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Abstract

The aim of this research was to investigate the effect of herring roe phospholipids (PLs) on the oxidative stability of cod liver oil during storage. The effect of PLs on the oxidative stability of cod liver oil was assessed in terms of peroxide value, free fatty acids, secondary oxidation products and pyrrolisation. The results show that the PV was lower in cod liver oil containing PLs ($P < 0.05$) than in the control without PLs. Benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol and 3-methylbutanal were the main volatiles. In addition, significant pyrrolisation was observed after 28 days when PLs were added to cod liver oil. The results suggested that cod liver oil with dispersed PLs was oxidized during storage followed by non-enzymatic browning reactions. The findings indicated that the ratio between pyrroles formed and α -tocopherol may influence the formation of new peroxides and secondary oxidation products.

Keywords: marine phospholipids, oxidation, cod liver oil, non-enzymatic browning reactions, strecker aldehydes.

1. Introduction

Marine phospholipids (PLs) have received much attention by researchers due to their high content of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs), especially docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) (Belhaj, Arab-Tehrany, & Linder, 2010). Marine PLs are naturally present in high concentration in fish heads (Gbogouri, Linder, Fanni, & Parmentier, 2006), fish roe (Shirai, Higuchi, & Suzuki, 2006) and krill oil (Burri, Hoem, Banni, & Berge, 2012) with different fatty acid compositions. Many studies have shown that marine PLs have better oxidative stability than marine triacylglycerol (TAG) available from fish oil due to (a) their tight intermolecular packing conformation with the PUFA at the sn-2 position of PLs and (b) a synergistic effect of PLs on the antioxidant activity of α -tocopherol. In addition, pyrroles formed from non-enzymatic browning reactions between oxidized PLs/amino acids and fatty acid oxidation products in slightly oxidized marine PLs have protective effects against oxidation (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, & Jacobsen, 2012).

Numerous studies have shown that natural PLs possess antioxidant activity. Hudson and Mahgoub (1981) reported that PLs from eggs were effective antioxidants in lard. Saito and Ishihara (1997) reported that phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and phosphatidylcholine (PC) were good antioxidants in a sardine oil system. King et al. (1992) showed that the more egg yolk phosphatidylcholine (PC) added to salmon oil, the higher the oxidative stability obtained. They suggested that Maillard-type reaction products may have improved the oxidative stability of PL-supplemented fish oils.

Marine PLs contain higher amount of PUFAs compared to PLs from egg and soybean and may therefore be more susceptible to lipid oxidation than these PL

sources. Despite their polyunsaturated nature, marine PLs may still provide antioxidative effects when added to other lipids. Belhaj, Arab-Tehrany, & Linder (2010) evaluated the oxidative stability of salmon oil added with marine PC. Their results indicated that when marine PC was added as an emulsifier in salmon oil, it could increase the stability of salmon oil via its antioxidant activity despite an increase in long-chain PUFAs, especially with DHA due to addition of marine PC.

Moreover, the effect of temperature on lipid oxidation and non-enzymatic browning reactions in krill oil (rich in marine PLs) were investigated upon storage (Lu, Bruheim, Haugsgjerd, & Jacobsen, 2014). The authors suggested that the formation of pyrroles might help to protect the krill oil against lipid oxidation. These antioxidative compounds were formed from non-enzymatic browning reactions between the primary amine group of PE or amino acids with the lipid oxidation products in marine PLs (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, & Jacobsen, 2013; Lu, Nielsen, Baron, & Jacobsen, 2012).

Herring roe is an underutilized source of marine PLs. Approximately, 600,000 t herring are caught in Norway per year, but only a small amount of herring roe is consumed by humans. Thirty percent of the lipids in herring roe are marine PLs of which most are in the form of PC (75%) (Bjørndal, Strand, Gjerde, Bohov, Svardal, Diehl, et al., 2014). Besides, the total EPA and DHA constituted more than 35% of total fatty acids. Oxidative stability of herring roe lipids was found to be higher than fish oils prepared from sardine and tuna (Moriya, Kuniminato, Hosokawa, Fukunaga, Nishiyama, & Miyashita, 2007). The authors suggested that the higher oxidative stabilities of herring roe lipids would be mainly due to the presence of PLs.

