

1 Original Research Article
2 **Egg Shell and Snail Shell Powder Potentials in**
3 **Sorghum Beer Clarification**
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7 **ABSTRACT**

Aim: Turbidity is one of the integral parameters used to ascertain beer quality and clarity. This has been achieved through a combination of filtration processes and utilization of kieselghur as filter aid. Kieselghur on the other hand is expensive and not readily available; therefore there is need to find potential filter aids from locally available materials. This research is aimed at determining the effectiveness of egg shell powder and snail shell powder in sorghum beer clarification.

Study design: This study was made to fit into using a combination of T-test and one way Analysis of Variance.

Place and Duration of Study: The research was carried out at laboratory of Department of Food Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria, between May 2018 and November 2018.

Methodology: Temperature programmed infusion mashing method was used to produce wort from sorghum malt that was malted for 2 days and 3 days. The resulting Worts were fermented using *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis* to obtain sorghum beer and the beer was clarified with kieselghur, egg shell powder and snail shell powder. Turbidity and other quality analyses were carried out on the sorghum wort, sorghum beer and clarified sorghum beer.

Results: The results showed that beers clarified with Kieselghur had better clarity than egg shell powder and snail shell powder clarified sorghum beers. Egg shell powder showed better clarification potentials than snail shell powder. There is a correlation between total solids and turbidity. Germination period significantly influenced the turbidity of sorghum beer.

Conclusion: This study showed that egg shell powder can serve as potential filter aid in beverage clarification.

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10 Keywords: beer quality, egg shell, filter aid, kieselghur, sorghum beer, snail shell, turbidity
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14 **1. INTRODUCTION**

15 Beer is an alcoholic beverage made from cereal grains especially malted barley [1]. Beer may be
16 produced from the following principal ingredients such as; water, barley, hops and fermenting yeasts.
17 Among several malts, barley malt is the most widely used starch source owing to its high enzyme
18 content (which facilitates the breakdown of starch into sugars), less problem in filtration being a
19 covered caryopsis as well as its composition which contributes to the distinct beer characteristic
20 quality. Due to the wide use of barley malts in brewing, it has placed serious burden on the grain and
21 as a result, high amount of revenue or expenditures are used for the importation of this raw material in
22 this region since it is not grown in the tropics. An alternative towards solving this can be by the use of
23 other cereal grains especially sorghum malt in place of barley malt in brewing since it is one of the
24 prominent crops grown in the tropics.

25 Sorghum is a staple crop grown in Nigeria and in many African countries like Benin, Ghana,
26 Zimbabwe, South Africa, etc [2]. It is cheap, locally available and can grow in the tropics. Sorghum

27 has an endosperm structure similar to maize, though it gives nearly same qualities in beer but it has a
28 problem in filtration due to its naked caryopsis, single aleurone layer and the pericarp contains more
29 polyphenols than that of barley [3].

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30 However, it is worthy to note that the first visual impression of beer quality is determined by its
31 turbidity. Beer quality and clarity on the other hand, can be improved through clarification which can
32 be achieved by the use of certain filter aids or clarifying agents. These agents help to trap impurities
33 and/or suspended particle to form clogs or sediment [4]. Hence, such clarifying agents among these
34 categories include Isinglass, Kieselghur, Irish moss, Kappa carrageenan, gelatins, etc. In addition,
35 due to more demand for these commercial filter aids, it also places more burden on foreign exchange
36 which are used to import these raw materials especially kieselghur as they are relatively expensive
37 and are not readily available. Hence, the need to divert some of the revenue or foreign exchange
38 used for the importation of these clarifying agents into other useful areas has to be made. This can be
39 actualized by finding substitutes for these commercial filter aids from some of the sources that are
40 locally available such as egg shell powder and snail shell powder.

