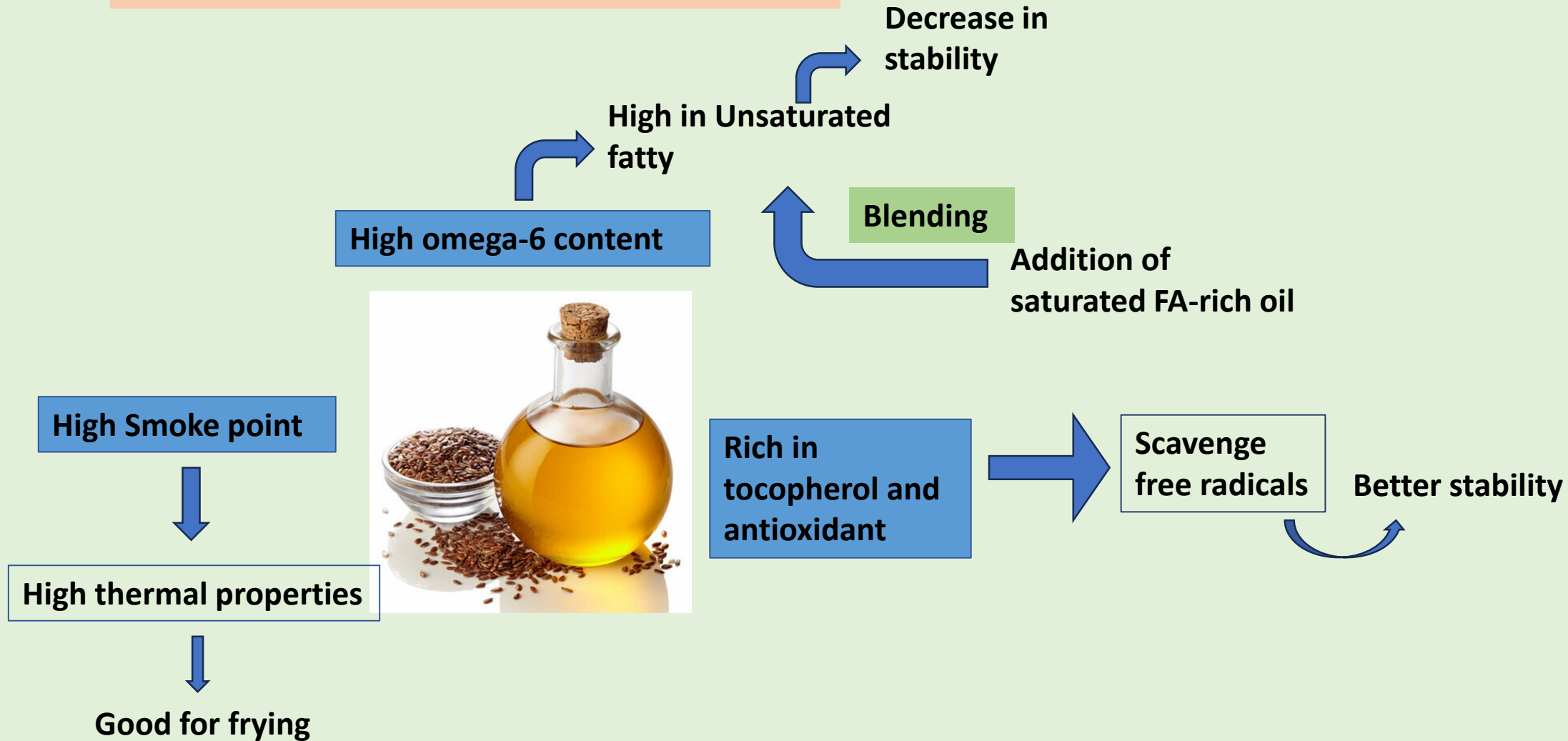
Properties of Cottonseed Cooking Oil (RBD)

Refined, Bleached, and Deodorized

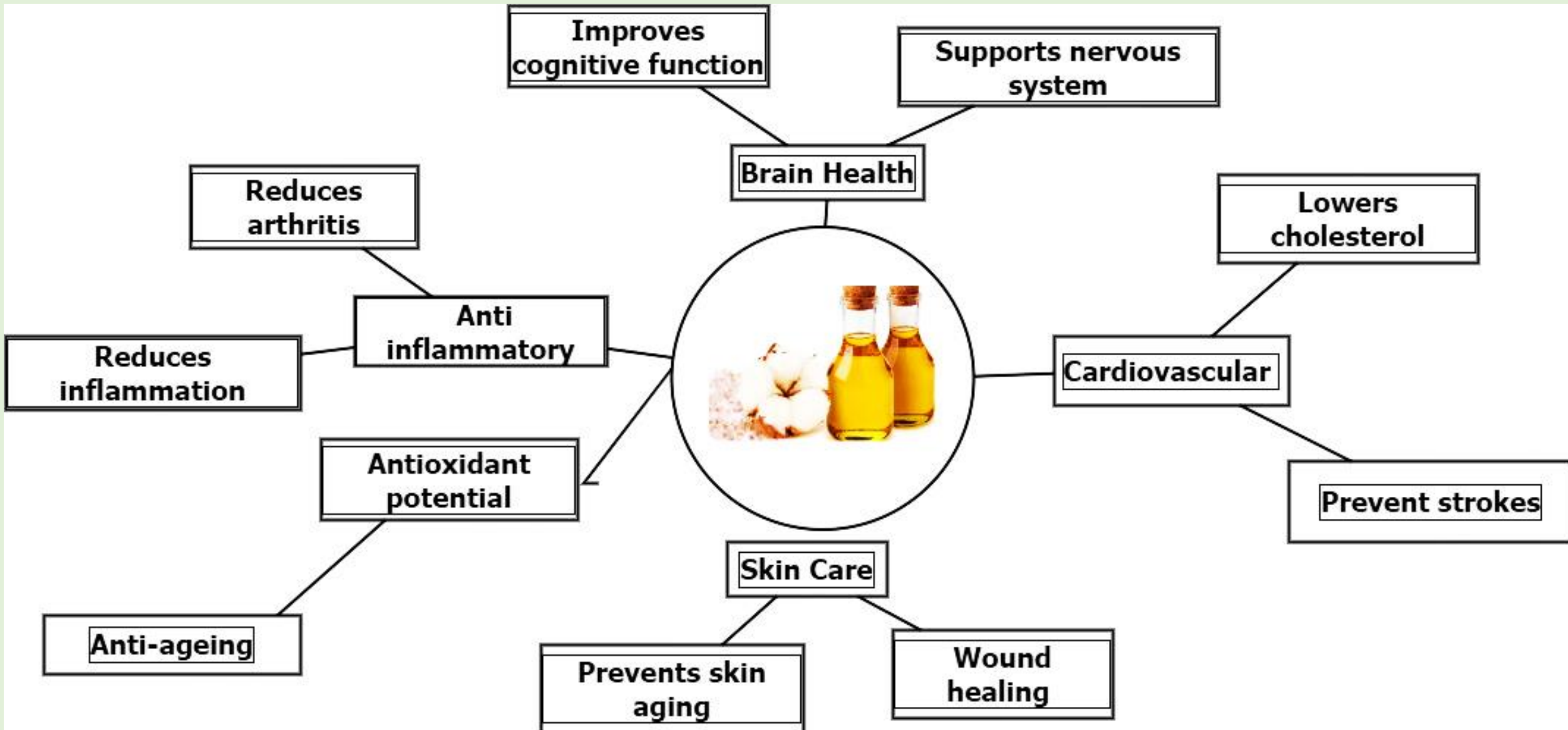
Parameter	Value
Lovibond Colour (Red Max.)	2.0 – 6.0
Free Fatty Acid (as Oleic % Max)	0.05
Peroxide Value (Meq/kg. Max.)	1.0
Iodine Value	103-116
AOM Stability (hrs.)	15
Cloud Point (°F)	30 – 38
Melting Point (°F)	50 – 60
Smoke Point (°F)	430
Flavour	Bland