To the best of our knowledge, the oxidative stability of cod liver oil with purified marine PLs from herring roe added has not been studied previously. The main

objective of the present study was to investigate the effect of herring roe PLs on lipid oxidation of cod liver oil upon storage. The secondary objective is to investigate the non-enzymatic browning reactions in cod liver oil with herring roe PLs added upon storage. This is the first time the storage stability of cod liver oil with herring roe PLs added has been studied. Herring roe PLs were purified by acetone precipitation from herring roe oil to eliminate the effect of other factors on lipid oxidation, such as content of TAG, antioxidants or other residues that might be present in marine PLs.

2. Materials and methods

2.1 Materials

Herring roe oil was kindly provided by Novastell (Etrépagny, France). Commercial cod liver oil was obtained from Maritex A/S, subsidiary of TINE, BA (Sortland, Norway) without addition of antioxidant. The peroxide value (PV) of cod liver oil was < 0.1 mequiv/kg, free fatty acids content (FFA) was 0.10%. Contents of α -, γ -, and δ -tocopherol were 141 ± 9 , 0 ± 0 , 95 ± 5 , 42 ± 2 μg toc/g oil, respectively. Herring roe oil was stored at -40 °C until use. The fatty acid composition of cod liver oil was as follows (% w/w): 8.90% palmitic acid (C16:0), 8.20% palmitoleic acid (C16:1n-7), 1.86% stearic acid (C18:0), 16.0% oleic acid (C18:1n-9), 5.16% vaccenic acid (C18:1n-7), 1.79% linoleic acid (C18:2n-6), 0.84% α -linolenic acid (C18:3n-3), 11.59% gadoleic acid (C20:1n-11), 9.27% eicosapentaenoic acid (C20:5n-3), 6.06% cetoleic acid (C22:1n-11), 11.64% docosahexaenoic acid (C22:6n-3) and 7.78% others.

2.2 Methods

2.2.1 Purification of phospholipids (PLs) from herring roe oil by acetone precipitation

PLs were isolated from herring roe oil by using acetone precipitation as

described by Mozuraityte and coworkers (2007) and Liang et al. (2017) with a few modifications. Briefly, 100 g herring roe oil was dissolved in 200 mL chloroform. This solution was then poured into 1000 mL of acetone under vigorous stirring at room temperature without light for 30 min. Afterwards, the mixed solution was kept at -18°C overnight to allow PLs precipitation. The acetone was decanted and the PLs precipitates were redissolved in chloroform. The isolation step was repeated twice. The purified PLs were dried under nitrogen for 1 h to evaporate the acetone and chloroform.

2.2.2 Determination of phospholipids classes by ^{31}P NMR

The classes of PLs were determined through ^{31}P NMR by Spectral Service GmbH (Cologne, Germany) using the same method as in our previous study (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, and Jacobsen, 2012). [See also data provided as supplementary material.](#) ~~However, the~~ The measurement was performed only once [due to limited amount of sample material available.](#)

2.2.3 Preparation of cod liver oil with different levels of PLs dispersion

Five different formulations of PLs dispersion in cod liver oil were prepared with different levels of purified PLs (as shown in Table 1). To avoid the effect of tocopherol on the oxidative stability of cod liver oil, it was removed from PLs during acetone purification. Therefore, the oxidation of cod liver oil only depended on the effect of PLs and the synergism between tocopherol (from cod liver oil) and PLs.

2.2.4 Oxidative stability determination

The cod liver oil with different levels of PLs was incubated at 40°C in darkness, exposed to air for up to 28 days and were stirred at regular intervals. For each type of cod liver oil, a beaker with 25.0 g of oil containing PLs were prepared. The experiment was performed in triplicate. Samples were taken from the same beaker on

day 0, 7, 21, and 28. Samples were flushed with nitrogen and stored at -20°C ~~in~~
~~refrigerator~~ until analysis, and the maximum storage time for the samples before
analysis ~~should be~~ was ~~less than 10 days~~.

2.2.5 Determination of peroxide value (PV) and free fatty acids (FFA) of herring roe oil and purified PLs

PV was determined in herring roe oil and purified PLs using the colorimetric ferric-thiocyanate method at 500 nm as described by Shantha and Decker (1994). FFA was determined using the AOCS method Ca 5a-40 (1998). The measurement was performed in duplicate.

