

# The Characteristic of Taro Flour Based Pasta with Addition of Modified Starch and Hydrocolloids

Highlight: Taro Flour, Pasta, Modified Starch, Hydrocolloid

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**Abstract:** One way to help people with coeliac disease to be able to eat gluten-based food is by creating gluten-free food like a pasta made of taro flour with modified starches and hydrocolloids addition. The research was carried to find the best spaghetti combination based on its physicochemical properties. The pasta was made by using the heat moisture treatment of modified starch of banana and potato, combined with taro flour with the proportion 0%:30%:70%, 7.5%:22.5%:70%, 15%:15%:70%, 22.5%:7.5%:70% and 30%:0%:70% and added with 0.5% of hydrocolloids such as xanthan gum, carboxyl methylcellulose (CMC) and Arabic gum. The result showed that the proportion of flour and starches of the increment of modified banana starch could cause longer cooking time and higher protein content, meanwhile the increment of modified potato starch caused higher crude fiber content. Cooking loss of flour and starch proportion was considered high and elongation was very low. The addition of xanthan gum caused longer cooking time, lesser cooking loss and higher elongation and crude fiber content.

**Keywords:** Spaghetti, Taro Flour, Modified Starch and Hydrocolloids

## INTRODUCTION

Coeliac disease is a chronic, autoimmune disorder that was caused by gluten ingestion in predisposed individuals which causes malabsorption (Balaban et al., 2019). It shows different features compared with other autoimmune disorders, such as mucosal damage that recovered completely in addition to the reversibility of its progression and chronic dynamics with avoiding gluten completely (Parzanese et al., 2017). This disease is common in Europe, North and South America, Australia, South-West Asia, and North Africa, while it is rare to happen in East Asia (Poddige et al., 2019).

Pasta is the main food of the Italian that is made by mixing semolina wheat flour with water (Padalino et al., 2011). The mixed dough of the mixture can be shaped into many kinds of pasta (Stuknyte et al., 2013). Semolina is the main ingredient in producing pasta which contains gluten that consists of gliadin and glutenin. Gluten is able to coagulate and trap the starch component when pasta is cooked to form a protein complex network and create stable viscoelasticity (Laleg et al., 2016). Several types of pasta that are produced; one of which is spaghetti. In order to create gluten-free pasta, the general ingredient of spaghetti can be replaced with other gluten-free ingredients such as white rice, brown rice, corn, and beans (Hager et al., 2012).

Standar Nasional Indonesia (SNI), a quality management system for products, number 01-4454-1998 stated that spaghetti is a dried and long rounded stick-shaped product made of wheat flour, that could be added with or without any additives and allowed additives. Spaghetti was made through an extrusion process with 1.4 to 2.5 mm diameter (BSN, 1998). According to USDA, spaghetti, one of the pasta product, has a length of 21.59 to 27.94 cm. Pasta must

have a firm, but tender texture and not sticky or mushy. The pasta must have its own color, flavor and odor attribute. When the pasta is cooked it must not break up and must not adhere in a mass that cannot be set apart using a fork (USDA, 2009).

Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) is a tropical root crop derived from Southeast Asia and is the staple food for people living in tropical and subtropical countries (Rashmi et al., 2018). It is also known to be easily digestible inside the human body since it has small starch granules and non-allergic properties (Pereira et al., 2015). The tuber has high carbohydrate, mineral and fiber content but low protein and fat content (Temesgen and Retta, 2015). However, taro is not commonly used as an ingredient in food making since it causes itching. Hence, the used of taro in making pasta could increase its economic value. Banana is known as the world's largest herbaceous plant and can be found widely in many developing countries. It is also considered as the fourth important crop after rice, wheat, and maize. Banana also perishes quickly, and its processing into starch becomes an interest of possible resource for food and other industrial purposes since its starch concentration is high (more than 70% of dry weight) (Waliszewski et al., 2003). Potato is used as a source of starch in the food industry. It is a crucial ingredient in producing various types of noodles. Potato starch that was used in the noodle-making is desirable since it has a clear appearance and hard texture (Noda et al., 2006). These ingredients could serve as a substitute for common ingredients for making pasta.

Heat moisture treatment is a physical treatment of starch to modify its molecular alignment without disrupting the granule (Adebowale et al., 2005). Starch with heat moisture treatment modification could increase its resistant toward

heat, mechanical treatment, and low pH by increasing the pasting temperature and decreasing the swelling power (Jacobs and Delcour, 1998).