41 Egg shell and snail shell have different components aside the mineral contents which composed
42 mainly of calcium compounds especially CaCO_3 [5] unlike kieselghur which is diatomaceous earth that
43 contains mainly silica from the remains of diatoms. Calcium compounds also helps to precipitate the
44 suspended particles in the solution making them to form lumps and acquire more density which
45 enable them to settle under gravity, thus reducing turbidity. Hence, the use of some of these locally
46 available filter aids in brewing may yield products of desired qualities that can be comparable to those
47 obtained from the use of commercial filter aids, while reducing the overall cost of importation of other
48 commercial filter aids. Therefore the objective of this research is to evaluate the potentials of utilizing
49 egg shell powder and snail shell powder in sorghum beer clarification.

50 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

51 2.1 Source of materials

52 Grains of white sorghum variety (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) that is less than one year old and live
53 snails were both purchased at Nkwo Nnewi main market Nnewi, Anambra state, Nigeria. The egg
54 shell were obtained from Fast food restaurant at Umuchima, Ihiagwa in Owerri, Imo state, Nigeria.
55 Malted barley and brewer's yeast – *Saccharomyces carlsbergences* was obtained from PABOD
56 Breweries in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria. Hop pellets were obtained from Nigerian Breweries
57 in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Kieselghur was obtained from Department of Food Science and
58 Technology laboratory, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and the processing of samples and
59 experiments were carried out using the facilities available at the laboratory of Department of Food
60 Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria.

61 2.2 Sample preparation

62 2.2.1 Production of Sorghum Malt

63 The sorghum malt was produced using the method of Kunze [6] which has similar protocols for
64 malting of barley. The weighed and sorted sorghum grains were suspended in 10 litres of water and
65 steeped for 18 hours at a temperature of 25-30 °C with 6 hours wet steep period and 45 minutes of
66 air rest. The steeped grains were drained and heaped on a moistened jute bags previously sterilized
67 with steam and allowed to germinate at 25-30 °C for 2 and 3 days. Water was being sprinkled on the
68 grains throughout the germination period to avoid local overheating during germination. Kilning of the
69 germinated grains after 2 and 3 days was done in a hot air oven at temperatures between 60-70 °C
70 for about 2-3 hours. The sorghum malt was continuously stirred to aerate and achieve uniform heat
71 distribution. The rootless were removed and winnowed (cleaned) to remove dust and other particles.
72 The malted sorghum was milled (crushed) into different particle sizes – coarse, medium and fine
73 grist using attrition mill.

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74 2.2.2 Production of Egg Shell Powder

75 Egg shells from restaurant were cleaned and washed followed by the removal of the shell-membrane
76 with the aid of hot water in order to prevent or minimize the interference of protein molecules with the

77 | final product and the shells were later oven dried at 105 °C for 3 hours followed by cooling. The dried
78 | egg shells were milled into powder using attrition mill and then packaged in an air tight container.

79 | **2.2.3 Production of Snail Shell Powder**

80 | Live snails obtained from the market were washed and the boneless body (flesh) was removed to
81 | separate them the shells. The resultant shells were cleaned and effectively washed and oven dried at
82 | 105 °C for 3 hours followed by cooling. The resultant material was crushed into powder and packaged
83 | in an air tight container.

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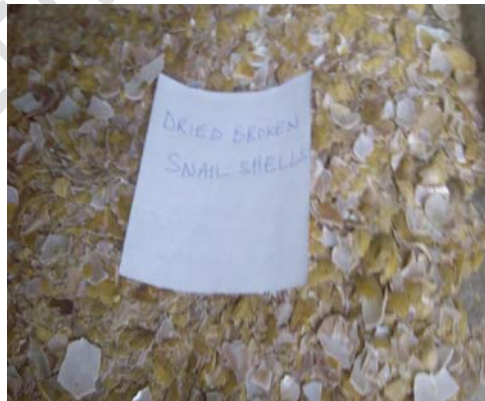
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86 | Figure 1: Plate of steeped sorghum grains

86 | Figure 2: Germinated sorghum grain

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89 | Figure 3: Dried egg shell

