

Enhancing the functional properties and nutritional quality of ice cream with processed *amla* (Indian gooseberry)

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Abstract *Amla* (Indian gooseberry) and its processed products are rich source of vitamin C, phenols, dietary fibre and antioxidants. In contrast, ice cream is a poor source of these phytochemicals and antioxidants; therefore, the present investigation was undertaken to enhance the functional properties and nutritional quality of ice cream with the incorporation of processed *amla*. Ice cream was prepared using *amla* shreds, pulp, preserve and candy at 5 to 20 % and powder at 0.5 to 2.0 % levels in ice cream mix prior to freezing. Inclusion of *amla* products at augmented levels resulted in significant changes in physico-chemical properties and phytochemical content of ice cream. The total solids decreased on addition of shreds and pulp and increased with preserve, candy and powder in ice cream at increasing levels. The functional constituents i.e. fibre, total phenols, tannins, ascorbic acid and antioxidant activity increased with greater level of inclusion. Incorporation of processed *amla* raised the melting resistance of ice cream and decreased the overrun. The samples with 5 % shreds and pulp, 10 % preserve and candy and 0.5 % powder were found to have highest overall acceptability scores. Inclusion of *amla* in all the forms i.e. shreds, pulp, preserve, candy and powder enhanced the functional properties and nutritional value of ice cream.

Keywords Ice cream · *Amla* · Physico-chemical · Phytochemical · Functional · Sensory quality

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Introduction

Ice-cream which was considered an indulgent category of food items in the past has now developed to a stage where it is largely and gladly perceived as a snacking alternative by consumers. It has been growing at a sound rate of 10–15 % (Garg 2014). The growing consumer base, product acceptability and stiff competition have pushed manufacturers to strive for furtherance through innovations with respect to product offerings and delivery of service. These days' consumers are more inclined towards healthy and premium options (Shukla and Sharma 2014). Frozen products adapt most readily to nutrient fortification and inclusion of nutraceuticals. Frozen dairy desserts serve as good carriers of nutraceuticals because of their low storage temperature, ability to stabilize ingredients and popularity among consumers. With care, frozen dairy desserts can be used successfully to deliver unique additional and nutritional benefits to consumers beyond the basic nutrition. Therefore, new varieties of ice cream are coming out targeting the health conscious consumers, and also new manufacturing processes giving more value for money spent by the consumers (Garg 2014).

At present the focus of nutritional enrichment has shifted from the provision of nutrient deficiency to the pursuit of optimal health and dietary intake. The consumers are now more interested in healthy foods and looking for foods that have added beneficial compounds such as antioxidants, phenolics and phytosterols. Thus producers have to add functional ingredients to food products to attract the attention of health-conscious consumers (Shaviklo et al. 2011). Phenolics of certain fruits such as blueberry, blackcurrant, elderberry, and boysenberry have been shown to display antidiabetic properties (Cam et al. 2013).

Amla (*Emblica officinalis*) is one of the very good natural sources of nutraceuticals and functional components. After

Barbados cherry, *amla* is second richest natural source of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) having approximately 600 to 700 mg per fruit. It also has high content of tannin which is responsible for its antioxidative property (Nath and Sharma 1998). *Amla* contains gallic acid which is a potent polyphenol and has been found to improve immunity (Singh et al. 2011). It is also a rich source of pectin, an important form of dietary fiber that regulates the bowel action, is anti-diabetic, and treats scurvy and pulmonary tuberculosis (Ganju et al. 2003; Yokozawa et al. 2007; Sidhu et al. 2011). Because of its excellent therapeutic values, it is extensively used in Ayurvedic medicines like *Chyavanprash*, *Triphalahurna*, *Brahmi rasayan* and *Madhumehga* (Anon 2003).

Amla has a sour and astringent taste and a sweet after taste. Because of its high acidity and astringency, it is not popular as a dessert fruit. It is mostly used to prepare pickle, preserve, juice, candy and powder. It is a common ingredient in Ayurvedic medicines and has very good demand for the preparation of various health care products like hair oils, dye, shampoo, face creams and tooth powders. It has a great potential for inclusion into food products deficient in vitamin C and fiber. Ice cream is rich in carbohydrates, fats, proteins, some vitamins (A, D, E) and mineral calcium (Cam et al. 2013). However, the ice cream currently available commercially is generally poor in natural antioxidants like vitamin C, antioxidants and phenolics (Waterhouse et al. 2013). There is a definite consumer trend toward the purchase of improved products with strong inclination on health aspects. Blending of ice cream with *amla* will provide product diversification and benefits to the health conscious consumers which otherwise ice cream alone could not provide. Increasing preference of consumers towards natural ingredients has tempted the ice cream manufacturers to search for new innovations in components having favourable health effects (Patel et al. 2011). Scientific

studies on the utilization of *amla* in combination with other foods are scanty. Therefore, the present study was carried out with the objective to assess the suitability of different levels of processed *amla* products and to evaluate their effect on the physicochemical properties, phytochemical content and sensory quality of ice cream.

Materials and methods

Fresh whole milk was obtained from Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana. Cream, skim milk powder, sugar, sodium alginate, glycerol monostearate and *amla* (*Embllica officinalis*) were procured from the local market.

Processing of *amla* *Amla* was processed into shreds, pulp, preserve, candy and powder. Raw *amla* berries were sorted, weighed and washed before the preparation of products. Shreds were prepared fresh from whole fruit using a hand grater. For the preparation of pulp, the berries were blanched at 83 °C for 7–10 min. Thereafter, destoned and crushed using an electric blender. *Amla* powder was prepared from pulp by drying in a cabinet drier at 50 °C for 6 h. After drying, the dried product was ground, packed in the polythene bags and stored in a refrigerator (3–4 °C).