Xanthan gum (XG) can form a thin film that can act as gluten when used in a product making like bread, cake, or noodle (Waruwu et al., 2015). Carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) is a water-soluble polysaccharide that could affect starch gelatinization and retrogradation (Leite et al., 2012). Arabic gum (AG) consists of polysaccharide and glycoprotein. The arabinogalactan chain of Arabic gum could bond with protein to form arabinogalactoprotein. Arabinogalactan structure could create low viscosity solution and protein to create a stable emulsion (Wüstenberg, 2015). The aim of the study is to find the best combination of flour, starch, and hydrocolloids based on the cooking time, cooking loss, and the elongation of spaghetti.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The materials used were physiological mature Kepok banana, red-skinned potato and yellowish-white flesh taro. All were obtained from Pasar Induk Tuntungan, Medan. The chemicals used were sodium metabisulphite Merck brand and brine solution.

### Modified Banana Starch Preparation

The banana was peeled, cut into slices, soaked in 2000 ppm sodium metabisulphite solution for 15 min then blended with the water with a proportion of 1:1. The puree was strained with straining cloth and added with water with a proportion of 3:1 for the extraction. The extract was dried in the drying oven at 50°C for 12 h and powdered afterwards to turn it into starch. This banana starch was then increased its moisture content by 25% by spraying water into it and stored inside the refrigerator at 6°C for 12 h. Moisture increment was conducted to alter the molecular arrangement. The properties of HMT starch was better than the native. It has higher gel capacity, improved in solubility and swelling power and increased in water binding capacity (Adebowale et al., 2005). Starch was heated in the autoclave at 110°C for 3 h and left for 30 min. The starch was then dried in the drying oven at 50°C for 4 h, then powdered with a mixer grinder, sifted using 80 mesh sifter and kept in plastic. Analysis of parameters including analysis of color (Hutching, 1999), bulk density, pasting properties, amylose content and starch content (Apriyantono et al., 1989), water absorption and oil absorption capacity (Sathe and Salunkhe, 1981), swelling power (Leach et al., 1959) and solubility (Anderson, 1982).

### Modified Potato Starch Preparation

The potato was peeled, cut into slices and soaked in 5% brine solution for 30 min. The next procedures were the same as making modified banana starch. The analysis of parameters was the same with modified banana starch.

### Taro Flour Preparation

The taro was peeled, cut into flat chip slices, and soaked in 10% brine solution for 2 h. Taro chips were then placed on the baking tray and dried in the drying oven at 60°C for 24 h, then powdered using a mixer grinder, sifted using 80 mesh

sifter and kept in plastic. Analysis of parameters including analysis of color, bulk density, pasting properties, oxalate content (Ukpabi and Ejidoh, 1981), tannin test (AOAC, 1995), amylose and starch content, water absorption, and oil absorption capacity, swelling power, and solubility.

### Spaghetti Making

The formulas of the proportion of modified banana starch, potato starch, and taro flour were

T <sub>1</sub>	= 0% : 30% : 70%
T <sub>2</sub>	= 7.5% : 22.5% : 70%
T <sub>3</sub>	= 15% : 15% : 70%
T <sub>4</sub>	= 22.5% : 7.5% : 70%
T <sub>5</sub>	= 30% : 0% : 70%

While the hydrocolloids with 0.5% concentration were

H <sub>1</sub>	= Xanthan gum
H <sub>2</sub>	= Carboxymethyl cellulose
H <sub>3</sub>	= Arabic gum

The taro flour, modified banana starch, and potato starch (250 g), hydrocolloids (1.25 g), and water (210 g) were mixed together into a dough. The dough was kneaded and shaped by pasta maker. Spaghetti strands were arranged on the baking tray. The strands were dried in the drying oven at 60°C for 12 h, then it was sealed in plastic. Analysis of parameters included the analysis of color, cooking loss, cooking time, elongation and protein and crude fiber content (Apriyantono et al., 1989).

### Color Analysis

This was conducted using chromameter (Minolta CR 400 Japan) with L, a, b system. Briefly, 5 g of sample was put into a transparent plastic and measured using the chromameter. Color analysis can be measured as follows:

$$^{\circ}\text{Hue} = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

### Analysis of Bulk Density

The sample was put into a measuring cylinder and set until it reached 100 ml of volume. Then, the sample was weighed. Bulk density can be measured by sample weight per reached volume.

### Analysis of Pasting Properties

Pasting properties analysis was measured using Rapid Visco Analyzer (RVA Tecmaster Newport Scientific, Australia). Three grams of flour or starch was dissolved in 25 ml of distilled water. First, it was measured at 50°C for 1 min and heated until 95°C for 7.5 min and held for 5 min. The sample was cooled back to 50°C for 7.5 min and held for 2 min. During the process, rotating speed was set at 160 rpm. The properties that were determined were peak viscosity, trough viscosity, final viscosity, breakdown viscosity, setback viscosity, and pasting temperature.

