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# Physicochemical Properties of Dried Ginseng Powder Manufactured using Different Roasting Pretreatments and Cryogenic Milling conditions

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**Abstract:** This study was aimed at investigating the effects of roasting and cryogenic milling on particle size, water solubility, and amount of bioactive components in ginseng root. Samples were pulverized by cryogenic milling, and one treatment condition was selected for each size range (10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and  $>50 \mu\text{m}$ ). The selected samples were roasted at different temperatures (160-200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) followed by cryogenic milling. Powdered samples were analyzed for their physicochemical characteristics. Results revealed that roasted samples exhibited significantly smaller particle size than controls (not roasted,  $p<0.05$ ), and the particle size of roasted samples decreased with increase in roasting temperature until flocculation occurred around 180-190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . With decrease in particle size of ginseng; water solubility index, antioxidant activity, total polyphenol content, and total polysaccharide content were observed to increase. Ginseng samples showed an increasing trend in antioxidant activity with decreasing particle size ( $p>0.05$ ) with significantly higher values for all roasted samples compared to the controls ( $p<0.05$ ). Non-polar ginsenosides such as Rg2(S), Rg2(R), Rg3(S), Rg3(R), and Rh1(S) showed an increase in temperature-dependent manner. This study revealed that roasting at certain temperature range with cryogenic milling has positive effects on ginseng by reducing its particle size, and increasing water solubility and bioactive components.

**Keywords:** bioactive components, cryogenic milling, ginseng, particle size, roasting, water solubility

## 1. Introduction

Ginseng (*Panax ginseng* C.A. Meyer) is widely used in herbal medicine and has served as a functional food for over 2,000 years in oriental countries [1]. The use of ginseng root has been extensively preferred due to the presence of pesticide residues in ginseng leaf and stem [2]. Ginseng roots contain many bioactive components such as ginsenosides, phenolic compounds, acidic polysaccharides, and free amino acids that provide diverse health benefits to humans [3-5]. Specifically, major ginsenosides (Rb1, Rb2, Rb3, Rc, Rd, Re, Rf, and Rg1) in white ginseng roots have antioxidant, anti-cancer, anti-stress, anti-fatigue, and anti-inflammatory effects, and are involved in enhancing immunity, regulating blood pressure, improving brain function, and maintaining homeostasis [6-8]. Due to the presence of these bioactive compounds, fresh ginseng has a variety of benefits; however, high moisture content (approximately 70%) in fresh ginseng provides appropriate conditions for microbial growth, and enzymatic and non-enzymatic reactions. This results in rapid degradation in quality and reduction in medicinal efficacy of ginseng roots, and thereby, depreciation in the commercial value of ginseng [9]. Therefore, dried ginseng with relatively low moisture content (approximately  $<15\%$ ) can be stored for the long-term. Furthermore, dried ginseng is easy to pack, ship, and store because of its reduced weight and volume [10,11]. At present, dried ginseng products

primarily exist as an extract or in powdered forms in global herbal markets [12]. Although more products based on ginseng extract have been launched than the powdered form, a study has shown that hydrophobic and amphiphilic components cannot be effectively extracted from ginseng [12]. However, the powdered form has been reported to contain all the hydrophilic, hydrophobic, and amphiphilic bioactive components of ginseng [12]. The use of powdered ginseng in beverages is limited due to its low solubility. Thus, it is necessary to improve the solubility of ginseng powder.

Roasting is a suitable pretreatment that can enhance the solubility of ginseng powder. Pretreatment methods such as roasting result in decomposition, synthesis, and condensation reactions due to heat, which alters the constituent material facilitating the dissolution of the components of food [13]. Thus, there are a variety of reports showing that roasting increases ginsenoside as well as soluble solid content of ginseng [14,15]. Additionally, roasting promotes Maillard reaction between the reducing sugar (carbonyl group) and nitrogen compound (amino group), which generates a browning substance, melanoidin [16,17]. Furthermore, these melanoidins promote the antioxidant activity, and enhance the color and flavor of the product [16,17]. In addition to pretreatment, this study evaluated cryogenic milling of ginseng, which is not a common commercial milling method, and to our knowledge, we are the first to use such a method on ginseng. Conventionally, powderization technology uses high-temperature milling machines such as hammer mill, pin mill, ball mill, and air classifying mill. However, high-temperature milling affects ginseng quality through processes such as destruction of bioactive components and reduction of moisture content due to the generation of frictional heat through milling. However, low-temperature milling preserves the bioactive components and protects them from heat damage. Additionally, low-temperature milling has been shown to transform the cell wall layers of ginseng into brittle material, thereby rapidly reducing the powder size and limiting re-aggregation, ultimately resulting in increased solubility [18]. A previous study on relationship between particle size and water solubility has revealed that with decreasing particle size, the components (carbohydrate, protein, and lipid) of ginseng dissolve efficiently [19]. Only few studies on ginseng grinding with low temperature milling have been published so far. Furthermore, study on ginseng using cryogenic (ultra-low temperature) milling has never been reported. Such cryogenic milling at ultra-low temperature can produce ginseng powder of smaller size and may help in increasing solubility more than what is obtained using low temperature milling [20,21].

Thus, the purpose of this study was to evaluate the effects on roasting and cryogenic milling at ultra-low temperature (-196 °C) on particle size, water solubility and bioactive components in ginseng root. Furthermore, experiments were conducted to compare the physicochemical characteristics such as particle size, appearance, color, water solubility index (WSI), antioxidant activity, total polysaccharide content, acidic polysaccharide content, and ginsenosides based on particle size.

## **2. Materials and Methods**

### **2.1. Ginseng preparation and pretreatment**

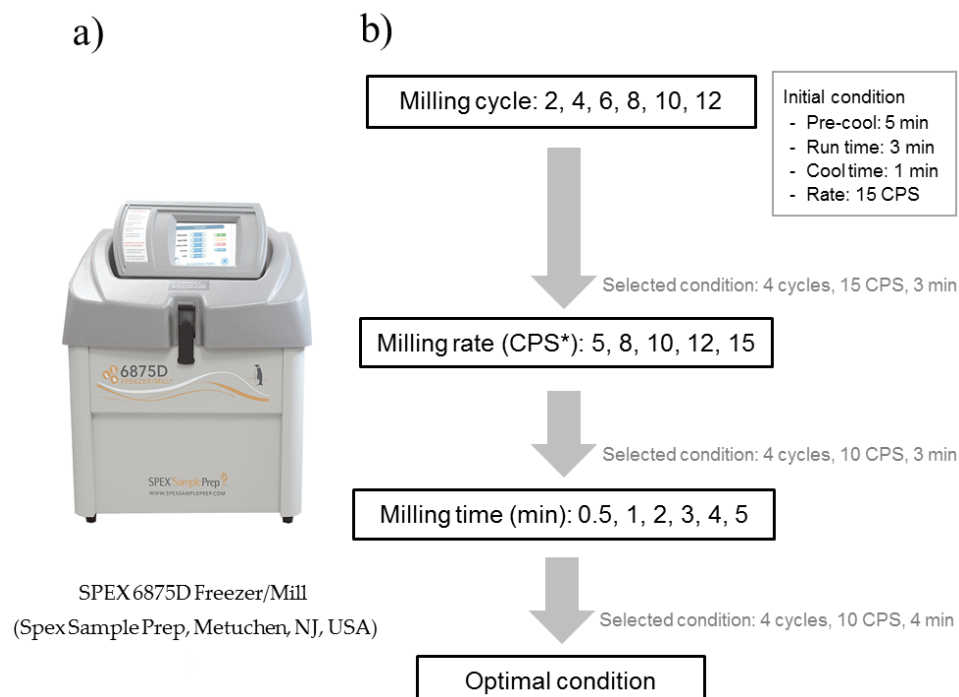
White dried ginseng (4-year-old) was purchased from Korea bio red ginseng market (Geumsan, Korea). Ginseng roots were cut into section of approximately 50 mm in length. Before grinding, dried ginseng (125 g) was roasted at 160 °C, 170 °C, 180 °C, 190 °C, and 200 °C for 15 min using a coffee bean roaster (CBR-101; Gene Café, Ansan, Korea).

### **2.2. Preparation of roasted ginseng powder**

Roasted ginseng roots were milled using SPEX 6875D Freezer/Mill (Spex SamplePrep, Metuchen, NJ, USA). The miller was precooled for 5 min to let it reach -196 °C, and then the sample was milled for 3 min at the maximum speed of 15 CPS (the number of back-and-forth cycles per second completed by the impactor). The miller was cooled for 1 min between each set of milling.

