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## EFFECT OF THERMAL EXTRACTION METHODS ON PHYSICO-CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUIT JUICES

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The experimental research was conducted to analyse the physico-chemical characteristics of fruit juices of pomegranate, watermelon and orange juice extracted by blending (C) and partial heat treatment such as thermal osmotic extraction (TE1), simmering method (TE2) and steaming processing (TE3) and also were analysed for the effectiveness in juice yield, extraction efficiency of methods used for extraction. The process of juice extraction was carried out at low temperature (60-70 °C) at varied time period. Extraction by partial heat treatment initiates the preservation of juice and increased its storage quality. The analytical results of the processed juice were compared with the control (blended). The pH and titratable acidity results of thermally extracted fruit juices showed effectiveness on reduction of microbial load, whereas total soluble solids was compared with percentage of reducing sugar and total sugars. Colour intensity and tint were analysed and observed to be increased during storage period and turbidity was examined for the same. In this study, the extracted fruit juice samples were also analysed for sensorial acceptance and observed for the differences among their colour, flavour, odour and taste using quantitative descriptive analysis with semi trained panellist.

**Keywords:** Thermal extraction, Fruit juices, Physico-chemical, Efficiency, Yield

### INTRODUCTION

India is said to be second largest in production of fruits and vegetable and it also shares global exports of fresh fruits and processed fruit products at higher grade comparable to other countries worldwide. The development of horticulture crop they contribute about 30% of product share in agricultural sector which is increasing by 3.9%-4.6% per.

Fruits and Vegetables significantly constitute greater part of nutrients for human consumption. Processing of any perishable products are essential for improving their end use and acceptance over the period of time. Fruits are processed specifically to expand on their quality and end use (Aked, 2002). The quality of processed fruit product

depends on their processing that they are subjected to. Processing of fruits and vegetable subsequently improve condition of fruits and vegetable end product, may possibly have positive and negative influence on stability of various nutrients like antioxidant, phytochemicals (Aaby, 2007). Thermal treatment has been back bone for food processing and technologies, especially to preserve food and in means of developing texture flavour and colour (Richardson, 2001). Thermal treatments has both advantage and disadvantage among processed fruit juices on textural, colour, flavour, taste and appearance of fruits and there might be leaching of water soluble compounds which alters the phytochemicals present in them. As phytochemicals are not available separately as single compound but they are

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always bounded to other compound thus during heat treatment they are readily extracted in to the medium used during treatment. Therefore resulted in increased amount of extractability in medium during heat treatment of fruits (Howard, 1999). Process of heating also encourage the diffusion process of cellular fluid, containing phytochemicals from the plant cell to the water medium (Leong, 2012).

Quality of any processed fruits juice principle get deteriorates due to method of processing acquired for the end product, which determines the main objective to maintain fresh quality as long as possible to keep reliable shelf life

## OBJECTIVES

### General Objectives

- To extract thermally treated and consumer acceptable naturally flavoured fruit juices.
- To provide convenient thermal conventional method for extraction of fruit juices.

### Specific Objectives

- To analyse the physico-chemical characteristic of the control and thermally extracted fruit juice.
- To compare storage stability of the control and thermally extracted fruit juice.
- To evaluate organoleptic property of control and thermally extracted fruit juice.

Thus the research on “Effect of Thermal Extraction Methods on Physico Chemical Characteristic of Fruit Juices” aims to study the effectiveness of different thermal extraction techniques in production of fruit juices.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Procurement of Ingredients

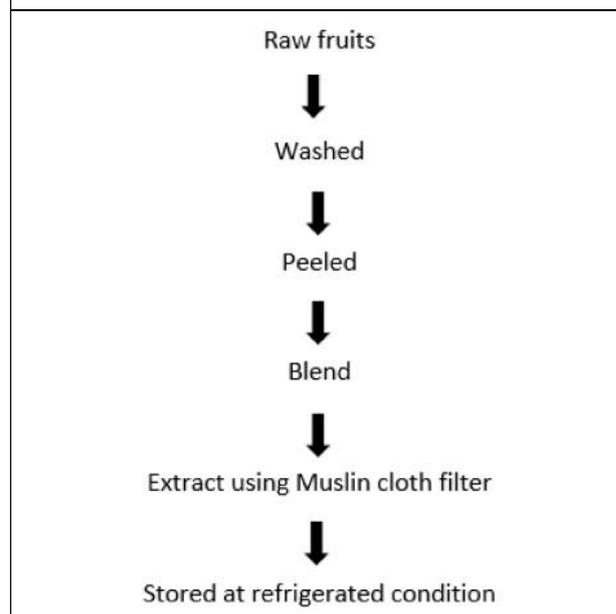
Fresh, sound fruits of pomegranate, watermelon and oranges and sugar were purchased from local market in Chennai.

### Preparation of Samples

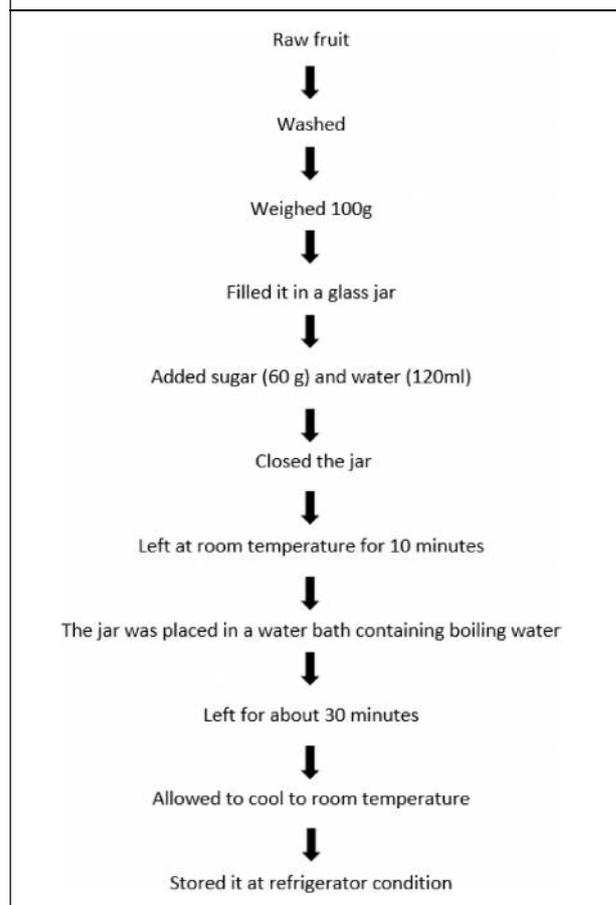
The sample extraction methods were standardised for all the 3 samples for extraction of fruit juices.

