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Highlights

- This study evaluated cold plasma induced lipid oxidation of model matrices namely dairy and meat fats.
- The oxidation of lipids by cold plasma followed the Criegee mechanism.
- Oxidation products and pathways were determined using FTIR, NMR and GC-MS analysis.
- A detailed mechanism of formation of oxidation products has been proposed.

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23 **Abbreviation list**

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25	DBD	Dielectric barrier discharge plasma
26	ACP	Atmospheric cold plasma
27	FTIR	Fourier transform Infrared radiation spectroscopy
28	NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
29	GC	Gas chromatography
30	GC-FID	Gas chromatography-flame ionization detector
31	GC-MS	Gas chromatography-Mass spectrometry
32	HC-PC	Hierarchal cluster-Principal Component
33	SFA	Saturated fatty acid
34	USFA	Unsaturated fatty acid

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69 **1. Introduction**

70 Consumer demands for high quality food and the detrimental effects associated with existing
71 thermal technologies drive the development of alternative non thermal process technologies.
72 Cold plasma technology has been widely used in etching and deposition of electronics, bonding
73 of plastics, dying in textiles (Korner, Beck, Dommann, Onda, & Ramm, 1995; Naebe, Cookson,
74 Rippon, Brady, Wang, Brack, et al., 2010). It has also demonstrated efficacy in bio-
75 decontamination (Ziuzina, Patil, Cullen, Keener, & Bourke, 2014), treatment of food packaging
76 materials (Pankaj, Bueno-Ferrer, Misra, Milosavljević, O'Donnell, Bourke, et al., 2014) and
77 processing of foods (Sarangapani, Devi, Thirundas, Annapure, & Deshmukh, 2015). Plasma is a
78 partially or wholly ionized state which consists of positively and negatively charged ions, free
79 electrons, free radicals and intermediate highly reactive species, atoms, molecules and UV
80 photons (Thirumdas, Sarangapani, & Annapure, 2015). Cold plasma can be generated under both
81 atmospheric and low pressure conditions. However, for food processing, given the need for
82 economical and continuous processing, atmospheric conditions are likely to be more suitable.
83 The effects of the plasma reactive species in any biological or chemical system are likely to
84 continue and diversify over a longer time frame than the initial plasma discharge resulting from
85 formation of more stable secondary reactive species and subsequent chemical pathways. Cold
86 plasma has been used for treatment of complex dyes, wastewater (Jiang, Zheng, Qiu, Wu, Zhang,
87 Yan, et al., 2014), degradation of mycotoxins (Park, Takatori, Sugita-Konishi, Kim, Lee, Han, et
88 al., 2007) .

89 Oils and fats form an important component of the human diet containing essential fatty
90 acids. Polyunsaturated fatty acids cannot be made by our bodies, however, these are nutritionally
91 important (Wang, Zhu, Lyu, Panigrahy, Ferrara, Hammock, et al., 2014). Unsaturated fatty acids

92 start decomposing upon isolation from their natural environment, resulting in rancidity
93 (W¹sowicz, Gramza, Hes, Jeleń, Korczak, & Malecka, 2004). This lipid oxidation occurs in pure
94 fats and oils, but also in fat dense foods including peanuts, pork scratching's, oatmeal, muesli,
95 milk and meat products (Jensen, Danielsen, Bertelsen, Skibsted, & Andersen, 2005). Therefore,
96 oxidation is a concern for dairy and meat products owing to changes in the structure of proteins,
97 fatty acid composition, reduced nutrient value, and degradation of sensory quality. These foods
98 undergo changes in chemical composition as a function of time, process related conditions (heat,
99 UV treatment, photolysis) or other interactions with environmental conditions. The consequent
100 thermal degradation and autoxidation of fats leads to the formation of primary, secondary and
101 tertiary oxidation products such as aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids. Ozone processing can
102 lead to the formation of ozonides and carbonyl oxides. Nevertheless, these technologies are used
103 in processing of oils and fats (Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003; Soriano, Migo, &
104 Matsumura, 2003). Several authors have reported on the efficacy of cold plasma for biocontrol of
105 hams and cheeses (Song, Kim, Choe, Jung, Moon, Choe, et al., 2009), and raw meat (Han et al,
106 2016). However, an understanding of the impact on chemical quality parameters is also required.
107 A limited number of studies have described how cold plasmas have controlled and accelerated
108 oxidation using complex matrices such as fish oil (Vandamme, Nikiforov, De Roose, Leys, De
109 Cooman, & Van Durme, 2016). However, the mechanisms of lipid oxidation due to plasma
110 processing have not been fully established. The aim of this work is to investigate atmospheric air
111 plasma induced lipid oxidation in relation to dairy and meat products by assessing fatty acid
112 composition and to identify any primary and secondary products formed. Insights into cold
113 plasma induced reaction pathways are provided by identifying changes in the functional groups

114 using FTIR spectroscopy along with identification of lipid oxidation products using ^1H NMR
115 spectroscopy and chromatographic techniques.

116 **2. Materials and Methods**

117 **2.1. Materials**

118 Dairy fat (butter oil) and beef fat (99% pure) were purchased from a local super market (Dublin,
119 Ireland) and samples were kept under refrigerated conditions ($-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) until used for analysis.
120 Hexane, methanol ($\geq 99.9\%$ capillary GC-grade), sodium hydroxide, 50% boron trifluoride in
121 methanol, Chloroform-d (CDCl_3) with 0.03% (v/v) TMS (Tetramethylsilane) were purchased
122 from Sigma-Aldrich, Ireland.

123 **2.2. Atmospheric air cold plasma treatment**

124 The high voltage in package atmospheric cold plasma-dielectric barrier discharge (ACP-DBD)
125 system employed for this work is described in Sarangapani et al., (2016). Fat samples ($15 \pm 1\text{ g}$)
126 were placed in petri dishes and the samples were subjected to different doses of direct plasma
127 treatment. The atmospheric air condition at the time of treatment was $40 \pm 1\%$ relative humidity
128 (RH) and $16 \pm 2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, measured using a humidity-temperature probe connected to a data logger
129 (Testo 176T2, Testo Ltd., UK). Atmospheric air was used as the working gas. Plasma treatment
130 was performed at variable voltage (60-80 kV) and treatment duration (3-30 min). After
131 processing, containers were stored at room temperature of $16\text{-}18\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h in line with our
132 previous findings that a sealed retention time is useful for biocontrol. This allows contact time of
133 the generated and contained chemical reactive species with the samples. Control samples were
134 not plasma treated.

135 **2.3. FTIR spectroscopy**

136 The IR spectra were recorded in absorbance mode at 4 cm^{-1} resolutions, using a Spectrum GX
137 FT-IR (Perkin Elmer, Dublin, Ireland) equipped with an attenuated total reflectance (ATR) over
138 the frequency range $4000\text{--}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The sample measurements were replicated for all the
139 individual samples of each treatment class. Analyses were carried out at room temperature of
140 25°C . The background was collected before every sample was measured.

