

# **ALGAE AS AN INGREDIENT IN FOOD PRODUCTS: CTC'S EXPERIENCE**



Algae**Ce**uticals

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# NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL CENTRE FOR THE CANNING AND FOOD- CTC

- ▶ CTC is a private non profit research organization with more than 120 associated companies and working for more than 500 companies every year. CTC is recognized by the Spanish Government as Innovation and Technological Centre, Office of Transfer of Research Results and it is declared of Public Use.
- ▶ CTC's aim is to promote research, innovation and competitiveness in the agrofood sector.
- ▶ CTC is located in Murcia (South East of Spain) with a big presence of agrofood companies and private and public food research centers.



# OBJECTIVES

- ▶ To promote research, development and innovation in the Agrofood sector
- ▶ Consultancy and analytical services
- ▶ Training at all levels
- ▶ Improve competitiveness in the Agrofood industry
- ▶ To solve environmental problems, etc

## CTC'S ACREDITATIONS

OTRI– Research Findings Transfer Office. (Spanish Inter–Ministerial Commission for Science and Technology. October 1999. Number 150.

Association declared to be of public interest

Test laboratory accredited by ENAC; accreditation nº 220/LE1206 and 220/LE453

Collaborative body of Hydraulic Administration

Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Register of Technology Centres and Innovation Support Centres

Laboratory approved for taking part in fruitmonitoring.com der HTS GmbH

Control Laboratory authorised to carry out physicochemical and microbiological tests by Spanish Agency of Healthcare Products and Medicines

Laboratory authorised to carry out analytical processes by General Directorate for public Health

Centre approved by the Spanish Ministry for the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs for pesticide testing (EU–Russia Memorandum

## LABORATORIES



Physicochemical lab  
(including Quality, Packaging  
and Sensory lab.)



Instrumental  
lab (GC and  
HPLC both  
MS/MS QQQ,  
AA, ICP, etc)



Microbiology lab  
(including Food Safety lab)







Centro  
Tecnológico  
Nacional de la  
Conserva y  
Alimentación

## PILOT PLANT



Aseptic processing and  
packaging line

Retort



Thermosealing  
(MAP or vacuum)



Centrifuge / Tangential filtration / Freezing  
tunnel

## **II. ECODUNA: CHLORELLA AND SPIRULINA**



**Ecoduna supplied CTC with 5 kg of Chlorella and 5 kg of Spirulina (both food grade and in powder) and algae aleoresin**





# Ecoduna provided with the technical sheets

ecoduna

eparella  
member of the walden group



## Product Datasheet Chlorella powder food grade



FOOD GRADE - MADE IN AUSTRIA			
Description	Spray dried biomass of Chlorella	Quality parameters	100% natural, vegan, high in antioxidants, GMO free, allergen free, no additives, no colourings
Ingredients	100% <i>Chlorella sp.</i>		
Origin	Austria	Production period	September until March

Physical parameters			
Appearance	Dark-green powder	Smell/taste	Fresh grassy smell
Particle size	25 - 70 µm, fine		
Bulk density	550 - 650 g / L	Residual moisture	≤ 5 %

Nutritional values	per 100 g
Energy	1571 kJ / 375 kcal
Fat	11 g
of which saturates	3,5 g
Carbohydrate	16 g
of which sugars	1,5 g
Protein	46 g
Salt	1,28 g
The nutritional values are based on third party analyses. Values are presented as mean values and can slightly change from batch to batch.	

Minerals	per 100 g	NRV *
Iron	192 mg	1370% NRV
Manganese	16 mg	785% NRV
Potassium	1256 mg	63% NRV
Magnesium	495 mg	132% NRV
Phosphorus	2641 mg	377% NRV

\* Nutrient reference value per EU regulation 1169 / 2011

Vitamins	per 100 g	NRV *
Vitamin B12	41 µg	1640 % NRV
Vitamin K1	17,5 µg	23 % NRV
Vitamin B6	0,48 mg	34 % NRV
Vitamin B2	1,6 mg	114 % NRV
Folic acid	1781 µg	891 % NRV
Niacin	14,5 mg	91 % NRV
Vitamin E	17,8 mg	147 % NRV
Ascorbic acid	5 mg	6 % NRV
* Nutrient reference value defined per EU regulation 1169 / 2011		

Pigments	per 100 g
Chlorophyll Method: Photometry	3,9 g
β-carotene Method: HPLC	43 mg
The values are based on continuous analyses and can vary due to the naturalness of the raw material.	



purely vegetable



made with Austrian drinking water



high protein



natural antioxidants



Super Food



GMO-free



no allergen



no additives



no colourings



Amino acid composition	per 100g
Alanine	3,7 g
Arginine	2,7 g
Aspartic acid	3,7 g
Cystine	0,09 g
Glutamic acid	4,8 g
Glycine	2,7 g
Histidine	0,84 g
Isoleucine	1,7 g
Leucine	3,6 g
Lysine	2,8 g
Methionine	0,7 g
Phenylalanine	2,2 g
Proline	1,5 g
Serine	1,6 g
Threonine	1,9 g
Tyrosine	1,5 g
Valine	2,6 g

Microbiological values	Reference value
Aerobic total plate count	< 10 <sup>6</sup> cfu / g
Enterobacteriaceae	< 10 cfu / g
E. Coli	negative / g
Salmonella	negative / 25 g
Yeast/mould	< 30 cfu / g

Heavy metals	per kg	maximum values*
Cadmium (Cd)	< 0,01 mg	max. 1 mg / kg*
Lead (Pb)	< 0,2 mg	max. 3 mg / kg*
Arsenic (As)	< 0,07 mg	-
Mercury (Hg)	< 0,01 mg	max. 0,1 mg / kg*

\* maximum values according to EU regulation 629 / 2008 setting maximum levels of certain contaminants in foodstuffs

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)	
Σ total PAH	below limit of detection

Others					
Packaging	<b>10 kg bag</b> (compound foil PET/ALU/PE) Complies with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EU regulation 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food</li><li>• EU regulation 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food</li></ul>				
Transport & storage	Store unopened at room temperature and in dry environment (<65% rel. humidity) Dark storage is recommended				
Best before date	24 months. Content should be consumed or processed further within 3 months after opening.				
<b>The product including packaging and labelling complies with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Austrian Food Safety and Consumer Protection Law (LMSVG)</li><li>• the EU regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers</li><li>• the EU directive 2002/46/EC on food supplements (NEMV)</li><li>• the EU regulation 1924/2006 about nutritional values and health-related claims</li><li>• the EU regulation 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin</li><li>• the EU regulation 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed</li><li>• the EU regulation 1830/2003 concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms</li><li>• the EU regulation 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs</li></ul>					
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## Product Datasheet Spirulina powder food grade



FOOD GRADE - MADE IN AUSTRIA			
Description	Spray dried biomass of Spirulina	Quality parameters	100% natural, vegan, high in antioxidants, GMO free, allergen free, no additives, no colourings
Ingredients	100% <i>Spirulina sp.</i>		
Origin	Austria	Production period	April until October

Physical parameters			
Appearance	Blue-green powder	Smell/taste	Fresh, flowery smell; type specific
Particle size	25 - 70 µm, fine		
Bulk density	550 - 650 g / L	Residual moisture	≤ 6 %

Nutritional values	per 100 g
Energy	1550 kJ / 367 kcal
Fat	5 g
of which saturates	3 g
Carbohydrate	23 g
of which sugars	1 g
Protein	54 g
Salt	2,35 g
The nutritional values are based on third party analyses. Values are presented as mean values and can slightly change from batch to batch.	

