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# Mitigation of acrylamide by asparaginase in bakery products with different dough types and properties

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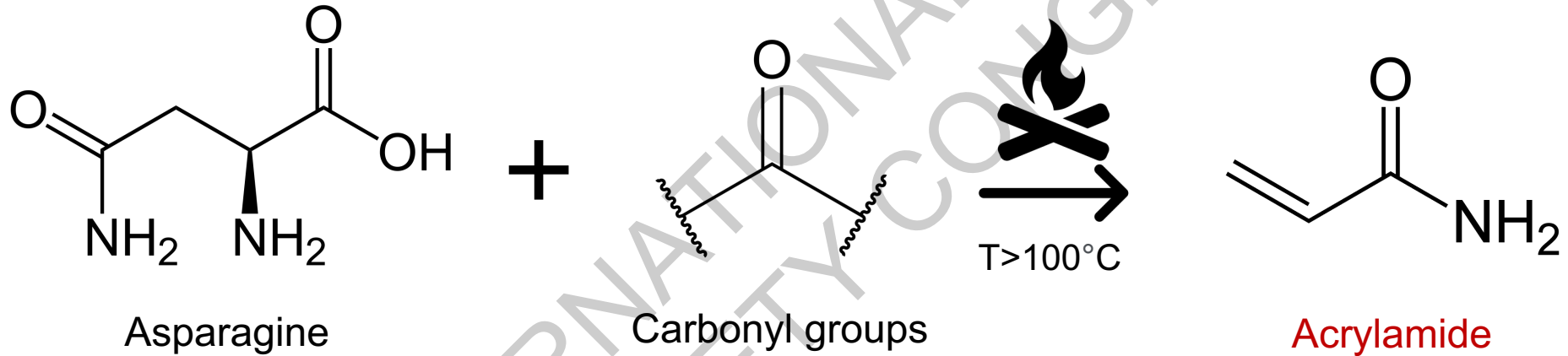
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# Acrylamide

*Maillard reaction*



**IARC Group 2A**

**'acrylamide is probably carcinogenic to humans'**



# Acrylamide in Bakery Products

## SCIENTIFIC REPORT OF EFSA

### Update on acrylamide levels in food from monitoring years 2007 to 2010<sup>1</sup>

European Food Safety Authority<sup>2,3</sup>

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy

**'ALARA'**  
approach

**Benchmark level 350 µg/kg**

High asparagine  
content of cereal  
flours!!

Food category	n	Median (µg/kg)	Mean (µg/kg)	P90 (µg/kg)	P95 (µg/kg)	Maximum (µg/kg)
Soft bread	176	25 (20-41)	75 (68-82)	169	310	1 778
Unspecified bread	4	716	1044	2 565	2 565	2 565
Breakfast cereals	144	84 (84-100)	149 (140-158)	333	420	1 600
<b>Biscuits, crackers, crisp bread and similar</b>	938	183	<b>326(324-328)</b>	837	1 235	<b>4 200</b>
Crackers	27	135	237 (236-238)	755	900	1 526
Crisp bread	198	117	232 (229-235)	480	765	2 430
Wafers	33	128	230 (229-232)	478	694	1 378
Ginger bread	458	209	387 (386-388)	1 074	1 372	3 615
Other biscuits, crackers, crisp bread and similar	222	189	309 (306-311)	672	1 001	4 200



# Acrylamide Reduction Strategies

Using asparaginase is a very efficient strategy, having long resting or leavening time. It comes with a high ACR reduction rate and low impact on sensorial attributes. In some products the enzyme has no time to act, thus the application will not be effective. In acid bakery formulations do not provide optimal conditions for asparaginase action. Avoiding...



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## Acrylamide mitigation strategies: critical appraisal of the FoodDrinkEurope toolbox†

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FoodDrinkEurope Federation recently released the latest version of the Acrylamide Toolbox to support manufacturers in acrylamide reduction activities giving indication about the possible mitigation strategies. The Toolbox is intended for small and medium size enterprises with limited R&D resources, however no comments about the pro and cons of the different measures were provided to advise the potential use. Experts of the field are aware that not all the strategies proposed have equal value in terms of efficacy and cost/benefit ratio. This consideration prompted us to provide a qualitative science-based ranking of the mitigation strategies proposed in the acrylamide Toolbox, focusing on bakery and fried potato products. Five authors from different geographical areas having a publication record on acrylamide mitigation strategies worked independently ranking the efficacy of the acrylamide mitigation strategies taking into account three key parameters: (i) reduction rate; (ii) side effects; and (iii) applicability and economic impact. On the basis of their own experience and considering selected literature of the last ten years, the authors scored for each key parameter the acrylamide mitigation strategies proposed in the Toolbox.



