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# 2 Neural Image Analysis and Electron Microscopy to 3 Detect and Describe Selected Quality Factors of Fruit 4 and Vegetable Spray-Dried Powders. Case Study: 5 Chokeberry Powder

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17 **Abstract:** The study concentrates on researching possibilities of using computer image analysis and  
18 neural modeling in order to assess selected quality discriminants of spray-dried chokeberry  
19 powder. The aim of the paper is quality identification of chokeberry powders on account of their  
20 highest drying power, the highest bioactivity as well as technologically satisfying looseness of  
21 powder. The article presents neural models with vision technique backed up by devices such as  
22 digital camera as well as electron microscope. Reduction in size of input variables with PCA has  
23 influence on improving the processes of learning data sets, thus increasing effectiveness of  
24 identifying chokeberry fruit powders included in digital pictures, which is shown in the results of  
25 the conducted research. The effectiveness of image recognition are presented by classifying abilities  
26 as well as low Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), for which the best results are achieved with  
27 typology of network type Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP). The selected networks type MLP are  
28 characterized by the highest degree of classification at 0.99 and RMSE at 0.11 at most at the same  
29 time.

30 **Keywords:** Artificial Neural Network (ANN); classification; image analysis, chokeberry powder,  
31 colors, spray-drying  
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## 33 1. Introduction

34 Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa* L.) is a rich source of valuable nutrients, among other things,  
35 vitamins and polyphenols. It is also characterized by high content of antioxidants, which have  
36 positive influence on improving eyesight as well as lower blood pressure [1,2] and lead to early  
37 inhibition of cancerogenesis stages [3-5]. The basic antioxidants that can be found in chokeberry fruit  
38 are anthocyanins [6]. Anthocyanins are pigments, which give chokeberry fruit a characteristic dark  
39 color [7]. Color intensity depends on pH, when pH is low the color is intense red, when pH rises, the  
40 color changes into dark-blue [8]. Chokeberry also contains valuable tannins (tanning agents), which  
41 are responsible for its sensory characteristics, giving chokeberry fruit a very characteristic tart taste  
42 [9]. On account of that products obtained from chokeberry including chokeberry powders, are  
43 widely used in functional and pro-health food as well as in all food industry as natural red and  
44 dark-blue dye. The still increasing customer awareness in recent years in terms of healthy nutrition

45 leads to increase in demand for food of natural origin characterized by pro-health properties. At the  
46 same time, a dynamically developing trend of foodstuffs fast to make at any moment and in any  
47 place determine development of instant food technology [10]. Dried vegetable products, especially  
48 fruit products are ideal semifinished good used in the production of this type of food. Fruits can be  
49 dried as whole fruits or their particles, pastes and juices. A very disadvantageous phenomena  
50 regarding dried food products is shrinkage of dried material, so changes in the shape and texture of  
51 finished dried product related to breaking of capillaries during drying process [11]. In case of drying  
52 paste and fruit juices, the most commonly used method is spray-dried method with carrier 5 such  
53 powders on a large scale is not easy due to their stickness [12].

54 These phenomena are linked with high content of simple sugars and organic acids, which are  
55 characterized by low temperature of verification (T<sub>g</sub>). During the process of spray-drying, powders  
56 of different morphology and particle microstructure are formed [10,13]. It results from different  
57 conditions of drying such as: way and conditions of spraying liquid (i.e. rotary atomizer and its  
58 rotary speed), inlet temperature of drying air (inlet and outlet air temperature), physiochemical  
59 parameters of feed to be dried [13]. One of the examples is increasing inlet air temperature, which  
60 causes increase in speed of drying, and at the same time causes lower shrinking of particles [14]. In  
61 consequence, powder particles characterized by bigger size and other microstructure are formed  
62 [15]. When inlet temperature of the spray dried powder is low the majority of particles shows  
63 withered surfaces while increasing the inlet temperature results in the larger number of particles of  
64 smooth surfaces [16]. Different situation occurs when rotary atomizer speed, then there is a tendency  
65 to form particles characterized by smaller sizes [17]. Microstructure of powder particles, in turn has  
66 influence on functional parameters, which directly determine abilities of their application.  
67 Flowability is one of the most important features of powders because it affects the powders'  
68 behaviors in various processes, e.g. transport, mixing and dosage [5]. Parameters which have a  
69 substantial influence on powder looseness, among other things, are: particle size distribution, loose  
70 bulk density, tapped bulk density, density of the powder particles, volume of the interstitial air,  
71 moisture [5][18-20]. A particularly important parameter to characterize features of fruit powders on  
72 account of packaging processes, transport and storing is loose and tapped bulk density. Fleck  
73 compaction in powder (compressibility) influences bulk density. Loose bulk density is a volume of  
74 loosely poured powdered material, while tapped bulk density that is shaken down is a volume of  
75 powder compressed in normalized way (empty volumes between particles are eliminated) [21-23].  
76 Apart from numerous physical features of fruit powders, bioactive features are also crucial, which  
77 result from retaining properties of fresh fruit juices from which they are produced. It has an  
78 enormous meaning in application of those powders as pro-pro-health additives or as natural dyes  
79 used in food and pharmaceutical industry [5][16][20][24]. In industrial production of such powders,  
80 a key issue is getting suitable quality, which is determined by given values of various physical and  
81 chemical parameters. Marking all parameters in laboratory is time-consuming, thus a search for fast  
82 techniques of assessing the quality of powders during production process is being continued at all  
83 times [10].

