



## Effect on quality of developed ginger-garlic paste during storage

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### Abstract

*In this study, the effect on quality of developed ginger-garlic paste were observed. Ginger paste and garlic paste were mixed in equal proportion (1:1 ratio) by weight. The Sodium benzoate (150 ppm), citric acid (0.2% w/w), Sodium benzoate (.015% w/w) and sodium chloride (1.5% w/w) were added to the mixed ginger garlic paste and packed in glass jars. The samples were treated with microwave heating and samples treated with conventional heating. After that all samples stored at 30 to 38°C for 3 months and evaluated at an interval of 15 days. Ginger-garlic paste treated by microwave heating stored for 3 months had significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ). The pH and moisture content of microwave treated samples were decreased ( $p < 0.05$ ). The effect of microwave treatment on acidity and ash content of samples showed that microwave treatment significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) affected the acidity and ash content during storage period of 3 months.*

**Key words:** microwave heating, ginger garlic paste, quality attributes and storage.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) belongs to Alliacea family and is the native of Central Asia (Purseglove *et al.* 1981). Garlic contains allicin which has antioxidant, antibacterial and antibiotic properties. It has been recognized as a valuable condiment for foods in everyday cooking. The genus *Allium* contains large amount of sulphur compound, which is primarily responsible for its biological and medicinal properties (Augusti 1996). China is the largest producer of garlic accounting for 77% of world output, India (4.1%), South Korea (2%), followed by Russia (1.6%) and the United States (1.4%) (Peter 1996).

Fresh garlic is characterized by having a distinct aromatic odor, which is Ginger is one of the important spices. Ginger, botanically known as *Zingiber officinale* Rosc., belongs to the family Zingiberaceae and originated in Southeast Asia. Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) has been used as spices and an ingredient in folk medicine in many Asian foods especially in Indian cuisine since ancient times. The rhizome of ginger in its fresh as well as dried form has been used both in medicine and as a spice for several centuries. This spice is extensively grown in the tropics and the main exporting countries are India, Nigeria, Australia, China and Jamaica. Ginger contains essential oils including gingerol and zingiberene. It also contains pungent principles such as zingerone, gingerol and shogaol. The ginger rhizome has starch, protein, fats, fibers, inorganic material, residual moisture, and essential oil are 60%, 10%, 10%, 5%, 6% 10% and 1-4% respectively. Ginger has many medicinal properties. Studies have shown that, the long term dietary intake of ginger has hypoglycaemic and hypolipidaemic effect (Ahmed and Sharma, 1997). Ginger has been identified as an herbal medicinal product with pharmacological effect. Ginger suppresses prostaglandin synthesis through inhibition of cyclooxygenase-1 and cyclooxygenase-2. In traditional Chinese and Indian medicine, ginger has been used to treat a wide range of ailments including stomach aches, diarrhea, nausea, asthma, respiratory disorders (Grzanna *et al.*,

2005).seldom carried over to processed garlic (Pezzutti and Crapiste 1997).

Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) and garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) have been used as spices and aningredient in folk medicine in many Asian foods especially in Indian cuisine since ancient times. There have been a number of studies showing the antimicrobial activity of garlic essential oil, garlic and ginger extracts. Both ginger and garlic possess volatile oils and chemical compounds responsible for pungent flavours, especially gingerols and allicinrespectively. Allicin (diallyl thiosulfinate) has antioxidant, antibacterial antibiotic properties (Augusti, 1996). Flavones, flavonoids and Flavonols are chemical compounds in these spices, active against microorganisms. Flavonoids are also hydroxylated phenolic substances but occur as a C6- C3 unit linked to an aromatic ring, they are synthesized by plants in response to microbial infections (Dixon et al., 1983).

Ginger–garlic paste is a viscous product prepared from the garlic ginger mix. Ginger and garlic are containing the strong aroma and flavor which are the row materials of ginger garlic paste. Ginger garlic paste is essential in food preparations as a spice for imparting a characteristic fresh ginger garlic odor in factual flavor. Ginger-garlic paste is slightly creamy white, microbiologically stable and free from any pathogens including bacteria and other microorganisms. It is a substitute of fresh ginger and garlic which can be used in homes, restaurants, hotels, food complex institutes and institutional caterings etc.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Source of raw materials

#### Garlic and Ginger:

Fresh ginger rhizomes were procured from a local market of Pantnagar, U.S. Nagar, U.K. Uttarakhand. The rhizomes were broken into pieces to expose the crevices and then washed in running water to remove the adhering mud. Again the cleaned rhizomes were scraped with a knife to remove dirt as well as spoiled portion.

