

1 **Thermally treated peanut oil bodies as a fat replacer for ice cream:**  
2 **Physicochemical and rheological properties**

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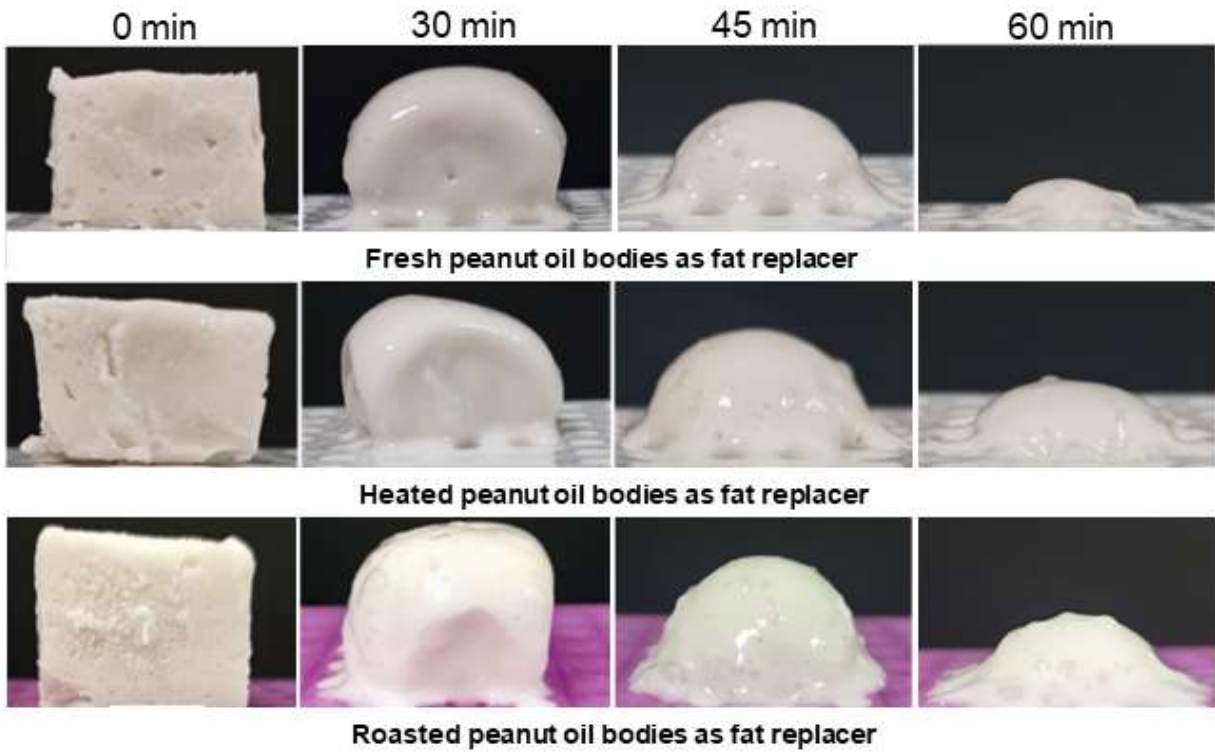
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16 **Graphical abstract**



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19 **Abstract:**

20 This study investigates the potential use of peanut oil bodies as a fat replacer in ice cream. The  
21 research explores the effects of different treatments fresh (FOB), heated (HOB), and roasted  
22 (ROB) of peanut oil bodies on ice cream preparation. The heat treatment is found to alter the  
23 protein profile on the oil bodies' surface, subsequently influencing the ice cream's properties.  
24 Notably, heat treatment increases the oil bodies' size and the absolute value of zeta potential. The  
25 elastic modulus analysis provides information about void volumes, indicating easier air  
26 incorporation during whipping for ROB (72 to 300 nm) compared to FOB (107 to 55 nm). ROB  
27 ice cream displays a high overrun and a lower melting rate compared to FOB ice cream. Moreover,  
28 thermal treatment contributes to reducing the beany flavors, n-hexanal, and 2-pentenylfuran.  
29 Overall, this study reveals peanut oil bodies as a promising platform for designing fat-substituted  
30 plant-based ice creams.

31 **Keyword:** Ice cream; Peanut oil bodies; Proteins; Rheology; Overrun; Melting

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## 33 1. Introduction:

34 Ice cream is a complex colloidal frozen system composed of partially coalesced fat  
35 droplets, air cells, ice crystals, and a continuous aqueous phase in which carbohydrates, proteins,  
36 and mineral salts are dispersed (Marshall, Goff, Hartel, Marshall, Goff, & Hartel, 2003). Typically,  
37 conventional ice cream formulations consist of a high fat content, ca. 10 – 16 % from dairy or non-  
38 dairy sources. Whilst fat an important ingredient in ice cream that affects its dryness, post-freezing  
39 shape retention, melt resistance, and smoothness after hardening, however when ice cream is  
40 frozen, the fat emulsion in the mixture is destabilized by whipping and ice crystallization. Here,  
41 the destabilized fat acts as a cementing agent and provides support for air bubbles, which are  
42 primarily stabilised by proteins. Partially coalesced fat provides firmness and structure to ice  
43 cream; a phenomenon mostly observed with animal-based fat. In recent years, due to high increase  
44 of proven links between the high consumption of saturated animal-based fat and cardiovascular  
45 diseases and obesity (Akalin & Karagzl), a need to eliminate or reduce fat in ice cream has gained  
46 tremendous scientific and industrial attention. This is a significant technological issue, as deleting  
47 or lowering the fat level of ice cream results in several inadequacies in product quality, ideal  
48 structural, functional, and sensory aspects. As a result, they cannot be readily substituted with  
49 liquid oils without affecting the organoleptic qualities of the product. A first-order solution to the  
50 challenge of replacing animal fats is to replace them with plant-based oils (Akbari, Eskandari, &  
51 Davoudi, 2019; Crizel, Araujo, Rios, Rech, & Flôres, 2014). However, such plant-based oils  
52 systems should be able to impart solid-like properties as long-chain fatty acids are known to be  
53 liquid, and it is a challenge to use them in the production of ice cream. In this regard, non-  
54 triglyceride structured oils (*i.e.* oleogelation) has shown considerable potential in recent years as a

55 unique technique to substitute animal-based fats in food items (Wang, Gravelle, Blake, &  
56 Marangoni, 2016).