Amla preserve was prepared by the method of Lal et al. (1986). Fruit to sugar ratio used for the preparation of preserve was 1:1.5. Berries were steeped in 2 % saline water for 3–4 days, changing water every day, till the green color disappeared. Thereafter, fruits were washed in fresh water and pierced mechanically. It was followed by blanching at 83 °C for 8 min, destoning, segment separation and weighing. For sugar syrup, 1.0 Kg of sugar was boiled in 1.5 L of water,

Table 1 Proximate composition and functional components of processed *amla*

Parameters	Raw <i>amla</i>	Shreds	Pulp	Candy	Preserve	Powder
Moisture, %	85.06 ± 0.21	86.06 ± 0.04	90.06 ± 0.12	17.76 ± 0.88	33.57 ± 0.08	6.56 ± 0.08
Total solids, %	14.94 ± 0.21	13.94 ± 0.49	9.93 ± 0.15	82.24 ± 1.02	66.43 ± 0.1	93.44 ± 0.09
Fat, %	0.11 ± 0.01	0.10 ± 0.04	0.10 ± 0.03	0.12 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01	0.52 ± 0.02
Protein, %	0.70 ± 0.01	0.71 ± 0.01	0.68 ± 0.02	0.90 ± 0.04	0.73 ± 0.04	5.60 ± 0.43
Ash, %	1.54 ± 0.13	1.47 ± 0.02	0.99 ± 0.01	1.75 ± 0.06	1.31 ± 0.03	9.31 ± 0.39
Fibre, %	2.74 ± 0.02	2.76 ± 0.04	2.09 ± 0.04	8.55 ± 0.04	2.03 ± 0.03	16.98 ± 0.04
Total sugar, %	4.58 ± 0.07	4.48 ± 0.03	4.11 ± 0.02	66.01 ± 0.03	61.02 ± 0.01	45.19 ± 0.04
Acidity, % Citric acid	2.52 ± 0.14	2.31 ± 0.89	1.6 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.08	0.36 ± 0.02	4.48 ± 0.07
Ascorbic acid, mg/100 g	430.1 ± 1.10	421.0 ± 1.22	112.4 ± 1.74	13.1 ± 0.10	18.2 ± 0.65	241.3 ± 1.41
Tannins, % tannic acid	1.95 ± 0.04	1.90 ± .035	0.12 ± 0.04	0.20 ± 0.08	0.19 ± 0.04	0.41 ± 0.02
Antioxidant activity ^a , % inhibition of DPPH	83.73 ± 12.01	83.72 ± 11.91	82.16 ± 3.19	79.7 ± 1.23	80.03 ± 3.11	55.88 ± 0.98
Total phenols, g/100 g GAE	3.50 ± 0.26	3.09 ± 0.04	1.48 ± 0.04	1.02 ± 0.05	0.94 ± 0.04	2.04 ± 0.04

n = 3, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation

^a Sample weight 5 g for each except in powder (1 g)

filtered and cooled. The softened fruits were added to the syrup. The half of remaining sugar was sprinkled on the syrup and kept for 2 days. Thereafter, the syrup was drained and again boiled with the addition of more sugar. This process was repeated till 66–68 °B was achieved. Preserve was kept under observation for two days in order to ensure the constant TSS. It was packed in clean, sterilized and dry glass jars and stored under refrigeration. *Amla* candy was prepared from preserve by removing excess syrup and drying segments in a

cabinet drier at 40 °C for 6 h. Dried segments were packed in polyethylene bags, sealed and stored in a refrigerator.

Preparation of ice cream mix The mix ingredients were calculated using the formulae given by Arbuckle (1997). Plain ice cream mix having a composition of 11 % fat and SNF, 15 % sugar, 0.5 % emulsifiers and stabilizer (0.15 + 0.35) was prepared using fresh milk, cream, skim milk powder, sugar, glycerol monostearate and sodium alginate. After pre-heating

Table 2 Effect of addition of processed *amla* on the proximate composition of ice cream

Level %	Total solids %	Fat %	Protein %	Ash %	Fibre %
Shreds					
0	37.49 ^a ± 0.08	11.03 ^a ± 0.01	5.34 ^a ± 0.03	0.728 ^e ± 0.006	ND ^e
5	36.28 ^b ± 0.14	10.70 ^b ± 0.09	5.18 ^b ± 0.01	0.772 ^d ± 0.006	0.132 ^d ± 0.004
10	35.03 ^c ± 0.04	10.33 ^c ± 0.01	4.98 ^c ± 0.04	0.815 ^c ± 0.001	0.275 ^c ± 0.003
15	33.76 ^d ± 0.76	9.94 ^d ± 0.03	4.72 ^d ± 0.01	0.831 ^b ± 0.001	0.408 ^b ± 0.003
20	32.60 ^e ± 0.04	9.63 ^e ± 0.03	4.54 ^e ± 0.01	0.850 ^a ± 0.003	0.484 ^a ± 0.003
CD, 5 %	0.137	0.068	0.013	0.007	0.008
Pulp					
0	37.49 ^a ± 0.09	11.03 ^a ± 0.02	5.23 ^a ± 0.02	0.730 ^e ± 0.003	ND ^e
5	36.19 ^b ± 0.04	10.64 ^b ± 0.01	5.07 ^b ± 0.04	0.752 ^d ± 0.001	0.107 ^d ± 0.003
10	34.64 ^c ± 0.03	10.30 ^c ± 0.02	4.85 ^c ± 0.01	0.786 ^c ± 0.002	0.193 ^c ± 0.001
15	33.56 ^d ± 0.02	9.91 ^d ± 0.01	4.64 ^d ± 0.01	0.801 ^b ± 0.002	0.291 ^b ± 0.002
20	32.52 ^e ± 0.02	9.60 ^e ± 0.02	4.32 ^e ± 0.01	0.820 ^a ± 0.002	0.420 ^a ± 0.006
CD, 5 %	0.137	0.079	0.153	0.008	0.004
Preserve					
0	37.49 ^e ± 0.09	11.03 ^a ± 0.01	5.21 ^a ± 0.03	0.730 ^e ± 0.002	ND ^e
5	38.73 ^d ± 0.04	10.72 ^b ± 0.01	5.01 ^b ± 0.03	0.754 ^d ± 0.001	0.105 ^d ± 0.002
10	39.90 ^c ± 0.03	10.34 ^c ± 0.01	4.81 ^c ± 0.02	0.778 ^c ± 0.003	0.187 ^c ± 0.004
15	41.28 ^b ± 0.04	9.97 ^d ± 0.04	4.63 ^d ± 0.01	0.805 ^b ± 0.001	0.290 ^b ± 0.001
20	43.03 ^a ± 0.02	9.65 ^e ± 0.02	4.28 ^e ± 0.02	0.834 ^a ± 0.003	0.419 ^a ± 0.006
CD, 5 %	0.142	0.046	0.177	0.001	0.042
Candy					
0	37.49 ^e ± 0.06	11.03 ^a ± 0.01	5.31 ^{ab} ± 0.03	0.730 ^e ± 0.002	ND ^e
5	39.42 ^d ± 0.04	10.72 ^b ± 0.01	5.38 ^a ± 0.01	0.764 ^d ± 0.002	0.421 ^d ± 0.005
10	41.60 ^c ± 0.04	10.35 ^c ± 0.01	5.26 ^b ± 0.03	0.831 ^c ± 0.003	0.852 ^c ± 0.003
15	43.35 ^b ± 0.05	10.01 ^d ± 0.02	5.12 ^c ± 0.01	0.870 ^b ± 0.004	1.300 ^b ± 0.016
20	45.87 ^a ± 0.02	9.67 ^e ± 0.01	4.97 ^d ± 0.03	0.906 ^a ± 0.003	1.690 ^a ± 0.004
CD, 5 %	0.137	0.068	0.013	0.007	0.008
Powder					
0	37.49 ^e ± 0.03	11.03 ^a ± 0.01	5.31 ± 0.03	0.730 ^e ± 0.003	ND ^e
0.5	37.80 ^e ± 0.05	10.73 ^b ± 0.01	5.35 ± 0.02	0.787 ^d ± 0.003	0.080 ^d ± 0.008
1.0	38.11 ^b ± 0.06	10.37 ^c ± 0.02	5.37 ± 0.02	0.841 ^c ± 0.003	0.152 ^c ± 0.002
1.5	38.36 ^a ± 0.02	9.97 ^d ± 0.04	5.40 ± 0.03	0.891 ^b ± 0.003	0.247 ^b ± 0.001
2.0	37.70 ^d ± 0.04	9.66 ^e ± 0.03	5.43 ± 0.01	0.990 ^a ± 0.004	0.328 ^a ± 0.006
CD, 5 %	0.076	0.050	NS	0.008	0.007