2.2.6 Determination of tocopherol

The tocopherol content was determined according to AOCS method Ce 8-89 (1989b). Approximately 0.05 g of herring roe oil and purified PLs were dissolved in heptane (10 mL) and from this, 1.0 mL samples were analyzed by HPLC-FLD (Agilent 1100 series, Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) on a Water Spherisorb (R) 3 μ m silica column (4.6 $\times$ 150 mm). The mobile phase consisted of heptane: isopropanol (100:0.4, v/v). The flow rate was 1 mL/min. Tocopherols were detected by fluorescence (FLD) detector at 290 nm excitation and emission at 330 nm. The determination was repeated twice and quantified by authentic standards.

2.2.7 Determination of fatty acid composition of herring roe oil and purified PLs

The fatty acid composition was determined according to AOCS Ce 2-66 (2000) with a minor modification. In detail, 30-60 mg of herring roe oil and purified PLs were weighed into vials, respectively. To each sample, 100 μ L of internal standard (2%, w/v, C23:0 in heptane), 200 μ L heptane with 0.01% BHT, and 100 μ L of toluene were added and mixed. Afterwards, 1 mL of methanolic BF₃ (20% solution) was added, and the methylation glass was sealed with a Teflon cap and a screw lid.

The mixture was vortexed for 10 s and placed into a microwave oven (Multiwave 3000 SOLV, Anton Paar, Graz, Austria). The conditions of the microwave for methylation was 5 min at 100 °C with a power of 500 W followed by cooling 10 min. Next, 1 mL of saturated NaCl solution and 0.7 mL of heptane were added and mixed for 10 s. Later, approximately 1 mL of upper layer of heptane was transferred to a GC vial for fatty acid composition analysis. During analysis, the fatty acid methyl esters were separated by GC-FID (HP 5890 A, Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto, CA) with a DB127-7012 column (10 m × ID 0.1 mm × 0.1 mm film thickness) using AOCS Official Method Ce 1b-89 (AOCS, 1989a). Quantification of DHA, EPA and total n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFAs) were conducted by using internal standard of C23:0. The analysis was carried out in duplicate.

2.2.8 Determination of volatiles by Dynamic Headspace GC–MS

The procedure for volatiles determination was performed as described by Thomsen, et al. (2017) and Rørbæk (1994) with minor modifications. Approximately 1.0 g of sample was weighed and mixed with 30 mg of internal standard solution (30 µg/g of 4-methyl-1-pentanol in rapeseed oil). The volatiles were collected on Tenax® tubes (Gerstel, GmbH & Co. KG) for 30 min at 45°C with a nitrogen flow of 150 mL/min. The collected volatiles were desorbed by using an automatic thermal desorber (ATD-400, PerkinElmer, Norwalk, CT, USA) at 220°C combined with Agilent 5890 IIA model (Palo Alto, CA, USA) GC connected to a MS HP 5972 mass selective detector. The initial oven temperature was 35°C for 3 min, with increment at 3.0°C/min to 140°C, and increment at 5.0°C/min to 170°C, then increment at 10.0 °C/min to 240°C, where it was held for 8 min. Measurements were made in triplicate in each sample. The individual compounds were confirmed by mass-spectrometry (HP 5973 inert mass-selective detector, Agilent Technologies, USA; Electron

ionization mode, 70 eV, mass to charge ratio scan between 30 and 250).

2.2.9 Determination of pyrroles content

The pyrroles content in cod liver oil containing different levels of PLs were determined according to Lu et al. (2012). Approximately 0.3 g of sample was weighed and 6 mL of chloroform–methanol (2:1) was added followed by addition of 2 mL of distilled water. After centrifugation (2500 rpm), the chloroform phase was analyzed for pyrroles content in duplicate. Pyrroles content were quantified using an authentic external standard [1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole] (at 570 nm). The pyrroles concentration are given as millimoles of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole per gram of sample.

Statistical analysis. The data were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Bonferroni's post-test for multiple comparisons using Minitab 16 statistical package (Minitab Inc., State College, PA). Significant differences were accepted at $p < 0.05$.

3. Result and discussion

3.1 Formulation of cod liver oil with different levels of herring roe PLs

To evaluate the effect of herring roe PLs on the oxidation stability of cod liver oil, different levels of herring roe PLs was added to cod liver oil as shown in Table 1.

