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7 **Abstract**

8 This study compared aroma compositions and sensory aroma attributes of raw and
9 **cooked** *Tenebrio molitor* larvae (mealworms). Main sensory **aroma attributes** of raw
10 mealworms were strong wet-soil-like, and less-intense oily, shrimp-like and sweet-corn-
11 like. Quantitatively, the major aroma components of raw mealworms were hydrocarbons
12 and aldehydes. As **cooking** proceeded, sweet-corn-like, roasted, and fried-oil-like sensory
13 attributes were increasingly perceived with steaming, roasting, and frying, respectively.
14 Some pyrazines, pyrrolidines, and carbonyls increased or appeared in roasted and fried
15 mealworms. Partial least squares regression also showed differences in raw and **cooked**
16 mealworms based on aroma components and their sensory attributes. Unlike raw
17 mealworms, steamed mealworms had a relatively strong sweet-corn-like **aroma**
18 **attribute**, which was related to 2,4,6-trimethyl-heptane, 2,4-dimethyl-dodecane, and 3,5-
19 dihydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydropyran-4-one. In comparison, roasted and fried
20 mealworms exhibited roasted, shrimp-like, and fried-oil-like **aroma attributes**, which
21 were associated with intermediates of the Maillard reaction and lipid oxidation, such as
22 pyrazines, alcohols, and aldehydes. **This result during thermal reactions was very**
23 **similar to those of meat and/or seafood. The use of mealworms as a savory-type**
24 **flavor enhancer can be expected.**

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26 **Keywords:** *Tenebrio molitor* larvae (mealworms), aroma compositions, sensory **aroma**
27 **attributes, cooking** methods, partial least squares regression

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32 Introduction

33 Entomophagy, the consumption or application of insects as food by humans, is
34 increasing due to the need for protein combined with increasing animal protein costs, food
35 and feed insecurity, environmental issues, population growth, etc. (Looy and Dunkel,
36 2014). More than 1,900 species, including beetles, caterpillars (Lepidoptera),
37 bees/wasps/ants (Hymenoptera), grasshoppers/locusts/crickets (Orthoptera),
38 cicadas/leafhoppers/planthoppers/scale insects/true bugs (Hemiptera), termites (Isoptera),
39 dragonflies (Odonata), and flies (Diptera), have traditionally been used as food sources
40 in some parts of the world (van Huis et al., 2013). Insects are a valuable sustainable food
41 with ample energy content and high levels of protein, beneficial amino acids (leucine,
42 isoleucine, and lysine), and unsaturated fatty acids (oleic acid, linoleic acid, and palmitic
43 acids), minerals (copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorous, selenium, and zinc),
44 and essential vitamins (vitamins A, B complex, and C) (Bukkens, 1997; Finke, 2002;
45 Tang et al., 2018; Murefu et al., 2019). It was recently estimated that at least 2 billion
46 people consume insects on a regular basis (van Huis et al., 2013) because of their nutritive
47 value and their characteristic flavor.

48 *Tenebrio molitor*, whose larvae are known as mealworms, is a species of darkling beetle
49 popularly consumed in Asia (Pal and Roy, 2014; Zhang and Zhao, 2019). It was recently
50 accepted as a food ingredient by the Food and Drug Administration in Korea, following
51 promulgation of the Act on Fosterage and Support of the Insect Industry in 2010 (Yun and
52 Hwang, 2016). Numerous studies have examined **the nutritional components of**
53 **mealworms**, and their safety, functionality, and utilization (Borremans et al, 2018; Parodi
54 et al., 2018; Baek et al., 2019; Francis et al., 2019; Murefu et al., 2019). However, the use
55 of mealworms, like most edible insects, as a food source remains somewhat limited
56 because many people are averse to their physical appearance. Therefore, most insects

57 have been used in crushed or powdered forms as food additives (Seo and Cho, 2018).
58 They can also be used as the main ingredients of seasoning or flavoring materials after
59 suitable reaction processes, because they are rich reservoirs with suitable **aroma**
60 characteristics (Finke, 2002; Parodi et al., 2018). Therefore, basic information on their
61 **aroma** profiles is necessary before their application. Recently, Kröncke et al. (2019)
62 compared the nutrient qualities and volatiles of mealworms using different drying
63 methods. However, there is still little information on their aroma profiles either raw or
64 after **cooking**.