n = 3, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation, Values in a column of a block with different superscripts differ significantly

ND Non detectable, NS Non significant

and mixing the ingredients, the mix was homogenized at 65 °C using laboratory homogenizer (Taj, New Delhi) at 2000 psi and 500 psi in two stage process, pasteurized at 80 °C for 25 s, cooled and aged overnight at 5 °C.

Preparation of amla incorporated ice cream *Amla* preparations were added into the cooled and aged ice cream mix prior to freezing. The mix was frozen in a batch type mechanical freezer

of 5 kg capacity (Sigma Sales Corporation, New Delhi) for 8 min. The frozen ice cream was drawn at -4 ± 1 °C from freezer, filled in plastic cups, hardened in a cabinet freezer at -18 to -20 °C for 12 h and stored at this temperature for further studies.

Physicochemical analysis For each parameter, samples were analysed in three replicates. The total solids/moisture, protein,

Table 3 Effect of addition of processed *amla* on the physicochemical properties of ice cream

Level, %	Acidity, % lactic acid	pH	Ascorbic acid, mg/100 g	Antioxidant activity, % inhibition of DPPH	Total Phenolic content, g/100 gGAE	Tannins, mg/100 g of tannic acid	Overrun, %	Specific gravity
Shreds								
0	0.174 ^a ± 0.002	6.64 ^a ± 0.02	ND ^e	15.00 ^e ± 0.19	ND ^e	ND ^e	68.04 ^a ± 0.04	0.533 ^c ± 0.002
5	0.389 ^b ± 0.004	6.15 ^b ± 0.03	25.52 ^d ± 0.03	19.80 ^d ± 1.44	0.183 ^d ± 0.002	0.136 ^d ± 0.004	60.70 ^b ± 0.5	0.563 ^{bc} ± 0.004
10	0.477 ^c ± 0.004	5.76 ^c ± 0.01	46.83 ^c ± 0.03	23.50 ^c ± 1.00	0.321 ^c ± 0.003	0.190 ^c ± 0.004	54.66 ^c ± 0.05	0.585 ^b ± 0.005
15	0.590 ^d ± 0.004	5.66 ^d ± 0.04	62.32 ^b ± 0.02	26.20 ^b ± 0.70	0.495 ^b ± 0.002	0.299 ^b ± 0.002	47.09 ^d ± 0.09	0.616 ^a ± 0.005
20	0.720 ^e ± 0.004	5.28 ^e ± 0.04	93.60 ^a ± 0.04	31.70 ^a ± 2.04	0.701 ^a ± 0.002	0.387 ^a ± 0.002	44.64 ^e ± 0.06	0.628 ^a ± 0.005
CD, 5 %	0.009	0.025	3.97	1.98	0.015	0.006	0.080	0.011
Pulp								
0	0.174 ^a ± 0.001	6.63 ^a ± 0.02	ND ^e	15.00 ^e ± 1.0	ND ^e	ND	68.65 ^a ± 0.03	0.532 ^c ± 0.002
5	0.320 ^b ± 0.004	6.41 ^b ± 0.01	6.02 ^d ± 0.02	19.5 ^d ± 1.73	0.081 ^d ± 0.002	0.006 ± 0.003	63.70 ^b ± 0.53	0.547 ^d ± 0.005
10	0.432 ^c ± 0.003	6.10 ^c ± 0.03	11.76 ^c ± 0.05	23.00 ^c ± 3.61	0.146 ^c ± 0.002	0.013 ± 0.001	59.66 ^c ± 0.02	0.566 ^c ± 0.006
15	0.506 ^d ± 0.004	6.00 ^d ± 0.04	17.06 ^b ± 0.02	27.40 ^b ± 1.73	0.203 ^b ± 0.003	0.073 ± 0.002	54.01 ^d ± 0.05	0.588 ^b ± 0.004
20	0.629 ^e ± 0.004	5.75 ^e ± 0.01	23.08 ^a ± 0.04	31.33 ^a ± 0.82	0.257 ^a ± 0.003	0.021 ± 0.001	50.64 ^e ± 0.03	0.602 ^a ± 0.001
CD, 5 %	0.008	0.02	0.047	3.05	0.004	NS	0.051	0.010
Preserve								
0	0.171 ^a ± 0.002	6.63 ^a ± 0.03	ND ^e	15.00 ^e ± 1.00	ND ^e	ND ^e	68.14 ^a ± 0.04	0.533 ^a ± 0.003
5	0.180 ^b ± 0.004	6.60 ^a ± 0.04	0.82 ^d ± 0.01	19.67 ^d ± 1.04	0.052 ^d ± 0.001	0.009 ^d ± 0.001	61.21 ^b ± 0.07	0.554 ^a ± 0.002
10	0.189 ^c ± 0.004	6.55 ^b ± 0.03	1.69 ^c ± 0.01	23.50 ^c ± 1.00	0.092 ^c ± 0.003	0.019 ^c ± 0.004	56.14 ^c ± 0.04	0.580 ^a ± 0.004
15	0.243 ^d ± 0.003	6.25 ^c ± 0.04	2.31 ^b ± 0.02	27.40 ^b ± 0.44	0.153 ^b ± 0.002	0.027 ^b ± 0.004	51.29 ^d ± 0.10	0.600 ^{ab} ± 0.004
20	0.270 ^e ± 0.004	5.92 ^d ± 0.03	3.25 ^a ± 0.01	30.83 ^a ± 0.26	0.190 ^a ± 0.002	0.037 ^a ± 0.002	46.13 ^e ± 0.03	0.622 ^b ± 0.002
CD, 5 %	0.008	0.046	0.027	1.46	0.006	0.0004	1.357	0.009
Candy								
0	0.171 ^a ± 0.002	6.65 ^a ± 0.01	ND ^e	15.00 ^e ± 1.025	ND ^e	ND ^e	68.54 ^a ± 0.02	0.533 ^c ± 0.003
5	0.175 ^a ± 0.003	6.60 ^b ± 0.03	0.66 ^d ± 0.02	18.94 ^d ± 0.53	0.046 ^d ± 0.003	0.009 ^d ± 0.004	57.43 ^b ± 0.03	0.572 ^d ± 0.002
10	0.193 ^b ± 0.002	6.53 ^c ± 0.02	1.10 ^c ± 0.04	22.73 ^c ± 0.62	0.085 ^c ± 0.002	0.017 ^c ± 0.001	51.21 ^c ± 0.02	0.598 ^c ± 0.002
15	0.247 ^c ± 0.001	6.15 ^d ± 0.03	1.76 ^b ± 0.02	27.27 ^b ± 0.36	0.144 ^b ± 0.001	0.024 ^b ± 0.002	46.02 ^d ± 0.03	0.619 ^b ± 0.003
20	0.279 ^d ± 0.004	5.88 ^e ± 0.03	2.20 ^a ± 0.05	30.76 ^a ± 0.95	0.197 ^a ± 0.001	0.042 ^a ± 0.001	40.29 ^e ± 0.06	0.645 ^a ± 0.004
CD, 5 %	0.008	0.02	0.037	1.75	0.004	0.001	0.102	0.010
Powder								
0	0.171 ^a ± 0.001	6.65 ^a ± 0.03	ND ^e	15.00 ^e ± 1.00	ND ^e	ND ^d	68.70 ^a ± 0.04	0.532 ^c ± 0.001
0.5	0.203 ^b ± 0.002	6.30 ^b ± 0.01	3.08 ^d ± 0.01	19.67 ^d ± 0.53	0.018 ^d ± 0.002	0.002 ^c ± 0.001	66.12 ^b ± 0.02	0.537 ^d ± 0.004
1.0	0.319 ^c ± 0.004	6.01 ^c ± 0.01	6.17 ^c ± 0.01	23.50 ^c ± 1.00	0.024 ^c ± 0.001	0.004 ^b ± 0.002	64.53 ^c ± 0.02	0.548 ^c ± 0.006
1.5	0.454 ^d ± 0.001	5.72 ^d ± 0.01	8.80 ^b ± 0.04	27.47 ^b ± 0.36	0.038 ^b ± 0.002	0.007 ^a ± 0.002	60.21 ^d ± 0.03	0.562 ^b ± 0.001
2.0	0.544 ^e ± 0.003	5.55 ^e ± 0.04	12.20 ^a ± 0.10	30.84 ^a ± 0.17	0.051 ^a ± 0.001	0.008 ^a ± 0.001	56.05 ^e ± 0.05	0.577 ^a ± 0.004
CD, 5 %	0.008	0.056	0.055	1.31	0.004	0.002	0.157	0.009