89 | Figure 4: Dried Snail shell

90 | **2.3 Mashing of Sorghum Malt**

91 | Temperature programmed infusion mashing was used to mash the sorghum malt as described by the
92 | method of Ofoedu [7] as well as Osuji and Anih [8] with slight modification. Six hundred (600) gram of
93 | malted grains comprising of 75% of malted sorghum and 25% of malted barley was dissolved in
94 | 6,600ml of portable water that was previously made to a pH of 11.0 using Ca(OH)₂ solution-. This step
95 | was made twice for different mash water for day 2 and day 3 sorghum malts. The mixture was stirred
96 | continuously as the temperature was raised to 45°C (for protein rest) and maintained at this
97 | temperature for 20 minutes after the addition of bacterial α-amylase (0.4ml). With constant stirring but
98 | not vigorous, the temperature of the sample mixture was raised to 55°C and maintained at this
99 | temperature for 10 minutes. The temperature of the content of the mashing vessel was raised to 65°C
100 | and maintained at this temperature for 1 hour with the addition of fungal α-amylase (0.4_ml).

101 Conversion (hydrolysis) of starch in the medium was tested by pipetting 2 drops of iodine solution on
102 a white ceramic tile. The mash was rested again at 70-75°C until complete saccharification by fungal
103 α -amylase was achieved which was confirmed with another iodine test. Thus, a negative test for
104 starch indicated that all starch molecules has been hydrolyzed.

105 The converted medium was filtered across a triple layer muslin cloth and the spent grains were
106 sparged with 1000ml of hot sparge water. The spent grains which also include husk, seedlings and
107 other insoluble materials were separated from the wort to recover as much extract as possible from
108 the spent grains. The flow process for the production of sorghum wort is described in figure 4 below.

109 **2.4 Sorghum Beer production**

110 The procedure used for beer production was a method described by Kunze [9]. The recovered wort
111 was boiled using classical method involving atmospheric boiling at 100°C for 45 minutes. Hop extracts
112 were added to the boiling wort so as to impart unique characteristic flavor and herbal aroma to the
113 product. The boiled wort was cooled and the hot trubs and other undissolved particles (debris) were
114 removed. The filtered wort was transferred into a fermenting vessel with each vessel containing wort
115 from 2nd day and 3rd day malted grains. An already activated yeast (200ml) was pitched into each of
116 the vessel at a temperature of 20°C and the wort was allowed to ferment for 8 days at 10° - 20°C.

117 **2.5 Beer Filtration and Clarification**

118 After fermentation, the beer was filtered and transferred into another vessel for maturation and
119 clarification. During the lagering process, the beer was made in triplicate for each of the brew from the
120 different germination periods (day 2 and day 3). Kieselghur in the ratio of 2:1 (Male:Female), egg shell
121 powder and snail shell powder were added to each of the three separate vessels containing beer from
122 day 2 and day 3 germination period for clarification and gently stirred. The mixture was allowed to
123 stand undisturbed for 2 weeks followed by bottling of the clarified beer in a clean sterilized glass bottle
124 and sealed with manual crowning machine.

125 **2.6 Quality Evaluation of sorghum malt, wort and beer**

126 **2.6.1 pH Determination**

127 The wort and beer pH was determined using a method of A.O.A.C. [10] with the aid of a hand-held pH
128 meter.

129 **2.6.2 Apparent Brix Determination**

130 The apparent brix (°B) of the wort and beer samples was determined according to the method
131 described by Montanez-Soto *et al.*, [11] using a Milwaukee Digital refractometer.

132 **2.6.3 Determination of Specific Gravity**

133 Specific gravity (original and final gravity) of the wort and beer was determined using specific gravity
134 bottle as described by A.O.A.C [10].

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137 **2.6.4 Determination of Alcohol**

138 The percentage alcohol by volume of beer was determined by the method of A.O.A.C. [10] through
139 distillation technique.