141 **2.4. Fatty acid composition**

142 Samples were evaluated for fatty acid composition using the GC-FID. Individual fatty acid
143 methyl esters (FAME) were identified using FAME standards (Sigma Chemicals, Ireland) were
144 used to calculate the percentage of fatty acids based on its peak area. A
145 BRUKER SCION 456 GC equipped with a flame ionization detector and Zebron ZB-5MS
146 capillary column with dimension $30\text{ m} \times 0.25\text{ mm I.D}$ and $0.25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ thickness is employed.
147 Helium was used as the carrier gas and the flow rate was set at 1 mL min^{-1} . Samples were
148 injected with a split ratio (1:10). The GC oven temperature was programmed as: 50°C held for 1
149 min, 50°C ramp to 200°C and held for 1min, ramp to 230°C at a rate of $8^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ held for 20
150 min. The injector and detector temperatures were set at 250 and 280°C , respectively. Data was
151 collected and integrated with a personal computer using MS workstation GC Software. The GC–
152 MS analysis of the target compounds was performed using a Varian 3800 GC (JVA analytical
153 Ltd. Ireland) with a 2200 Varian ion trap MS was used to analyze the samples. Chromatography
154 was conducted on the same chromatographic column and under the chromatographic conditions
155 described above. The mass detector was operated in the electron impact (EI) mode at 70 eV and
156 electron multiplier voltage of 1.25 kV . The mass fragments of the derivatives were obtained in
157 the full scan mode in the scan range from m/z 35 to 350. Data were collected using Varian
158 software. The compounds present were tentatively identified based on computer matching

159 against commercial National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) libraries and spectral
160 library (Dalton, Dragoset, & Wiersma) of pure substances and literature available.

161 **2.5. NMR analysis**

162 For ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy, about 50 mg of the sample was accurately weighed and
163 dissolved in CDCl_3 containing TMS as standard. Both spectra were obtained using a Bruker
164 Avance 400MHz Spectrometer. Trace amount of CHCl_3 in the solvent used exhibits signals at
165 7.26 and 77.0 ppm in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, respectively.

166 **2.6. Determination of peroxide value**

167 The peroxide value is determined by the procedure of Kirk & Sawyer (1991).

168 **2.7. Statistical analysis**

169 The results were analyzed by one-way ANOVA using SPSS (IBM statistical analysis Version
170 19), and the significance amongst the samples was compared at $p < 0.05$ by the least significant
171 difference post-hoc comparison, SPSS 19 version. Results represent the means of at least two
172 separate experiments.

173 **3. Results and discussion**

174 **3.1. FTIR analysis**

175 The changes in the functional groups for both dairy and beef fat were revealed using FT-IR
176 analysis. The representative spectra of the control and plasma treated dairy and beef fats are
177 presented in **Fig.1** The analytical evaluation of the dairy and beef fat spectra were previously
178 reported (M. a. D. Guillén & Ruiz, 2001). The IR spectra demonstrate that triglycerides were
179 dominant. The major triglyceride peaks observed were around 2937 cm^{-1} corresponding to C–H
180 stretching (asymmetry), 2856 cm^{-1} assigned to C–H stretching (symmetry), and a carbonyl peak
181 1746 cm^{-1} (C=O stretching) (Adeyemi, Mohiuddin, Mirghani, & Jameel, 2012; Yang,
182 Irudayaraj, & Paradkar, 2005). Moreover, a weak signal was observed at 3000 cm^{-1} associated

183 with =C-H stretching groups of cis-unsaturation (Ahmad Fadzlillah, Che Man, Rohman,
184 Ismail, Mustafa, & Khatib, 2013). A weak peak around 1650 cm^{-1} was observed and corresponds
185 to C=C stretching (cis) and a major peak at 1454 cm^{-1} assigned to C-H bending (scissoring). The
186 stretching vibrations of the C-O bond of esters and bending vibrations of the methylene group
187 were present around $1300\text{--}1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Other major peaks observed were at 1166 cm^{-1} which
188 corresponds to C-O (stretching) and C-H (bending), and 723 cm^{-1} which corresponds to C-H
189 bending (rocking) (M. D. Guillén & Cabo, 1997). The peak at 1117 cm^{-1} corresponds to C-H
190 (deformation) and 1097 cm^{-1} (C-H bending) vibration of fatty acids, respectively. The peak at
191 966 cm^{-1} has been previously reported as a marker band of trans fatty acids in fats and oils and
192 the peak is associated with -HC=CH out-of-plane deformation vibrations (Ahmad Fadzlillah,
193 Che Man, Rohman, Ismail, Mustafa, & Khatib, 2013). These frequencies observed in the FTIR
194 spectra were used as the basis for investigating the changes in the functional groups of plasma
195 treated fat samples.

196 Several changes were observed in the IR spectra of the plasma treated samples. ACP-DBD
197 plasmas are a source of a wide range of active species and reactive species such as O_3 , H_2O_2 ,
198 OH. These plasma species can cleave double bonds of unsaturated fatty acids. The IR spectra of
199 the intensities corresponding to C=C decreased with increases in applied voltages and plasma
200 treatment times. These include the relatively weak band at 1650 cm^{-1} see **Fig.1. (I and II)** and
201 the =C-H stretch and bend at 3008 cm^{-1} and broadened peak at 723 cm^{-1} , respectively. The
202 dairy samples were more susceptible to plasma treatment than the beef samples, with changes
203 evident within shorter treatment times of 3 and 6 min for all applied voltages. This is attributed
204 to the higher concentration of unsaturated fatty acids (45%) in beef fat than dairy (31%). Similar
205 trends were reported for ozonation of sunflower methyl esters by Soriano *et al.*, (2003). Several

206 authors have reported the formation of carbonylic compounds as by-products of plasma
207 treatment . Dairy and meat triglycerides have a strong absorption band at 1743 cm^{-1} attributed
208 to stretching vibration of the carbonyl group (Moreno, Olivares, López, Martínez, & Reig, 1999).
209 As observed in **Fig.1 (c and d)**, increasing plasma treatment time and applied voltage widens the
210 carbonyl band, which suggests the formation of new carbonyl compounds (Gao, Sun, Wan, Yu,
211 & Li, 2013). This is attributed to the production of saturated aldehyde, carboxylic acids or other
212 secondary oxidation products. The new aldehyde or ketone compounds formed come from the
213 oxidation of C=C bonds in existing unsaturated triglycerides. The emergent band around 1725
214 cm^{-1} suggests the formation of aldehyde in the plasma treated dairy fat samples, where a
215 shoulder was observed at 1700 cm^{-1} in plasma treated beef fat samples. However, the weak band
216 at 1725 cm^{-1} in the beef samples, overlaps with the stretching vibration at 1746 cm^{-1} of the ester
217 carbonyl functional group. Moreover, the presence of an aldehydic C-H stretch around $2900-$
218 2700 cm^{-1} confirms the formation of aldehyde and other oxidation products. The presence of
219 new oxidation products in both the dairy and beef samples especially the carbonyl group (C=O)
220 can be evidenced by broadened bands around 725 cm^{-1} . This peak could be ascribed to
221 complicate oligomerization of olefins (Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003). Interestingly, a
222 new band around 1105 cm^{-1} (**Fig.1. a and b**) was observed across all the plasma treated dairy
223 and beef samples, which was not observed for control or the blank. The intensity of this new
224 band increased with plasma treatment time and applied voltage. This peak likely corresponds to
225 C-O stretching of ozonide (Díaz, Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003). This suggests
226 that the majority of oxidation of fats using ACP-DBD occurs by direct attack of ozone to
227 produce ozonide, as described by the Criegee mechanism (Díaz, Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil,
228 & Moleiro, 2003; Ledea, Díaz, Molerio, Jardines, Rosado, & Correa, 2003; Segal, Zanardi,

