



# Fatty Acid Composition of Female Turkey Muscles in Kazakhstan

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## ABSTRACT

This paper aimed to study the fatty acid composition of turkey meat. Red and white turkey meat were sampled from the local markets of Semey city, republic of Kazakhstan. The proximate composition showed a significant difference in the fat content of red and white meat. The fatty acid composition of turkey meat was as follows: saturated fatty acids 50.67% in white and 52.64% in red meat; monounsaturated fatty acids 28.07% in white and 23.79% in red meat; polyunsaturated fatty acids 21.26% in white and 23.57% in red meat. Palmitic and pentadecanoic are the major saturated fatty acids, where the oleic and linoleic acids are in a large amount in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids, respectively.

**Key words:** Fatty acid, Polyunsaturated fatty acid, Red meat, Turkey meat, White meat

## INTRODUCTION

Adequate nutrition is fundamental to human life and activities. In the condition of the unfavorable environmental situation, the nutrition should also have the long term pharmaceutical and health effects (Aslanov et al., 2018). Turkey meat is an essential part of healthy eating due to its dietary, hypoallergenic, safe and nutritive properties (Lisitsyn et al., 2018). Turkey meat is rich in B group vitamins, which help to prevent anemia maintain the normal functioning of the cardiovascular and nervous system (Amirkhanov et al., 2017).

Chickens, turkeys, ducks, goose, guinea fowls and quails are domesticated birds. Among these birds, turkey is one of the biggest. Turkey meat compares favourably with high protein content (up to 28%) and low-fat content (2-5%), more B group vitamins and lowest cholesterol content rather than in other poultry meat (Okuskhanoval et al., 2017a).

Turkey growing and turkey meat processing is a fast growing branch of poultry production. Nowadays, USA, France, Italy, Russia, Germany, Poland, Morocco and Portugal are the main producers of turkey meat in the world (Aksenov et al., 2015).

Turkey meat is widely used in the production of meat products. For example, Tscvetkova (2012) developed the sausages replacing beef with turkey meat. The nutritive value of turkey meat sausages was not lower than beef sausages (Tscvetkova, 2012). Igenbayev (2017) used turkey meat in the formulation of the protein additive comprised turkey meat, lentil, wheat germ and broth. Further, the protein additive was used in the formulation of meat pate (Igenbayev, 2017).

Fatty acid composition of turkey meat represented with high content of polyunsaturated fatty acids. The lipids of turkey meat have practically zero content of  $\beta$ -carotene (Gargaeva and Gurinovich, 2017). Polyunsaturated fatty

acids (PUFAs) are responsible for significantly low levels of blood lipids and a low incidence of hypertension (De Almeida et al., 2006). Also it is indicated that the significant part of fat in human body is consumed as an energetic material. However, fats are a plastic material, as they are part of cellular components and especially in membranes (Staykov et al., 2015).

The purpose of this work was to evaluate the fatty acid composition of turkey meat from meat markets of Semey city, republic of Kazakhstan.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Turkey meat (predominately, 6-12 month of age, female, broad-breasted Bronze turkeys) was sampled from the three local meat markets of Semey city, Kazakhstan. Totally, 15 samples weighing around 200g each were grinded with 3mm plate and stored at -2 to -4 °C before analysis.

The proximate composition (moisture, fat, ash and protein) was determined according to the standard methods, fully described in (Okuskhanova et al., 2017b). The fatty acid composition was determined at the certified laboratory of limited liability partnership “Nutritest” according to the standard method of GOST 55483-2013 which determine the fatty acids composition by gas chromatography in meat and meat products” (Antipova et al., 2001). The method is based on the liquid extraction of animal lipids by organic solvents, allowing to isolate 90% -95% of all cellular lipids and triglycerides by hydrolysis.

### Statistical analyses

Statistical analysis was performed using Statistica 12.0 (STATISTICA, 2014; StatSoft Inc., Tulsa, OK, USA). The differences between samples were evaluated using ANOVA method. The differences were considered to be statistically significant at  $P \leq 0.05$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proximate composition of turkey meat was 18.8% protein, 21.7% fat, 0.9% ash for red meat and 21.7% protein, 12.0% fat and 1.1% ash for white meat (Amirkhanov et al., 2017).

White and red turkey meat has small differences in fatty acid composition. The total amount of saturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids is higher in red meat, while monounsaturated fatty acids predominate in white meat. The higher content of pentadecanoic (21.15% in white and 22.06% in red meat), palmitic (21.15% in white and

20.12% in red meat), oleic (22.17% in white and 19.93% in red meat), and linoleic (19.91% in white and 22.21% in red meat) acids were observed in turkey meat.