### 2.3. Treatments

Grinding of the dried ginseng in different cryogenic milling conditions has been described in Fig. 1. Cryogenic milling condition was optimized by three steps, which included the milling cycle, milling speed (CPS), and time. Initial condition for the first cycle included precooling, 5 min; milling time, 3 min; cooling time, 1 min; and milling rate, 15 CPS. Range for each step was 2-12 for milling cycle, 5-15 CPS for milling rate, and 0.5-5 min for milling time. After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples under different conditions, the samples were classified based on their particle size. The particle size was determined on the value based on surface weighted mean,  $D[3, 2]$ , and the size ranges were 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$ , 20-30  $\mu\text{m}$ , 30-40  $\mu\text{m}$ , 40-50  $\mu\text{m}$ , and >50  $\mu\text{m}$  (Table 2). One treatment condition for each size range was then selected, and samples selected based on particle size were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling. Pretreatment with roasting was performed at 160 °C, 170 °C, 180 °C, 190 °C, and 200 °C for 15 min (Table 3).



**Fig. 1.** Cryogenic miller (a) and cryogenic milling conditions (b) used for dried ginseng root. The conditions used for cycle-1 were 3 min-milling at a rate of 15 CPS. CPS stands for the number of back-and-forth cycles per second completed by the impactor.

### 2.4. Particle size

Particle size of the ginseng powder was measured based on following conditions: particle refractive index, 1.520; particle absorption index, 0.01; dispersant name, dry; dispersion media refractive index, 1; particle type, non-spherical; and measurement time, background 10 s/ sample 10 s using particle size analyzer (Mastersizer 3000; Malvern, Worcestershire, UK). After placing the ginseng powder on the sample inlet, 50% of flow rate (power) and 50% of feed rate (power) were set to run. Average particle size of all ginseng powders was evaluated at least 5 times, and expressed by different designations.

Table 1. Particle size distribution measurement

Designation	Description
D [3,2]	The surface area moment (Sauter) mean diameter
D [4,3]	The volume moment mean diameter

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Dx (10, 50, 90)	The cumulative percentiles
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## 2.5. Color

Separate petri dishes (35 × 10 mm) were completely covered with each type of ginseng powder. Color values of ginseng powder were measured using a colorimeter (CR-400; Konica Minolta Sensing, Tokyo, Japan) after calibrating with a standard ( $L^*$ , 95.78;  $a^*$ , -0.05; and  $b^*$ , 2.01). All ginseng powder samples were measured at least 5 times.

## 2.6. Water solubility index (WSI)

WSI of ginseng powder was measured in triplicates using the method described by Lee *et al.* (2013) [6]. Ginseng powder (0.5 g) was dispersed in 30 mL distilled water, and the solution was incubated at 80°C in a water bath shaker (BF-30SB; BioFree, Seoul, Korea) for 1 h. Then, the solution was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 30 min using a centrifugal separator (1736R; GYROZEN, Daejeon, Korea). The remaining supernatant was filtered with Whatman No. 2 filter paper (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) and the filtrate was dried at 60 °C for 24 h using a Hot air dryer (LD-918TH; Lequip, Hawsung, Korea). WSI was calculated as the following equation:

$$\text{WSI (\%)} = (\text{Weight of dried ginseng solution} / \text{Weight of ginseng powder}) \times 100$$

## 2.7. Antioxidant extract preparation

Each ginseng sample (1 g) was extracted with 70% ethanol (25 mL) for 3 h at 80 °C using a water bath (BF-30SB; Biofree), and ginseng extract was filtered with Whatman No. 2 filter paper (Sigma-Aldrich). Then, ginseng extract was concentrated using a rotary vacuum evaporator (EYELA rotary evaporator N-1000; Sunileyla, Seongnam, Korea), and freeze-dried using a freeze dryer (MCFD8512; Ilshin biobase, Yangju, Korea).

### 2.7.1 DPPH free radical scavenging activity

The scavenging activity of freeze-dried ginseng samples was measured using 2,2-diphenyl-1-picryl-hydrazyl (DPPH) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) radical by modified Blois method (1958) [22]. Freeze-dried ginseng sample was diluted using HPLC grade methanol, and the ginseng solution (160 µL) was mixed with 0.4 mM DPPH (40 µL, Ab 0.95-0.99). Similarly, to calibrate the color of the sample, methanol (40 µL) instead of DPPH was added to the ginseng solution (160 µL). Methanol (160 µL) mixed with DPPH (40 µL) was used as control. All reactions were performed in the dark at room temperature (22-24 °C) for 10 min. Absorbance was measured at 517 nm by Multiskan™ GO plate reader (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). DPPH free radical scavenging activity was determined by following equation, and the antioxidant activity was represented by IC<sub>50</sub> value indicating the amount of sample that eliminated 50% of DPPH radical.

$$\text{DPPH free radical scavenging activity (\%)} = [1 - \{(A1 - A2)/A3\}] \times 100$$

A1: Absorbance of 40 µL DPPH solution + 160 µL ginseng solution

A2: Absorbance of 40 µL methanol + 160 µL ginseng solution

A3: Absorbance of 40 µL DPPH + 160 µL methanol

## 2.8. Ginseng extract

To obtain ginseng extract, ginseng powder (0.5 g) was diluted with distilled water (50 mL) at 95 °C for 2 h in a water bath (BF-30SB; Biofree). Further, ginseng solution was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 min using a centrifugal separator (1736R; Gyrozen, Daejeon, Korea), filtered, and final volume was adjusted to 50 mL volumetric flask for analyzing the total polyphenol content and the total and acidic polysaccharide contents.

### 2.8.1. Total polyphenol contents (TPC)

TPC was analyzed by Folin-Denis method (Ough and Amerine 1980) [23]. Ginseng extract (2 mL) and Folin-Ciocalteu reagent (2 mL) were mixed for 3 min followed by mixing 2 mL of 10% Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The final mixture was reacted in dark at room temperature for 1 h, and their absorbance was measured at 700 nm by a Multiskan™ GO plate reader (Thermo Fisher Scientific). TPC of ginseng was evaluated by gallic acid (Sigma-Aldrich) standard curve ( $y = 15.111x + 0.0406$ ,  $R^2 = 0.9976$ ).

### 2.8.2. Total polysaccharide contents

Total polysaccharide contents were measured by the phenol-sulfuric acid method as described by Dubois *et al.* 1956 [24]. Ginseng extract (0.6 mL) was mixed with 0.3 mL of 5% phenol and 1.5 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid. The mixture was incubated in a water bath shaker (BF-30SB; Biofree) at 85 °C for 30 min, and later, cooled for 5 min at room temperature in dark. Absorbance of final mixture (0.2 mL) was measured at 490 nm by a Multiskan™ GO plate reader (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Total polysaccharide content of ginseng was evaluated by D-glucose (Samchun, Seoul, Korea) standard curve ( $y = 0.4895x + 0.0088$ ,  $R^2 = 0.9955$ ).

### 2.8.3. Acidic polysaccharide contents

Acidic polysaccharide contents were measured by Carbazole-Sulfuric method as described by Do *et al.* 1993 [25]. Ginseng extract (0.5 mL) was mixed with 0.25 mL of 0.1% (v/v) carbazole-absolute ethanol (Alfa Aesar, Haverhill, MA, USA) and 3 mL H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was incubated in a water bath shaker (BF-30SB; Biofree) at 80 °C for 5 min, and cooled for 15 min at room temperature in the dark. Then, the absorbance of the final mixture (0.2 mL) was measured at 525 nm. Acidic polysaccharide content of ginseng was evaluated by D-galacturonic acid (Sigma-Aldrich) standard curve ( $y = 3.5033x + 0.3208$ ,  $R^2 = 0.9842$ ).

### 2.9. Ginsenoside content

After adding ginseng powder (2 g) to 25 mL of 70% methanol, crude ginsenoside was extracted using a funnel shaker (RS-1; Jeio Tech, Dajeon, Korea) for 15 min. Following extraction, remaining fluid was adjusted to 50 mL volumetric flask. Ginseng solution (50 mL) was centrifuged for 5 min at 3,500 rpm and the supernatant was filtered through 0.22 µm membrane filter (Millipore, Burlington, MA, USA). Filtered sample was analyzed by HPLC (1260 Infinity II LC System; Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA) with a C18 column (Kinetex, 5 µm, 250×4.6 mm; Phenomenex, Seoul, Korea). The column temperature was set up at 30 °C. Gradient elution was established with water (solvent A) and acetonitrile (solvent B), and the flow velocity was maintained at 1.0 mL/min. HPLC gradient elution was set as follows: (0-5 min, A 80%, B 20%; 20 min, A 77%, B 23%; 25 min, A 70%, B 30%; 45 min, A 60%, B 40%; 55-65 min, A 50%, B 50%; and 70-75 min, A 80%, B 20%). Total run time of HPLC was 75 min. The injection amount was 10 µL and the absorbance was determined at 203 nm.