229 Chiasserini, Gabbrielli, Bocci, & Travagli, 2010). The ozonide formed during plasma treatment
230 could be the 1,2,4-trioxolane ring which was reported by several authors (Díaz, Hernández,
231 Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003; Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003; Soriano, Migo, &
232 Matsumura, 2003) during ozonolysis of fatty acids methyl esters. Two other sharp bands appear
233 at 1175 cm^{-1} and 1195 cm^{-1} which also correspond to C-O stretching and O-C stretching of
234 ozonides (Soriano, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003). The other changes observed in the IR spectrum
235 associated with plasma treatment were peaks at 1379 cm^{-1} and 975 cm^{-1} , most likely associated
236 with C-O-C and stretching vibration of O-O, respectively (Georgiev, Anachkov, Batakiev, &
237 Rakovsky, 2013). The new bands formed at 969 and 829 cm^{-1} and small changes around 3470
238 cm^{-1} may be due to the formation of peroxide groups (Bellamy, 2013). The plasma treatment
239 also induced major changes in the region $1350\text{-}1475\text{ cm}^{-1}$. These changes correspond to the
240 aldehydic group (C-H bend) at 1381 cm^{-1} and C-O-H bending at 1440 cm^{-1} to 1395 cm^{-1} , which
241 is adjacent to the carbonyl group (Bailey, 2012). The scission of either initial or final ozonide
242 leads to the formation of aldehyde.

243 While trends can be observed in these IR spectra, chemometric analysis, specifically
244 hierarchical clustering, of the spectral data using principal component analysis (PCA) was
245 adopted to classify these plasma treated fats based on their FT-IR spectra. For this purpose, the
246 region between $700\text{-}1800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ was selected as representing the majority of the changes induced
247 in the functional groups such as C-H bending, C=O stretching, and C=C stretching and also the
248 unsaturated C=C bond. Principal component analysis of spectra within this region revealed two
249 principal components, explaining 87.3% of the data variance for the dairy sample. The cluster
250 analysis algorithm divided the dairy sample sets into six clusters (see Fig. 2.(a)), where a clear
251 separation between the control and the plasma treated samples was found. The replicates of the

252 dairy control sample are located at positive scores of PC1 and negative scores of PC2 and were
253 grouped into cluster 1 and majority of the samples treated for 9 min at all the applied voltages
254 (60, 70 and 80 kV) grouped into cluster 2 with 70 kV for 9 min (2nd replicates as center).
255 Moreover, the majority of samples treated for 3 min and 6 min were grouped into cluster 3.
256 However, it may be noted that some of the replicates of treated samples are separately grouped
257 into cluster 4, which might be due to overall variability in the plasma process (Misra, Pankaj,
258 Frias, Keener, & Cullen, 2015). It can be observed that all replicates of samples treated for 60 kV
259 for 30 min are cluster 5 similarly 70 kV for 30 min samples are cluster 6. Therefore, treatment
260 time and applied voltage played an interactive role in the formation of oxidation products in
261 dairy fat at higher treatment times.

262 It can be observed in **Fig.2.(b)** that two PCA scores for the beef samples explained 70.9% data
263 variance and replicates of control sample are located in positive score of PC1 and negative score
264 of PC2. There was a similar separation for the beef samples which are grouped into cluster 1.
265 However, there was no clear separation obtained among the plasma treated beef samples. The
266 majority of replicates of samples treated for 9 min or 30 min at all applied voltages were grouped
267 into cluster 2 with the exception of the 70 kV 9 min samples. However, 70 kV 9 min samples
268 were grouped into cluster 4 with two replicates of 60 kV 30 min, 80 kV 9 min and 80 kV 6 min.
269 The majority of 3 min replicates of 60 kV and 70 kV were grouped into cluster 3 whereas 3 min
270 replicates of 80 kV were grouped together with 6 min samples of 60 kV and 70 kV into cluster 5.
271 The variability in the samples can be attributed to plasma induced changes in the functional
272 groups such as formation of aldehydes around 1725 cm^{-1} , ozonide at 1105 cm^{-1} , peroxides at
273 969 cm^{-1} and 829 cm^{-1} in the beef fat samples. In addition, the natural variability in the
274 composition of fatty acids among dairy and beef fats should be considered.

275 3.2. Fatty acid analysis

276 The fatty acid composition of control (untreated) and plasma treated dairy and beef fat are
277 summarized in **Table 1**. The dairy and beef fats are mainly composed of oleic, palmitic and
278 stearic acids. It can be observed that plasma treatment decreased the relative amount of
279 unsaturated fatty acids from 34.06% to 28.47% for the dairy samples and from 44.05% to
280 38.60% for the meat samples. Ozone and hydroxyl radicals are considered the principal active
281 species which cleave the double bonds of unsaturated fatty acids primarily oleic, palmitoleic and
282 linoleic acid leading to oxidation. There was a decrease in the ratio of unsaturated to saturated
283 fatty acids (UFA/SFA) with increasing applied voltage level, which may be attributed to the
284 increased dissociation reactions to form free radicals, reactive species and unstable compounds at
285 higher voltages. A similar observation with a reduction in the unsaturated fatty acids was also
286 observed in ozonated vegetable oil and pork lard (Jurado-Alameda, García-Román, Altmajer-
287 Vaz, & Jiménez-Pérez, 2012; Soriano, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003). This result supports the
288 changes seen in the ¹H NMR and IR spectra of the plasma treated samples which is suggested to
289 follow the Criegee mechanism (Soriano, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003). Several authors have
290 reported that plasma treatment of organic chemicals results in the formation of new by-products
291 (Gao, Sun, Wan, Yu, & Li, 2013; Sarangapani, Misra, Milosavljevic, Bourke, O'Regan, &
292 Cullen, 2016). The GC-MS analysis of plasma treated fats was performed to identify the plasma
293 degraded products. The unsaturated fatty acids were identified at retention times of; 16.49 min
294 for palmitoleic, 19.19 for oleic, 20.09 for linoleic respectively. Interestingly, the analysis of
295 chromatogram showed the formation of new peaks caused by the attack of reactive oxygen and
296 nitrogen on the double bond of unsaturated fatty acids. Oleic acid was the primary fatty acid
297 susceptible to oxidation by plasma species. The reaction of ozone to oleic acid forms primary
298 ozonide (molozonide) which further decomposes into two Criegee intermediate radicals. These