Properties of CSO



Multiple Benefits Associated With Cottonseed Oil



Nutritional and Health Benefits of Cottonseed Oil



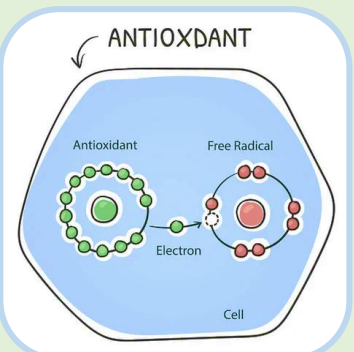
RICH NUTRITIONAL PROFILE

- Naturally Hydrogenated: Contains stearic, palmitic, and oleic acids, reducing the need for artificial hydrogenation.
- High in Tocopherols: Abundant in vitamin E, which is beneficial for overall health.
- Beneficial Fatty Acids: Contains Polyunsaturated fatty acids and monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs).



CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

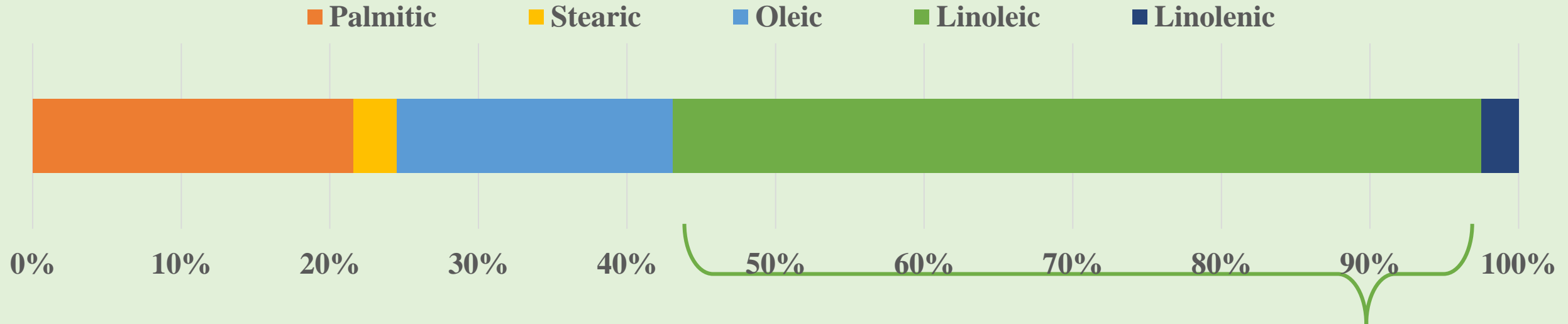
- Cholesterol Management: Rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs), which help lower bad cholesterol (LDL) and increase good cholesterol (HDL).
- Heart-Friendly: MUFAs reduce plasma cholesterol, while PUFAs lower the risk of cardiovascular diseases.



ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES

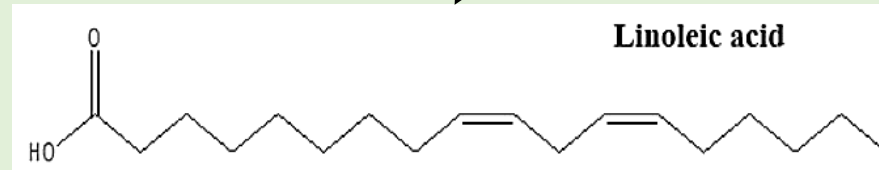
- Vitamin E: Acts as a powerful antioxidant, combating oxidative stress and reducing the risk of chronic diseases.
- Reduces Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS): Protects against cell damage caused by free radicals.

Cottonseed Oil's Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Rich Profile

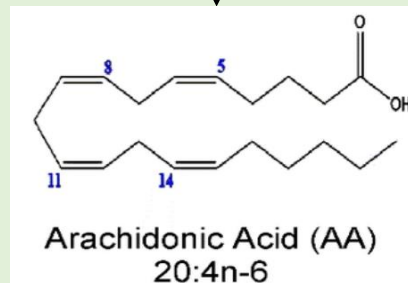


Nearly 50% of composition is made up of **Linoleic Acid (C18:2) PUFA**

American Heart Association (AHA) has included it in the “OK FOOD” products and approved it as a nutritious and “Heart Oil” food.



Metabolic Conversion



- Essential for body's
1. Muscle Growth
 2. Immune Support
 3. Brain Function
 4. Cell Membrane Integrity
 5. Inflammatory Response Regulation

Therapeutic and Healing Properties of Cottonseed Oil



ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECTS

- Fatty Acids and Phenols: Linoleic acid and terpenes help **reduce inflammation**, alleviating redness, dandruff, and acne.
- Vitamin E: **Promotes healing** of scars and epithelium cells.



ANTI-CANCER POTENTIAL

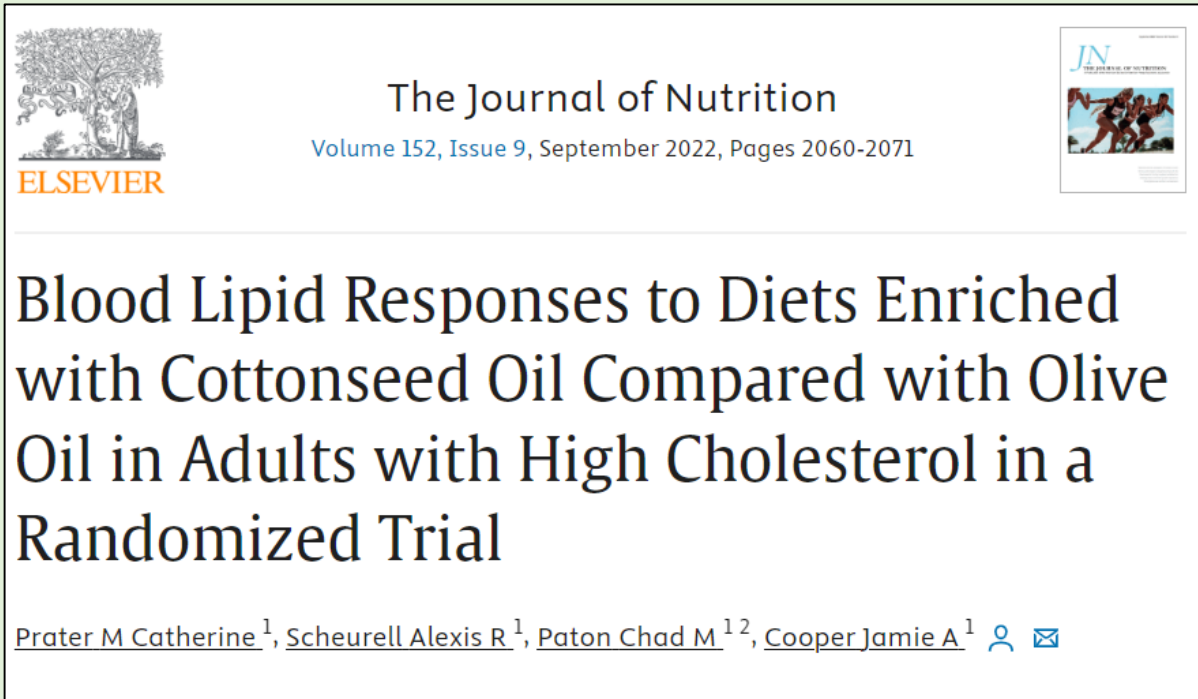
- Gossypol exhibits anti-proliferative and pro-apoptotic effects on various cancer cells, including breast and prostate cancer.
- Gossypol in limited amounts can **inhibit adipogenesis** and reduce obesity-related cancer risks.