### Analysis of Amylose Content

Briefly, 0.1 g of sample was added with 1 ml of 95% ethanol and 9 ml of 1 N NaOH in a tube. The compound was heated in a water bath for 10 min. After the compound has cooled down, it was put into a volumetric flask and

added with distilled water until the volume reached 100 ml. Then, 5 ml of the solution was taken and put into another volumetric flask, added with 1 ml of 1 N acetic acid, 2 ml of iodine and added with distilled water until it reached 100 ml of volume. This solution was shaken and set for 20 min. Later on, it was measured using UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) at 625 nm wavelength. The amylose content then measured using the absorbance value as follows:

$$\text{Amylose Content} = \frac{a \times v \times d}{s} \times 100\% \quad \text{Equation (2)}$$

a = Amylose concentration from standard curve (mg/ml)

v = Initial volume (ml)

d = Dilution factor

s = Sample weight (mg)

### Analysis of Starch Content

Two grams of flour or starch was put into a 250 ml beaker glass, added with 50 ml of alcohol and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was filtered using filter paper and cleanse with distilled water until the filter volume reached 250 ml. The remaining on the paper was put into a 250 ml Erlenmeyer and added with 200 ml distilled water, and 20 ml of 25% HCl then heated on a heater for 2.5 h at 100°C. The Erlenmeyer was let to cool down, and the mixture was neutralized with 45% NaOH, then added with distilled water until it reached 500 ml of solution. This solution was filtered and added with dinitrosalicylic acid. The starch content can be measured with the absorbance value using UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) at 550 nm wavelength as follows:

$$\text{Starch Content} = \left( \frac{0.9 \times g \times d}{s} \right) \times 100\% \quad \text{Equation (3)}$$

0.9 = molecule weight comparing factor of 1 unit of glucose in a starch molecule

g = glucose concentration from standard curve (mg/ml)

d = dilution factor

s = sample weight (mg)

### Analysis of Water Absorption and Oil Absorption Capacity

The sample (1 g) was diluted into 10 ml of distilled water or oil in a centrifuge tube. It was centrifugated with 3000 rpm speed for 30 seconds. Then, water or oil was disposed and the supernatant was weighed. The water and oil absorption capacity can be measured as follows:

$$\text{AC} = \frac{W_1}{W_0} \quad \text{Equation (4)}$$

AC = Water (or oil) absorption capacity (g/g)

W1 = Supernatant weight (g)

W0 = Initial sample weight (g)

### Analysis of Swelling Power

The sample (1 g) was diluted into 10 ml of distilled water in a centrifuge tube and heated at 90°C for 30 min in a water bath while being stirred. The compound was centrifugated with 2200 rpm speed for 30 min. Then, the liquid was

disposed and the supernatant was weighed. Swelling power can be measured as follows:

$$\text{SP} = \frac{S_1}{S_0} \quad \text{Equation (5)}$$

SP = Swelling power (g/g)

S<sub>1</sub> = Supernatant weight (g)

S<sub>0</sub> = Initial sample weight (g)

### Analysis of Solubility

The sample (1 g) was diluted into 10 ml of distilled water in a centrifuge tube and heated at 90°C for 30 min in a water bath while being stirred. The compound was centrifugated with 2200 rpm speed for 30 min. Then, the supernatant was put in a porcelain cup and dried at 105°C in the oven until it reached a constant weight. The dried supernatant was weighed. Solubility can be measured as follows:

$$S = \frac{O_2}{O_1} \times 100\% \quad \text{Equation (6)}$$

S = Solubility (%)

O2 = Dried supernatant weight (g)

O1 = Initial sample weight (g)

### Analysis of Cooking Time and Cooking Loss

The sample (5 g) was boiled in 150 ml of water. After the sample had reached the boiling optimum time, it was soaked in cold water and drained. The sample was weighed and dried at 105°C in drying oven until it reached the constant weight. Cooking loss equation is measured as follows:

$$\text{Cooking loss (\%)} = 1 - \frac{\text{Dried sample weight (g)}}{\text{Initial weight (g)} \times (1 - \text{sample moisture content (\%)})} \times 100\% \quad \text{Equation (7)}$$

### Analysis of Oxalate Content

The sample (2 g) was added into 190 ml of distilled water, added with 10 ml of 6 N of HCl. The mixture was heated at 100°C for 1 h, cooled down, and added with distilled water until it reached 250 ml of solution, then filtered. The filter was taken 125 ml and diluted until its solution volume reached 300 ml. From that solution, 125 ml of the volume was taken and was heated until it almost boiled, then it was titrated with 0.05 M KMnO<sub>4</sub> until it changed from a pink color to transparent for about 30 seconds. The equation is as follows:

$$\text{Oxalate Content (mg/100 g)} = \frac{\text{KMnO}_4 \text{ volume} \times 0.00225 \times 2.4}{\text{sample weight} \times 5} \times 100\% \quad \text{Equation (8)}$$

### Elongation

The sample was boiled in boiling water for 9 min. Then, the strands with 5 to 10 cm long ends were clasped using Universal Testing Machine Zwick Type Z0.5. The breaking force was measured with F max (N) and extensibility force or elongation was measured with F strain (%).