84 In the face of diversity of neural networks resulting from using numerous architectures, a really  
85 important stage is selection of those, which, in an ambiguous way, are able to solve a given problem  
86 that is under research. Classification is understood as finding such classifier, which allows to divide  
87 set of elements into groups, called classes [25-27]. Elements belonging to one group are called  
88 objects. There can be differences between them, but not in case of properties, on account of which,  
89 they were assigned to a given class. One of the examples of neural networks used most commonly in  
90 classification issues is Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) [28,29]. It is a unidirectional network using  
91 method of learning with teacher [30,31], possessing a multi-layer architecture with at least one  
92 hidden layer [10]. The only possible communication is the one between neurons in adjacent layers.  
93 The activating function for hidden neurons has a non-linear character (sigmoid character) [32].

94 The aim of the study is quality identification of chokeberry powders on account of their drying  
95 power, all the same receiving the highest possible bioactivity (i.e. the highest content of anthocyanin  
96 and value of antioxidant potential). Quality identification also includes proper degree of looseness of

97 powders (indirectly via microstructure and morphology of particles). In order to achieve this goal, a  
 98 vision technique with digital camera was used, using drying power on the outer surface as well as  
 99 electron microscopy using the shapes of the inner structure (morphology structure) of spray-dried  
 100 chokeberry juices. The research that is conducted are to allow to implement this type of solutions  
 101 monitoring spray-dried chokeberry juice with artificial intelligence. Neural model is aimed at  
 102 classifying chokeberry powders trials, which do not diverge from industrial patterns with particular  
 103 drying and bioactive properties as well as looseness in terms of color and structure.

## 104 2. Materials and Methods

### 105 2.1. Preparation of spray dried chokeberry powders

106 Drying was performed using a semi-industrial spray dryer – Niro Atomiser type FU 11 DA  
 107 (Denmark), which allowed to perform a full equivalent of the industrial process. Commercial,  
 108 concentrated chokeberry juice (SVZ International B.V., Holland) (65 Brix) was used in the study.  
 109 Maltodextrin with two degrees of crystallization was used as carrier DE: 8 and 22 (Roquette Freres -  
 110 France). The content of all powders that were received was identical: 30% of fruit and 70% of carrier  
 111 in dry powder mass. The process was performed for the following inlet air temperature: 150, 160, 170  
 112 °C, and with the following values of the rotary atomiser's rotational speed: 12000, 13000, 14000 rpm.  
 113 In table 1 presented experimental conditions used for the spray drying of chokeberry juice with  
 114 carrier.

115 **Table 1.** Experimental conditions used for the spray drying of chokeberry juice with carrier

Powder code	DE carrier	Carrier content, %	Inlet air temperature, °C	Rotary atomizer speed, rpm
AR_1	8	70	150	12000
AR_2	8	70	160	12000
AR_3	8	70	170	12000
AR_4	8	70	160	13000
AR_5	8	70	160	14000
AR_6	22	70	160	12000

### 116 2.2. Image preparation

117 The study concentrates mainly on the comparative analysis of chokeberry powders received in  
 118 various variants of spray drying in accordance with table 1. Different parameters of drying  
 119 simultaneously determine different functional properties of powders, that is why the 6 test trials  
 120 were called quality classes (AR\_1, AR\_2, AR\_3, AR\_4, AR\_5 and AR\_6). The first step with digital  
 121 camera and site for image acquisition [10] required acquiring colored 24-bit images that have  
 122 4928x3264 resolution of color space models RGB (Red Green Blue). One of the methods of computer  
 123 image analysis was used, i.e. segmentation, that allowed to receive 3050 objects in the form of image  
 124 patterns that had 450x450 resolution. Table 5 presents layout of objects occurring in given classes of  
 125 spray-dried chokeberry juice.