- Control
- Thermal Osmotic Extraction (TE1)
- Simmering Method (TE2)
- Steaming Process (TE4)

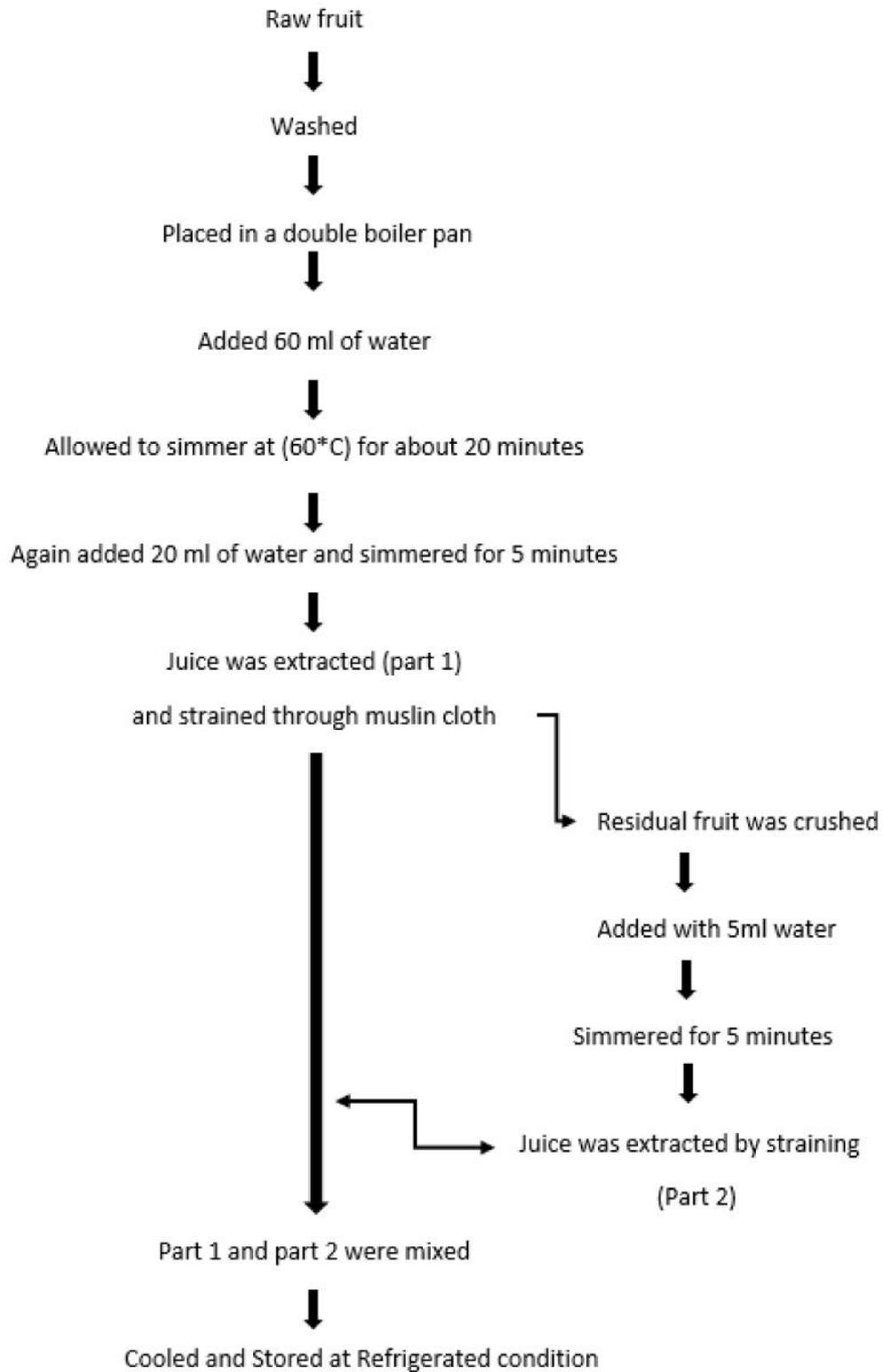
**Figure 1: Preparation of Fruit Juice-Control**



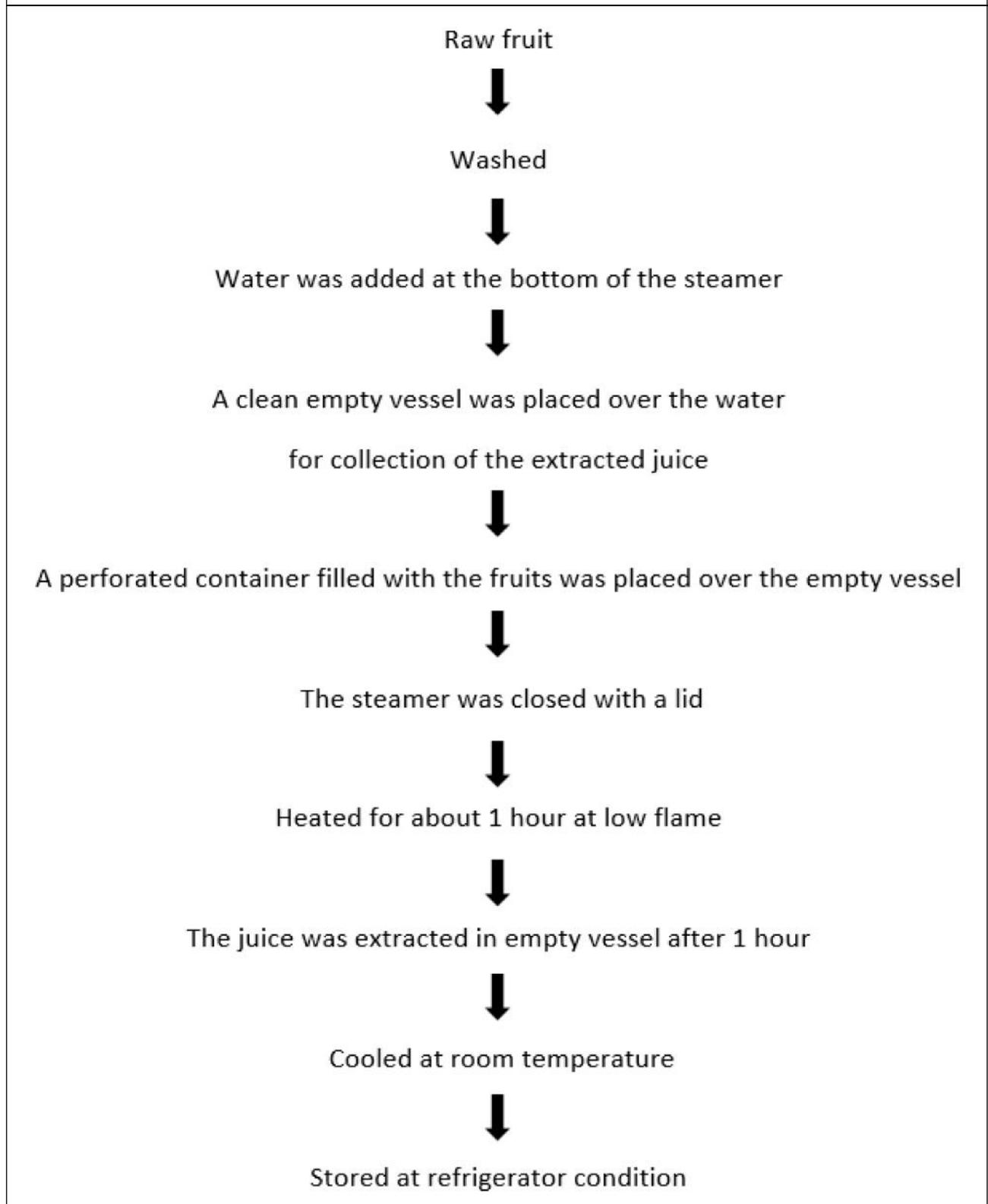
**Figure 2: Preparation of Fruit Juice-TE1**



**Figure 3: Preparation of Fruit Juice-TE2**



**Figure 4: Preparation of Fruit Juice-TE4**



**Figure 5: Pomegranate Fruit Juices**



**Figure 6: Watermelon Fruit Juices**



**Figure 7: Orange Fruit Juices**



Extraction Analysis (Rosnah Shamsudin, 2015)

#### Juice Yield

The percentage of juice yield is the amount of juice extracted from the amount of pulp taken for extraction of the juice.

$$\text{Juice yield \%} = \frac{\text{Weight of juice}}{\text{weight of pulp}} \times 100$$

#### Extraction Efficiency

The percentage of extraction efficiency of the method used for extraction is determined from total amount juice extracted and the amount of residual waste.

$$\text{Extraction efficiency \%} = \frac{\text{Weight of the juice extracted}}{\text{weight of the juice extracted} + \text{weight of the residual waste}} \times 100$$

#### Physio-Chemical Analysis

The pH of the fruit juice samples was measured with a glass-electrode digital pH meter and titratable acidity of the samples were analysed against alkali (0.1 N sodium hydroxide), the results were expressed in terms of tartaric acid. The total soluble solids content was determined using a digital refractometer and reducing and total sugars were also analysed for the same fruit samples. The vitamin C content of the fruit juice samples were analysed using 2, 6 indophenol dye and the colour intensity, tint and turbidity were analysed using spectrophotometric methods.