### Tannin Test

The sample (2 g) was added with 1 ml of 10% of NaCl solution and filtered. Then, the sample was added with



1% of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  solution if the test is positive, then the color changes to blue.

### Protein Content

The sample (1 g) was put into a Kjeldahl tube and was added with 15 ml of concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and Kjeldahl tablet as a catalyst. It was digested at  $300^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 to 6 h using digestion equipment (Kjeldatherm Gerhardt, Germany). Then, the tube was cooled down. The sample was then distilled and added with 30 ml of 40% of NaOH solution and cleansed with 40 ml of distilled water. Then the sample was added with 60 ml of 4% of  $\text{HBO}_3$  solution and titrated with 0.1 N HCl solution (Vapodest 45s Gerhardt, Germany). The equation is as follows:

$$\text{Protein Content (\%)} = \frac{(P_2 - P_1) \times N \times 14.01 \times \text{CF}}{P_0 \times 1000} \times 100\%$$

Equation (9)

$P_0$  = Sample weight

$P_1$  = HCl volume for blank titration (ml)

$P_2$  = HCl volume for sample titration (ml)

N = HCl normality

CF = Conversion factor (5.7)

### Crude Fiber Content

The sample (2 g) was added with 100 ml of 0.325 N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in an Erlenmeyer. The sample was heated in an autoclave at  $121^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 min. The sample was let to cool down. This mixture was added with 50 ml of 1.25 N NaOH and was heated for 15 min. Then, it was filtered with Whatman paper No. 41 (the paper had been dried and weighed). The paper was cleansed with hot distilled water, 25 ml of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , distilled water again, then 25 ml of 9% ethanol. It was dried in the oven for 1 h, then continued until it reached the constant weight. The equation is as follows:

$$\text{Crude Fiber Content} = \frac{C_2 - C_1}{C_0} \times 100\%$$

Equation (10)

$C_0$  = Sample weight (g)

$C_1$  = Filter paper weight (g)

$C_2$  = Fiber weight with filter paper weight (g)

### Statistical Analysis

Data with three replications were analyzed using Microsoft Excel 2013. The mean differences were determined by using analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Duncan's Multiple Range Test at a significance level of  $p < 0.01$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 1 showed the physical, chemical, and functional properties of raw material for making composite flour such as taro flour, modified banana starch, and modified potato starch. The lowest to highest colour (hue) value of the three ingredients were demonstrated respectively by modified potato starch, modified banana starch, and taro flour. The highest L and A values were found in modified potato starch, meaning that it had brighter and redder colour than taro flour and modified banana starch. The highest B value was found in taro flour, but the value was not a big difference compared to modified banana starch, meaning that they

had more yellow color than modified potato starch. L and A values are considered more important than B value. The colour value contributes to the point of sale of a product, which means it will be more desirable with the higher value (Dhiraj and Prabhasankar, 2013).

The lowest bulk density to the highest was found in taro flour, modified banana starch, and modified potato starch. The value of bulk density indicated the content of flour or starch that fit in a package.

Peak viscosity indicated the swelling of starch before the physical breakdown. The final viscosity of a starch indicated that a viscous gel was formed after cooking and cooling (Afifah and Ratnawati, 2017). Modified banana starch had a high peak and final viscosity, hence it is suitable as the ingredient for pasta product.

Trough viscosity showed the ability of starch granules to resist heat and destruction, while breakdown viscosity showed they were susceptible to heat and shear force (Olatunde et al., 2017). Starch with lower breakdown value indicated there was less granule disruption. Thus it has better paste stability (Otegbayo et al., 2010). Taro flour had the lowest breakdown viscosity, hence it was more stable when contacted with heat.

Setback viscosity related to starch retrogradation. Starch with higher setback value tends to have higher retrogradation and this was appropriate in the noodle-making (Otegbayo et al., 2010). Modified potato starch and modified banana starch could aid in making the pasta texture firmer.

The lowest to the highest value of pasting temperature were modified potato starch, modified banana starch, and taro flour. The pasting temperature indicated the minimum temperature for the starch to be heated (Kaur and Singh, 2005). Taro flour had the highest pasting temperature which showed that it was more resistant to swelling and breaking down of its starch granules.