126 Image histogram was used in the research, which allows to characterize image globally on the  
 127 basis of encoded numerical data. Parameters determining histogram are measurements and statistics  
 128 of image such as: average, standard deviation, median, minimum and maximum. Using author's  
 129 original software „PIDsystem“, recommended parameters for file (with .csv extension) were  
 130 extracted, creating the so called training set [33]. The software allows to distinguish recommended  
 131 features from image included in color space model RGB [34] as well as H\_S\_B\_L (Hue Saturation  
 132 Brightness Lightness) and YCbCr (Y is luma component and CB and CR are the blue-difference and  
 133 red-difference chroma components) [35,36]. The selected model of colors were achieved on the basis  
 134 of mathematical conversion of RGB color. Tables 2 and 3 variable input data present image

135 descriptors determining the aforementioned numerical data, which are encoded in color space  
136 models.

137 Within the comparison of efficiency of recognizing chokeberry powders, digital images with  
138 the technique of electron microscopy were used. While the research, fragments of fruit powder were  
139 indicated, achieving 24-bit images within a range of grey color that have 480x390 resolution. On the  
140 basis of 12 images, two from each class of chokeberry powders quality, 7406 micro-particles were  
141 marked from image. micro-particles were achieved with electron microscope Hitachi TM3000  
142 Tabletop scanning electron microscope (Hitachi High-Technologies Corp., Tokyo, Japan). Study  
143 design of acquiring scanning images was achieved on the basis of the previously conducted research  
144 on chokeberry powders [5]. The process of processing scanning images consisted of several stages,  
145 whose aim was to create image convolution with Canny filter, making image binarization as well as  
146 extracting features of shape coefficient with micro-particles occurring on image (Fig. 1).

### 147 2.3. Canny Edge detection

148 Filter application in image processing is a well known solution in determining, among other  
149 things, edges, pixel weight, noise reduction, removal of granulation, sharpness improvement,  
150 changes in recording format as well as image resolution. The aim is to gain information encoded in  
151 bitmap as well as determining meaningful image pixels. The Canny method of detection is nothing  
152 else but automatic detection of layout of particle sizes with image analysis based on local adaptive  
153 edge detection [37]. The Canny method optimizes three basis criteria: minimizes the number of  
154 faulty detections, ensures precise edges localization as well as generates a single answer for each real  
155 edge in image [38].

156 Edge detection in image is a popular and effective solution. Among well known solutions of  
157 image convolution, apart from the Canny's, one can also mention, Roberts, Prewitt, Kirsch, Sobel,  
158 Robinson [39,40], Laplace [41] and Laws [10,42]. Convolution filtration of digital images depends on  
159 determining derivatives of numerical values of image with proper selection go color change or  
160 gradient change in such a way to achieve adequate sample standard. Primary image is subject to  
161 image filtration with the use of masks of 3x3, 5x5 or 7x7 that are applied. In order to apply the Canny  
162 filter and to achieve micro-particle edges on image, the original software called „PIDsystem“ was  
163 used.

### 164 2.4. Binarization

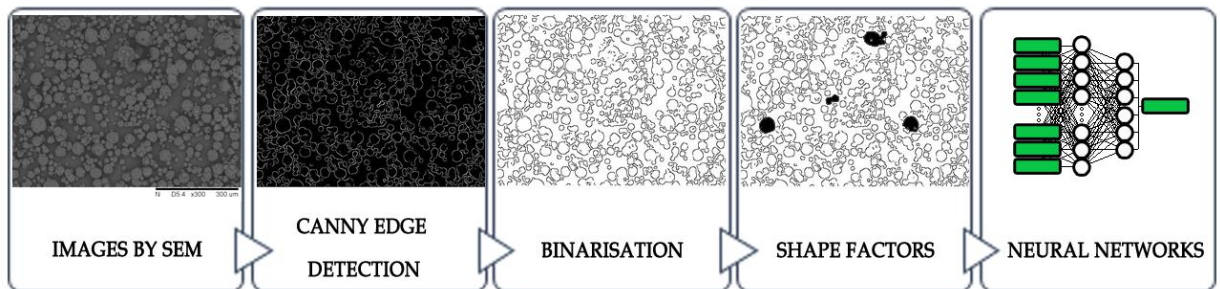
165 In another step, image from the Canny filter undergoes binarization obtaining 1-bit image.  
166 Binarization is one the most important actions of spot image processing [43,44]. It most cases it  
167 precedes image analysis and it is also very useful in the process of their recognition. Only in case of  
168 binary images it was possible to take the measurements determining shape coefficient of  
169 micro-particles. In order to do this, Matlab environment with library Hough transform was used [45].  
170 Hough Transform is a very simple method of detecting regular shapes (circles, lines) on image. This  
171 action was tested with ImageJ software [46]. The aim of binarization was radical reduction of  
172 information included in image as well as extracting shape coordinates of micro-particles.