299 results were supported by the ^1H NMR at the chemical shift δ 5.15 ppm and the IR spectra at
300 1105 cm^{-1} , 1195 cm^{-1} . It is known that decomposition of the primary ozonides leads to the
301 formation of aldehydes (or ketones) and carbonyl oxides (or Criegee intermediates) (Díaz,
302 Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003). The formation of nonanal and 9-oxononanoic
303 acid in plasma treated samples support this hypothesis. Nonanal (aldehyde) compound (c) was
304 identified at a retention time of 9.69 min and exhibited $[\text{M}]^+$ ion at 142 and fragments ions at m/z
305 124 [M-18(loss of water)], m/z 114[M-28(loss of ethylene)], m/z 98[M-44(loss of $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-$
306 OH)] with other prominent peaks at m/z 95, 81, 71, 69, 43 and 41. Compound (b) was identified
307 as 9-oxononanoic acid (Carbonyl oxide) with mass fragments at $[\text{M}]^+$ 172, and fragments ions at
308 m/z 154[M-18(loss of water)], m/z 144 [M-28 (loss of ethylene)], m/z 129 [M-44 (loss of
309 $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{OH}$)] (Supplementary material Fig.S7.) and other prominent peaks at m/z 111, 98, 87,
310 73, 59, 45, 41. Katrib *et al.*, (2004) reported that the Criegee intermediates undergo reactions
311 with oleic acid to form C27 molecules. Moreover, other products were also identified in the MS
312 spectra of plasma treated samples. The compound (a) nonanoic acid (more than 70% match) was
313 identified at 9.88 min in all the plasma treated samples and exhibited $[\text{M}]^+$ ion at 172, and other
314 major fragments at m/z 129, 5, 101, 87, 74, 55, 43, 41. Compound (d) was identified as azelaic
315 acid (96.6% match) exhibited $[\text{M}]^+$ ion at 185, and other fragments at m/z 152, 143, 124, 111, 97,
316 74, 55, 41. Interestingly, another compound identified at 9.206 min corresponds to octanoic acid
317 (more than 75% match) which exhibited $[\text{M}]^+$ ion at 158, 127[M-31(OCH_3)], m/z 101, 87, 74,
318 41. These compounds could be formed by the isomerization of Criegee intermediates (Hung,
319 Katrib, & Martin, 2005). A possible oxidation pathway **see Fig.2 (c)** for oleic is proposed based
320 on the intermediates formed. Further possible recombination of the carbonyl oxide and the
321 aldehyde (or ketone) yield secondary ozonides. The formation of 9-oxononanoic acid and

322 nonanal were also observed in the reaction of oleic acid droplets with nitrate radicals by Hung *et*
323 *al.*,(2005). However, no nitrate radical reactions forming long chain carbon molecules and
324 formation of peroxides including hydroperoxides were seen in the MS spectra. Extensive
325 information on the formation of hydroperoxides can be found elsewhere (Bailey, 2012).

326 3.3.NMR analysis

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328 **Fig. 3 (a and b)** shows the typical ^1H NMR spectra of the control and plasma treated samples of
329 the dairy and beef fat respectively. ^1H NMR assignments of the main components of pure fats are
330 $\delta(\text{ppm})$; 0.90, $-\text{CH}_3$ (fatty acid terminal groups); 1.40-1.15, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (saturated fatty acid acyl
331 groups); 1.71-1.50, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl groups) ; 2.10-1.90, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl
332 groups) ; 2.35-2.20, $-\text{OCO}-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl groups); 2.80-2.70, $=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=(\text{acyl groups})$; 4.32-
333 4.10, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{R}$ (C1 and C3 glyceryl CH_2 groups); 5.26-5.20, $(-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CHOC}(=\text{O})\text{R}$ (C=2
334 glyceryl CH); 5.40-5.26, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl groups) (M. a. D. Guillén & Ruiz, 2001). Thus, the
335 chemical shifts are assigned to the saturated fatty acid component of triglycerides and free fatty
336 acids between 0-4 ppm while 4-6 ppm are assigned to proton signals of glycerol backbone as
337 well as olefin components of unsaturated fatty acids and triglycerides. It was evident from the
338 NMR analysis that fats underwent structural changes upon plasma treatment. New signals at 9.76
339 ppm found in the ^1H NMR spectra of plasma treated dairy and beef correspond to aldehydic
340 protons (Díaz, Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003). The formation of aldehydes
341 were also observed at 1725 cm^{-1} and C-H stretch around $2900-2700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in IR spectra. It was
342 also observed that the area of these peaks increased with increases in plasma treatment time and
343 applied voltage. The 9.3-10.5 ppm region of ^1H NMR spectra of plasma treated beef and dairy
344 samples contained some doublet resonances at 9.49, 9.52, 9.67 ppm (see supplementary material
345 Fig.S19 and Fig.S31). Claxson *et al.*, (1994) demonstrated that these signals arise from

346 unsaturated aldehydes and correspond to trans- 2-alkenals, alka-2,4-dienals and 4-hydroxy-trans-
347 2-alkenals, respectively. The signal at 9.76 ppm corresponds to saturated aldehydes and it is
348 attributed to hexanal or pentanal whereas, 9.49, 9.52 ppm signals are a mixture of trans-2-
349 heptenal, -octenal or -nonenal (Haywood, Claxson, Hawkes, Richardson, Naughton,
350 Coumbarides, et al., 1995). A relatively weak signal at 9.67 ppm was observed in the 30 min
351 treated samples and showed coupling patterns at 6.15 ppm that could possibly be assigned to 4-
352 hydroxy-trans-2-nonenal. The possible generation of these compounds is due to the oxidation of
353 unsaturated fatty acids (particularly linoleic acid) by reactive oxygen and nitrogen species.
354 Similar results were observed in ozonolysis of sunflower and sesame oil (Sega, Zanardi,
355 Chiasserini, Gabbrielli, Bocci, & Travagli, 2010; Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003;
356 Soriano, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003). The distinct singlet resonances at 8.9, 8.8, 8.2, 8.0 and 6.2
357 ppm in the dairy samples and 9.20, 8.2, 8.0, 6.45 and 6.2 ppm detected in beef samples were
358 assigned to hydroperoxide group (-OOH) protons. Similar hydroperoxide groups were detected
359 in thermally stressed linoleate samples by Claxson *et al.*, (1994). There was an increase in the
360 peak intensity with increases in plasma treatment time and applied voltage. The resonances at 8.2
361 and 8.0 ppm could be attributed to the reaction between oxidizing radicals (eg. •H, •O, •OH) and
362 oleic acid in beef fat to form hydroperoxides. The reaction proceeds (**see Fig.4(a)**) with a free
363 radical attack at C-8 and C-11 of oleic acid and hydrogen abstraction which leads to allylic
364 radicals which upon reaction with reactive oxygen species would result in formation of 9-
365 hydroperoxy-trans-10-,11-hydroperoxy-cis-9,10-hydroperoxy-trans-8-, 8-hydroperoxy-cis-9-
366 octadecenoates (Frankel, 1984). These results are in agreement with reports by Neff *et al.*, (1990)
367 for autoxidation of olive oil and triolein. The chemical shift in values of 8.9 and 8.81 ppm
368 observed in the dairy samples may correspond to hydroperoxide group protons of linoleic acid

