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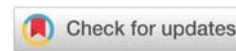
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## Research Article

# Process optimization of extruded noodles from Cocoyam (*Colocasia Esculenta*) and Bambara groundnut (*Vigna Subterranea*) flour

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## Abstract

A noodle is a thin, long strip of spaghetti or a similar flour paste consumed with a sauce or taken with warm water with sugar and milk added as desired. In this regard, a modified noodle was produced from cocoyam with Bambara ground nut added to enhance the nutritional composition of the noodle. Central Composite Design (CCD) using Response Surface Methodology (RSM) was used in the optimization procedure. The aim was to develop the best mix of procedure variables that can give optimum formulation with a high protein. The process variables were feed composition ( $X_1$ ), barrel temperature ( $X_2$ ), and feed moisture composition ( $X_3$ ). The responses were moisture, protein, fat, and fiber. Regression models and residual plots were generated and adequacy was tested with regression coefficient ( $R^2$ ) and the lack of fit test. Results of the analysis of variance (ANOVA) indicated that the process variables had a significant effect on the protein ( $p < 0.05$ ). Results for regression coefficients prove a fair fit of the model. The optimum noodle had 60g of Bambara ground nut, 120 °C barrel temperature, and 16% moisture content. Its responses were 10.66 mg/100g protein, 0.95 mg/100g fat, 1.60 mg/100g ash, and 1.75 mg/100g fiber. The optimized recipe shows improve nutrients.

## Introduction

The imperative for more agricultural produce to meet the need of ever-growing citizens in Africa where the increasing rate is more than the rate of growth in agricultural production had been long stressed World Bank [1]. In the last ten years, awareness has been geared toward eliminating food insecurity and hunger the world over. Sanusi [2] reported that the average number of food-insecure families in Nigeria was 18% in 1996 and over 40% in 2005. Per capita increase in the production of major food items has not been adequate to satisfy the need of an increasing population. Cocoyam is farmed as a root crop because of its eatable corms and leaves which are eaten as vegetable leaves throughout the tropics (Mbanaso 1991). The crop now assents as a crop that can warranty food security because it is relatively cheap and could therefore feed many poor households. In terms of nutrients, composition cocoyam contains 70% - 80% water, 20% - 25% starch, and 15% - 30%

protein [3]. Its leaves are good sources of folic acid, vitamin C, riboflavin, and vitamin A. There is also sufficient mucilage in cocoyam which can be utilized in the paper industry and medicine tablet production despite the economic import of cocoyam its prospects have not only been ignored but also underused.

In spite of the tremendous nutritional prospects of cocoyam corms obtainable from its uses, it is not economically achievable until it is first purified to reduce its high level of antinutrient content calcium oxalate levels. This fusion negatively affects the corm usage, imparting acidity and a bitter-astringent mouth feel [3.4]. Furthermore, this antinutrient principle contains toxic effects which represent a health hazard for humans when eaten in high concentration.

In recent years climate change has led to decreased agricultural output thereby seriously affecting food availability. Researchers advocate increased farming of native drought-

forbearing crops like legumes Bambara groundnut *Vigna subterranean* (L.) Verdc, whose high resistance to drought makes it acceptable for semi-arid areas where other crops don't thrive.

Bambara groundnut is a high-protein food product that can add value to the nutritional standard of rural households. The proximate and the nutrient content indicate that Bambara groundnut is almost a complete diet. Bambara groundnut was discovered to be richer in vital amino acids than most grains with a protein content of about 80% as compared to 65% for groundnut, 74% for soybeans, and 64% for cowpea. Bambara groundnut contains micronutrients, e.g. zinc, iron, calcium, and potassium. The seeds are eaten as snacks after boiling them for about an hour. The dry seeds are boiled after soaking for several hours to make porridge. The dried seeds are challenging to process because of their hard seed coat. The seeds are ground to flour, which flat small cakes and bread are baked from it, or may be added to soups as thickeners in some parts of Nigeria.