HEALING AND RESTORATION

- Promotes Cell Proliferation:** Encourages the growth of healthy cells and repairs dermal tissues.
- Lipid Barrier Restoration:** Enhances the cell's lipid barrier, aiding in faster healing.

Research supporting the benefits of Cottonseed Oil



The study concluded that **Cotton seed oil, but not Olive oil, diet enrichment caused substantial improvements** in fasting and postprandial blood lipids and postprandial glycemia in hypercholesterolemic adults.



A 5-day Cottonseed oil-rich diet led to **reduction in CVD risk factors**. Total cholesterol, LDL, serum triglyceride were lower following CSO diet intervention. Moreover, HDL cholesterol increased following CSO diet intervention. All while **no change was observed in blood lipids where participants followed Olive Oil based diet**.

Research supporting the benefits of Cottonseed Oil (cont.)

Liu et al. *Journal of Neuroinflammation* (2020) 17:270
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RESEARCH

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Cottonseed oil alleviates ischemic stroke injury by inhibiting the inflammatory activation of microglia and astrocyte



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CSO treatment alleviated ischemic stroke injury by reducing microglial and astrocytic activation and inflammation, which was related to the inhibition of TLR4/NF- κ B pathway and the reduction of A1 phenotype neurotoxic astrocyte activation, suggesting that CSO could be a new strategy in the prevention of ischemic stroke.

ANTICANCER RESEARCH 33: 949-956 (2013)

(-)-Gossypol-enriched Cottonseed Oil Inhibits Proliferation and Adipogenesis of Human Breast Pre-adipocytes