369 producing a mixture of 9-hydroxy-*trans*-10, *cis*-12- and 13-hydroxy-*cis*-9, *trans*-1-
370 octadecadienoate (Frankel, 1984). The evidence of these hydroperoxy species were confirmed by
371 resonances centered at 4.05, 5.56, 6.35, 5.90 and 5.30 ppm which correspond to 13, 12, 11, 10, 9
372 position protons respectively, of conjugated diene *cis*, *trans*-13-hydroxydiene isomer (Haywood,
373 et al., 1995). The steps involved (see **Fig.4(b)**) include selective hydrogen abstraction to form a
374 pentadienyl hybrid radical which upon reaction with plasma reactive species would result in 9-
375 and 13-hydroperoxy- octadecadienoylglycerol species (Frankel, 1984). Similar hydroperoxy
376 species were detected and a mechanism of formation explained by Chan *et al.*, (1980). Similar
377 resonances were also detected in the oxidation of trilinolenin in the presence of oxygen with the
378 formation of hydroperoxy epidioxy adducts identified as the main products (Chan, Matthew, &
379 Coxon, 1980; Neff, Frankel, & Miyashita, 1990). It is reported that the resonances at 8.9 and 8.8
380 corresponds to 12- and 9-position methine proton multiplets of 13-hydroperoxy-9,12-epidioxy-
381 10-octadecenoates and the 10- and 13-position methine proton multiplets of 9-hydroperoxy-
382 10,13- epidioxy-11-octadecenoate (Haywood, et al., 1995). These signals were also detected in
383 thermally treated methyl linoleate, methyl oleate, soyabean oil and deteriorated oil (Claxson, et
384 al., 1994; M. a. D. Guillén & Ruiz, 2001). The formation of these hydroperoxy epidioxide
385 products were also reported in photosensitized methyl linoleate samples by Neff *et al.*,(1983).
386 However, the absence of the signals at 4.66 ppm in both the dairy and beef ¹H NMR spectra rules
387 out the formation of hydroperoxy epidioxide as plasma oxidized products. Further investigation
388 was also carried out to elucidate the possible formation of other dihydroperoxides. As stated
389 earlier, the resonances at 8.25, 8.12 ppm in both plasma treated samples corresponds to
390 hydroperoxy group. Moreover, the multiplets centered at 6.45, 6.25, 4.87, 4.30-4.40, 3.67, 2.31,
391 1.50-1.80 and 0.92 ppm correspond to 8-13-dihydroperoxy-*trans*-9,*trans*-11- and 9,14-

392 dihydroperoxy-*trans*-10,*trans*-12-octadecadienoates (Neff, Frankel, Selke, & Weisleder, 1983).
393 The formation of hydroperoxides and diperoxide was further confirmed by the peroxide value
394 experiments. The plasma treatment increased the peroxide value of both dairy and beef fat. The
395 peroxide value of control samples was 7.5 mEq O₂/ kg for dairy and 10 mEq O₂/ kg for beef fat.
396 The 80KV 30 min of plasma treatment increased the peroxide value to 23 mEq O₂/ kg for dairy
397 and 17 mEq O₂/ kg for beef fat respectively. The formation of these peroxides is due to reaction
398 of plasma species with unsaturated fatty acid following the Criegee mechanism. However, the
399 mechanism of formation of these dihydroperoxides after plasma treatment should requires
400 further investigation.

401 A new signal at 5.15 ppm was seen in the ¹H NMR spectra of plasma treated dairy and
402 beef samples. This resonance was assigned to the ring proton of 1,2,4-trioxolane (Díaz,
403 Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003; Segal, Zanardi, Chiasserini, Gabrielli, Bocci, &
404 Travagli, 2010) and the formation of this ozonide was also supported by bands at 1105 cm⁻¹
405 ,1170 cm⁻¹, 1195 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectra. From **Fig.3 (a) and (b)**., this new signal resonance
406 increased with plasma treatment time and voltage. Moreover, there was also an increase in
407 resonances at 2.35–2.45 and 2.04–2.18 ppm upon plasma treatment. The signals at 2.35–2.45
408 ppm are attributed to methylene bridge protons connecting the 1,2,4-trioxolane ring to the double
409 bond. However, the chemical shifts at 2.04–2.18 ppm correspond to methylene bridge protons
410 now connecting two carbon rings (Segal, Zanardi, Chiasserini, Gabrielli, Bocci, & Travagli,
411 2010). The ozonolysis of methyl oleate (Ledea, Díaz, Molerio, Jardines, Rosado, & Correa,
412 2003), methyl linoleate (Díaz, Hernández, Ledea, Sazatornil, & Moleiro, 2003), sunflower oil
413 (Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003; Soriano, Migo, & Matsumura, 2003), sesame oil (Segal,
414 Zanardi, Chiasserini, Gabrielli, Bocci, & Travagli, 2010) has been reported with the formation

415 of ozonides. The oxidation of fat by plasma treatment can be described by the Criegee
416 mechanism. The electrophilic ozone molecule or other plasma active species attack the C=C
417 double bonds of unsaturated fatty acid, leading to the formation of an unstable cyclic
418 intermediate called an unstable initial ozonide (1-2-3-trioxolane). The unstable intermediate can
419 be further decomposed to a carbonylic compound (aldehyde or ketone) to form stable 1-2-4
420 trioxolane, diperoxides and hydroperoxides (Ledea, Díaz, Molerio, Jardines, Rosado, & Correa,
421 2003). It was found that degradation of linoleic acid by ozone was found to be 1.5 times higher
422 than that of oleic acid. The presence of greater amounts of unsaturated fatty acids (45%) in beef
423 fat compared to dairy would result in relatively small increases in the reactivity of the C=C
424 double bond due to a high steric effect. The reaction of plasma species such as ozone with fats to
425 form products depends upon the composition of fatty acids and type of medium (solvent). The
426 reaction of pure oleic acid with carbonyl oxide, by inter and intra molecular reactions, readily
427 forms acyloxyalkyl hydroperoxides whereas, under dilute conditions favours ozonide formation
428 and hydroperoxide. It was reported that ozonation of sunflower oil in presence of water yielded
429 alkyl hydroperoxide and prevented the formation of ozonide (Soriano Jr, Migo, & Matsumura,
430 2003). Ledea et al., (2003) studied the ozonation of methyl oleate and reported the formation of
431 ethoxy hydroperoxides in the presence of ethanol and ozonides and aldehydes in the presence of
432 water. Considering the surrounding milieu of dairy and beef fats in food matrices, the
433 interactions within aqueous environments require further investigation.

434 An extensive explanation into the formation of new products and their kinetics as a result of
435 plasma treatment is proposed. The integral ratios of the proton signals of aldehydes, peroxides,
436 ozonides and methylene groups with reference to the integral of TMS that remains constant
437 during the process of some key protons resonances was evaluated. The formation of secondary

438 oxidation products with plasma treatment time and applied voltage was modelled using a first-
439 order kinetic regression model (see supplementary material Fig.S33 and Fig.S34). It can be
440 observed from **Table 1** that the model is in agreement with the experimental data with high
441 correlation coefficients explaining the increase in formation of new products in tandem and
442 relation to plasma process parameters.

443 **4. Conclusion**

444 This work provides insights into ACP-DBD air plasma induced lipid oxidation with FTIR spectra
445 of treated samples showing plasma induced changes in the functional properties of dairy and beef
446 fat. In this present study the formation of secondary oxidation products were only seen at
447 extended plasma treatment times of 30min. A linear trend explains the extent of the changes
448 induced by the process conditions. The increase in ozonide band at 1105 cm^{-1} , 1195 cm^{-1} ,
449 formation of aldehydes 1725 , 2950 cm^{-1} and 829 , 969 , 3470 cm^{-1} is attributable to the formation
450 of hydroperoxides. These changes were dependent on treatment time and applied voltage.