Bambara groundnuts are roasted and milled, and the flour is used to make soups. Additionally, thin and stiff porridge can be made from Bambara groundnut flour. In spite of all these likely applications and their nutritional importance, Bambara groundnut remains scientifically overlooked and underutilized. The main motive for the under-exploitation is the hard-to-cook (HTC) occurrence in combination with inappropriate processing procedures. HTC in legumes is responsible for the prolonged cooking time (3–4hrs) needed to ensure adequate softening during cooking. HTC in legumes is correlated with anatomical cell reorganization (e.g. metabolism of cytoplasmic organelles and hardening of central lamella) and changes in the composition, e.g. development of insoluble pectate and reactions of proteins and synthetic resins, which takes place in the cotyledons and seed coats. The HTC challenges may not portend any danger to those in developed countries, because of the state-of-the-art processing equipment as well as access to assorted protein-rich foods.

The extrusion cooking process is a high-temperature short time (HTST) procedure that is being used immensely in food manufacturing companies for the development of varieties of agricultural-based products such as cereal snacks, dietary fiber, infant's foods products, cereals for breakfast, and altered starches from cereals [5–7]. HTST process reduces contamination by microorganisms and destroys enzymes. The basic mechanism for the maintenance of both hot and cold extruded foods is by lowering the water activity of the product (0.1–0.4) [8]. The heat energy produced by the atrocious expenditure of the extruded with a mixture of shearing effect cooks the raw blends promptly so that the properties of the materials are changed physically and chemically [9].

Extrusion cooking may have both advantageous and desirable outcomes on nutritional value. The favorable impact includes the gelatinization of starch, the decimation of antinutrient factors, the upsurge of dietary fibers, the depletion of fat oxidation and tainting of microorganisms, and maintain native colors and flavors of foods [10]. Therefore, the aim of

this study was not only to evolve a formulation with optimum nutrient composition but a product that will retain its nutrients and be shelf stable.

## Materials and methods

Cocoyam was obtained from Kafanchan in Jamaa local government area of Kaduna State- Nigeria the variety was identified in crop research Institute Samaru ABU Zaria while Bambara ground nut was purchased in Kaduna metropolis.

### Cocoyam flour preparation

The method of Okpala, et al. [11]. was adopted with slide modification the cocoyam corms were washed, peeled, sliced, and blanched at 80 °C for 5mins, and 2% sodium metabisulphite was added to prevent enzymic browning, it was oven-dried at 80 °C using kumbaya cyclomithmic lider 80 oven model, for 24 hrs. To about 14% water composition and milled using H28 pilot scale circ- u- flow hammer mill. It was then sieved to a mesh size of 150mm using mild steel digital sieve shaker VSS8 model. Flour was stored in airtight plastic containers at room temperature of 30 ± 2 °C until required.

### Bambara groundnut flour

Bambara groundnut seeds were sorted and soaked for 24 hrs. in distilled water and dehulled manually with a native wooden pestle and mortar, the dehulled Bambara groundnut was oven dried to about 14% water content in an oven kumbaya cyclomithmic lider 80 the dried Bambara ground nut was milled into flour with H28 pilot scale Circ – U- flow hammer mill. The milled flour was sieved to 150 mm mesh size with mild steel digital sieve shaker VSS8 model the samples were packed in sealed polythene bags and stored at 30 ± 2 °C.

### Experimental design

A second-order central composite design (CCD) (Cochran and cox, 1957) was used. The independent variables were; Feed composition ( $X_1$ ), Feed moisture composition ( $X_2$ ), and barrel temperature ( $X_3$ ). The coded values of the independent variables (+1) highest level and (1-) lowest level were calculated for rotatable design from the center point with the best precision having the predictive power in all directions.

### Formulation of composite flour

The method of Filli, et al. [12] was adopted. The mixed samples were treated to convenient moisture content by sprinkling with a calculated quantity of water mixing consistently at an average speed Pan Mixer PM LAB 60 Model. The samples were kept in a covered container and preserved overnight. The comestibles were left to stand for 3hrs to stabilize at room temperature before the extrusion cooking. The quantity of water to be used was estimated using the equation.

$$Y = \frac{Mf - Mi)x Sw}{100 - Mf}$$

Table 1: Experimental layout in their coded and natural unit.

$X_1$ =feed composition,  $X_2$ =barrel temperature,  $X_3$ =feed moisture composition

### Determination of Functional properties of the extrudates

Quality attributes of extrudates evaluated physical characteristics, functional qualities, chemical qualities, and consumer preference analysis using standard analytical methods.