### 2.10. Statistical analysis

All analyses were performed in at least triplicates. Data was analyzed by duncan's multiple range test after one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) using SPSS 22.0 software (SPSS Inc., USA). Differences were considered statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$ .

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1. Particle size

At first, in preliminary experiments, when wet milling and cryogenic milling were compared, wet milling showed optimal conditions at 1:10 (ginseng: distilled water) ratio, and particle size was found to be 114 µm based on D [3,2] value (data not shown). In comparison, the particle size of dried ginseng using cryogenic milling was reported to be significantly reduced to 14 µm (based on D [3,2]



value). Therefore, cryogenic milling was considered effective as there was eight time reduction in particle size compared to that in wet milling used in the study. Cryogenic milling has been reported to increase the stiffness and decrease the flexibility of plant cell wall, effortlessly making the plant cell wall brittle, which further leads to rapid reduction in particle size [18]. As a result, in this study, ginseng powders of varying sizes from 10 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or higher were manufactured by different cycles, cycles per second (CPS), and running times using cryogenic milling equipment (Table 2). Further, 5 out of 15 treatments (treatment no. 1, 6, 11, 14, and 15 from Table 2) were selected based on size, and roasted as a pretreatment. Particle size of roasted powdered samples are shown in Table 3. Compared to control (not roasted), all roasted treatments showed significant reduction in size based on the D [3,2] value (Table 3). We observed a decreasing trend in particle size with an increase in roasting temperature. A previous study reported that roasting weakened the starch-protein linkage and broke down the starch granules, ultimately reducing the particle size [26]. However, the 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  size powder generated using different treatments was roasted at 180  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  while remaining powders were roasted at 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  or above; it was confirmed that the particle size increased again. Our results were consistent with that of a previous study that showed that flocculation occurs as particle size becomes smaller [27,28]. Such flocculation has been suggested to be caused by the van der Waals forces as surface energy increases with increase in surface area [29]. Though flocculation occurred, the flocculated particle size was smaller than that of the control. Therefore, pretreatment using roasting was concluded to be effective in reducing particle size.

Table 2. Treatment based on particle size of dried ginseng powder with various cryogenic milling conditions

Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Treatment	Treatment conditions			Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )				
		Cycle	CPS	Time	D [3,2]	D [4,3]	Dx (10)	Dx (50)	Dx (90)
10-20	1	4	10	4	14.05 $\pm$ 0.21 <sup>jC</sup>	68.24 $\pm$ 7.08 <sup>iB</sup>	5.78 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>iB</sup>	28.49 $\pm$ 0.93 <sup>gC</sup>	145.88 $\pm$ 8.50 <sup>iB</sup>
	2	4	10	3	14.97 $\pm$ 0.70 <sup>iB</sup>	63.82 $\pm$ 4.49 <sup>iB</sup>	6.13 $\pm$ 0.31 <sup>iA</sup>	30.75 $\pm$ 1.24 <sup>gB</sup>	150.93 $\pm$ 8.15 <sup>iB</sup>
	3	4	10	5	15.52 $\pm$ 0.61 <sup>iA</sup>	89.43 $\pm$ 10.93 <sup>hA</sup>	6.20 $\pm$ 0.16 <sup>iA</sup>	32.15 $\pm$ 1.74 <sup>gA</sup>	193.54 $\pm$ 16.51 <sup>hA</sup>
20-30	4	4	10	2	21.04 $\pm$ 2.20 <sup>iE</sup>	114.43 $\pm$ 5.47 <sup>fgBC</sup>	8.07 $\pm$ 0.88 <sup>iE</sup>	47.55 $\pm$ 1.42 <sup>iC</sup>	308.43 $\pm$ 15.75 <sup>iC</sup>
	5	4	8	3	22.54 $\pm$ 0.43 <sup>hD</sup>	105.13 $\pm$ 3.72 <sup>gC</sup>	8.91 $\pm$ 0.26 <sup>hD</sup>	47.83 $\pm$ 0.76 <sup>iC</sup>	263.75 $\pm$ 11.08 <sup>gD</sup>
	6	4	12	3	24.93 $\pm$ 0.35 <sup>gC</sup>	113.71 $\pm$ 4.23 <sup>fgBC</sup>	9.58 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>gC</sup>	57.15 $\pm$ 0.77 <sup>eB</sup>	299.17 $\pm$ 4.71 <sup>iCD</sup>
	7	6	15	3	28.74 $\pm$ 1.02 <sup>eA</sup>	131.47 $\pm$ 13.30 <sup>eA</sup>	11.82 $\pm$ 0.29 <sup>eB</sup>	53.69 $\pm$ 2.79 <sup>eA</sup>	377.87 $\pm$ 58.51 <sup>dA</sup>
	8	4	15	3	29.57 $\pm$ 0.64 <sup>fB</sup>	124.00 $\pm$ 8.16 <sup>fB</sup>	13.78 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>dA</sup>	60.53 $\pm$ 2.56 <sup>eA</sup>	345.50 $\pm$ 40.43 <sup>eB</sup>
30-40	9	8	15	3	31.67 $\pm$ 1.16 <sup>eC</sup>	162.80 $\pm$ 17.15 <sup>eC</sup>	12.92 $\pm$ 0.31 <sup>eB</sup>	60.79 $\pm$ 4.72 <sup>eC</sup>	522.33 $\pm$ 54.00 <sup>dC</sup>
	10	10	15	3	31.90 $\pm$ 1.64 <sup>eC</sup>	177.00 $\pm$ 14.38 <sup>dB</sup>	11.90 $\pm$ 0.27 <sup>fD</sup>	61.05 $\pm$ 4.34 <sup>eC</sup>	567.27 $\pm$ 45.37 <sup>eB</sup>
	11	4	10	1	34.48 $\pm$ 0.82 <sup>dB</sup>	215.55 $\pm$ 11.16 <sup>bA</sup>	12.44 $\pm$ 0.28 <sup>eC</sup>	113.82 $\pm$ 9.08 <sup>bA</sup>	591.73 $\pm$ 24.49 <sup>bcB</sup>
	12	12	15	3	40.02 $\pm$ 2.77 <sup>cA</sup>	226.00 $\pm$ 3.00 <sup>bA</sup>	15.20 $\pm$ 0.54 <sup>cA</sup>	86.65 $\pm$ 6.28 <sup>dB</sup>	664.20 $\pm$ 33.04 <sup>aA</sup>
	13	4	5	3	40.63 $\pm$ 1.01 <sup>cA</sup>	217.63 $\pm$ 6.44 <sup>bA</sup>	15.01 $\pm$ 0.33 <sup>cA</sup>	111.25 $\pm$ 4.43 <sup>bA</sup>	602.38 $\pm$ 15.85 <sup>bB</sup>
40-50	14	2	15	3	46.83 $\pm$ 0.99 <sup>b</sup>	198.80 $\pm$ 6.98 <sup>c</sup>	19.03 $\pm$ 0.38 <sup>b</sup>	104.00 $\pm$ 1.41 <sup>c</sup>	529.40 $\pm$ 22.83 <sup>d</sup>
>50	15	4	10	0.5	64.07 $\pm$ 5.31 <sup>a</sup>	289.00 $\pm$ 5.00 <sup>a</sup>	24.95 $\pm$ 2.06 <sup>a</sup>	207.40 $\pm$ 6.27 <sup>a</sup>	690.40 $\pm$ 10.60 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a-j</sup>Means with different superscripts within whole particle size group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). <sup>A-E</sup>Means with different superscripts within similar size group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) established on the basis of D [3,2] value. Fifteen treatments were classified based on cycle, CPS (the number of back-and-forth cycles per second), and time conditions, and more number of treatments for larger particle size. One cycle is based on pulverization for 3 minutes at a rate of 15 CPS oscillating 15 times per second.

