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8 Optimization of Goat Meat Emulsion-type Sausage: Effect of Formulation Ratio of Fat
9 and Water Contents

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11 **Abstract**

12 The study aimed to determine the optimal fat and water level for goat meat emulsion-
13 type sausage. Proximate composition, pH, emulsion stability, cooking yield, protein
14 solubility, water holding capacity (WHC), texture profile analysis, and sensory
15 evaluation were performed on goat meat sausages with water additions of 5%, 10%,
16 15%, 20%, and 25%. Cooking yield tended to decrease as the water addition level
17 increased, while water loss showed an increase. However, myofibrillar protein solubility
18 and WHC showed the highest values on 15% water addition treatment. Hardness,
19 gumminess, and chewiness tended to decrease as the moisture content increased.
20 Sensory evaluations showed that when considering appearance, tenderness, and overall
21 acceptability, the most superior treatment was 15%. In conclusion, it is concluded that
22 adding 15% water would be most suitable for the production of goat meat emulsion-
23 type sausage.

24 **Keywords:** Goat meat · Emulsion-type · Physicochemical characteristics · Water
25 content · Low fat

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Introduction

27 The contemporary food industry has seen a shift toward the consumption of low-fat,
28 high-protein foods, spurred by growing concerns regarding consumer health and well-
29 being (Manzoor et al., 2022). Goats have been recognized as an excellent source of
30 meat to meet this demand, because of their low fat content, high digestibility, and high
31 protein content (Madruga et al., 2009). As the benefit of goat meat revealed,
32 consumption in 2013-2019 has been raised ten times higher than in 2005-2012
33 (Mechesso et al., 2021). Consequently, goat meat consumption is projected to continue
34 to increase. Various studies have been conducted to promote goat meat consumption,
35 focusing on aspects such as the nutritional properties of different cuts (Kim et al., 2019),
36 the physicochemical properties associated with various slaughter ages (Choi et al.,
37 2023; Kawęcka and Pasternak, 2022), and the changes in nutritional and textural
38 properties depending on the cooking method (Lee et al., 2022).

39 The forequarters and hindquarters of goats constitute 45% of the total meat yield
40 (Webb, 2014), and devising utilization strategies for these parts will be effective in
41 increasing goat meat consumption. However, these parts are reported to have a lower fat
42 content and higher shear force than other parts (Hwang et al., 2019; Hwang et al., 2017).
43 This is similar to the reason for the imbalance observed in pork consumption (Kameník
44 et al., 2018). This implies that, despite the expected increase in goat meat consumption,
45 the preference for the forequarters and hindquarters may decrease (Kim et al., 2019; Lee
46 et al., 2017).

47 Emulsion-type sausages are innovative meat products capable of mitigating the issues
48 of high shear force evident in the forequarters and hindquarters of goat meat through
49 integrated processes of grinding, fat incorporation, and emulsification (Choi et al.,
50 2010). During the manufacture of emulsion-type sausages, the addition of water is

51 crucial because it enhances the solubilization of myofibrillar proteins via salt-mediated
52 mechanisms (Dickinson, 2012). Therefore, it is necessary to find the optimal content for
53 each raw meat by considering ingredients that can affect the emulsifying power, such as
54 the moisture content and water holding capacity of the meat. (Karakaya et al., 2006).
55 Solubilized myofibrillar proteins are instrumental in the emulsification of water and
56 lipids, and in the establishment of a matrix structure upon heating and denaturation,
57 which effectively secures water within the tissue (Flores et al., 2007). This functionality
58 improves the final product's water-holding capacity, tenderness, and juiciness, thereby
59 augmenting its quality (Choi and Chin, 2021). Nonetheless, the excessive addition of
60 water has been reported to provoke phase separation in emulsions, leading to a decline
61 in cooking yield and a compromise in textural attributes (Johnson et al., 1977).
62 Additionally, insufficient water content during emulsification can negatively influence
63 the solubilization of myofibrillar proteins and the subsequent formation of the matrix
64 structure (Yang et al., 2016A). It is necessary to find the optimal content for each raw
65 meat by considering ingredients that can affect the emulsifying power, such as the
66 moisture content and water holding capacity of the meat. (Karakaya et al., 2006).

67 Although various studies have been conducted on sausages made from goat meat
68 (Madruga and Bressan, 2011), studies analyzing the characteristics of goat meat
69 sausages about different water levels are limited. Therefore, in this study, we analyzed
70 the effects of varying levels of fat (5, 10, 15, 20, and 25%) and replaced the rest of the
71 percentages with water on the physicochemical properties of emulsion-type sausages
72 made from goat meat.