Vitamins	per 100 g	NRV *
Vitamin B12	27 µg	1080 % NRV
Vitamin K1	1205 µg	1607 % NRV
Vitamin B1	1,5 mg	136 % NRV
Vitamin B2	1,7 mg	121 % NRV
Folic acid	200 µg	100 % NRV
Niacin	15 mg	94 % NRV
Vitamin E	5 mg	42 % NRV
Ascorbic acid	12 mg	15 % NRV
* Nutrient reference value defined per EU regulation 1169 / 2011		

Minerals	per 100 g	NRV *
Iron	45 mg	321 % NRV
Manganese	3 mg	150 % NRV
Potassium	1320 mg	66 % NRV
Magnesium	210 mg	56 % NRV
Calcium	85 mg	11 % NRV
* Nutrient reference value per EU regulation 1169 / 2011		

Pigments	per 100 g
Phycocyanin Method: Yoshikawa	8 g
β-carotene Method: HPLC	137 mg
The values are based on continuous analyses and can vary due to the naturalness of the raw material.	



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high protein



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Super Food



GMO-free



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no colourings





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Alanine	3,80 g
Arginine	3,70 g
Aspartic acid	4,90 g
Cystine	0,18 g
Glutamic acid	7,30 g
Glycine	2,60 g
Histidine	0,79 g
Isoleucine	3,00 g
Leucine	4,60 g
Lysine	2,50 g
Methionine	1,10 g
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Serine	2,50 g
Threonine	2,40 g
Tyrosine	2,10 g
Valine	3,20 g

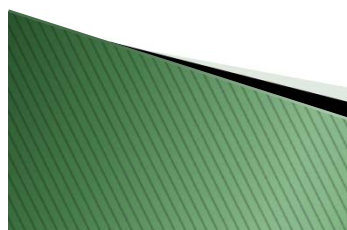
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Heavy metals	per kg	maximum values*
Cadmium (Cd)	< 0,01 mg	max. 1 mg / kg*
Lead (Pb)	< 0,02 mg	max. 3 mg / kg*
Arsenic (As)	< 0,04 mg	-
Mercury (Hg)	< 0,01 mg	max. 0,1 mg / kg*

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# Ecoduna provided with the nutritional values

CHLORELLA POWDER		SPIRUILINA POWDER	
Nutritional values	Per 100g	Nutritional values	Per 100g
Energy	1574 KJ /375 Kcal	Energy	1550 KJ /367 Kcal
Fat	11g	Fat	5g
Of which saturates	3,5g	Of which saturates	3g
Carbohydrate	16g	Carbohydrate	23g
Of which sugars	1,5g	Of which sugars	1g
Protein	46g	Protein	254g
Salt	1,28g	Salt	2,35g
Vitamin E	17.6mg	Vitamin B12	27µg
Folic Acid	1781µg	Folic Acid	45mg



## SPIRULINA

- ✓ Important source of  $\beta$ -carotene (**provitamin A**).
- ✓ Source of **Vitamin K**
- ✓ To use the authorised health claims for vitamin A you have to add approximately **526mg** Spirulina per 100g final product to reach 15% NRV

## CHLORELLA

- ✓ Important source of **vitamin B12**
- ✓ Source of **iron and folic acid**.
- ✓ To use the authorised health claims for vitamin B12 you have to add approximately **915mg** Chlorella per 100g final product to reach 15% NRV of this nutrient.



WITH THE ADDITION OF LESS THAN 1G OF SPIRULINA AND CHLORELLA PER 100G/100ML FINAL PRODUCT YOU CAN USE SPECIFIC HEALTH CLAIMS

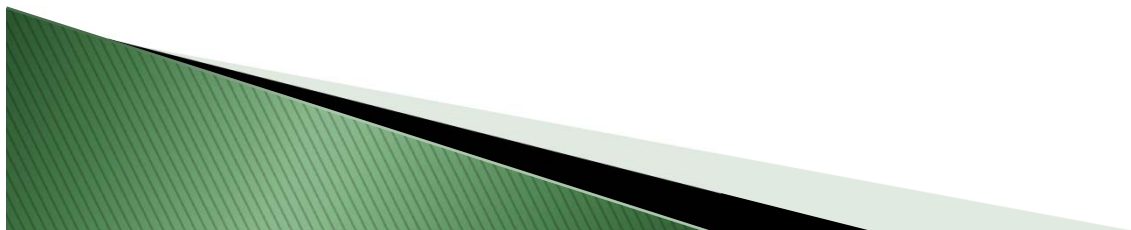


TYPICAL DOSAGE PER DAY IS VARYING DUE TO DIFFERENT PRODUCT APPLICATIONS BUT NORMALLY IS BETWEEN 1g– 10g.

### **III.ELABORATION OF NEW FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALGAE AT PILOT SCALE**



- ✔ In Algaecuticals, CTC has started the elaboration of new food products containing algae at lab scale and some of them at pilot scale.
- ✔ Product development is a key point for the food industry, from refining an already existing product to developing a completely new one. It is a process with a high risk that often ends in failure.
- ✔ Algae are a complicated matrix that gives the food special colours and flavours