Taro flour had low oxalate content (Table 1). This could happen during the processing of taro flour such as soaking the taro chips inside brine solution. The tannin test of taro flour resulted in negative, which indicates no trace of tannin was found in the flour.

The lowest amylose content to the highest was taro flour, modified potato starch, and modified banana starch. Banana starch had higher amylose content; it could form a firmer gel than modified potato starch and taro flour (Olatunde et al., 2017). The lowest starch content to the highest was taro flour, modified banana starch, and modified potato starch. The starch content of those three ingredients was high.

The highest to lowest water absorption capacity was found on taro flour, modified potato starch then modified banana starch. Water absorption capacity showed the bond between amylose and amylopectin chains. The lower the water absorption capacity; thus, the bond between the chain became closer (Otegbayo et al., 2010). Modified banana starch could form a firmer gel in the pasta texture since it

Table 1. Physical, chemical and functional properties of modified banana starch, modified potato starch, and taro flour

Analysis	Modified Banana Starch	Modified Potato Starch	Taro Flour
<b>Colour (Hue)</b>	80.40 ± 1.75	62.72 ± 0.30	81.95 ± 0.95
<b>L</b>	82.62 ± 1.68	92.97 ± 0.14	87.30 ± 1.16
<b>A</b>	1.71 ± 0.22	3.86 ± 0.16	1.51 ± 0.28
<b>B</b>	10.21 ± 0.57	7.49 ± 0.39	10.62 ± 1.11
<b>Bulk density (g/ml)</b>	0.73 ± 0.01	0.76 ± 0.02	0.69 ± 0.01
<b>Viscosity (cP)</b>			
PV	3182.33 ± 352.85	-	964.33 ± 325.20
TV	3186 ± 353.45	-	808 ± 230.10
BV	-3.67 ± 1.1547	-	156.33 ± 99.90
FV	5511.33 ± 808.29	-	1166.33 ± 278.89
SB	2325.33 ± 455.06	1659.33 ± 654.89	358.33 ± 50.50
PT (°C)	82.6 ± 0.43	78.48 ± 14.69	87.8 ± 0.69
<b>Calcium oxalate content (mg/ 100 g)</b>	-	-	37.67 ± 0.04
<b>Tannin test</b>	-	-	negative
<b>Amylose content (%)</b>	61.59 ± 2.85	43.68 ± 0.63	11.58 ± 2.33
<b>Starch content (%)</b>	67.55 ± 0.52	77.90 ± 2.21	66.54 ± 4.13
<b>Water absorption capacity (g/g)</b>	0.88 ± 0.52	0.95 ± 0.32	1.79 ± 0.25
<b>Oil absorption capacity (g/g)</b>	1.29 ± 0.21	1.23 ± 0.09	1.40 ± 0.19
<b>Swelling power (g/g)</b>	6.12 ± 0.19	6.40 ± 0.08	2.55 ± 0.13
<b>Solubility (%)</b>	16.30 ± 0.63	13.56 ± 0.40	21.87 ± 1.49

(-) : Not analyzed

has closer polysaccharides chains. The lowest oil absorption capacity to the highest was found in modified potato starch, modified banana starch, and taro flour respectively. If the flour had high oil absorption capacity, then it suited to make food that used cooking oil, for example, to make bread (Singh et al., 2017).

The starch ability to absorb water and swell in a water excess condition is called swelling power (Olatunde et al., 2007). During the heat moisture treatment of starch, the molecule bonds were weakened; thus, the increment of swelling power would occur (Pranoto et al., 2014). The highest swelling power to the lowest was modified potato starch, modified banana starch, and taro flour; hence taro flour and modified banana starch were more resistant to shear force.

Solubility occurred if the crystalline in the starch were destroyed because of heating and the water molecule

formed a hydrogen bond toward the leaching of amylose and amylopectin (Ratnayake et al., 2002). Amylose and amylopectin ratio affects the interaction between starch chains in the crystalline and amorphous phase. If the amylose bonds happen to be weak, it could cause the solubility to increase (Pranoto et al. 2014). The lowest to the highest solubility was found in modified potato starch, modified banana starch, and taro flour respectively; thus, modified potato starch and modified banana starch were more resistant to granule leaching.

#### Physicochemical Properties of Taro Flour Based Spaghetti

Table 2 showed the effect of the composition of composite flour from flour and starch proportion on taro flour-based spaghetti. Protein content could enhance the nutritional quality of a product, but in the taro based-pasta, the protein content was considered low compared to wheat-based pasta.