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Materials & Methods

76 Preparation of sausage samples

77 The whole process of sample preparations is shown in Figure 1. Goat meat (Gaon,
78 Gang-jin, Republic of Korea) was diced and ground using a 3mm plates equipped
79 grinder (PA-82, Mainca, Barcelona, Spain). Ground goat meat was mixed with 5
80 different ratios (T1: water 5% and fat 25%; T2: water 10% and fat 20%; T3: water 15%
81 and fat 15%; T4: water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water 25% and fat 5%) of ice and water
82 using a bowl-cutter (K-30, Talsa, Valencia, Spain). Salt (1.2%), sugar (1%), and mixed
83 spice (0.3%) were added to each mixture as the subsidiary material. The Goat meat
84 emulsions were stuffed into natural pig casings (Woosing Foodtec, Seoul, Korea) using
85 a stuffer (EM-12, Mainca, Barcelona, Spain). After stuffing, the samples were cooked
86 for 40 min at 80°C chamber (10.10ESI/SK, Alto Shaam, Menomonee Falls, WI, USA)
87 and cooled at 10°C for 30 min.

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89 Proximate compositions

90 Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) guidelines (AOAC, 2010) were
91 used to determine the proximate compositions and each composition used the following
92 methods: Drying samples in 105°C oven (AOAC 950.46) for moisture content, Soxhlet
93 method (AOAC 991.36) for fat content, Kjeldahl method (AOAC 928.08) for protein
94 content, dry-ashing method at 550°C (AOAC 920.153) for ash content.

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96 pH

97 The samples were mixed with distilled water (DW) (1:4, w/v) at 6,991× g for 1 min
98 using an ultra turrax homogenizer (HMZ-20DN, Pooglim Tech., Seongnam, Korea).

99 And the sample mixtures were analyzed with a pH meter (Model S220, Mettler-Toledo,
100 Schwerzenbach, Switzerland).

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102 Emulsion stability

103 The emulsion stability was determined by inserting a wire mesh into the centrifuge
104 tube, filling it with the goat meat emulsion, and sealing the entrance. The centrifuge
105 tube was heated in a chamber (10.10ESI/SK, Alto Shaam Co.) at 80°C for 30 min and
106 then cooled at room temperature (20°C) for 30 min. The amounts of water and fat that
107 were exuded were measured to determine the emulsion stability.

108
$$\text{Water loss (\%)} = \frac{\text{exuded water (mL)}}{\text{emulsion weight (g)}} \times 100$$

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$$\text{Fat loss (\%)} = \frac{\text{exuded fat (mL)}}{\text{emulsion weight (g)}} \times 100$$

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111 Cooking yield

112 The prepared samples were cooked in an 80°C chamber (10.10 ESI/SK, Alto Shagam,
113 WI, USA). At this point, the cooking time was 40 min and the internal temperature
114 reached 75°C. And the cooked samples were cooled at room temperature (20°C) for 30
115 min and the cooking yield was calculated as a percentage by substituting the following
116 formula.

117
$$\text{Cooking yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{sample weight after cooking (g)}}{\text{sample weight before cooking (g)}} \times 100$$

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119 Protein solubility

120 The protein solubility of the samples was determined by a modified method based on
121 Choe et al. (2017). To determine the total protein content, 2 g of the samples were
122 mixed with 20 mL of 1.1 M potassium iodide in 0.1 M potassium phosphate (pH 7.4).

123 For the sarcoplasmic protein, 2 g of the samples were mixed with 20 mL of 0.025 M
124 potassium phosphate (pH 7.4). For both methods, the mixtures were homogenized for 2
125 min and overnight at 2°C. And then centrifuged at 4,032×g at 4°C for 15 min and
126 filtered. The absorbance of the sample was measured at 540 nm using the Spectra-
127 photometer (SpectraMax iD3, Molecular devices, San Jose, USA), and calculated
128 according to the following formula:

129 Total protein & sarcoplasmic protein = absorbance × sample dilution factor × buffer
130 dilution factor × a value (protein concentrate)

131 Myofibrillar protein = total protein - sarcoplasmic protein

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133 Water holding capacity (WHC)

134 The water holding capacity (WHC) was measured by applying the centrifugal method
135 (Jin et al., 2007). The sample was prepared by wrapping 5 g of the sausage in a filter
136 paper (Whatman No. 1, GE Healthcare, IL, USA) and placing it in a 50 mL conical
137 tube. The prepared sample was centrifuged at 109 × g at 4°C for 10 min using a
138 centrifuge (Supra R22, Hanil Science, Daejeon, Korea), and the WHC was measured by
139 comparing the weight of the sample before and after centrifugation. The formula used
140 for calculation is as follows.

141
$$\text{WHC (\%)} = \frac{A - B}{A}$$

142
$$A = \frac{\text{weight before centrifugation (g)} \times \text{moisture content (\%)}}{100}$$

143
$$B = \text{weight before centrifugation} - \text{weight after centrifugation}$$

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145 Texture profile analysis (TPA)

146 The texture profile analysis (TPA) was performed on sausages which were cut into
147 cubes measuring 2.0 cm in width, length, and height. The analysis was carried out using
148 a texture analyzer (TA 1, Lloyd Co., FL, USA) equipped with a 10 cm cylinder probe.
149 The analysis parameters were set as follows: pre-test speed 2.0 mm/s, post-test speed
150 5.0 mm/s, maximum load 2 kg, head speed 2.0 mm/s, distance 8.0 mm, force 5 g.