451 ^1H NMR analysis also identified the formation of several lipid oxidation products, of
452 which aldehydes, such as hexanal or pentenal, mixtures of trans-2-heptenal, -octenal or -nonenal
453 and 4-hydroxy-trans-2-nonenal are the most important. For the first time the formation of
454 hydroperoxides of oleic acid was identified as 9-hydroperoxy-trans-10, 11-hydroperoxy-cis-
455 9,10-hydroperoxy-trans-8-, 8-hydroperoxy-cis-9 octadecenoates and linoleic acid as 9- and 13-
456 hydroperoxy- octadecadienoylglycerol species. Therefore, it is suggested that atmospheric air
457 plasma treated fatty acids follow the Criegee mechanism. With the reaction of ozone and active
458 species almost exclusively with carbon double bonds present in unsaturated fatty chains. Fatty
459 acid composition analysis identified the reduction in oleic, palmitoleic and linoleic acid along
460 with oxidation products as nonenal, azelaic acid, 9-oxononanoic acid, nonanoic acid and

461 octanoic acid. Moreover, these products can be used as oxidation markers for the chosen dairy
462 and beef fats.

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597 **Figure legends**

598 **Fig.1.** Overlaid raw FT-IR spectra of control and plasma treated of fat samples over region 600-
599 3500 cm^{-1} (I) dairy (II) beef fat, where the spectra over region 950-1300 cm^{-1} was shown in (a)
600 dairy and (b) beef and the spectra over region 1650- 1800 cm^{-1} was shown in (c)dairy and (d)
601 beef. Arrow indicates increase in plasma treatment

602 **Fig.2.** HC-PC of the raw data (700-1800 cm^{-1}) of control and plasma treated (a) dairy (b) beef
603 fat.In the data markers, the first digit indicates the voltage, the second time, and the last
604 following underscore indicates the replicate Where (c) represents proposed oxidation
605 mechanism of oleic acid from GC-MS.

606 **Fig.3.** ^1H NMR spectra of control (untreated) a) plasma treated dairy fat and b) plasma treated
607 beef fat samples. Note the bottom spectrum showing control and the expansion showing the
608 oxidized products, the first digit indicates the applied voltage, the second digit indicates
609 treatment

610 **Fig.4.** Proposed mechanism of hydroperoxides from a) oleic acid (Frankel, 1984) and b) linoleic
611 acid (Frankel, 1984; Neff, Frankel, Selke, & Weisleder, 1983)

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619 **Table 1:** Fatty acid profiles of the control (untreated) and plasma treated fats.

620 **Table 2:**Linear regression ($y = ax + b$, R^2 parameter) of integral of selected proton chemical shifts

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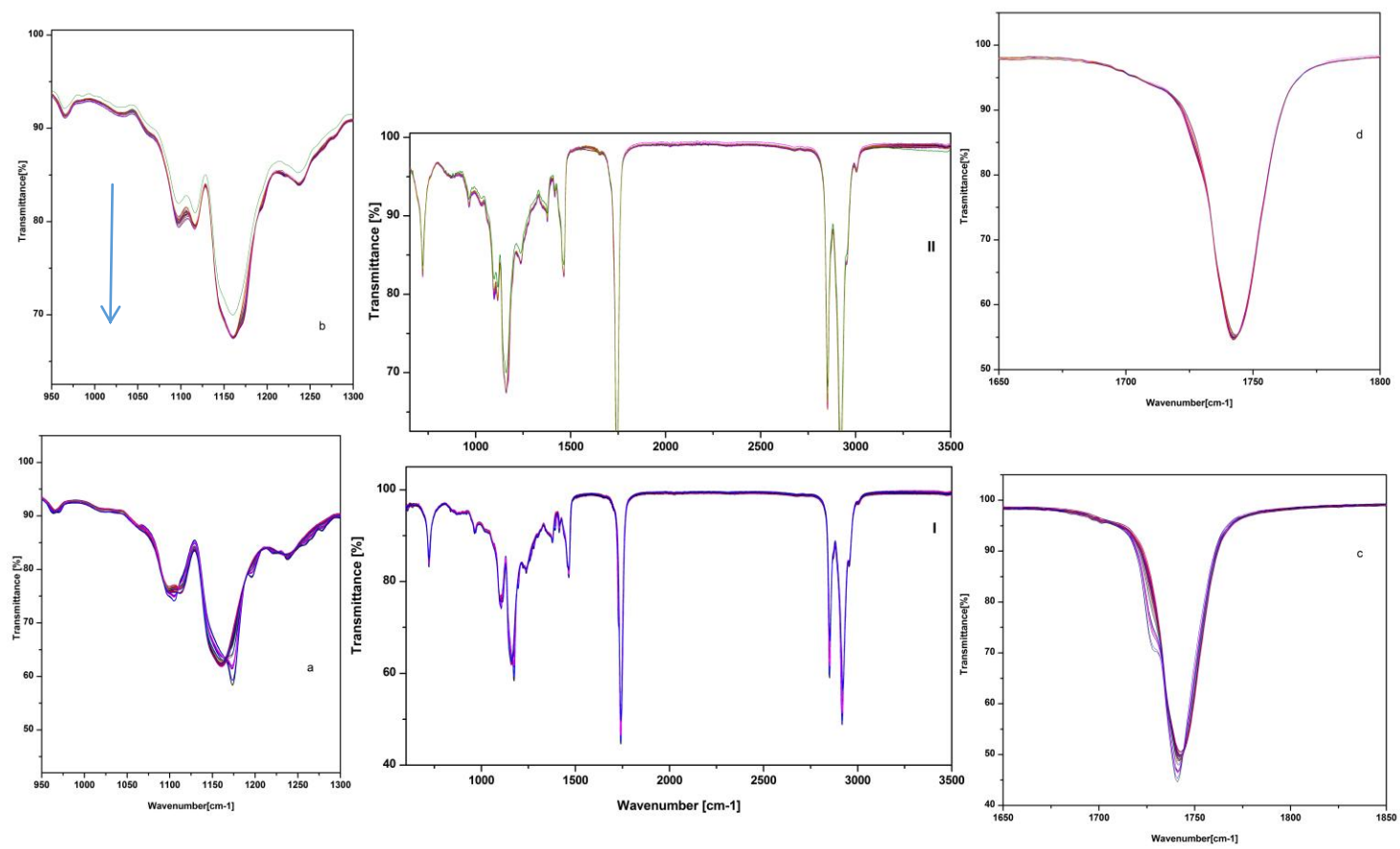


