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## Nutritional evaluation and product development by using green papaya, flaxseed and maize flour to promote the traditional food

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Papaya (*Carica papaya*) is an excellent source of vitamin A and vitamin C. Papaya and maize flour contain lutein and zeaxanthin, known as xanthophylls. A good intake of both lutein and zeaxanthin is believed to significantly reduce our risk of developing age-related macular degeneration (ARMD), the most common cause of blindness in America. Flaxseed contain omega 3- fatty acid which is important for life. Biochemical analysis of prepared products revealed that III (50:35:15) incorporated *Laddoos*, I (50:45:5) incorporated cutlet contain high amount of protein carbohydrate and fat, moderate amount of calcium and good amount of vitamin A. Incorporated products (*Laddoos* and cutlet) had better quality with respect to nutrition.

Key Words: Green papaya, Flaxseed, Maize, Papain, Lutein, Zeaxanthin, Xanthophylls, Nutritive value

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