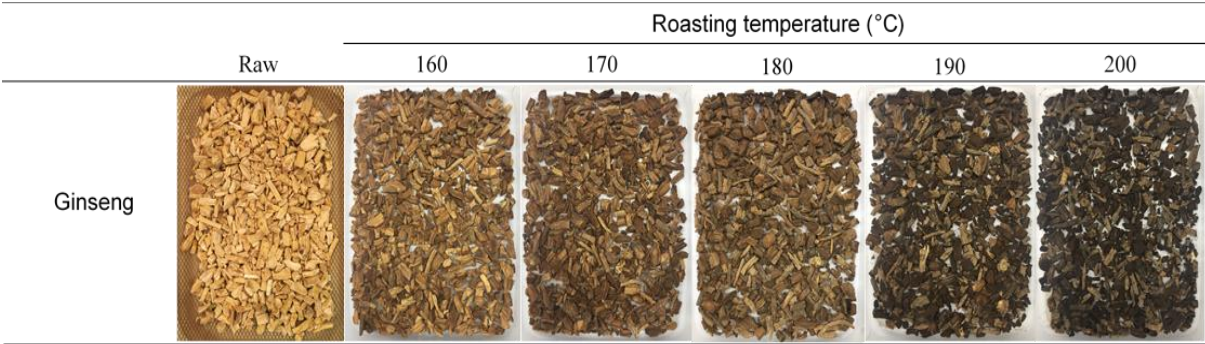
Table 3. Particle size of dried ginseng powder at different roasting temperatures

Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Roasting <sup>1)</sup>	Particle size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )				
	Temperature (°C)	D [3,2]	D [4,3]	Dx (10)	Dx (50)	Dx (90)
10-20	Control	14.00 <sup>eA</sup> ±0.20	68.20 <sup>eA</sup> ±7.10	5.80 <sup>eA</sup> ±0.20	28.50 <sup>eA</sup> ±0.90	145.90 <sup>eA</sup> ±8.50
	160	7.01 <sup>dB</sup> ±0.24	28.61 <sup>dB</sup> ±1.69	2.65 <sup>dC</sup> ±0.14	15.26 <sup>dB</sup> ±0.97	84.40 <sup>dB</sup> ±4.15
	170	5.41 <sup>eD</sup> ±0.19	18.90 <sup>eC</sup> ±0.43	2.17 <sup>eE</sup> ±0.04	10.50 <sup>eD</sup> ±1.03	50.36 <sup>dD</sup> ±1.46
	180	5.60 <sup>eD</sup> ±0.12	20.94 <sup>dC</sup> ±0.88	2.19 <sup>eDE</sup> ±0.05	10.29 <sup>eD</sup> ±0.63	55.83 <sup>eCD</sup> ±1.18
	190	5.78 <sup>eC</sup> ±0.20	20.93 <sup>dC</sup> ±2.06	2.33 <sup>eD</sup> ±0.09	10.64 <sup>eD</sup> ±0.38	57.94 <sup>dC</sup> ±2.14
	200	6.99 <sup>eB</sup> ±0.52	23.93 <sup>eBC</sup> ±1.55	2.81 <sup>eB</sup> ±0.16	13.50 <sup>eC</sup> ±2.15	61.40 <sup>eC</sup> ±2.80
20-30	Control	24.90 <sup>dA</sup> ±0.40	113.70 <sup>dA</sup> ±4.20	9.60 <sup>dA</sup> ±0.10	57.20 <sup>dA</sup> ±0.80	299.20 <sup>dA</sup> ±4.70
	160	12.98 <sup>cB</sup> ±0.35	101.74 <sup>cB</sup> ±7.58	5.29 <sup>cB</sup> ±0.30	39.64 <sup>cB</sup> ±2.34	277.80 <sup>cA</sup> ±22.60
	170	11.98 <sup>dC</sup> ±0.33	94.58 <sup>dB</sup> ±15.83	4.73 <sup>dC</sup> ±0.07	32.90 <sup>dC</sup> ±1.27	235.20 <sup>cB</sup> ±35.93
	180	9.80 <sup>dE</sup> ±0.44	52.40 <sup>dD</sup> ±11.92	3.87 <sup>dE</sup> ±0.13	22.56 <sup>dE</sup> ±2.38	118.35 <sup>dD</sup> ±16.78
	190	10.68 <sup>dD</sup> ±0.31	50.18 <sup>dD</sup> ±4.75	4.36 <sup>dD</sup> ±0.07	25.08 <sup>dD</sup> ±0.79	136.67 <sup>dD</sup> ±21.01
	200	13.33 <sup>dB</sup> ±0.21	69.97 <sup>dC</sup> ±4.17	5.30 <sup>dB</sup> ±0.05	33.45 <sup>dC</sup> ±0.68	183.00 <sup>dC</sup> ±8.12
30-40	Control	34.50 <sup>cA</sup> ±0.80	215.50 <sup>bA</sup> ±11.20	12.40 <sup>cA</sup> ±0.30	113.80 <sup>bA</sup> ±9.10	591.70 <sup>bA</sup> ±24.50
	160	18.10 <sup>bB</sup> ±0.38	146.00 <sup>bB</sup> ±6.16	6.98 <sup>bB</sup> ±0.38	58.90 <sup>bB</sup> ±2.04	431.20 <sup>bB</sup> ±21.48
	170	17.43 <sup>cB</sup> ±0.42	152.14 <sup>cB</sup> ±14.24	6.52 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.36	61.80 <sup>cB</sup> ±2.70	439.00 <sup>bB</sup> ±70.14
	180	12.66 <sup>cE</sup> ±0.59	62.40 <sup>dD</sup> ±2.49	4.92 <sup>cE</sup> ±0.16	31.21 <sup>cD</sup> ±2.28	180.80 <sup>cD</sup> ±6.30
	190	13.96 <sup>cD</sup> ±0.58	88.04 <sup>bC</sup> ±14.07	5.51 <sup>cD</sup> ±0.30	36.99 <sup>cD</sup> ±1.97	251.14 <sup>bC</sup> ±42.44
	200	15.78 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.64	101.02 <sup>cC</sup> ±12.28	6.24 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.33	41.62 <sup>cC</sup> ±2.72	287.60 <sup>cC</sup> ±39.18
40-50	Control	46.80 <sup>bA</sup> ±1.00	198.80 <sup>cA</sup> ±7.00	19.00 <sup>bA</sup> ±0.40	104.00 <sup>cA</sup> ±1.40	529.40 <sup>cA</sup> ±22.80
	160	19.64 <sup>bC</sup> ±0.57	149.83 <sup>bC</sup> ±4.96	7.71 <sup>bC</sup> ±0.26	68.20 <sup>bC</sup> ±3.16	439.00 <sup>bB</sup> ±26.95
	170	21.76 <sup>bB</sup> ±0.49	164.43 <sup>bB</sup> ±2.88	8.44 <sup>bB</sup> ±0.23	77.16 <sup>bB</sup> ±2.77	459.14 <sup>bB</sup> ±6.72
	180	14.88 <sup>bF</sup> ±0.53	90.56 <sup>bE</sup> ±11.83	5.98 <sup>bF</sup> ±0.28	41.40 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.88	248.50 <sup>bE</sup> ±29.22
	190	15.84 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.23	96.96 <sup>bE</sup> ±8.11	6.34 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.10	42.86 <sup>bE</sup> ±1.18	277.17 <sup>bD</sup> ±18.78
	200	18.23 <sup>bD</sup> ±0.50	123.67 <sup>bD</sup> ±6.89	7.09 <sup>bD</sup> ±0.24	53.93 <sup>bD</sup> ±1.48	350.00 <sup>bC</sup> ±22.23
>50	Control	64.10 <sup>aA</sup> ±5.30	289.00 <sup>aB</sup> ±5.00	25.00 <sup>aA</sup> ±2.10	207.40 <sup>aA</sup> ±6.30	690.40 <sup>aB</sup> ±10.60
	160	39.04 <sup>aB</sup> ±4.57	314.00 <sup>aA</sup> ±31.87	15.73 <sup>aB</sup> ±1.67	239.19 <sup>aA</sup> ±49.29	739.40 <sup>aA</sup> ±33.08
	170	28.29 <sup>aC</sup> ±1.62	231.25 <sup>aC</sup> ±12.87	10.44 <sup>aC</sup> ±0.43	126.50 <sup>aB</sup> ±15.41	645.25 <sup>aC</sup> ±14.64
	180	25.58 <sup>aC</sup> ±0.10	219.40 <sup>aC</sup> ±4.28	9.73 <sup>aC</sup> ±0.12	96.60 <sup>aB</sup> ±3.32	635.20 <sup>aC</sup> ±10.28
	190	27.63 <sup>aC</sup> ±1.11	234.75 <sup>aC</sup> ±13.09	10.43 <sup>aC</sup> ±0.28	108.45 <sup>aB</sup> ±9.82	642.88 <sup>aC</sup> ±23.12
	200	27.07 <sup>aC</sup> ±1.13	225.33 <sup>aC</sup> ±13.99	10.82 <sup>aC</sup> ±0.47	103.58 <sup>aB</sup> ±7.01	640.88 <sup>aC</sup> ±27.10