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152 Viscosity

153 The viscosity of the goat meat emulsion was measured using a rotational viscometer
154 (MerlinVR, Rheosys, NJ, USA) equipped with a 30 mm parallel plate and 2.0 mm gap.
155 An appropriate amount of the sausage emulsion was placed on a plate set at 20°C and
156 tested. The head speed was set at 20 rpm and measured for 60 sec.

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158 Sensory evaluation

159 The sensory evaluation was conducted with the approval of the Ethics Committee of
160 Kongju National University (authority No: KNU_IRB_2021-75). Each sausage, after
161 being cooked and cooled, was cut to a consistent thickness. Fifteen trained individuals,
162 both male and female and aged between 20 and 30, were randomly selected to rate the
163 color, flavor, tenderness, juiciness, goaty odor, appearance, and overall acceptability.
164 Each category was evaluated on a 10-point scale, with the mean score being calculated
165 for comparison. For the categories of color, flavor, appearance, and goaty odor, the most
166 desirable state was represented by 10, and the least desirable state was represented by 1.
167 Tenderness was represented by 10 for the most tender state and 1 for the toughest state.
168 For juiciness, a score of 10 indicated the highest level of moisture and 1 indicated the
169 lowest.

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171 Statistical analysis

172 All data in this study were obtained by conducting experiments at least 3 times. All
173 data were presented as the mean value and standard deviation (SD), and one-way
174 analysis of variance (ANOVA) using the General Linear Models procedure in the SAS
175 program (version 9.4 for window, SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA). Significant
176 differences between data were analyzed using Duncan's multiple range test with a
177 significance level of $p < 0.05$.

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179 **Results and discussion**

180 Proximate compositions and pH

181 The provision of protein is one of the primary roles of meat products (Williams,
182 2007); a higher protein content enables the production of high-quality processed meat
183 (Youssef and Barbut, 2010). Table 1 presents the proximate composition and pH of goat
184 meat emulsion-type sausage according to the changes in water and fat contents. As the
185 water content increased from 5% to 25%, the moisture content of the sausages
186 significantly increased ($P < 0.05$), whereas the fat content significantly decreased ($P <$
187 0.05). No significant differences were found in protein or ash content among the
188 treatments. The changes in the moisture and fat contents of the sausages in this study
189 are believed to be influenced by the ratios of water and fat added, as presented in Figure
190 1 (Gregg et al., 1993). In a study by Jin et al. (2016) on the physicochemical properties
191 of emulsion-type pork sausages according to the ratio of raw materials, variations in
192 water and fat content did not affect the protein content. This is similar to the results of
193 the present study, suggesting that, even with varying amounts of water added during the
194 manufacturing process, it is possible to produce products that provide an equivalent
195 amount of protein.

196 The pH of meat products is a crucial factor influencing their water-holding capacity
197 and microbial growth (Charnpi et al., 2020; Feng and Arai, 2022). There were no
198 significant differences in the pH among the treatments before or after cooking.
199 However, the pH was significantly higher after cooking than before cooking ($P < 0.05$).
200 In a study by Muguerza et al. (2002), in which emulsion-type pork fermented sausages
201 were prepared with 10%, 20%, and 30% fat, no significant differences in pH were
202 observed, indicating that the ratio of raw materials did not affect pH. Similarly, in this
203 study, changes in fat and moisture content did not affect the pH of the emulsion or the
204 sausages. The pH of pork back fat is between 6.5 and 6.7 (Paneras and Bloukas, 1994),
205 which is close to neutral. Therefore, variations in moisture and fat content did not
206 significantly impact the pH of the emulsion. The increase in pH after heating is
207 associated with the release of basic amino acids due to the denaturation of proteins (Oz
208 and Celik, 2015). Imidazole, the base of histidine, is released in the form of
209 imidazolium during the heating of meat products, causing an increase in pH (Choi et al.,
210 2008). In conclusion, it is feasible to produce goat meat emulsion-type sausage with
211 stable and uniform pH, regardless of the amount of water and fat added.