### Viscosity

The viscosity was determined using Haake Roto Visco RVI equipped with concentric cylinders and viscosity measurement made at 30 °C. The apparent viscosity of the extrudates is then measured over a span of shear rates (s<sup>-1</sup>) and the relative viscosity of the solution at a given shear rate and calculated using the method of [13].

$$\text{Relative viscosity } (\eta_r) = \frac{\eta_g}{\eta_s} \quad (10)$$

Where  $\eta_g$  = Apparent Viscosity of solution

$\eta_s$  = Apparent viscosity of the solvent

### Water absorption index

The water absorption index (WAI) of all samples was quantified using the procedure outlined by Abbey and Ibe [14] the sample (10% w/v) was measured into a conical flask and mixed exhaustively with added distilled water using a waring blender for 30 sec. The samples were kept to stand for 30 minutes at room temperature, it was centrifuged at 500rpm for 30 minutes. The supernatant was read right away from the calibrated centrifuge tubes, and the water absorption index expressed in grams of water absorbed per gram of flour was determined using the formula WAI (g) = weight of sediment/ weight of dry solid

### Expansion indices (puff ratio)

Cut extrudates sing sharp blade into a 10cm long piece and measure the diameter of each piece in 5 different places using a Vanier caliper and their weight is measured using a four-digit precision balance. Data generated for length, diameter, and weight is collected from 30 pieces of extrudates. From these measurements, various expansion criteria are estimated using the method of [15].

### Moisture content

The water composition was analyzed according to the standard procedure of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists [16]. Stainless steel dishes were washed and dried in an oven at 100 °C for 1 hour to reach a constant weight. It was put inside the desiccators cooled and then weighed. Two grams of the sample were weighed and placed in each dish and dried in the oven at 100 °C, until a constant weight was attained. The dishes and the samples were placed in desiccators cooled, then weighed.

$$\% \text{ moisture content} = \frac{W_2 - W_1}{W_2 - W_1} \times 100$$

Where;

$W_1$  = weight of the dish

$W_2$  = weight of dish + sample before drying

$W_3$  = weight of + sample after drying

### Crude protein

AOAC [16] was employed in the determination of crude protein. 2 grams of samples were inserted into a Kjeldahl apparatus. Anhydrous sodium sulfate (5g of Kjeldahl catalyst) was added to the flask. Concentrated sulphuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 25 ml) was added. The flask was heated in a fume chamber until the solution became clear. The sample solution was allowed to cool to room temperature, then transferred into a 250 ml volumetric flask and made it up to 250 ml volume with distilled water.

The distillation unit was cleaned, and 5 milliliters of 2% boric acid solution with a few drops of methyl red indicator was introduced into the distillate collector (100 ml) conical flask. The conical flask was placed under the condenser. Then 5ml of the sample digest was pipetted into the apparatus and washed down with distilled water. 5 milliliters of 60% sodium hydroxide was added to the digest. The content of the receiving flask was titrated with 0.049M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to the pink-colored endpoint. The blank sample was subjected to the same procedure.

Nitrogen Factor = 6.25

Crude Protein conversion factor = % total N x 6.25

### Fat

The fat composition was estimated according to AOAC [17] Soxhlet method. A 500 ml capacity round bottom flask was filled with 300ml petroleum ether and fixed to the Soxhlet extraction apparatus. 2 grams of the sample were placed in a labeled thimble. The thimble was sealed with cotton wool. The heat was applied to the reflux apparatus for six (6) hours. The thimble was removed with care, and the petroleum ether was recovered for reuse. After the flask was free of ether, it was removed and dried at 105 °C for 1hr in an oven. The flask was weighed after cooling in a desiccator.

$$\text{Calculation : } \% \text{ fat} = \frac{\text{weight of fat}}{\text{weight of sample}} \times 100$$