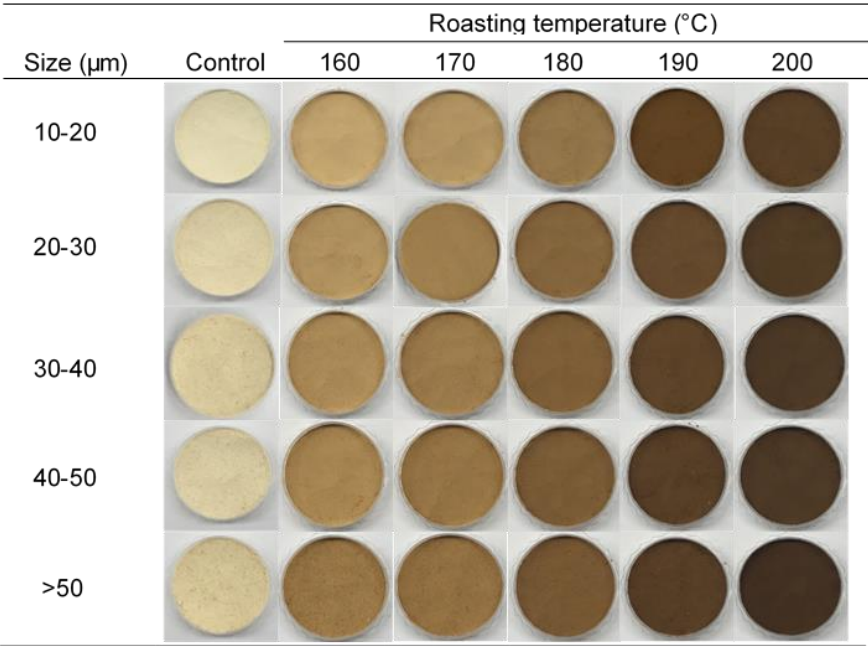
<sup>a-e</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>A-F</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>1)</sup>After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples with different conditions, the samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and samples selected based on the particle size were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling.

### 3.2. Appearance

Fig. 2 depicts appearance of raw dried ginseng before and after roasting. As roasting temperature was increased, the color of ginseng roots was observed to change from brown to black. On roasting at temperatures above 190 °C, we found that ginseng roots started appearing burnt. Following roasting, dried ginseng was ground using cryogenic mill. The powdered ginseng before and after roasting is shown in Fig. 3. As the particle size of the control group (before roasting) were increased, the powder appeared to be rougher and this was observed only with the control group. The roasted samples appeared to be softer than the control samples. We noticed that larger the particle size and higher the roasting temperature, darker was the color of the ginseng samples.



**Figure 2.** Dried ginseng root roasted at different temperatures



**Figure 3.** Dried ginseng root powders which were pretreated using different roasting temperatures

3.3. Color

Color values of ginseng powder are shown in Table 4. For control, we observed that smaller the particle size, higher the lightness ( $L^*$ ) values and lower the redness ( $a^*$ ) and yellowness ( $b^*$ ) values. All values were significantly different from each other; the exception being  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  values of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  samples. For samples roasted at similar temperature, we found that smaller the particle size, higher the  $L^*$  value; lower  $a^*$  values up to 170  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and higher  $b^*$  values were found. A previous study has reported that smaller sized ginseng powder (600-1000 nm) has higher  $L^*$  value and lower  $a^*$  and  $b^*$  values compared to larger size ginseng powder (300-500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) [19]. Higher  $L^*$  value has been shown to result from greater scattering of light by smaller particles [6].

Regarding the effect of roasting,  $L^*$  and  $a^*$  values of roasted samples revealed significantly lower and higher effect, respectively than the controls ( $p<0.05$ ), while no trend was observed on analyzing the  $b^*$  values. On comparing same size range of samples that were roasted at different temperatures, we found that  $L^*$  and  $b^*$  values of all samples were significantly decreased with increase in the roasting temperature ( $p<0.05$ ). Furthermore, the  $a^*$  value of  $>30\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ -sized samples was found to be significantly decreased with increase in roasting temperature, while for 10-30  $\mu\text{m}$ -sized samples,  $a^*$  value was observed to increase up to 170  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  thereafter, decreased up to 200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Seong *et al.* (2018) reported that such color change was due to generation of hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF) and pyrazine, the browning materials produced at high roasting temperature [30]. Consistent with our



results, Park *et al.* (1995) reported that when ginseng marc powder is pretreated by roasting, the L\* and b\* values decrease with an increase in roasting temperature, while a\* value increases up to 170 °C and decreases up to 230 °C [31]. This confirmed that the color parameters of ginseng powder were affected by particle size as well as roasting temperature.

**Table 4.** Color value of dried ginseng powder at different roasting temperatures

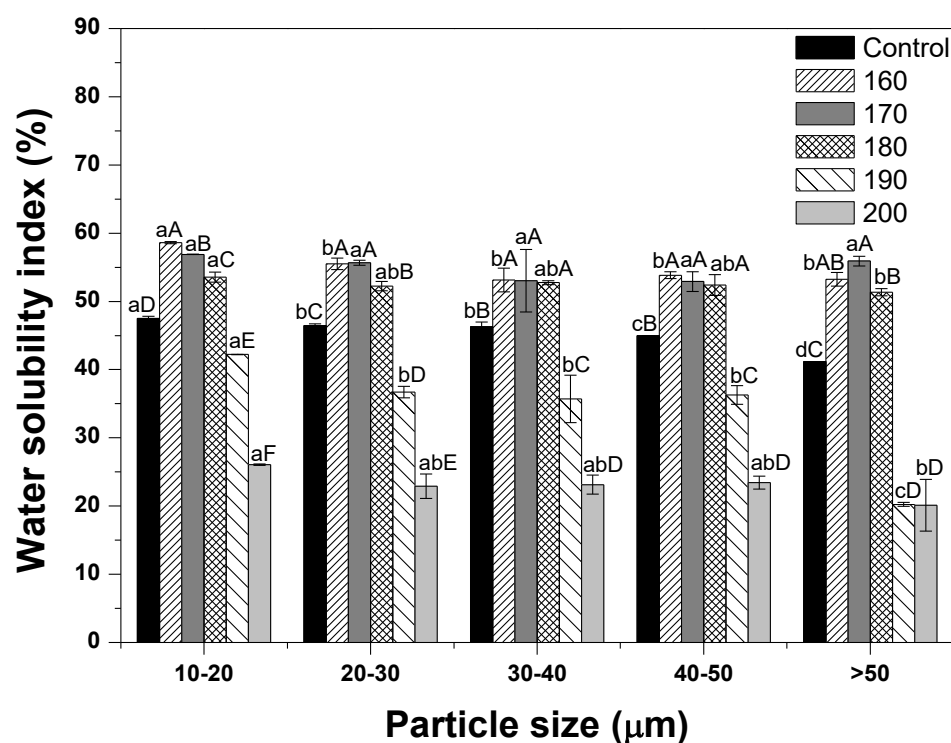
Size (μm)	Roasting <sup>1)</sup>	Color					
	Temperature (°C)	L*		a*		b*	
10-20	Control	82.13 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.54	0.71 <sup>dC</sup>	± 0.22	15.40 <sup>dC</sup>	± 0.14
	160	65.00 <sup>aB</sup>	± 0.24	5.44 <sup>eA</sup>	± 0.10	17.62 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.11
	170	59.77 <sup>aC</sup>	± 0.16	5.47 <sup>eA</sup>	± 0.02	16.50 <sup>aB</sup>	± 0.03
	180	52.35 <sup>aD</sup>	± 0.08	5.44 <sup>dA</sup>	± 0.03	14.32 <sup>aD</sup>	± 0.06
	190	43.29 <sup>aE</sup>	± 0.12	5.43 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.03	11.45 <sup>aE</sup>	± 0.01
	200	37.04 <sup>aF</sup>	± 0.08	4.21 <sup>aB</sup>	± 0.01	7.79 <sup>aF</sup>	± 0.02
20-30	Control	80.44 <sup>bA</sup>	± 0.25	1.07 <sup>cF</sup>	± 0.04	16.03 <sup>cB</sup>	± 0.36
	160	60.47 <sup>bB</sup>	± 0.08	6.35 <sup>dB</sup>	± 0.03	17.29 <sup>bA</sup>	± 0.03
	170	54.46 <sup>bC</sup>	± 0.08	6.49 <sup>eA</sup>	± 0.01	15.87 <sup>bB</sup>	± 0.07
	180	44.59 <sup>bD</sup>	± 0.09	6.04 <sup>bC</sup>	± 0.05	11.90 <sup>cC</sup>	± 0.03
	190	39.71 <sup>bE</sup>	± 0.08	5.18 <sup>bD</sup>	± 0.04	9.29 <sup>bD</sup>	± 0.01
	200	35.12 <sup>bF</sup>	± 0.12	4.01 <sup>bE</sup>	± 0.01	6.52 <sup>bE</sup>	± 0.06
30-40	Control	78.77 <sup>cA</sup>	± 0.77	1.41 <sup>bF</sup>	± 0.09	16.64 <sup>bB</sup>	± 0.26
	160	57.47 <sup>cB</sup>	± 0.12	6.78 <sup>cA</sup>	± 0.07	16.96 <sup>cA</sup>	± 0.22
	170	53.37 <sup>cC</sup>	± 0.05	6.45 <sup>dB</sup>	± 0.02	15.34 <sup>cC</sup>	± 0.04
	180	43.83 <sup>cD</sup>	± 0.16	6.32 <sup>aC</sup>	± 0.02	12.28 <sup>bD</sup>	± 0.02
	190	37.72 <sup>cE</sup>	± 0.15	4.82 <sup>cD</sup>	± 0.01	8.38 <sup>cE</sup>	± 0.00
	200	34.38 <sup>cF</sup>	± 0.12	3.84 <sup>cE</sup>	± 0.01	6.28 <sup>cF</sup>	± 0.02
40-50	Control	77.57 <sup>dA</sup>	± 0.04	1.83 <sup>aF</sup>	± 0.02	17.21 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.01
	160	56.05 <sup>dB</sup>	± 0.10	6.91 <sup>bA</sup>	± 0.01	16.74 <sup>dB</sup>	± 0.07
	170	50.72 <sup>dC</sup>	± 0.09	6.80 <sup>bB</sup>	± 0.02	14.87 <sup>dC</sup>	± 0.02
	180	43.36 <sup>dD</sup>	± 0.03	5.91 <sup>cC</sup>	± 0.03	11.23 <sup>dD</sup>	± 0.05
	190	37.47 <sup>dE</sup>	± 0.09	4.69 <sup>dD</sup>	± 0.05	8.06 <sup>dE</sup>	± 0.07
	200	33.17 <sup>dF</sup>	± 0.08	3.35 <sup>dE</sup>	± 0.02	5.27 <sup>dF</sup>	± 0.03
>50	Control	76.31 <sup>eA</sup>	± 0.10	1.91 <sup>aF</sup>	± 0.05	17.26 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.01
	160	52.12 <sup>eB</sup>	± 0.07	7.40 <sup>aA</sup>	± 0.03	15.86 <sup>eB</sup>	± 0.05
	170	49.69 <sup>eC</sup>	± 0.14	7.14 <sup>aB</sup>	± 0.02	14.83 <sup>dC</sup>	± 0.01
	180	41.77 <sup>eD</sup>	± 0.06	5.95 <sup>cC</sup>	± 0.04	10.84 <sup>eD</sup>	± 0.03
	190	35.63 <sup>eE</sup>	± 0.08	4.50 <sup>eD</sup>	± 0.02	7.13 <sup>eE</sup>	± 0.05
	200	33.19 <sup>dF</sup>	± 0.12	2.97 <sup>eE</sup>	± 0.02	4.75 <sup>eF</sup>	± 0.02