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ash and titratable acidity were determined according to AOAC (2000) method. Fat content of milk and cream was estimated using Gerber’s method (BIS 1981) and that of *amla* and its products using Soxtec (Foss instrument, Sweden). The pH of samples was determined using pocket pH meter (IQ Scientific USA, Model IQ 125). The fibre content was determined using Fibertec (Foss instrument, Sweden). The color of mix was recorded on Hunter Color Lab (Ultra Scan, Hunter Lab, USA) in terms of ‘L’, ‘a’, ‘b’ values. Ascorbic acid was determined by the method given by Ranganna (1997) by titration against dye (2,6-dichlorophenol indo-phenol). Tannins were estimated using the method of Ruck (1969). Total phenols were determined using Folin-Ciocalteu reagent according to the modified method of Swain and Hillis (1959). Antioxidant activity was estimated as per the method of Shimada et al. (1992). Free radical scavenging activity was measured using 1,1- diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazil (DPPH). Five g of *amla* product ((one g in case of *amla* powder) and ice cream sample was extracted with 50 ml of 80 % methanol for 2 h, filtered and was again extracted for 1 h with same amount and strength of methanol. It was then filtered and final volume made to 100 ml with methanol. One ml of sample solution was then mixed with 1 ml tris buffer and 2 ml of DPPH. The reaction mixture was incubated for 30 min in dark at room temperature. The absorbance of the resulting solution was measured at 517 nm. Methanol was used as control. DPPH scavenging activity of samples was measured as a decrease in the absorbance and was calculated using the following equation:

$$\% \text{ inhibition} = \frac{\text{Control OD} - \text{Sample OD}}{\text{Control OD}} \times 100$$

Specific gravity of ice cream samples was calculated as the method described by Winton (1958) at 20 °C by filling a cup of known weight and volume, with the resultant ice cream and recording weight. Overrun of the ice cream was calculated on weight basis using the following formula.

$$\text{Over run, \%} = \frac{\text{wt.of ice cream mix} - \text{wt of ice cream}}{\text{wt.of ice cream mix}} \times 100$$

The melting property of ice cream was analysed at 20 ± 1 °C using the method of Akesson (2008). Hardened ice cream was placed on a sieve (2 mm wide, square openings). The time of first drop on melting of ice cream was recorded as first dripping time and melting rate was expressed as % W/W.

Sensory evaluation Control ice cream along with experimental samples incorporating variable levels of processed *amla* products were evaluated by a semi trained panel of eight

judges for attributes of appearance, flavor, body and texture and overall acceptability scores on a 9- point hedonic scale (Larmond 1982).

Statistical analysis The experimental data was analyzed for analysis of variance (ANOVA) using CPCS-1 software developed by Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. Each value was a mean of three observations. The means were compared using Duncan's multiple range test (Duncan 1955).