### 173 2.5. Image acquisition

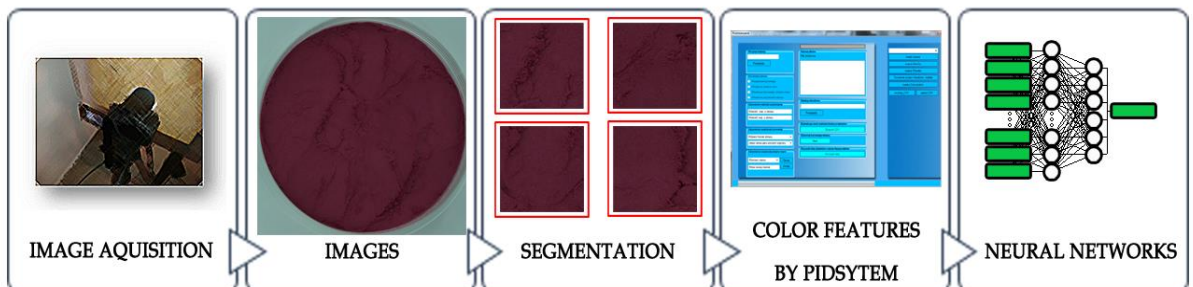
174 Images of research material samples were obtained using a Nikon D5100 camera with a 16.2  
175 megapixel sensor (CMOS sensor 23.1 x 15.4 mm - DX format), scalytic tent illuminated by visible light  
176 (VIS) of warm white color and a color temperature of 6500 Kelvins (K) (Fig. 2). In the CMOS matrix,  
177 image-setting (exposure to light) and pixel reaction is the same like in the CCD matrix. What differs  
178 them is the way of photo-counting and transferring information about luminance that is subject to  
179 processing. In the CMOS matrix, each pixel has its own charge - voltage converter, which allows to  
180 access singular point and further transfer information.

181 Parameters of the research station were calibrated in the following manner: sensitivity of the  
182 camera matrix was set at ISO-125, the diaphragm was set at  $f / 8$  while exposure time was set at 1/125

183 sec; length of the prime lens was set to 70mm, without flash, white balance was set in manual mode  
 184 After adequately customizing the parameters to each object subject to imaging and preparing the  
 185 equipment for image acquisition, we compiled a database in the form of digital images of selected  
 186 types of fruit powders. For the needs of the research, a previously prepared measurement - research  
 187 site was selected, which was also used when taking digital images for strawberry powders [10] and  
 188 rhubarb powders.



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 190 **Figure 1.** Scheme of shape factors which were extracted of image to the learning process of Neural  
 191 Networks.



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 193 **Figure 2.** Scheme of color features which were extracted of image to the learning process of Neural  
 194 Networks.

## 195 2.6. Principal component analysis

196 One of the methods of factor analysis is the analysis of main components, which, with the use of  
 197 statistical methods helps to reduce huge amounts of variables to a few factors, which are not correlated  
 198 with each other. The PCA analysis was made, whose aim was to reduce training set dimensions [10].  
 199 The matrix of correlation of learning sets was also defined, determining influence of numerical data  
 200 changeability of image parameters as well as shape compounds [47,48]. Table 6 and 7 present  
 201 proprietary values for training sets, on the basis of which main components of PCA as well as vector  
 202 effects were illustrated (see figure 1 and 2).