212

213 Emulsion stability and cooking yield

214 Table 2 shows the emulsion stability and cooking yield of goat meat emulsion-type
215 sausage according to the changes in water and fat contents. Among all treatments, the
216 emulsion stability was lowest at T1 sample ($P < 0.05$) and exhibited an increasing trend
217 with an increase in moisture addition across treatments. Fat loss was significantly higher
218 in treatments with T1 and T2 samples than in those with T3, T4, and T5 samples ($P <$
219 0.05). Claus et al. (1990A) reported that during the preparation of emulsion-type pork
220 sausages with fat substituted by water, water loss increased as the moisture content

221 increased. Similarly, the study by Colmenero et al. (1997) on the emulsion stability of
222 emulsified sausages based on fat content found that a higher fat content resulted in
223 higher fat loss, which aligns with the findings of this study. In conclusion, a decrease in
224 emulsion stability was observed when the amount of water or fat exceeded 20%. T3
225 sample resulted in significantly lower fat loss compared to the T1 and T2 samples ($P <$
226 0.05), and significantly lower water loss compared to the T4 and T5 samples, indicating
227 the formation of a relatively stable emulsion ($P < 0.05$).

228 The exudates lost during the heating of emulsions predominantly comprise internal
229 liquids and soluble substances, with the majority of these constituents being water, as
230 reported by Aaslyng et al. (2003). Jung et al. (2022) reported a significant negative
231 correlation between cooking yield and water loss in pork emulsion-type sausages. In
232 this study, the highest cooking yield was observed in the T1 sample ($P < 0.05$), which
233 decreased as the amount of added water increased. The decline in ionic strength due to
234 increased water addition has been reported to reduce water-binding capacity (Claus et
235 al., 1990B). Therefore, a lower cooking yield indicates the unstable binding of water,
236 protein, and fat within the emulsion, which can lead to a decrease in the hardness,
237 cohesiveness, and external quality of meat products (Zhang et al., 2022). Generally, a
238 cooking yield greater than 90% is reported to indicate ideal quality in meat products
239 (Choe et al., 2013). In this experiment, the T4 and T5 samples showed cooking yields
240 below this standard. Consequently, it is not recommended to exceed 20% water content
241 when manufacturing goat meat emulsion-type sausages.

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243 Protein solubility and water holding capacity (WHC)

244 The functional characteristics of the emulsion, such as emulsion stability and water
245 holding capacity, are formed by muscle fiber proteins, such as myosin and actin (Amiri

246 et al., 2018). This action ultimately enhances the textural characteristics of the product
247 (Farouk et al., 2002); thus, the solubility of muscle fiber proteins can be used as an
248 indicator to assess the quality of sausages (Petracci et al., 2013). Table 3 shows the
249 protein solubility and water holding capacity (WHC) of goat meat emulsion-type
250 sausage according to the changes in water and fat contents. Total protein solubility was
251 not significantly different among the treatment groups. The solubility of myofibrillar
252 proteins did not show significant differences in T1, T2, and T3 samples. However,
253 myofibrillar proteins showed significantly lower solubility in the T4 and T5 samples
254 than in the T3 samples ($P < 0.05$). In contrast, the solubility of sarcoplasmic proteins
255 was significantly lower in T1, T2, and T3 samples ($P < 0.05$). However, it significantly
256 increased in the T4 and T5 samples, revealing results opposite to those for the solubility
257 of myofibrillar proteins ($P < 0.05$). The solubility of myofibrillar proteins is influenced
258 by ionic strength (Sun and Holley, 2011). The ionic strength increases with the amount
259 of cations (Na^+) and anions (Cl^-) generated by the dissolution of salts (Wu et al., 2016).
260 Therefore, the results are influenced by the exposure of sulfhydryl groups and
261 hydrophobic of myofibrillar proteins (Yang et al., 2016B). We observed that an increase
262 in moisture led to a decrease in the salt concentration of the emulsion, resulting in a
263 decrease in the solubility of myofibrillar proteins. Simultaneously, the solubility of
264 sarcoplasmic proteins, which indicates water solubility, was found to increase.
265 Therefore, it was determined that the optimal moisture addition level that minimizes the
266 addition of fat without decreasing the solubility of myofibrillar proteins was 15%.

267 WHC was significantly higher in T1, T2, and T3 samples than in T4 and T5 samples
268 ($P < 0.05$). Muscle fiber proteins dissolved in salt exhibit hydrophilic characteristics at
269 one end and hydrophobic characteristics at the opposite end, forming protein-
270 encapsulated oil-in-water emulsions (Choi and Chin, 2021). Furthermore, the matrix

271 structure formed by protein gelation during heating immobilizes moisture within the
272 tissue (Flores et al., 2007), enhancing the resilience, juiciness, and tenderness of the
273 final product (Choi and Chin, 2021). Therefore, the significantly higher viscosity in T1,
274 T2, and T3 samples compared to the T4 and T5 samples is attributed to the solubility of
275 muscle fiber proteins ($P < 0.05$). The T4 and T5 samples showed a significantly lower
276 cooking yield and viscosity than all other treatment groups ($P < 0.05$), and the moisture
277 content was significantly higher in T1, T2, and T3 samples than in T4 and T5 samples
278 ($P < 0.05$) (Zhang et al., 2022). It has been reported that moisture with weak internal
279 binding capacity may lead to a potential decline in the structural characteristics of the
280 final product (Zhang et al., 2022). In conclusion, in this study, a moisture addition of
281 15% emerged as the optimal level to ensure high solubility of muscle fiber proteins and
282 resilience in the synovial fluid.

