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1 Abstract

2 The aim of this research was to investigate the effect of herring roe phospholipids
3 (PLs) on the oxidative stability of cod liver oil during storage. The effect of PLs on
4 the oxidative stability of cod liver oil was assessed in terms of peroxide value, free
5 fatty acids, secondary oxidation products and pyrrolisation. The results show that the
6 PV was lower in cod liver oil containing PLs ($P < 0.05$) than in the control without
7 PLs. Benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol and
8 3-methylbutanal were the main volatiles. In addition, significant pyrrolisation was
9 observed after 28 days when PLs were added to cod liver oil. The results suggested
10 that cod liver oil with dispersed PLs was oxidized during storage followed by
11 non-enzymatic browning reactions. The findings indicated that the ratio between
12 pyrroles formed and α -tocopherol may influence the formation of new peroxides and
13 secondary oxidation products.

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

16 **1. Introduction**

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

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

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

41 sources. Despite their polyunsaturated nature, marine PLs may still provide
42 antioxidative effects when added to other lipids. Belhaj, Arab-Tehrany, & Linder
43 (2010) evaluated the oxidative stability of salmon oil added with marine PC. Their
44 results indicated that when marine PC was added as an emulsifier in salmon oil, it
45 could increase the stability of salmon oil via its antioxidant activity despite an
46 increase in long-chain PUFAs, especially with DHA due to addition of marine PC.

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

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

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

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

73 2. Materials and methods

74 2.1 Materials

75 Herring roe oil was kindly provided by Novastell (Etrépagny, France).
76 Commercial cod liver oil was obtained from Maritex A/S, subsidiary of TINE, BA
77 (Sortland, Norway) without addition of antioxidant. The peroxide value (PV) of cod
78 liver oil was < 0.1 mequiv/kg, free fatty acids content (FFA) was 0.10%. Contents of
79 α -, γ -, and δ -tocopherol were 141 ± 9 , 0 ± 0 , 95 ± 5 , 42 ± 2 μg toc/g oil, respectively.
80 Herring roe oil was stored at -40 °C until use. The fatty acid composition of cod liver
81 oil was as follows (% w/w): 8.90% palmitic acid (C16:0), 8.20% pamtoleic acid
82 (C16:1n-7), 1.86% stearic acid (C18:0), 16.0% oleic acid (C18:1n-9), 5.16% vaccenic
83 acid (C18:1n-7), 1.79% linoleic acid (C18:2n-6), 0.84% α -linolenic acid (C18:3n-3),
84 11.59% gadoleic acid (C20:1n-11), 9.27% eicosapentaenoic acid (C20:5n-3), 6.06%
85 cetoleic acid (C22:1n-11), 11.64% docosahexaenoic acid (C22:6n-3) and 7.78%
86 others.

87 2.2 Methods

88 2.2.1 Purification of phospholipids (PLs) from herring roe oil by acetone 89 precipitation

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

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

99 *2.2.2 Determination of phospholipids classes by ^{31}P NMR*

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

105 *2.2.3 Preparation of cod liver oil with different levels of PLs dispersion*

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

111 *2.2.4 Oxidative stability determination*

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

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

119 *2.2.5 Determination of peroxide value (PV) and free fatty acids (FFA) of herring roe*
120 *oil and purified PLs*

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

125 *2.2.6 Determination of tocopherol*

126 The tocopherol content was determined according to AOCS method Ce 8-89
127 (1989b). Approximately 0.05 g of herring roe oil and purified PLs were dissolved in
128 heptane (10 mL) and from this, 1.0 mL samples were analyzed by HPLC-FLD
129 (Agilent 1100 series, Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) on a Water Spherisorb
130 (R) 3 µm silica column (4.6 × 150 mm). The mobile phase consisted of heptane:
131 isopropanol (100:0.4, v/v). The flow rate was 1 mL/min. Tocopherols were detected
132 by fluorescence (FLD) detector at 290 nm excitation and emission at 330 nm. The
133 determination was repeated twice and quantified by authentic standards.