## Asparaginase for Mitigation of Acrylamide

One of the most promising acrylamide mitigation strategies  
Effectiveness depends on pH, water activity, temperature etc.

# The aim of the study

- Testing the effectiveness of asparaginase in acrylamide mitigation
- in the dough of different bakery products
- by changing the processing conditions
- without affecting the quality parameters of the products

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# Experimental Design

## ***Bakery products***

Rotary molded biscuit dough  
Wire cut cookie dough

Rotary cut biscuit dough  
Rotary cut cracker dough  
Wafer batter

Creaming method

All in one method



Dough shaping



Baking  
(210-230 °C for 8-9 min)



Cooling

## ***Processing parameters tested***

Enzyme dosage (1000-12000 ASNU)  
Addition of dough resting period (RT)  
Dough resting time & temperature (15-30 min, 25-37°C)  
Mixing speed & mixing time (MS x MT)  
Change in the mixing procedure (MPC)

*pH*  
*water activity*  
*asparagine*

*spread ratio*  
*color*  
*acrylamide*

# Results

Bakery Products	ASNU Applications*	Acrylamide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Acrylamide reduction (%)	Asparagine ( $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ )	Asparagine reduction (%)
Rotary cut biscuit dough  $a_w$ 0.85 $\text{pH}$ 8.50	Control	1672 $\pm$ 74 <sup>a</sup>	–	122.7 $\pm$ 12 <sup>a</sup>	–
	1000 ASNU	1086 $\pm$ 29 <sup>b</sup>	35	40.2 $\pm$ 7.3 <sup>b</sup>	68
	2000 ASNU	588 $\pm$ 32 <sup>de</sup>	65	6.6 $\pm$ 1.8 <sup>c</sup>	95
	3000 ASNU	330 $\pm$ 42 <sup>f</sup>	80	1.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>c</sup>	99
	1000 ASNU + 15 min RT	933 $\pm$ 2 <sup>bc</sup>	44	19.2 $\pm$ 1.6 <sup>bc</sup>	85
	2000 ASNU + 15 min RT	398 $\pm$ 42 <sup>ef</sup>	76	2.1 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	98
	3000 ASNU + 15 min RT	67 $\pm$ 16 <sup>g</sup>	96	0.2 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	100
	2000 ASNU + 30 min RT	404 $\pm$ 47 <sup>et</sup>	76	4.9 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	96
	2000 ASNU + 15 min $\times$ 37 °C RT	262 $\pm$ 103 <sup>fg</sup>	84	1.1 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>c</sup>	99
	2000 ASNU + MS	790 $\pm$ 76 <sup>cd</sup>	53	10 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>c</sup>	92
	2000 ASNU + MT	720 $\pm$ 16 <sup>cd</sup>	57	7.3 $\pm$ 2.7 <sup>c</sup>	94
	2000 ASNU + MS $\times$ MT	774 $\pm$ 126 <sup>cd</sup>	54	5.6 $\pm$ 1.3 <sup>c</sup>	96
	2000 ASNU + S	820 $\pm$ 14 <sup>cd</sup>	51	13.8 $\pm$ 2.5 <sup>c</sup>	89

\*ASNU: Amount of L-asparaginase that synthesises one micromole of ammonia per minute under standard conditions per kg flour.

S: Shortening, RT: Resting Time, MS: Mixing Speed, MT: Mixing Time, MPC: Mixing Procedure Change. Uppercase letter indicates the statistically significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) in the columns for each biscuit type according to Tukey's test.