<sup>a-e</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>A-F</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>1)</sup>After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples in different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and particle size-based selected samples were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling.

### 3.4. WSI

WSI value of ginseng powders of different particle size and pretreated at different roasting temperatures were analyzed (Fig. 4). Significant change in WSI values was observed between samples in the size range of 10-20 μm and >50 μm; the exception being samples roasted at 170 °C. WSI values

of powdered samples of 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  size were found to be higher compared to those of larger sized samples, and WSI of powdered samples (10-20  $\mu\text{m}$ ) roasted at 160  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  was found to be significantly higher than those with other treatments ( $p<0.05$ ). These results can be explained by particle size-solubility relationship [18,32]. Not only particle size, but also roasting pretreatment was found to have significant effect on WSI. Furthermore, WSI values of all treatments were found to be higher than those of control samples, except for samples roasted at 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This might be due to dextrinization, which can physically tears apart the starch granule at high temperature [33]. Additionally, it might be caused by breaking down of the amylopectin chain (insoluble molecules) into amylose (soluble molecules), with the increase in the amount of soluble polysaccharides [33]. Furthermore, Zavareze and Dias (2011) have reported that glycosidic bonds degrade at high temperature (approximately 80  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) leading to exposure of glucose (soluble dietary fiber) and increased WSI value [34]. However, in our study, when pretreatment with roasting was done at temperatures above 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , WSI values were found to be decreased. The phenomenon was consistent with previous study that the amount of water-soluble compounds starts to decrease at 200  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  after 10 min, and thereby, decreasing WSI [31]. Our results can be related to a burning phenomenon which is observed above 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Fig. 2). High roasting temperature may result in browning reaction (Maillard), which may produce high-molecular weight insoluble polymers from soluble low-molecular weight polymers [35].



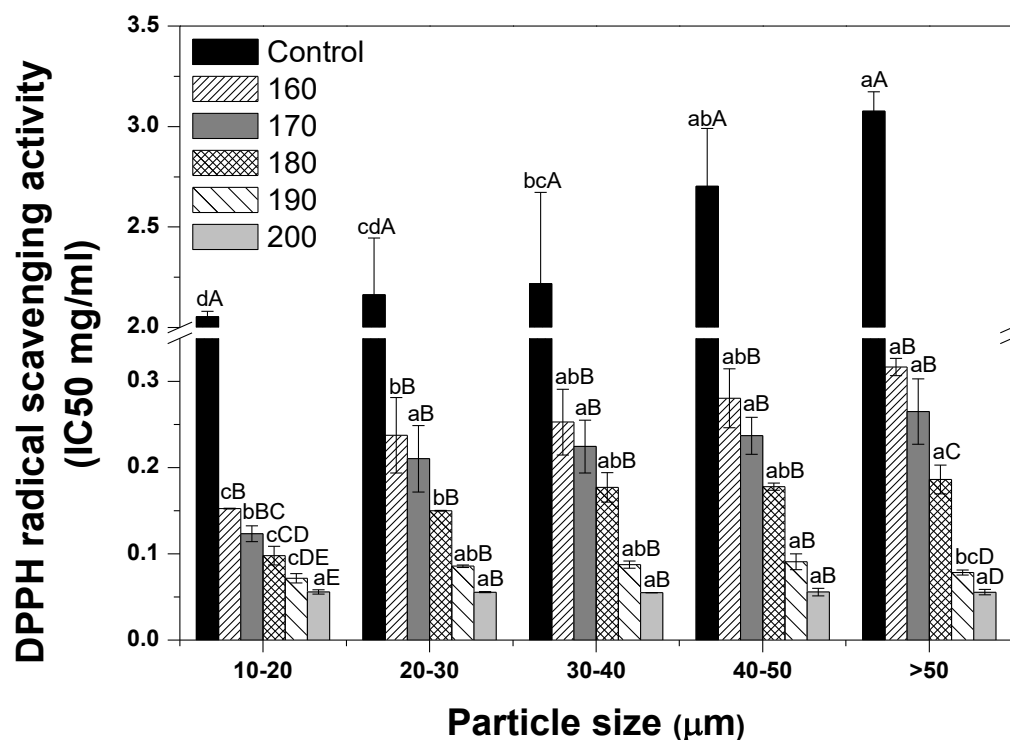
**Figure 4.** The water solubility index of dried ginseng powders with different particle sizes according to roasting temperature. After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples using different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and the samples based on particle sizes were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling. <sup>a-d</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>A-F</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ).

### 3.5. Antioxidant activity

Fig. 5 shows the antioxidant activity of ginseng powders which were pretreated using different roasting temperatures. With decrease in particle size, an increase in the antioxidant activity was

observed, with the exception of samples roasted at 190 °C and above. All roasted powdered samples showed significantly lower 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging activity (higher antioxidant activities) than the control samples. Ginseng powder samples of 10-20 µm showed the highest antioxidant activity compared to larger sized samples, except for samples roasted above 190 °C ( $p < 0.05$ ). On comparing the roasting temperatures, an increase in antioxidant activities was observed for each size group.