140 **2.6.5 Determination of Total Solids**

141 Total solids were determined using the method of Osuji and Anih [8].

142 **2.6.6 Determination of Turbidity**

143 Turbidity of the beer samples was determined by photometric method using HACH DR/21010
144 spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 860nm and programme number 750 according to A.O.A.C [12].

145 **2.6.7 Determination of Total Dissolved Solids**

146 The total dissolved solid of the beer sample was determined using a method of A.O.A.C. [10].

147 **2.7 Statistical Analysis**

148 Data obtained from these analyses were subjected to T-test and one-way analysis of variance. Means
149 obtained were separated using Fisher's Least Significant Difference at $P < 0.05$.

150 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

151 **3.1 Quality Evaluation of Sorghum wort and Sorghum beer:** The sorghum wort and beer quality
152 before clarification is shown in Table 1.

153 **3.1.1 pH:**

154 The pH of the sorghum wort from day 2 and day 3 sorghum malt are 5.60 and 5.50 respectively while
155 the pH of sorghum beer recorded 4.10 for day 2 malt and 3.90 for day 3 malt. There was no
156 significant difference ($P > 0.05$) between the pH of day 2 & day 3 sorghum wort and the pH of day 2 &
157 day 3 sorghum beer. pH is used to denote the degree of the alkalinity or acidity of a substance. The
158 pH of sorghum wort obtained in this study is in agreement with the range of 5.40 – 5.70 reported by
159 Kunze [6]. The sorghum beer pH was significantly lower than its corresponding sorghum wort.
160 However, previous research works have reported a pH range of 3.70 – 4.50 for lager beer and the pH
161 of sorghum beer obtained in this study falls within this range. This indicates that beer pH tends to be
162 more acidic after fermentation. The fall in pH of sorghum wort after fermentation must be the action of
163 yeast activity. It was reported by Coote and Kirsop [13] that yeast may be envisaged as acting to
164 reduce pH of wort by altering the wort buffering capacity, absorbing bases (amino acids) and
165 excreting organic acids such as pyruvic, malic, lactic, succinic, etc; thereby giving beer its unique pH
166 in acidic region.

167 **3.1.2 Apparent Brix (°B):**

168 The apparent brix of the sorghum wort from day 2 and day 3 sorghum malt are 15.4°B and 16.0°B
169 respectively while the apparent brix of sorghum beer recorded 4.60°B for day 2 malt and 4.70°B for
170 day 3 malt. There was no significant difference ($P > 0.05$) between the apparent brix of day 2 & day 3
171 sorghum wort and the apparent brix of day 2 & day 3 sorghum beer. The major solids present in wort
172 are mainly hydrolyzed sugars which include monosaccharide, disaccharides, dextrans as well as
173 amino acids, polypeptides, vitamins, minerals, etc [11]. Brix refractometer measures the degree to
174 which a solution refracts or bends light as it is normally used to measure the amount of sucrose in a
175 solution [14]. The apparent brix of sorghum beer was significantly lower than its corresponding
176 sorghum wort probably because of fermentation. During fermentation, soluble extracts in form of
177 hydrolyzed sugars and soluble proteins are absorbed by the yeast, thus reducing the final brix of the
178 beer after soluble extracts utilization is complete.

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180 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

181 **Table 1: Quality Evaluation of Sorghum wort and beer before clarification**

Samples	pH		Apparent Brix (°B)		Specific Gravity		% Alcohol	
	Wort	Beer	Wort	Beer	Wort (Original Gravity)	Beer (Final Gravity)	Wort	Beer
Day 2 Malt	5.60*±0.141	4.10±0.141	15.4*±0.282	4.60±0.071	1.076*±0.001	1.020±0.014	-	6.00 ^a ±0.00
Day 3 Malt	5.50*±0.007	3.90±0.0212	16.0*±0.141	4.70±0.141	1.076*±0.003	1.020±0.011	-	4.60 ^b ±0.03
LSD	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	0.086