65 Therefore, this study profiled the aroma components and sensory attributes of
66 mealworms, comparing the aroma characteristics of raw and **cooked** samples, and
67 examined the differences in their aroma properties according to **cooking** methods (*i.e.*,
68 raw, steamed, roasted, and fried).

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70 **Materials and Methods**

71 **Sample preparation**

72 Live mealworms **at the 9th larval stage (under non-fasting condition)** were
73 purchased from a local market (MG-Natural Co., Damyang-gun, Republic of Korea),
74 separated from wheat bran, and stored in a deep-freezer at -70°C until use. Raw and
75 **cooked** mealworms were prepared (*i.e.*, steamed in boiling water for 30 min, roasted in a
76 convection oven (**EDF 213 XPT, ESCO Co., ESKİŞEHİR, Turkey**) at 180°C for 5 min,
77 or deep-fried (**DKR-113, Delki Co., Gyeonggi-do, Korea**) in soybean oil at 180°C for
78 3 min) and then placed in a mortar, frozen in liquid nitrogen, and ground to powder.

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80 **Extraction of aroma components**

81 Ground mealworms (30 g) were mixed with 0.1 mL of benzyl acetate (200 ppm in
82 diethyl ether) as an internal standard and extracted with 150 mL of re-distilled diethyl
83 ether at 300 rpm for 30 min. They were separated using a centrifuge (Combi-514R, Hanil
84 Co., Republic of Korea) at 3,000 rpm and 4°C for 10 min, and the supernatants were
85 filtered under a vacuum. Aroma components were then separated from the non-volatiles
86 by solvent-assisted flavor evaporation (SAFE) with an operating vacuum that was
87 typically below 5×10^{-5} Torr. The extract was dehydrated over anhydrous sodium sulfate,
88 evaporated on a Vigreux column in a water bath at $40 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$, and then concentrated under
89 a slow stream of nitrogen gas to obtain a final volume of 0.1 mL.

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91 **Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS)**

92 GC-MS analysis was performed using an Agilent 7980B gas chromatography-5977B
93 mass selective detector (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA, USA) equipped with an
94 HP-5MS column (30 m length \times 0.25 mm i.d. \times 0.25 mm film thickness). The carrier gas
95 was helium at a constant flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. One microliter of the extract was
96 injected in the split ratio (10:1) mode. The oven was started at 40°C for 5 min, increased
97 to 200°C at a rate of 4°C /min, and held at 200°C for 10 min. The injector and detector
98 temperatures were 250 and 230°C, respectively. The mass detector was operated in
99 electron ionization mode with an ionization energy of 70 eV and a scan range of 50 and
100 550 a.m.u.

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102 **Identification and quantification of aroma components**

103 Aroma components were identified based on comparison of their mass spectra with
104 those of the NIST 17 (ver. 2.2) and Wiley 7.0 databases or by manual interpretation.
105 Retention index (RI) values were compared with those reported previously (Adams, 2007;

106 Bianchi et al., 2007; Babushok et al., 2011; Kang et al., 2016). The RIs of volatiles were
107 calculated using *n*-alkanes (C₇-C₂₂) as external references. Semiquantitative analysis of
108 aroma components was performed by comparing their peak areas to that of the internal
109 standard compound (0.1 mL of 200 ppm benzyl acetate in diethyl ether, v/v) on the GC-
110 MS total ion chromatogram.

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112 **Sensory evaluation**

113 To evaluate sensory aroma attributes perceived in raw and **cooked** mealworms, sensory
114 aroma profiling modified from flavor profiling (Stampanoni, 1994) was performed (**IRB**
115 **No. WKIRB-201903-HR-014**). Ten subjects (female, 21-25 years of age) who
116 previously participated in descriptive analyses in the Department of Food Science and
117 Biotechnology at Wonkwang University were selected and trained until they could
118 reliably discriminate among aroma attributes: shrimp-like (aroma associated with shrimp
119 snacks), wet-soil-like (aroma associated with damp soil), oily (aroma associated with
120 fresh olive oil), roasted (aroma associated with baked cookies), sweet-corn-like (aroma
121 associated with sweet corn), and fried-oil-like (aroma associated with oil fried once or
122 twice). Each subject was given 5 g of each sample in a porcelain container (8 cm i.d.×4.5
123 cm height). All samples were coded with random three-digit numbers. The intensities of
124 attributes perceived in each sample were evaluated on a 9-point intensity scale, ranging
125 from “weak” (score of 1) to “strong” (score of 9).