#### Composition of ginger-garlic paste samples:

The ratios of each samples of ginger –garlic paste were 1: 1 w/w of ginger paste and garlic paste. The chemical preservative were used as sodium metabisulfite (0.5%w/w), citric acid (0.2% w/w), Sodium benzoate (.015% w/w) and sodium chloride (1.5% w/w).

#### Manufacturing Process of Ginger- Garlic paste Garlic paste:

Garlic was imperilled to low pressure by hand to separate the pieces. Garlic pieces were dried in a tray drier at 40°C for 25 min. to assist peeling. Peeling was done manually. After peeling, Ginger pieces were immersed in hot water followed by grinding in a heavy duty grinder tailored with mesh to get a fine paste that was used as the raw material for grounding of ginger–garlic paste.

#### Ginger paste:

Raw ginger rhizomes were obtained from local market of pantnagar, U.S. Nagar, U.K. The rhizomes were fragmented into desired fragments and then washed in running water to remove the dirt. Over the cleaned rhizomes were rubbed with a knife to remove dirt along with spoiled part. Ginger rhizomes were soaked in potassium metabisulfite solution 0.5% solution for 14 hrs. after that rhizome was washed thoroughly; peeled using a peeler. The peeled rhizomes were passed through a hammer to become a fine paste

## Ginger–Garlic Paste

Ginger Paste and Garlic Paste were mixed in equal proportion (1:1 ratio) by weight and passed through heavy duty grinder to obtain the product with uniform evenness. The ginger–garlic paste was become stable by addition of sodium chloride. Ginger garlic pastes of 10 kg were prepared by mixing 10 batches of 1 kg each which shown in Figure 01. Sodium benzoate (150 ppm) was added to the mixed ginger garlic paste and filled in glass jars after that filled jars with ginger garlic paste were sealed. The five sealed samples were placed in a microwave oven. The Microwave oven was switch on at different level of microwave power (160,320, 480,660 and 800 watt for 1 minute) for the processing of ginger garlic paste. After that, these five samples were cooled down to 35°C and stored at ambient temperature. Whereas other five sealed samples of same composition were thermally heated at different temperature 100, 110, 120, 130 and 140°C for 4 minute 30 second, 3 minute 30 second, 2 minute 30 second, 1 minute 30 second and 30 second respectively. After that, these five samples were cooled depressed to 35°C and kept at ambient temperature. Samples were taken out after 0, 15, 30, 45 and 60 days of storing at 30°C and examined for their quality attributes.

## Quality Characteristic of ginger- garlic paste

### pH value of ginger garlic paste

The 10g of ginger garlic paste samples were taken along with 50ml-distilled water homogenized in a mixer grinder. The ground sample was filtered and the pH was determined by dipping the combined glass electrode of a digital pH meter (**Khera model, Indian make**) into the filtrate.

### Percentage acidity

Acidity of ginger garlic paste was determined by using the method as recommended by (**Ranganna, 1994**). To prepare the sample, 10 gm sample was boiled in 100 ml of distilled water for one hour, replacing the water lost by evaporation. It was then cooled, filtered and transferred to a volumetric flask and made up to 100 ml with distilled water. 10 ml of the aliquot was pipette out and titrated with 0.1N NaOH using few drops of phenolphthalein as indicator.

The titre value was noted and percent acid total acid was calculated as citric acid using the following equation:

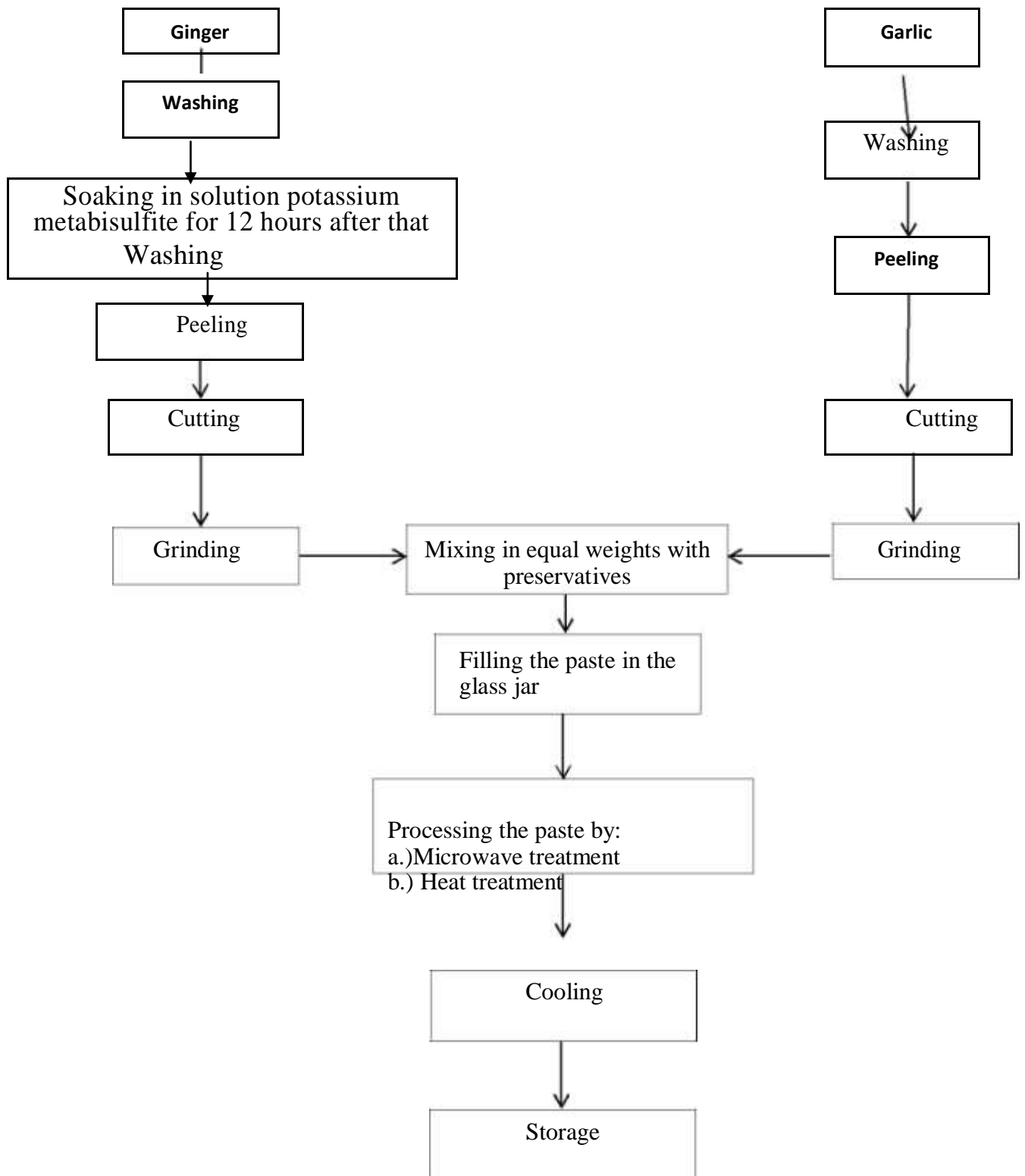
$$\text{Titre} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Volume made up} \times \text{Eq.wt. of Citric Acid (64.04)} \times 100$$

$$\% \text{ Acidity} = \frac{\text{Titre} \times \text{Normality of NaOH} \times \text{Volume made up} \times \text{Eq.wt. of Citric Acid (64.04)} \times 100}{\text{Volume of Sample taken for Estimation} \times \text{wt. or volume of sample taken} \times 1000} \quad (3.1)$$

### Moisture Content

The moisture content of garlic-ginger paste was determined as **AOAC (1980)** method. Ten gram of sample was transferred to weighed metallic dish which was then transferred to a hot air oven at 100°C and tried till a constant weight was obtained. The dish was kept in desiccators for cooling. After cooling, the loss in weight was determined to calculated moisture content and expressed as %.

$$\text{Moisture (\%)} = \frac{\text{Weight of fresh sample (g)} - \text{Weight of dried sample (g)}}{\text{Weight of fresh sample (g)}} \times 100 \quad (3.2)$$



**Figure no. 01:** Process Flow chart of manufacturing of ginger garlic paste

### Ash content

To determine total ash, 5g of garlic-ginger paste samples was weighed in a pre-weighed silica dish, Ignited on a burner till the fumes ceased and then transferred to muffle furnace at 500±15°C for 4 hrs and transferred to desiccator for cooling. After cooling silica dish was reweighed and percent total ash was calculated (AOAC, 1995).