### Crude fiber

The crude fiber was determined using a standard method [17]. Three (3) grams of the sample were weighed into a 50ml beaker and petroleum ether was added and stirred continuously until the fat was extracted by the process of stirring, settling, and decanting three times. The extracted sample was air-dried and transferred to a 60ml dried beaker. Then 200 ml of 1.25 C sulphuric acid and a few drops of the anti-forming agent were added to the beaker. The beaker was placed on the digestion apparatus with a pre-adjusted hot plate and boiled for 30mins, rotating the beaker at intervals to keep the solid from adhering

to the sides of the beaker. At the end of 30mins, the mixture was allowed to stand for 1min. then filtered through a Buchner funnel. Without breaking suction, the insoluble matter was washed with boiling water until it was free of the acid. The residue was washed back into the original flask by means of a washed bottle containing 200 ml of 1.2% sodium hydroxide solution. It was boiled again carefully for 30min. After boiling for 30min, it was allowed to stand for 1min and then filtered immediately under suction. The residue was washed with boiling water, followed by 1% hydrochloric acid, and again washed with boiled water until it was free of acid. It was washed twice with alcohol and then with ether three times. The residue was dried at 100°C to a constant weight. It was incinerated at 600 °C for 30min, cooled in a desiccator, and then weighed. The difference in weighed between ovens dried and weight after incineration was taken as the fiber content of the sample. This was expressed as the percentage weight of the original sample.

Crude fiber (%) =

$$\frac{\text{oven - dried sample - weight of sample incinerated}}{\text{weight of sample taken}} \times 100$$

### Carbohydrate

The percentage carbohydrate content of each sample was calculated by difference as described by AOAC (2010). % Carbohydrate = 100 - (% moisture + % ash + % protein + % crude fibre).

### Ash content

The ash content was determined according to AOAC [17] method. Two grams of sample were placed in a silica dish which has been ignited cooled and weighed. The dish plus the sample were ignited first gently and then at 550°C in a muffle furnace for 3hrs until the content turned to white or grey ash. The dish and the content were cooled in a desiccator and weighed.

$$\% \text{ Ash} = \frac{(W_3 - W_1)}{(W_2 - W_1)} \times 100$$

$W_1$  = weight of the dish

$W_2$  = weight of dish + sample before ashing

$W_3$  = weight of dish + sample after ashing.

## Result and discussion

Optimization of extrusion process parameters; feed blend composition  $X_1$ , barrel temperature  $X_2$ , feed moisture composition  $X_3$ , for regression models and coefficients.

Often in statistical analysis, regression analysis is used to develop an equation that can be used to explain a correlation between the self-supporting variables in respect of their linear, quadratic, and synergy impacts and is indicated by a second-order empirical polynomial equation. A second-order polynomial regression model  $\beta y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_{11} X_1^2 + \beta_{22} X_2^2 + \beta_{33} X_3^2 + \beta_{12} X_1 X_2 + \beta_{13} X_1 X_3 + \beta_{23} X_2 X_3$  (Tables 1,2) was established to fit the experimental data for each response where the  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,

and  $X_3$  were, feed blend composition (%), barrel temperature (°C) and feed moisture content (%) respectively.  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_{11}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{33}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}$  and  $\beta_{23}$  were the regression coefficients to be determined. The response surface and counterplots for the models were plotted as a function of these three independent variables (Figure a-e). The regression models generated between the independent variables and the dependent variables are evaluated for fitness to explain the variation discovered in the dependent variables in the data. This is explained by observing the model of coefficients of determination  $R^2$  and adjusted coefficient of determination  $R^2_{adj}$ , (Table 3) individual regression coefficient ( $\beta_{i=1}$ ), probability value (p-value), lack-of-fit test, and test of residuals.

Table 1: Experimental layout in their coded and natural units.

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$
1	-1	-1	-1	30	100	8.00
2	1	-1	-1	50	100	8.00
3	-1	1	-1	30	140	8.00
4'	1	1	-1	50	140	8.00
5	-1	-1	1	30	100	24.00
6	1	-1	1	50	100	24.00
7	-1	1	1	30	140	24.00
8	1	1	1	50	140	24.00
9	-1.682	0	0	23.18	120	16.00
10	1.682	0-1.682	0	56.82	120	16.00
11	0	1.682	0	40	86.36	16.00
12	0	0	0	40	153.63	16.00
13	0	0	-1.682	40	120	2.55
14	0	0	-1.682	40	120	29.45
15	0	0	0	40	120	16.00

$X_1$ : Feed composition;  $X_2$ : Barrel temperature;  $X_3$ : Feed moisture composition

Table 2: Independent variable and levels used for central composite design.