**Table 1.** Proximate composition of broad-breasted Bronze female turkey meat, g/100 g

Parameter	6-12 month old turkeys	
	red meat (g/100 g)	white meat (g/100 g)
Water	56.9±0.01	63.8±0.01
Protein	18.8±0.04	21.7±0.04
Fat	21.7±0.01	12.0±0.01
Ash	0.9±0.01	1.1±0.01

**Table 2.** Fatty acid composition of the white and red broad-breasted Bronze female turkey meat

Name of fatty acid	Turkey meat	
	white meat	red meat
<b>Saturated fatty acids</b>	50.67	52.64
Lauric (C12)	0.42	0.65
Myristic(C14)	0.54	1.17
Pentadecanoic acid c15	21.15	22.06
Palmitic(C16)	21.15	20.12
Margaric acid (C17)	0.21	0.78
Stearic acid (C18)	7.2	7.86
<b>Monounsaturated fatty acids</b>	28.07	23.79
Palmitoleic acid (C16:1)	5.9	3.86
Oleic acid C18:1	22.17	19.93
<b>Polyunsaturated fatty acids</b>	21.26	23.57
Linoleic acid (C18:2)	19.91	22.21
Linolenic acid (C18:3)	1.17	1.24
Arachidonic acid (C20:4)	0.18	0.12
Total FA	100	100

The daily nutrients ratio of protein to fat should be 1.0 (0.8-.2) in food rations of a healthy human. Such kind of ratio is more favourably for the satisfaction of energy and nutrient sources of the human body. Fat quality is defined by the content and balance of fatty acids (saturated and unsaturated fatty acids).

The best proportion of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids in the human diet is 30% to 70%. The physiological requirement of fat for a man is 70-154 g/day, for woman 60-102 g/day (Ustinova et al., 2005). The content of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids does not significantly ( $P \geq 0.02$ ) differ from the study of Gassilina et al. (2010) (29.56% in white and 25.89 in red meat of Monounsaturated Fatty Acids (MUFA) and 22.33% in white and 25.43% in red meat of Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA).

Thus, by the content of saturated fatty acids white turkey meat has higher content of palmitic acid, while others are lower than in red meat. Among the MUFA the content of palmitoleic and oleic acids was higher in white meat rather than in red meat. However, PUFA content in red meat, namely linoleic and linolenic fatty acids were more in red meat, while the concentration of arachidonic acid was higher in white meat.

The study conducted by Mauric et al. (2016) indicated that in breast meat of Dalmatian turkeys the content of Saturated Fatty Acids (SFA), MUFA and PUFA were 38.04, 34.62 and 26.54% of total fatty acids. A slight difference was observed in thigh meat: SFA 39.98%, MUFA 33.68% and PUFA 25.77%.

Coskuntuna et al. (2015) reported that the collected samples of turkey meat from the regional farm of Istanbul, Turkey contained 36.6% of SFA, 39.70% of MUFA and 23.60% of PUFA.

Higher content of PUFA (31.40%) and MUFA (34.40) in turkey meat from Belarus was reported by Meleschenya et al. (2013). Among the PUFA the content of  $\omega$ -6 was 28.10% and  $\omega$ -3 was 1.40% (Meleschenya, 2013). Marudova et al. (2018) observed that in turkey breasts from Bulgaria the fat content was 2.7%. Fatty acids predominately contain SFA (47.9%), following by MUFA 42.0% and PUFA 10.1% (Marudova et al., 2018). Polish scientists conducted experiments on feeding the turkeys with soybean or linseed oil containing feed mixtures and studied fatty acid compositions of turkey breast. It was observed the high content of PUFA (31.42-34.22%) (Stadnik et al., 2018).

Palmitic acid promotes synthesis of collagen, elastin, glycosaminoglycans and hyaluronic acid. However, the high concentration of palmitic acid leads to an increased level of cholesterol (Agostoni and Bruzzese, 1992). Oleic acid reduces the level of bad cholesterol (low-density lipoprotein) and increases the level of high-density lipoproteins. It can also slow the progression of the heart diseases and promotes antioxidant activity (Hur et al., 2005).

## CONCLUSION

White and red turkey meat is the most healthy and nutritive parts of turkey. Base on chemical composition, white turkey meat contains more protein and water, while red turkey meat has more fat. The fatty acid composition is characterized by high content of PUFA with an abundance of linoleic acid. Among the MUFA mainly represented by omega-9 (oleic acid), while SFA most includes palmitic

and pentadecanoic acid. Given data on the fatty acid composition of turkey meat can evaluate the qualitative profile of turkey meat and furthermore precisely modelling the formulation of food products with turkey meat.

## DECLARATIONS

### Competing interests

The authors have no competing interests to declare.

### Consent to publish

All authors gave their informed consent prior to their inclusion in the study.

### Author`s contribution

All authors participated in making the design, performing the experiment, analyses of the data, and writing paper.

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