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127 **Statistical analysis**

128 Analysis of variance (ANOVA) using SPSS software (ver. 24.0; IBM Corp., Armonk,
129 NY, USA) was performed for statistical evaluation of the differences in the aroma
130 compositions of raw mealworms and those treated with different **cooking** methods. The

131 results of Duncan's multi-range test were evaluated at $p < 0.05$ significance level. The
132 values of aroma components are presented as the average \pm standard deviation of three
133 replicates. Partial least squares regression (PLSR) was used to determine the relationship
134 between instrumental and sensory data sets, performed with SIMCA-P (ver. 11.0;
135 Umetrics, Umeå, Sweden).

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137 **Results and Discussion**

138 **Aroma components of raw and cooked mealworms**

139 The aroma components of raw and **cooked** mealworms were extracted using SAFE and
140 then analyzed by GC-MS. Table 1 lists the aroma components identified in mealworms,
141 their relative peak areas, and their RIs on the HP-5ms column. In total, 46 aroma
142 components were found in the mealworms, including four pyrazines, three pyrrolidines,
143 three aldehydes, six ketones, five alcohols, three acids and esters, and 22 hydrocarbons.
144 The aromas of raw mealworms were primarily composed of hydrocarbons (50.11%) and
145 aldehydes (37.14%). In particular, 4-methylbenzaldehyde (no. 10) was the most prevalent
146 individual component in raw mealworms and increased in steamed and roasted
147 mealworms. Pyrazines, pyrrolidines, and carbonyls were increased or newly appeared in
148 **cooked** mealworms (especially with roasting and frying), although there were some
149 quantitative and qualitative differences among **cooking** methods. These components can
150 be generated through a complex series of thermal reactions, including Maillard or non-
151 enzymatic browning reactions between reducing sugars and amino acids, thermal
152 degradation of lipids, and decomposition of sugars, and their interactions, which then
153 produce the characteristic flavors differentiated from those of raw mealworms (Amrani-
154 Hemaimi et al., 1995; Schenker et al., 2002).

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156 **Sensory aroma attributes of raw and cooked mealworms**

157 In this study, ten trained panelists described the sensory aroma attributes of raw and
158 **cooked** mealworms. Six sensory aroma attributes were perceived in raw and **cooked**
159 mealworms: oily, shrimp-like, wet-soil-like, roasted, sweet-corn-like, and fried-oil-like
160 **aroma attributes**; the mean intensities of each attribute are shown in Fig. 1. The
161 intensities of the attributes differed significantly among mealworms ($p < 0.05$). Raw
162 mealworms had a strong wet-soil-like odor and less-intense oily, shrimp-like, and sweet-
163 corn-like **aroma attributes**. In comparison, steamed mealworms had a strong sweet-
164 corn-like **aroma attribute**, and weak shrimp-like and wet-soil-like **aroma attributes**.
165 The intensities of two sensory attributes (e.g., roasted and shrimp-like) were noticeably
166 increased in roasted mealworms, whereas strong fried-oil-like and roasted **aroma**
167 **attributes** were major in fried mealworms.

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169 **Relationship between aroma compositions and sensory aroma attributes of raw** 170 **and cooked mealworms**

171 Multivariate statistical techniques can be used to extract, organize, and visualize
172 statistically interpretable and reliable data information. In particular, PLSR can be used
173 to establish the relationship between two datasets by predicting one (X) from the other (Y)
174 (Dijkstra, 1994). In this study, the PLSR model calculated the cross-validation based
175 on 46 aroma components (x variable) and six sensory aroma attributes (y variable)
176 analyzed in raw and **cooked** mealworms and then visualized the differences among raw
177 and **cooked** mealworms (Fig. 2). It is also possible to understand which variables carry
178 class-separating information and which variables are mainly associated with samples
179 (Ledauphin et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2013). Fig. 2 shows the distributions of raw and