#### Microbial Analysis

The microbial analysis were done using total plate count which was analysed for 1<sup>st</sup> day and 10<sup>th</sup> day of the sample fruit juice samples.

#### Organoleptic Analysis (Lee, 2006)

A sensorial quality analysis were conducted with 10 semi-trained panellist of fruit juices extracted using thermal treatment. Experiment was conducted using quantitative descriptive analysis to assess the quality of thermally extracted fruit juice. The samples were randomly coded and placed before panellist. Sensorial attributes were evaluated for colour, flavour, taste and odour of the sample in terms of scale 0-10, where 0 cm indicates negative attribute and 10 cm indicates positive attribute

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Extraction Analysis

##### Juice Yield and Extraction Efficiency

The extraction analysis on juice yield/extraction efficiency of pomegranate fruit juice revealed that TE1 (146%)/(100%) and TE2 (163%)/(88.34%) samples showed greater yield compared to other extraction methods. The thermal osmotic extraction method TE1 samples showed greater extraction efficiency on thermal treatment compared to other extraction methods. Similarly, results were showed on juice yield and extraction efficiency of thermally extracted watermelon fruit juices TE1 (147.5%)/(100%) and TE2 (112%)/(88.88%) and orange fruit juices TE1 (148%)/(100%) and TE2 (122.5%)/(90.07%).

This shows that thermal osmotic extraction and simmering method of extraction resulted in a higher rate of juice yield and extraction efficiency for all the three fruits.

**Table 1: Juice Yield and Extraction Efficiency**

Juice Yield				
Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
Pomegranate	54.5	146	163	51
Watermelon	82	147.5	112	59
Orange	69.5	148	122.5	59.5
Extraction Efficiency				
Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
Pomegranate	78.4	100	88.34	51
Watermelon	93.18	100	88.88	65.92
Orange	82.73	100	90.07	65.02

### Physico-Chemical Characteristic Analysis of Extracted Fruit Juices

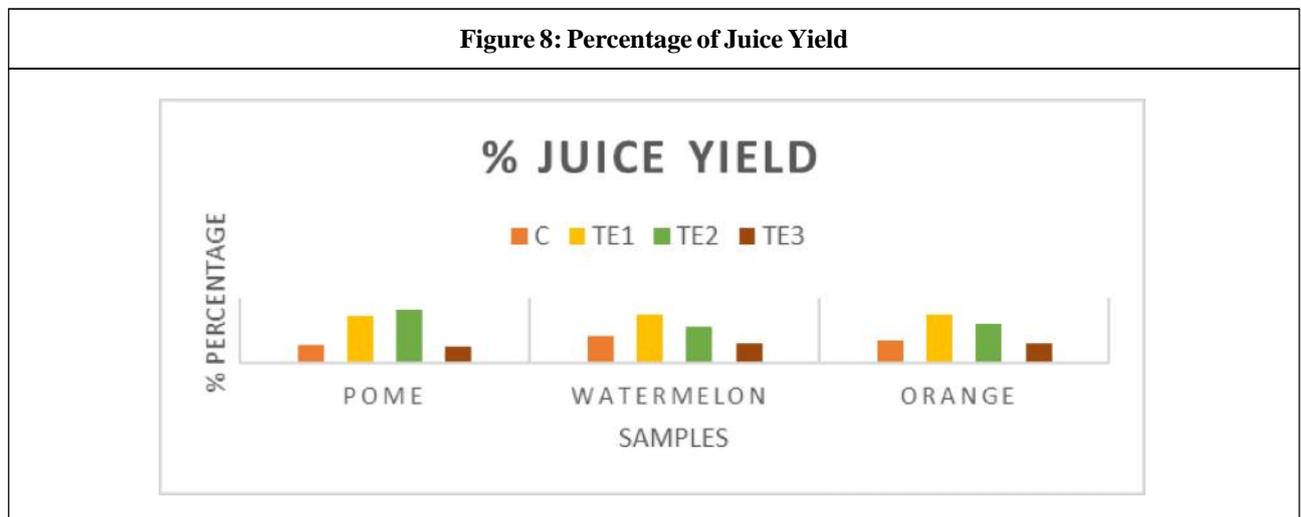
#### pH

The physico-chemical properties- pH of all the three fruit juices revealed that TE3 sample showed lesser pH than other extraction methods. It was observed that there was significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) change in pH between extraction methods in all the three fruit juices. There was increase in pH for Control, TE1, TE2, and TE3 samples on storage.

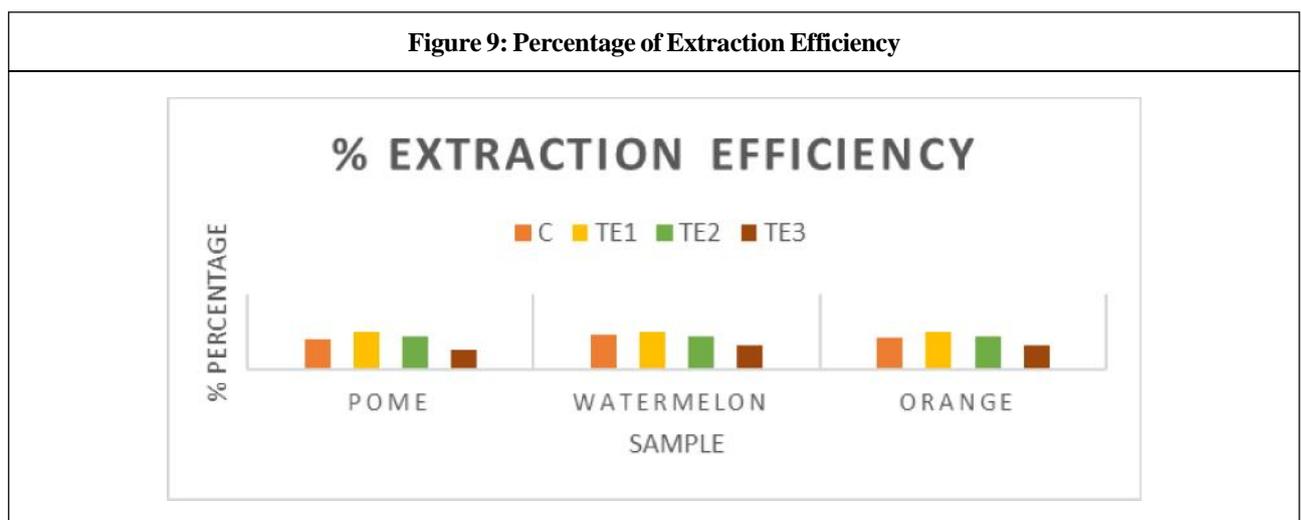
#### Titrateable Acidity

The titrateable acidity of the pomegranate fruit juice for TE3 sample seems to be higher compared to control, TE1 and TE2 samples. Similarly, observational results were observed for watermelon fruit juices and orange fruit juices on thermal treatment.