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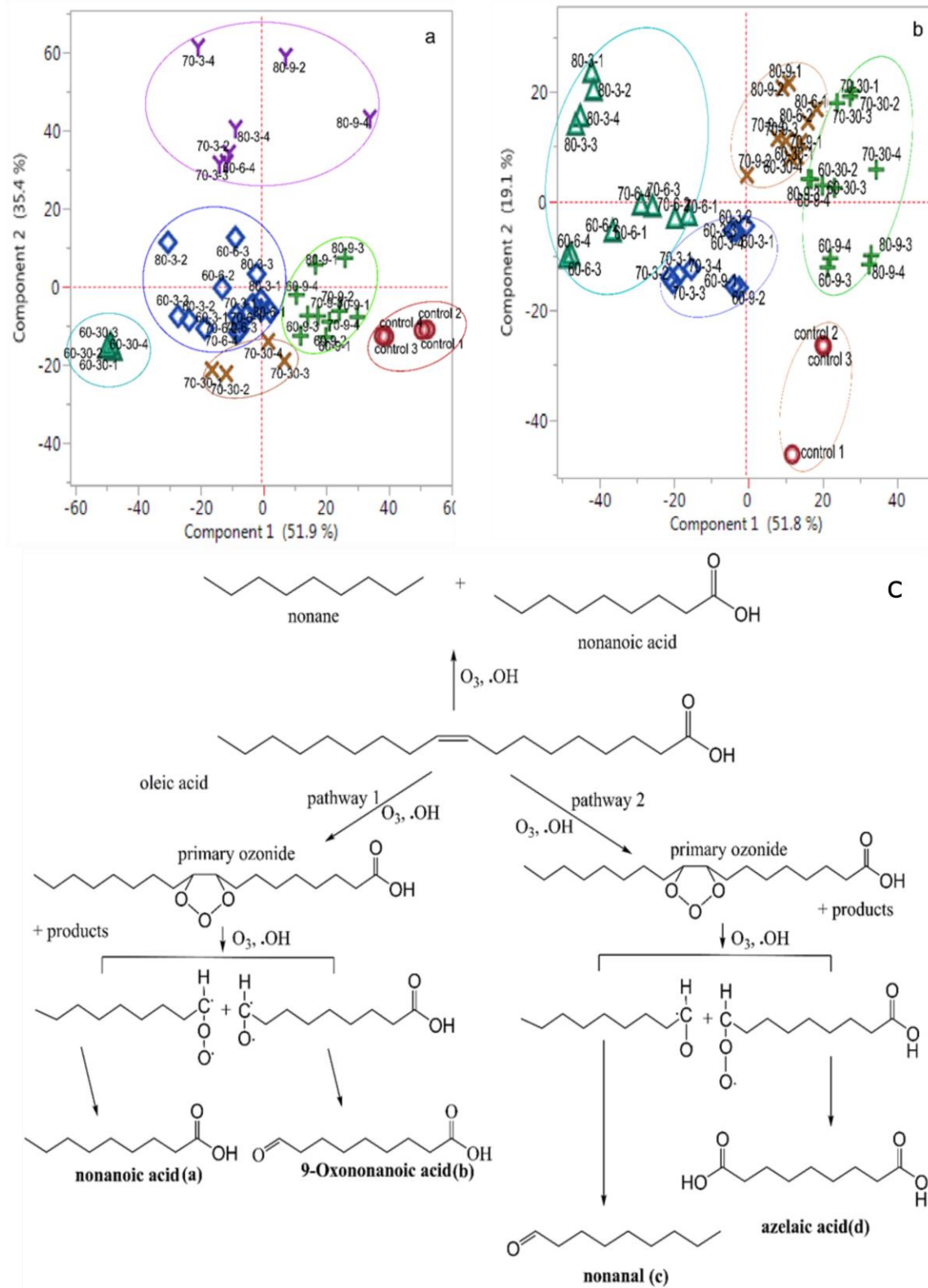


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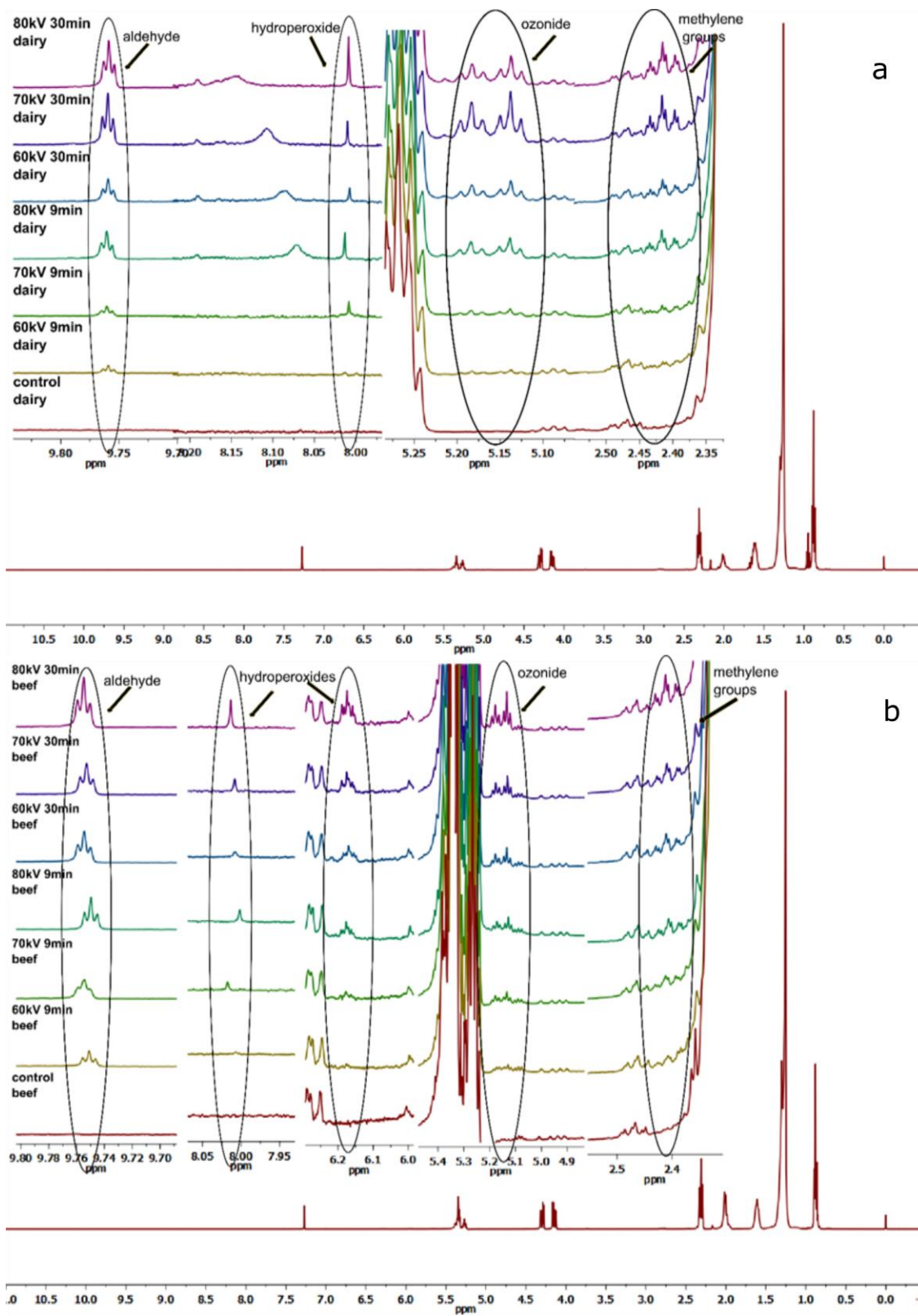