Table 2. The analysis of the proportion of modified banana starch, modified potato starch, and taro flour

Analysis	The Proportion of Modified Banana Starch, Modified Potato Starch and Taro Flour				
	0:30:70	7.5:22.5:70	15:15:70	22.5:7.5:70	30:0:70
<b>Protein Content (%)</b>	0.19 <sup>bcAB</sup> ± 0.05	0.18 <sup>cB</sup> ± 0.12	0.22 <sup>abAB</sup> ± 0.01	0.24 <sup>aA</sup> ± 0.07	0.23 <sup>abA</sup> ± 0.07

Note: Numbers followed by the same **small** alphabets mean significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) while numbers followed by the same **capital** alphabets mean highly significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ).

#### Protein Content

The protein content range was from 0.18% to 0.24% which was considered very low compared to commercial durum

and non-wheat (rice and corn flour) spaghetti with 16.02% and 8.27% as well as the gluten-free soybean-rice-mocaf-corn spaghetti with 7.75%-13.89% (Mayasti et al., 2018).

The flour and starch used in the spaghetti making had low protein content. But as the number of modified banana starch increased, the protein content became higher. Banana starch (0.28%) had higher protein content than potato starch (0.13%) (Yadav et al., 2016).

### Crude Fiber Content

Dietary fiber is important to the body since it helps to maintain healthy laxation and reduce cardiovascular disease and cancer risks (Madhu et al., 2017). In a wheat-based pasta, it was reported that the dietary fiber was 3.2% (Dhiraj and Prabhasankar, 2013) while in a wheat flour noodles was 0.08% (Alemayehu et al., 2016). The spaghetti crude fiber content was within the range.

The effect of the flour and starch proportion was significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) toward the crude fiber content. The result of each proportion was 2.62%; 1.97%; 2.31%; 2.02%; 1.99%. The highest crude fiber content was the proportion of 0%:30%:70% while the lowest was 7.5%:22.5%:70%. The potato (0.02%) and banana starch (0.04%) had low fiber content (Lizarazo et al., 2015; Olatunde et al., 2017). In this case, however, modified potato starch had higher

fiber content, this might be due to the different varieties of the plant that it had higher fiber content than modified banana starch.

The result of the interaction between the flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition was significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) toward the spaghetti crude fiber content. The proportion of 0%:30%:70%, 7.5%:22.5%:70% and 22.5%:7.5%:70% had the highest crude fiber content with xanthan gum addition then followed by carboxymethyl cellulose and Arabic gum (Figure 1). But the 15%:15%:70% and 30%:0%:70% proportion the highest crude fiber content was found in the addition of Arabic gum followed by carboxymethyl cellulose and xanthan gum. Generally, of all interactions except 0%:30%:70% with the addition of xanthan gum was not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ). The highest content was 0%:30%:70% proportion with xanthan gum while the lowest was 7.5%:22.5%:70% with Arabic gum. Xanthan gum could help to increase the fiber content of the flour and starch proportion since it has higher (100%) fiber content than Arabic gum (80%) (Wüstenberg, 2015). And the higher portion of modified potato starch gave the higher the crude fiber content

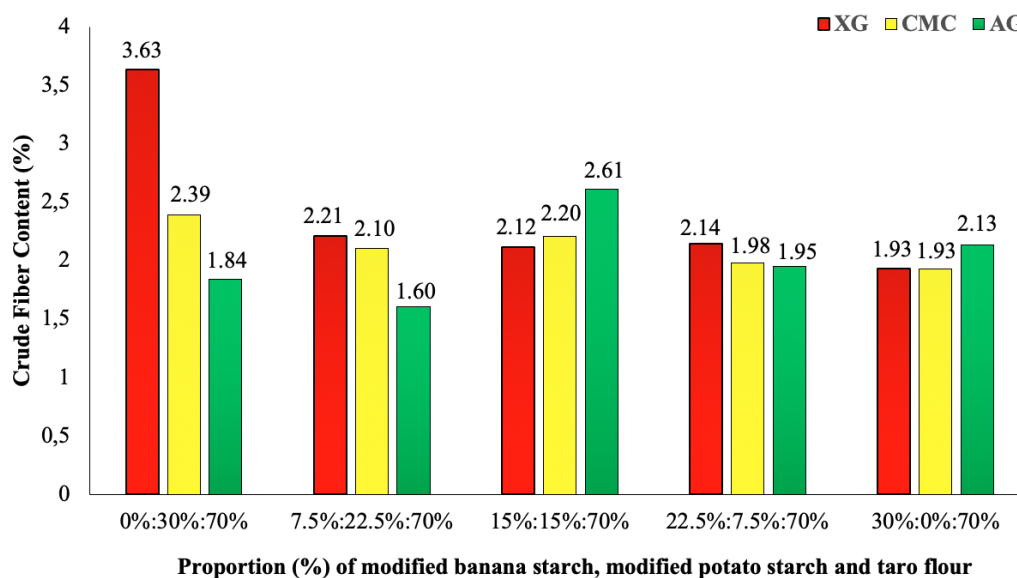


Figure 1. The interaction between flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition toward the spaghetti crude fiber content.