182 *Values are the means of duplicate determinations*

183 a,b....means with the same superscript along a column for each treatment is not significantly different (P>0.05)

184 *....means with asterisk (*) within a row and within pH, Apparent Brix and Specific gravity is significantly different (P>0.05)

185 **KEY:**

186 Day 2 Malt = Sorghum grains germinated for 2 days

187 Day 3 Malt = Sorghum grains germinated for 3 days

188 NS = Not Significant

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191 **3.1.3: Specific Gravity of the Wort:**

192 The original gravity of the sorghum wort from day 2 and day 3 sorghum malt are 1.076 and 1.076
 193 respectively while the final gravity of sorghum beer recorded 1.020 for day 2 malt and 1.020 for day 3
 194 malt. The original gravity obtained in this work is in line with the range of 1.000-1.130 as reported by
 195 Kunze [6]. However, there was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) between the apparent brix of day 2
 196 & day 3 sorghum wort and the apparent brix of day 2 & day 3 sorghum beer but significant difference
 197 ($P<0.05$) exists between sorghum beer and its corresponding sorghum wort. The lower specific
 198 gravity in sorghum beer could be as a result of the complete utilization of the soluble extracts
 199 (hydrolyzed sugars and soluble proteins) of sorghum wort by yeasts to yield alcohol and other by-
 200 products. The variation is principally due to varying levels of solid contents in the wort and beer which
 201 contributed to its density [7].

202 **3.1.3 Alcohol content:**

203 The alcohol content of sorghum beer from day 2 malt and day 3 malt was recorded as 6.00% and
 204 4.60% respectively. There was significant difference ($p<0.05$) between sorghum beer from day 2 malt
 205 and sorghum beer from day 3 malt. The percentage alcohol content in the sorghum beer is
 206 predominantly ethanol. The higher alcohol content in sorghum beer from day 2 malt when compared
 207 to the beer from day 3 malt could be as a result of varying concentrations of sugars produced during
 208 malting and mashing operation. However, it could be stated that a correlation exists between duration
 209 of germination and hydrolysable sugar concentration as well as alcohol content. In other words, it
 210 could be that the alcohol yield decrease with increase in malting loss or decrease in malt yield [6].

211 **Table 2: Physicochemical Properties of Clarified Beer Samples**

SAMPLE	Specific Gravity	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Solids (g/ml)	Total Dissolved Solids (g/ml)
A	1.001 ^a ±0.001	8.28 ^d ±0.280	0.016 ^b ±0.001	0.008 ^a ±0.003
B	1.001 ^a ±0.001	21.88 ^c ±0.140	0.017 ^b ±0.001	0.012 ^a ±0.000
C	1.002 ^a ±0.000	23.24 ^b ±0.140	0.024 ^a ±0.000	0.011 ^a ±0.003
D	1.004 ^a ±0.001	8.72 ^d ±0.280	0.016 ^b ±0.001	0.009 ^a ±0.001
E	1.003 ^a ±0.003	23.42 ^b ±0.140	0.022 ^b ±0.003	0.010 ^a ±0.001
F	1.004 ^a ±0.001	26.56 ^a ±0.000	0.026 ^a ±0.00	0.011 ^a ±0.001
LSD	NS	0.47	0.004	NS

212 a,b,...means with the same superscript along a column for each treatment is not significantly different
 213 ($P>0.05$)

214 **KEYS:**

- 215 A = Day 2 beer clarified with Kieselghur
 216 B = Day2 beer clarified with egg shell powder
 217 C = Day 2 beer clarified with snail shell powder
 218 D = Day 3 beer clarified with Kieselghur
 219 E = Day 3 beer clarified with Egg shell powder
 220 F = Day 3 beer clarified with snail shell Powder.

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224 3.2 **Quality Evaluation of the Clarified Sorghum Beer samples:** The quality of sorghum beer
225 clarified with kieselghur, egg shell powder and snail shell powder are shown in Table 2.