## 203 3. Results and discussion

### 204 3.1. Classification

205 The ANN training process was conducted with network typology type MLP. With a couple of  
 206 hundred neural networks that were created, the ones characterized by the best classification accuracy  
 207 were selected, with rather low RMSE. Table 2 shows results of training process with sampling of all  
 208 input variables. The network type MPL was created with 23 input variables, 25 neurons in the hidden  
 209 layer and 6 neurons in the output layer. The MLP 23:23-25-6:1 network was characterized by  
 210 classification coefficient on the level of 0.92, RMSE = 0.17 and MSE on the level of 0.35. It is worth  
 211 paying attention to the fact that the input layer for this model includes 23 image descriptors from  
 212 model RGB, YCBCR and H\_S\_B\_L. Dimension reduction of training set was based on the PCA  
 213 analysis determining among other things, correlations of input variables (Fig. 3) and the analysis of  
 214 sensitivity for input variables after each process of training was also made for comparison. The MLP  
 215 10:10-3-6:1 network is characterized by the worst classification ability, for which input layer is  
 216 attributed to shape coefficient. Shape coefficient was created on the basis of micro-micro-particles  
 217 distinguished from image. The influence of applying image filter with the matrix GLCM allowed to  
 218 slightly improve the degree of recognizing image with colors.

219 Looking at the level of difficulty in recognizing image for chokeberry fruit powders, the  
 220 subsequent variants of selection of input variables were taken into consideration. The models of color  
 221 spaces were separated in input variables, and trials corresponding output variables were divided  
 222 regarding conditions that influence the process of spray-dried in accordance with table 1, i.e.:  
 223 temperature: 150 C - AR\_1, 160 C - AR\_2 and 170 C - AR\_3, rotary atomizer speed:12000 rpm -  
 224 AR\_2, 13000 rpm - AR\_4 and 14000 rpm - AR\_5 as well as the degree of saccharification of drying  
 225 carrier (DE): 8 - AR\_2 and 14 - AR\_6 (Table 3). The network training process showed the influence of  
 226 selection of color shape model on recognizing chokeberry powders with the same amount of  
 227 maltodextrin, not recognizing powders on account of the amount of carries being used. It turned out  
 228 that the dominating color space model in recognizing chokeberry powders is YCbCr. The least  
 229 meaningful discriminants in the process of training were parameters form models HSB and HSL,  
 230 which led appropriately to retraining the ANN network. The highest classification abilities of network  
 231 on the level of 0.99 were achieved for MLP 15:15-25-3:1, MLP 15:15-10-2:1 and MLP 12:12-3-2:1. Inlet  
 232 air temperature as well as the degree of saccharification of drying carrier (DE) in the process of  
 233 chokeberry powders drying had the fundamental meaning in recognizing image regarding a given  
 234 factor. As a part of comparison the results of variants of the drying process were collated. Table 3  
 235 shows the results with digital camera, table 4 shows the results with selection of variables determining  
 236 coefficients of micro-particle shape received with electron microscopy. The RMS error level is three  
 237 times worse while identifying image particles than while identifying image color. Nevertheless, the  
 238 same relationship is visible in recognizing chokeberry powder classes with a given factor of drying  
 239 process influencing shape and color. The best ability of classifying regarded output variables  
 240 determining the degree of saccharification as well as changes in temperature during the process of  
 241 drying chokeberry powders. It confirmed by laboratory research of physiochemical and bioactive  
 242 parameters. An increase in inlet air temperature in the process of spray drying has positive influence  
 243 on changes of micro-particles, i.e. their sudden growth, and this results in increased efficiency of  
 244 powder as its looseness, but it has negative influence of bioactive properties [5]. In case of the degree of  
 245 saccharification of the carrier (DE), substantial statistical changes were noted down in case of particle  
 246 shape and powders looseness [5]. The worst ability of classifying in case of variation of rotary atomiser  
 247 speed is also confirmed with quality assessment conducted in laboratory. In case of this given variable  
 248 form most marked parameters, major statistical quality changes were not noted down [5].

249 **Table 2.** Results of training process ANN with selection of all output variables.

Name	MLP	MLP
	23:23-25-6:1	10:10-3-6:1
Input variables	RGB, YCbCR, H_S_B_L	shape factors
Output variables	All AR	All AR
Training error	0.1127	0.3695

Validation error	0.1268	0.3703
Testing error	0.1357	0.3706
Quality of training	0.9443	0.2425
Quality of validation	0.9396	0.2366
Quality of testing	0.9253	0.2408
Training algorithm	BP50, CG303b	BP50, CG150b
Learning cases	3050	7406
RMSE	0.1251	0.3701
MSE	0.3537	0.6084
Accuracy	0.9541	0.2371

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**Table 3.** Results of training process ANN with selection of differences in parameters influencing the drying process (inlet air temperature, rotary atomizer speed as well as the degree of saccharification of drying carrier (DE)).