57 In this regard, peanut oil bodies, which are lipid-storing organelles in peanuts have gained  
58 considerable attention in recent years (Zaaboul, Matabaro, Raza, Xin, Duhoranimana, Cao, et al.,  
59 2018). The purified peanut oil bodies consist mainly of neutral lipid droplets (ca. 98 %) surrounded  
60 by a monolayer of phospholipids and alkaline proteins, mainly oleosin (typically 16–24 kDa) and  
61 caleosin (typically 27–32 kDa) (Zaaboul, et al., 2018) besides extraneous proteins such as  
62 P34/Bd30, and lipoxygenase (Chen, Chen, Zhao, Kong, Yang, & Hua, 2018). It is the structure  
63 and topological orientation of such oil body intrinsic proteins, which make oil bodies useful as  
64 structured oils and tolerate stresses. Additionally, oils conserved in the peanut oil bodies do not  
65 differ from the oil extracted from the whole beans, with the dominant fatty acids being oleic acid  
66 (18:1), linoleic acid (18:2), palmitic acid (16:0), and stearic acid (18:0) (Zaaboul, Raza, Chen, &  
67 Liu, 2018). In addition, they contain high levels of vitamin E and phytosterols (Zaaboul, Raza,  
68 Chen, & Liu, 2018), which makes them highly suitable for use, in lieu of peanut oils obtained by  
69 conventional methods. In addition, peanut oil bodies have a creamy texture and can be diluted to  
70 form a natural oil-in-water emulsion, with high physico-chemical stability during processing (heat  
71 treatment, high-pressure homogenization, etc.) (Zaaboul, et al., 2018; Zaaboul, Raza, Cao, &  
72 Yuanfa, 2019; Sun, Wang, Gao, Xiao, & Yang, 2023). This is partly owing to surface proteins that  
73 ensure the higher integrity and stability of the oil bodies (Zaaboul, Zhao, Xu, & Liu, 2022; Sun,  
74 Wang, Gao, Xiao, & Yang, 2023). Since structured emulsions are known to aid in fat and oil  
75 reduction (Wang et al., 2016), peanut oil bodies have tremendous potential to be used as a plant-  
76 based fat replacer.

77 In this study, we explore **plant oil bodies** as a structured fat source for the preparation of  
78 ice cream with a high content of unsaturated fatty acids to improve the nutritional quality of ice  
79 cream, and as an alternative to animal-based fat. Here we tune the oil bodies via modification of  
80 the protein membrane, **as oil body** structure and stability are directly linked to their protein  
81 membrane. Taking advantage of protein's propensity to heat-induced modifications, we created  
82 **oil bodies** with varying protein profile to investigate the effect of protein membrane on the final  
83 product. We used three different samples of **peanut oil bodies**: **oil bodies** isolated from fresh  
84 peanuts (FOB), heated **oil bodies** (HOB), and **oil bodies** isolated from roasted peanuts (ROB). **The**  
85 **lipid and protein profiles of the three samples are evaluated using complementary GC and UPLC**  
86 **along with Electrospray Ionization Quadrupole-Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry**. The rheology,  
87 particle size, overrun and melting properties, microstructure, and volatiles of ice cream samples  
88 prepared from the three **oil bodies** are characterized to investigate the systems as novel fat source  
89 whilst maintaining ice cream quality. **Additionally, the use of oil bodies in ice cream preparations**  
90 **eliminates the need for emulsification step during processing**. This study provides the foundations  
91 for expanding the application of **oil bodies** in the food industry and developing healthy frozen  
92 foods.

## 93 2. Materials and Methods

94 **2.1. Materials.** The peanuts were purchased from the local market in Shandong Province, China.  
95 The peanuts were stored in sealing bag at 4°C until use. Sucrose was purchased from Beijing  
96 Sinopharm Group Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. (Beijing, China) whey protein, was obtained from  
97 Shuangta Food Co., Ltd (Yantai, China), corn syrup was purchased from local market and Food  
98 grade guar gum was purchased from Deosen Biochemical Co., Ltd. (Zibo, China). All other  
99 reagents were purchased from Beijing Sinopharm Group Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd. (Beijing,  
100 China). Milli-Q water (18.2 MΩ.cm ionic purity at 25 °C) purified using a Milli-Q apparatus  
101 (Millipore Corp., USA) was used throughout the experiments.

102 **2.2. Oil bodies preparation.** Peanut oil bodies were isolated from fresh and roasted peanuts  
103 following the method described previously (Zaaboul, et al., 2018). Raw peanuts were roasted in a  
104 pilot-scale short-wave infrared roaster (Senttech Infrared Technology Co., Ltd, China) at 220°C  
105 for 15 min to obtain roasted peanuts. For oil body isolation, fresh and roasted peanuts were washed  
106 and soaked in water at 4°C for 6 h. The soaked peanuts were ground with water in a 1:9 ratio at  
107 18,000 rpm for 2 min in a blender (MJ- 60BE01B, Midea, China). The blends were subjected to  
108 four grinding and filtering cycles to ensure that all oil bodies were released. The blends were then  
109 centrifuged at 25000g for 25 min, and the suspended top white cream was recovered and then  
110 washed twice as described previously (Zaaboul et al.). The oil body creams were collected and  
111 stored at 3°C for 12 hours before use (Zaaboul, et al., 2018). Oil bodies isolated from fresh and  
112 roasted peanuts are referred to as fresh oil bodies (FOB) and roasted oil bodies (ROB),  
113 respectively. Peanut oil bodies referred to in this manuscript are equivalent to fresh oil bodies  
114 (FOB). Additionally, FOB was suspended in water at 1:5 ratio and heated in a water bath at 85°C  
115 for 15 min. The heated sample was then allowed to cool to ambient temperatures and centrifuged

116 at 25000g for 25 min. The suspended top white cream was recovered and stored at 3°C for 12  
117 hours before use and are referred to as heated oil bodies (HOB).

### 118 **2.3. Physicochemical properties of oil bodies**

119 **2.3.1. Tricine SDS PAGE.** Tricine SDS-PAGE of oil bodies was performed as described earlier  
120 (Zaaboul, et al., 2018). The gel was stained with Coomassie brilliant blue G-250 and the band  
121 intensities were analyzed using Image Lab software (Bio-Rad, Hercules, U.S.A.).

122 **2.3.2. Fatty acid analysis.** Total lipids were extracted from FOB, ROB, and HOB by  
123 homogenization with chloroform/methanol (2:1, v/v) as described earlier (Mao, Guo, Huang,  
124 Tang, Zhang, Yang, et al., 2022). The resulting oil was stored under nitrogen at - 20°C until  
125 analysis. Fatty acid analysis was determined by GC-2010 PLUS (SHIMADZU, Japan) after  
126 derivatization to FAMES according to (Diaby, Amza, Onivogui, Zou, & Jin, 2016) with a slight  
127 modification. Briefly, 20 to 30 mg of oil sample was mixed with 2 mL of methanolic NaOH  
128 incubated at 65°C to react for 30 min. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature, and then  
129 heated at 70°C for 10 min after adding 2 mL of the methanolic BF<sub>3</sub> solution. The excess water was  
130 removed by the addition of sodium thiosulfate to the mixture and the FAME was extracted with 2.0  
131 mL of hexane followed by a slow centrifugation at 10000 rpm for 10 min. A supernatant of both  
132 oils was passed through a 0.45 µm membrane filter. A sample of 0.5 mL was injected to the GC.  
133 The flow rate of carrier gas was 1 mL/min. The oven temperature program was as follows: initial  
134 60 °C for 3 min, raised to 175 °C at 5 °C/min, and held for 15 min, then increased to 220 °C at 2  
135 °C/min and then held at 220 °C for 10 min. The injection volume of sample dissolved in hexane  
136 was 1 µL.