226 **3.2.1 Total Solids:**

227 The total solids of the clarified beer samples ranged from 0.016g/ml to 0.024g/ml. For Day 2 clarified
228 beer, there was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) between sample A (Day 2 beer clarified with
229 Kieselghur) and sample B (Day 2 beer clarified with egg shell powder) but both showed significant
230 difference ($P<0.05$) with sample C (Day 2 beer clarified with snail shell powder). Also, for Day 3
231 clarified beer, there was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) between sample D (Day 3 beer clarified
232 with Kieselghur) and sample E (Day 3 beer clarified with Egg shell powder) but both showed
233 significant difference ($P<0.05$) with sample F (Day 3 beer clarified with snail shell Powder). The
234 variations in the total solids of the clarified beer samples may be attributed to the nature and/or the
235 chemical composition of the filter aids. It could be observed that the germination period of malt used
236 in producing these clarified sorghum beers had no significant influence on the amount of total solids in
237 the beer sample. However, the filter aids influenced the quantity of solids present in the sorghum beer
238 samples. For both Day 2 and Day 3 clarified sorghum beer samples, beer clarified with kieselghur had
239 the least total solids, followed by egg shell powder clarified beer, while snail shell powder clarified
240 beer recorded a higher total solid content. According to Anger *et al.*, [15] and Ofoedu [7] total solids
241 are largely composed of soluble and insoluble constituents of a solution such as sugars, organic
242 acids, amino acids (nitrogenous compounds) and minerals. Comparing the egg shell and snail shell
243 powders used as filter aids in this research work, it could be that the chemical composition of the egg
244 shell powder tends to have more affinity for insoluble or suspended solids by trapping insoluble and/or
245 suspended solids and precipitating them out of solution in form of flocs, thereby resulting to a lesser
246 solid content compared to snail shell powder clarified beers.

247 **3.2.2 Total Dissolved Solids (TDS):**

248 The total dissolved solids of the clarified beer samples ranged from 0.008g/ml to 0.012g/ml. There
249 was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) in the total dissolved solids of the clarified beer samples from
250 Day 2 and Day 3. The total dissolved solids are the soluble solutes that were not precipitated by the
251 filter aids. The differences in the total dissolved solids of the clarified beer samples could be as a
252 result of variations of germination periods and some chemical reaction that occurred during mashing
253 operation, thereby yielding different concentrations of soluble solutes. According to Ofoedu [7], total
254 dissolved solid is the measure of the combined content of all organic and inorganic substances
255 contained in a liquid in molecular and/or ionized form.

256 **3.2.3 Specific Gravity:**

257 The specific gravity (SG) of the clarified beer samples ranged from 1.001 to 1.004 and there was no
258 significant difference ($P>0.05$) in the SG of the beer samples. Specific gravity of beer is a function of
259 the density of beer and density of water at equal volumes [7]. It could be observed that the SG of the
260 clarified beer samples from Day 2 and Day 3 were lower than the final gravity of the beer after
261 fermentation in Table 1. The decrease in SG observed in the clarified beer samples is because of the
262 combined action of beer maturation and clarification with the aid of filter aids. Maturation is the
263 transformation between the end of primary fermentation and final filtration of beer [16]. During this
264 stage of brewing process, complex biochemical, chemical and physical reactions that leads to beer
265 clarity as well as flavour development occur.

266 **3.2.4 Turbidity:**

267 The turbidity of the clarified beer samples ranged from 8.28 to 26.56NTU (Nephelometric turbidity
268 Unit). There significant differences ($P<0.05$) in the turbidity of the clarified beer samples. Sample F
269 (Day 3 beer clarified with snail shell Powder) recorded the highest turbidity of 26.56NTU while sample
270 A (Day 2 beer clarified with Kieselghur) had the least turbidity of 8.28NTU followed by sample D (Day
271 3 beer clarified with Kieselghur) with a turbidity of 8.72NTU and both showed no significant difference
272 ($P>0.05$). The differences in the clarified beer turbidity could be as a result of variations in the
273 concentration of soluble solutes and suspended particles in the beer samples. The turbidity of the
274 beer samples could also be due to the extent of grain modification during germination/malting [6] and
275 the degree of hydrolysis during mashing. Sorghum grain is without husk and this tends to cause
276 filtration problem due to their naked caryopsis.