# DEVELOPED PRODUCTS AT PILOT PLANT SCALE

**Pate of mussels and melva with algae.**



**Fish soup with algae.**



**Kiwi jam with algae.**



**Onion cream with algae.**



**Omelette with algae.**



**Algae "caviar".**



**Broccoli gazpacho.**

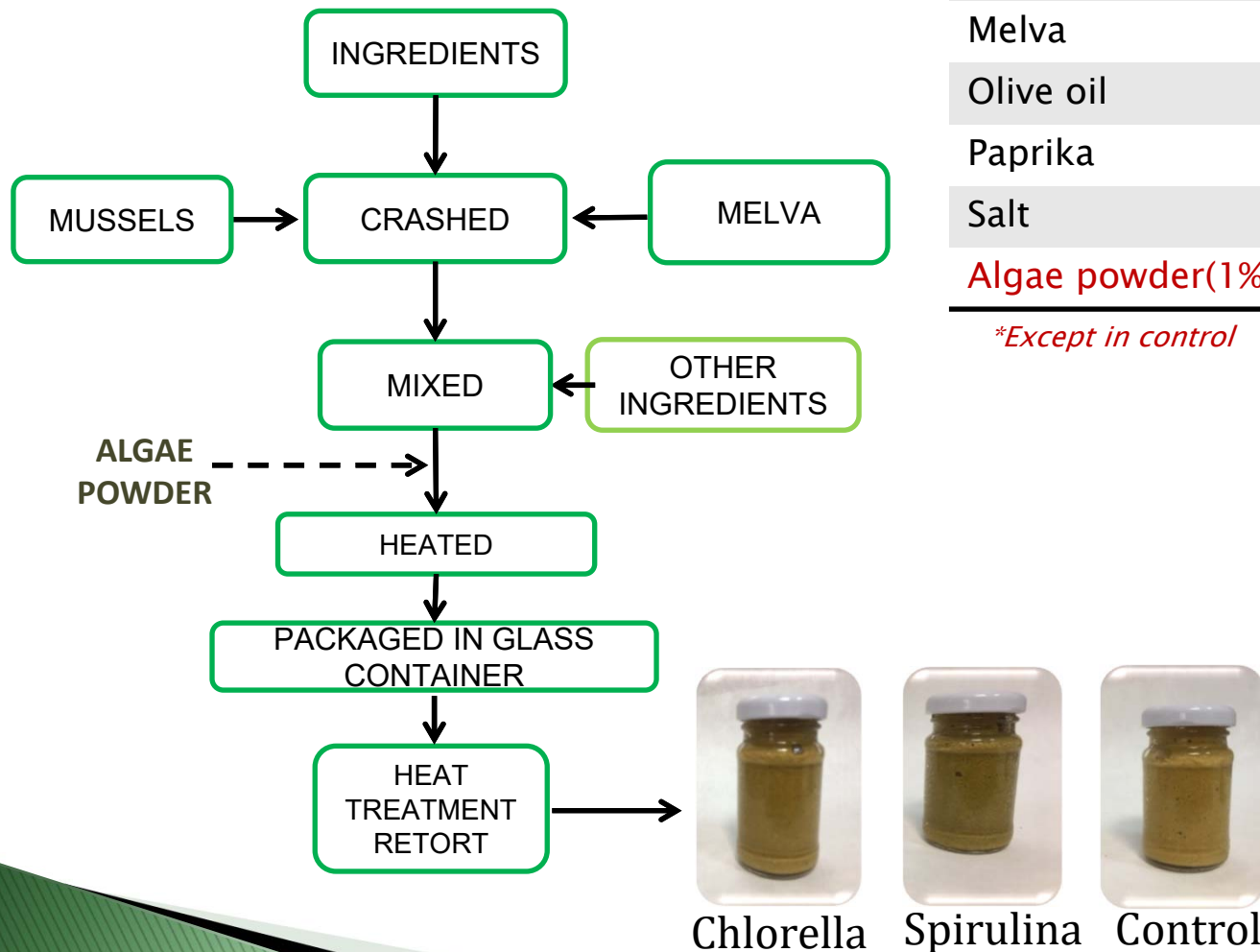


**Soap with spirulina  
NON FOOD.**



# Pate of mussels and melva with algae.

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Mussels (50%)

Melva

Olive oil

Paprika

Salt

Algae powder(1%)\*

*\*Except in control*



*Before heat treatment*



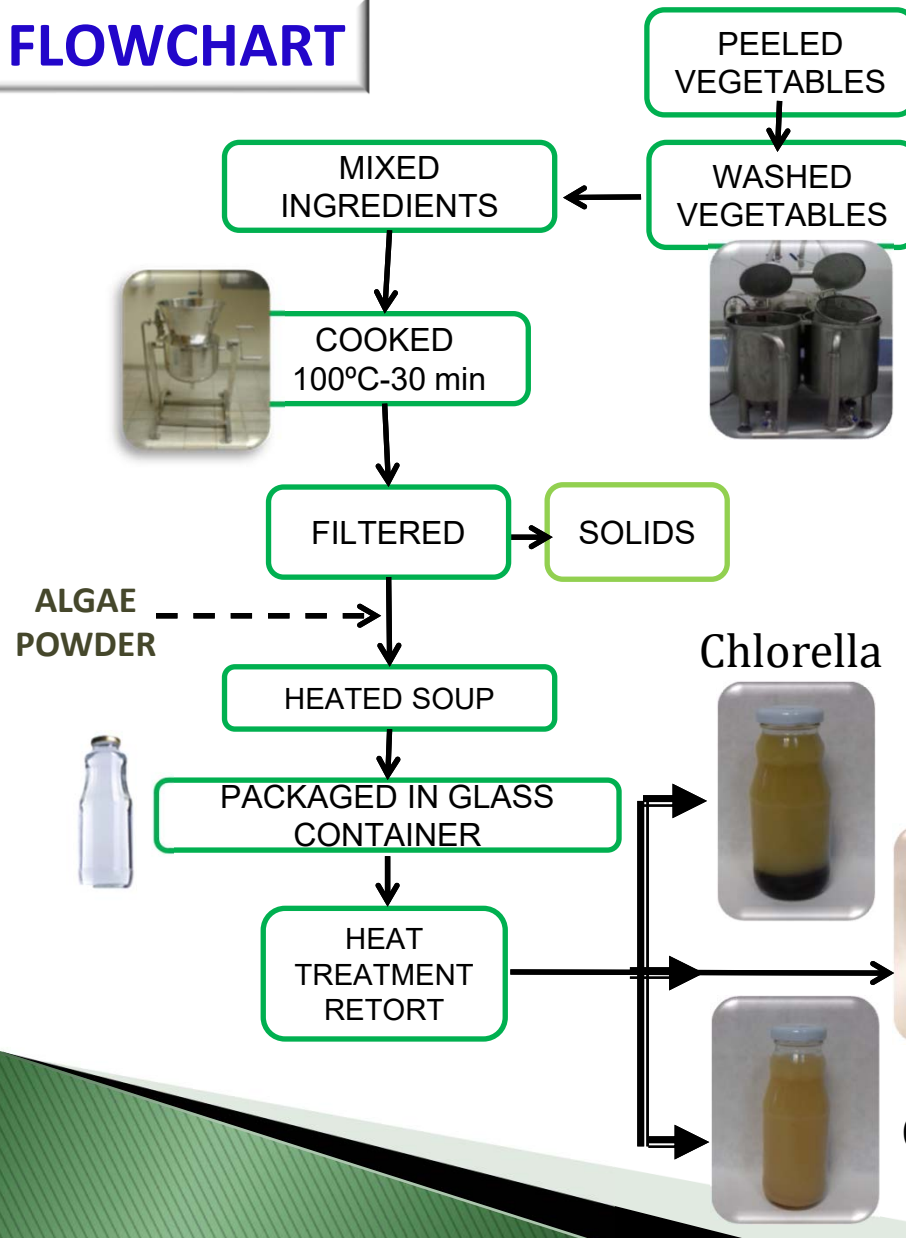
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# Fish soup with algae.

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Water

Fish ( Cod+snuff)