137 **2.3.3. Triacylglycerol analysis.** Triacylglycerols (TAGs) were identified as described earlier  
138 (Zaaboul, Cao, Raza, Jun, Xu, & Liu, 2019). Briefly, oils extracted from oil bodies were diluted  
139 in hexane to a final concentration of 10 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>. TAGs were separated and identified using the  
140 Ultra-high performance liquid chromatography with quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry  
141 using an ACQUITY UPLCBEH C18 analytical column (i.d. 2.1×50 mm, 1.9 mm). For an efficient  
142 separation of the lipids, two mobile phases were used for the separation. Mobile phase A consisted  
143 of acetonitrile/water (4:6, v/v) while mobile phase B had acetonitrile/isopropyl alcohol (1:9, v/v).

144 **2.3.4. Particle size distribution.** The mean hydrodynamic diameter ( $D_h$ ) and the surface charge  
145 of oil bodies were measured using dynamic light scattering on a Zetasizer Nano ZS (Malvern  
146 Instruments, UK) equipped with a 4 mW helium/neon laser at a wavelength output of 633 nm and  
147 backscattering was measured at a detection angle of 173°. During the measurements, the samples  
148 were diluted 10-times in water for analysis at 25 °C. Each value was measured at least three times.

149 **2.4. Ice cream formulation.** Ice-cream mix was prepared as described previously (Goff & Hartel,  
150 2013; VanWees, Rankin, & Hartel, 2020). Briefly, 4% of whey protein was dissolved in water and  
151 allowed to fully hydrate for 12 hours at 4°C. A mix of 12% (w/w) of sucrose, 4% (w/w) of corn  
152 syrup, 0.5% (w/w) guar gum were dispersed in deionized water, separately. The hydrated solutions  
153 were mixture with continuous stirring at room temperature. Finally, 10% (w/w) oil bodies were  
154 added to the mix and blended at 13600 rpm for 200s using an Ultra-Turrax blender (T18, IKA,  
155 Staufen, Germany), and stored at 3°C for 24 h. After aging, the ice cream mix was whipped and  
156 frozen with an ice cream machine (constant temperature of -5 °C for 30 minutes), and the obtained  
157 ice cream was poured into plastic containers and hardened at -18°C for 24 hours.

158 **2.5. Ice cream material characterization**

159 **2.5.1. Rheological properties.** Steady **shear and oscillatory rheology** of the ice cream mix samples  
160 were analyzed at 4°C on a DHR-3 rheometer with a Peltier temperature control system (TA  
161 Instruments, USA). A cone and plate geometry were used (diameter,  $d = 40$  mm, angle,  $\alpha = 4^\circ$ ;  
162 effective cone height,  $h = \tan\alpha\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) = 1.39$  mm). Measurements were carried out as **frequency**  
163 **sweeps, within the linear viscoelastic range, at an amplitude of deformation ( $\gamma$ ) = 1 % and angular**  
164 **frequency ( $\omega$ ) =  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^2$  rad  $s^{-1}$ .** All samples were equilibrated for 3 min before starting the  
165 measurement. **The sample zero-shear viscosity was derived from the plateau value of the complex**  
166 **viscosity,  $\eta^*$  using a Carreau-Yasuda fitting as,  $\eta = \eta_\infty + (\eta_0 - \eta_\infty) \left[1 + (t\dot{\gamma})^\alpha\right]^{\frac{m-1}{\alpha}}$ , where  $\eta_0$**   
167 **is the zero shear viscosity (Pa·s). The consistency coefficient,  $K$  and flow behaviour,  $n$  was**  
168 **estimated by least-square fitting employing the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm to a Power-Law**  
169 **equation as,  $\eta^* = K\omega^{n-1}$ . Elastic modulus,  $G'$ , viscous modulus,  $G''$  were recorded.**

170 **2.5.2 Overrun.** The overrun of ice cream samples was measured as described previously  
171 (Bekiroglu, Goktas, Karaibrahim, Bozkurt, & Sagdic, 2022). Equal volumes of ice cream mixes  
172 before and after whipping were weighed to calculate ice cream overrun, as  **$Overrun(\%) =$**   
173  **$100 \times (w_0 - w_1)/w_1$** , where  $w_0$  is the weight of the ice cream mix and  $w_1$  the weight of ice cream  
174 mix after whipping.

175 **2.5.3 Melting rate.** The melting rate of ice cream samples were determined as described earlier  
176 (Wang, Li, Wang, Gu, Liu, Xu, et al., 2022) with some modifications. Briefly, the initial weight  
177 of the samples (at -18 °C) was measured and then **placed over a mesh** at ambient temperature (20  
178 °C). Melt passing through the mesh was collected and the weight recorded to the last drop of each  
179 sample, and evaluated as,

180 
$$\text{Melting rate}(\%) = 100 \times \frac{\text{weight of melt}}{\text{weight of ice cream}}$$

181 **2.5.4 Microscopy.** The morphology of the ice cream mix was visualized on Leica DM2700P  
182 (Leica, Germany) equipped with a camera (Leica DFC450, Germany) using bright field while ice  
183 cream was visualized using polarized light optics. The specimens were placed on glass slides,  
184 covered with a coverslip, and immediately observed.

185 **2.5.5. Volatile analysis.** Volatile compounds in ice cream samples were separated using the  
186 automatic headspace solid phase microextraction (HS-SPME) and analyzed using a GC-MS/MS  
187 instrument (TSQ Quantum XLS, Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). **Four grams of mix samples was**  
188 **added and sealed in 20 mL headspace vial. Volatile compounds were extracted by an automatic**  
189 **head-space solid phase microextraction (HS-SPME) device equipped with the 50/30  $\mu$ m**  
190 **DVB/CAR/PDMS fiber. Before extraction, the fiber was pre-conditioned by inserting into the**  
191 **injector port of the GC system and keeping at 270 °C for 2 h in the stream of helium and samples**  
192 **were equilibrated at 60 °C for 15 min. After extraction, the SPME device was carried out in the**  
193 **GC injector at 250 °C for 5 min in splitless mode. Components were identified by software**  
194 **retrieval and matching against the NIST library database based on the principle that both the**  
195 **forward search matching score (SI) and the reverse search matching score (RSI) are greater than**  
196 **800.**

197 **2.6. Statistical Analysis.** All results were expressed as mean values  $\pm$  standard deviation. Data  
198 were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA), using Statistix 10 (Analytical Software, USA).  
199 Treatment means were considered significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ .

## 200 **3. Results and Discussion**

201 First, we discuss the lipid and triglyceride composition alongside protein profile of the oil bodies  
 202 isolated from fresh and roasted peanuts, viz., fresh oil bodies (FOB), heated oil bodies (HOB), and  
 203 roasted oil bodies (ROB), as it sets the scene to understand the rheological, melting, and volatile  
 204 aromatic composition of oil body incorporation into the ice-creams, as a fat replacer.

205 **Table 1.** Fatty acid and triacylglycerols composition of FOB, ROB, and HOB

Fatty acids (FAs)		FOB	ROB	HOB
		(%)	(%)	(%)
C16:0	Palmitic acid (P)	11.46 ± 0.09	11.9± 0.01	11.46± 0.03
C16:1	Palmitoleic acid (Pa)	0.02 ± 0.04	0.04± 0.01	0.02± 0.05
C18:0	Stearic acid (S)	4.03 ± 0.01	4.62± 0.08	4.33± 0.01
C18:1	Oleic acid (O)	42.42 ± 0.03	41.80± 0.02	41.42± 0.05
C18:2	Linoleic acid (L)	35.10 ± 0.07	32.34± 0.03	34.91± 0.05
C20:0	Arachidic acid (Ar)	1.77 ± 0.01	1.83± 0.01	1.78± 0.03
C18:3	Linolenic acid (Ln)	0.60 ± 0.06	0.76± 0.01	0.66± 0.05
C20:1	Paullinic acid (Pu)	0.68 ± 0.01	0.63± 0.04	0.62± 0.07
C22:0	Behenic acid	2.56 ± 0.02	2.22± 0.02	2.30± 0.02
C24:0	Lignoceric acid	1.32 ± 0.01	1.70± 0.01	1.32± 0.01
Total saturated FAs		21.14 ± 0.14 <sup>a</sup>	22.27±0.13 <sup>a</sup>	21.69± 0.14 <sup>a</sup>
Total unsaturated FAs		78.82 ± 0.21 <sup>b</sup>	75.57±0.11 <sup>b</sup>	77.63± 0.21 <sup>b</sup>

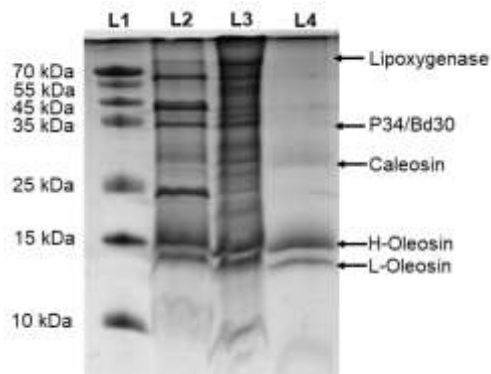
206 *FOB: Fresh oil bodies. ROB: Roasted oil bodies, HOB: Heat treated oil bodies. Different letters within the same*  
 207 *column are significantly different at p < 0.05*

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209 **3.1 Lipid profile of Oil bodies.** We first analyzed the lipid profile of the oil bodies as it plays an  
 210 important role in the production of ice cream. The goal was to observe any differences in the lipid  
 211 profile based on the processing conditions (heat treatment, *i.e.*, roasting and heating) and  
 212 eventually relate the differences to the quality of the final product. The oils extracted from FOB,  
 213 ROB and HOB were derived, and following this the methylated and fatty acid-methyl ester were  
 214 quantified by gas chromatography. As observed from Table 1, we observed no difference in fatty  
 215 acid composition or fatty acid percentages, indicating that heat treatment (roasting and heating)

216 did not affect the fatty acid profile of the oil bodies. The dominant fatty acids found in all samples  
217 were: oleic acid (18:1), linoleic acid (18:2), palmitic acid (16:0) and stearic acid (18:0); with an  
218 overall 4.5% long chain fatty acid composition. Our results are in good agreement with our  
219 previous work on peanut oil bodies, where we found no difference between the oil in oil bodies  
220 isolated under different conditions and the oil extracted from the whole beans. For example, in our  
221 previous study we found that the major fatty acids were oleic acid (18:1), linoleic acid (18:2),  
222 palmitic acid (16:0), stearic acid (18:0), and behenic acid (22:0) (Zaaboul, Raza, Chen, & Liu,  
223 2018), and corroborates our present work. It is of note that vegetable oils are usually low in  
224 saturated fatty acids, which tends to make them a liquid even at low temperatures. However, peanut  
225 oil can begin to crystallize at 3°C due to its relatively high saturated fatty acid content **compared**  
226 **with** other vegetable oils such as soybean oil, sunflower oil, linseed oil, etc. For the peanut variety  
227 used in our work, the saturated fatty acid content was 21.44%, 22.70%, and 21.69% for the FOB,  
228 ROB, and HOB, respectively, which is also in good agreement with our previous work (Zaaboul,  
229 Raza, Chen, & Liu, 2018).

230         Additionally, Supplementary Table S1 shows 23 individual triacylglycerols (TAGs)  
231 separated from all samples. The elution order of TAGs was determined by their partition numbers  
232 (PN), where  $PN = (CN - 2 \times \text{number of double bonds})$ . The retention  
233 time increases with the increase of PN and the TAGs with small carbon number eluted earlier.  
234 However, the TAGs with the same CN eluted according to the number of unsaturated bonds, and  
235 TAGs with fewer double bonds eluted first. As expected, it can be seen that the oils generally have  
236 the same TAG profile and all samples contain the same dominant TAGs represented in OOO,  
237 OOL, POO, POL and OLL. In general, these results agree with the results of previous studies on  
238 peanut oil, but with varying degree (Sempore & Bezard, 1986; Singleton & Pattee, 1987).



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240 **Figure 1.** Tricine SDS-PAGE of oil bodies. Lanes indicate, L1, protein marker; L2, fresh oil bodies  
 241 (FOB); L3, roasted oil bodies (ROB); L4, heated oil bodies (HOB). Arrows indicate proteins based  
 242 on molecular weight.  
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244 As described earlier in the introduction, peanut oil bodies are surrounded by a monolayer  
 245 comprising of phospholipids and alkaline proteins, and the structure and topological orientation of  
 246 such oil body intrinsic proteins, make oil bodies useful as structured oils. Figure 1 shows the  
 247 changes on the oil body intrinsic proteins as a result of thermal treatment (heating and roasting).  
 248 In Figure 1, L2 and L3 we can clearly see the three distinct bands of H-oleosin, L-oleosin, and  
 249 caleosin in FOB, in addition to the strongly attached extraneous protease, P34/Bd30, and  
 250 lipoxigenase (Chen, Chen, Zhao, Kong, Yang, & Hua, 2018). Upon roasting, the results agree  
 251 well with our previous work on roasted peanut oil bodies (Zaaboul, et al., 2018; Zaaboul, Raza,  
 252 Cao, & Yuanfa, 2019). All bands look like smears, broad bands at the top of the running gel and  
 253 some bands look very intense, especially at 66, 37 and 20 KDa. It is notable that in Figure 1, L4,  
 254 after heat treatment (heating), extraneous proteins were not observed indicating a release of such  
 255 proteins. We also found that the intensity of the bands of the intrinsic proteins decreased, which  
 256 was probably due to the heat treatment. It has been previously reported that heat treatment can  
 257 affect and weaken the salt bridge between the two terminuses of oleosin and the phospholipid

258 membrane (Chen & Ono, 2010), and therefore could cause the release of this protein from its  
259 spatial position at the interface.

