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Effect of solar radiation and full spectrum artificial sun light on drying and textural characteristics of Asian white radish (*Raphanus sativus* L.)

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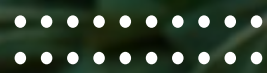
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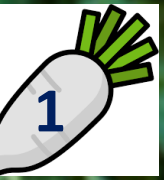


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Introduction

- Asian white radish is a popular root vegetable throughout Asia.
- It is processed into a range of fresh, dried, salted and pickled products.
- Drying is a common method used in the processing of white radish where the water content is reduced, either by mechanical driers or by osmosis, with high concentrations of chemical solutes.
- Solar/Sun drying is the oldest and most economical drying method.



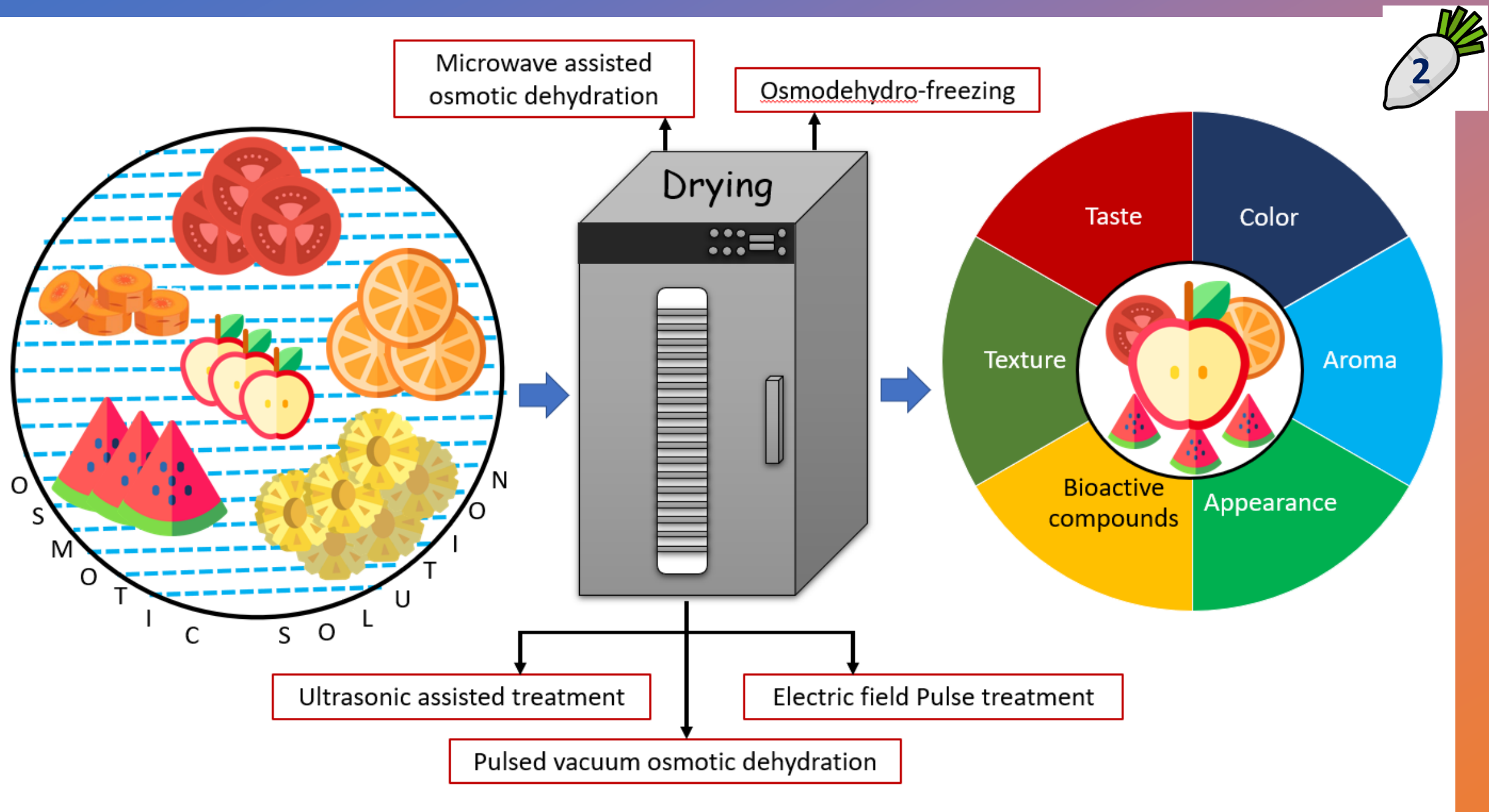


Figure 1. Osmotic dehydration of fruits and vegetables.

(Pandiselvam et al., 2021)

- The food industries are looking for potential preservation methods for fruits and vegetables.
- The combination of osmosis and drying has proved the efficient method to improve the food quality.
- Osmotic dehydration is a mass transfer process.
- Advanced osmotic dehydration techniques can improve the nutritional quality (bioactive) and sensory properties.
- Emerging osmotic dehydration technologies can preserve the structure of fruit tissue.





2. Effect of drying on textural properties of Asian white radish

1. To study physico-chemical parameters, drying characteristics, and mathematical modelling of Asian white radish.

3. Flavour compound changes during drying process.

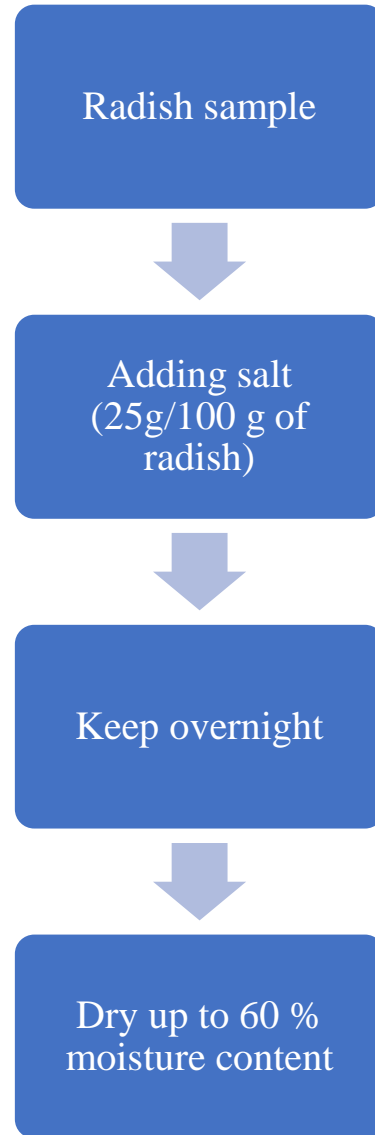
Materials and methods

- Fresh Asian white radishes
- Washing
- Peeling
- Cutting in slices
- Adding Salt (25g/100g)
- Pressing by cement blocks (48 to 72 h)
- Remove excess water
- Drying