3.2 Chemical composition of herring roe oil and purified phospholipids (PLs)

In this work, PLs were purified from herring roe oil, which contained high amount of PLs (approximately 30% of PLs in total herring roe oil) through acetone precipitation. Under this condition, the TAG and other nonpolar lipids were removed. The total PLs percentage increased from 33.75% to 72.30% (Table 2). In general, the purified PLs had higher content of PC, PI, LPC, LPE and APE than unpurified herring roe oil. The purified PLs also had a higher level of total LysoPLs (5.38%) than

unpurified sample (2.08%), indicating some level of hydrolysis of PLs during purification. This phenomenon was also observed in our previous work (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, & Jacobsen, 2012). Also, the content of FFA increased when compared with untreated sample confirming that hydrolysis took place during purification.

As seen in Table 3, after purification, the PLs contained higher amounts of EPA and DHA when compared with the unpurified herring roe oil. The total content of EPA and DHA of purified PLs were 45.22% compared to 39.88% in unpurified herring roe oil. The DHA and EPA level in purified PLs were 33.24% and 11.98%, respectively. Mozuraityte et al. (2007) determined the isolated PLs from the total lipid of cod roe by acetone precipitation method. They found that the isolated PLs contained $98 \pm 2\%$ of PLs, traces of cholesterol, and unknown compounds. On average, the isolated PLs was rich in DHA with $26 \pm 9\%$ and EPA with $11 \pm 2\%$ of total fatty acids. In our study, the purified herring roe PLs contained higher levels of DHA, but lower levels of PL. Tocher et al. (1984) analyzed the fatty acids composition in seven different types of fish roes and reported that the DHA and EPA levels in herring roe were 31.4% and 13.7%, respectively. Furthermore, the DHA level was higher than EPA level in different kinds of fish roe.

In addition, the peroxide value of herring roe oil was also determined before and after purification, and it was 0.62 mequiv/kg and 0.64 mequiv/kg, respectively. The result suggests that the purification method did not affect the oxidation of herring roe oil.

3.3 Storage experiment of cod liver oil/herring roe phospholipids dispersion

3.3.1 PV and FFA.

As seen in Fig. 1 (a), at the beginning of storage, PV increased significantly with an increase in content of PLs. This phenomenon may be due to the removal of

tocopherol in purified PL. However, the PV showed significantly lower ($P < 0.05$) increment during storage after 21 days when FO with added PLs was compared with FO. This result may be due to the antioxidant activity of PLs, or due to faster decomposition and reaction to secondary and tertiary oxidation products when FO was replaced with herring roe PLs.

The proportion of FFA in purified PLs was significantly higher than herring roe oil after purification. Thus, the FFA in FO with PLs added increased with increasing levels of PL added (Fig. 1(b)). ~~As the storage proceeded, the content of FFA was slightly increased slightly but significantly in FO with low levels of PLs added ($P > 0.05$), but whereas it –increased more in significantly in FPL5 ($P < 0.05$). This finding may due to the high content of FFA in FO with 50% of PLs added could indicate that lipases in herring roe PL were still active during storage, but further investigations are needed to confirm this hypothesis.~~

3.3.2 Secondary lipid oxidation products: volatiles

In order to further study the oxidative stability of FO with PLs, the concentration of volatiles were measured during storage. Fig. 2 show the changes in benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol, and 3-methylbutanal. Benzaldehyde was detected in FPL1~FPL5 after 7 days incubation at 40°C. In particular, the level of benzaldehyde in FPL5 was the highest one from 7 days to 28 days followed by FPL3>FPL1>FPL2>FPL4. Benzaldehyde was only observed in FO after 21 days storage. It was reported that benzaldehyde was strongly correlated with sensory properties of FO (Guillén, Carton, Salmeron, & Casas, 2009), and Giogios et al. (2009) assumed that benzene compounds could be decomposition products of amino acid or sugars due to their low level in FO. As illustrated by benzaldehyde in Fig. 2, lipid oxidation occurred in FO after 21 days storage, and the degradation of