- 96% acrylamide reduction
- Increasing enzyme concentration (**effective**)
- Addition of 15 min resting time (**effective but less**)



# Results

Bakery Products	ASNU Applications*	Acrylamide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Acrylamide reduction (%)	Asparagine ( $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ )	Asparagine reduction (%)
<b>Rotary molded biscuit dough</b>  $a_w$ 0.70 $\text{pH}$ 7.55	Control	423 $\pm$ 71 <sup>a</sup>	–	113.5 $\pm$ 2.3 <sup>ab</sup>	–
	2000 ASNU	399 $\pm$ 22 <sup>a</sup>	6	113.3 $\pm$ 4.5 <sup>ab</sup>	–
	2000 ASNU + 15 min RT	438 $\pm$ 9 <sup>a</sup>	–	113.8 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>ab</sup>	–
	2000 ASNU + 15 min $\times$ 37 °C RT	496 $\pm$ 5 <sup>a</sup>	–	103.0 $\pm$ 13.2 <sup>abc</sup>	9
	2000 ASNU + NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	479 $\pm$ 132 <sup>a</sup>	–	117.2 $\pm$ 5.5 <sup>a</sup>	–
	2000 ASNU + MPC	412 $\pm$ 109 <sup>a</sup>	3	87.6 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>c</sup>	23
	5000 ASNU + 30 min RT	500 $\pm$ 75 <sup>a</sup>	–	90.4 $\pm$ 3.2 <sup>bc</sup>	20

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- Any of the applications are effective

# Results

Bakery Products	ASNU Applications*	Acrylamide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Acrylamide reduction (%)	Asparagine ( $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ )	Asparagine reduction (%)
Wire cut cookie dough	Control	$884 \pm 118^{\text{ab}}$	–	$129.3 \pm 10.3^{\text{a}}$	–
	1000 ASNU	$872 \pm 31^{\text{ab}}$	1	$116.2 \pm 1.2^{\text{ab}}$	10
	2000 ASNU	$935 \pm 127^{\text{a}}$	–	$105.6 \pm 4.3^{\text{abc}}$	18
	3000 ASNU	$797 \pm 26^{\text{abc}}$	10	$102.0 \pm 7.2^{\text{abcd}}$	21
	5000 ASNU	$616 \pm 104^{\text{bcdef}}$	30	$100.9 \pm 12.7^{\text{abcd}}$	22
	7000 ASNU	$528 \pm 36^{\text{cdef}}$	40	$90.3 \pm 4.4^{\text{bcde}}$	30
	9000 ASNU	$623 \pm 73^{\text{bcdef}}$	30	$87.0 \pm 2.4^{\text{bcde}}$	33
	12000 ASNU	$557 \pm 11^{\text{cdef}}$	37	$90.6 \pm 14.4^{\text{bcde}}$	30
	1000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$862 \pm 130^{\text{ab}}$	2	$116.9 \pm 1.6^{\text{ab}}$	9
	2000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$774 \pm 34^{\text{abcd}}$	12	$101.9 \pm 1.4^{\text{abcd}}$	21
	2000 ASNU + 30 min RT	$712 \pm 0.1^{\text{abcde}}$	19	$96.0 \pm 0.9^{\text{abcd}}$	26
	3000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$657 \pm 27^{\text{bcdef}}$	26	$104.1 \pm 9.8^{\text{abc}}$	19
	5000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$542 \pm 29^{\text{cdef}}$	39	$78.7 \pm 13.7^{\text{cde}}$	39
	7000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$469 \pm 38^{\text{ef}}$	47	$73.3 \pm 10.8^{\text{cde}}$	43
	9000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$480 \pm 82^{\text{ef}}$	46	$68.5 \pm 3.2^{\text{de}}$	47
	9000 ASNU + 15 min $\times$ 37 °C RT	$443 \pm 50^{\text{ef}}$	50	$57.2 \pm 11.4^{\text{e}}$	56
	12000 ASNU + 15 min RT	$505 \pm 9^{\text{def}}$	43	$72.5 \pm 8.6^{\text{cde}}$	44
	2000 ASNU + MPC	$552 \pm 29^{\text{cdef}}$	38	$104.9 \pm 1.0^{\text{abc}}$	19
	5000 ASNU + MPC	$406 \pm 20^{\text{f}}$	54	$88.3 \pm 12.1^{\text{bcde}}$	32
	9000 ASNU + MPC	$515 \pm 8^{\text{def}}$	42	$97.7 \pm 4.9^{\text{abcd}}$	24

$a_w$  0.74

pH 7.47

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- 54% acrylamide reduction
- Increasing enzyme concentration (**effective**)
- Addition of 15 min resting time or change in mixing procedure (**not significant**)