180 **cooked** mealworms based on the first and second PLS components of the PLSR plot. Raw
181 and steamed mealworms were located on the negative PC 1 axis, whereas roasted and
182 fried ones were on the positive PC 1 axis. Fried *vs.* roasted and raw *vs.* steamed
183 mealworms were further separated along the PC 2 axis. Fried and raw mealworms were
184 located on the positive PC 2, whereas steamed and roasted ones were on the negative PC
185 2 axis. The first PLS component was mainly defined by the aroma descriptors and
186 contrasted shrimp-like, fried-oil-like, roasted, and oily **aroma attributes** on the positive
187 dimension and wet soil-like and sweet-corn-like **aroma attributes** on the negative
188 dimension. In particular, fried and roasted mealworms were evaluated as possessing
189 strong shrimp-like, roasted, and fried-oily like attributes. By contrast, wet soil-like and
190 sweet-corn-like attributes were strongly correlated with raw and steamed mealworms,
191 respectively. In addition, 2,3-dimethyl-heptane (no. 28), bis(2-methylpropyl)-
192 hexanedioate (no. 22), 2-butoxy-ethanol (no. 18), and ethyl-benzene (no. 29), were
193 related to wet-soil-like aroma attributes, which were close to raw mealworms. In
194 comparison, 2,4,6-trimethyl-heptane (no. 32), 2,4-dimethyl-dodecane (no. 42), and 3,5-
195 dihydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydropyran-4-one (no. 14) were associated with sweet-corn-
196 like odor notes. 2,6-Dimethyl-pyrazine (no. 1), heptan-2-one (no. 11), 2,3,5-trimethyl-
197 pyrazine (no. 4), and 1-butyl-pyrrolidine (no. 5) were correlated with the sensory attribute
198 of shrimp-like odor, whereas 1-(1-pentenyl)-pyrrolidine (no. 7), pentan-1-ol (no. 17), oct-
199 2-ene (no. 26), 1-(2-methyl-1-butenyl)-pyrrolidine (no. 6), 2,6,11-trimethyl-dodecane (no.
200 45) were responsible for fried-oil-like aroma characteristics. 2,5-Dimethyl-pyrazine (no.
201 2), oct-1-one-3-ol (no. 18), 2-ethyl-5-methyl-pyrazine (no. 3), and benzaldehyde (no. 8)
202 were associated with roasted sensory attributes. **In general, raw meat (or seafood) has**
203 **little aroma and only blood-like (or fresh fish-like) taste. However, it has lots of**
204 **nonvolatile precursors of muscle flavor including free amino acids, peptides,**

205 reducing sugars, vitamins, and nucleotides. The interaction of nonvolatile
206 precursors with one another and/or their degradation products, *via* the Maillard
207 reaction and lipid degradation during thermal processing, produces a large number
208 of aroma components which contribute to the development of desirable aroma of
209 cooked meat/or seafood (Shahidi, 1998). In particular, pyrazines, pyridines,
210 thiophenes, thiazoles, thiazolines, and Strecker aldehydes which contributing to the
211 roasted aroma characteristics derive from the Maillard reaction, whereas those
212 responsible for species aroma characteristics are formed from lipid degradation
213 (alcohol, aldehyde, ketones, and furans) (Amrani-Hemaimi et al., 1995; Shahidi,
214 1998; Schenker et al., 2002). In our study, pyrazines, pyrrolidines, and aldehydes
215 were produced in cooked mealworms. They have been known as major savory-type
216 (e.g., meaty, roasted, baked, popcorn-like, and so on) aroma components (Amrani-
217 Hemaimi et al., 1995; Shahidi, 1998; Schenker et al., 2002). However, pyrazines were
218 dominant only in roasted and fried mealworms, but not detected in boiled ones.
219 According to previous study, the substituted pyrazines were main products from
220 thermal reactions (especially Maillard reaction), and decreased as the water content
221 increase (Eichner and Karel, 1972; Lu et al., 2005). In addition, Mottram (1994)
222 reported that high temperatures for cooking lead to high formation rate of the rapid
223 oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids. The major lipid oxidation components (e.g.,
224 pentan-1-ol and oct-1en-3-ol) in our study were also more found in roasted and deep-
225 fried ones.