Potatos

Tomatos

Salt

Olive oil

carrot

onion

Species

*Algae powder(1%)\**

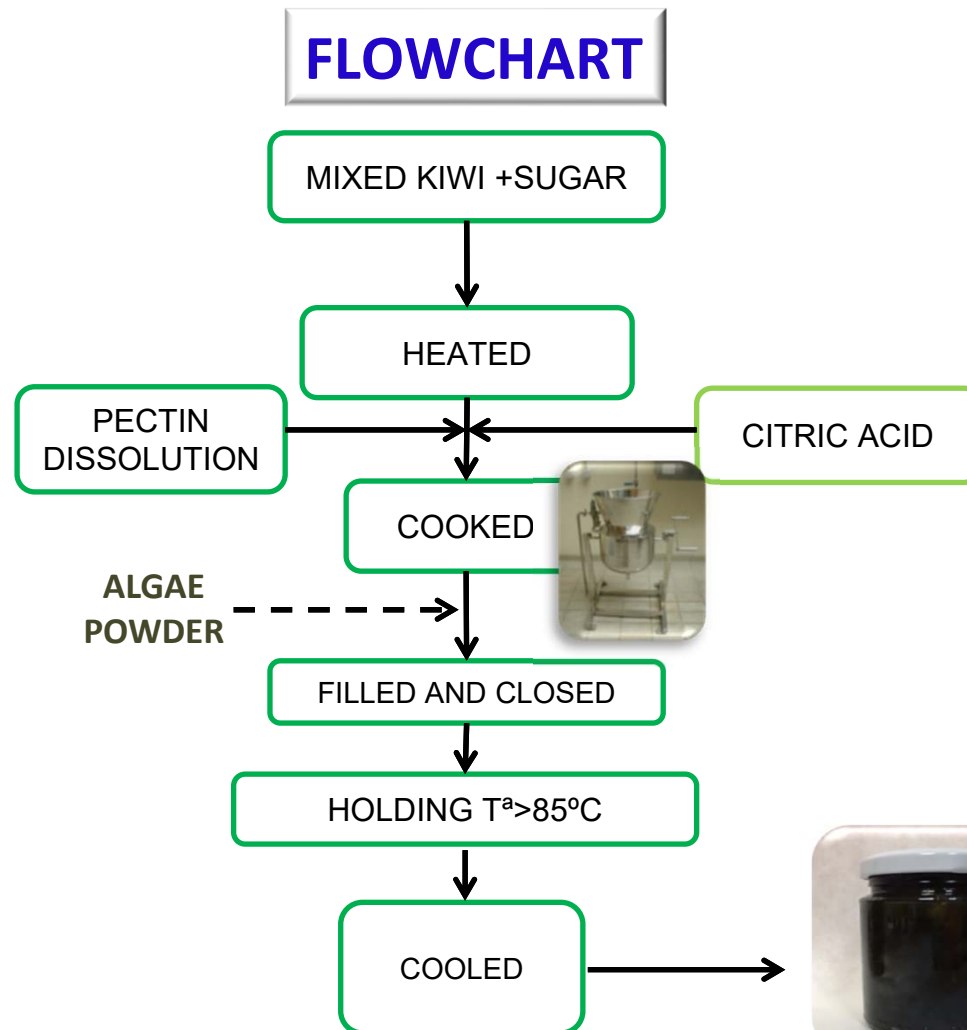
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# Kiwi jam with algae (60 Brix)

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Kiwi pulp(60%)

Sugar

Pectin LM104AS

Citric acid

Algae powder (0,6%)\*

*\*Except in control*



Spirulina



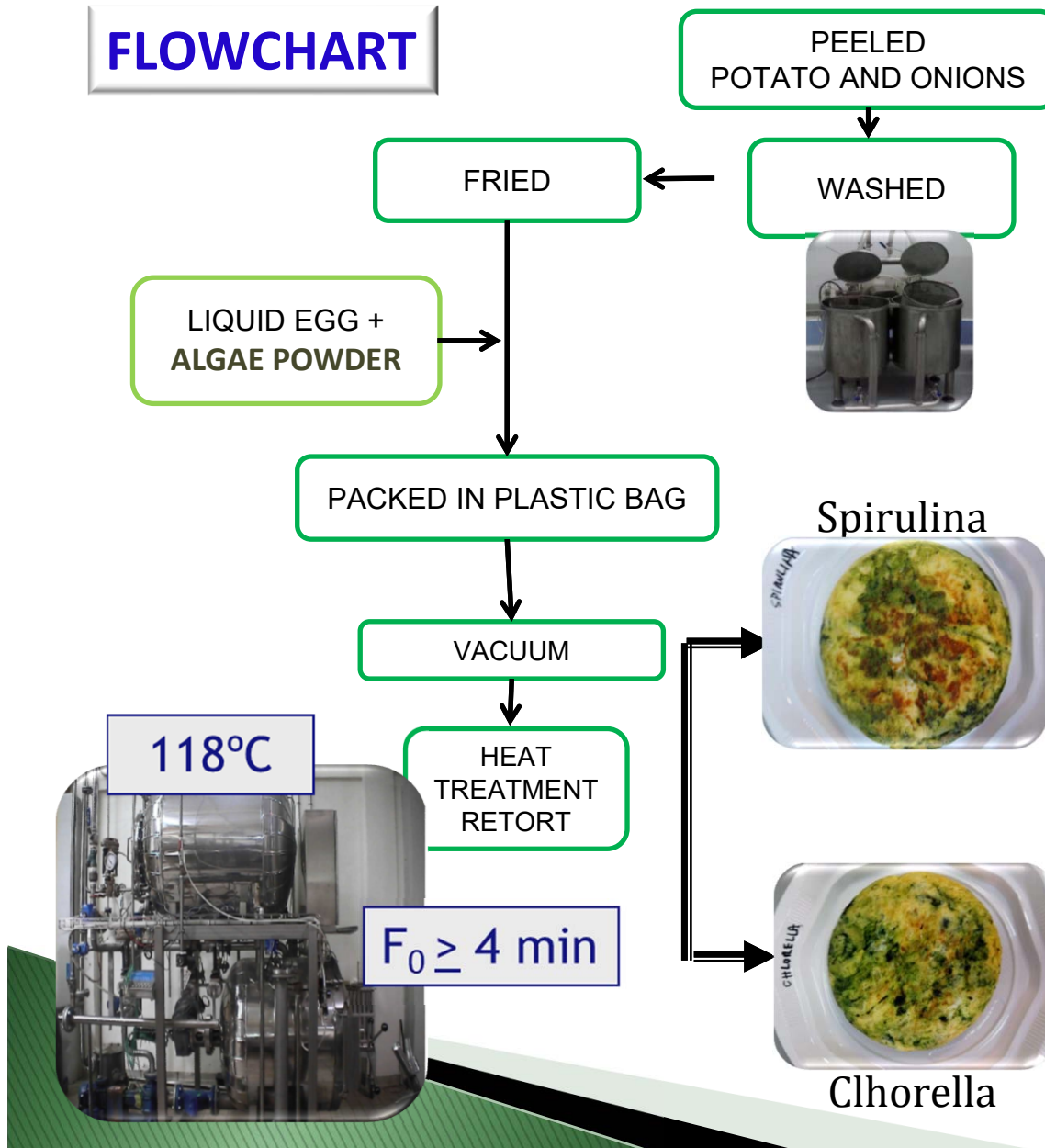
Chlorella



Control

# SPANISH OMELETTE WITH ALGAE.

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Potatos (60%)

Onions

Egg

Olive oil

Salt

Algae powder (7,5%)