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284 Texture profile analysis (TPA) and viscosity

285 TPA is a prominent method used to represent the textural characteristics of sausages
286 and is employed as an indicator to determine the quality of sausages (Herrero et al.,
287 2008). Table 4 presents the results of TPA for goat meat emulsion-type sausage
288 according to the changes in water and fat contents. Hardness, gumminess, and
289 chewiness exhibited a decreasing trend with increasing moisture content of the
290 sausages, and significantly lower values were observed in T4 and T5 samples ($P <$
291 0.05). There were no significant differences in springiness among the treatment groups,
292 whereas cohesiveness was significantly lower in T5 sample than in the other treatment
293 groups ($P < 0.05$). A stronger binding force of the protein matrix formed in the
294 emulsion results in greater hardness and cohesiveness of the sausages (Broucke et al.,
295 2022). However, the decrease in cohesiveness in T5 sample is due to the lack of

296 solubility of myofibrillar proteins and over-added water contents and it leads to
297 undeveloped matrix formation of emulsion-type sausage (Yang et al., 2016B). The
298 experimental results of the proximate composition, cooking yield, and viscosity in this
299 study indicate that in treatment groups with high moisture content, moisture did not
300 sufficiently bind to the fat globules and protein molecules but remained in a free-water
301 form within the tissue (Claus et al., 1990A; Zhang et al., 2022). Residual moisture
302 negatively affects the binding capacity of the emulsion and leads to a reduction in the
303 hardness, gumminess, and chewiness of sausages (Johnson et al., 1977). Therefore, it is
304 advisable to avoid adding moisture at 20% or higher to prevent a decline in the
305 structural characteristics of goat meat emulsion-type sausages.

306 Figure 2 depicts the viscosity measurement results of goat meat emulsion-type
307 sausage according to the changes in water and fat contents. The initial viscosities of the
308 T1, T2, and T3 samples were 118.60 Pa·s, 114.64 Pa·s, and 113.69 Pa·s, respectively,
309 showing little difference, and the viscosity reduction graph also exhibited a gradual
310 curve. However, the initial viscosities of the T4 and T5 samples were relatively low
311 compared to the other treatment groups, measuring 91.77 Pa·s and 65.61 Pa·s,
312 respectively. Furthermore, the viscosity exhibited a sharp decline during the
313 measurement period. Gregg et al. (1993) reported that an increase in the moisture
314 content of emulsion leads to a reduction in viscosity owing to a decrease in friction on
315 the internal particle surfaces. In this study, we observed that viscosity differences
316 occurred based on the moisture contents. The high viscosity of emulsion indicates
317 strong interactions and binding forces among moisture, fat, and proteins that constitute
318 the emulsion (Aktaş et al., 2006). Therefore, an emulsion with high viscosity indicates
319 the minimal separation between moisture and fat, exhibits excellent cohesiveness and
320 binding forces and allows for the production of sausages of stable quality (Lee et al.,

321 2018). Therefore, it was inferred that adding moisture to the emulsion at levels
322 exceeding 20% may lead to a decrease in hardness, gumminess, chewiness, and
323 viscosity, potentially causing a decline in the quality of the goat meat emulsion-type
324 sausages.

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326 Sensory evaluation

327 Table 5 presents the sensory evaluation results of goat meat emulsion-type sausage
328 according to the changes in water and fat contents. Variations in moisture and fat
329 content did not have a significant impact on the color, flavor, or goat odor of goat meat
330 emulsion-type sausages. Similar to the results of the present study, Cengiz and Gokoglu
331 (2007) reported no significant differences in the sensory characteristics of emulsified
332 sausages with different moisture and fat ratios. In the TPA, the evaluation scores for
333 juiciness and tenderness showed an increasing trend as hardness, gumminess, and
334 chewiness decreased (Table 4). Results of appearance showed that the T3 sample scored
335 significantly higher than the other treatment groups ($P < 0.05$). This is considered to be
336 a result of the positive impact of the high resilience and solubility of muscle fiber
337 proteins on the appearance of sausages compared with that in other treatment groups
338 (Choi and Chin, 2021). Zhao et al. (2018) reported that replacing fat with moisture in
339 emulsified sausages may compromise the texture and appearance. In this study, the
340 overall acceptability of T1 and T3 samples significantly increased ($P < 0.05$), whereas
341 the T4 and T5 samples showed a decreasing trend in acceptability. In conclusion, a
342 decrease in the appearance and overall acceptability scores was observed when moisture
343 was added to goat meat emulsion-type sausages at levels exceeding 20%. The optimal
344 moisture addition level for the sensory quality of goat meat emulsion-type sausages was
345 found to be 15%.