241 PLs may play a key role in producing more benzaldehyde in FO.

242 Furthermore, Fig.2 (B) showed an appreciable increase in pyrazines as
243 demonstrated by the presence of 2,5-dimethylpyrazine ~~in this study~~. There was no
244 2,5-dimethylpyrazine in FO and FPL1. However, the content of 2,5-dimethylpyrazine
245 ~~was~~ increased with increasing content of herring roe PLs in FO, especially FPL5 was
246 higher than other treatments. This finding demonstrated that herring roe PLs played
247 an important role in producing pyrazines. The effect of thermal treatment towards
248 pyrazines formation was also reported in other studies. For instance, Lu and
249 co-workers reported that 2,5-dimethylpyrazine and 2-ethylpyridine increased during
250 storage ($P < 0.05$) in krill oil incubated at 40°C (Lu, Bruheim, Haugsgjerd, &
251 Jacobsen, 2014). In addition, Baek and Cadwallader reported that
252 2,5-dimethylpyrazine increased drastically after enzymatic hydrolysis of crayfish
253 hydrolysate at 65°C (Baek & Cadwallader, 1996). The formation mechanism of all
254 those pyrazines, pyridines and their alkyl derivatives were discussed in detail in our
255 previous work on non-enzymatic browning reactions in krill oil upon storage (Lu,
256 Bruheim, Haugsgjerd, & Jacobsen, 2014). The possible pathways may involve lipid
257 oxidation followed by reaction of lipid oxidation products and amino acids in marine
258 PLs. They are important reactants for pyrazines formation. Thus, marine PLs may
259 produce pyrazine when added to FO due to lipid oxidation.

260 As shown in Fig. 2(C), the content of 2-methyl-2-pentenal was increased with an
261 increase in the amount of PLs added to FO at day 0, and further increased during
262 storage. 2-methyl-2-pentenal was suggested to be the major volatile Strecker aldehyde
263 resulting from a reaction between secondary lipid oxidation products originating from
264 (*E,E*)-2,4-heptadienal with lysine (Zamora, Ríos, & Hidalgo, 2010). Hence, the
265 higher formation of 2-methyl-2-pentenal during storage with increasing content of

herring roe PLs suggested that lipid oxidation followed by non-enzymatic browning reactions took place to a higher degree when higher amounts of herring roe PLs were present.

1-Penten-3-ol is a typical lipid oxidation product (Eymard, Baron, & Jacobsen, 2009) and is formed from the decomposition of hydroperoxides of the omega-3 fatty acids (Olsen, Vogt, Saarem, Greibrokk, & Nilsson, 2005). Lu et al. (2014) compared the increment rate of 1-penten-3-ol from Day 0 to 7 (in area per day) during incubation of krill oil at 40°C and found a 3-fold increment of 1-penten-3-ol compared to 20°C.

In this work, we also determined the compound of 1-penten-3-ol as the typical lipid oxidation product. As shown in Fig. 2(D), 1-penten-3-ol was observed in all samples after day 7 in this study. Therefore, lipid oxidation occurred in each sample from day 7. In particular, FO and FPL5 contained higher levels of 1-penten-3-ol when compared to other treatments after 28 days. Interestingly, the dramatic increase of 1-penten-3-ol in FO and FPL5 from day 21 was probably related to their high degree of unsaturation. Further research is however still needed to understand why the formation of 1-penten-3-ol changed so dramatically between FPL4 and FPL5.

As shown in Fig. 2(E), 3-methylbutanal was observed in all samples, and followed by FPL1>FPL2>FPL3>FPL4>FPL5. In the present study, 3-methylbutanal increased with the increment of PLs in FO over 28 days of incubation at 40°C. 3-Methylbutanal is a degradation product from amino acids, such as valine, isoleucine and leucine (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, & Jacobsen, 2013). It is formed from the reaction between these amino acids with tertiary lipid oxidation products, namely unsaturated epoxy keto fatty esters, epoxyalkenals, and hydroxyalkenals. The mechanism was discussed in detail by Lu et al.(2012). It is

necessary to further understand the relationship between FO and PLs for forming 3-methylbutanal during storage.

Taken together, our finding suggested that cod liver oil with dispersed herring roe PLs oxidized during storage, and non-enzymatic browning reactions also took place after oxidation reaction.

3.3.3 Pyrrolisation

In this study, pyrrolisation in FO containing different levels of herring roe PLs was investigated via measurement of hydrophobic pyrroles (Fig. 3), since the hydrophobic pyrroles contributed more to browning than hydrophilic ones (Hidalgo, Nogales, & Zamora, 2005). No pyrroles was found in any sample at the beginning of storage, and no pyrroles were formed in FO during storage up to 28 days.

It was clear that the hydrophobic pyrroles increased with increasing herring roe PLs addition from FPL1 to FPL5 (Fig. 3) confirming the results obtained for pyrazines and Strecker aldehydes in Fig. 2. When comparing the concentrations of pyrroles in FPL4 and FPL5 (0.67 mM vs 2.45 mM in FPL5), it is surprising that the content of pyrroles in FPL5 was more than twice as high as in FPL4 despite the fact that the content of marine PL in FPL5 was less than twice as high as in FPL4. Results from the analysis of pyrazines and 2-methyl-2-pentenal (Fig. 2) also suggested a much larger difference between FPL4 and FPL5 than what could be expected from differences in the content of marine PL in these samples. This may be related to the relatively lower content of tocopherol in FPL5 as [asis](#) also discussed below. Further studies are needed to explain this accelerating effect of the non-enzymatic browning reactions of increasing the content of marine PL from 20 to 33 % of total lipids.