Pretreatment with roasting was observed to produce Maillard reaction products (melanoidin) due to thermal reaction between reducing sugars and nitrogen oxides, and an increase in antioxidant activity [17]. Our results were consistent with those of a previous study, which reported that antioxidant activity increases as roasting temperature increases from 130 °C to 170 °C [30].

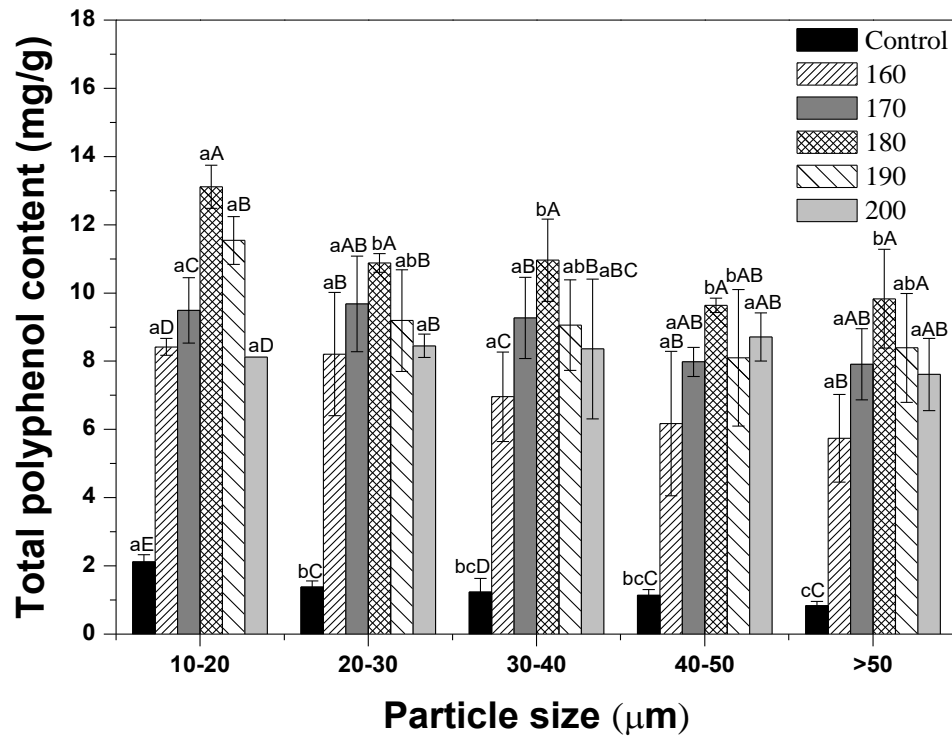


**Figure 5.** DPPH radical scavenging activity of dried ginseng powders with different particle sizes according to roasting temperature. After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples in different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and samples selected based on particle size were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling. <sup>a-d</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). <sup>A-E</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ).

### 3.6. TPC

TPC values of ginseng powder are shown in Fig. 6. We found a slight increase in TPC values with decrease in particle size ( $p > 0.05$ ). All roasted treatments showed significantly higher TPC values than the control ( $p < 0.05$ ). Thermal process converts the bioactive components like phenolic acid into their free forms. It has been known that elution from the food matrix is higher due to collapse of the cell membrane and cell wall [36]. Previous studies have reported that TPC is increased by intermediate substances such as reductone, which are produced by the browning reaction [36,37]. Reductone contains stable endiol structure that functions as an antioxidant by degrading the free radical chain, which results in generation of free hydrogen atoms [37,38]. Other studies have also reported that the bound phenolic compounds become freely available on heat treatment, and that

high molecular phenolic compounds get transformed into low molecular compounds, thereby facilitating the extraction of polyphenol constituent [39,40]. Overall, we observed that TPC values of all ginseng samples increased with increase in roasting temperature below 180 °C.

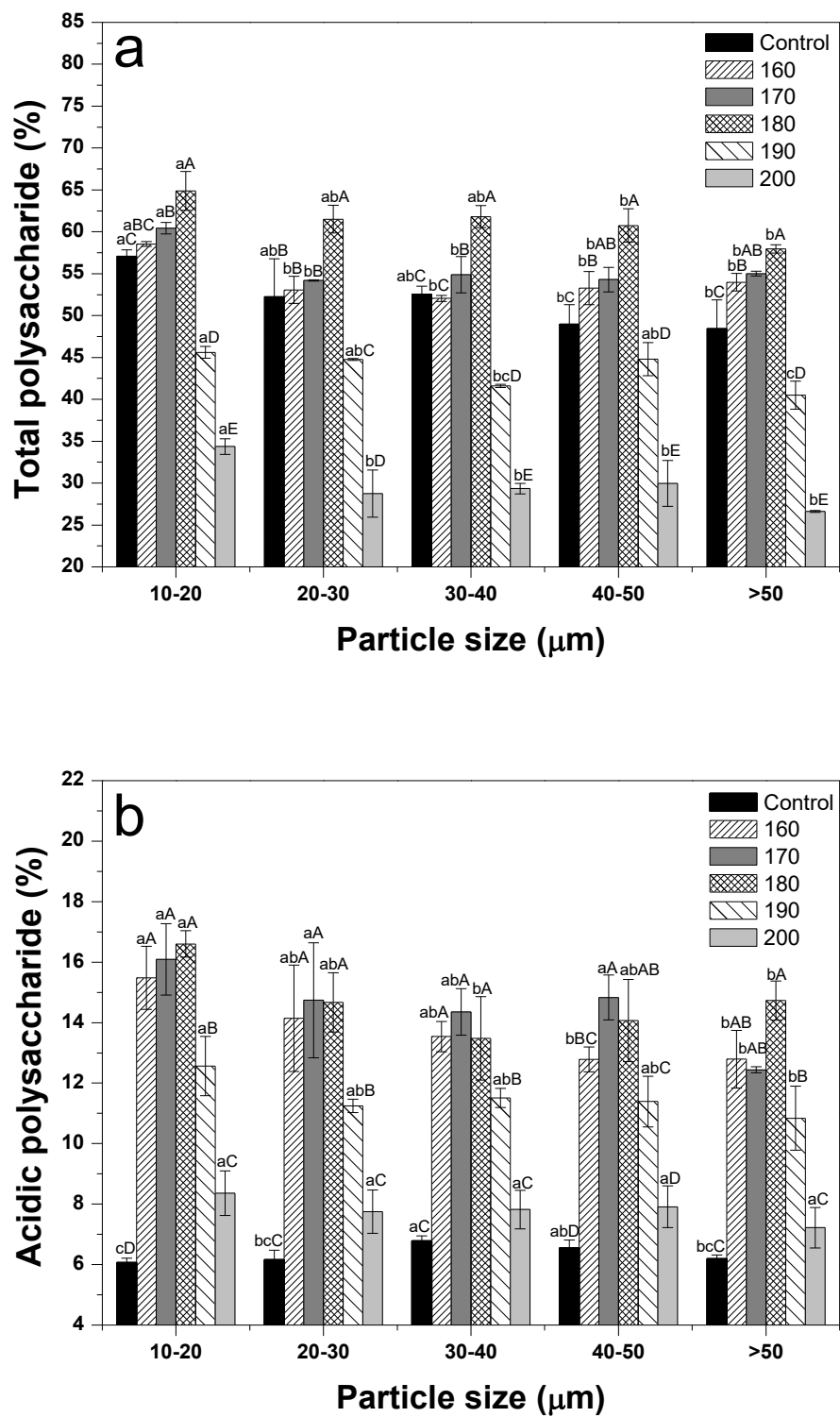


**Figure 6.** Total polyphenol content of dried ginseng powders with different particle sizes according to roasting temperature. After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples in different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and samples selected based on particle size were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling. <sup>a-e</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ). <sup>A-E</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ).

### 3.7. Polysaccharide content

Polysaccharides are bioactive components of the non-saponin system present in ginseng. These have bioactive functions, such as antioxidant activity, immune enhancement, and anti-fatigue [41-43]. The total and acidic polysaccharide contents of ginseng powder samples were analyzed (Fig. 7a and 7b). The total polysaccharide content of 10-20 μm-size samples was significantly increased compared to that of >50 μm-size samples ( $p < 0.05$ ). Moreover, the content of acidic polysaccharides showed a similar pattern with the exception of control samples ( $p < 0.05$ ). Cho *et al.* (2010) showed that less than 150 μm-size ginseng samples had higher total saccharide yields than larger sized samples [44]. According to roasting temperature, total and acidic polysaccharide contents were found to increase up to 180 °C, and this result might be due to increased solubilization of polysaccharide at high temperature [45]. Increase in the total polysaccharide content might be caused due to dramatic increase in acidic polysaccharide contents. It is thought that roasting decomposed the starch components, which promoted extraction of acidic polysaccharides [46]. However, total and acidic polysaccharide contents were found to be significantly decreased at 190 °C and above ( $p < 0.05$ ), which might be due to increase in inner constituents of ginger when burnt at high temperature. The levels of total polysaccharides were lower than control when roasted at 190 °C and above, while acidic polysaccharides were higher than control. Zhang *et al.* (2009) have shown that there are acidic as well as neutral type of polysaccharides in ginseng. It is hypothesized that neutral polysaccharides are

mainly degraded at high temperature, resulting in a decrease in their levels. As acidic polysaccharides are known to be responsible for most of the biological activities in ginseng [47], roasting was considered to be an effective pretreatment.



