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Effects of lysine's and arginine's modifications on trypsin proteolytic efficacy imposed before and after the peanut roasting

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Porcine-derived trypsin generated proteomic data of the major peanut allergen Ara h 1 from the raw and roasted peanut, were reassessed for possible facilitating/hindrance effects on trypsin digestion efficacy caused by post-translational and chemical modifications (PTMs) positioned on arginine or lysine (K/R) residues. If the potential hindrance effects caused by PTMs are observed with porcine trypsin, then they can be just augmented and more pronounced within human intestinal digestion [1]. The reasoning is in inferior performance of human trypsin compared to porcine-derived used in proteomic digestion protocols, also in the lower trypsin-to-sample ratio and much shorter digestion times, even though gastric digestion precedes and trypsin is not the sole digestive enzyme [1].

Novel method was developed to decipher cleavage or miscleavage outcomes at scissile bonds using PEAKS Studio-X+ in reassessment of high-resolution tandem mass spectrometry data on 18h-long trypsin digestion protocol. In general, eight modified K/R residues with methylation, dihydroxy and formylation, showed significantly higher content of miscleaved bonds (at least >10%) compared to its unmodified counterpart peptides. Roasting caused dihydroxylation and formylation PTMs with hindrance effects to trypsine efficacy, while methylation on several K/R showed opposite effects. It is important to elucidate general impact of modifications on trypsin digestion performance, but also if there are additional effects generated by food processing, which could influence digestion outcomes and consequently, allergenicity of food proteins/peptides.

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