Figure 2. Sample preparation

Experiment outline



After drying

1. Moisture content
2. Drying rate
3. Moisture ratio
4. Drying kinetics

1. Color
2. Water activity
3. TPA (Texture profile analysis)
4. SEM analysis

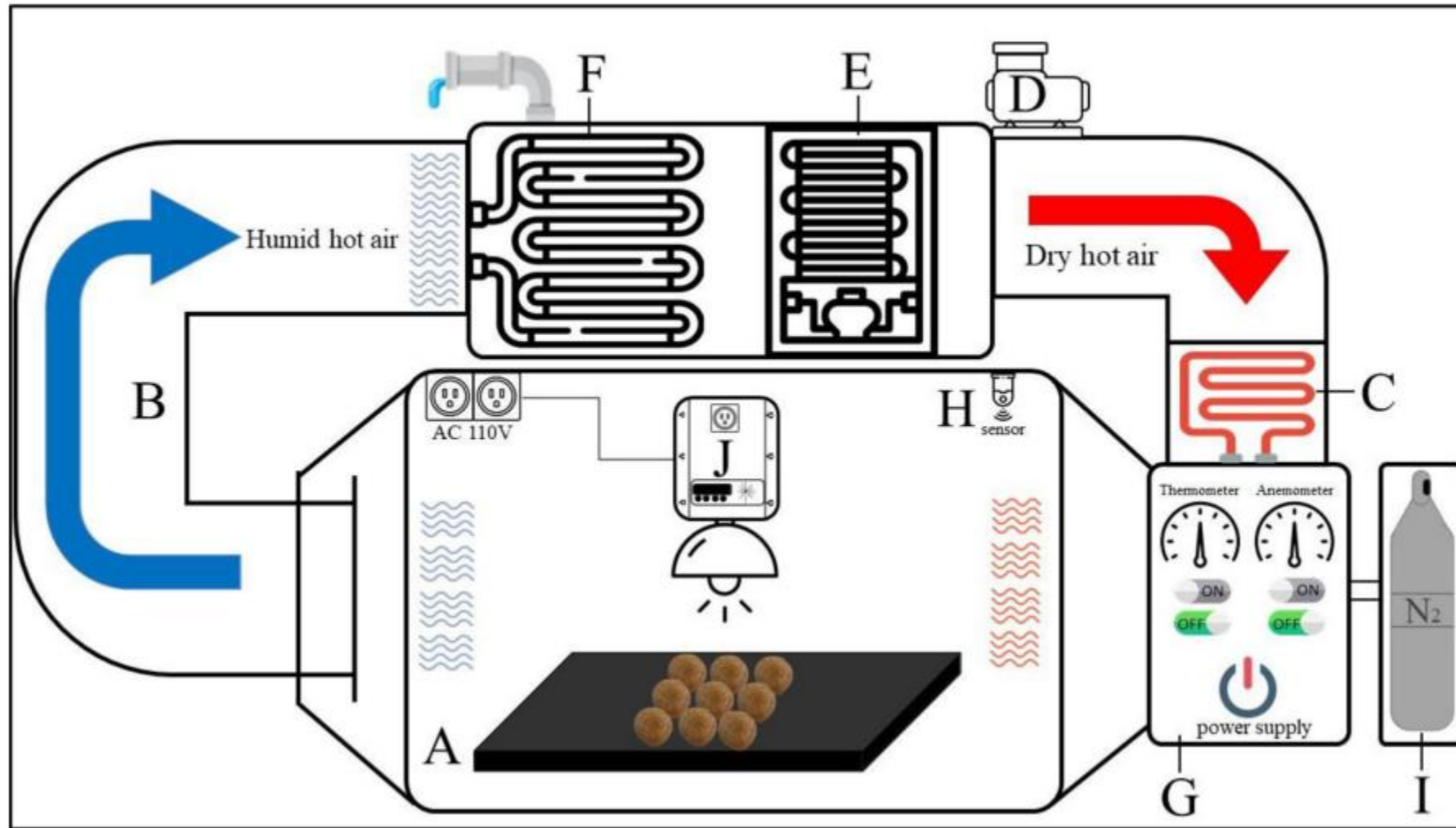
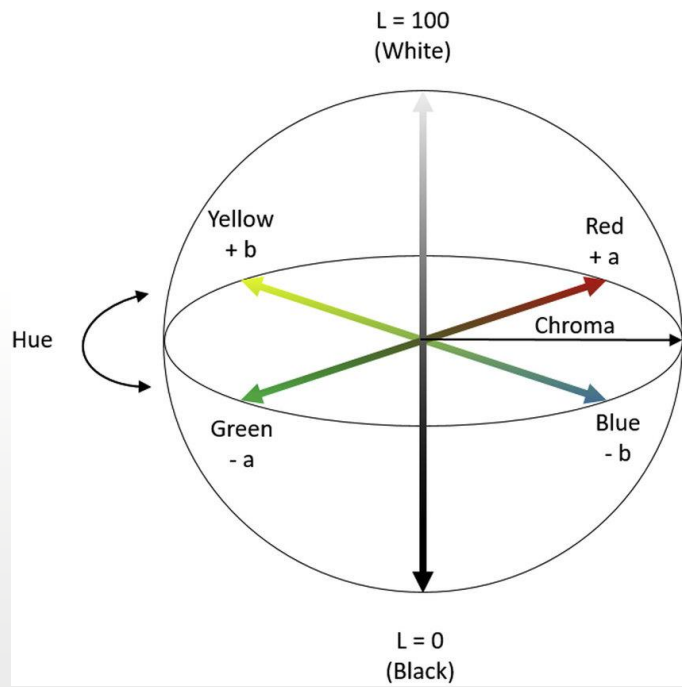


Figure 3. The schematic diagram of a patented photocatalytic closed-type dryer. (A) Drying chamber; (B) airflow duct; (C) heater; (D) compressor; (E) condenser; (F) evaporator; (G) control panel; (H) temperature sensor; (I) N₂ gas supply device; (J) artificial sun lamp and assembly



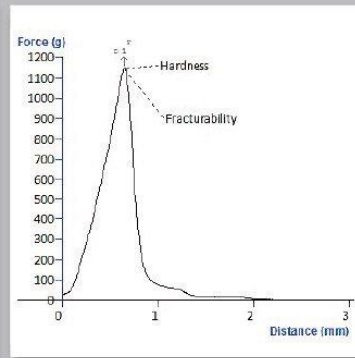
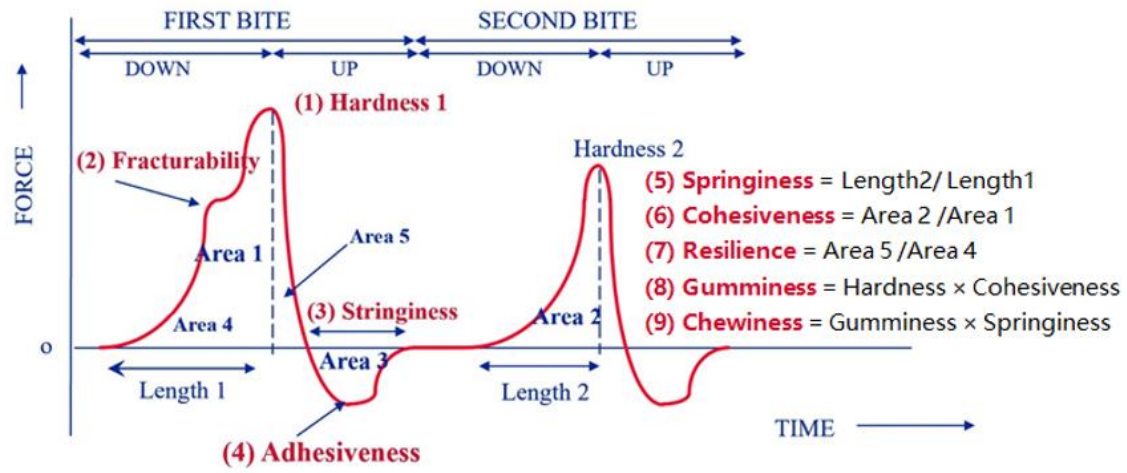
Color scale



Colorimeter



Water activity (A_w) meter



Texture Profile Analyzer (TPA)