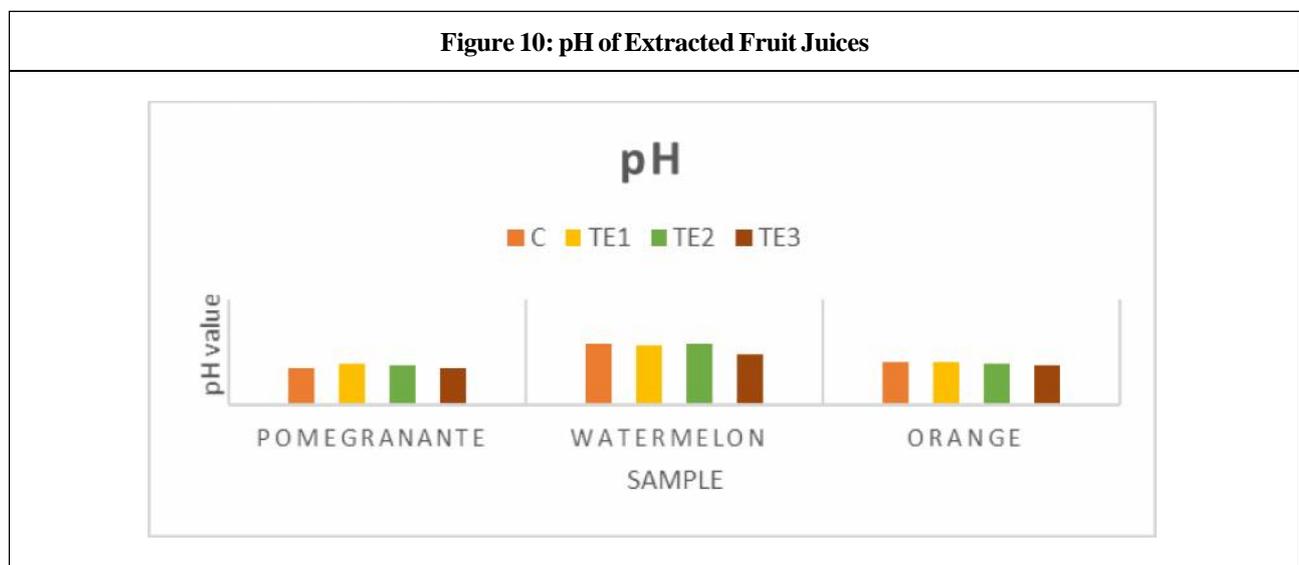
**Figure 8: Percentage of Juice Yield**



**Figure 9: Percentage of Extraction Efficiency**



Day 1	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	3.460± 0.015	3.973±0.012	3.836± 0.012	3.47±0.06
	Watermelon	5.823±0.006	5.646±0.012	5.810±0.010	4.77±0.02
	Orange	4.103±0.099	4.133±0.012	3.943±0.042	3.77±0.040
Day 10	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	4.126±0.005	4.14±0.005	4.1934±0.005	3.236± 0.015
	Watermelon	6.013±0.005	5.86±0.005	5.92±0.005	4.74±0.156
	Orange	4.13±0.011	4.26±0.015	4.04±0.005	3.453±0.015

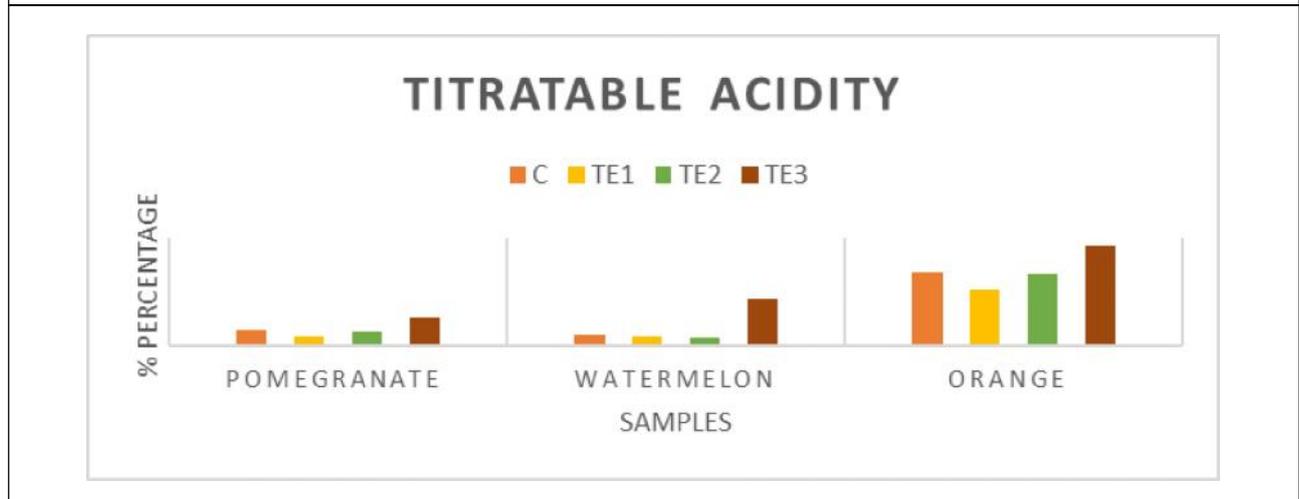


There is increase in titratable acidity of fruit juices with decrease in pH of the samples. Hence, It was observed that there was significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) change in titratable acidity

between extraction methods in all the three fruit juices. There was significant increase of titratable acidity for control TE1, TE2 and TE3 samples on storage period.

Day 1	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	0.56±0.138	0.34±0.124	0.51±0.128	1.04±0.07
	Watermelon	0.42±0.073	0.34±0.074	0.29±0.074	1.75±0.075
	Orange	2.71±0.092	2.09±0.071	2.69±0.256	3.74±0.500
Day 10	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	0.86±0.256	0.42±0.073	0.55±0.195	1.57±0.073
	Watermelon	0.59±0.073	0.42±0.073	0.34±0.073	1.83±0.073
	Orange	2.98±0.073	2.17±0.221	2.77±0.266	4.05±0.073

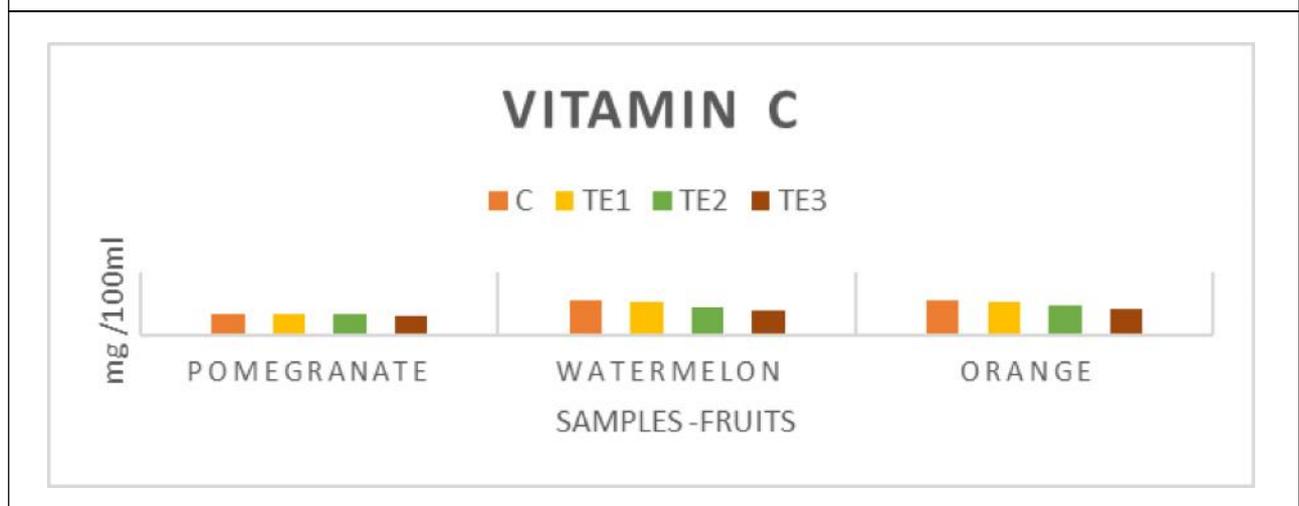
**Figure 11: Titratable Acidity of Extracted Fruit Juices**