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228 **Conclusion**

229 The sensory **aroma attributes** of raw mealworms had strong wet-soil-like notes and

230 less intense oily, shrimp-like, and sweet-corn-like notes. Hydrocarbons with solvent-like
231 aroma note and aldehydes described as sweet and roasted aroma characteristic were the
232 major aroma components in raw mealworms. The cook-treatments (e.g., steaming,
233 roasting, and frying) increased the intensities of roasted, fried-oil-like, and sweet-corn-
234 like **aroma attributes** of mealworms. Specifically, nitrogen-containing heterocyclic
235 components (e.g., pyrazines and pyrrolidines) and carbonyls contributed to those aroma
236 attributes and were associated with their differences. Raw mealworms are rich in Maillard
237 reaction precursors and their changes in the aroma compositions during thermal
238 processing were similar to those of meat or seafood. Therefore, basic information on their
239 aroma profiles should be valuable in the application of flavoring materials as main
240 ingredients.

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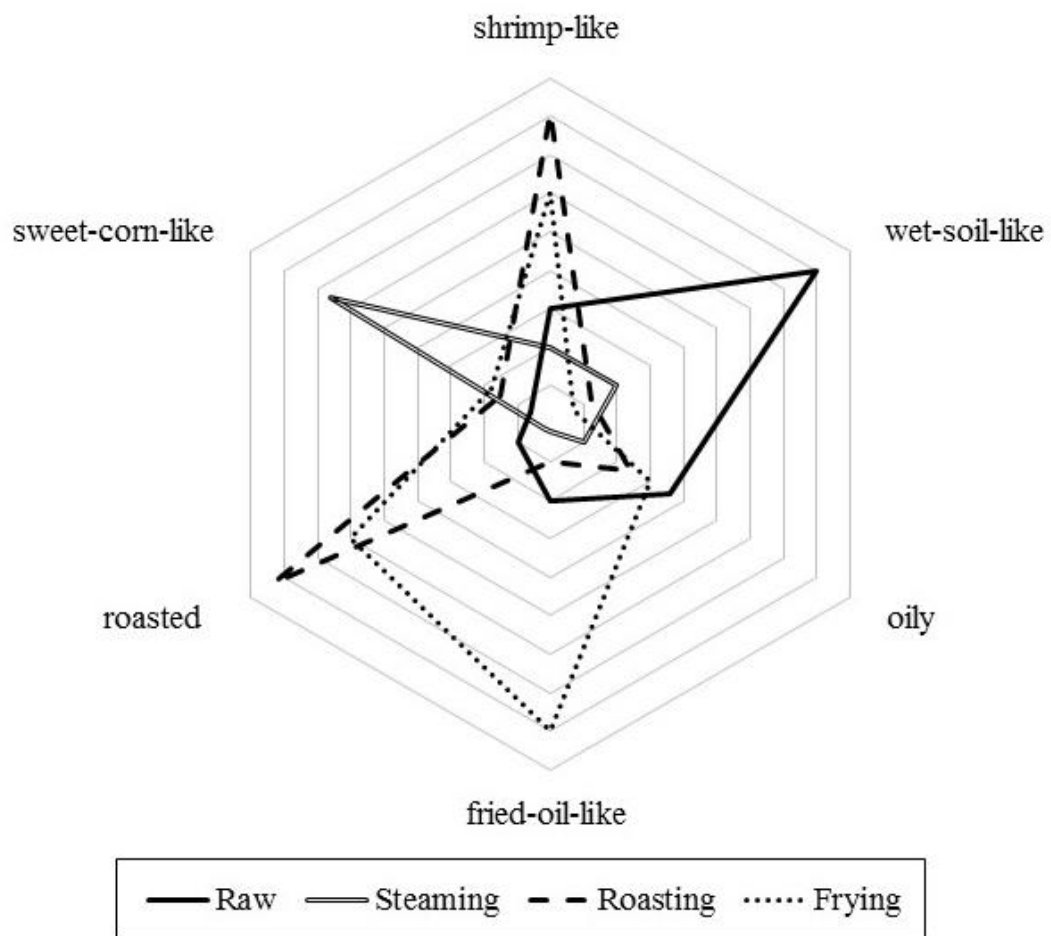
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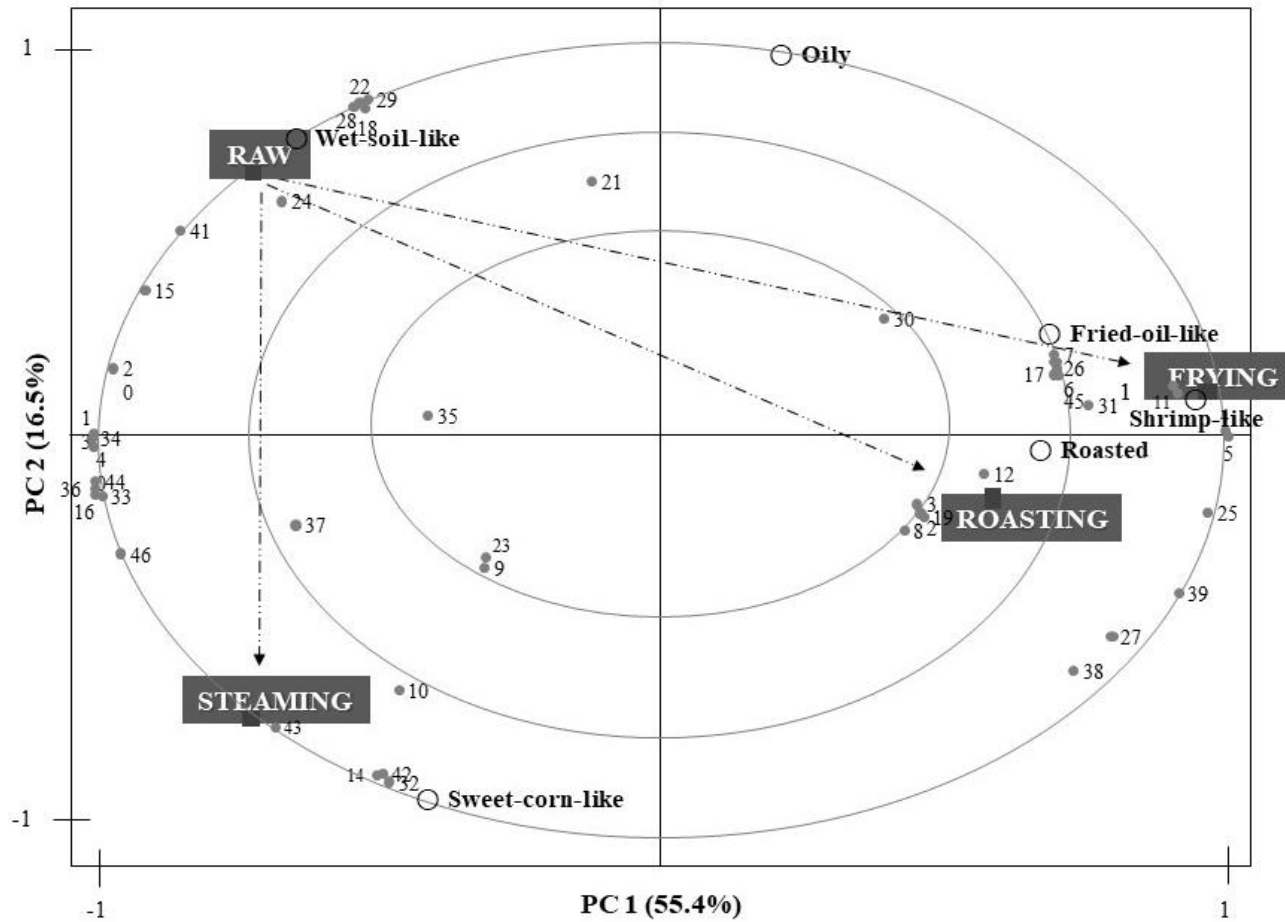