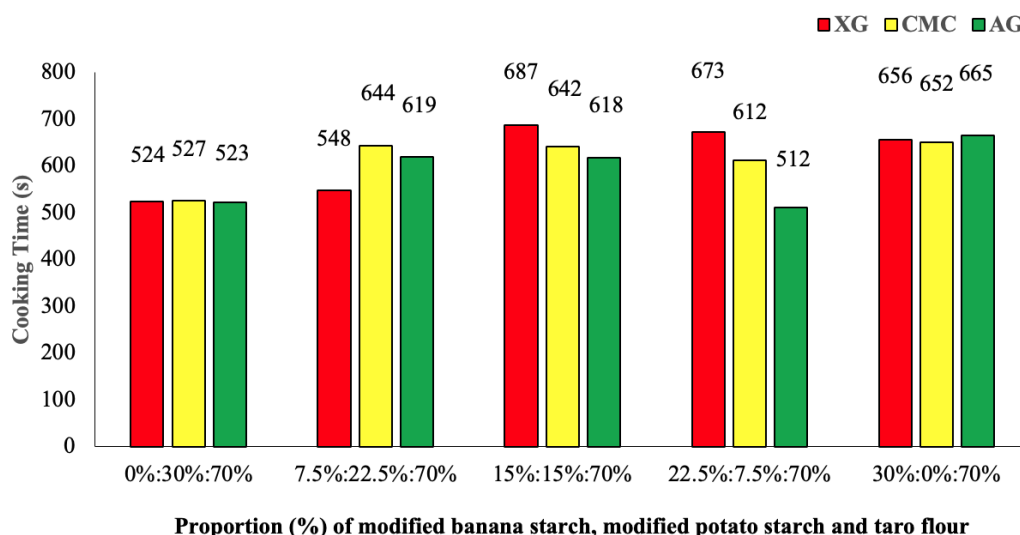
### Cooking Time

The effect of flour and starch proportion was highly significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ). The starch which has higher pasting temperature will be more resistant to swelling and breaking down of the starch granules (Kaur and Singh, 2005). Modified banana starch and taro flour had higher pasting temperatures than modified potato starch. As the modified banana starch portion increased, the cooking time was also increased.

It was found that the effect of hydrocolloid types toward spaghetti cooking time was significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). The longest cooking time was on xanthan gum, followed by carboxymethyl cellulose and Arabic gum. Xanthan gum was stable in the condition of heat while

Arabic gum was denaturated when it contacted with heat (Wüstenberg, 2015). Hydrocolloid addition could increase the cooking time because of the limited water content containing the starch granules in the noodle strand. This condition could delay the starch granules to swell (Kaur et al., 2015).

The cooking time of the interaction between flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition was significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ). Durum spaghetti needs 10 min to cook while the gluten-free spaghetti needed 11 to 12 min (Mayasti et al., 2018). The proportion of 15%:15%:70% and 22.5%:7.5%:70% had the highest number of cooking time with xanthan gum addition with 11.45 min and 11.21 min (Figure 2), and those numbers were in the gluten-free



**Figure 2.** The effect of interaction between the flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition towards spaghetti cooking time.

spaghetti range. Xanthan gum addition was chosen over the other two hydrocolloids since it was more resistant to heat that could prevent more granule leaching.

#### Cooking Loss

It was found that the effect of hydrocolloid types was significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ) toward the spaghetti cooking loss. The highest cooking loss was on Arabic gum (36.55%) while the lowest one was on xanthan gum (30.65%). Xanthan gum addition was found better than the Arabic gum because it was stable on heat and had the ability to form a thin film that can act as gluten meanwhile Arabic gum which acted in emulsification was denaturated when contacted with heat. Emulsifier could lessen the swelling of starch and amylose leaching when it was heated (Waruwu et al., 2015; Wüstenberg, 2015; Gomez and Sciarini, 2015).

The cooking loss of the flour and starch proportion was not significantly different ( $p > 0.05$ ). It was around 30%-36%. The cooking loss of each proportion respectively was 36.7%; 32.97%; 33.19%; 30.94%; 33.04% with the least small one was the 22.5%:7.5%:70% proportion (30.94%). The result of cooking loss was considered high compared to commercial durum spaghetti and gluten-free rice-corn spaghetti that were around 6%. But the gluten-free soybean-rice-mocaf-corn spaghetti had high cooking loss around 17% to 30%. This happened since soybean flour had very low amylose content; thus as its portion increased, the ability to retrograde was lower, causing to higher cooking loss (Mayasti et al., 2018). Taro flour had very low amylose content than the other two starches and since it had the largest portion which causing high cooking loss.