**Table 4: Vitamin C**

	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Day 1	Pomegranate	33.06±0.416	33.3±0.100	32.09±1.83
Watermelon		54.3±1.9	52.93±2.339	43.13±3.23	37.68±1.922
Orange		54.49±1.28	52.17±1.82	47.9±2.26	39.82±3.94
	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Day 10	Pomegranate	27.71±0.649	27.96±1.114	25.99±1.795
Watermelon		46.73±1.619	44.17±2.22	33.54±2.32	31.72±2.431
Orange		50.01±1.179	49.92±1.162	46.81±2.082	38.85±2.653

**Figure 12: Vitamin C of Extracted Fruit Juices**



### Vitamin C

Thermally extracted fruit juices of all three fruits showed negligible difference in vitamin C content. Hence, there is no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference observed between extracted fruit juices. But on comparing vitamin C content between storage periods, there was noticeable decrease in vitamin C content in all the three thermally extracted fruit juices on the 10<sup>th</sup> day.

### Total Soluble Solids

The total soluble solids of the pomegranate fruit juice TE1 (sweetened), TE2 and TE3 (unsweetened) samples showed higher brix value than control. Also, similar results were concluded for thermally extracted watermelon fruit juices and orange fruit juices which revealed that on thermal extraction there was increase in total soluble solids.

It was observed that there was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference observed in brix value between extraction methods in all the three fruit juices. But showed trivial increase in brix value during storage period.

### Reducing Sugar and Total Sugars

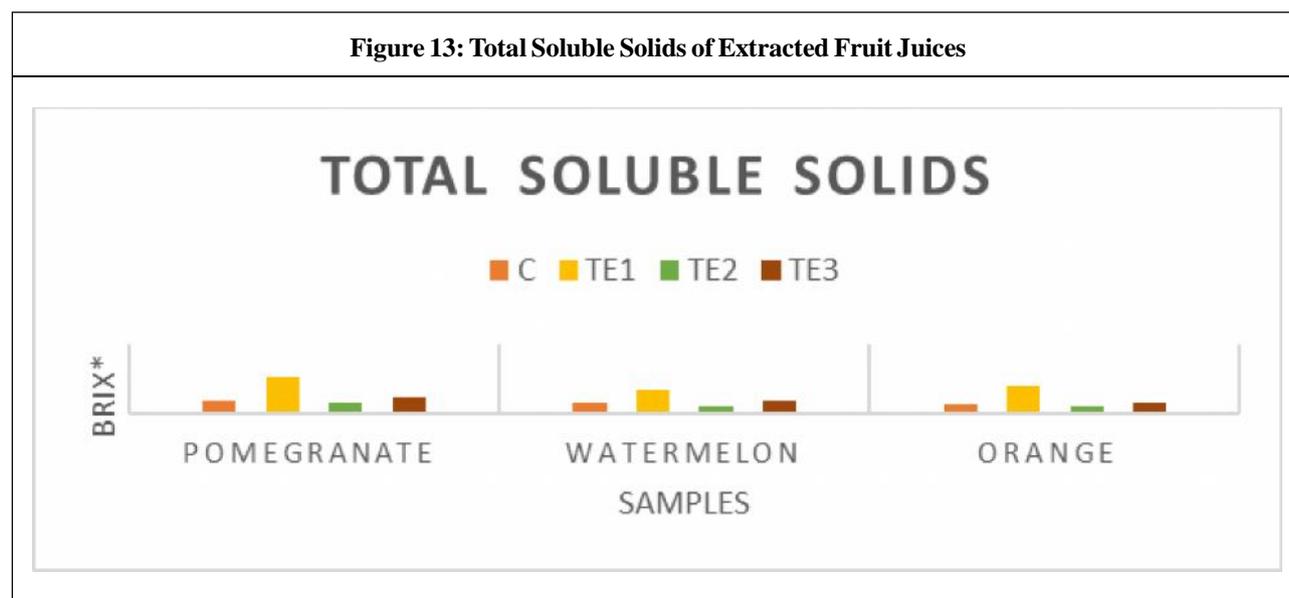
The reducing sugar and total sugar of the all the three fruit juices on thermal extraction methods revealed that TE1 (sweetened), TE2 and TE3 (unsweetened) samples showed higher percentage for reducing sugar and total sugar compared to control.

It was observed that there was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference observed in sugar content between extraction methods in all the three fruit juices. But showed minimal increase in sugar content during storage period.

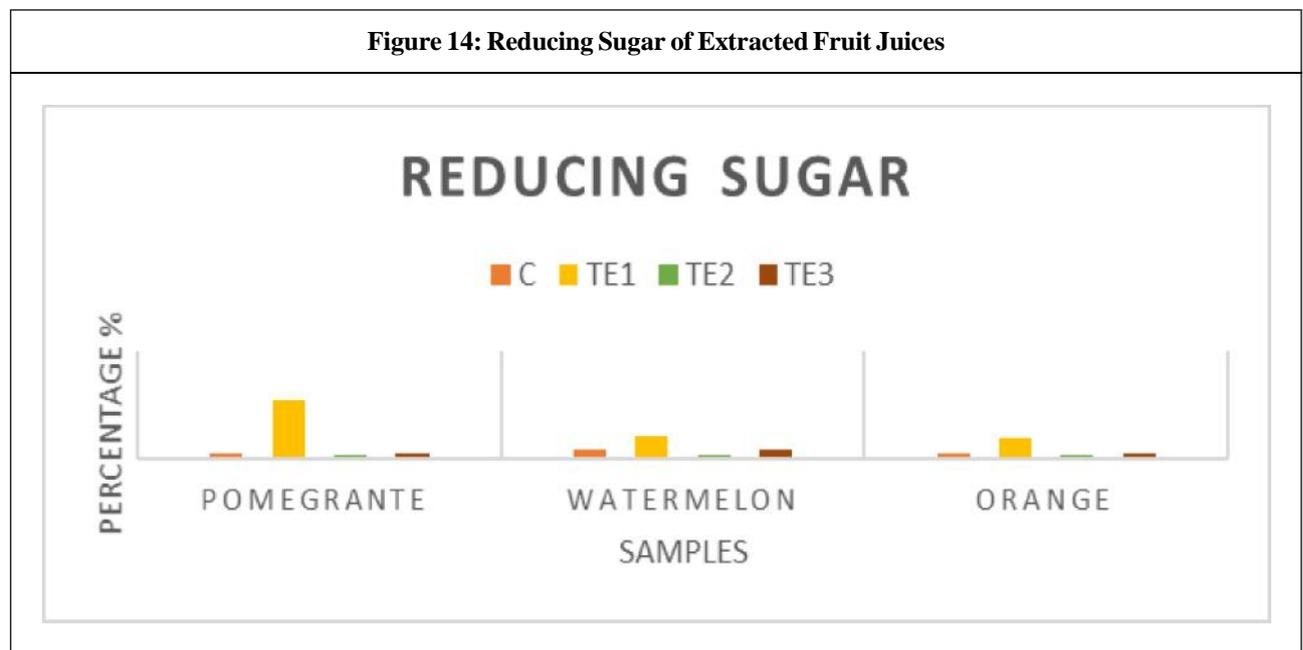
**Table 5: Total Soluble Solids**

	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
Day 1	Pomegranate	9.5±0.152	26.6±1.52	8.6±0.057	11.73±0.057
	Watermelon	7.8±0.115	17.5±0.057	5.8±0.1	9.2±0.057
	Orange	6.5±0.1	19.4±0.057	5.1±0.057	8.5±0.057
Day 10	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	10.4±0.057	28.8±0.152	8.6±0.057	11.6±0.057
	Watermelon	8.5±0.057	17.4±0.1	5.8±0.057	9.1±0.115
	Orange	6.9±0.057	20.3±0.763	5.4±0.057	8.6±0.057