Table 4 Effect of processed *amla* incorporation on color attributes (L, a* and b* values) of ice cream

Levels, %	L	a*	b*
Shreds			
0	69.47 ^a ± 0.04	-1.55 ^c ± 0.07	3.55 ^a ± 0.04
5	67.34 ^b ± 0.03	-1.68 ^{bc} ± 0.04	3.27 ^a ± 0.02
10	64.23 ^c ± 0.02	-1.86 ^b ± 0.02	3.08 ^{ab} ± 0.05
15	60.10 ^d ± 0.05	-2.59 ^a ± 0.06	2.75 ^b ± 0.03
20	58.77 ^c ± 0.02	-2.70 ^a ± 0.45	2.04 ^c ± 0.03
CD, 5 %	0.072	0.325	0.787
Pulp			
0	69.32 ^a ± 0.05	-1.53 ^a ± 0.03	3.52 ^c ± 0.03
5	69.37 ^a ± 0.03	-1.23 ^b ± 0.04	4.35 ^d ± 0.04
10	58.90 ^b ± 0.96	-0.89 ^c ± 0.06	4.97 ^c ± 0.04
15	53.82 ^c ± 0.33	-0.63 ^d ± 0.02	5.88 ^b ± 0.04
20	49.37 ^d ± 0.07	-0.48 ^e ± 0.06	6.53 ^a ± 0.04
CD, 5 %	0.179	0.054	0.030
Preserve			
0	68.89 ^a ± 0.04	-1.44 ^e ± 0.06	3.25 ^e ± 0.05
5	62.85 ^b ± 0.03	-0.73 ^d ± 0.03	4.66 ^d ± 0.05
10	56.75 ^c ± 0.02	-0.21 ^c ± 0.04	5.24 ^c ± 0.02
15	52.15 ^d ± 0.03	0.75 ^b ± 0.05	5.97 ^b ± 0.06
20	44.89 ^e ± 0.07	1.18 ^a ± 0.05	6.89 ^a ± 0.05
CD, 5 %	0.062	0.051	0.071
Candy			
0	69.45 ^a ± 0.03	-1.53 ^c ± 0.03	3.55 ^e ± 0.05
5	60.44 ^b ± 0.03	-0.67 ^d ± 0.02	4.87 ^d ± 0.04
10	53.55 ^c ± 0.03	-0.11 ^c ± 0.03	5.60 ^c ± 0.05
15	50.94 ^d ± 0.05	0.82 ^b ± 0.02	6.26 ^b ± 0.06
20	41.64 ^e ± 0.04	1.22 ^a ± 0.02	7.02 ^a ± 0.02
CD, 5 %	0.518	0.056	0.067
Powder			
0	68.45 ^a ± 0.04	-1.48 ^e ± 0.02	3.50 ^e ± 0.05
0.5	68.01 ^b ± 0.02	-0.89 ^d ± 0.07	3.64 ^d ± 0.02
1.0	66.47 ^c ± 0.05	-0.57 ^c ± 0.04	3.97 ^c ± 0.02
1.5	64.93 ^d ± 0.08	-0.34 ^b ± 0.03	4.50 ^b ± 0.05
2.0	61.40 ^e ± 0.1	1.03 ^a ± 0.02	4.88 ^a ± 0.04
CD, 5 %	0.359	0.045	0.108

n = 3, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation, Values in a column of a block with different superscripts differ significantly

Table 5 Effect of processed *amla* incorporation on the first dripping time of ice cream

Level@, %	Shreds	Pulp	Preserve	Candy	Powder	
0	4.28 ^c ± 0.03	4.26 ^c ± 0.56	4.27 ^c ± 0.08	4.29 ^c ± 0.07	4.29 ^c ± 0.07	
5/0.5	16.50 ^d ± 0.17	12.30 ^d ± 0.43	15.53 ^d ± 0.04	14.49 ^d ± 0.04	4.80 ^d ± 0.08	
10/1.0	19.00 ^c ± 0.60	16.00 ^c ± 0.62	18.50 ^c ± 0.04	17.03 ^c ± 0.04	4.52 ^c ± 0.03	
15/1.5	22.00 ^b ± 0.78	21.00 ^b ± 0.70	21.48 ^b ± 0.06	21.51 ^b ± 0.05	5.18 ^b ± 0.07	
20/2.0	25.00 ^a ± 0.50	24.00 ^a ± 0.78	24.18 ^a ± 0.04	24.08 ^a ± 0.06	5.39 ^a ± 0.07	
ANOVA						
Source	df	MSS				
Treatment	4	190.81**	179.49**	178.40**	176.79**	0.618**
Error	35	0.75	1.71	0.0021	0.002	0.0027

$n = 3$, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation, Values in a column with different superscripts differ significantly @ 5, 10, 15 & 20 % for shreds, pulp, candy, preserve and 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 & 2.0 % for powder

**Significant at $p < 0.01$

Results and discussion

Proximate composition of raw and processed *amla* The proximate composition values of raw *amla* and its processed products are presented in Table 1. The moisture, protein, fat, and ash content was similar to those reported in literature by Premi et al. (1999), Ranote et al. (2002), Vijayanand et al. (2007) and Nayak et al. (2012). Fresh *amla* was found to have 2.74 % fibre content which increased. Fibre content was maximum in powder. Kalra (1988) reported the range of fibre from 2.38 to 3.4 % in fresh fruit. Total sugar was highest in candy followed by preserve due to processing in sugar syrup. Nayak et al. (2012) found that total sugar varies from 64.3 to 66.6 % in candy. The acidity was observed as 2.52 % in raw *amla* which was reduced in processed preparations. Ascorbic acid content in fresh *amla* was 430.1 mg/100 g which was lower than that observed by Premi et al. (1999) and higher than Vijayanand et al. (2007). The values of tannic acid were lower than that of Ranote et al. (2002). The processed preparations were found to retain high antioxidant activity due to concentration effect. The tannic acid and total phenol content was lower in processed than raw *amla* due to handling and processing effects.

Effect of incorporation of processed *amla* on proximate composition of ice cream Incorporation of processed *amla* preparations in ice cream at different levels significantly ($p < 0.01$) affected the total solids, fat, protein, ash, fibre, acidity, pH, ascorbic acid, antioxidant activity, phenol, tannins, specific gravity and overrun (Table 2).

Total solids play an important role in controlling the ice cream quality. The total solid content decreased as the level of shred and pulp was raised. This decrease was due to lower solids and higher moisture content of the shreds and pulp than ice cream mix. These results are in accordance with Pinto et al. (2004, 2006) who reported that ginger shreds and ginger juice addition at increased levels lowered the total solid content of ice cream. On the other hand the total solid content of ice

cream samples increased on inclusion of preserve, candy and powder due to their high dry matter content. Similar results were earlier reported by Bajwa et al. (2003) and Murtaza et al. (2004) in strawberry pulp and fig paste ice cream.

