

## **Prediction of texture of raw poultry meat by visible and near–infrared reflectance spectroscopy**

### **ABSTRACT**

Near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy is a non-destructive, low cost and fast measurement technique that is required to improve the meat texture quality prediction. In this research, visible/NIR spectroscopy has been used for the prediction of raw chicken meat texture from different types of chickens by referring to the reference data obtained from destructive measurement using a Volodkevich Bite Jaws texture analyser. The Partial Least Squares analysis shows that the prediction accuracy is higher for the Az-Zain village organic chickens (85–95%) than for village chickens (42–68%) and broiler chickens (42–44%). The high prediction accuracy and low absorbance spectra of Az-Zain village organic chickens compared to broiler and village chickens could be correlated with the food composition of the chicken meal.

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