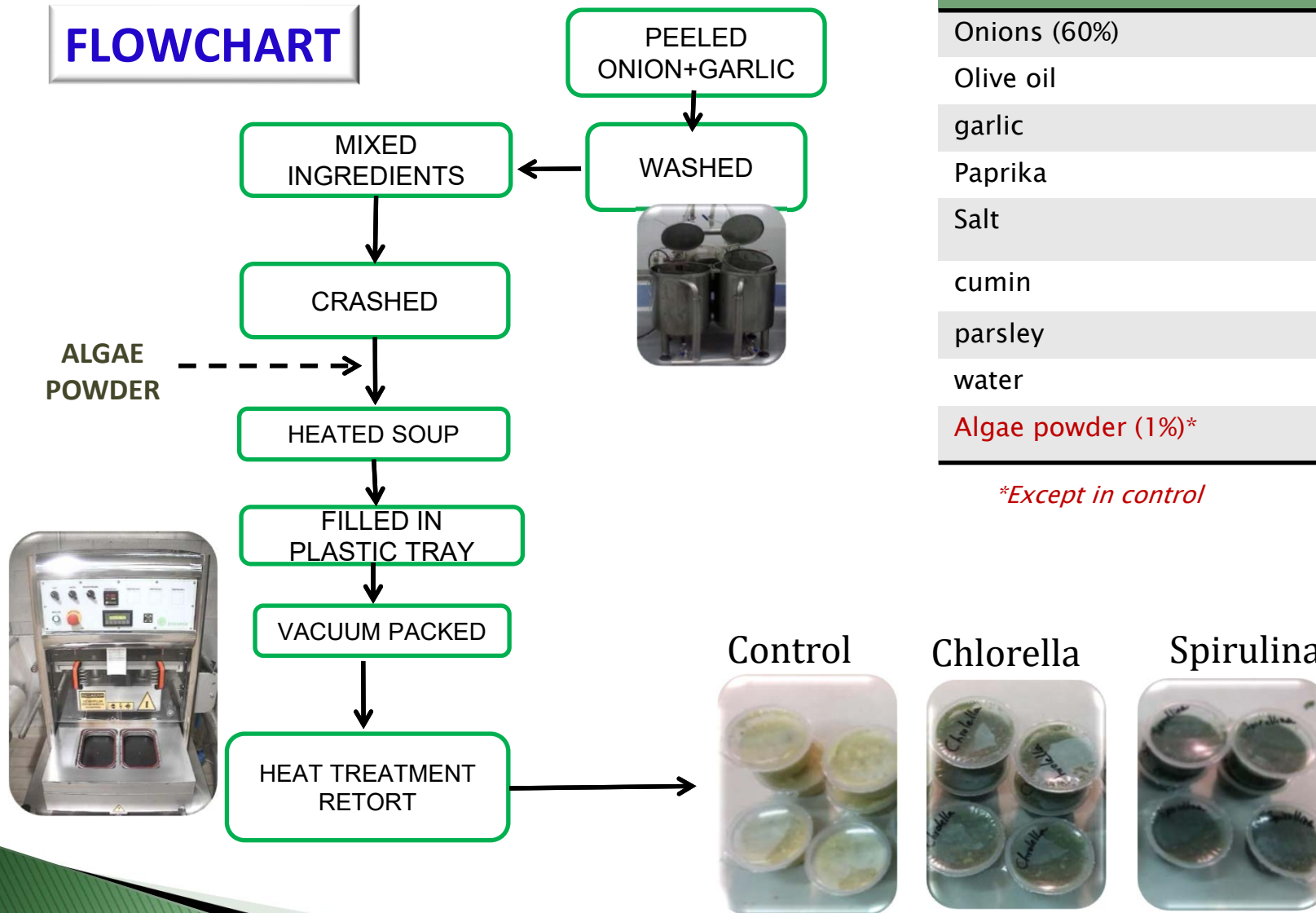
Spirulina



Chlorella

# Onion cream with algae.

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Onions (60%)