134 *2.2.7 Determination of fatty acid composition of herring roe oil and purified PLs*

135 The fatty acid composition was determined according to AOCS Ce 2-66 (2000)
136 with a minor modification. In detail, 30-60 mg of herring roe oil and purified PLs
137 were weighed into vials, respectively. To each sample, 100 µL of internal standard
138 (2%, w/v, C23:0 in heptane), 200 µL heptane with 0.01% BHT, and 100 µL of
139 toluene were added and mixed. Afterwards, 1 µL of methanolic BF₃ (20% solution)
140 was added, and the methylation glass was sealed with a Teflon cap and a screw lid.

141 The mixture was vortexed for 10 s and placed into a microwave oven (Multiwave
142 3000 SOLV, Anton Paar, Graz, Austria). The conditions of the microwave for
143 methylation was 5 min at 100 °C with a power of 500 W followed by cooling 10 min.
144 Next, 1 mL of saturated NaCl solution and 0.7 mL of heptane were added and mixed
145 for 10 s. Later, approximately 1 mL of upper layer of heptane was transferred to a GC
146 vial for fatty acid composition analysis. During analysis, the fatty acid methyl esters
147 were separated by GC-FID (HP 5890 A, Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto, CA) with a
148 DB127-7012 column (10 m × ID 0.1 mm × 0.1 mm film thickness) using AOCS
149 Official Method Ce 1b-89 (AOCS, 1989a). Quantification of DHA, EPA and total n-3
150 polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFAs) were conducted by using internal standard of
151 C23:0. The analysis was carried out in duplicate.

152 *2.2.8 Determination of volatiles by Dynamic Headspace GC-MS*

153 The procedure for volatiles determination was performed as described by
154 Thomsen, et al. (2017) and Rørbæk (1994) with minor modifications. Approximately
155 1.0 g of sample was weighed and mixed with 30 mg of internal standard solution (30
156 µg/g of 4-methyl-1-pentanol in rapeseed oil). The volatiles were collected on Tenax®
157 tubes (Gerstel, GmbH & Co. KG) for 30 min at 45°C with a nitrogen flow of 150
158 mL/min. The collected volatiles were desorbed by using an automatic thermal
159 desorber (ATD-400, PerkinElmer, Norwalk, CT, USA) at 220°C combined with
160 Agilent 5890 IIA model (Palo Alto, CA, USA) GC connected to a MS HP 5972 mass
161 selective detector. The initial oven temperature was 35°C for 3 min, with increment at
162 3.0°C/min to 140°C, and increment at 5.0°C/min to 170°C, then increment at 10.0
163 °C/min to 240°C, where it was held for 8 min. Measurements were made in triplicate
164 in each sample. The individual compounds were confirmed by mass-spectrometry
165 (HP 5973 inert mass-selective detector, Agilent Technologies, USA; Electron

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

167 *2.2.9 Determination of pyrroles content*

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

176 **Statistical analysis.** The data were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA)
177 with Bonferroni's post-test for multiple comparisons using Minitab 16 statistical
178 package (Minitab Inc., State College, PA). Significant differences were accepted at p
179 < 0.05.

180 **3. Result and discussion**

181 *3.1 Formulation of cod liver oil with different levels of herring roe PLs*

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

184 *3.2 Chemical composition of herring roe oil and purified phospholipids (PLs)*

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

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

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

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

212 *3.3 Storage experiment of cod liver oil/herring roe phospholipids dispersion*

213 *3.3.1 PV and FFA.*

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

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

221 The proportion of FFA in purified PLs was significantly higher than herring roe
222 oil after purification. Thus, the FFA in FO with PLs added increased with increasing
223 levels of PL added (Fig. 1(b)). ~~As the storage proceeded, the content of FFA was~~
224 ~~slightly increased slightly but significantly in FO with low levels of PLs added ($P >$~~
225 ~~0.05), but whereas it increased more in significantly in FPL5 ($P < 0.05$). This finding~~
226 ~~may due to the high content of FFA in FO with 50% of PLs added could indicate that~~
227 ~~lipases in herring roe PL were still active during storage, but further investigations are~~
228 ~~needed to confirm this hypothesis.~~