260           Based on the lipid and protein profile, we can clearly see that the only difference between  
261 the three oil bodies is the protein membrane composition resulting from the heat treatment  
262 (roasting and heating). We therefore probed any changes to the particle size of the oil bodies  
263 resulting from the change in the interfacial protein profile. Additionally, particle size of oil bodies  
264 in the mix is an extremely important parameter for a stable ice cream formulation. For example, a  
265 correlation between a small particle size and significantly better freezing has been observed, such  
266 as, favorable conditions leading to the creation of a smaller ice crystal structure and the retention  
267 of smaller ice crystals (Kot, Kamińska-Dwórznička, & Jakubczyk, 2022). **Table 2** demonstrates  
268 that the three samples had different average particle sizes, with the largest observed for HOB and  
269 the smallest for the FOB. The increase in the size of the oil bodies after roasting the peanuts could  
270 be summarized mainly to a thickening protein coat. This agrees to changes in the oil body  
271 membrane proteins (Figure 1), as for HOB, the increase in size is expected given the way oleosin  
272 is attached to the surface of oil bodies. According to Huang (Huang, 1992), the amino acid  
273 composition of the N- and C-termini of oleosin were characterized as containing more alkaline  
274 than acidic amino acids. These alkaline amino acids are attached to the negatively charged  
275 phospholipids *via* a salt bridge, which makes the two termini very close to oil bodies. However, it  
276 has been reported that the salt bridge can be transiently weakened by heating, causing the N- and  
277 C-termini to detach from the oil bodies (Chen & Ono, 2010). **The electric charge is also an  
278 important parameter in any colloidal system. The zeta potential of the three oil body samples FOB,  
279 ROB and HOB was measured to be  $25.75\pm0.35$  mV,  $28.8\pm0.85$  mV and  $26.4\pm0.4$  mV, respectively  
280 (Table 2). A high value of zeta potential theoretically indicates high stability, while a low value of**

281 zeta potential means low stability because a low repulsive force between droplets prevents them  
 282 from flocculating and coming into close contact. After heating, the absolute value of zeta potential  
 283 increased from 25.75 to 26.4 mV, which can be explained by the release of some positively charged  
 284 extraneous proteins during heat treatment, but the two values were not statistically different. On  
 285 the other hand, ROB showed a slightly higher zeta potential and was statistically different from  
 286 FOB and HOB. We suggest that the change is due to the presence of new, negatively charged  
 287 proteins on the surface of the oil bodies.

288 **Table 2: Viscosity, flow behavior, consistency index, particle size of the Mix and OBs**  
 289 **samples.**

Samples	$\eta$	$n$	$K$	$D_h$ of the Mix	$D_h$ of OB	Zeta potential
	Pa·s			$\mu\text{m}$	$\mu\text{m}$	mV
FOB	75.74	0.72	16.51	0.92±0.04 <sup>a</sup>	0.84±0.56 <sup>b</sup>	25.75±0.35 <sup>a</sup>
ROB	5.39	0.49	2.29	0.84±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	1.03±0.02 <sup>c</sup>	28.8±0.85 <sup>b</sup>
HOB	4.08	0.56	3.84	1.26±0.06 <sup>c</sup>	1.14±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	26.4±0.4 <sup>ab</sup>

290 *Values are means ± Standard Deviation. Different letters within the same column are significantly different at  $p <$*   
 291 *0.05.  $k$ : consistency index,  $n$ : flow behaviour index obtained from fitting experimental data to the Power law model*  
 292 *and the  $\eta$ : apparent viscosity was calculated at shear rate of  $100 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . FOBs: Fresh oil bodies. ROB: Roasted oil*  
 293 *bodies, HOBs: Heat-treated oil bodies; OB: Oil bodies.*

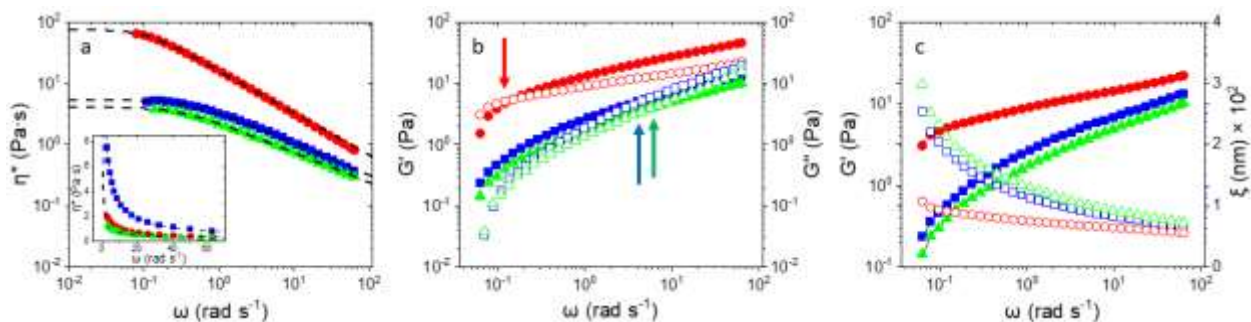
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### 295 3.4 Rheological and micromechanical properties of ice cream mix

296 Upon probing the influence of oil bodies, viz., FOB, ROB, and HOB on the rheological and  
 297 micromechanical properties of the formulated ice cream mix, we observed that all samples had  
 298 indications of a Newtonian plateau suggestive of a pre-yielding viscosity. FOB showed the highest  
 299 zero-shear viscosity corresponding to the plateau value of the complex viscosity,  $\eta^*$  (Figure 2 and  
 300 Table 2), followed by decrease in ROB and HOB samples. All the samples exhibited a power law  
 301 shear-thinning behaviour. The consistency coefficient ( $K$ ) and flow behaviour ( $n$ ) obtained using  
 302 the power law model, for ice cream samples prepared with different oil bodies, are shown in Table