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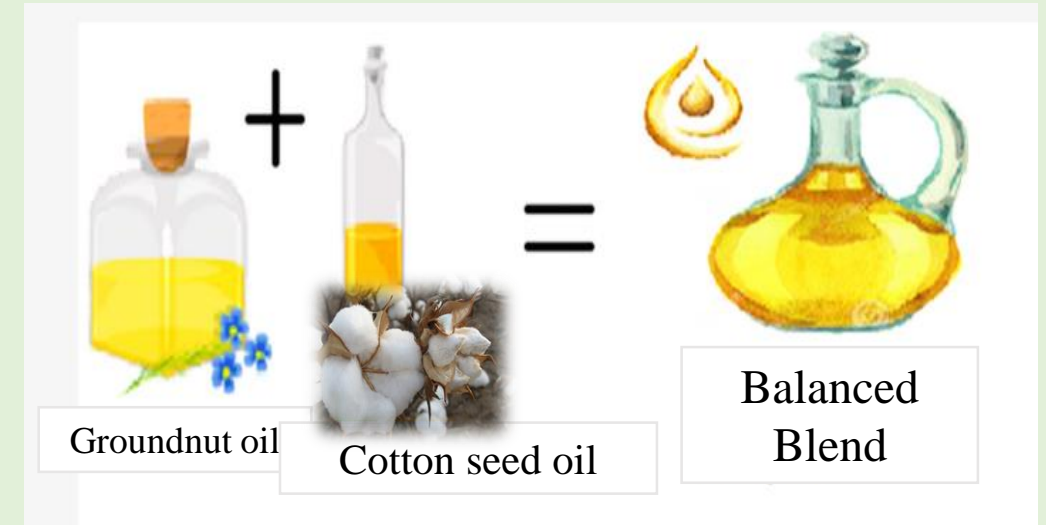
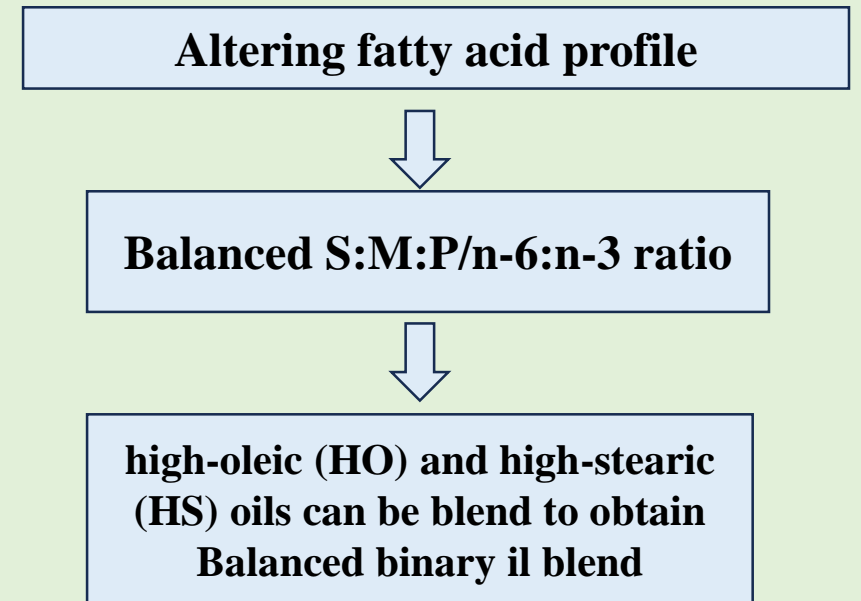
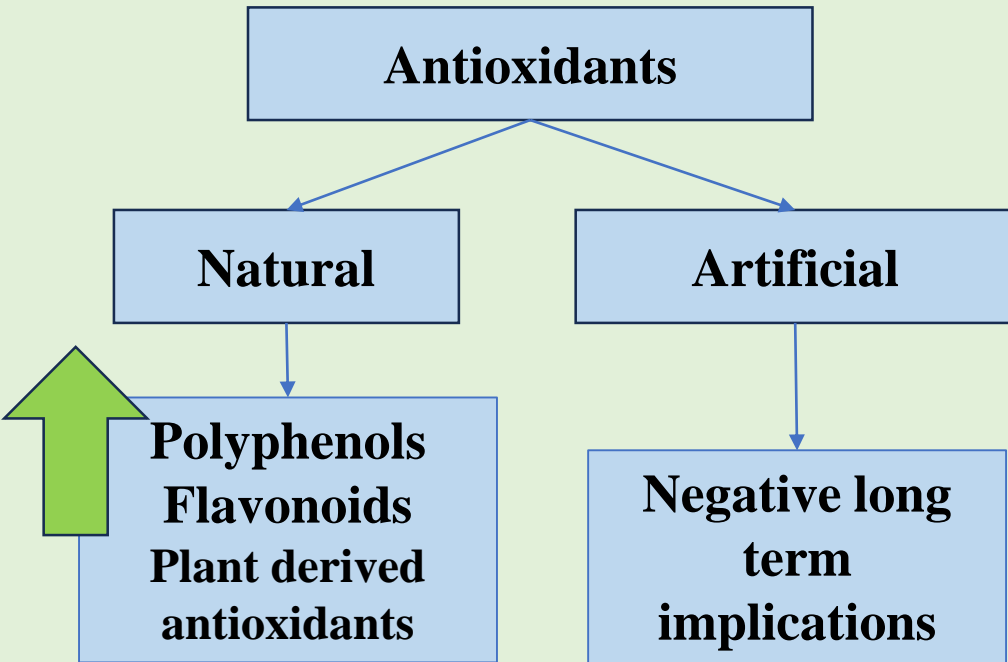
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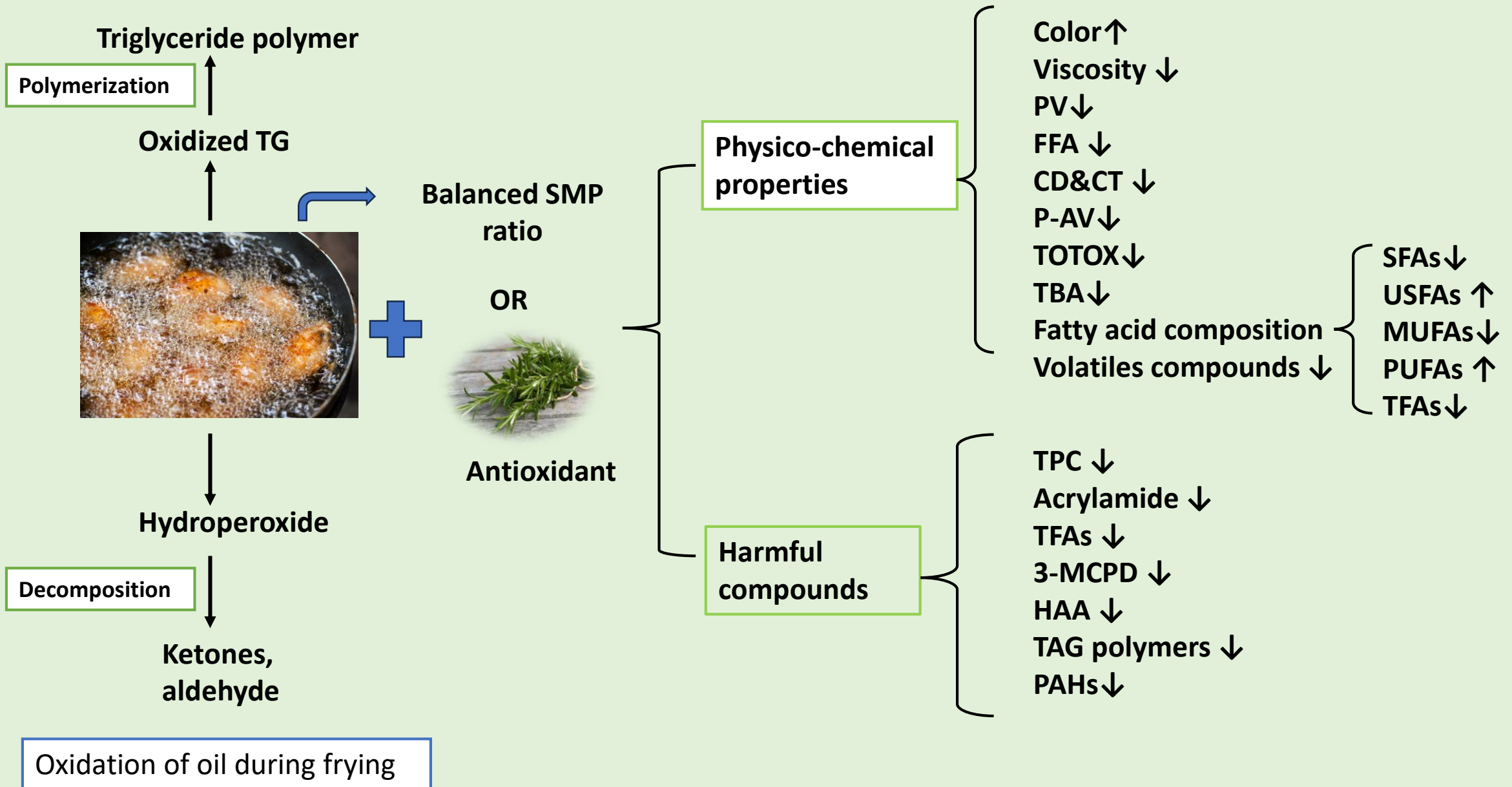
Abstract. Background: Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Obesity is an important risk inhibition of GPDH activity, triglyceride content (TG), and down-regulation of the expression of PPAR γ , C/EBP α and

Gossypol enriched CSO inhibited proliferation of pre-adipocytes and also significantly decreased adipogenesis. Findings suggest that gossypol enrichment in CSO has the potential as a food supplement to inhibit adipogenesis, and therefore, reduce obesity.

