## Evaluation of the Nutritional Potential of a Developed Spice Formulation for nah poh (An Emulsion-Based Gravy): Physicochemical and Techno-Functional Characterisations

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**Abstract :** The nutritional potential of a developed spice formulation for nah poh was evaluated. It was found that when spices were used for the formulation for nah poh, the concentration of some nutrients is diluted while that of some of them increases. The proportion of unsaturated fats was estimated to be 76.2% of the total fat content while the chemical score varied between 31 to 39%. The contents of some essential minerals of nutritional interest in mg are as follows for 100g of spice:  $2372.474 \pm 0.007$  for potassium,  $16.447 \pm 0.010$  for iron,  $4.772 \pm 0.005$  for zinc,  $0.537 \pm 0.001$  for cupper,  $0.138 \pm 0.005$  for selenium, and  $112.954 \pm 0.003$  for manganese. This study shows that the consumption of these spices in the form of formulation significantly contributes to meet the mineral requirements of the populations whose food habits regularly require these spices.

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