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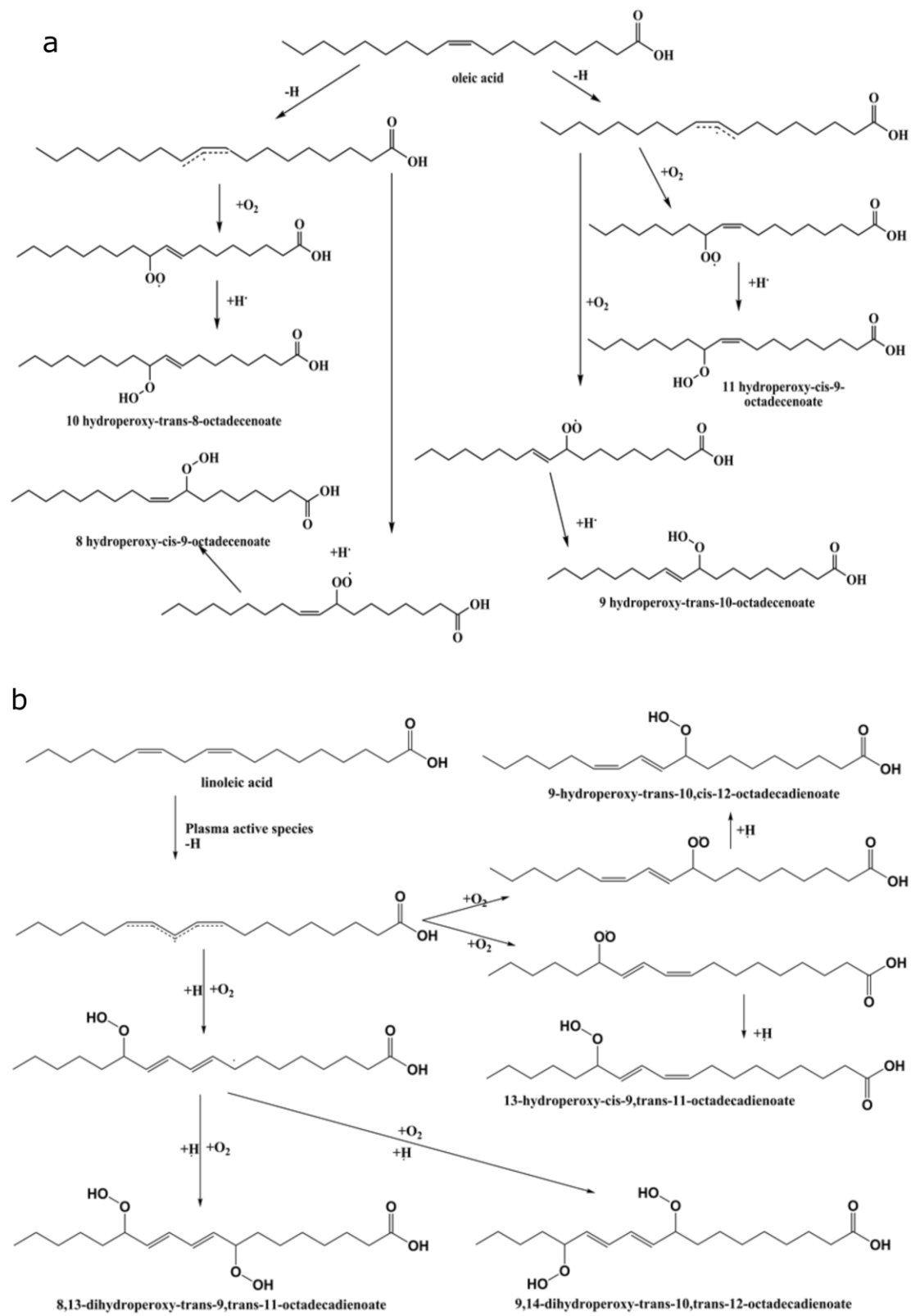


Fig.4.

Table 1

Fattyacid	Relative percentage ^z			
	Voltage (kV)			
	Control	60kV	70kV	80kV
Dairy fat				
Butyric (C4:0)	3.22±0.21 ^a	3.27±0.12 ^a	3.36±0.88 ^b	3.45±0.54 ^c
Myristic (C14:0)	11.01±0.11 ^a	12.12±0.31 ^c	11.59±0.39 ^b	11.72±0.24 ^b
Palmitic (C16:0)	31.86±2.11 ^a	31.91±0.88 ^a	34.46±0.42 ^c	32.99±1.11 ^a
Palmitoleic(C16:1)	2.07±0.12 ^a	2.40±0.11 ^b	2.42±0.09 ^b	2.25±0.22 ^a
Stearic (C18:0)	11.31±1.53 ^d	9.00±2.41 ^a	10.18±0.81 ^b	10.81±0.23 ^c
Oleic(C18:1)	27.36±2.14 ^c	27.30±0.85 ^c	26.92±0.41 ^b	24.14±0.56 ^a
Linoleic(C18:2)	3.19±1.2 ^d	1.83±0.11 ^c	1.68±0.34 ^b	1.21±0.19 ^a
Linolenic(C18:3)	1.44±0.01 ^d	1.11±0.08 ^b	0.92±0.13 ^c	0.85±0.12 ^a
SFA	57.41±2.11 ^b	55.41±1.21 ^a	59.60±0.85 ^d	58.97±1.02 ^c
UFA	34.06±1.59 ^d	32.65±1.45 ^c	31.94±0.51 ^b	28.47±0.56 ^a
UFA/SFA ratio	0.59±0.08 ^d	0.58±0.02 ^c	0.53±0.07 ^b	0.48±0.12 ^a
Beef fat				
Myristic (C14:0)	3.46±0.45 ^a	3.48±0.12 ^b	3.59±0.12 ^c	3.62±0.24 ^d
Palmitic (C16:0)	25.41±1.98 ^a	25.81±0.22 ^b	25.86±0.34 ^b	25.99±0.56 ^c
Palmitoleic(C16:1n-9)	4.00±0.18 ^b	3.72±0.32 ^a	3.71±0.10 ^a	4.21±0.56 ^c
Stearic (C18:0)	18.31±0.45 ^a	18.32±0.12 ^a	18.34±1.22 ^a	18.51±0.10 ^b
Oleic(C18:1n-9c)	36.86±1.11 ^d	35.10±0.88 ^c	32.92±0.98 ^b	31.64±1.08 ^a
Linoleic(C18:2n-6c)	3.19±0.18 ^d	3.14±0.08 ^c	3.09±0.13 ^b	2.75±0.18 ^a
SFA	47.19±2.12 ^a	47.62±1.85 ^b	47.80±0.65 ^c	48.12±0.25 ^d
UFA	44.05±1.18 ^a	41.94±0.85 ^b	39.71±1.58 ^c	38.60±0.56 ^d
UFA/SFA	0.93±0.05 ^a	0.88±0.01 ^b	0.83±0.01 ^c	0.80±0.01 ^d

^z plasma treatment time of 30 min; Only fatty acids with a relative amount higher than 1% are shown where control is untreated sample, UFA: unsaturated fatty acid; SFA: saturated fatty acid. All the data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation. Means with the different superscript letters differ significantly (P < 0.05)

Table 2

Sample	Chemical shift (PPM)	Voltage(kV)	a	b	R²(Adj)
Dairy	9.76	60	0.0040	0.0137	0.85
		70	0.0116	0.0022	0.99
		80	0.0122	0.0203	0.96
	5.12-5.20	60	0.0213	0.0203	0.86
		70	0.0630	0.0691	0.97
		80	0.0355	0.0832	0.78
	2.4	60	0.0410	0.0868	0.94
		70	0.0792	-0.0465	0.99
		80	0.0609	0.2312	0.82
Beef	9.76	60	0.0069	0.0194	0.89
		70	0.0085	0.0053	0.99
		80	0.0143	0.0004	0.99
	6.1-6.2	70	0.0012	0.0035	0.89
		80	0.0057	0.0011	0.94
	5.12-5.20	60	0.0189	-0.0124	0.99
		70	0.0276	0.0376	0.97
		80	0.0511	0.0615	0.98
	2.4	60	0.0482	0.529	0.65
70		0.0441	-0.0234	0.99	
80		0.0092	-0.0793	0.99	