Enhancing nutritional profile of cotton seed oil



Oxidative stability enhancement: Blending and addition of antioxidant



Interesterification

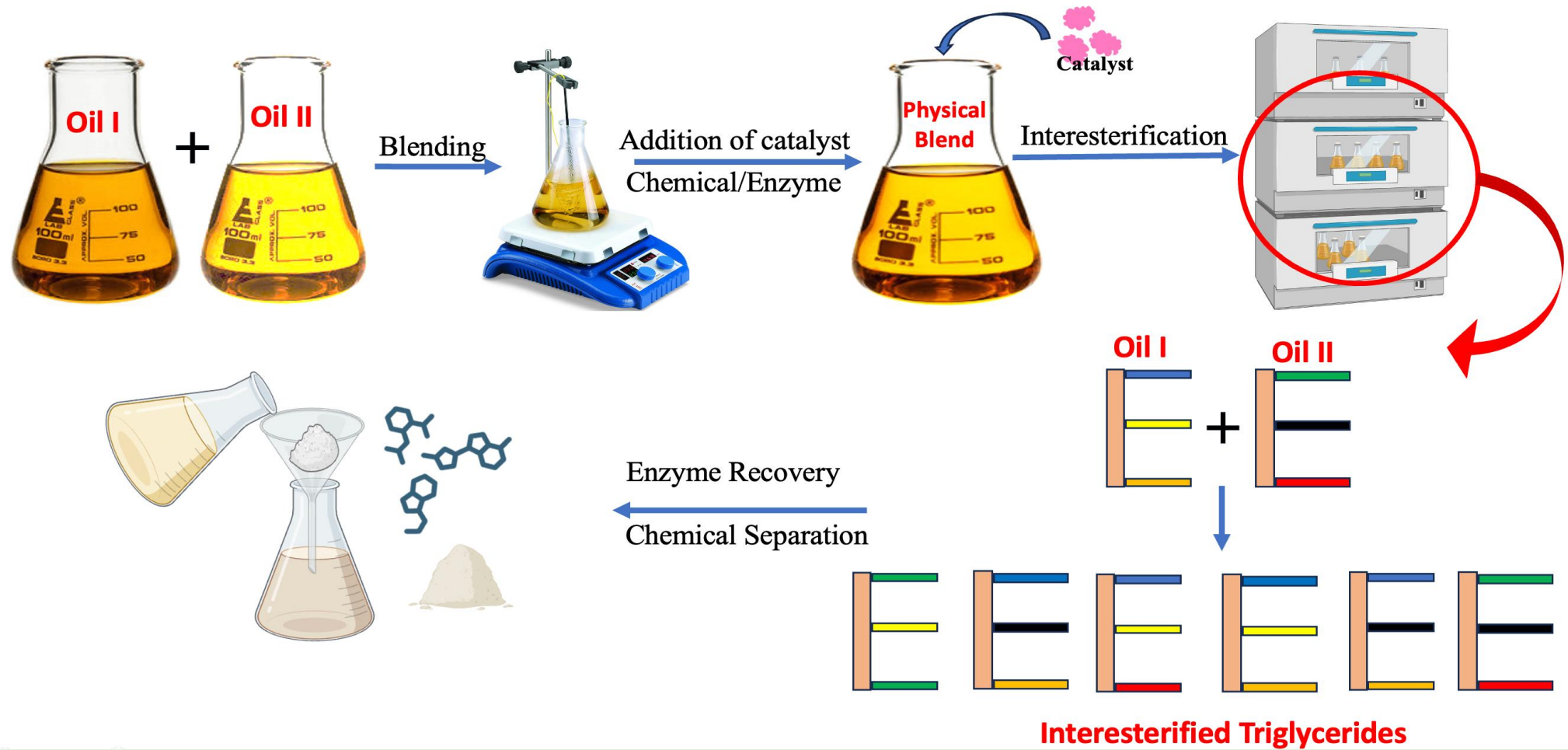




Figure: Interesterification Process

Interesterification

Chemical vs Enzymatic Interesterification

Characteristic	Chemical	Enzymatic
Catalyst	Chemical	Enzyme
Specificity	✗	✓
Temperature	↑ 	↓ 
Cost	Low cost	Expensive
By-product	High	Low
Environment concern	Hazardous	Environment Friendly

Why interesterification of cottonseed oil is required?

- Balance the SMP ratio of fatty acids.
- Balance the omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acid ratio.
- Enhancing the shelf life of PUFA.
- Improving the functionality and applicability.

Studies related to interesterification of cottonseed oil

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Enzymatic Interesterification of Palm Stearin, Flaxseed Oil and Cottonseed Stearin to Produce Stable Plastic Fat with Balanced Omega-6 and Omega-3 Fatty Acids

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Abstract: This study aimed to produce stable plastic fat with desired physicochemical characteristics and ω -6/ ω -3 fatty acid ratio (1:1–4:1) from palm stearin (PS), flaxseed oil (FSO) and cottonseed stearin (CS) via enzymatic interesterification (EIE). For the first time, the EIE variables of the blends containing PS, FSO and CS were investigated and optimized through single-factor experiments and response surface design to achieve a high interesterification degree. The optimized enzymatic interesterification conditions were: 60°C, 6 wt% Lipase UM1, and 6 h. Lipase UM1 had a similar effect on ID values with commercial lipases. The EIE improved the compatibility of the lipid blends, with the interesterified product EIE-721 (7:2:1, PS:FSO:CS) being the best candidate base stock for shortening considering its solid fat content, desired ω -6/ ω -3 fatty acid ratio, wide melting range, abundant β' form crystal, and compact microstructure. This study provides a strategy to produce balanced ω -6/ ω -3 fatty acid plastic fat through enzymatic interesterification and validates the application of Lipase UM1 in the preparation of plastic fat.

- Cottonseed oil, being rich in omega-6 fatty acid has been used with a source of omega-3 fatty acid (flaxseed oil) and palm stearin to develop a plastic fat with balanced omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acid ratio.
- The enzymatic interesterification was carried out using Lipase enzyme.
- The fat exhibited desirable techno-functional properties.

- Cottonseed oil, was chemically interesterified develop a trans-fat free margarine.
- Traditional margarine is rich in saturated fatty acids and also comprise trans fats
- The fat exhibited desirable solid fat content, slip melting point, and texture with 50:50 ratio of fully hydrogenated cottonseed palmitin and fractionated cottonseed oil.



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COTTONSEED OIL AS A VALUABLE RAW MATERIAL TO OBTAIN TRANS-FREE MARGARINE