The presence of hydrophobic pyrroles might offer additional protection to FO against lipid oxidation. Based on the lower PV, the relative oxidative stability of FO

containing PLs may be partly affected by the higher content of pyrroles. However, the PV of FPL5 was higher than other dispersions containing PLs. It can be speculated that this was due to the lower content of tocopherol in FPL5 compared with other treatments (FPL1-FPL4). It can be calculated that the content of α -tocopherol in FO was 141 μ g/g, but 93.06 mg/kg in FPL5. As we mentioned before, the tocopherol in herring roe oil was removed during precipitation with cold acetone. It has been shown that the antioxidant activity of pyrroles can be improved by α -tocopherol (Hidalgo, León & Zamora, 2007; Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl & Jacobsen, 2012). Hence, the ratio between pyrroles and α -tocopherol may have influenced the formation of peroxides and secondary oxidation products in FPL1-FPL5. This deserves further investigation.

4. Conclusions

The purified herring roe PLs contained high level of DHA, and the main component was PC, followed by PE. In addition, the present work evaluated the effect of purified herring roe PLs on the oxidation stability of FO during 28 days of storage at 40°C. The results demonstrated that after 21 and 28 days PV was lower in FO containing purified PLs, and the FFA in FO with PLs added increased with FPL1 to FPL5. Furthermore, the concentration of volatiles, including benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol, and 3-methylbutanal were monitored to evaluate the formation of volatile oxidation and non-enzymatic reaction products. The results suggested that lipid oxidation was followed by non-enzymatic browning reactions. Furthermore, pyrroles, which may protect against formation of new peroxides, were formed. However, the ability of pyrroles to confer this protection may be influenced by the level of α -tocopherol and pyrroles formed.

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Fig. 1 Measurement of PV and FFA in FO and FO with added levels of PLs during 28 days of storage at 40 °C. Values are mean $\pm$ standard deviation ($n = 3$). (a) PV; (b) FFA. Note: Letters in lower case indicate comparisons between values on the same day with different concentrations, and letters in upper case indicate comparisons between values of the same concentrations on different days. Note: FO, cod liver oil as control; FPL1, 2.5% of PLs added in FO; FPL2, 10% of PLs added in FO; FPL3, 20% of PLs added in FO; FPL4, 25% of PLs added in FO; FPL5, 50% of PLs added in FO. Values are the mean $\pm$ standard deviation ($n = 3$).

Fig. 2 Measurement of benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol, 3-methylbutanal in FO and FO with added levels of PLs during 28 days of storage at 40 °C. Values are the mean $\pm$ standard deviation ($n = 3$).

Fig. 3 Comparison of pyrroles in 50% of PLs in FO (FML5) after 28 days of storage at 40 °C. Values are the mean $\pm$ standard deviation ($n = 2$). Note: Letters in lower case indicate comparisons between values on the same day with different concentrations of PLs. Note: FPL1, 2.5% of PLs added in FO; FPL2, 10% of PLs added in FO; FPL3, 20% of PLs added in FO; FPL4, 25% of PLs added in FO; FPL5, 50% of PLs added in FO.

461 **Tables:**

462 Table 1. Experimental design for the cod liver oil containing herring roe PLs

463 Table 2. Composition of herring roe oil before and after acetone precipitation

464 Table 3. Fatty acid compositions of herring roe oil PLs before and after acetone
465 precipitation

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Table 1.

items	Cod liver oil (g)	Added PLs to cod liver oil (g)	PLs relative to cod liver oil (%)
FO	100.0	0.0	0.0
FPL1	97.56	2.44	2.50
FPL2	90.91	9.09	10.00
FPL3	83.33	16.67	20.00
FPL4	80.00	20.00	25.00
FPL5	66.67	33.33	50.00

Note: FO, cod liver oil; FPL1, 2.5% of PLs added in cod liver oil; FPL2, 10% of PLs added in FO; FPL3, 20% of PLs added in FO; FPL4, 25% of PLs added in FO; FPL5, 50% of PLs added in FO.