Table 1. Commonly studied thin-layer drying models

Models	Expressions
Page	$MR = \exp (-k_0 t^n)$
Modified Page	$MR = \exp (-(k_0 t)^n)$
Lewis/Newton	$MR = \exp (-k_0 t)$
Henderson and Pabis	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t)$
Logarithmic	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t) + A_1$
Two term	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t) + A_1 \exp (-k_1 t)$
Two-term exponential	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t) + (1 - A_0) \exp (-k_0 A_0 t)$
Wang and Singh	$MR = 1 + A_0 t + A_1 t^2$
Midilli and Kucuk	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t^n) + A_1 t$
Diffusion approach	$MR = A_0 \exp (-k_0 t) + (1 - A_0) \exp (-k_0 A_1 t)$



Results and Discussion

Table 3. Initial Moisture Content (IMC) of commercial and fresh Asian white radish



Commercial (IMC)

Sr. No	Sample wt	Final wt	MC
1	7.76	2.71	65.08
2	7.24	2.44	66.30
3	7.75	2.61	66.32
Avg MC			65.90

Fresh (IMC)

Sample wt	Final wt	MC
9.20	0.51	94.46
9.76	0.53	94.57
9.75	0.54	94.46
Avg MC		94.50

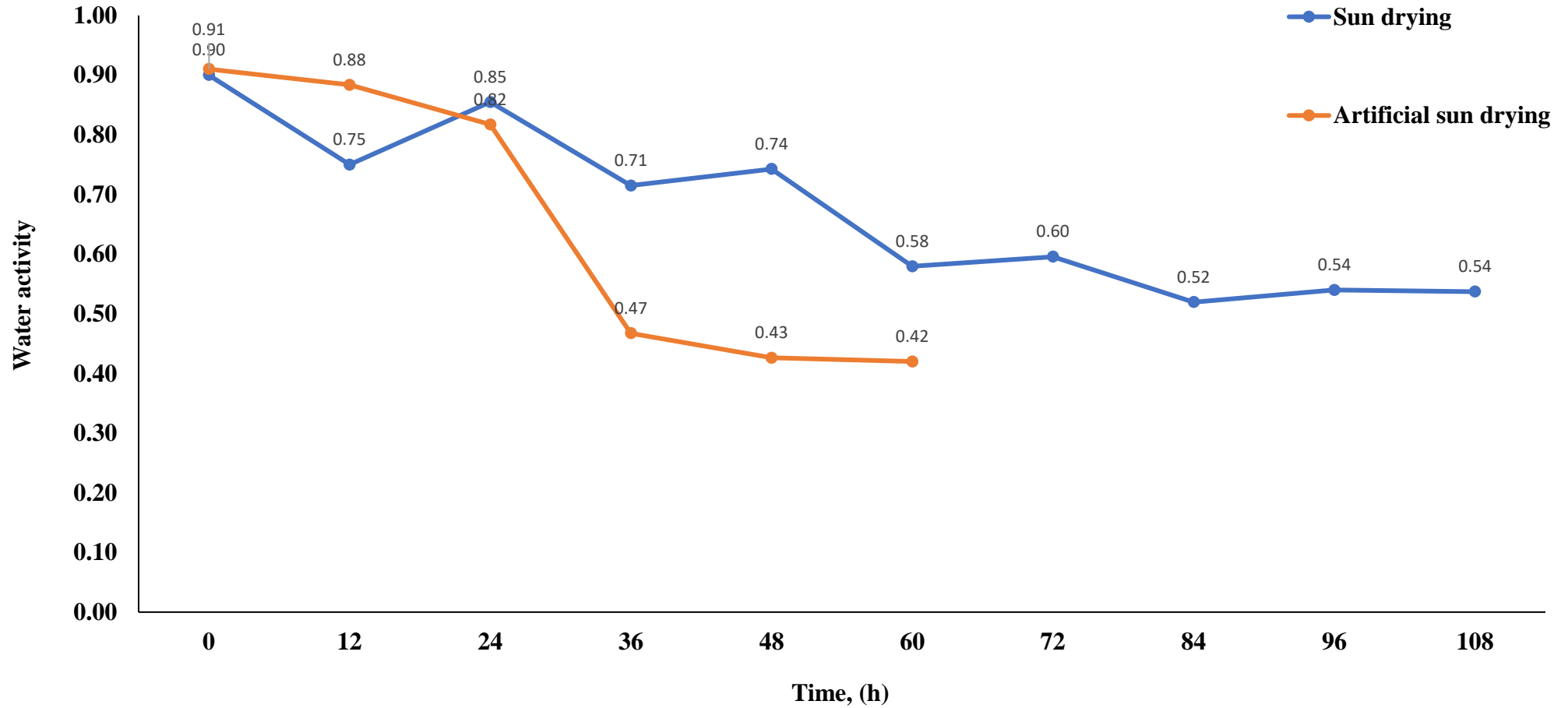


Figure 4. Water activity during sun and artificial sun drying of Asian white radish

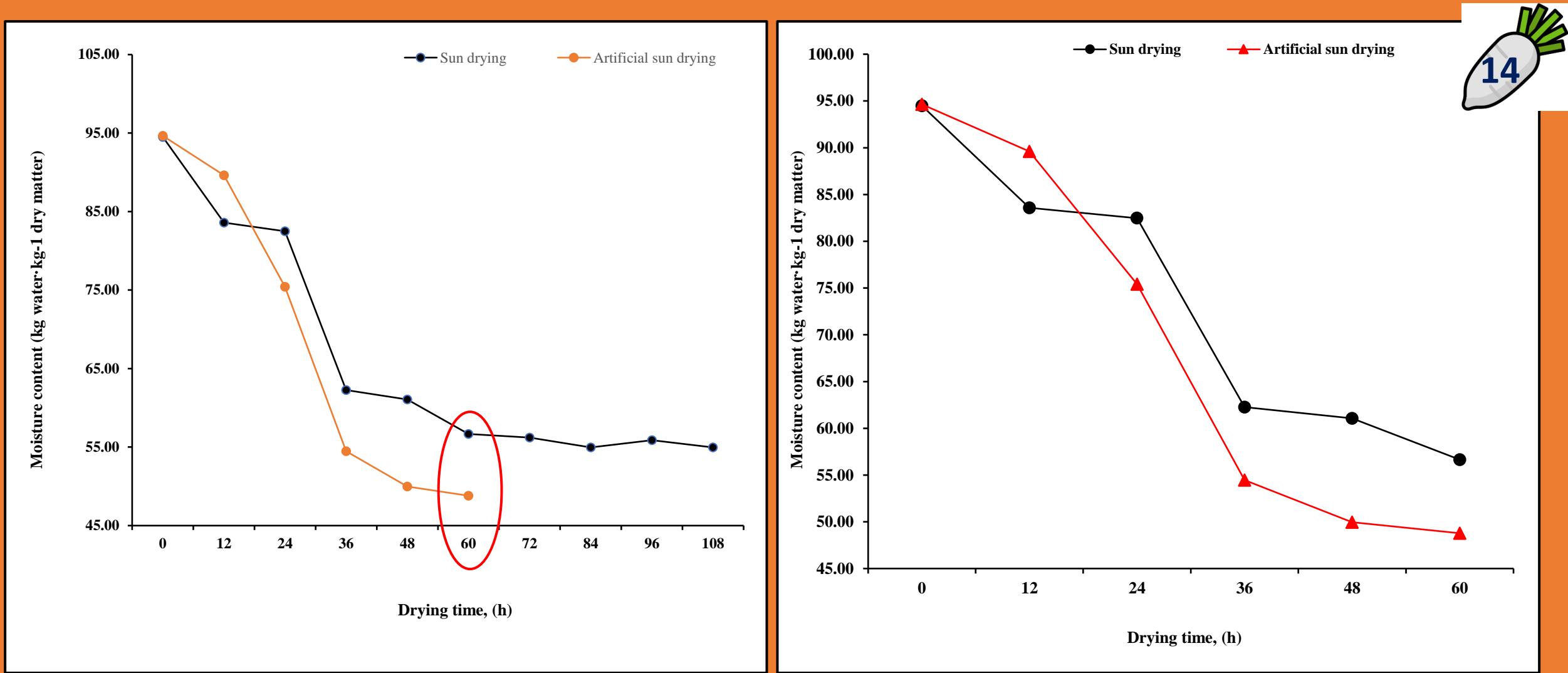


Figure 5. Drying characteristics of sun drying and artificial sun drying of Asian white radish

