

GUIDE FOR AUTHORS

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Journal article

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Book

Ramarathnam, N., Ochi, H., Takeuchi, M. (1997). Antioxidant defense system in vegetable extracts. In: Shahidi F (ed) *Natural antioxidants: chemistry health effects and applications*. AOCS Press, Champaign, pp 76-87.

Internet

Tuete, L. (2018, July 10). How to formulate and preserve chocolate (Video file). Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs>

Thesis

Tonfack, D.F. (2016). Stabilization of palm olein by the methanolic extracts of three plants during storage at High Temperature: (*Camellia sinensis* L., *Annona muricata* L. and *Zingiber officinale* R. Ph.D Thesis, University of Dschang, Cameroon 200p.

Proceedings/Seminars/Conference papers

Djikeng, D.F., Dongmo, J.R., Womeni, H.M., Linder, M. (2014). Use of some Cameroonian Plants essential oils as natural antioxidants for stabilization of RBD palm olein during deep-fat frying of Plantain Chips. Proceedings, 4th Life Science's Conference, August 7th-8th, University of Dschang, Cameroon. Tome 1. Page 148-149.

Standard

International Dairy Federation (IDF) (1991). International IDF Standard 74A, Brussels, Belgium.

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- ✓ Introduction
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- ✓ Results & Discussion

- ✓ Conclusions
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- ✓ References
- ✓ Ethics
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- ✓ Tables and captions (if any)
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