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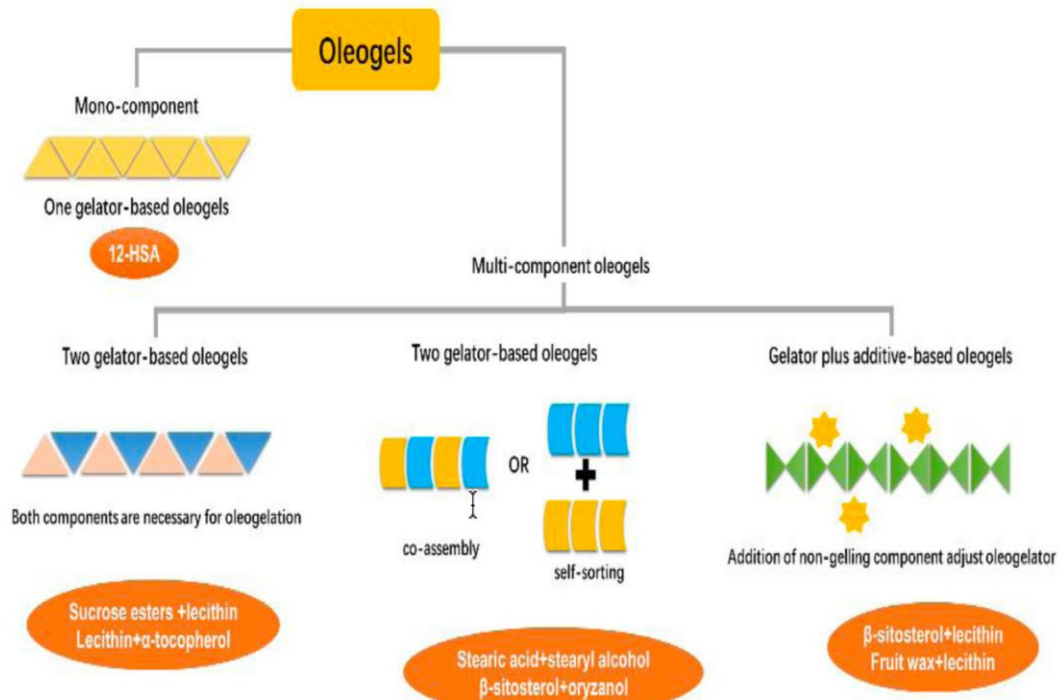
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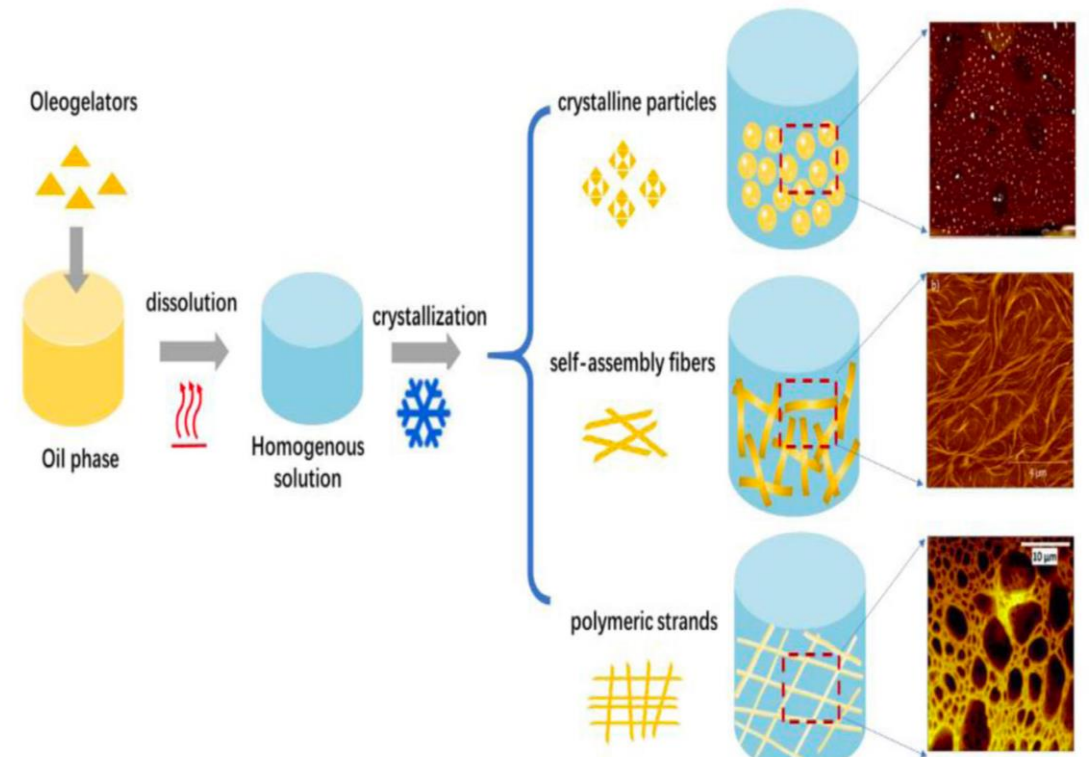
The article studies and investigates the production of trans-free fats through fractionation of cottonseed oil (CSO), hydrogenation of cottonseed palmitin (CSP) and chemical interesterification of binary blends of fully hydrogenated cottonseed palmitin (FHCSF) and cottonseed oil and their physicochemical changes after the process. Furthermore, it analyzed responses which include fatty acid composition, iodine value, free fatty acid (FFA), slip melting point (SMP) and solid fat content (SFC) of the fractionated, hydrogenated and interesterified fats. The 40:60 and 50:50 interesterified FHCSF:CSO blends displayed characteristics suited for production of soft tub margarine and stick margarine, respectively. Interesterified blends containing 10-30 % FHCSF could be used for production of puff pastry margarine, roll-in margarine and cake shortening. Trans-free fats obtained through a comprehensive modification of cottonseed oil can be used instead of palm oil.

Oleogelation

Classification of Oleogels



Mechanism of oleogelation



Studies related to oleogels based on cottonseed oil

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Investigating the usage of unsaturated fatty acid-rich and low-calorie oleogels as a shortening mimetics in cake

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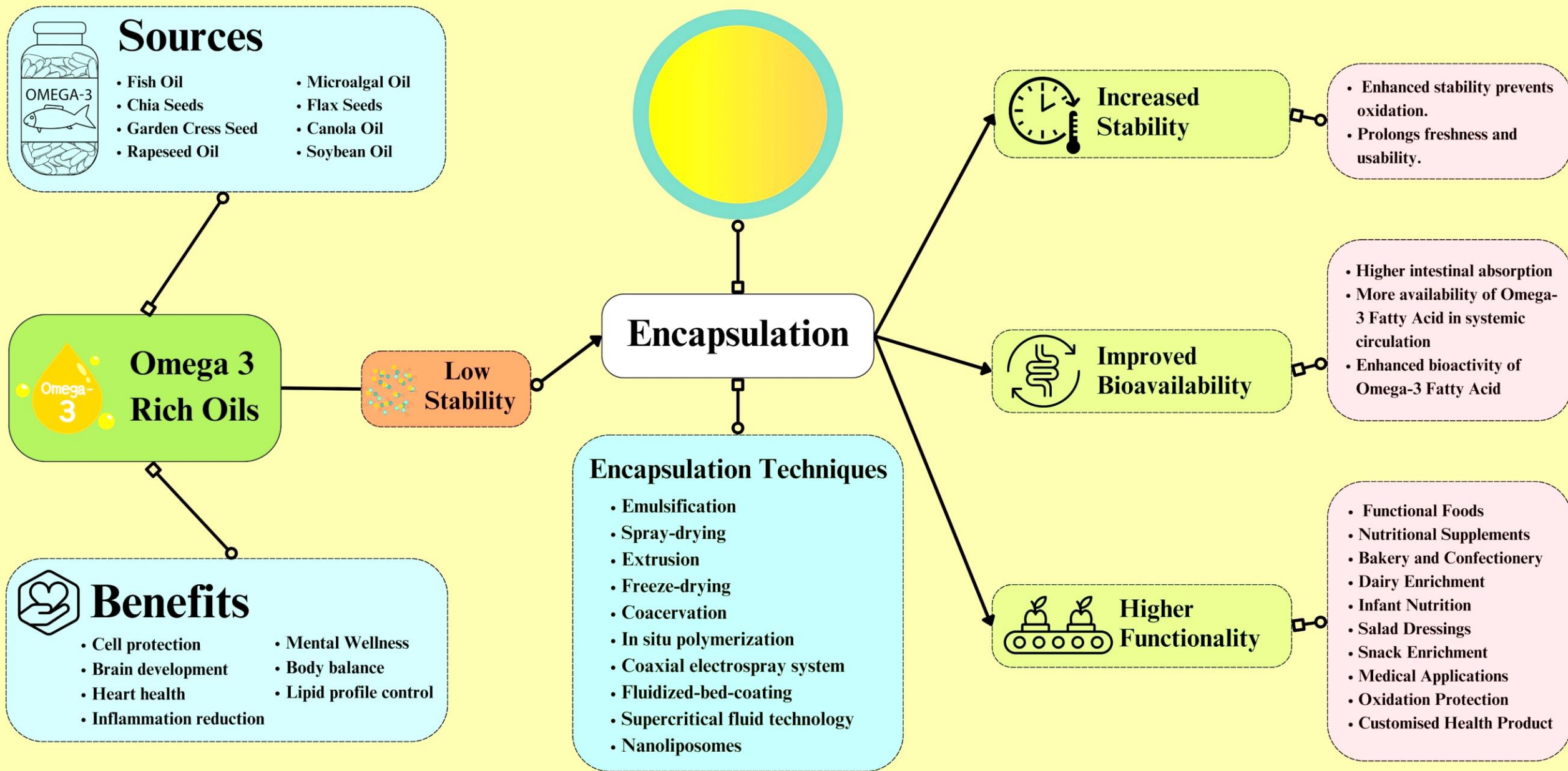
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Abstract