Table 4. Model parameters for the dried Asian white radish via artificial sun drying

Sr. No.	Model Name	R ²	χ^2 (x10)	RMSE
1	Lewis	0.99412	0.00449	0.02050
2	Page	0.99549	0.00349	0.01790
3	Henderson	0.99514	0.00377	0.01862
4	Logarithmic	0.99699	0.00248	0.01439
5	Two Term	0.99713	0.00242	0.01422
6	Wang & Singh	0.98427	0.01201	0.03241
7	Simplified Ficks	0.99514	0.00377	0.01862
8	Approx Diffusion	0.99411	0.00461	0.02050
9	Modified Page	0.99549	0.00349	0.01790
10	Verma	0.99545	0.00360	0.01785
11	Midilli	0.99975	0.00021	0.00423
12	Hii	0.99976	0.00021	0.00409

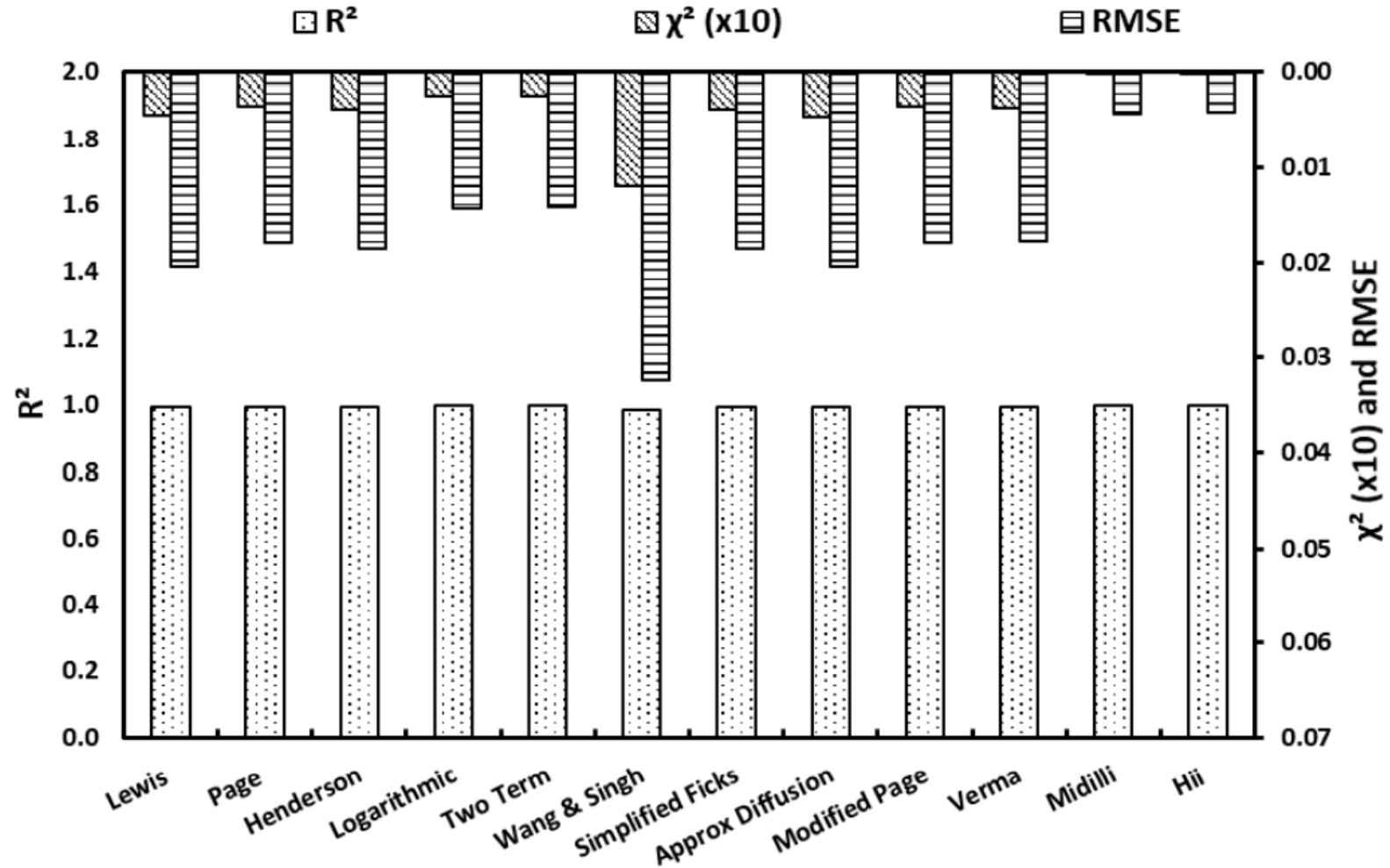


Figure 6. Overall average values of statistical results for different models

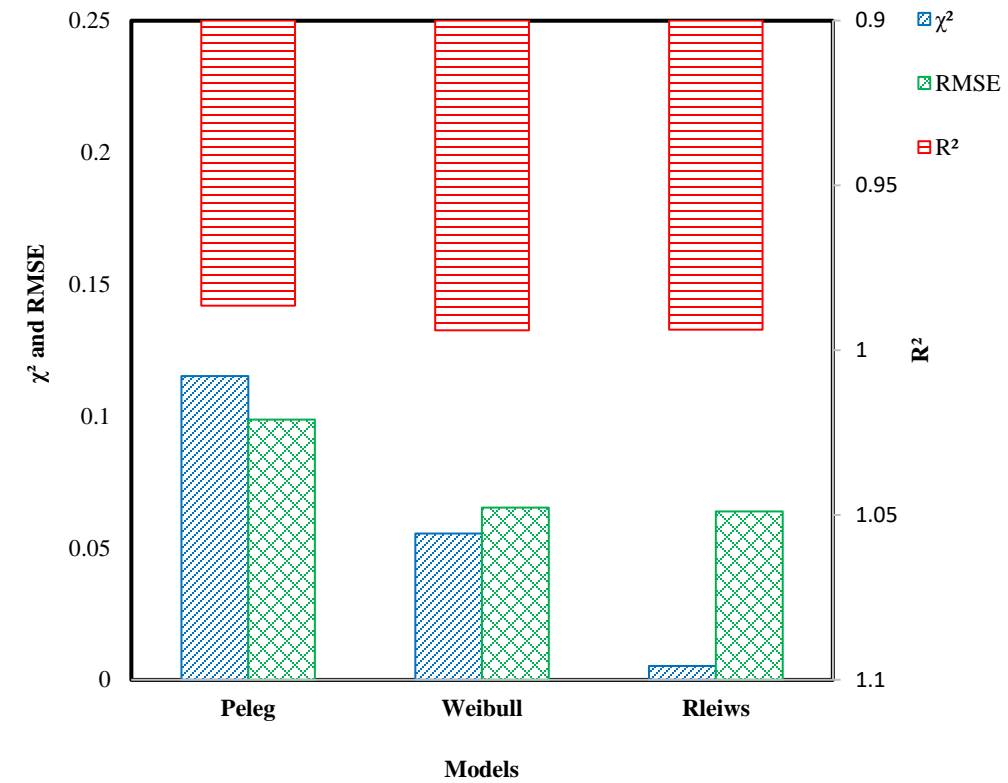


Figure 7. Performance of models for rehydration characteristics

Table 5. Effect of osmotic drying on loss of MTBITC in white radish roots by application of sodium chloride under 12 kg pressure for 72 h at 20 °C

Salt level	MTBITC	Water
	Loss (%)	Loss (%)
0%	15 ± 2.5 ^a	3 ± 2.7
5%	22 ± 5.2	46 ± 3.2
15%	38 ± 4.6	49 ± 8.6
25%	47 ± 5.8	54 ± 3.8

^a Mean ± standard deviation ($n = 9$ replicates/treatment).