The fat content decreased progressively as the level of *amla* incorporation increased. This was due to the very low (0.1 %) fat in *amla* berries. Fruits contain less fat so their incorporation leads to decrease in fat content. The results are in concordance with Bajwa et al. (2003), Murtaza et al. (2004), Pinto et al. (2004) and Temiz and Yesilsu (2010), who observed that fat content in ice cream decreased on addition of strawberry pulp, fig paste, ginger shreds and grape and mulberry pekmez, respectively. The addition of *amla* preparations significantly ($p < 0.01$) reduced the protein content except for powder. Temiz and Yesilsu (2010) found the reduction in protein content of the ice cream with increased levels of mulberry and grape pekmez. Earlier, Pinto et al. (2004, 2006) also reported similar results with ginger shreds and juice ice cream. A non-significant increase was noticed in protein content of ice creams with *amla* powder. Incorporation of black tea into the milk increased the protein content of the mix due to the diffusion of its substances (Karaman and Kayacier 2011). Abdullah

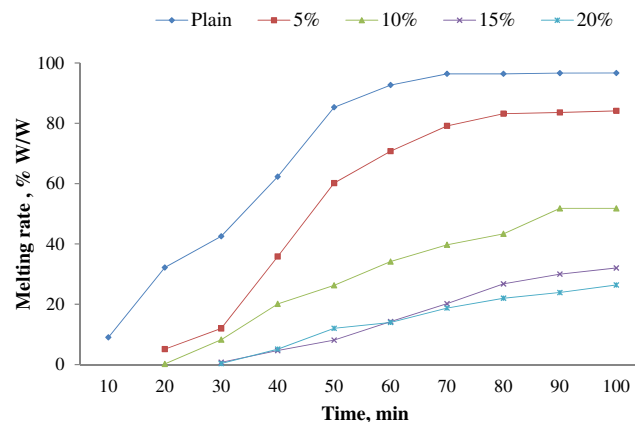


Fig. 1 Effect of *amla* shreds incorporation on the melting rate of ice cream

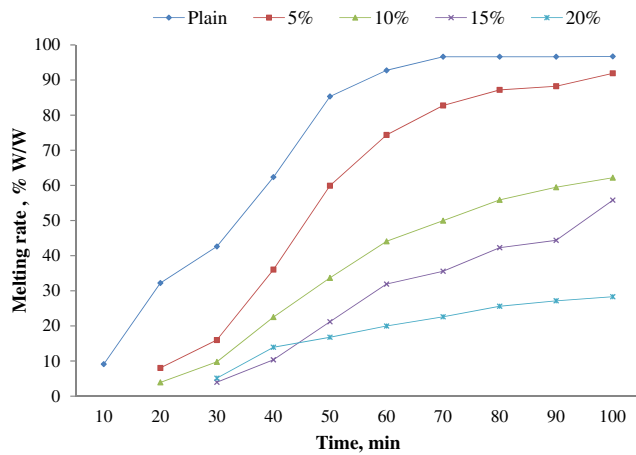


Fig. 2 Effect of amla pulp incorporation on the melting rate of ice cream

et al. (2003) and Choo et al. (2010) described similar results on addition of soymilk blends and coconut virgin oil in ice cream at higher levels. Ash content of all ice cream samples increased with augmentation of processed amla product at higher levels. Addition of strawberry pulp, fig paste, ginger shreds and juice, grape and mulberry pekmez in ice cream increased the ash content (Bajwa et al. 2003; Murtaza et al. 2004; Pinto et al. 2004, 2006; Temiz and Yesilsu 2010). In control ice cream fibre was not detected because milk and its products are deficient in this component. Incorporation of amla preparations significantly ($p < 0.01$) increased the fibre content of ice cream.

Effect of incorporation of processed amla on the physico-chemical properties of ice cream Incorporation of processed amla caused significant ($p < 0.01$) rise in acidity and drop in pH of all ice cream samples (Table 3). Ice cream with higher inclusion had greater titratable acidity while least was observed in the control sample. This was due to the presence of ascorbic acid and phenolic substances in amla. Sagdic et al. (2011) reported that the addition of phenolic rich substances, like elagic acid and gallic acid, enhanced the acidity of ice cream due to acidic nature of these. The results are in accordance with those of earlier workers

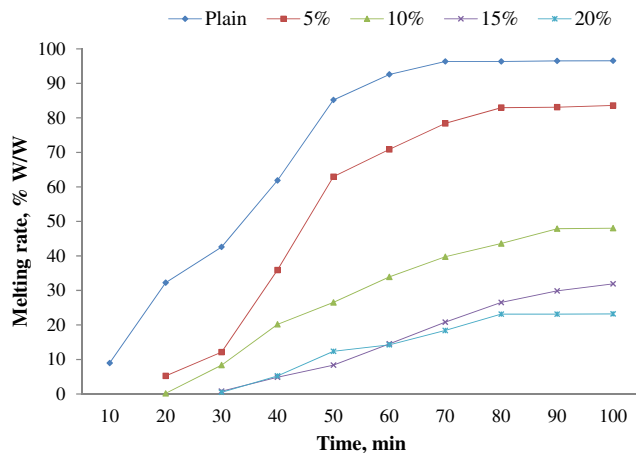


Fig. 3 Effect of amla preserve incorporation on the melting rate of ice cream

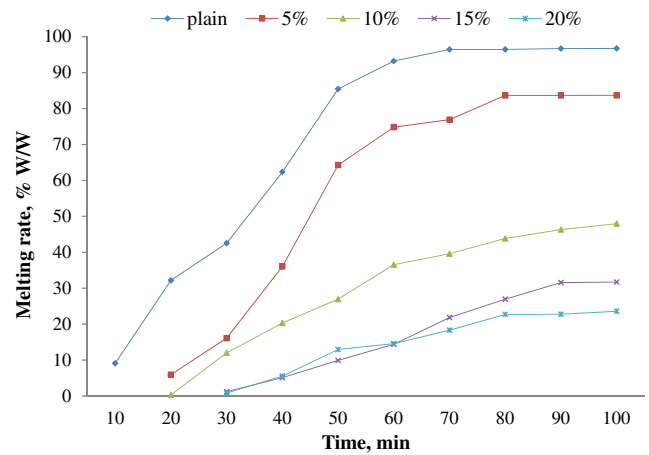


Fig. 4 Effect of amla candy incorporation on the melting rate of ice cream

as reported by Hwang et al. (2009) with grape wine lees, Temiz and Yesilsu (2010) with mulberry and grape pekmez and Bajwa et al. (2003) with strawberry pulp.

Dietary intake of ascorbic acid is very important for humans as they are not able to synthesize these compounds but require them to neutralize reactive oxygen species (Rababah et al. 2005). Ascorbic acid was not detected in control ice cream, however, it increased significantly ($p < 0.01$) with the addition of each form of Amla. The ascorbic acid content of ice cream incorporated with Kiwi juice increased as the level of inclusion was raised (Waterhouse et al. 2013).