Table 2.

	Before purification	After purification
	herring roe oil	herring roe PLs
Total phospholipids of total lipid (%)	33.75	72.30
Phosphatidylcholine (PC) of total PLs (%)	26.94	55.40
Lysophosphatidylcholine (1-LPC) of total PLs (%)	0.20	0.41
Lysophosphatidylcholine (2-LPC) of total PLs (%)	1.58	4.06
Phosphatidylinositol (PI) of total PLs (%)	0.87	2.44
Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) of total PLs (%)	3.33	5.49
Lysophosphatidyl ethanolamine of total PLs (LPE) (%)	0.30	0.81
Acylated phosphatidyl ethanolamine (APE) of total PLs (%)	ND	0.61
Phosphatidate (PA) of total PLs (%)	0.18	0.40
Lysobisphosphatidic acids (LPA) of total PLs (%)	ND	0.10
Other phospholipids of total PLs (%)	0.34	2.63
Peroxide value (mequiv/kg)	0.62±0.01	0.64±0.03
Free fatty acid (%)	22.61±1.09	31.37±6.43
α-Tocopherol (mg/kg)	222±1.05	ND
γ-Tocopherol (mg/kg)	319±1.23	ND
δ-Tocopherol (mg/kg)	112±0.74	ND

PLs=phospholipids

ND=not detected

Table 3.

	Herring roe oil (% of total fatty acids)	Herring roe PLs (% of total fatty acids)
C14:0	2.28±0.10	2.43±0.01
C14:1	0.13±0.00	0.15±0.00
C15:0	0.46±0.03	0.56±0.00
C16:0	16.77±0.90	23.18±0.90
C16:1(n-7)	2.92±0.02	1.56±0.01
C16:2(n-4)	0.09±0.00	0.06±0.00
C16:3(n-4)	0.64±0.00	0.36±0.00
C17:0	0.20±0.00	0.31±0.00
C17:1	-	0.20±0.00
C16:4(n-3)	0.07±0.00	0.38±0.00
C18:0	1.40±0.01	2.86±0.02
C18:1(n-9)	4.24±0.10	5.47±0.08
C18:1(n-7)	2.67±0.09	3.52±0.04
C18:2(n-6)	0.20±0.00	0.81±0.00
C18:2(n-4)	-	0.06±0.00
C18:3(n-6)	0.13±0.00	0.08±0.00
C18:3(n-4)	-	0.12±0.00
C18:3(n-3)	0.37±0.00	0.32±0.00
C18:4(n-3)	0.59±0.00	0.30±0.00
C18:5(n-3)	0.04±0.00	0.05±0.00
C20:0	-	0.06±0.00
C20:1(n-9, n-11)	-	0.70±0.00
C20:1(n-7)	0.93±0.00	0.73±0.00
C20:2(n-6)	0.07±0.00	0.13±0.00
C20:3(n-6)	0.06±0.00	0.05±0.00
C20:4(n-6)	0.59±0.00	0.86±0.00
C20:3(n-3)	0.16±0.00	0.05±0.00
C20:4(n-3)	0.76±0.00	0.42±0.00
C20:5	10.37±0.50	11.98±0.80
(n-3)EPA		
C22:1(n-11)	0.03±0.00	0.03±0.00
C22:1(n-9)	0.20±0.00	0.37±0.00
C21:5(n-3)	7.85±0.70	0.16±0.00
C22:5(n-3)	1.34±0.00	0.99±0.00
C22:6	29.51±1.20	33.24±1.40
(n-3)DHA		
C24:1(n-9)	1.69±0.00	-
C24:0	3.34±0.08	1.02±0.00
Others	9.90±0.85	6.43±0.04
EPA + DHA	39.88±1.70	45.22±2.20
ΣSAFA	24.45±0.31	30.42±0.93
ΣMUFA	12.81±0.11	12.73±0.13
ΣPUFA	52.84±2.40	50.42±2.20

PLs=phospholipids

Values are means ± SD, n=2.

Highlights:

- The effect of herring roe phospholipids on the oxidative stability of cod liver oil was investigated systematically.

- Benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol and 3-methylbutanal were the main volatiles during storage at 40°C.
- Significant pyrrolisation was observed after 28 days when herring roe phospholipids were added to cod liver oil.
- The cod liver oil with dispersed herring roe phospholipids was oxidized during storage followed by non-enzymatic browning reactions

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