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Conclusion

348 We analyzed the effects of the changes in water and fat contents on the
349 physicochemical properties of goat meat emulsion-type sausages to determine the
350 optimal water addition level for their production. The experiments show the expected
351 results following the water addition levels. However, the T3 sample showed the highest
352 water holding capacity and myofibrillar protein solubility. These results show that the
353 species of livestock and their nutritional contents, particularly water content, do not
354 significantly affect the structures of emulsion-type meat products. Therefore, in
355 industrial manufacturing of goat meat emulsion-type sausage, adding 15% water and
356 15% fat is the appropriate ratio.

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359 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest to this work.

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522

524 Table 1. Proximate compositions and pH of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with
 525 various levels of added water and fat

Traits	Treatments					
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	
Moisture (%)	57.98±0.50 ^e	61.88±0.15 ^d	65.14±0.59 ^c	71.34±0.91 ^b	75.99±0.35 ^a	
Protein (%)	15.49±0.32 ^a	15.62±0.22 ^a	15.85±0.52 ^a	15.76±0.64 ^a	15.50±0.49 ^a	
Fat (%)	24.97±0.31 ^a	20.11±0.09 ^b	16.91±0.03 ^c	10.87±0.30 ^d	6.42±0.14 ^e	
Ash (%)	1.88±0.01 ^a	1.91±0.04 ^a	1.86±0.05 ^a	1.89±0.05 ^a	1.92±0.05 ^a	
pH	Uncooked	6.45±0.01	6.46±0.02	6.44±0.01	6.44±0.01	6.45±0.01
	Cooked	6.67±0.02	6.66±0.01	6.66±0.01	6.65±0.01	6.65±0.01

526 All values represented as mean±SD.

527 ^{a-e} Means in the same row marked with different letters denote significant differences
 528 (p<0.05).

529 T1: water 5% and fat 25%; T2: water 10% and fat 20%; T3: water 15% and fat 15%; T4:
 530 water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.

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532 Table 2. Emulsion stability and cooking yield of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with
 533 various levels of added water and fat

Traits (%)		Treatments				
		T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Emulsion stability	Water loss	3.41±0.38 ^c	4.79±0.33 ^c	7.95±1.17 ^b	11.87±0.54 ^a	13.58±1.34 ^a
	Fat loss	3.89±0.60 ^a	3.41±0.68 ^a	1.34±0.38 ^b	1.34±0.26 ^b	0.83±0.13 ^c
Cooking yield		92.72±0.97 ^a	92.24±0.60 ^a	90.49±0.69 ^b	87.71±0.93 ^c	87.01±0.46 ^c

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 536 <0.05).

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 538 water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.

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540 Table 3. Protein solubility and water holding capacity (WHC) of goat meat emulsion-
 541 type sausage with various levels of added water and fat

Traits (mg/ml)	Treatments				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Total protein	355.52±8.36 ^a	354.44±6.40 ^a	356.17±10.49 ^a	353.79±8.71 ^a	356.82±2.55 ^a
Sarcoplasmic protein	119.01±0.97 ^b	119.23±3.18 ^b	119.88±2.73 ^b	129.18±2.19 ^a	129.40±2.78 ^a
Myofibrillar protein	236.51±8.49 ^{ab}	235.21±4.30 ^{ab}	242.93±7.62 ^a	224.61±6.40 ^b	227.42±3.69 ^b
WHC (%)	91.32±0.41 ^a	91.17±1.82 ^a	92.07±0.98 ^a	87.40±0.28 ^b	87.79±0.59 ^b

542 All values represented as mean±SD.

543 ^{a-b} Means in the same row marked with different letters denote significant differences (P
 544 <0.05).

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 546 water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.

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548 Table 4. Texture profile analysis of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with various levels
 549 of added water and fat

Traits	Treatments				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Hardness (kgf)	3.28±0.26 ^a	2.90±0.16 ^b	2.71±0.18 ^b	1.92±0.17 ^c	1.98±0.14 ^c
Springiness	0.49±0.03 ^a	0.48±0.03 ^a	0.46±0.04 ^a	0.48±0.02 ^a	0.47±0.03 ^a
Gumminess (kgf)	2.43±0.17 ^a	2.16±0.14 ^b	2.06±0.18 ^b	1.47±0.11 ^c	1.37±0.09 ^c
Chewiness (kgf)	1.21±0.13 ^a	1.03±0.10 ^b	0.94±0.12 ^b	0.71±0.06 ^c	0.65±0.07 ^c
Cohesiveness	0.74±0.05 ^{ab}	0.74±0.03 ^a	0.76±0.02 ^a	0.76±0.03 ^a	0.68±0.03 ^b

550 All values represented as mean±SD.

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 552 <0.05).