Name	MLP	MLP	MLP	MLP	MLP
	12:12-2-3:1	15:15-5-3:1	15:15-25-3:1	12:12-3-2:1	15:15-10-2:1
Input variables	RGB	YCbCr	YCbCr	RGB	YCbCr
Output variables	AR_2, AR_4, AR_5	AR_2, AR_4, AR_5	AR_1, AR_2, AR_3	AR_2, AR_6	AR_2, AR_6
Training error	0.1513	0.1132	0.0798	0.0047	0.0312
Validation error	0.1675	0.1292	0.0814	0.0033	0.0573
Testing error	0.1696	0.2008	0.1665	0.0269	0.0646
Quality of training	0.9538	0.9837	0.9916	0.9999	0.9983
Quality of validation	0.9511	0.9674	0.9944	0.9999	0.9966
Quality of testing	0.9399	0.9344	0.9497	0.9999	0.9967
Training algorithm	BP50, CG300b	BP50, CG45b	BP50, CG48b	BP50, CG229b	BP50, CG76b
Learning cases	1470	1470	1434	1170	1170
RMSE	0.1628	0.1477	0.1092	0.0117	0.0510
MSE	0.4035	0.3843	0.3305	0.1082	0.2259
Accuracy	0.9497	0.9673	0.9940	0.9999	0.9999

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**Table 4.** Results of training process ANN shape coordinates.

Name	MLP	MLP	MLP
	10:10-17-3:1	10:10-47-2:1	10:10-30-3:1
Input variables	shape factors	shape factors	shape factors
Output variables	AR_1, AR_2, AR_3	AR_2, AR_6	AR_2, AR_4, AR_5
Training error	0.3285	0.2692	0.3277
Validation error	0.3286	0.2763	0.3296
Testing error	0.3293	0.2820	0.3290
Quality of training	0.4255	0.6555	0.4317
Quality of validation	0.4328	0.6285	0.4273
Quality of testing	0.4064	0.6039	0.4322
Training algorithm	BP50, CG67b	BP50, CG382b	BP50, CG66b
Learning cases	3394	2444	4100
RMSE	0.3288	0.2758	0.3288
MSE	0.5734	0.5252	0.5734

Accuracy	0.4328	0.6285	0.4009
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**Table 5.** Layout of frequency of output variables in training set.

output variable	AR_1	AR_2	AR_3	AR_4	AR_5	AR_6	AR_ALL
<b>number of cases regarding color</b>	496	512	426	484	474	658	3050
<b>%</b>	16.26	16.79	13.97	15.87	15.54	21.57	100
<b>number of cases regarding shape</b>	978	1266	1150	1370	1464	1178	7406
<b>%</b>	13.21	17.09	15.53	18.50	19.77	15.91	100

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**Table 6.** Eigenvalues by color.

	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3	PC 4	PC 5	PC 6	PC 7	PC 8	PC 9	PC 10
Variance	18.544	11.049	3.519	2.441	1.169	0.936	0.781	0.709	0.461	0.315
% of var.	45.229	26.948	8.582	5.953	2.850	2.283	1.905	1.730	1.125	0.767
Cumulative	45.229	72.177	80.759	86.712	89.563	91.846	93.751	95.481	96.606	97.373
% of var.										
	PC.11	PC 12	PC 13	PC 14	PC 15	PC 16	PC 17	PC 18	PC 19	PC 20
Variance	0.294	0.191	0.134	0.115	0.100	0.050	0.038	0.031	0.028	0.019
% of var.	0.717	0.466	0.327	0.281	0.245	0.121	0.093	0.076	0.067	0.046
Cumulative	98.090	98.557	98.884	99.165	99.409	99.530	99.623	99.699	99.767	99.813
% of var.										
	PC.21	PC 22	PC 23	PC 24	PC 25	PC 26	PC 27	PC 28	PC 29	PC 30
Variance	0.018	0.011	0.009	0.008	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.002
% of var.	0.044	0.026	0.023	0.019	0.018	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.007	0.006
Cumulative	99.856	99.882	99.905	99.924	99.942	99.955	99.966	99.977	99.984	99.990
% of var.										