**Figure 13: Total Soluble Solids of Extracted Fruit Juices**

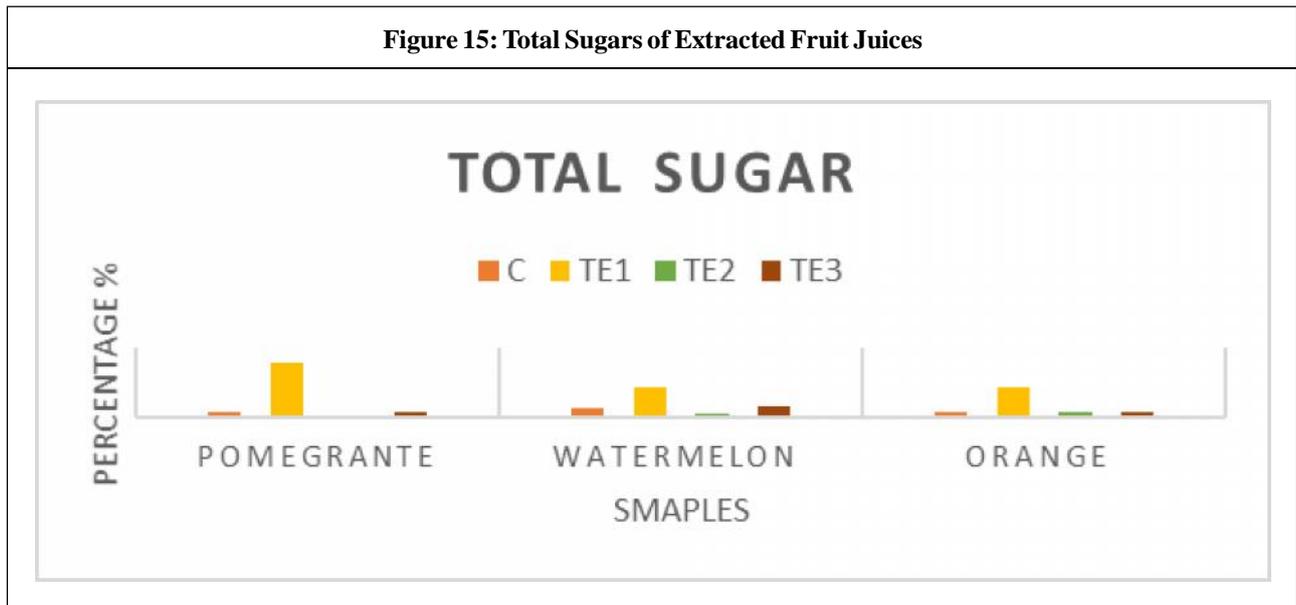


Day 1	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	2.586±0.055	26.95±4.76	1.461±0.017	2.993±0.162
Watermelon	4.906±0.193	10.463±1.677	2.255±0.114	4.642±0.302	
Orange	2.867±0.159	9.457±1.696	2.26±0.076	2.562±0.216	
Day 10	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	2.622±0.015	30.09±2.009	1.458±0.004	2.964±0.040
Watermelon	4.96±0.057	10.133±1.393	2.296±0.181	4.573±0.048	
Orange	2.876±0.117	9.637±1.502	2.267±0.081	2.553±0.221	



Day 1	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	3.55±0.278	39.118±2.828	1.67±0.028	4.301±0.256
Watermelon	5.99±0.203	21.11±2.823	2.113±1.114	7.42±1.341	
Orange	4.28±0.280	21.44±0.962	3.54±0.038	3.521±0.051	
Day 10	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	3.88±0.033	40.65±0.434	1.911±0.372	4.24±0.070
Watermelon	6.088±0.085	15.64±2.029	2.677±0.035	6.216±0.086	
Orange	4.059±0.044	19.33±1.557	3.047±0.216	3.28±0.030	

**Figure 15: Total Sugars of Extracted Fruit Juices**



#### Colour Intensity

The colour intensity of pomegranate fruit juice for control and TE3 samples were higher, whereas TE1 and TE2 samples showed reduced colour concentration.

Watermelon fruit juices revealed that for control the colour intensity was higher whereas TE1, TE2 and TE3 samples showed reduced colour intensity.

The colour intensity of orange fruit juice for control was higher whereas TE1, TE2 and TE3 samples showed reduced colour concentration.

There was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference observed in colour intensity between all the three fruit juices on thermal extraction methods. But there was significant increase in colour intensity during storage period in all the three fruit juices acquired.

#### Tint Ratio

The tint ratio of all the three fruit juices revealed that control and TE3 was observed to be higher than other thermal extraction methods.

It was observed that there was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference in tint ratio for all the three fruit juices on thermal extraction. There was noticeable change observed in tint ratio during storage period in all the three fruits.

#### Turbidity

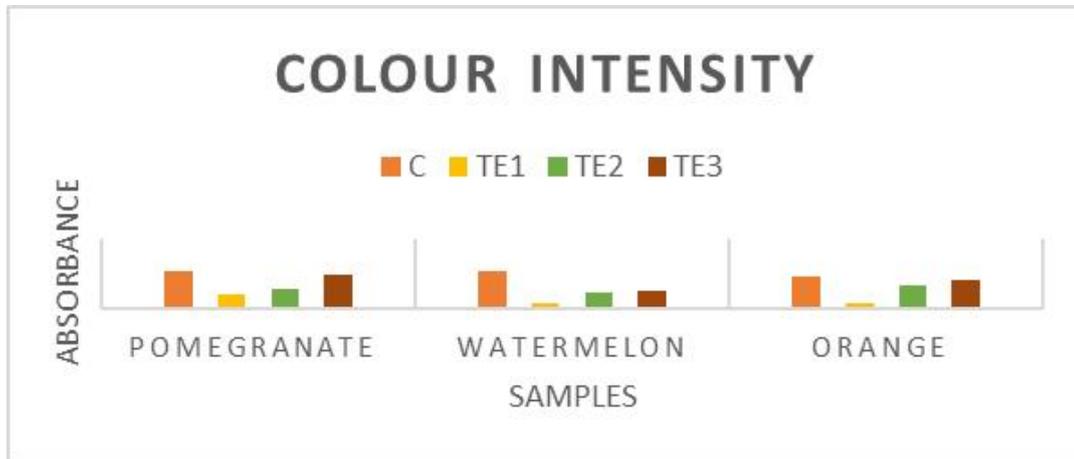
The pomegranate fruit juice for control showed higher turbidity, whereas TE3 sample showed lesser turbidity than other thermal extraction methods.