229 3.3.2 Secondary lipid oxidation products: volatiles

230 In order to further study the oxidative stability of FO with PLs, the concentration
231 of volatiles were measured during storage. Fig. 2 show the changes in benzaldehyde,
232 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol, and 3-methylbutanal.
233 Benzaldehyde was detected in FPL1~FPL5 after 7 days incubation at 40°C. In
234 particular, the level of benzaldehyde in FPL5 was the highest one from 7 days to 28
235 days followed by FPL3>FPL1>FPL2>FPL4. Benzaldehyde was only observed in FO
236 after 21 days storage. It was reported that benzaldehyde was strongly correlated with
237 sensory properties of FO (Guillén, Carton, Salmeron, & Casas, 2009), and Giogios et
238 al. (2009) assumed that benzene compounds could be decomposition products of
239 amino acid or sugars due to their low level in FO. As illustrated by benzaldehyde in
240 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

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

269 1-Penten-3-ol is a typical lipid oxidation product (Eymard, Baron, & Jacobsen,
270 2009) and is formed from the decomposition of hydroperoxides of the omega-3 fatty
271 acids (Olsen, Vogt, Saarem, Greibrokk, & Nilsson, 2005). Lu et al. (2014) compared
272 the increment rate of 1-penten-3-ol from Day 0 to 7 (in area per day) during
273 incubation of krill oil at 40°C and found a 3-fold increment of 1-penten-3-ol
274 compared to 20°C.

275 In this work, we also determined the compound of 1-penten-3-ol as the typical
276 lipid oxidation product. As shown in Fig. 2(D), 1-penten-3-ol was observed in all
277 samples after day 7 in this study. Therefore, lipid oxidation occurred in each sample
278 from day 7. In particular, FO and FPL5 contained higher levels of 1-penten-3-ol when
279 compared to other treatments after 28 days. Interestingly, the dramatic increase of
280 1-penten-3-ol in FO and FPL5 from day 21 was probably related to their high degree
281 of unsaturation. Further research is however still needed to understand why the
282 formation of 1-penten-3-ol changed so dramatically between FPL4 and FPL5.

283 As shown in Fig. 2(E), 3-methylbutanal was observed in all samples, and
284 followed by FPL1>FPL2>FPL3>FPL4>FPL5. In the present study,
285 3-methylbutanal increased with the increment of PLs in FO over 28 days of
286 incubation at 40°C. 3-Methylbutanal is a degradation product from amino acids, such
287 as valine, isoleucine and leucine (Lu, Nielsen, Baron, Diehl, & Jacobsen, 2013). It is
288 formed from the reaction between these amino acids with tertiary lipid oxidation
289 products, namely unsaturated epoxy keto fatty esters, epoxyalkenals, and
290 hydroxyalkenals. The mechanism was discussed in detail by Lu et al.(2012). It is

291 necessary to further understand the relationship between FO and PLs for forming
292 3-Methylbutanal during storage.

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

296 3.3.3 Pyrrrolisation

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

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

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

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

326 **4. Conclusions**

327 The purified herring roe PLs contained high level of DHA, and the main
328 component was PC, followed by PE. In addition, the present work evaluated the effect
329 of purified herring roe PLs on the oxidation stability of FO during 28 days of storage
330 at 40°C. The results demonstrated that after 21 and 28 days PV was lower in FO
331 containing purified PLs, and the FFA in FO with PLs added increased with FPL1 to
332 FPL5. Furthermore, the concentration of volatiles, including benzaldehyde,
333 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 1-penten-3-ol, and 3-methylbutanal were
334 monitored to evaluate the formation of volatile oxidation and non-enzymatic reaction
335 products. The results suggested that lipid oxidation was followed by non-enzymatic
336 browning reactions. Furthermore, pyrroles, which may protect against formation of
337 new peroxides, were formed. However, the ability of pyrroles to confer this protection
338 may be influenced by the level of α -tocopherol and pyrroles formed.

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443 **Figure captions**

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446 FFA. Note: Letters in lower case indicate comparisons between values on the same
447 day with different concentrations, and letters in upper case indicate comparisons
448 between values of the same concentrations on different days. Note: FO, cod liver oil
449 as control; FPL1, 2.5% of PLs added in FO; FPL2, 10% of PLs added in FO; FPL3,
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452 **Fig. 2** Measurement of benzaldehyde, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2-methyl-2-pentenal,
453 1-penten-3-ol, 3-methylbutanal in FO and FO with added levels of PLs during 28 days
454 of storage at 40 °C. Values are the mean \pm standard deviation (n = 3).