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**Table 7.** Eigenvalues by shape factors.

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	PC6	PC7	PC8	PC9	PC10
Variance	7.530	2.954	1.233	0.478	0.243	0.202	0.173	0.089	0.043	0.037
% of var.	57.926	22.720	9.488	3.674	1.868	1.551	1.332	0.682	0.334	0.281
Cumulative	57.926	80.646	90.134	93.808	95.675	97.227	98.558	99.240	99.574	99.856
% of var.										

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### 3.2. Results of Principal Component Analysis

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The PCA analysis was made with training set characterized by color space model with 41 input variables. The set was reduced to the possible minimum set of numerical data of color space models (Fig. 3). The aforementioned set with variables was reduced eliminating input variables such as: Hue,

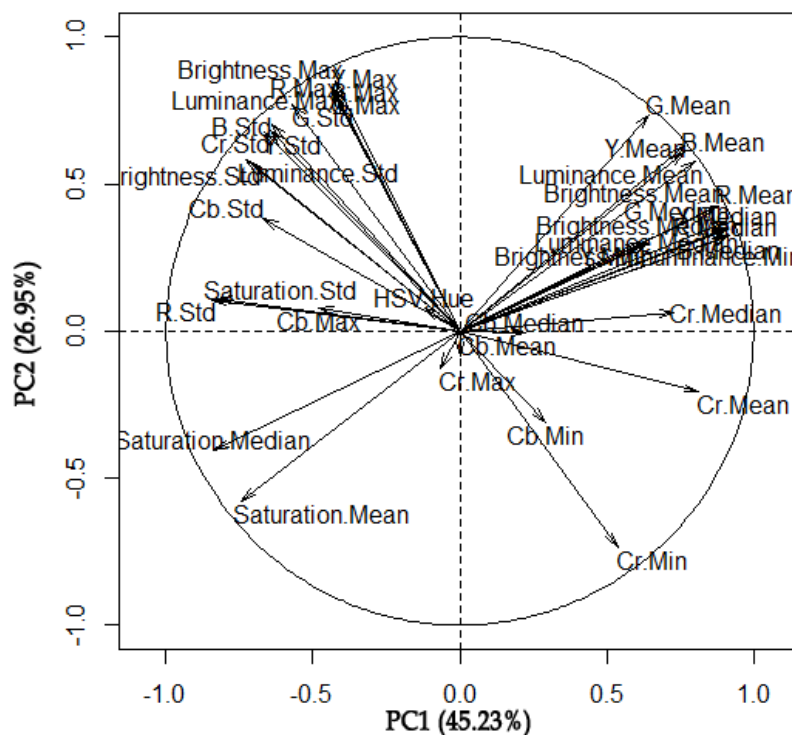


261 R Max, R Std, Y Min, Y Std, Cb Max, Cb Median, Cb Min, Cb Std, Cr Max, all Brightness, Luminance  
 262 Median, Min, Std. On the basis of the PCA analysis that was made, ANN was received. The training  
 263 set biased on shape coordinates with 13 input variables was reduced to 10 input variables. As a result  
 264 of reduction, MinFeret, Feret as well as Area were rejected.

265 In the second phase, the level of correlation between variables was analyzed. Strong correlation in  
 266 training set of color models occurred between variables Y Mean and Y Median and correlation  
 267 coefficient was on the level of 0.951. Equally strongly correlated negative results were received  
 268 between Y Max and Cr Min and amounted to  $r^2=0.913$ . In the RGB model the strongest correlation is  
 269 between variables B Max and G Max on the level of  $r^2=0.996$ . Comparing parameters between the  
 270 models YCbCr and RGB, a strong correlation is between the aforementioned variables, i.e. Y Max and  
 271 B Max on the level of 0.999. However, a strong negative correlation is between variables G Max and Cr  
 272 Min on the level of 0.932.