The turbidity of watermelon fruit juice for control showed higher individual particles, whereas TE1 and TE3

**Table 8: Colour Intensity**

	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Day 1	Pomegranate	5.531	2.105	2.924
Watermelon		5.311	0.887	2.448	2.537
Orange		4.722	0.911	3.247	4.125
	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Day 10	Pomegranate	5.662	2.421	4.532
Watermelon		5.504	3.672	3.666	3.506
Orange		4.65	3.093	3.926	2.052

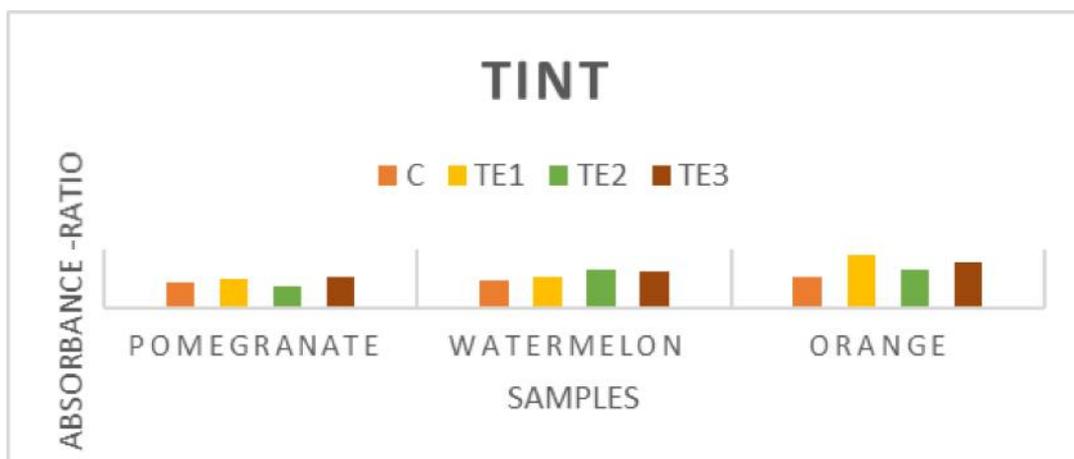
**Figure 16: Colour Intensity of Extracted Fruit Juices**



**Table 9: Tint Ratio**

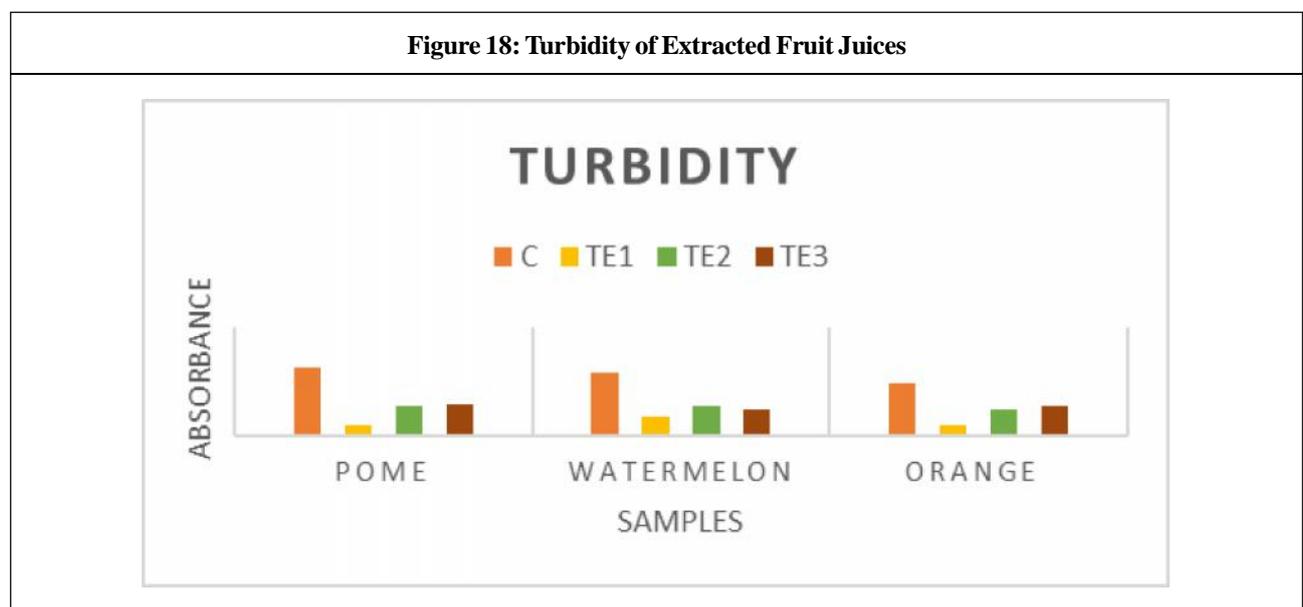
	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Day 1	Pomegranate	0.8393	0.9821	0.7526
Watermelon		0.9001	1.077	1.279	1.247
Orange		1.062	1.7859	1.301	1.586
Day 10	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	0.8283	0.562	0.8836	0.8718
	Watermelon	0.8544	0.9521	1.003	1.0137
	Orange	1	0.992	1.0608	1.242

**Figure 17: Tint of Extracted Fruit Juices**



Day 1	Sample	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	2.519	0.342	1.088	1.156
	Watermelon	2.299	0.695	1.079	0.924
	Orange	1.938	0.351	0.931	1.069
Day 10	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	2.414	0.476	1.887	1.777
	Watermelon	2.292	1.597	1.313	1.388
	Orange	1.915	1.272	1.514	0.551

**Figure 18: Turbidity of Extracted Fruit Juices**



samples showed lesser turbidity than other thermal extraction methods.

Higher turbidity for orange fruit juice were observed in control, whereas TE1 and TE2 samples showed lesser turbidity than other thermal extraction methods.

There was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference observed in all the three fruit juices on thermal extraction, whereas significant increase in turbidity was observed during storage period in all the three fruit juices.

### Microbial Analysis

#### Total Plate Count

The microbial load for all the three thermally extracted fruit juices revealed that TE1, TE2 and TE3 samples showed lesser colony formation, whereas Control showed higher

colony formation. This showed the effective preservation of thermal methods on extracting fruit juices.

It was observed that there was no significant ( $p > 0.05$ ) difference between all the three fruit juices on thermal extraction. But on storage period there was noticeable increase in colony formation in all the three fruit juices.

### Organoleptic Analysis

#### Pomegranate Fruit Juice

The organoleptic properties for pomegranate fruit juice showed that Control and TE1 samples was greatly accepted in terms of colour, flavour, odour and taste whereas TE2 and TE3 samples was soundly accepted only for colour among the semi trained panellist.

Day 1	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	29 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Watermelon	30 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	12 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	
Orange	26 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	21 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	8 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	
Day 10	Samples	C	TE1	TE2	TE3
	Pomegranate	36 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Watermelon	52 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	18 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	
Orange	41 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	32 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	11 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	

Samples	Colour	Flavour	Odour	Taste
C	5	8.09	2.1	9.09
TE1	4.7	9	3.45	9.27
TE2	9.2	5.6	7.09	5
TE3	9.5	3.5	7	6.18

Samples	Colour	Flavour	Odour	Taste
C	9.6	9.1	2.9	9.3
TE1	9.4	9.3	4.6	9.3
TE2	5.9	6.6	7.4	9.2
TE3	3.7	4.5	7.5	3.4