Amla incorporated ice cream samples were found to have higher amount of antioxidant activity, total phenols and tannins than control sample. This remarkable increase in antioxidant activity was due to more total phenols and tannins infusion into the ice cream matrix. Teh et al. (2005) reported that frozen blueberry-soy dessert had higher antioxidant activity as compared to plain ice cream. Hwang et al. (2009) observed that addition of grape wine lee resulted in increment of total phenols and tannins in ice cream. The addition of phenolic rich substances increased the total phenols of the ice cream (Sagdic et al. 2011). Amla being a rich source

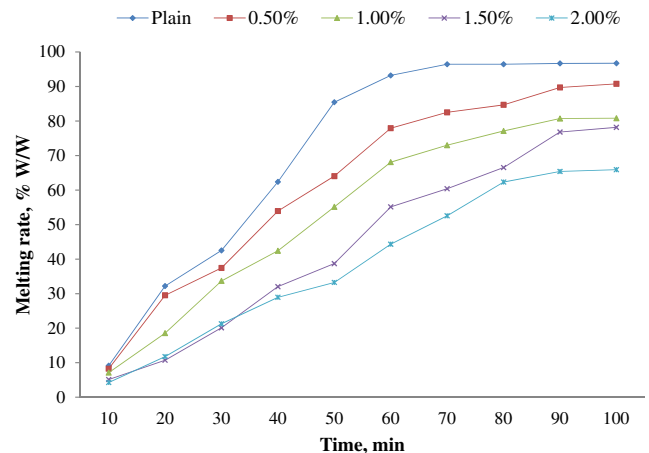


Fig. 5 Effect of amla powder incorporation on the melting rate of ice cream

of total phenols and tannins resulted in increase of these substances in ice cream on its inclusion.

Overrun is a measurement that relates to the increase in volume of ice cream during processing. It is related to yield and profit to the producer. As the level of processed *amla* product increased in the ice cream, it significantly ($p < 0.01$) decreased the overrun value. Control ice cream had higher overrun which was reduced on addition of processed *amla*. This was due to exertion of deleterious effect by weakening the air incorporation. The results are in accordance to ice cream mixes containing potato pulp (Das et al. 1989). Pinto et al. (2004) and

Murtaza et al. (2004) found that addition of ginger shreds and fig paste at higher levels resulted in lower overrun values in ice cream. Similar results were reported by Temiz and Yesilsu (2010) in mulberry and grape pekmez ice cream. Addition of raw or processed products in ice cream mix restricts the air incorporation during freezing, which results in the drop of overrun values (Erkaya et al. 2012). Control ice cream had a lowest specific gravity of 0.533 and it highest for ice cream samples with high levels of processed *amla* product. Arbuckle (1997) reported that specific gravity of ice cream increased with decrease in overrun values. In the study of Samahy et al. (2009),

Table 6 Effect of addition of processed *amla* on the sensory scores of ice cream

Level, %	Appearance/color	Body and texture	mouthfeel	Flavor	Overall acceptability
Shreds					
0	8.13 ± 0.63	8.00 ± 0.76	8.38 ^a ± 0.76	7.75 ± 0.46	8.16 ^a ± 0.72
5	8.25 ± 0.71	8.38 ± 0.74	8.63 ^a ± 0.52	7.25 ± 0.71	8.37 ^a ± 0.56
10	8.00 ± 0.76	7.75 ± 0.71	7.62 ^{ab} ± 0.56	7.62 ± 0.45	7.78 ^a ± 0.49
15	7.75 ± 0.71	7.50 ± 0.92	7.12 ^b ± 0.68	7.25 ± 0.88	7.41 ^{ab} ± 0.88
20	7.75 ± 0.92	7.25 ± 0.89	6.87 ^b ± 0.71	7.00 ± 0.92	7.22 ^b ± 0.90
CD, 5 %	NS	NS	0.793	NS	0.732
Pulp					
0	8.13 ± 0.83	8.37 ± 0.74	8.25 ± 0.71	8.00 ^a ± 0.92	8.16 ^a ± 0.70
5	8.50 ± 0.76	7.81 ± 0.71	8.37 ± 0.75	8.06 ^a ± 0.56	8.36 ^a ± 0.74
10	8.38 ± 0.49	7.76 ± 0.58	7.81 ± 0.76	8.25 ^a ± 0.71	8.20 ^a ± 0.54
15	7.88 ± 0.58	7.80 ± 0.75	7.62 ± 0.91	7.50 ^{ab} ± 0.76	7.70 ^{ab} ± 0.56
20	7.75 ± 0.65	7.75 ± 0.71	7.25 ± 0.89	6.25 ^b ± 0.53	7.29 ^b ± 0.66
CD, 5 %	NS	NS	NS	0.901	0.655
Preserve					
0	8.13 ± 0.83	8.00 ± 0.92	7.63 ± 0.74	7.63 ^{ab} ± 0.91	7.81 ± 0.72
5	8.00 ± 0.71	7.87 ± 0.83	8.12 ± 0.65	8.00 ^a ± 0.53	8.25 ± 0.44
10	8.25 ± 0.71	8.13 ± 0.83	8.13 ± 0.83	8.25 ^a ± 0.71	8.21 ± 0.62
15	8.37 ± 0.51	8.00 ± 0.53	8.00 ± 0.53	7.50 ^b ± 0.53	7.93 ± 0.30
20	8.63 ± 0.44	7.63 ± 0.75	7.50 ± 0.76	7.00 ^c ± 0.53	7.53 ± 0.52
CD, 5 %	NS	NS	NS	0.715	NS
Candy					
0	8.00 ± 0.76	8.00 ± 0.76	8.06 ± 0.73	8.00 ± 0.71	8.06 ± 0.62
5	8.13 ± 0.63	8.25 ± 0.71	8.03 ± 0.66	8.06 ± 0.56	8.10 ± 0.58
10	8.13 ± 0.35	8.25 ± 0.46	8.12 ± 0.57	7.93 ± 0.42	8.06 ± 0.67
15	8.25 ± 0.71	8.25 ± 0.46	8.00 ± 0.53	7.87 ± 0.83	8.03 ± 0.54
20	8.38 ± 0.52	8.05 ± 0.81	7.88 ± 0.64	7.56 ± 0.49	7.95 ± 0.59
CD, 5 %	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Powder					
0	8.13 ^{ab} ± 0.83	8.62 ^a ± 0.52	8.50 ^a ± 0.52	8.38 ^a ± 0.53	8.50 ^a ± 0.51
0.5	7.25 ^b ± 0.92	8.75 ^a ± 0.46	8.62 ^a ± ±0.51	8.50 ^a ± 0.53	8.62 ^a ± ±0.42
1.0	7.31 ^a ± 0.59	8.25 ^a ± 0.71	8.25 ^a ± 0.71	7.75 ^{ab} ± 0.65	8.09 ^{ab} ± 0.63
1.5	8.50 ^a ± 0.59	7.75 ^{ab} ± 1.03	7.75 ^{ab} ± 0.88	6.87 ^b ± 0.99	7.42 ^b ± 0.89
2.0	8.62 ^a ± 0.52	7.25 ^b ± 1.16	7.13 ^b ± 1.46	6.50 ^b ± 0.92	7.03 ^b ± 1.06
CD, 5 %	0.781	0.838	0.903	0.762	0.748