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321 **Fig. 1. Sensory aroma profiles of mealworms by different cooking methods.**

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325 **Fig. 2.** The PLSR model of raw and **cooked** mealworms based on aroma components and sensory aroma attributes (■ samples, ○ sensory aroma
326 attributes, and ● numbers correspond to aroma components in Table 1).

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Table 1 Aroma components of mealworms be different cooking methods

No.	RI ¹	Aroma components	Cas #	Relative peak area (mean \pm SD) ²				ID
				Raw	Steaming	Roasting	Frying	
PYRAZINES								
1	910	2,6-Dimethyl-pyrazine	108-50-9	ND ³ b ⁴	NDb	NDb	0.283 \pm 0.029a	MS/RI
2	911	2,5-Dimethyl-pyrazine	123-32-0	NDb	NDb	0.675 \pm 0.027a	NDb	MS/RI
3	1001	2-Ethyl-5-methyl-pyrazine	13360-64-0	NDb	NDb	0.196 \pm 0.032a	NDb	MS/RI
4	1002	2,3,5-Trimethyl-pyrazine	14667-55-1	NDc	NDc	0.157 \pm 0.015b	0.238 \pm 0.008a	MS/RI
Sum of pyrazines				0 (0 %) ⁵	0 (0 %)	1.028 (6.07 %)	0.521 (3.44 %)	
PYRROLIDINES								
5	895	1-Butyl-pyrrolidine	767-10-2	NDc	NDc	0.220 \pm 0.019b	0.296 \pm 0.042a	MS
6	1082	1-(2-methyl-1-butenyl)-pyrrolidine	14091-87-3	NDb	NDb	NDb	1.083 \pm 0.142a	MS/RI
7	1128	1-(1-pentenyl)-pyrrolidine	13937-90-1	NDb	NDb	NDb	0.071 \pm 0.012a	MS
Sum of pyrrolidines				0	0	0.220 (1.30 %)	1.450 (9.57 %)	
ALDEHYDES								
8	957	Benzaldehyde	100-52-7	NDb	0.012 \pm 0.001b	0.292 \pm 0.021a	NDb	MS/RI
9	1041	2-Phenylacetaldehyde	122-78-1	0.075 \pm 0.015b	0.090 \pm 0.001b	0.125 \pm 0.012a	NDc	MS/RI
10	1078	4-Methyl-benzaldehyde	104-87-0	5.496 \pm 0.754b	6.788 \pm 0.496a	6.350 \pm 0.081ab	4.289 \pm 0.805c	MS/RI
Sum of aldehydes				5.571 (37.14 %)	6.890 (39.37 %)	6.767 (39.93 %)	4.289 (28.28 %)	
KETONES								
11	892	Heptan-2-one	110-43-0	NDc	NDc	0.077 \pm 0.013b	0.188 \pm 0.021a	MS/RI
12	923	Methylsulfonylmethane	67-71-0	0.033 \pm 0.005bc	0.012 \pm 0.001c	0.255 \pm 0.028a	0.051 \pm 0.001b	MS/RI
13	939	4-Methylheptan-2-one	6137-06-0	0.071 \pm 0.003a	0.019 \pm 0.003a	NDb	NDb	MS/RI
14	1139	3,5-Dihydroxy-6-methyl-2,3-dihydropyran-4-one	28564-83-2	NDb	0.069 \pm 0.010a	NDb	NDb	MS/RI

15	1431	1-(4-acetylphenyl)-Ethanone	1009-61-6	0.985	± 0.172a	0.770	± 0.152a	0.510	± 0.059b	0.303	± 0.058b	MS/RI
16	1466	2,6-Di <i>tert</i> -butylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione	719-22-2	0.181	± 0.028b	0.237	± 0.045a	NDc		NDc		MS/RI
Sum of ketones				1.270 (8.11 %)		1.107 (6.32 %)		0.842 (4.97 %)		0.542 (3.57 %)		
ALCOHOLS												
17	759	Pentan-1-ol	71-41-0	NDb		NDb		NDb		0.193	± 0.019a	MS/RI
18	907	2-Butoxyethanol	111-76-2	0.010	± 0.002a	NDb		NDb		NDb		MS/RI
19	980	Oct-1-en-3-ol	3391-86-4	NDb		NDb		0.102	± 0.015a	NDb		MS/RI
20	1511	2,4-Bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-phenol	96-76-4	0.580	± 0.109a	0.487	± 0.093a	0.153	± 0.024b	0.100	± 0.017b	MS/RI
21	1655	Cadin-4-en-10-ol	481-34-5	0.025	± 0.005a	NDb		0.024	± 0.003a	NDb		MS/RI
Sum of alcohols				0.615 (4.10 %)		0.487 (2.78 %)		0.279 (1.65 %)		0.293 (1.93 %)		
ESTERS & ACID												
22	1684	Bis(2-methylpropyl)-hexanedioate	141-04-8	0.027	± 0.004a	NDb		NDb		NDb		MS/RI
23	1947	Hexadecanoic acid	57-10-3	0.013	± 0.002b	0.017	± 0.003b	0.023	± 0.002a	NDc		MS/RI
24	1960	Dibutyl-benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate	84-74-2	0.041	± 0.011a	0.015	± 0.002b	0.019	± 0.002b	NDc		MS/RI
Sum of acid and esters				0.081 (0.55 %)		0.032 (0.18 %)		0.042 (0.25 %)		0 (0 %)		
HYDROCARBONS												
25	797	Octane	111-65-9	0.263	± 0.046c	0.341	± 0.029c	0.481	± 0.081b	0.602	± 0.079a	MS/RI
26	805	Oct-2-ene	111-67-1	NDb		NDb		NDb		0.063	± 0.009a	MS/RI
27	838	2,4-Dimethyl-hept-1-ene	19549-87-2	0.948	± 0.164b	1.073	± 0.076ab	1.301	± 0.223a	1.175	± 0.200ab	MS/RI
28	852	2,3-Dimethyl-heptane	3074-71-3	0.016	± 0.003a	NDb		NDb		NDb		MS/RI
29	857	Ethyl-benzene	100-41-4	0.015	± 0.001a	NDb		NDb		NDb		MS/RI
30	861	4-Methyl-octane	2216-34-4	0.110	± 0.013b	0.080	± 0.005b	0.168	± 0.022a	0.103	± 0.018b	MS/RI
31	865	1,4-Xylene	106-42-3	0.034	± 0.004b	0.034	± 0.005b	0.037	± 0.004b	0.062	± 0.010a	MS/RI
32	871	2,4,6-Trimethyl-heptane	2613-61-8	NDb		0.014	± 0.000a	NDb		NDb		MS/RI
33	899	Nonane	111-84-2	0.018	± 0.001b	0.022	± 0.002a	NDc		NDc		MS/RI
34	954	4-Ethyl-octane	15869-86-	0.012	± 0.001b	0.014	± 0.001a	NDc		NDc		MS/RI