303 2. For a shear-thinning fluid,  $0 < n < 1$ . The shear-thinning nature of a system would increase as  $n$   
 304 tends towards zero. The **flow behavior** value of all samples ranged from 0.72 to 0.49, indicating  
 305 that the ice cream mixes exhibit non-Newtonian pseudoplastic behavior. The consistency  
 306 coefficient ( $K$ ) is attributed to the colloidal particles in the ice cream mix (Damodaran, 1997). The  
 307 results show that the nature of oil bodies can affect the consistency and flow of the mix, due to  
 308 their particle size, proteins on the surface of oil bodies and interaction with other protein molecules  
 309 in the system. The mix prepared with FOB had a high  $K$  value, while the mix prepared with HOB  
 310 and ROB had the lower  $K$  value and they differ statically ( $p < 0.05$ ). We postulate the difference  
 311 in the consistency index of the three samples could be due to the differences in the intermolecular  
 312 interactions, and these differences in the interactions were caused by changes in the composition  
 313 of the FOB and ROB surface. The results are consistent with the altered protein composition of  
 314 the oil bodies (as seen in Figure 1) after heat treatment and roasting of the beans and leads to a  
 315 change in the intermolecular interactions between the **oil bodies** and the whey protein. Note, **all**  
 316 **results are within the linear viscoelastic range, and therefore would not lead to oil bodies**  
 317 **deformation or sample breakage, as with steady-shear viscosity measurements.**



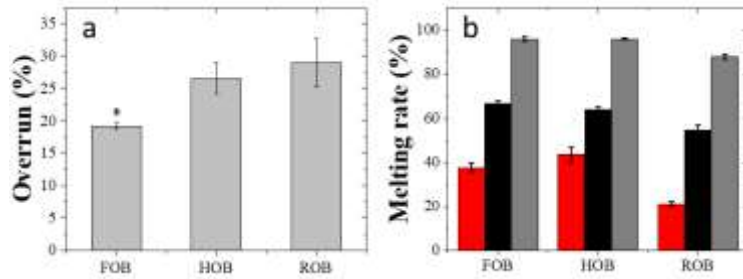
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 319 Figure 2. Complex viscosity ( $\eta^*$ ) of ice cream mix versus angular frequency ( $\omega$ ) for FOB, ●;  
 320 ROB, ■; HOB, ▲ at 4 °C. Carreau-Yasuda model function fits the data (dashed lines), where the  
 321 coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) were FOB, 0.99992; ROB, 0.99933; HOB, 0.99962. Inset shows  
 322 non-logarithmic  $\eta^*$  versus high  $\omega$ ; here, a Power-law model fits the data (dashed line) (a).  
 323 Evolution of mean  $G'$  and  $G''$  (FOB, ●; ROB, ■; HOB, ▲ at 4 °C) as a function of angular  
 324 frequency. Arrows indicate the crossover point of  $G'$  and  $G''$  (b). Evolution of mean  $G'$  (FOB, ●;

325 ROB, ■; HOB, ▲ at 4 °C) as a function of angular frequency and the average void volume (FOB, ●  
326 ; ROB, ■; HOB, ▲ at 4 °C) of ice cream mix (c). FOB: Fresh oil bodies. ROB: Roasted oil bodies,  
327 HOB: Heat treated oil bodies.

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329         Additionally, we studied the frequency-wise kinetics of the ice cream mixtures to  
330 understand the micromechanical responses. From Figure 2b, the observed micromechanical  
331 responses reiterate our earlier observation of altered protein composition of the oil bodies. FOB  
332 samples tend to transition into the elastic regime much faster, compared to the ROB and HOB  
333 samples. The elastic modulus also provided us with information about the void volume in the  
334 samples. We evaluated the frequency-dependent data using the Maxwell model and by considering  
335 that an elastic energy equal to  $k_B T$  is stored within void volume  $\xi^3$  in the samples (Borah,  
336 Yakubov, & Duary, 2021). Here, using a Gaussian repartition the relation becomes,  $\xi =$   
337  $\sqrt[3]{(k_B T / G')}$ , where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant ( $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg s}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ) and  $T$  is the Kelvin  
338 temperature. Figure 2c shows the relationship between  $G'$  and void volume as a function of angular  
339 frequency. For example, the void volumes in FOB ranged from 107 nm to 55 nm with increasing  
340 frequency deformation. For ROB and HOB, the void volume change with frequency deformation  
341 was 300 nm to 72 nm and 250 nm to 70 nm, respectively. It is clear that the FOB system tends a  
342 reach a maximum fractional packing density even at lower frequency déformations, which explains  
343 the higher zero-shear viscosity and early transition into the elastic regime.

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346 Figure 3. The overrun (a) and melting rate (b) of FOB, ROB, and HOB ice cream after 30-, 45-,  
 347 and 60-min. Different letters indicate significant differences at  $p < 0.05$ . FOB: Fresh oil bodies.  
 348 ROB: Roasted oil bodies, HOB: Heat-treated oil bodies.

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350 **3.5 Overrun and melting rate of ice cream.** Since it was now evident that heating the oil bodies

351 lead to dramatic differences in void volumes of the ice cream mixtures, as compared to oil bodies

352 without heat modification, we first probed the overrun in the material which equates to the extent

353 of air entrainment. Figure 3a shows the effect of roasting and heat treatment of peanut oil bodies

354 on ice cream overrun. The use of treated oil bodies results in an increase in overrun from  $18.95 \pm$

355  $0.50$  for FOB to  $25.40 \pm 2.41$  for HOB and  $27.19 \pm 3.77$  for ROB. This difference clearly relates to

356 lower void volumes in FOB, as compared to ROB and HOB, and we postulate is an effect of altered

357 protein profile on the surface of oil bodies (*see protein profile*, Figure 1), as this was the only

358 variable parameter in all mix samples. Modification of the oil body membrane resulted in changes

359 in the particle size of oil bodies and the size of oil droplets in the mixes. ROB mix had the smallest

360 particle size and highest overrun compared to FOB and HOB. It has been previously reported that

361 reducing the particle size of oil droplets in the mix allows air to penetrate during freezing, which

362 increases the overrun (Muzammil, Rasco, & Sablani, 2017). It was previously observed that the