The primary compound responsible for the flavour of white radish, 4-methylthio-3-trans-butenyl isothiocyanate (MTBITC)

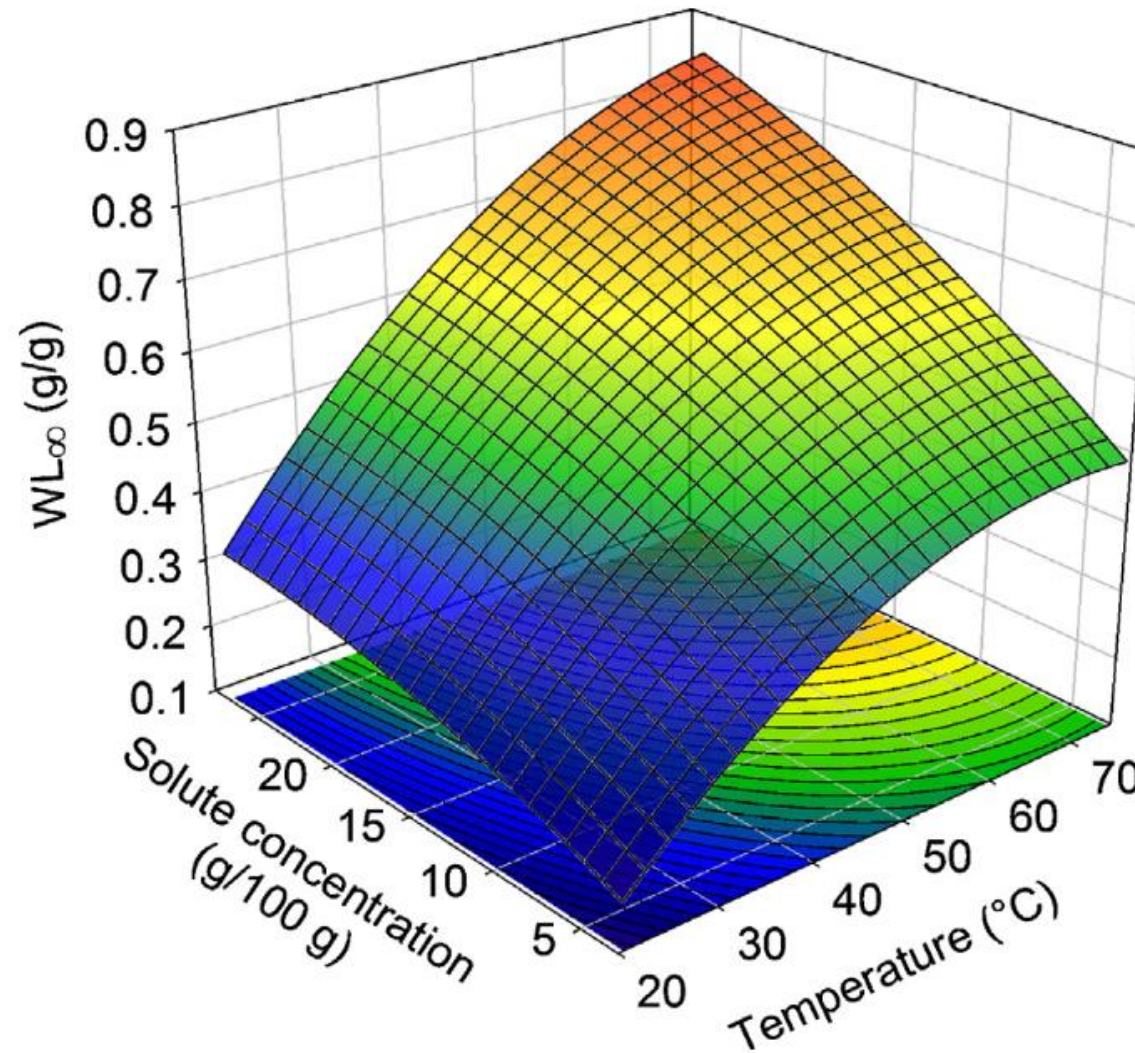


Figure 8. Effect of brine concentration and process temperature on estimated water loss at equilibrium during osmotic dehydration of radish slices in NaCl solutions.

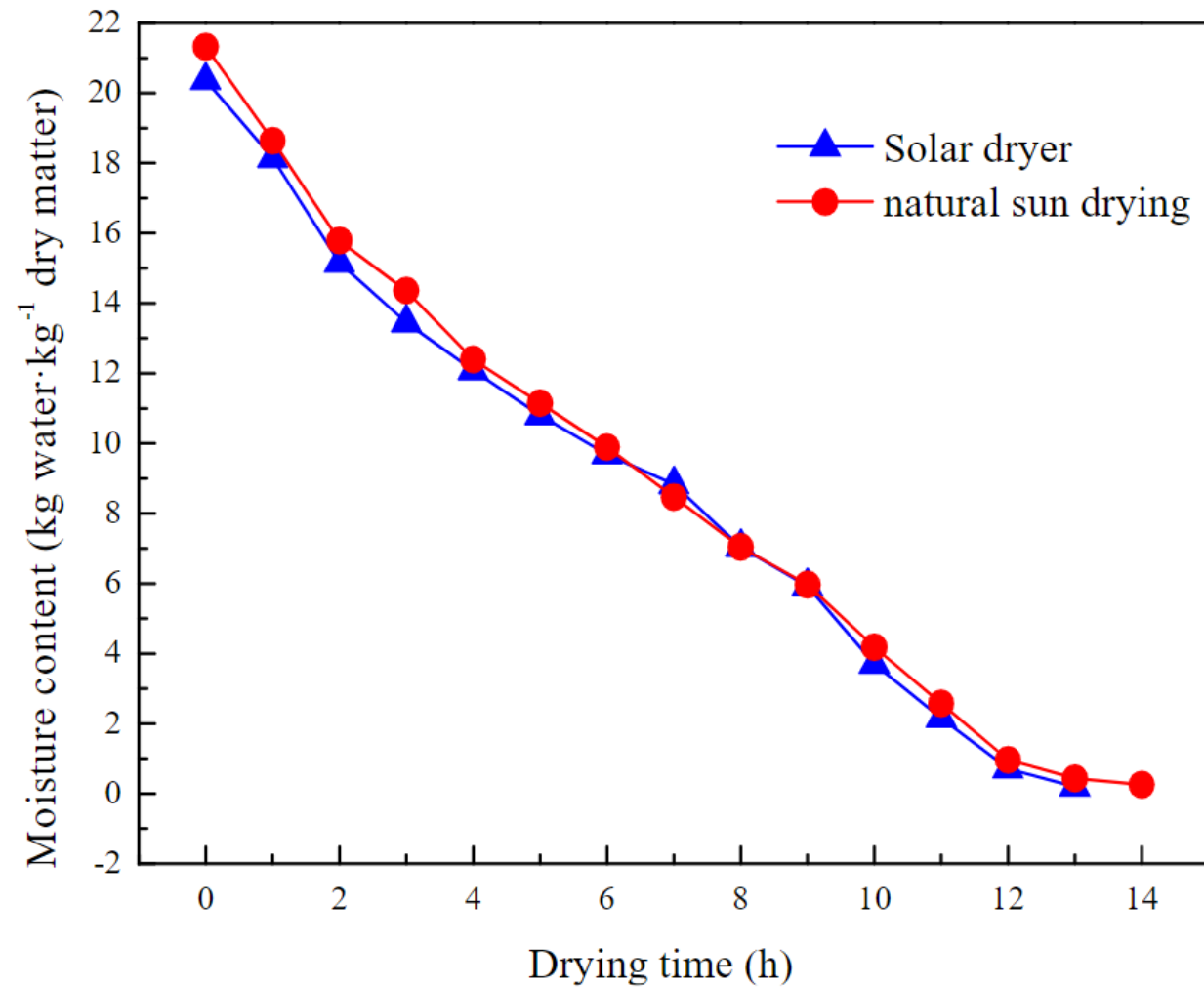


Figure 9. Moisture content variation obtained using the solar dryer and natural drying during drying periods.