In the present study, two purposes were aimed: (a) Reduction of fat content of cakes using watery oleogels and (b) Reduction of saturated fatty acid contents of cakes using oleogels rich in unsaturated fatty acid composition instead of shortening. For this aim, five different oleogels were produced using different percentages of high oleic sunflower oil, cotton seed oil, and blend fat and they were used in the cake formulation instead of shortening. Some physicochemical properties of oleogels (solid fat content and fatty acid composition) were determined. Specific volume, color, textural, and sensory properties of cakes containing prepared oleogel were also analyzed and compared to those of control sample. In addition, rheological properties of the batters were also determined. Color properties of the oleogel-containing cakes were found to be very similar to those of control sample. Oleogel formulation significantly affected the textural characteristics. Sensory scores showed that cakes including oleogels were found to be consumable level and the most acceptable sample was detected as the one including oleogel which was produced from high oleic acid sunflower oil and cotton seed oil at equal amounts (50/50). The results indicated that oleogels could be used in the formulation of cakes as a shortening replacer; thus, it might be possible to produce cakes rich in unsaturated fatty acids and cakes with lower calorie value, which is important for consumer acceptability of the products.

- Reduction of fat in cakes was aimed by formulating oleogels with sunflower, cottonseed and blended fats.
- Physicochemical and sensory analysis compared with control prepared with shortening
- The sensorial analysis indicated that the panel considered the oleogel cakes acceptable.
- The most preferred were the cakes containing oleogel of sunflower oil and cottonseed oil in equal amounts.



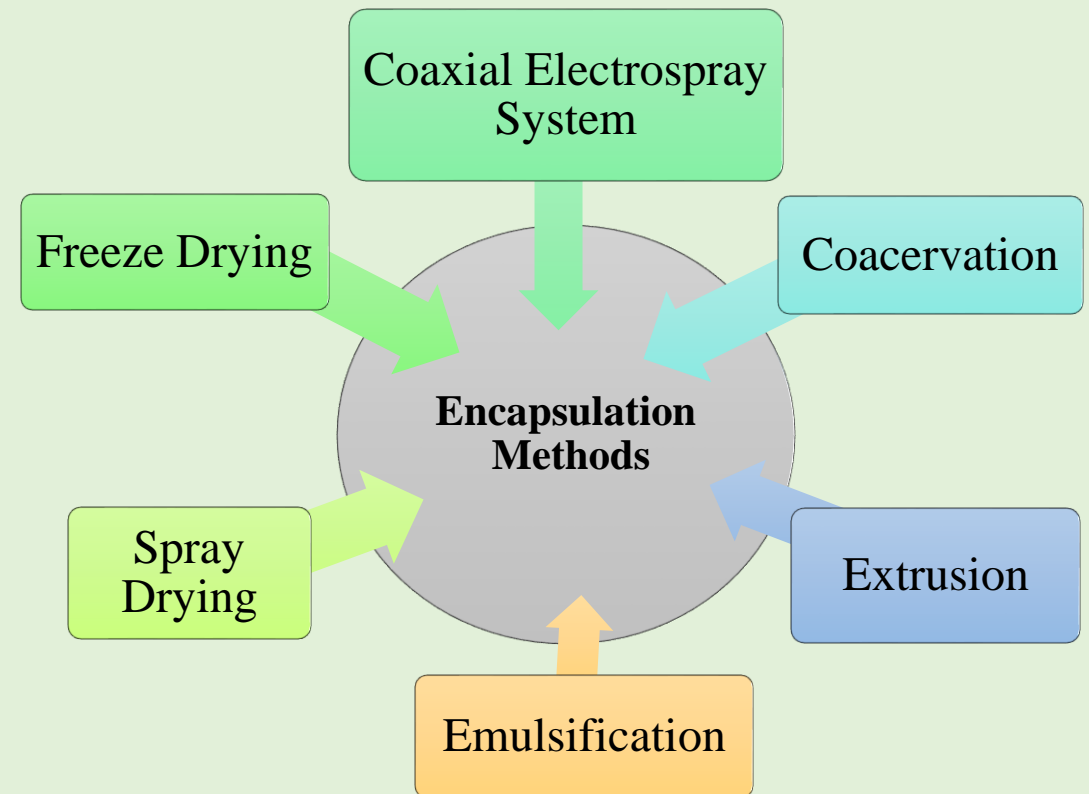
Oil Powders

- These are powdered forms of oils created through the **process of microencapsulation**, particularly used for PUFA (Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid) rich oils.
- PUFA rich oils are encapsulated within a matrix, often composed of polymers like Carbohydrates, protein, and solid fats, to **protect them from degradation.**
- After encapsulation, the **emulsion containing the oil and matrix is dried**, typically through techniques like freeze drying or spray drying, to remove water and create a powdered form of the oil encapsulate.



Methods of Encapsulation

- Encapsulation is widely adopted across food, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries due to its versatile applications.
- Structures for entrapping omega-3 PUFA include
 - nano- or micro-sized capsules
 - crystals
 - fibers
 - gelswith carriers based on proteins, carbohydrates, or lipids.
- The encapsulation technology and matrix selection depends on the product's processing conditions and intended use.
- Encapsulation techniques and process parameters effect the properties and functionality of encapsulated components.