$$\text{Total Ash (\%)} = \frac{\text{Weight of residue}}{\text{Weight of sample}} \times 100 \quad (3.3)$$

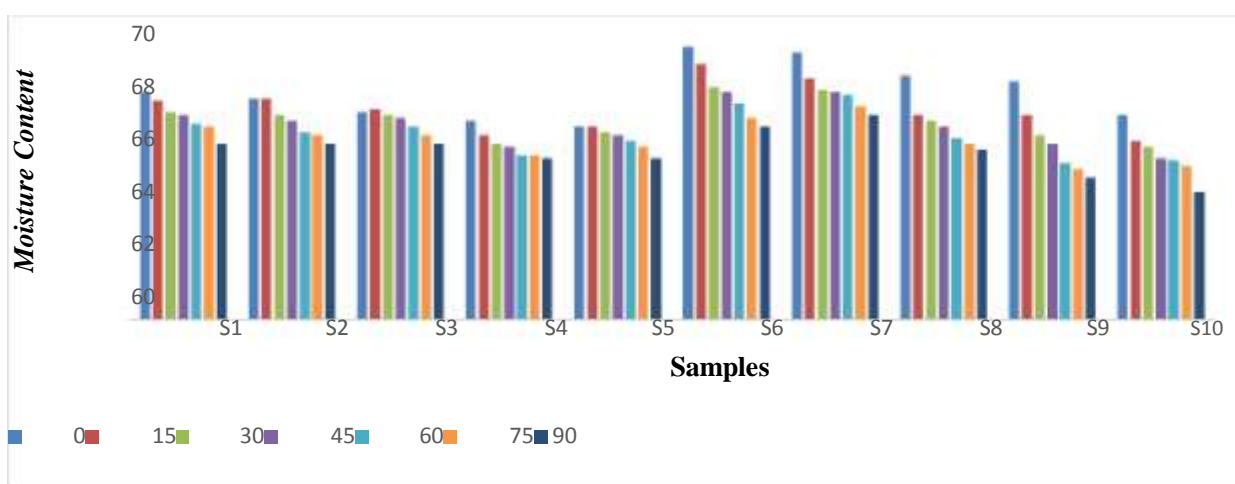
### Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis of data obtained, was done using ANOVA.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### Changing in moisture content of ginger-garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days:

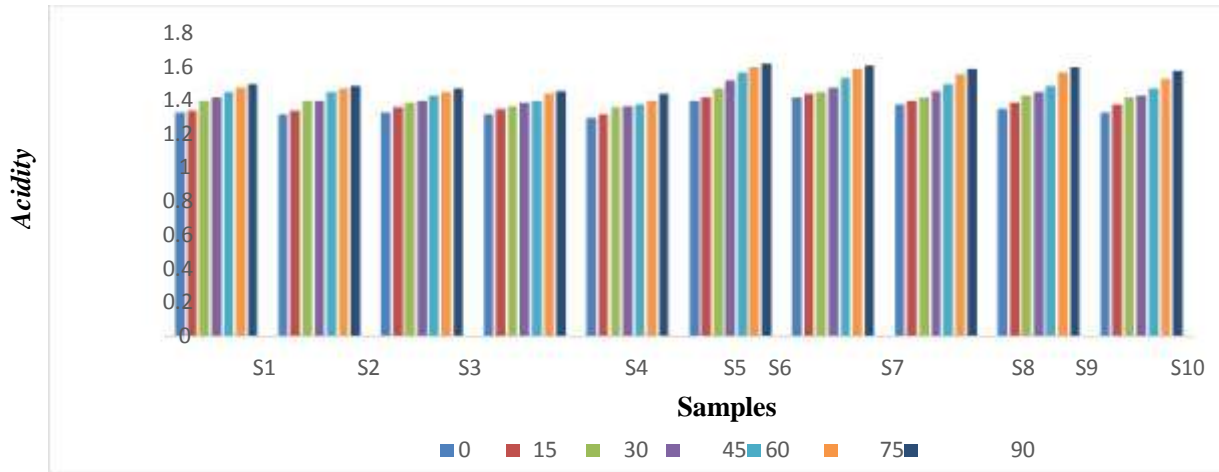
The moisture content of ginger garlic paste samples treated with microwave and conventional heating, was examined during the storage. The samples (S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5) treated with microwave heating, had moisture content ranging from 66.8 to 68% db. During the storage moisture content was decreased. It was found that the moisture content of ginger-garlic paste significantly decreased which has been shown by ANOVA. Ginger-garlic paste treated by microwave heating stored for 3 months had significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ). Similar finding was reported by Algadi, M. Z.A. (2014), the chemical treatments affected the moisture content of Garlic paste significantly where untreated Garlic paste had the highest ( $p > 0.05$ ) moisture content (63.88%) compared to the treated ones during storage. The values obtained in this study were within the range of values obtained by Benkeblia (2007), who reported that garlic contain 60-70% moisture. The moisture content of  $T_0$  was comparable to the values (66.57%) reported by Odeunmi et al. (2010) for the Nigerian garlic and to that (65%) reported by Blumenthal and Mark (2000). Also Topno et al. (2011) found that Garlic Paste contained 63.04% moisture. The effect of microwave heating was found significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) on the quality of stored sample whereas the samples (S6, S7, S8, S9 and S10) were treated with conventional heating which shown the more changed in moisture content during storage.