277 In addition, the type of filter aids used, might have partly contributed to the variations in the turbidity of
278 the beer samples. It could be observed that for Day 2 and Day 3 clarified beer, beer samples clarified
279 with kieselghur had a lower turbidity, followed by egg shell powder clarified beer while snail shell
280 powder clarified beer recorded the highest turbidity and this also corresponds to the total solid content
281 of the individual beer samples. In other words, the concentration of total solids in a beer sample or
282 solution can be correlated to turbidity. It is important to note that Day 3 clarified beer samples had a
283 higher turbidity than its corresponding Day 2 clarified beer samples, probably due to production of
284 more proteins (amino acids) and other compounds that can cause haze in beer. Turbidity is simply the
285 cloudiness or haziness of a beer. Haze in beer can be as a result of polyphenols and proteins. These
286 micronutrients are always present in beer and can form haze when they cross-link to form insoluble
287 particles [17]. Unlike insoluble particles and/or suspended solids, coloured compounds such as
288 melainoidins that are produced during kilning and mashing operation and forms part of soluble solutes
289 can also contribute to beer's turbidity. Turbidity is measured when incident light is scattered at right
290 angles from the sample by the concentration of suspended solids. However, though melainoidin
291 pigments may be present in low concentrations in beer, they also contribute significantly to the
292 turbidity of the beer.

293 Four beer samples analyzed for turbidity by Thermoscientific [18] reported that lager beer had
294 16.3NTU, light pilsner had 7.2NTU, seasonal ale had 13.5NTU and stout had 5.8NTU; but the
295 sorghum lager beer produced in this study had 8.28-8.72NTU for kieselghur clarified beer, 21.88-
296 23.42NTU for egg shell powder clarified beer and 23.24-26.56NTU for snail shell powder clarified
297 beer. According to literature, 1EBC = 4NTU = 69ASBC [19], and the turbidity of beer samples are
298 graded based on their degree of haziness (Brilliant for 0.0 to 0.5EBC, Almost Brilliant for 0.5 to
299 1.0EBC, Very Slightly Hazy for 1.0 to 2.0EBC, Slightly Hazy for 2.0 to 4.0EBC, Hazy for 4.0 to 8.0
300 EBC and Very Hazy for >8.0EBC). This implies that the turbidity of kieselghur clarified sorghum may
301 be classified as slightly hazy while egg shell powder and snail shell powder clarified sorghum beer
302 may be classified as Hazy. This is in agreement with the work of Olu *et al.*, [20] who reported
303 5.25EBC lager beer from 100% barley malt and a range of 5.25EBC to 7.00EBC lager beer from
304 blends of barley malt and sorghum adjunct.

305 4. CONCLUSION

306 The effectiveness of egg shell powder and snail shell powder as potential filter aids for brewing
307 exhibited some clarification properties. Kieselghur clarified sorghum beer had better clarity than egg
308 shell powder and snail shell powder clarified sorghum beer; but egg shell powder showed better
309 clarification potentials than snail shell powder. Sorghum beer clarified with kieselghur was classified
310 as slightly hazy while egg shell powder and snail shell powder clarified sorghum beer was classified
311 as hazy in terms of its turbidity. Malting of sorghum improves the hydrolysis and modification of
312 starchy endosperm. There is a direct correlation between total solid content and turbidity since the
313 concentration of total solids in the beer samples influenced the beer quality and clarity. Germination
314 period significantly influenced the turbidity of the beer samples. It is therefore recommended that
315 further research be carried out on the treatment of egg shell, snail shell and other crustacean shells
316 so as to improve their effectiveness in beer/beverage clarification for a better product quality and
317 acceptability.

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