553 T1: water 5% and fat 25%; T2: water 10% and fat 20%; T3: water 15% and fat 15%; T4:
 554 water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.

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556 Table 5. Sensory evaluation of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with various levels of
 557 added water and fat

Traits	Treatments				
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Color	9.22±0.58 ^a	9.33±0.62 ^a	9.21±0.63 ^a	9.28±0.48 ^a	9.28±0.53 ^a
Tenderness	8.46±0.60 ^b	8.69±0.36 ^{ab}	9.04±0.48 ^a	9.07±0.38 ^a	9.09±0.43 ^a
Juiciness	8.63±0.40 ^b	8.64±0.35 ^b	8.74±0.47 ^b	9.12±0.44 ^{ab}	9.38±0.57 ^a
Flavor	8.78±0.55 ^a	8.91±0.56 ^a	9.04±0.69 ^a	9.04±0.55 ^a	8.88±0.75 ^a
Goaty odor	8.30±0.78 ^b	8.53±0.80 ^{ab}	9.03±0.56 ^a	8.96±0.53 ^{ab}	8.61±0.44 ^{ab}
Appearance	8.52±0.39 ^{ab}	8.81±0.57 ^a	9.20±0.56 ^a	8.17±0.58 ^b	8.17±0.62 ^b
Overall acceptability	7.99±0.52 ^c	8.54±0.39 ^b	9.18±0.33 ^a	8.59±0.40 ^b	8.42±0.60 ^{bc}

558 All values represented as mean±SD.

559 ^{a-c} Means in the same row marked with different letters denote significant differences (P
 560 <0.05).

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 562 water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.

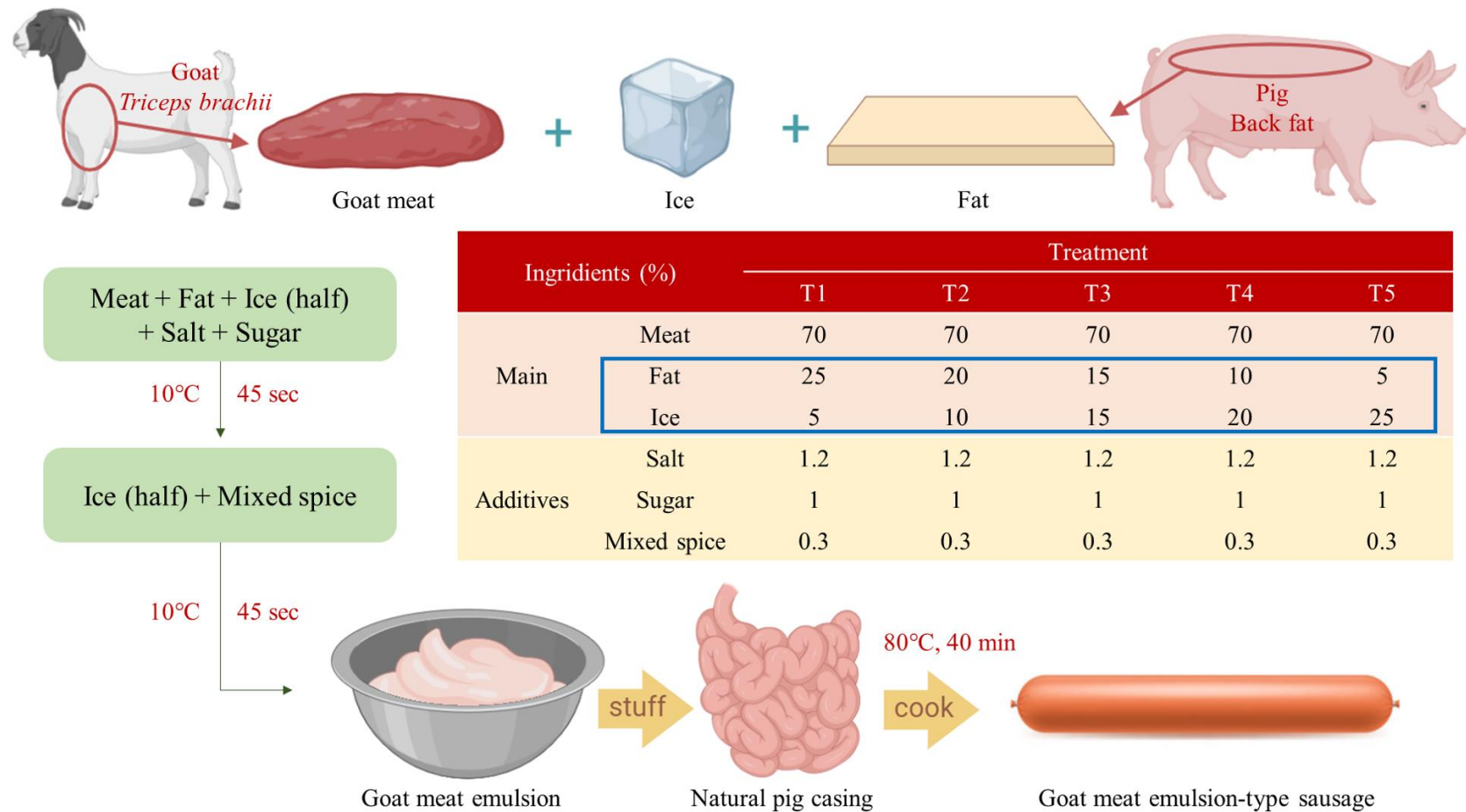


Figure 1. Formulation of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with various levels of added water and fat.