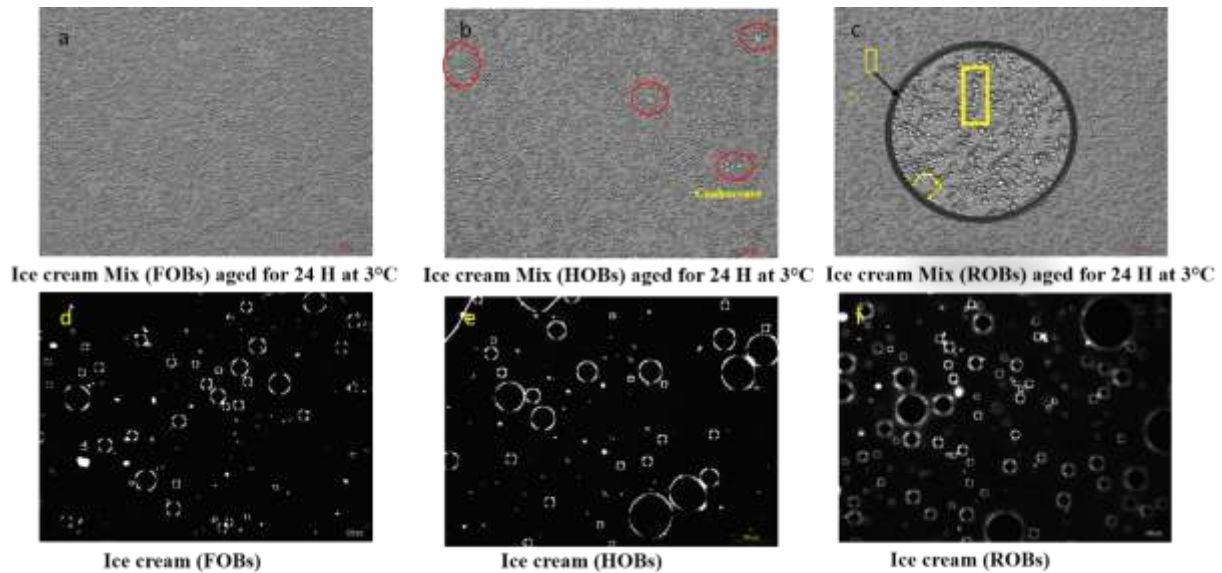
363 stability of oil bodies in peanut milk increases after roasting, and this improvement is primarily

364 attributed to the presence of a second protein layer covering the oil bodies. Zaaboul et al.,

365 demonstrated that high-pressure homogenization followed by sterilization, resulted in the

366 destruction of all oil bodies in fresh peanut milk. This damage was evident through the separation  
367 of the milk into two phases and the disappearance of oleosins, which serves as a marker for oil  
368 body integrity. Interestingly, in contrast to fresh peanut milk, the stability of oil bodies in roasted  
369 peanut milk remained unchanged even after undergoing the same processing treatments. This  
370 indicates that the oil bodies in roasted peanut milk were protected by the second protein coat.  
371 Building on this understanding, the current study explores the additional functions and properties  
372 of the second protein layer. Besides providing protection against various stresses, this layer imparts  
373 new functionalities to the oil bodies. Consequently, the oil bodies can interact with each other and  
374 with the whey protein, resulting in the formation of a network that stabilizes air bubbles in the  
375 peanut milk. The protein coating on the surface of oil bodies likely resulted in cross-linking with  
376 the whey protein in the mix to form a stable steric structure that could prevent the collapse of the  
377 air bubbles, leading to an increase in overrun (Kurt & Atalar, 2018). Although the viscosity of the  
378 FOB mix was higher than that of the other samples, higher viscosity did not correlate with higher  
379 overrun in our study, which is contrary to reports of previous studies. For example, Wang et. al.,  
380 found a positive correlation between the increase in viscosity and the increase in overrun due to  
381 the formation of stable and small air cells during the freezing process (Wang, Li, et al., 2022). The  
382 viscosity is a measure of the resistance to the flow of the ice cream mix. On the other hand, the  
383 overrun in ice cream refers to the increase in volume that occurs when air is incorporated into the  
384 mixture and it is mainly related to the incorporation and stabilization of air bubbles in the ice  
385 cream. The primary factor affecting air incorporation in ice cream is the ability of the ice cream  
386 mix to entrap and stabilize air bubbles. This is primarily influenced by the structural properties of  
387 the mix, such as the protein network. The viscosity alone does not necessarily determine the ability  
388 of the mix to incorporate and stabilize air bubbles.

389 Additionally, upon probing the melting rate of the ice cream samples (Figure 3b). We observed  
390 that ROB significantly decreases the melting rate of ice cream at the 30<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> min while FOB  
391 and HOB melt at similar rates. At the 60<sup>th</sup> min, the melting rate of all samples was significantly  
392 the same, with ROB ice having the lowest value of  $87.85 \pm 1.18\%$ , compared to  $96 \pm 1.01\%$  and  
393  $96 \pm 0.30\%$  for FOB and HOB ice-creams, respectively. The final melting drop for each sample  
394 was at the 75<sup>th</sup> min for FOBs ice cream, at the 75<sup>th</sup> min for HOB ice cream, and at the 82<sup>nd</sup> min for  
395 the ROB ice cream. The noticeable decrease in overrun for ROB ice cream may be related to the  
396 fact that the overrun was higher, meaning that there were more air cells in the ice cream, which  
397 decreased the melting rate. Air is a poor conductor of heat, which decreases the heat diffusion rate  
398 of ice cream, thus decreasing the melting rate of ice cream. The particle size of the oil droplets in  
399 the mix may also play a role in reducing the melt rate by improving the stability of the ice cream  
400 emulsion system, thereby preventing the migration of water molecules, and reducing the melt rate  
401 of **soybean oil bodies** incorporated ice creams (Wang, Li, et al., 2022). We postulate that the main  
402 reason for ROB to have the ability to produce an ice cream with a higher overrun and a lower  
403 melting rate could be that the ROB tend to bridge with each other during the freezing and whipping  
404 process of the ice cream mix and form a continuous three-dimensional network, so that the air cells  
405 are enclosed and protected in this network during the freezing process, resulting in an increase in  
406 overrun and a decrease in melting rate. In contrast, the FOB and HOB ice creams with lower  
407 overrun and stability did not have enough spatial structure in the network to prevent melting and  
408 complete collapse.



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410 **Figure 4:** Microscopic visualization of the FOBs, ROBs and HOBs mixes, and the FOBs, ROBs  
 411 and HOBs ice creams. **FOBs: Fresh oil bodies. ROBs: Roasted oil bodies, HOBs: Heat-treated oil**  
 412 **bodies.**

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414 To support our results, microscopic images of the mixes and the ice cream samples were  
 415 taken. In Figure 4, we see a clear difference in terms of the size of the lipid droplets and their  
 416 rearrangement. The FOB mix in Figure 4a shows a dense structure due to intense  
 417 aggregation/flocculation between the oil droplets and corroborates with our rheological and  
 418 micromechanical observations. The structure of the mix explains the low overrun due to this  
 419 compact structure. Figure 4d also shows that the FOB ice cream has few air cells due to the low  
 420 overrun, which explains the low resistance to ambient temperature during melting. The HOB mix  
 421 in Figure 4b shows that the oil bodies were arranged to form a random network with large oil  
 422 droplets, as a result of complete coalescence instead of partial coalescence, which we originally  
 423 aimed for. These results, in turn, explain why the HOB ice cream had a higher overrun than the  
 424 FOB mix, because the structure of the mix is less compact and forms a kind of network with  
 425 interstices that hold the air cells during the whipping and freezing process. Figure 4e shows why

426 the HOB mix has a higher overrun but a similar melting rate to the FOB mix. The air cells in the  
427 HOB ice cream were also few but larger, and due to the weak connection between the oil bodies  
428 in the HOB mix, the ice cream collapsed easily and showed similar melting resistance to the FOB  
429 ice cream. The microstructure of the ROB mix shows a better organized network with numerous  
430 small chambers of uniform oil bodies. It appears that the ROB form bridges among themselves  
431 without actually merging. This could be due to the formation of bonds between the second layer  
432 proteins on the ROB, which gave the same effect as the partial coalescence that normally occurs  
433 in the presence of animal-based fat. Figure 4f shows the presence of numerous air cells of different  
434 sizes, which is consistent with the structure of the mix in Figure 4c and the higher overrun and  
435 melting resistance compared to other samples. Overall, these results confirm the particle size,  
436 overrun and melting rate results of all samples.