Olive oil

garlic

Paprika

Salt

cumin

parsley

water

Algae powder (1%)\*

*\*Except in control*

Control



Chlorella

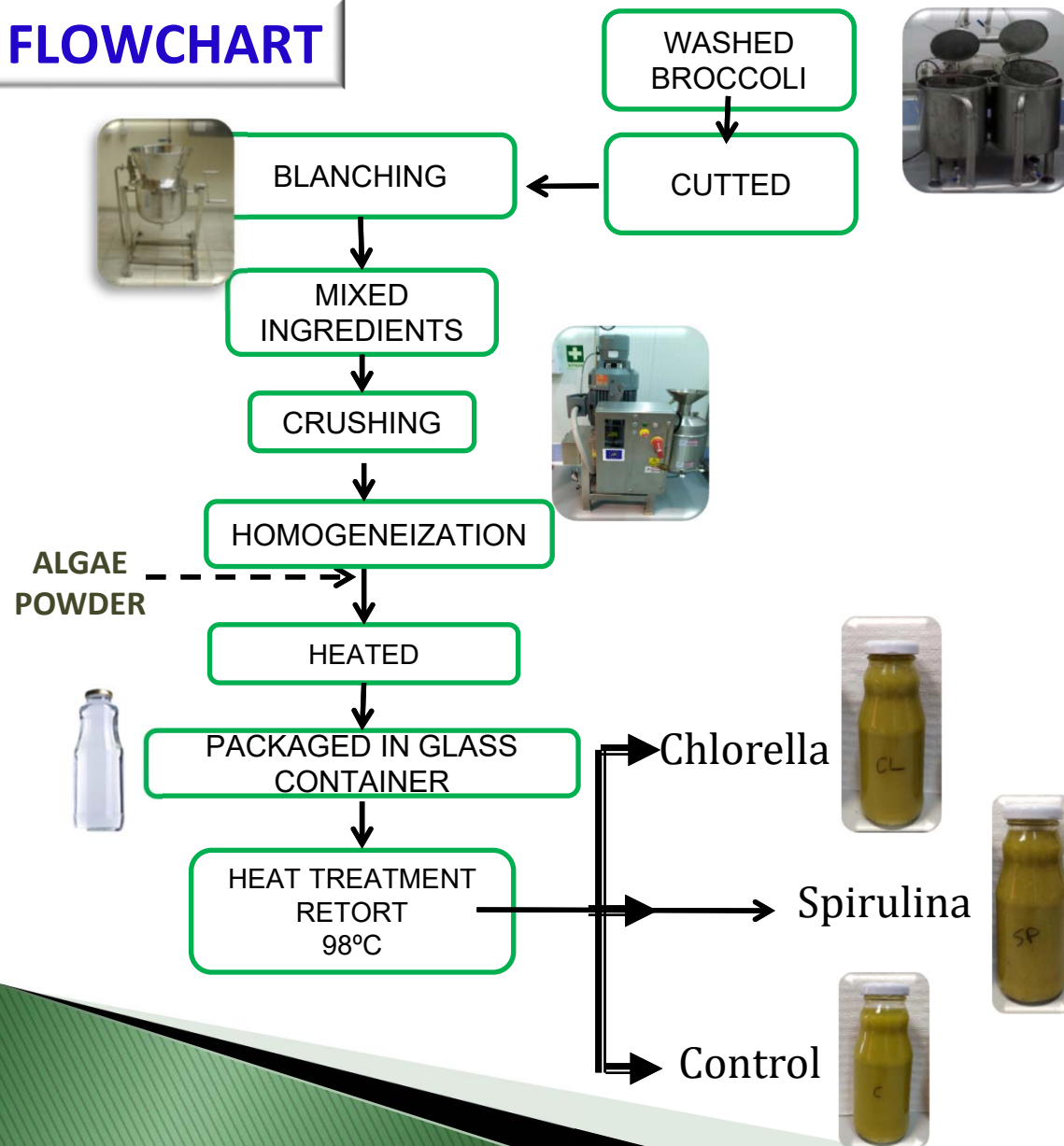


Spirulina



# BROCCOLI GAZPACHO WITH ALGAE (SPANISH COLD SOUP)

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Water

Broccoli

Tomato

Vinegar

Salt

Olive oil

Garlic

Oregano

**Algae powder(0,5%)\***

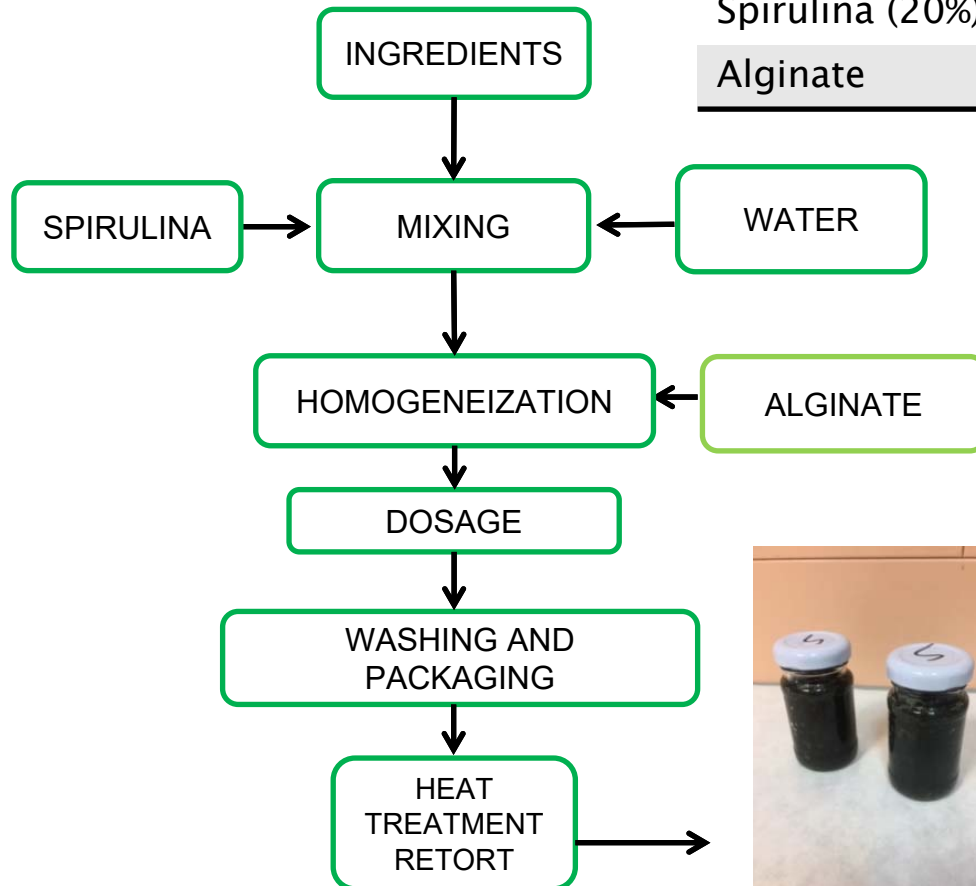
*\*Except in control*





# Spirulina spherifications.

## FLOWCHART



## INGREDIENTS

Water (79%)

Spirulina (20%)

Alginate



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**C** Centro  
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Nacional de la  
Conserva y  
Alimentación



Spirulina



$F_0 \geq 4 \text{ min}$

# Chlorella spherifications.

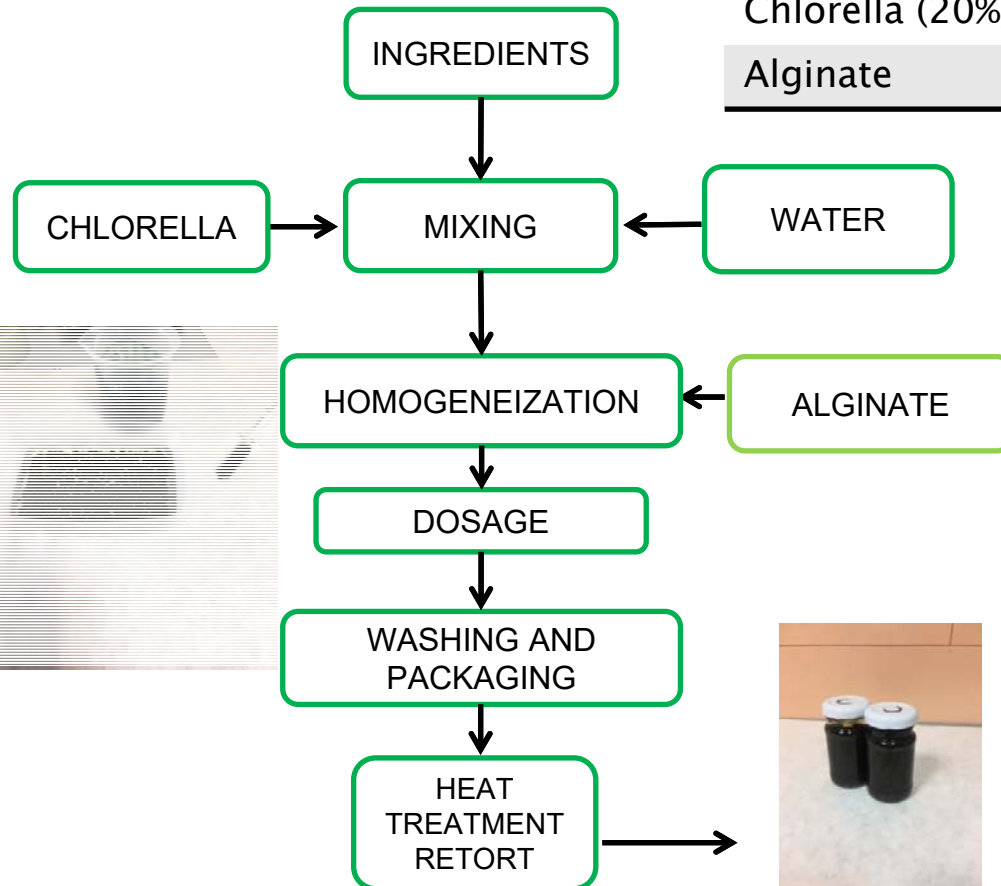
## FLOWCHART

### INGREDIENTS

Water (79%)

Chlorella (20%)

Alginate



Chlorella



$F_0 \geq 4 \text{ min}$

# Algae oil spherifications.

## FLOWCHART

### INGREDIENTS

Water (74%)

Algae Oil (25%)

Alginate

ALGAE OIL

INGREDIENTS

MIXING

WATER

HOMOGENEIZATION

ALGINATE

ADJUST TO PH 7

DOSAGE

WASHING AND  
PACKAGING

HEAT  
TREATMENT  
RETORT



Algae oil  
spherifications.





Algae spherifications



Spirulina spherifications.



