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Oranges as fruit and as juice

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Abstract

Vegetables and fruits should form the basis of everyday diet. In some countries one of five recommended daily portions of vegetables and fruit can be a glass (200 ml) of juice. The aim of the study was to analyse the composition of orange juice from concentrate and compare it with the content of selected nutrients in oranges.

The study material were orange juices from concentrate, commercially available in Poland. The study was carried out in 2010–2018 at the Agriculture and Food Industry Biotechnology Institute and the Horticulture Institute in Skierniewice, Poland. The content of the following nutrients was investigated: vitamin C, folates, b-carotene, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, glucose, fructose, sucrose, dietary fiber as well as energy content.

The content of vitamin C in orange juice from concentrate was 35 mg/100 ml. Folate content was 23 mg/100 ml of juice. The studied juice contained the following amounts of minerals: sodium (3 mg/100 ml), potassium (185 mg/100 ml), calcium (13 mg/100 ml) and magnesium (11 mg/100 ml). The total amount of sugars contained in the analysed juice was 8.8 g/100 ml. Compared to fresh oranges, the content of sodium, potassium, magnesium, b-carotene and sugars was similar. The content of vitamin C, folates and calcium was slightly higher in fruits. Dietary fiber amount was much higher in orange fruit than in juice. The energy value of both products was similar: 42 kcal/100 ml in juice and 47 kcal/100 g in oranges.

The study showed that orange juice from concentrate is a source of important nutrients: vitamin C, folate and potassium. Their content in orange juice from concentrate is similar to that in fresh oranges. Dietary fiber amount was much higher in orange fruit than in juice.

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There is no conflict of interest