**Fig. no. 2** Changing in moisture content (%) value of ginger garlic paste doing the storage period of 90 days



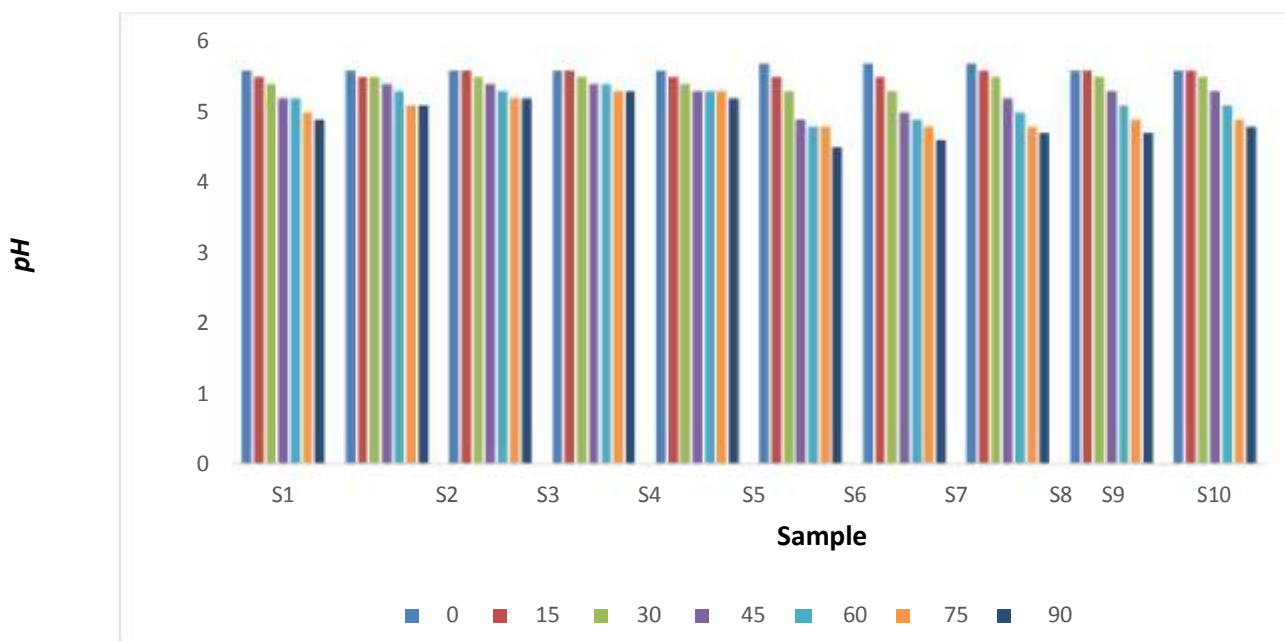
.62. Therefore, the acidity of microwave treated samples increased by lesser amounts than that of conventionally heat treated samples. The ANNOVA of effect of microwave treatment on acidity of ginger-garlic paste showed that microwave treatment significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) affected the acidity.



**Fig. no. 3** Changing in acidity (%) value of ginger garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days.

**Changing in pH values of ginger-garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days:**

The five samples S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5 were treated with microwave processing and the pH value of these samples was examined during the storage. Initially all samples had pH value of 5.6 which over the period of storage decreased to the range 4.9-5.2. On the other hand the pH of the samples S6, S7, S8, S9 and S10 treated with conventional heating decreased from initial range 5.6-5.7 to final range 4.5-4.8 over the storage time. It was found that the microwave treatment had significantly affected the pH of ginger-garlic paste ( $p < 0.05$ ). The pH values of the present study were low compared to that (5.80) described by USFDA (2004).