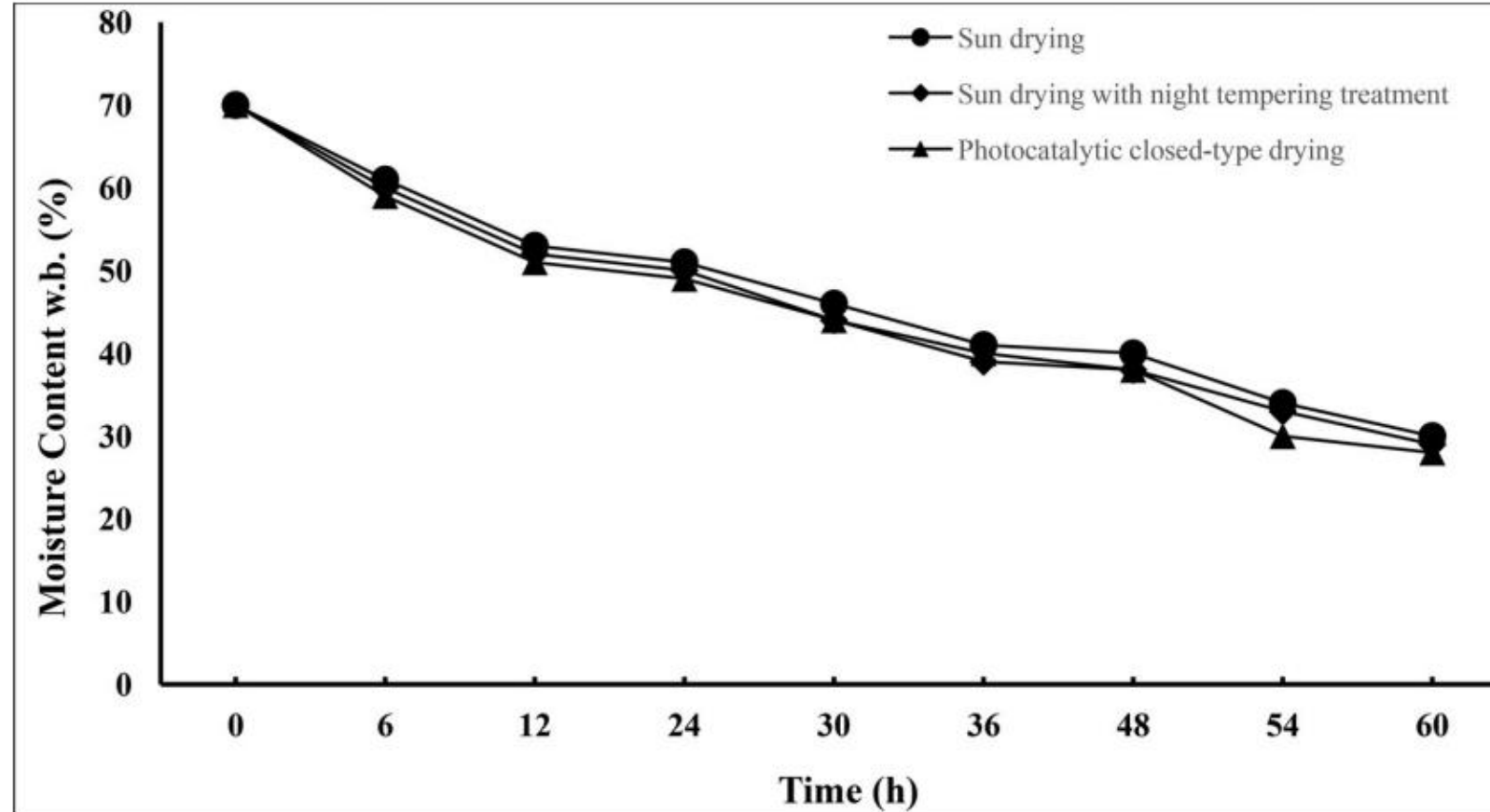
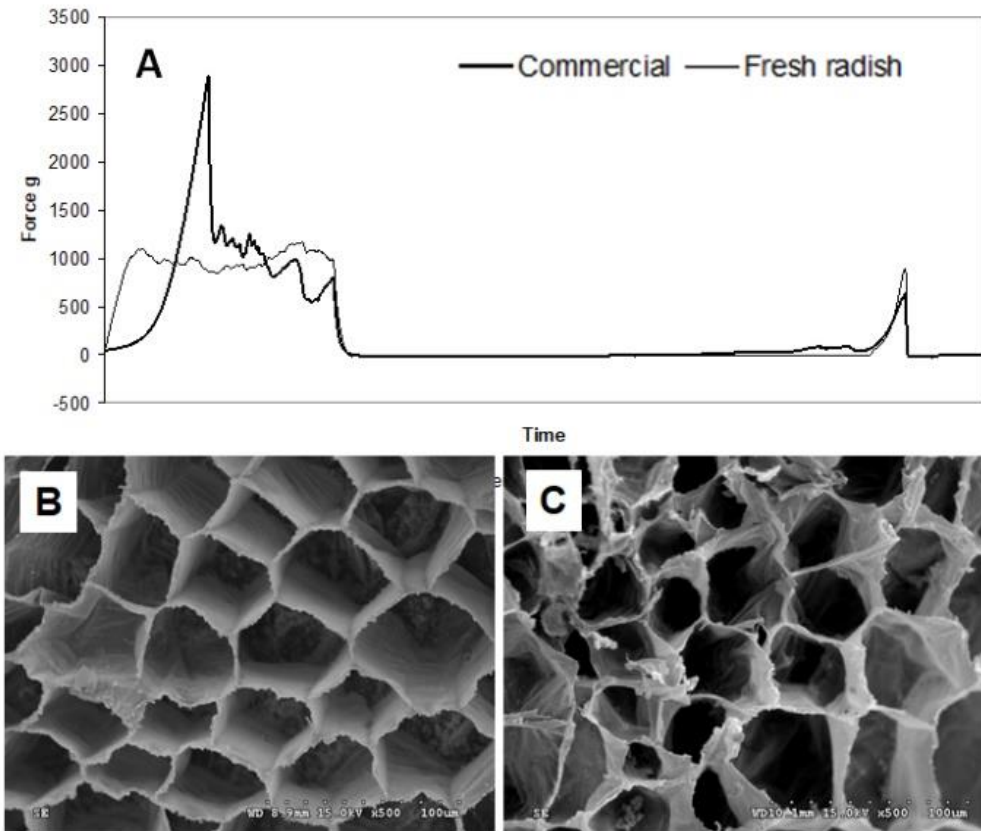


Figure 10. Representative drying curves for sun drying, sun drying with night tempering treatment, and photocatalytic closed-type drying respectively of brined ume.