#### Elongation

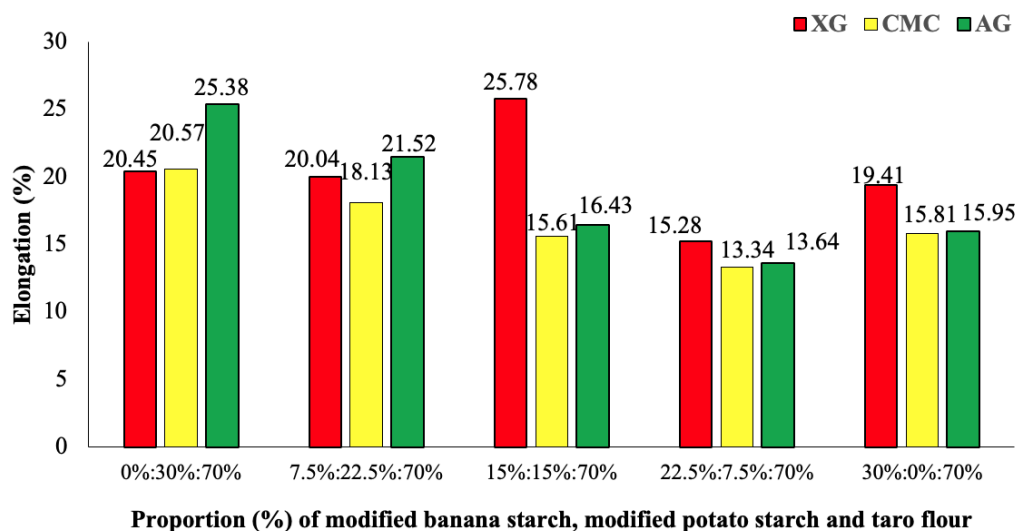
The effect of the flour and starch proportion was significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ) toward spaghetti elongation. The elongation results were around 13% to 26%, to which these numbers were so far compared to

the commercial spaghetti which was 251.75% and gluten-free soybean-rice-mocaf-corn spaghetti that was around 200% until 342,32% (Mayasti et al., 2018). Noodles made of high amylose flour had higher elongation (Afifah and Ratnawati, 2017). Firm texture noodles had higher amylose content and good quality of retrogradation (Herawati et al., 2017). Flour with high amylose content could increase the elongation of noodles. In this case, taro flour had the biggest portion in the proportion and far smaller amylose content than modified-banana and potato starch which caused the elongation to be far lower than another gluten-free spaghetti.

It was also found that hydrocolloids types were significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ) toward the spaghetti elongation. The highest elongation percentage was on xanthan gum (20.19%); meanwhile, the lowest elongation percentage was on carboxymethyl cellulose (16.69%). The addition of xanthan gum could form a firm and hard dough compared to other types of hydrocolloids. Hydrocolloids could improve the quality of texture (Kaur et al., 2015).

The spaghetti elongation of the interaction between flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition was significantly different ( $p < 0.01$ ). The highest elongation percentage was the interaction of flour and starch proportion of 15%:15%:70% with xanthan gum (25.78%) while the lowest was the interaction of 22.5%:7.5%:70% with carboxymethyl cellulose (13.34%) (Figure 3). Noodles made of high amylose flour could increase the extensibility so that it could have a higher elongation percentage (Afifah and Ratnawati, 2017; Herawati et al., 2017). The interaction of 15%:15%:70% proportion might have lower amylose content than the 22.5%:7.5%:70%, but the effect of xanthan gum resulted in higher elongation percentage because it could act as a gluten to trap the starch granules and had good stability in heat that occurred when the spaghetti was boiled before the analysis of elongation percentage.





**Figure 3:** The effect of the interaction between flour and starch proportion with hydrocolloids addition towards the spaghetti elongation

## CONCLUSION

It was found that the increment of banana starch could cause longer cooking time and higher protein content while the increment of modified potato starch caused the crude fiber content to increase. The spaghetti with flour and starch proportion 15%:15%:70% and 22.5%:7.5%:70% had a small difference in cooking time and their results were considered fine. The crude fiber content was at the range of wheat-based pasta. But the protein content and elongation had far smaller number compared to another gluten-free spaghetti while the cooking loss was very high compared to the commercial non-wheat spaghetti. As for hydrocolloids, xanthan gum addition could cause longer cooking time, lesser cooking loss and higher elongation and crude fiber content.

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