Chlorella spherifications

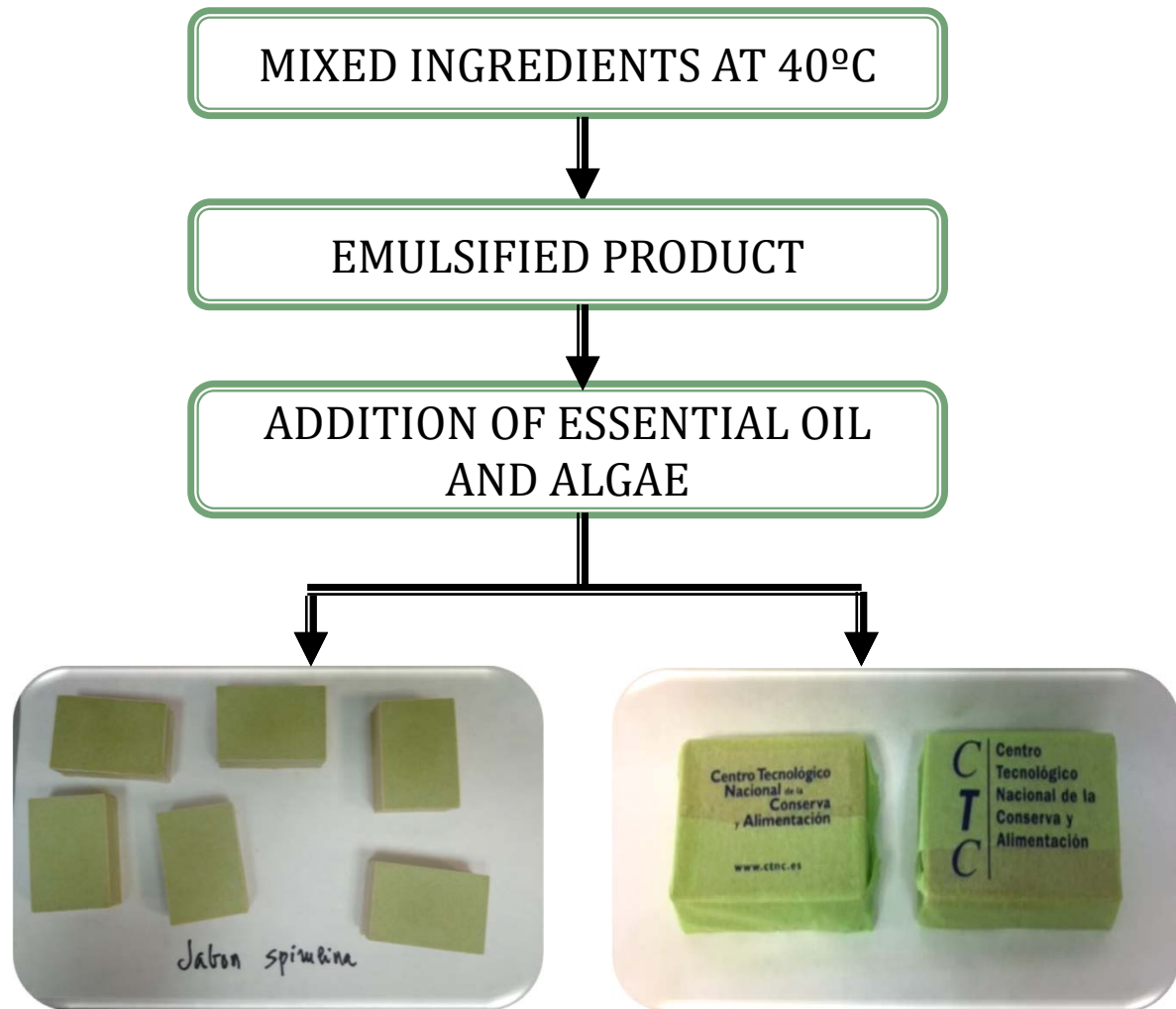


Algae oil spherifications.

# Soap with spirulina (NON FOOD).

INGREDIENTS
SODIUM HYDROXIDE
WATER
OLIVE OIL
FLAVOUR
SALT
CUMIN
PARSLEY
WATER
Algae powder (2%)*

*\*Except in control*





# ANALYSIS IN PROCESS

## ANALYSIS

### ✓ MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

- **STABILITY TEST** Stability control according to French Standards **AFNOR NF V08-401**

### ✓ NUTRITIONAL ANALYSIS

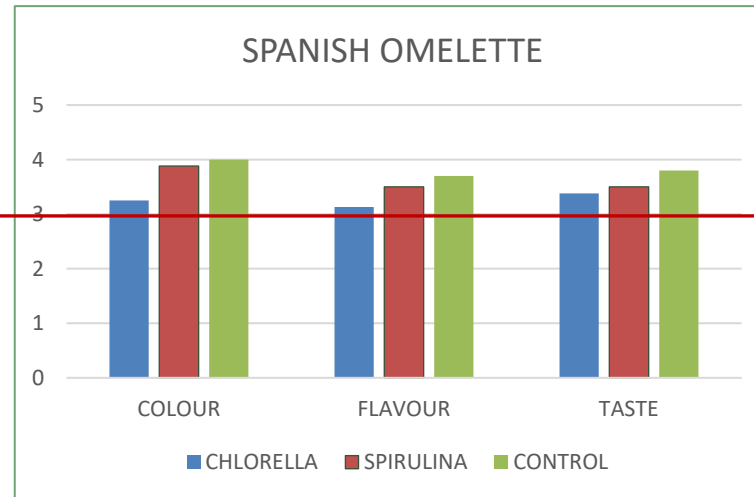
**Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament on food information provided to consumers**

### ✓ SENSORIAL ANALYSIS

- **TEST CONSUMERS OF ACCEPTANCE AND PREFERENCES. UNE-ISO 6658:2008. Sensory analysis of food. Methodology. General guide**

# Analysis Sensorial omelette

- 0 Very bad
- 1 Bad
- 2 Medium
- 3 Acceptable
- 4 Good
- 5 Very good



ATTENDING THE RESULTS, THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THREE SAMPLES, OBTAINING ALL VALUES GREATER THAN THE ACCEPTABILITY LIMIT



## EXAMPLE TEST SENSORIAL ANALYSIS

**PROYECTO ALGAECEUTICALS**  
Análisis sensorial

**CUESTIONARIO TORTILLA**

Se presentan tres muestras de TORTILLA, valora marcando con una cruz cuánto le agradan del 1 al 5, teniendo en cuenta lo siguiente:

1 Me desagrada mucho      3 No me agrada ni me desagrada      5 Me gusta mucho  
2 No me gusta              4 Me gusta

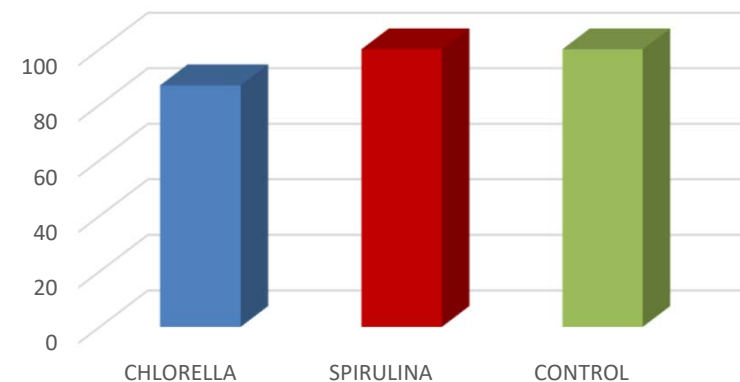
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	S50					S75					S54				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
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COLOR															
SABOR															
VALORACIÓN GLOBAL															
¿Cuál te gusta más y por qué?															
COMENTARIOS															