Variable	Coded variable level				
	-α	Low	Med.	High	+ α
	-1.682	-1	0	1	1.682
Feed composition ( $X_1$ )	23.18	30	40	50	56.82
Barrel temperature ( $X_2$ )	86.36	100	120	140	153.64
Feed Moisture Content ( $X_3$ )	2.55	8	16	24	29.45

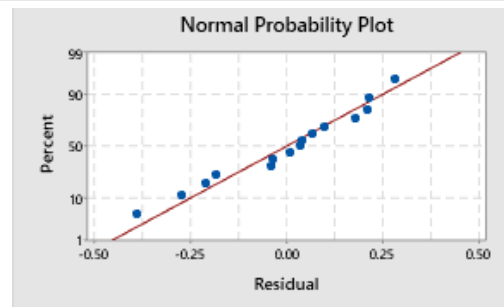


Figure a: Residual plot of moisture.

**Table 3:** Constraints and goals applied to derive optimum conditions of processing parameter and response for cocoyam – Bambara groundnut.

Proximate Composition	Goal limit	low	Upper limit	Importance	
Moisture	minimize	2.650	4.02	3	3.22107
Protein	maximize	5.065	7.010	5	5.6095
Fat	minimize	0.925	1.025	3	0.9785
Fiber	minimize	1.745	1.945	3	1.8320
Ash	is in range	1.540	2.330	3	1.71300

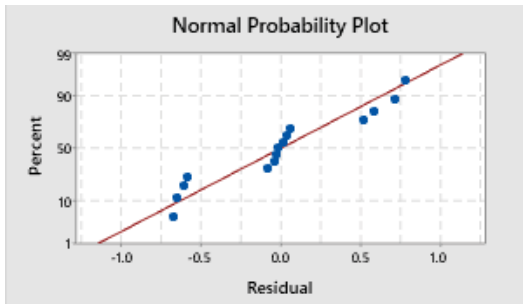


Figure b: Residual plot of protein.

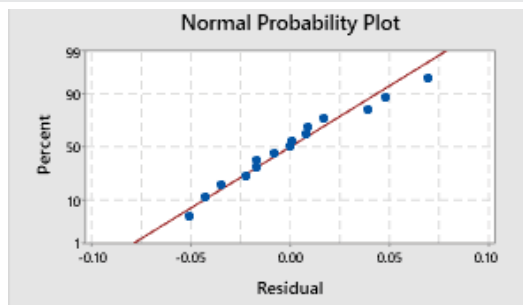


Figure c: Residual plot for fiber.

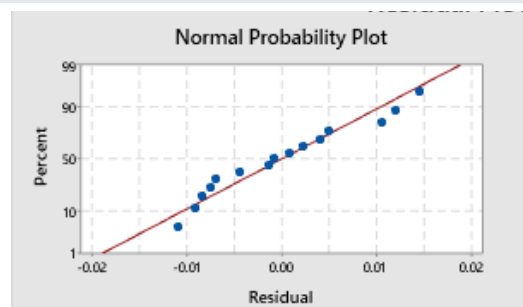


Figure d: Residue plot for fat.

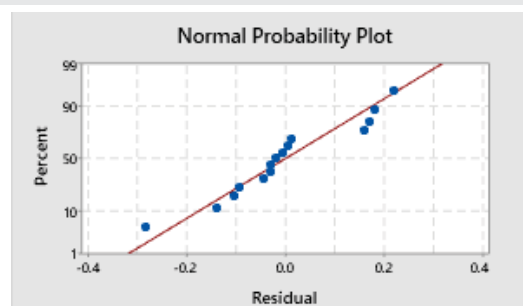


Figure e: Residual plot for ash.

RSM is an assemblage of statistical procedures for designing experiments, building models, analyzing the effects of factors, and establishing the optimum conditions. RSM has been successfully used in the development of bioprocesses where the target production could be improved.

Fitting regression for the optimization of the effects of the feed blend composition, barrel temperature, and feed moisture composition quality of cocoyam–legume extrudate.