455 **Fig. 3** Comparison of pyrroles in 50% of PLs in FO (FML5) after 28 days of storage
456 at 40 °C. Values are the mean \pm standard deviation (n = 2). Note: Letters in lower case
457 indicate comparisons between values on the same day with different concentrations of
458 PLs. Note: FPL1, 2.5% of PLs added in FO; FPL2, 10% of PLs added in FO; FPL3,
459 20% of PLs added in FO; FPL4, 25% of PLs added in FO; FPL5, 50% of PLs added
460 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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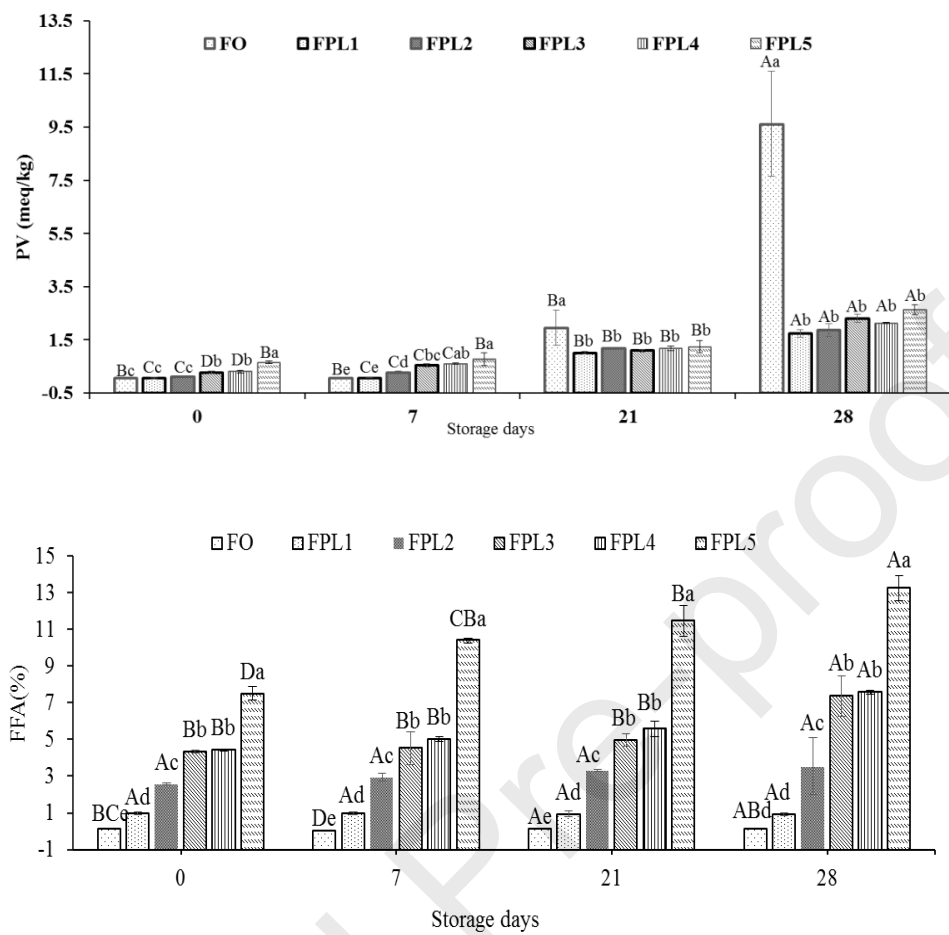