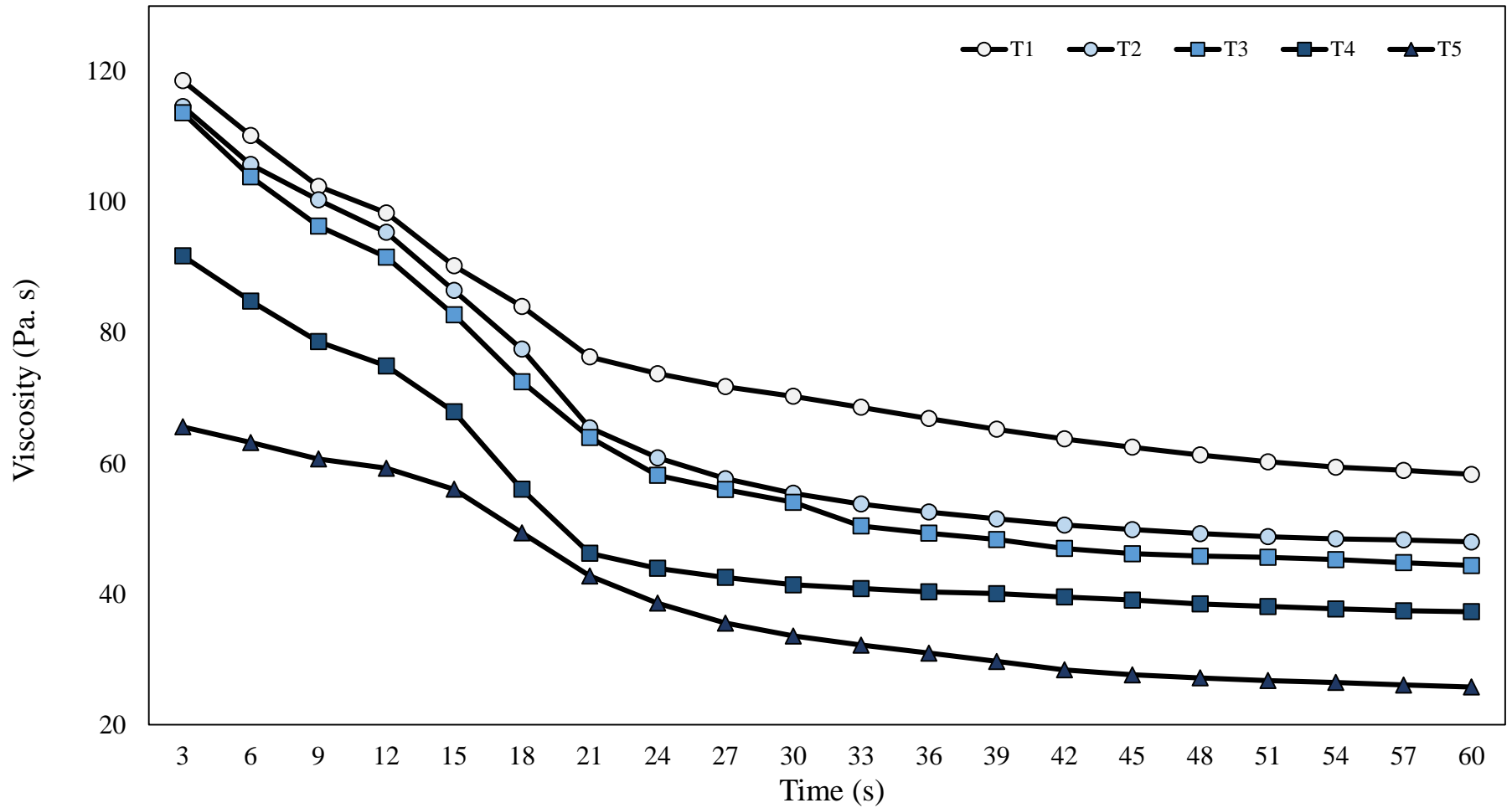


Figure 2. Viscosity (Pa. s) of goat meat emulsion-type sausage with various levels of added water and fat. T1: water 5% and fat 25%; T2: water 10% and fat 20%; T3: water 15% and fat 15%; T4: water 20% and fat 10%; T5: water: 25% and fat 5%.