437 **3.8 Volatile components analysis.** An important consideration of our study was to characterize  
438 flavor of the ice cream samples, based on modifications of the oil bodies. Flavor is one of the most  
439 important organoleptic properties of foods and the main reason why plant-based dairy products are  
440 not highly appreciated by consumers due to their grassy and beany taste. One of the reasons why  
441 we decided to roast the peanuts before extracting the oil bodies was to remove the beany flavor  
442 and preserve the nuttiness of the Maillard reaction. We also heated the fresh oil bodies for 15 min  
443 to denature the oxygenase and lipoxygenase responsible for the beany flavor as a result of  
444 oxidation of the polyunsaturated fatty acids (Laswai, Thonya, Yesaya, Silayo, Kulwa, Mpagalile,  
445 et al., 2009). Supplementary Information Figure S2 shows the main volatiles found in the three ice  
446 cream samples containing FOB, HOB and ROB as fat replacers. In the FOB ice cream, the volatiles  
447 responsible for the green and beany flavor, such as *n*-hexanal and 2-pentenylfuran, had the highest  
448 proportion, together accounting for ca. 71%. Trans-2-heptenal was the second most abundant

449 volatile after *n*-hexanal. It is known for its sweet flavor (Maul, Sargent, Sims, Baldwin, Balaban,  
450 & Huber, 2000); however, previous studies have reported that a strong greasy, fatty taste is always  
451 associated with the presence of trans-2-heptenal (Feng, Hua, Li, Zhang, Kong, & Chen, 2020).  
452 After heat treatment of the FOB, the volatile profile of the ice cream changed. Some new volatiles  
453 appeared, and others disappeared. For example, *n*-hexanal decreased significantly and new  
454 volatiles responsible for the green, beany flavor appeared, such as 3-hexen-1-ol and 1,3,8-p-  
455 menthatriene, the key flavor component of parsley leaves (Masanetz & Grosch, 1998). Other  
456 aromas such as isosaphrone also occur in high concentrations. This aroma is characteristic of  
457 saffron and is produced by the thermal degradation of trans-crocetin esters (Cid-Pérez, Nevárez-  
458 Moorillón, Ochoa-Velasco, Navarro-Cruz, Hernández-Carranza, & Avila-Sosa, 2021). After  
459 roasting, we expected an abundance of volatiles characteristic of the nutty flavor, such as pyrazine  
460 compounds (Leunissen, Davidson, & Kakuda, 1996; Yin, Maradza, Xu, Ma, Shi, Zhao, et al.,  
461 2022), but 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline was the only component detected and at low concentration. This  
462 low content could be since all the flavors included in the oil bodies were not released during the  
463 SPME analysis. On the other hand, new components previously reported in roasted peanuts and  
464 peanut oils were detected, including 1-hexanol (green flavor), which appeared for the first time in  
465 a roasted sample, and these results are consistent with previous work on roasted peanuts. Leunissen  
466 et al. found that mild roasting caused an increase in 1-hexanol in roasted peanuts (Leunissen,  
467 Davidson, & Kakuda, 1996). Nonanal (floral flavor), is a characteristic aroma of peanut oil (Zhang,  
468 He, Zhang, Li, Jin, Liu, et al., 2022), 1-octen-3-ol (metallic beany flavor) was previously detected  
469 in roasted peanuts (Asikin, Tanahara, Maeda, Tsuchida, Hirose, Oe, et al., 2021). Fruity flavors  
470 were also detected in ROB ice cream, such as *D*-limonene (fruity flavor) (Liu, Jin, Liu, Huang,  
471 Wang, Mao, et al., 2011), Butyl butyrate (fruity flavor) and methyl cinnamate (strawberry flavor)



472 (Schirack, Drake, Sanders, & Sandeep, 2006) all these volatiles were previously reported to be  
473 found in roasted peanuts. Heat treatment and roasting did noticeably change the volatile profile of  
474 oil body incorporated ice cream due to the attachment of these flavors for the oil bodies, however,  
475 sensory evaluation is still needed to evaluate the actual taste of the ice cream and whether more  
476 nuttiness would be release while consuming the ice cream, which is beyond the scope of the current  
477 study.

478 **Conclusion.** It is concluded that incorporation of heat treatment of oil bodies as a fat replacer in  
479 ice cream, progressively alters the intrinsic protein profile of oil bodies, which results in marked  
480 differences in rheological and micromechanical responses, as well as physical properties of ice  
481 cream. Our results show that the protein membrane of **peanut oil bodies** (heated oil bodies) has a  
482 great influence on how oil bodies react with other ice cream ingredients, leading to the formation  
483 of ice cream with different properties. Heat treatment and roasting altered the protein membrane  
484 of oil bodies. Roasting leads to the formation of a second protein layer over the intrinsic protein  
485 layer, while heat treatment removes most of the endogenous proteins and leaves the oil bodies with  
486 a very thin membrane that would favor partial coalescence, but microscopic visualization showed  
487 us complete coalescence instead of partial coalescence. These changes were responsible for the  
488 large changes in the physicochemical properties of the ice cream. The results showed that the  
489 viscosity of FOB (fresh oil bodies) was greater compared to ROB (roasted oil bodies) and HOB.  
490 The consistency index decreased, and the flow behavior increased (*i.e.*, pseudoplasticity) for ROB  
491 and HOB. The overrun level and melting rate of the ice cream samples were also affected using  
492 ROB in the preparation of ice cream. This positive effect was explained by microscopic  
493 visualization of the mix and ice cream samples. The volatiles responsible for the grassy and beany  
494 flavor of the FOB decreased significantly after roasting and heat treatment. However, it seems that

495 the oil bodies did not fully release the flavor packed in them, as we could not detect many notes  
496 indicating a nutty flavor. Overall, based on these preliminary results, the present work sets the  
497 foundation for future research to develop the peanut oil bodies as a fat substitute for developing  
498 plant-based ice creams.

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