In the investigation, fifteen observed responses were considered to compute the model using the least method to generate a predictive equation for the linear, quadratic, and interactive relationships between the independent and the response variables (Y). The independent variables are feed blend composition ( $X_1$ ), barrel temperature ( $X_2$ ), and ( $X_3$ ) feed moisture content. The coefficients with the following;  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  represent the sole effects of that particular factor, while the coefficients with two of the factors ( $X_1X_2$ ,  $X_1X_3$ ,  $X_2X_3$ ) represent the effects of the interaction and those with the following  $X_1^2$ ,  $X_2^2$ ,  $X_3^2$  represents the quadratic effects. A term of the regression with a negative value shows an antagonistic effect, while those with a positive value show synergistic effects [12]. These models characterize how the response variables are impacted by the given sets of impute variables, defined experimental zones; and what impute variables values will capitulate at the optimal for a specific response [18]. The predictive regression models produced for the relationship between the dependent (y) and independent (X) in terms of the antinutrient content of cocoyam – beans, cocoyam–Bambara nut, and cocoyam–soya beans extrudate are presented below.

**Regression models for the proximate composition of cocoyam/Bambara ground nut extrudates**

$$\text{Moisture} = 3.498 + 0.108X_1 - 0.0679X_2 + 0.284X_3 + 0.101X_1^2 + 0.079X_2^2 - 0.069X_3^2 - 0.054X_1X_2 - 0.082X_1X_3 - 0.104X_2X_3$$

$$\text{Protein} = 6.678 - 0.142X_1 + 0.075X_2 + 0.126X_3 - 0.244X_1^2 - 0.205X_2^2 - 0.070X_3^2 - 0.064X_1X_2 - 0.097X_1X_3 + 0.052X_2X_3$$

$$\text{Fat} = 0.947 - 0.0107X_1 - 0.0009X_2 - 0.004X_3 + 0.0065X_1^2 + 0.00654X_2^2 + 0.0109X_3^2 + 0.0262X_1X_2 + 0.0050X_1X_3 + 0.011X_2X_3$$

$$\text{Ash} = 1.630 + 0.046X_1 - 0.0579X_2 - 0.0421X_3 + 0.124X_1^2 + 0.0005X_2^2 - 0.0339X_3^2 - 0.01038X_1X_2 - 0.0925X_1X_3 + 0.1050X_2X_3$$

$$\text{Fiber} = 1.793 - 0.0034X_1 - 0.0230X_2 + 0.0003X_3 + 0.008X_1^2 + 0.0230X_2^2 + 0.0115X_3^2 + 0.0237X_1X_2 + 0.0063X_1X_3 + 0.0363X_2X_3$$

**Normal probability plots and residual for fitness**

Residual analysis (Figure a–e) was also used to establish the fitness of the developed model. The residual of experimental data is defined as the contrast between the observed values and the predicted values. Results from the normal probability plots (Figure a–e) show a straight line for all the responses (moisture, protein, fat, fiber, and ash), indicating that the model is adequate. According to Truth and Kank [19], if a graph produces a linear pattern is an indication that the model provides a decent fit to the experimental data. Admiral and Kayan [20] also reported that if the model is requisite the points



on the normal contingency plots of the residual should make a straight line, and plots of residuals versus predicted should not portray a pattern or any apparent outline. In addition, Lack-of-the fit test was also carried out to determine the consequence of error replication in comparison to model-dependent error. Fisher's F-Test was used to establish whether the lack-of-fit was significant at  $p \leq 0.05$ . Table 3 shows the result of the test of reliability. The values of the F-test for the variables were; 76.90%, 26.33%, 91.00%, 68.51%, and 62.00% for moisture, protein, fat, ash, and fiber respectively. This shows that the model is a good predictor of experimental results. In this study therefore the models were considered sufficiently accurate to predict the quality of response.

The optimization of process parameters and numerical optimization was carried out to obtain the optimum product with high protein. To perform this operation, CCD using RSM was used for simultaneous optimization of the multiple

responses. The fitting design for each factor and response was picked. The software generated fifteen (15) optimum results of process variables with the predicted values of responses (Tables 4,5). The protein content was maximized, ash was clearly in range, while fat and the other responses had their level of importance at a range of 3 – 5 and the highest upper limit was recorded in protein

### Conclusion

In this study, the manufacture of high-protein snack food from a combination of cocoyam and Bambara ground nut flours was optimized by RSM. The self-sufficient variables regarded in this research were found to appreciably impact the consequent product. These variables were examined according to a rotatable composite design matrix. The improved formulation was rich in protein. The optimum extruded snack obtained presented a twofold increase in some of the important nutrients, showing