- hardness (27.94%) due to its direct effect on the tissue hardening.
- fracturability (16.27%), crispiness (10.59%) crunchiness (2.67%).

Figure 11. The expected effects of the processing conditions on the quality parameters: an increasing of the peak force due to case hardening (from 1170.3 g to 2891.3 g). (A) Comparison of TPA curves (B) SEM photograph of a fresh radish sample (C) SEM photograph of sun-dried radish sample

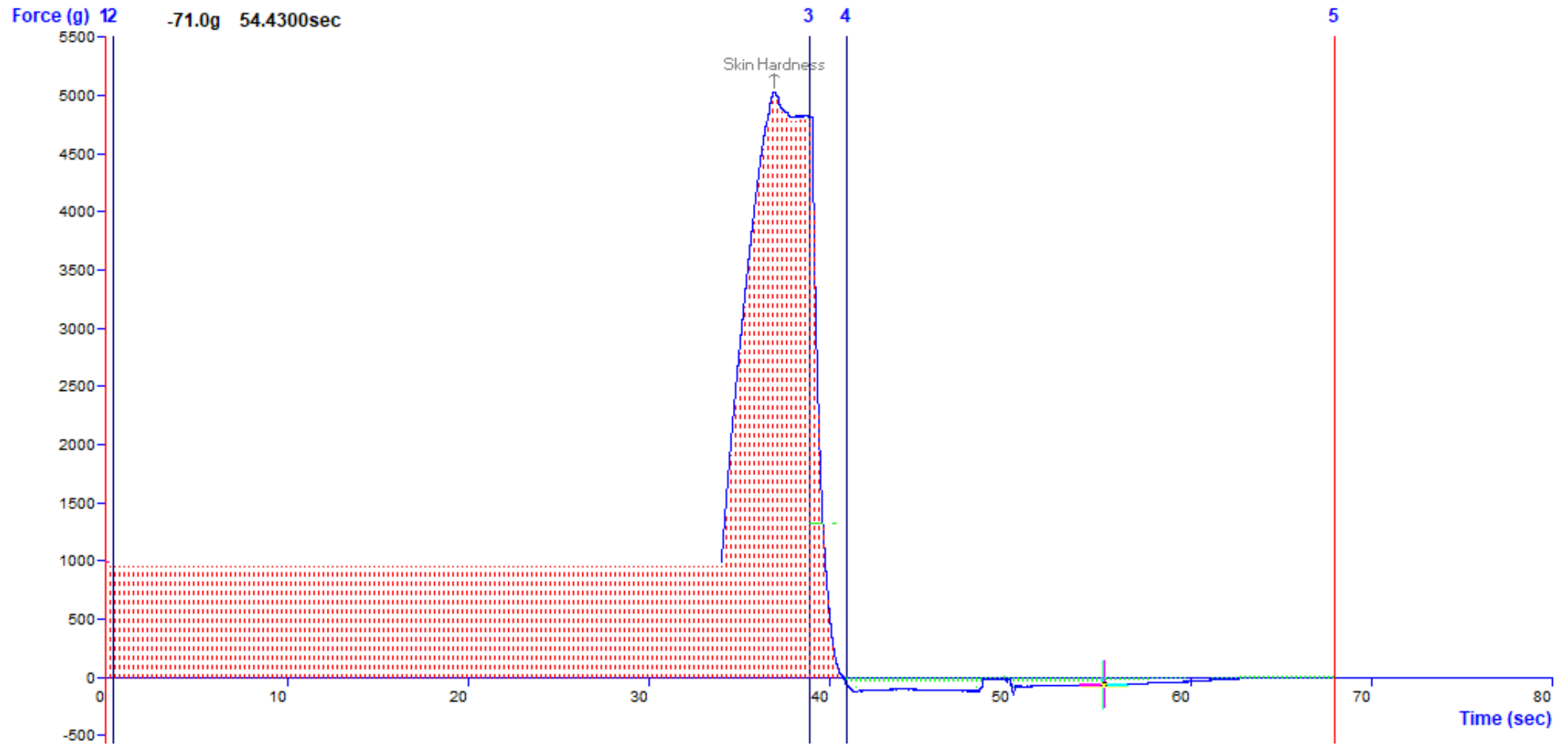
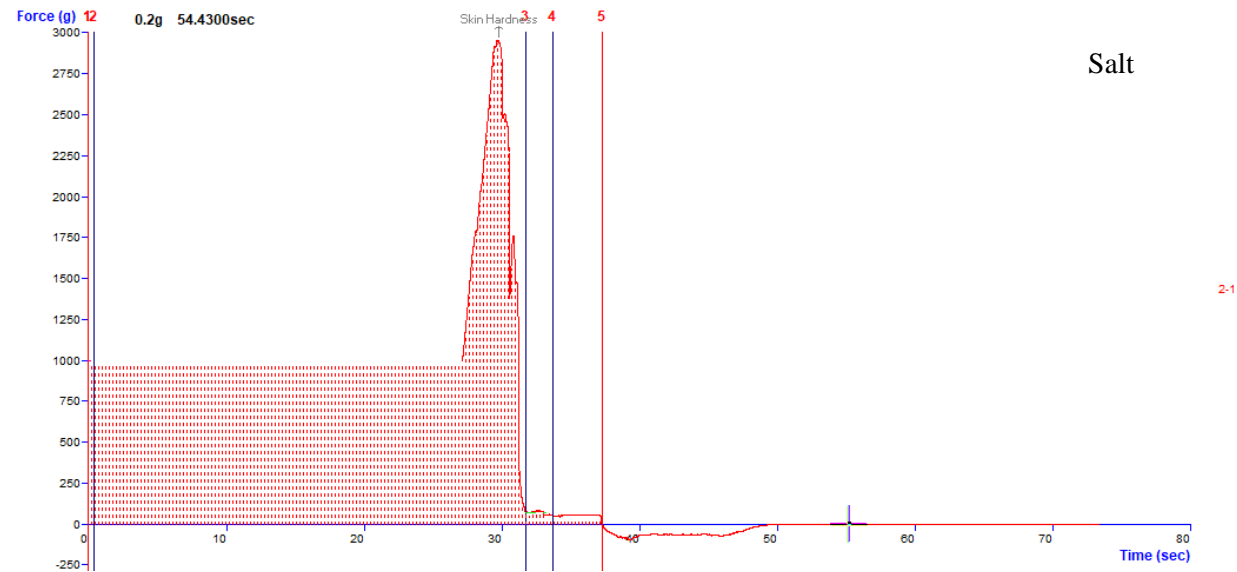
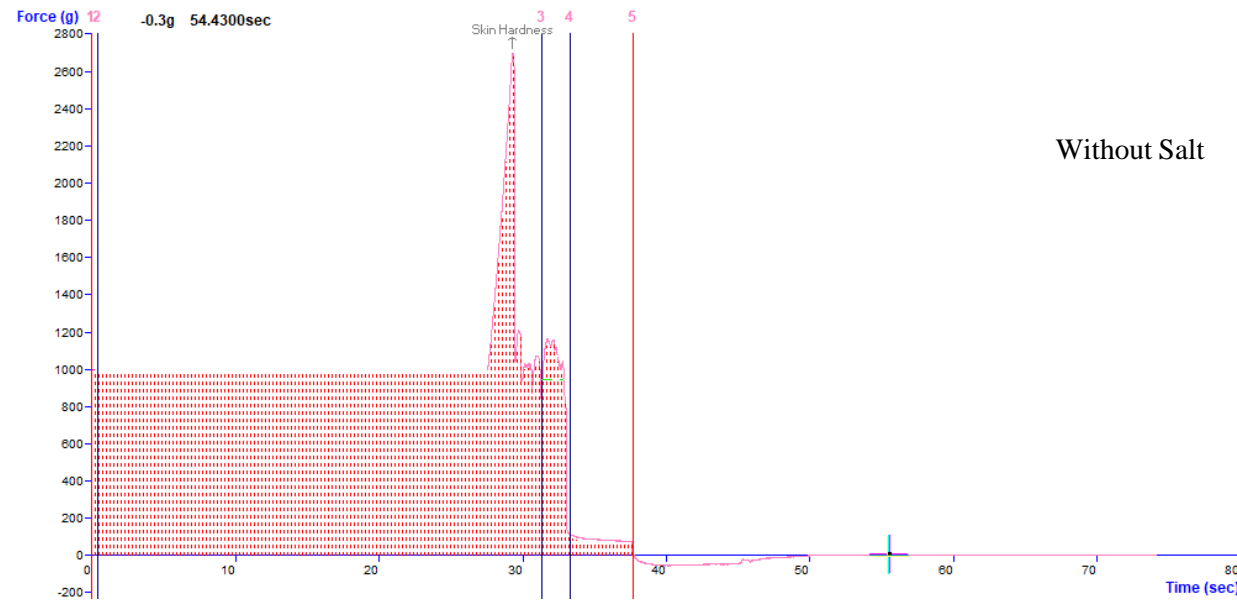