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35	961	4-Methyl-nonane	17301-94-9	0.086	± 0.008a	0.102	± 0.006a	NDb		0.099	± 0.016a	MS/RI
36	970	3-Methyl-nonane	5911-04-6	0.038	± 0.006b	0.045	± 0.005a	NDc		NDc		MS/RI
37	987	2,2,4,6,6-Pentamethyl-heptane	13475-82-6	0.097	± 0.014a	0.114	± 0.020a	0.114	± 0.021a	NDb		MS/RI
38	999	Decane	124-18-5	2.109	± 0.331b	2.547	± 0.183ab	2.563	± 0.161ab	2.839	± 0.543a	MS/RI
39	1012	2,6-Dimethyl-nonane	17302-28-2	0.649	± 0.084a	0.698	± 0.050a	0.772	± 0.059a	0.772	± 0.098a	MS/RI
40	1023	2,2,7,7-Tetramethyl-octane	1071-31-4	0.116	± 0.013a	0.127	± 0.014a	NDb		NDb		MS/RI
41	1029	5-Ethyl-2,2,3-trimethyl-heptane	62199-06-8	0.147	± 0.010a	0.070	± 0.005b	NDc		NDc		MS
42	1168	2,4-dimethyl-dodecane	6117-99-3	NDb		0.051	± 0.001a	NDb		NDb		MS/RI
43	1197	Dodecane	112-40-3	2.083	± 0.333b	2.678	± 0.152a	1.951	± 0.032b	1.790	± 0.112b	MS/RI
44	1212	4,8-Dimethyl-undecane	17301-33-6	0.079	± 0.015b	0.097	± 0.004a	NDc		NDc		MS/RI
45	1279	2,6,11-Trimethyl-dodecane	31295-56-4	NDb		NDb		NDb		0.257	± 0.040a	MS/RI
46	1398	Tetradecane	629-59-4	0.697	± 0.030a	0.879	± 0.175a	0.377	± 0.066b	0.306	± 0.058b	MS/RI
Sum of hydrocarbons				7.517	(50.11 %)	9.022	(51.34 %)	7.764	(45.83 %)	8.068	(53.20 %)	

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¹ Retention indices were determined using *n*-paraffins C₇-C₂₂ as external references

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² Average of each peak area compared to that of the internal standard (n=3) ± standard deviation

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³ Not detected

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⁴ There are significant differences (p<0.05) among samples according to heating methods by using Duncan's multiple comparison test between the samples having different letter in low

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⁵ Sum of each peak area compared to that of the internal standard (n=3)

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⁶ Sum and their relative percentages of each peak areas according to chemical groups

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