**Table 4:** Experimental design matrix, coded, observed, and predicted values of responses and actual values.

Run No.	Design Point ( $x_1, x_2, x_3$ )	Moisture		Protein		Fat		Ash		Fiber	
		OBS	PRD	OBS	PRD	OBS	PRD	OBS	PRD	OBS	PRD
1	(30,100,8)	2.63	3.04	8.40	9.99	1.02	1.03	1.54	1.68	1.94	1.92
2	(50,100,8)	3.63	3.53	9.99	10.02	0.96	0.94	2.33	2.169	1.87	1.86
3	(30,140,8)	3.23	3.22	9.50	9.16	0.96	0.95	1.54	1.56	1.74	1.76
4	(50,140,8)	3.28	3.49	9.96	8.94	0.96	0.97	1.54	1.63	1.75	1.79
5	(30,100,24)	4.02	3.98	11.24	12.33	1.01	0.99	1.54	1.57	1.84	1.84
6	(50,100,24)	3.96	4.14	10.57	10.98	0.92	0.92	1.58	1.69	1.78	1.80
7	(30,140,24)	3.47	3.74	11.67	12.71	0.95	0.95	1.59	1.87	1.78	1.82
8	(50,140,24)	3.91	3.69	9.62	9.10	1.01	1.01	1.59	1.57	1.82	1.87
9	(23.18,120,16)	3.88	3.60	7.01	8.22	0.98	0.98	2.12	1.90	1.93	1.82
10	(56.82,120,16)	3.93	3.96	11.06	11.74	0.94	0.94	2.15	2.06	1.85	1.81
11	(40,86.36,16)	4.05	3.83	8.01	7.97	0.96	0.96	1.73	1.72	1.87	1.89
12	(40,153.56,16)	3.67	3.60	9.29	9.22	0.97	0.96	1.70	1.53	1.89	1.82
13	(40,120,29.45)	3.03	2.82	12.98	13.26	0.99	0.98	1.60	1.60	1.82	1.82
14	(40,120,29.45)	3.82	3.78	10.07	11.91	0.96	0.97	1.64	1.46	1.87	1.82
15	(40,120,16)	3.45	3.49	10.66	10.67	0.95	0.94	1.60	1.63	1.78	1.79

OBS: Observed; PRD: Predicted,  $X_1$ : Feed composition;  $X_2$ : Barrel temperature;  $X_3$ : Feed moisture composition. Duplicate runs were carried out for all design points and the average was recorded. The experimental runs were randomized

**Table 5:** Regression equation coefficients for response variable composition cocoyam/Bambara g/nut proximate composition.

Term	Moisture	Protein	Fat	Ash	Fiber
<b>Constant</b>	3.498	6.678	0.940	1.630	1.793
$X_1$	0.108	-0.142	-0.011	0.046	-0.003
$X_2$	-0.067	0.075	-0.001	-0.05	-0.023
$X_3$	0.284	0.126	0.004	-0.042	0.0003
<b>Quadratic</b>					
$X_1^2$	0.101	-0.244	0.0065	0.1240	0.008
$X_2^2$	0.079	-0.205	0.0065	0.0010	0.023
$X_3^2$	-0.069	-0.070	0.0109	-0.033	0.011
<b>Interaction</b>					
$X_1X_2$	-0.054	-0.064	0.0262	-0.103	0.023
$X_1X_3$	-0.082	-0.097	0.0050	-0.920	0.006
$X_2X_3$	-0.104	0.052	0.0112	0.1050	0.036
R square	76.90%	26.33%	91.00%	68.51%	62.02%
R. adj	35.33%	0.000%	74.79%	11.84	0.00%

$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_{11} x_{11} + \beta_{22} x_{22} + \beta_{33} x_{32} + \beta_{12} x_{12} + \beta_{13} x_{13} + \beta_{23} x_{23} + \beta_{11} x_1$ . Feed blend composition;  $x_2$ : Barrel temperature;  $x_3$ : Feed moisture composition.



the possible commercialized use of this new by-product, which can help to improve the daily utilization of nutritious food.

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