Figure 12. TPA analysis of fresh radish



Salt



Without Salt

Figure 13. TPA analysis of Asian white radish treated by using Full spectrum sun light drying

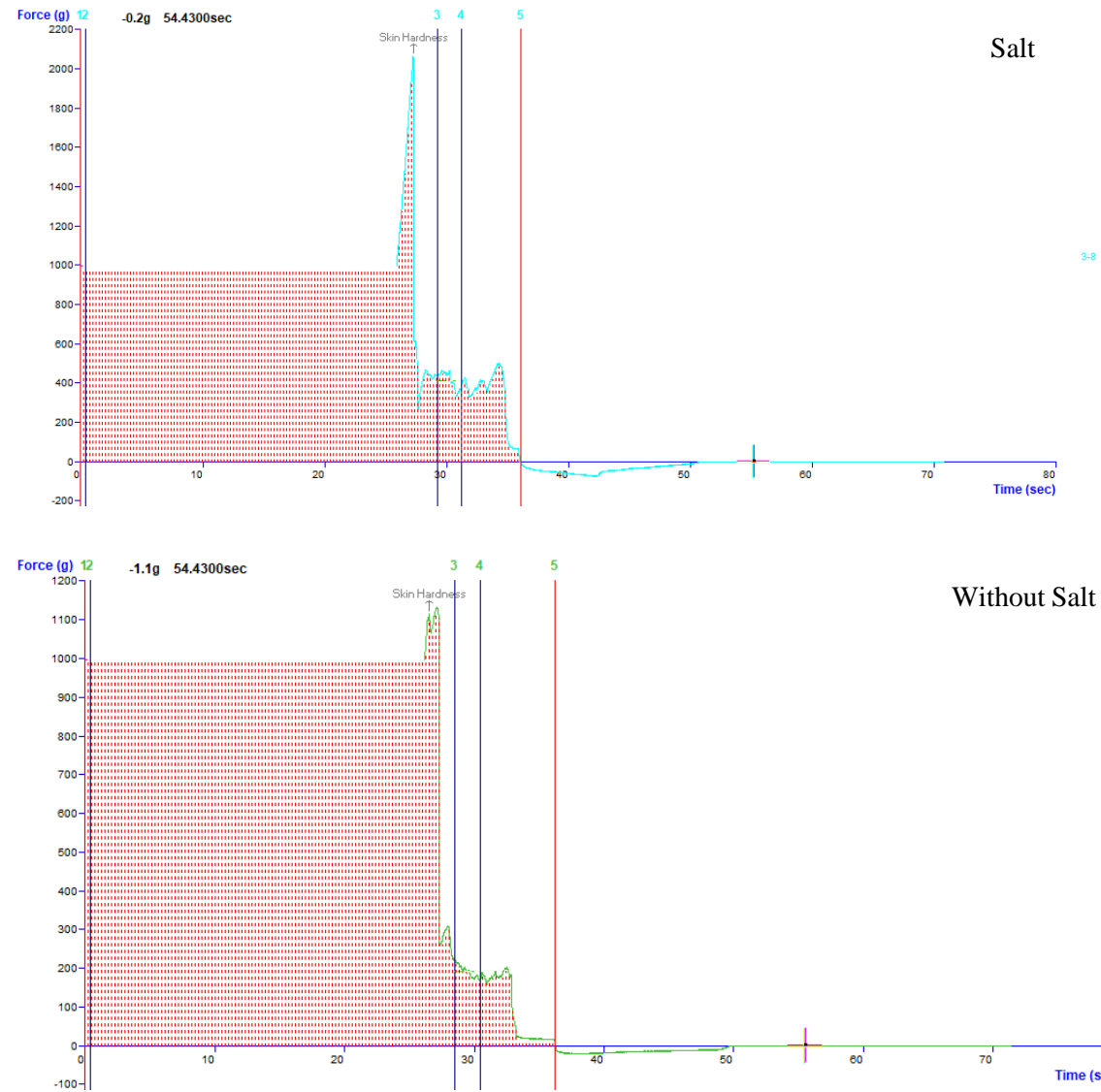


Figure 14. TPA analysis of Asian white radish treated by hot air-drying method

Conclusion



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Color L^* value significantly decreased and a^* and b^* values increased in both drying methods.

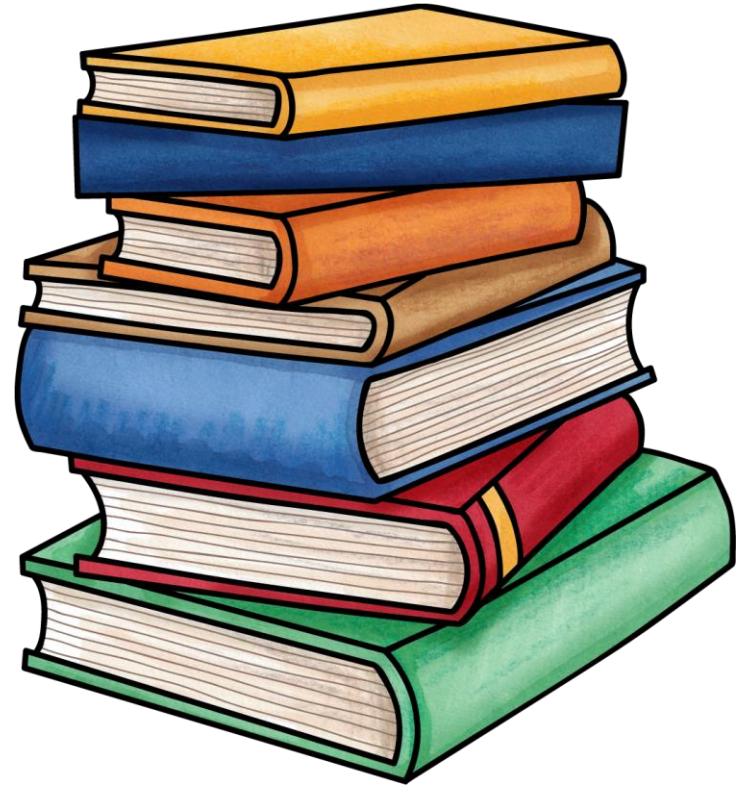
Moisture content and water activity (A_w) found decreased with time and temperature.

Artificial sun drying took less time to dry samples than sun drying. Faster drying done by this drying method.

Hi model were selected among different models to prove statistical analysis and prediction of drying characteristics.



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