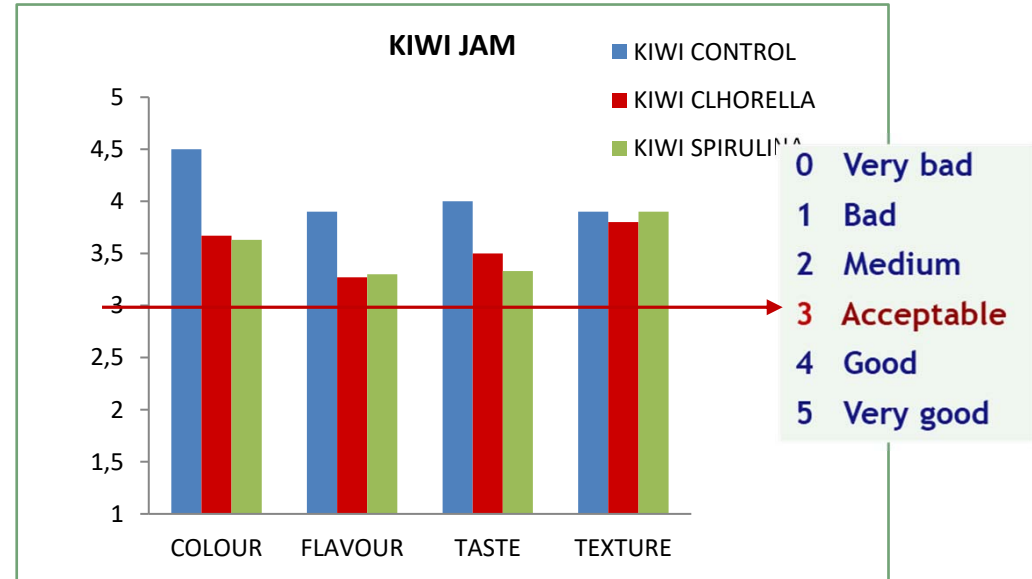
En Molina de Segura a: \_\_\_\_\_

MUCHAS GRACIAS

## ACCEPTABILITY OMELETTE



# Analysis Sensorial jam



**PROYECTO ALGAECEUTICALS**  
Análisis sensorial

**CUESTIONARIO MERMELEDA KIWI**

Se presentan tres muestras de MERMELEDA, valora marcando con una cruz cuánto le agradan del 1 al 5, teniendo en cuenta lo siguiente:

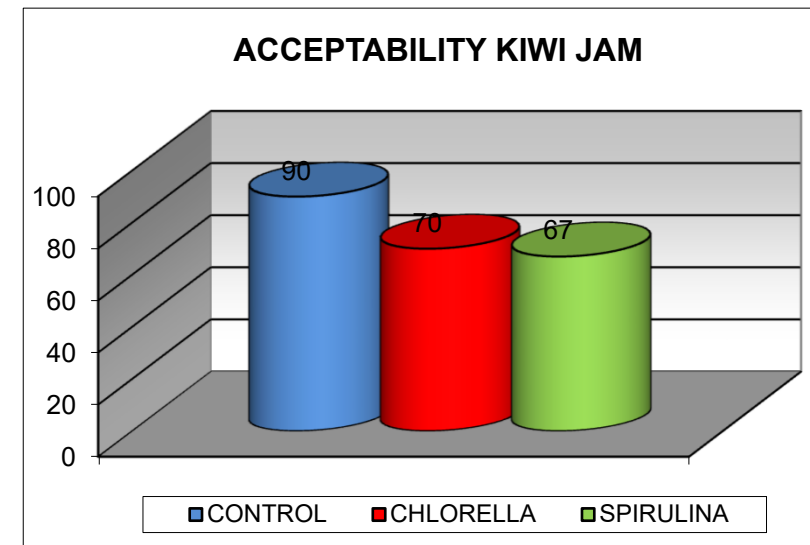
1 Me desagrada mucho    3 No me agrada ni me desagrada    5 Me gusta mucho  
2 No me gusta    4 Me gusta

😊 😐 😞 😊 😠 😡 😢 😄 😅 😆

	650					145					240				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
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VALORACIÓN GLOBAL															
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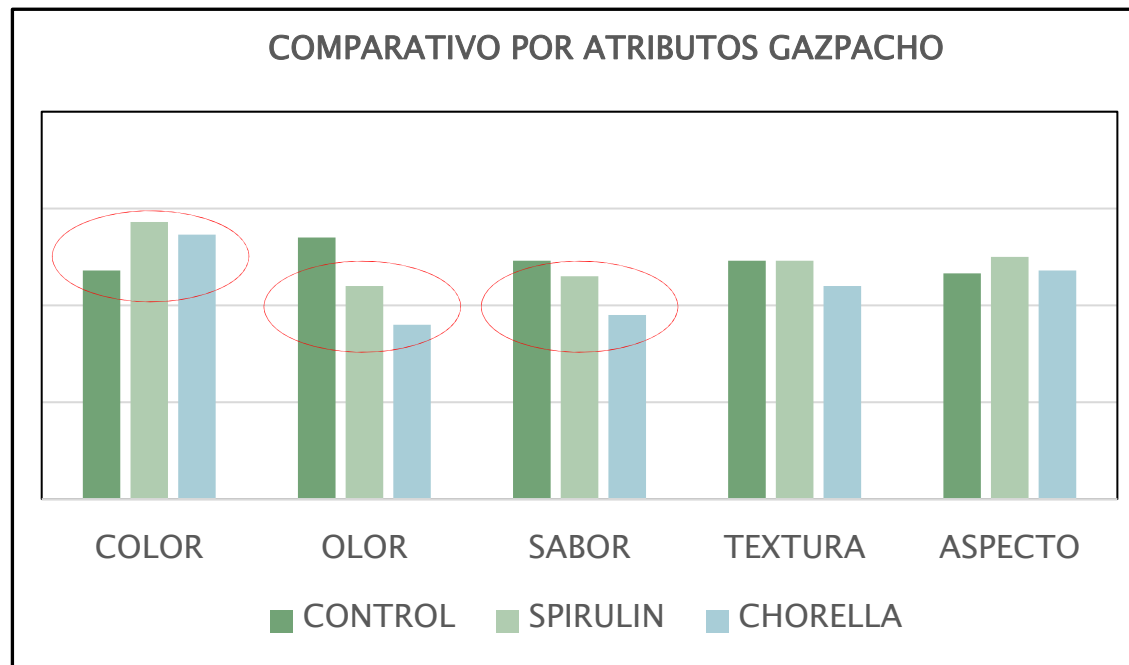
## MICROBIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS BROCCOLI GAZPACHO

STABILITY TEST BROCCOLI GAZPACHO	
PARÁMETRO	RESULTADO
Caracteres organolépticos testigo	Sin variación
Caracteres organolépticos a 32°C	Sin variación
Estado del bote testigo	Sin deformación
Estado del bote a 32°C	Sin deformación
Incubación 7 días a 32°C	Sin alteración
pH testigo	4.06
pH muestra incubada a 32°C	4.12
R (máx. 100) a 32°C	< 100



These results indicate that the heat treatment achieved is sufficient and that the samples are commercially stable at room temperature.

## Sensorial Analysis Broccoli Gazpacho



*ATTENDING THE RESULTS, the GAZPACHOS OF BROCOLI have obtained a higher than acceptable evaluation (minimum of 3) in all the evaluated attributes.*



## Nutritional Analysis Broccoli Gazpacho

DETERMINACION	RESULTADO	UNIDAD
Ácidos grasos saturados	0	g/100 g
Azucares totales	1,0	g/100 g
Fibra alimentaria	3,0	g/100 g
Cenizas totales	0,4	g/100 g
Cloruro sódico	0,07	g/100 g
Grasa	0,2	g/100 g
Hidratos de carbono	8,9	g/100 g
Humedad	95,9	g/100 g
Proteínas	1,2	g/100 g
Valor energético (kcal)	14	kcal/100 g
Valor energético (kj)	58	kJ/100 g
VITAMINA C	157	mg/kg
CLOROFILA A	108,7	mg/kg
CLOROFILA B	32,5	mg/kg