# Results

Bakery Products	ASNU Applications*	Acrylamide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ )	Acrylamide reduction (%)	Asparagine ( $\text{mg}/\text{kg}$ )	Asparagine reduction (%)
<b>Rotary cut cracker dough</b>  $a_w$ 0.92 $\text{pH}$ 7.91	Control	1377 $\pm$ 129 <sup>a</sup>	–	126.1 $\pm$ 8.2 <sup>a</sup>	–
	2000 ASNU	757 $\pm$ 173 <sup>b</sup>	45	26.2 $\pm$ 11.9 <sup>b</sup>	79
	3000 ASNU	288 $\pm$ 76 <sup>c</sup>	79	12.0 $\pm$ 5.8 <sup>b</sup>	90
	2000 ASNU + 15 min RT	458 $\pm$ 122 <sup>bc</sup>	67	24.1 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>b</sup>	81
	3000 ASNU + 15 min RT	279 $\pm$ 45 <sup>c</sup>	80	8.5 $\pm$ 1.5 <sup>b</sup>	93
	2000 ASNU + 15 min $\times$ 37 °C RT	491 $\pm$ 72 <sup>bc</sup>	64	16.2 $\pm$ 6.2 <sup>b</sup>	87
<b>Wafer batter</b>  $a_w$ 0.97 $\text{pH}$ 6.99	Control	–	–	137.0 $\pm$ 5.9 <sup>a</sup>	–
	1000 ASNU	–	–	4.7 $\pm$ 1.3 <sup>b</sup>	97
	2000 ASNU	–	–	6.4 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>b</sup>	95
	1000 ASNU + 15 min RT	–	–	6.0 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>b</sup>	96
	2000 ASNU + 15 min RT	–	–	5.6 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>b</sup>	96
	2000 ASNU + 30 min RT	–	–	5.6 $\pm$ 1.0 <sup>b</sup>	96
	1000 ASNU + 15 min $\times$ 37 °C RT	–	–	4.8 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	96

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- 80% acrylamide mitigation in rotary cut cracker dough
- Increased enzyme concentration (**effective**)
- 97% asparagine reduction in wafer batter

# Results

No significant change  
( $p > 0.05$ ) in  $L^*a^*b^*$   
values & spread ratio

## Bakery product

## The most effective enzyme application

*Rotary cut biscuit dough baked at 230 °C for 8.5 min*

Control



3000 ASNU + 15 min RT



100% asparagine reduction  
96% acrylamide reduction

*Wire cut cookie dough baked at 210 °C for 8 min*

Control



5000 ASNU + MOC



32% asparagine reduction  
54% acrylamide reduction

*Rotary cut cracker dough baked at 210 °C for 9 min*

Control



3000 ASNU + 15 min RT



93% asparagine reduction  
80% acrylamide reduction

## Conclusion

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Acrylamide mitigation of 54-96% is possible.

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Increasing enzyme dosage and applying 15 min of dough resting are the most effective applications.

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$a_w > 0.75$  is required for an effective acrylamide mitigation.


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No change in quality characteristics.

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Asparaginase application is promising for bakery products depending on the type of the product.

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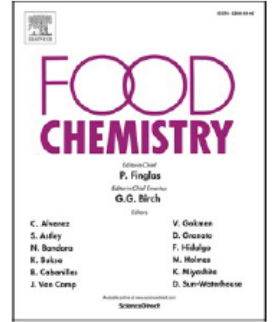


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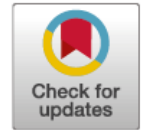


## Effectiveness of asparaginase on reducing acrylamide formation in bakery products according to their dough type and properties

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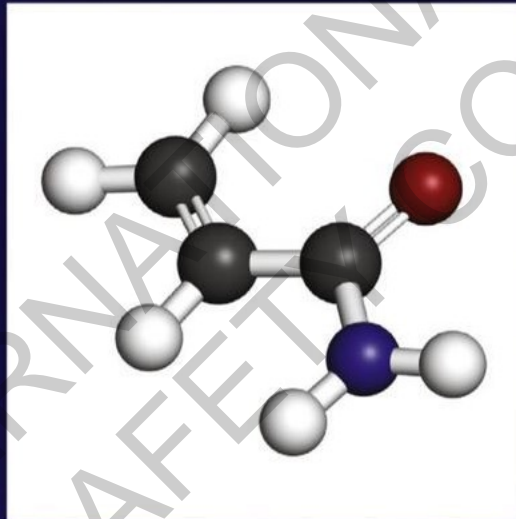
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