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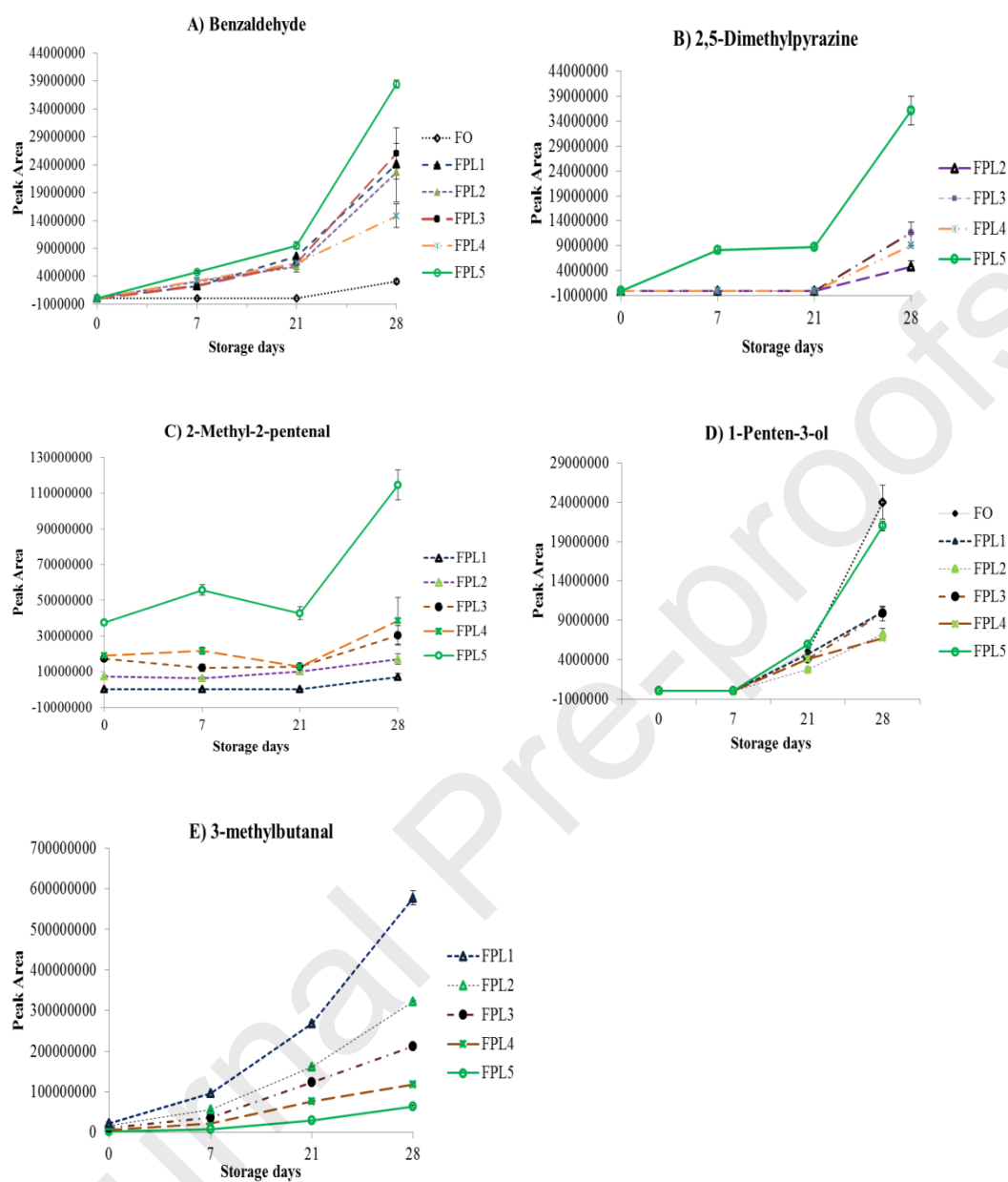


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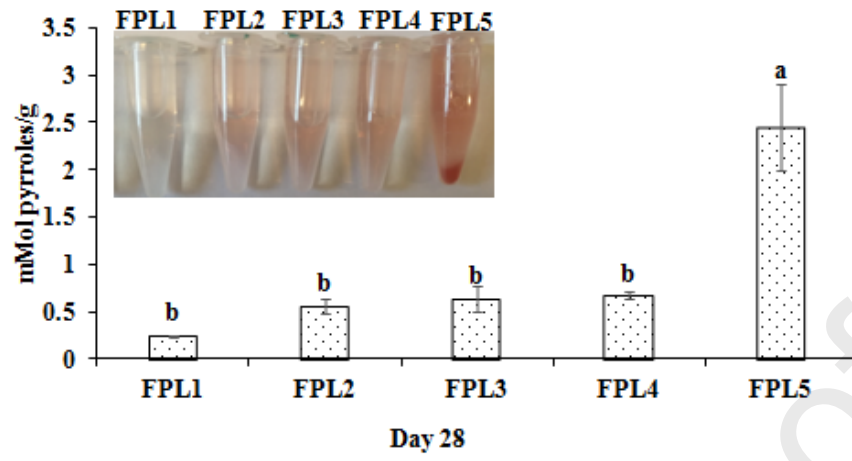


Table 1.

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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