$n = 8$, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation, Values in a column of a block with different superscripts differ significantly

overrun of cactus pear pulp ice cream decreased from 55.71 to 43.11 % when specific gravity increased from 0.71 to 0.86.

Effect of incorporation of processed *amla* on the color attributes (L*, a* and b*) of ice cream Color is one of the most important qualities of foods and food colors constitute a major additive as it enhances the acceptance and appeal of a food item. ‘L’ value which designates whiteness of the product, decreased significantly ($p < 0.01$) as the level of *amla* incorporation increased (Table 4). It was due to the color of processed *amla* and also due to tannins. In grape and mulberry pekmez incorporated ice cream, Temiz and Yesilsu (2010) reported that the ‘L’ value decreased as the level of pekmez incorporation rose, which was due to the color of product and its oxidation that made product darker and in turn increased the absorption of light. Greenness of samples increased as the level of shreds increased, which is reflected in negative ‘a’ value. Ice cream with *amla* shreds showed more green color whereas samples with pulp, preserve, candy and powder had more red color when compared to control. Increase in levels of *amla* shreds decreased the ‘b’ values of ice cream; however, it increased with pulp, preserve, candy and powder. This indicated that yellowness of shred ice cream was reduced as the level of incorporation raised. Sagdic et al. (2011) reported that the addition of phenolic substance caused a significant change on the color properties of ice cream compared to control. Incorporation of grape wine lee resulted a significant increase in ‘a’ and ‘b’ values of ice cream samples (Hwang et al. 2009).

Effect of incorporation of processed *amla* on the first dripping time and melting properties of ice cream Addition of *amla* shreds and pulp had appreciable effect on the first dripping time of ice cream as shown in Table 5. The first dripping time of control was least which increased as the level of processed *amla* increased. Herald et al. (2008) reported that the first dripping time of control ice cream was 5 min. Melting rate, being an important factor of ice cream, is greatly influenced by its composition, additives used during manufacturing, amount of air

incorporated (overrun), nature of ice crystals and network of fat globules formed during freezing (Moeenfarid and Tehani 2008). The melting rate was maximum in control which decreased as the level of processed *amla* was raised (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5). This was due to the additional solids alongwith pectin, a hydrocolloid, of *amla*. Incorporation of *amla* hindered air incorporation, thereby, reducing the overrun and caused decrease in melting rate of ice cream. Bajwa et al. (2003) and Gafour et al. (2007) reported that melting resistance was increased as the level of strawberry pulp and black mulberry and red pulp, respectively, was raised.

Effect of incorporation of processed *amla* on the sensory scores of ice cream Ice cream prepared with incorporation of processed *amla* was found to have variable sensory scores with different preparations (Table 6). The scores differed significantly for mouthfeel and overall acceptability in ice cream incorporating shreds; flavor and overall acceptability for pulp and flavor for preserve whereas and other sensory attributes did not differ significantly. As the level of shreds and pulp increased sweetness of ice cream was lowered due to dilution effect thereby lowering the sensory scores. The overall acceptability scores were highest at 5 % level of incorporation. On the other hand sensory scores of ice cream samples did not differ significantly with the inclusion of preserve, candy and preserve because the sweetness level increased which was perceived to be high and detrimental to overall acceptability scores which were comparable at all levels (5–20 %) of incorporation. Therefore, another trial was conducted in which the sugar content of the formulation was reduced by 1 and 2 %, respectively for 5 and 10 % level of both preserve and candy. In this trial the results of sensory scores came out to be similar and significant ($p < 0.01$) being significantly higher in 10 % formulation than 5 % (Table 7). Tutti-frutti which is candied raw papaya is commonly used in cold deserts and as toppings for the ice-creams and sundaes (Anon 2015). On incorporation of *amla* powder the scores for appearance/color improved and body and texture, mouthfeel and flavor scores dwindled with augmented level of powder incorporation.

Table 7 Effect of addition of different levels of *amla* candy on the sensory scores of ice cream with reduced sugar content

Level,%	Appearance/color	Body and texture	mouthfeel	Flavor	Overall acceptability
Control	7.50 ^b ± 0.53	7.50 ^b ± 0.53	7.13 ^b ± 0.35	7.37 ^b ± 0.91	7.38 ^b ± 0.33
5	8.13 ^{ab} ± 0.63	7.62 ^{ab} ± 0.52	7.75 ^{ab} ± 0.46	8.13 ^{ab} ± 0.37	7.90 ^{ab} ± 0.31
10	8.56 ^a ± 0.49	8.31 ^a ± 0.46	8.62 ^a ± 0.51	8.94 ^a ± 0.17	8.60 ^a ± 0.29
ANOVA					
Source	df	MSS			
Treatment	3	2.28**	1.53**	4.54**	4.88*
Error	20	0.314	0.254	0.202	0.332

$n = 8$, Values are Mean ± Standard Deviation, Values in a column with different superscripts differ significantly
**Significant at $p < 0.01$

Conclusion

Ice cream was manufactured by incorporation of *amla* fruit in the form of shreds, pulp, preserve, candy and powder in the mix during the freezing step of its manufacture. Inclusion of processed *amla* products significantly influenced the composition of ice cream. They reduced fat and protein content (except for powder) and increased ash and fiber content of resultant ice cream. The amount of functional components i.e. ascorbic acid, antioxidant activity, total phenols and tannins increased significantly. However, the overrun of ice cream was lowered and melting resistance increased with enhanced inclusion of *amla* preparations. The overall acceptability scores were highest at 5 % level of incorporation of shreds and pulp and 10 % preserve and candy and 0.5 % powder. The sensory acceptability of *amla* ice cream could be further enhanced by either augmenting or reducing the sugar content of ice cream formulae depending upon the inclusion of processed preparation and consumer preference for extent of sweetness.

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