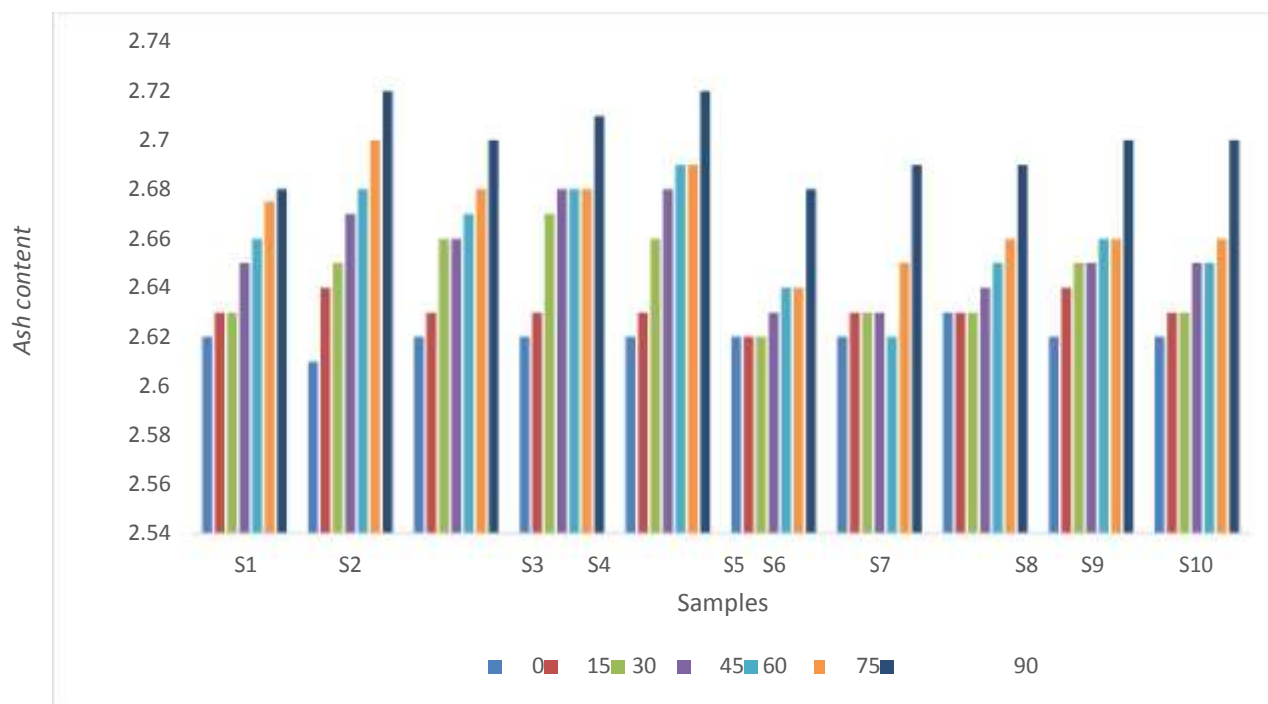


**Fig. no. 4** Changing in pH value of ginger garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days

**Changes in ash content of ginger-garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days:**

The ash content of microwave heating treated samples was found from initial range of 1.61-1.62 to final range of 1.68 to 1.72 during storage period of 90 days. While ash content of samples that were treated with conventional heating was estimated from initial range of 1.62- 1.63 to final range of 1.68 to 1.70 over the storage of 90 days. The Ash content of ginger-garlic paste samples (S1, S2, S3, and S4 and S5) treated with microwave heating was increased over storage time. But Ash content of samples (S6, S7, S8, S9 and S10) treated with conventional heating were increased less as compare to that samples, during storage period of 90 days. The value obtained in this study was similar to the value obtained by Casado et al. (2004), who reported that, the ash content of garlic ranged between 2.65% and 8.40%. The effect of microwave heating was found significant significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) on the quality of stored sample. Whereas samples treated with conventional heating showed the changed in ash content during storage time.





**Fig. no. 5** Changing in pH ash content of ginger garlic paste during the storage period of 90 days

#### IV. Conclusion

It can be concluded that ginger garlic paste treated with microwave heating was more shelf stable during storage. During storage period of 3 month, the quality of all microwave treated samples was observed to be less changed as compared to that treated with simple heating. The microwave heating of ginger garlic paste was found to be significant.

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