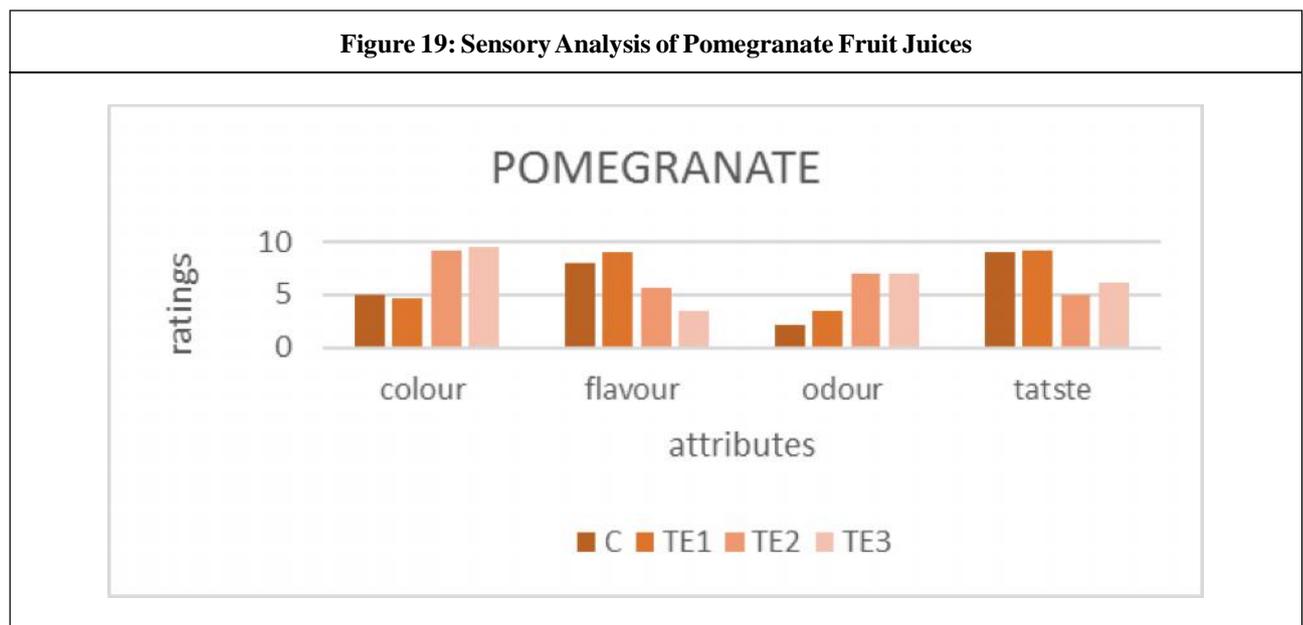
#### Watermelon Fruit Juice

The organoleptic properties for watermelon fruit juice showed that Control and TE1 was greatly accepted in terms of the sensorial attribute whereas, TE2 and TE3 were fairly accepted in terms of colour and flavour among the panellists.

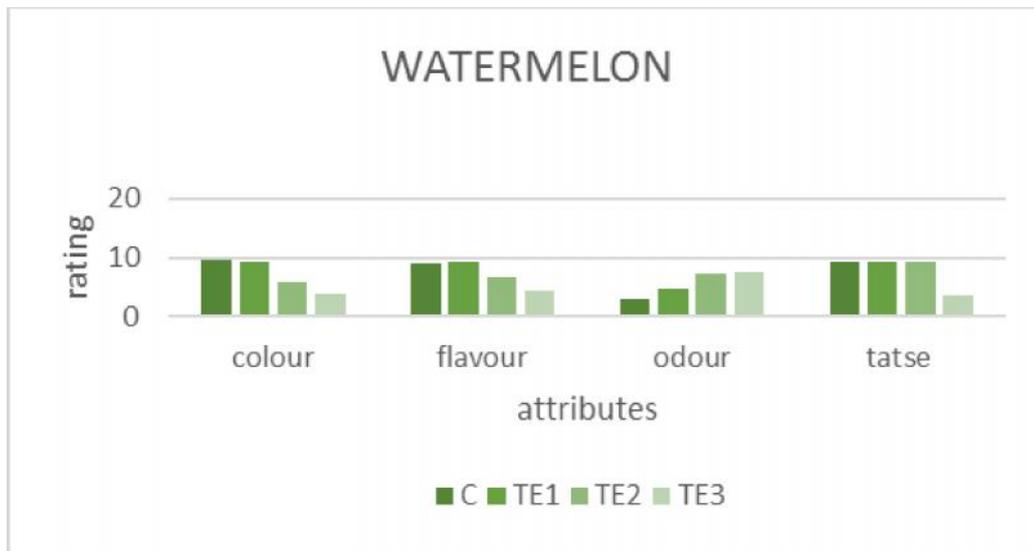
#### Orange Fruit Juice

The organoleptic properties for orange fruit juice showed that Control was greatly accepted in terms of all the sensorial attributes whereas, TE1 was reasonably accepted only for flavour and taste, TE2 and TE3 were fairly accepted

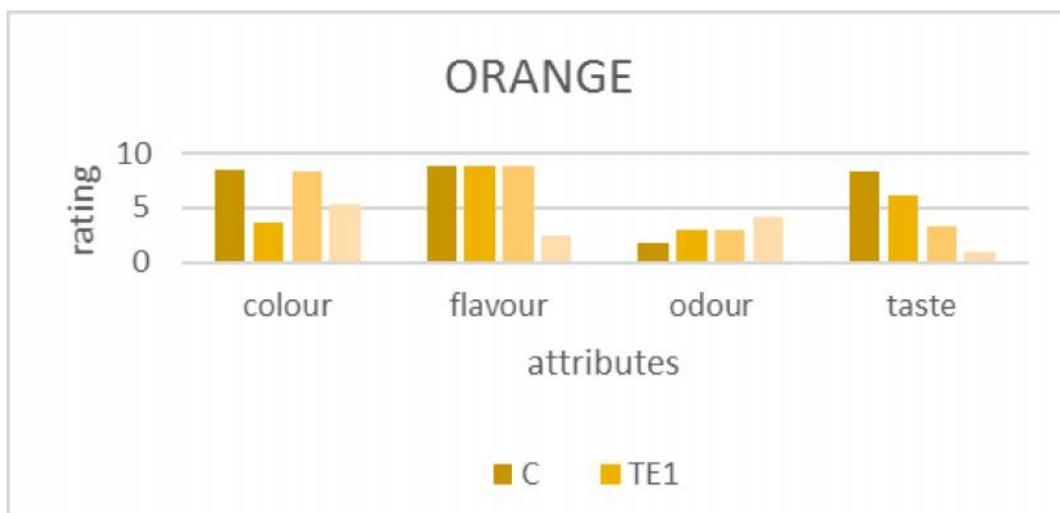
**Figure 19: Sensory Analysis of Pomegranate Fruit Juices**



**Figure 20: Sensory Analysis of Watermelon Fruit Juices**



**Figure 21: Sensory Analysis of Orange Fruit Juices**



**Table 14: Orange Fruit Juice**

Sample	Colour	Flavour	Odour	Taste
C	8.5	8.8	1.8	8.4
TE1	3.7	8.8	3	6.1
TE2	8.3	8.8	2.9	3.3
TE3	5.3	2.5	4.2	0.9

in terms of colour and flavour among the semi trained panellist.

There was no significant ( $p>0.05$ ) difference observed between attributes of thermally extracted fruit juices.

#### CONCLUSION

The study on effect of thermal extraction methods on physico-chemical characteristics of fruit juices, the study revealed that thermally extracted fruit juices have minimal

impact on the physico-chemical characteristics of total soluble solids, reducing and total sugars, vitamin C, colour intensity, tint and turbidity, but had significant change in pH, Titratable acidity, and microbial load of thermally extracted fruit juices. During storage period of 10 days, the physico-chemical and microbial properties of the extracted fruit juices of all the three fruits differed significantly.

Thus from the study it could be summarised that thermal methods of fruit juice extraction could be effective in terms of juice yield, extraction efficiency and preservation of fruit juices. Overall acceptability of these fruit juices were good in terms of colour, flavour, odour and taste.

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