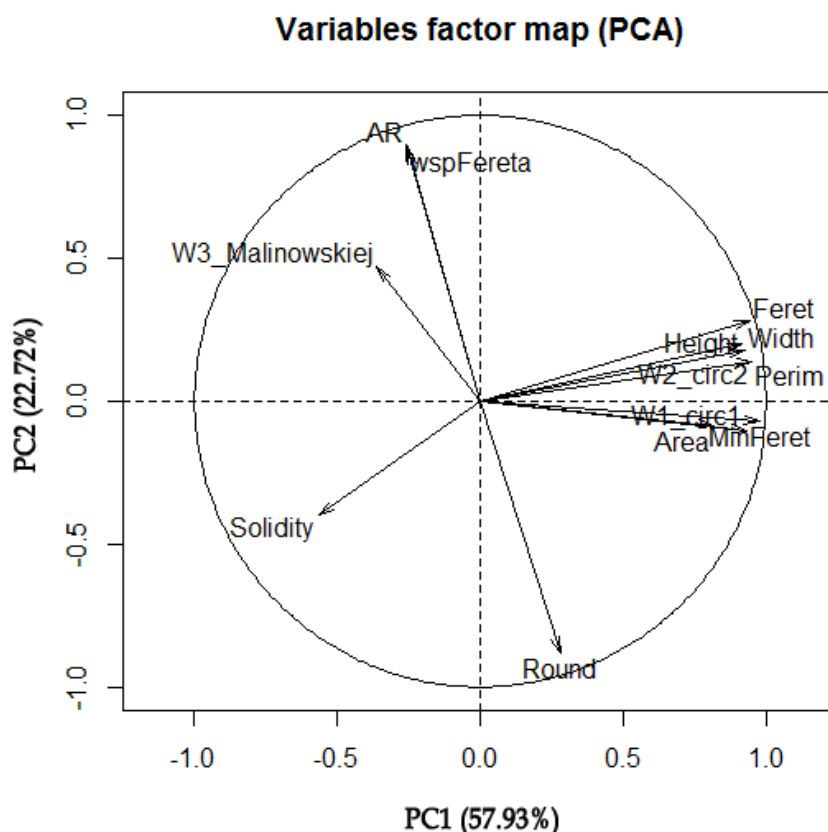
273 In case of data variations between parameters in training set of shape coefficient, a strong  
 274 correlation occurs between Feret and AR coefficients on the level of  $r^2=0.951$  and a strong negative  
 275 correlation of the aforementioned coefficient form Round on the level of  $r^2=0.815$  (Fig. 4).

**Variables factor map (PCA)**



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277 **Figure 3.** PCA of color features.



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279 **Figure 4.** PCA of shape factors.

#### 280 4. Conclusions

281 Utilization of the two vision techniques with digital camera and scanning microscope, found  
 282 out that more efficient recognition of quality classes of stay dried chokeberry juice occurs when  
 283 using color ratio. The best color space model having influence on ability of recognizing digital  
 284 images turned out to be the model YCbCr. On the basis of the PCA analysis, it was pointed out that  
 285 the strongest correlation occurs for the component Y of the model YCbCr. Neural models, in which  
 286 shape coefficients are included demonstrated, like in the case of strawberry micro-particles [10], that  
 287 the efficiency of recognizing micro-particles is dependent on their diameter. On the basis of the PCA  
 288 analysis, the strongest correlation occurs between Feret coordinates and other input variables  
 289 determining shape coordinates. Size reduction of input variables in the PCA analysis, improved  
 290 efficiency of recognizing image of digital pictures as well as SEM, and at the same time improved the  
 291 level of trying neural models.

292 Selection of input variables on account of the selection of factor in the process of drying  
 293 substantially responds to improvement of abilities of training network. The best classified  
 294 parameters in the process of drying were received during recognizing the degree of sacharification  
 295 (DE) of carrier and different temperatures of drying between trials. It is confirmed by laboratory  
 296 research of physiochemical and bioactive parameters that was done. An increase in inlet air  
 297 temperature in the process of spray drying has positive influence on changes in micro-particles, i.e.  
 298 their sudden growth, and this results in increased efficiency of fruit powders as well as its looseness,  
 299 however, it has negative influence on bioactive properties [5]. In case of the degree of sacharification  
 300 of the carrier (DE), substantial statistical changes were noted down regarding the size of particles  
 301 and powder looseness [5]. The worst classification abilities in case variations of rotary atomiser

302 speed is also confirmed by quality assessment conducted in laboratory. In case of this variable for  
303 most marked parameters, substantial statistical changes in quality were not detected [5].

304 The biggest classification abilities was reached by network typology the Multi-Layer  
305 Perceptron. Neural models, which were characterized by the highest quality of degree classification  
306 on the level of 0.99, were reached by MLP networks with structure. 15:15-25-3:1, 12:12-3-2:1 and  
307 15:15-10-2:1.

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