Methods of Encapsulation

Functionality

Better control of hygroscopicity,
flowability and solubility



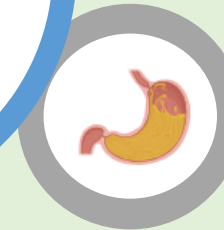
Handling

Easier industrial handling and
convenience in packaging of
PUFA-rich powder



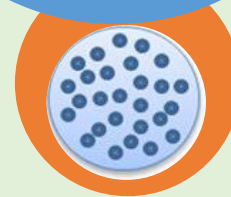
Digestion

Controlled release and
improved bioavailability of
PUFA molecules



Form conversion

Liquid lipids change into
solid microcapsules



Advantages of Oil Powders



Masking

Unacceptable odors and
tastes masked or reduced



Stability

Improved oxidative
stability and
shelf life

Cottonseed: A sustainable source for meeting global protein needs

- Cottonseed has proven to be a sustainable source of plant protein.
- The protein requirement of half a billion people globally can be fulfilled by cottonseed meal.
- Gossypol, is the major polyphenol which acts as an anti-nutrient in cottonseed meal.
- USFDA (United States Food and Drug Administration) and WHO (World Health Organization) have set the limits for free gossypol in cottonseed meal-based protein products for utilization by nonruminants is 450ppm

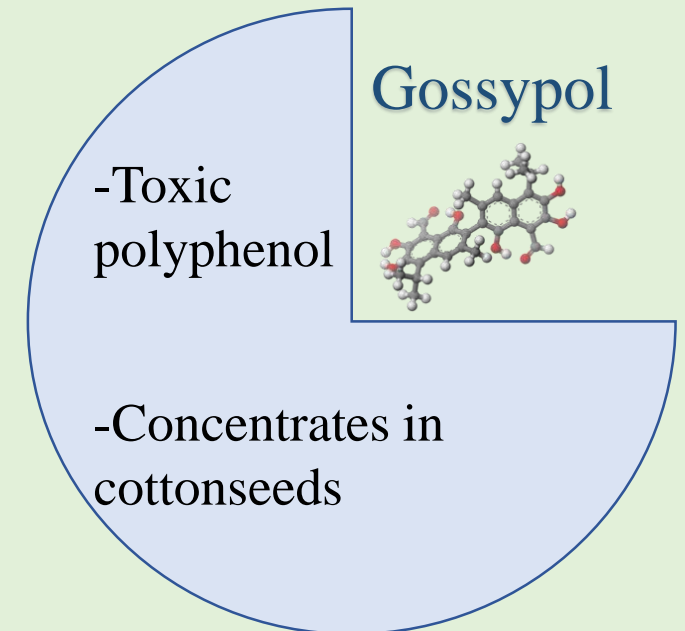
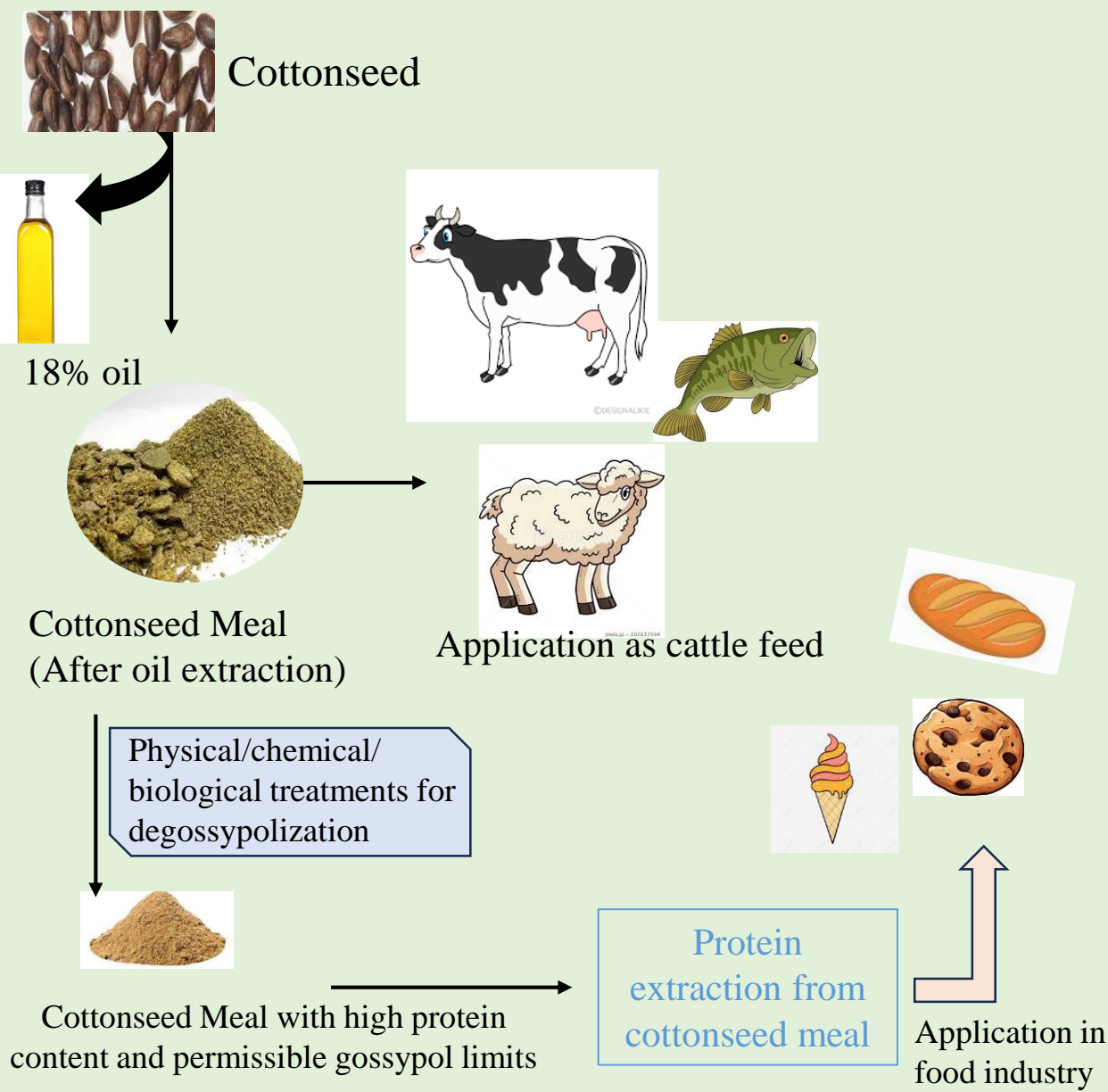


Figure: Flow chart depicting the steps needed for the application of cottonseed protein in food and feed.



Various treatments used to remove gossypol

Type of cottonseed meal	Treatment used	% Gossypol Removal	References
Solvent extraction			
Defatted meal	Pure ethanol	61.55%	Saxena et al. 2012
Defatted meal	Aqueous butanone (90% v/v)	79.54 (FG%*)	Dechary et al. 1952
Flakes	Isohexane and alcohol	70% (FG*) 45% (TG*)	Kuk and Hron et al. 1998
Meal	Ethanol(acidic), Ethanol:water (95:5)	94.53%	Pelitire et al. 2014
SSF (Solid state fermentation)			
	Organism used		
Meal	Bacillus subtilis GH38	78.86%	Zhang et al. 2018
Meal	Candida tropicalis	88.6%	Khalaf et al. 2008
Meal	Saccharomyces cerevisiae ZD-5	88.51%	Zhang et al. 2007

*FG-Free gossypol, TG- Total gossypol

Conclusion

Cottonseed Oil Characteristics:

- High in omega-6 fatty acids
- Rich in antioxidants
- High smoke point, making it suitable for frying

Enhancing Thermal and Oxidative Stability:

- Blending: Mix with oils rich in saturated fatty acids
- Antioxidants: Add natural antioxidants
- Novel Technologies: Use encapsulation techniques



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