**Figure 7.** Total polysaccharide content (a) and acidic polysaccharide content (b) of dried ginseng powders with different particle size according to roasting conditions. After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples in different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and particle size-based selected samples were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling. <sup>a-c</sup>Means with different superscripts within same



temperature group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>A-E</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ).

### 3.8. Ginsenoside contents

The ginsenoside content of all ginseng samples did not show any alteration based on particle size (Table 5). However, dramatic differences were observed according to roasting temperature. Consistent with the findings of previous studies, we found that the amount of polar ginsenosides (Rg1, Re, Rf, Rb1, Rc, Rb2, Rb3, and Rd) decreased while that of non-polar ginsenosides [Rg2(S), Rg2(R), Rg3(S), Rg3(R), and Rh1(S)] increased as the roasting temperature was increased [48,49]. Most of the genosides, Rb1, Re, and Rg1 which are known as main ingredients of ginseng tended to decrease with increase in roasting temperature. Such a trend was caused by degradation of the glycosidic bonds in the inner saponin structure at 170 °C and above [30]. Roasting has been reported to increase Rg2, Rg3, and Rh1 levels due to hydrolysis reaction upon heat treatment [50]. Furthermore, roasting has been shown to convert Re into Rg2 (S and R) and Rh1, which is caused due to the chemical transformations such as epimerization and hydroxylation [50]. A previous study has reported that Rg3, a representative physiological active substance of ginseng, tends to increase on heating due to the weakening of the binding interaction among saponin structures [30]. Total ginsenoside contents were found to gradually decrease as roasting temperature was increased. Specifically, a dramatic decrease in ginsenoside contents was observed at 190 °C and above. Therefore, we concluded that pretreatment using roasting at too high temperature should not be considered as having a positive effect.

**Table 5.** Ginsenoside contents of dried ginseng powder at different roasting temperatures

Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Roasting <sup>1)</sup>	Ginsenosides content (mg/g)							
	Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Rg1	Re	Rf	Rb1	Rc	Rb2	Rb3	Rd
10-20	Control	3.68 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	3.41 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	1.46 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	4.26 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	1.14 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.97 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.19 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.02	0.31 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01
	160	3.72 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	2.37 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.86 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	3.80 <sup>B</sup> ±0.08	1.32 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	1.07 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.23 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.21 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02
	170	3.41 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	2.45 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.93 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	4.30 <sup>A</sup> ±0.14	1.37 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	1.04 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.23 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.29 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01
	180	2.30 <sup>C</sup> ±0.14	1.84 <sup>C</sup> ±0.10	0.73 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	3.04 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	1.05 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	0.92 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.17 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.01	0.18 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01
	190	0.70 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02	0.93 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02	0.56 <sup>E</sup> ±0.01	1.32 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.55 <sup>D</sup> ±0.07	0.50 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.12 <sup>B</sup> ±0.08	0.11 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03
	200	0.11 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.18 <sup>E</sup> ±0.01	0.26 <sup>F</sup> ±0.01	0.26 <sup>F</sup> ±0.01	0.12 <sup>E</sup> ±0.04	0.39 <sup>B</sup> ±0.46	0.00 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.08 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02
	Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Rg2(S)	Rg2(R)	Rg3(S)	Rg3(R)	Rh1(S)	Rh2(S)	Sum	
	Control	0.17 <sup>CD</sup> ±0.01	0.09 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	ND <sup>E</sup>	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.10 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	ND	15.77 <sup>BA</sup> ±0.02	
	160	0.16 <sup>D</sup> ±0.07	0.09 <sup>B</sup> ±0.07	ND <sup>E</sup>	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.05 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	ND	13.89 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.04	
	170	0.24 <sup>C</sup> ±0.06	0.19 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.08 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02	0.08 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03	0.10 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	ND	14.72 <sup>BCB</sup> ±0.04	
	180	0.26 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.04	0.10 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.19 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	0.07 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.22 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	ND	11.06 <sup>CD</sup> ±0.03	
	190	0.39 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.10 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.45 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.11 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.04	0.34 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	ND	6.18 <sup>aE</sup> ±0.03	
	200	0.27 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.04	0.00 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.36 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.13 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.24 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	ND	2.40 <sup>aF</sup> ±0.05	
Size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Rg1	Re	Rf	Rb1	Rc	Rb2	Rb3	Rd
20-30	Control	3.28 <sup>C</sup> ±0.04	2.68 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.81 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.70	3.60 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	0.90 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02	0.78 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02	0.19 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.01	0.28 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02
	160	3.87 <sup>A</sup> ±0.22	2.90 <sup>A</sup> ±0.12	0.92 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	4.64 <sup>A</sup> ±0.32	1.30 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.99 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	0.20 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03	0.31 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05
	170	3.62 <sup>B</sup> ±0.08	2.55 <sup>C</sup> ±0.05	0.94 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	4.51 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	1.42 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	1.12 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.24 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.29 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03
	180	2.17 <sup>D</sup> ±0.07	2.08 <sup>D</sup> ±0.08	0.73 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03	3.08 <sup>C</sup> ±0.16	1.05 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.84 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	0.14 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02
	190	0.61 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.70 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.51 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.00	1.04 <sup>D</sup> ±0.08	0.42 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.36 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.04 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	0.10 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00
	200	0.08 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.20 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.29 <sup>F</sup> ±0.03	0.14 <sup>F</sup> ±0.02	0.14 <sup>F</sup> ±0.03	0.03 <sup>C</sup> ±0.04	0.06 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02
	Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Rg2(S)	Rg2(R)	Rg3(S)	Rg3(R)	Rh1(S)	Rh2(S)	Sum	
	Control	0.06 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	0.06 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	ND <sup>D</sup>	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.10 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	ND	12.75 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.07	
	160	0.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.05	0.22 <sup>A</sup> ±0.09	0.04 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.11 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.05 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	ND	15.77 <sup>aA</sup> ±0.08	

	170	0.24 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	0.23 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.12 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	0.10 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.14 <sup>C</sup> ±0.05	ND	15.52 <sup>aB</sup> ±0.04	
	180	0.32 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.16 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.01	0.19 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.22 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	ND	11.26 <sup>bcD</sup> ±0.03	
	190	0.33 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.08 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.00	0.36 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.11 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	0.33 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	ND	4.97 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.01	
	200	0.28 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.02	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.40 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	0.13 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	ND	2.22 <sup>aF</sup> ±0.02	
Size (µm)	Temperature (°C)	Rg1	Re	Rf	Rb1	Rc	Rb2	Rb3	Rd
	Control	3.93 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	3.24 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	1.13 <sup>A</sup> ±0.31	4.60 <sup>A</sup> ±0.28	1.57 <sup>A</sup> ±0.16	1.33 <sup>A</sup> ±0.17	0.19 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	0.42 <sup>A</sup> ±0.07
	160	3.31 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	2.35 <sup>C</sup> ±0.07	0.75 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	3.39 <sup>C</sup> ±0.05	1.26 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	1.02 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.19 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.16 <sup>CD</sup> ±0.03
	170	3.10 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	2.73 <sup>B</sup> ±0.10	0.76 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	4.18 <sup>B</sup> ±0.08	1.34 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	1.06 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.13 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.01	0.21 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.06
	180	2.14 <sup>D</sup> ±0.05	2.26 <sup>C</sup> ±0.07	0.68 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	3.39 <sup>C</sup> ±0.07	1.26 <sup>B</sup> ±0.09	1.06 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	0.15 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.04	0.26 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03
	190	0.53 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.72 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	0.46 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.05	0.99 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	0.44 <sup>C</sup> ±0.06	0.38 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	0.08 <sup>B</sup> ±0.08	0.11 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00
	200	0.06 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.12 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.24 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.21 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.09 <sup>D</sup> ±0.05	0.11 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.07 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00
30-40	Temperature (°C)	Rg2(S)	Rg2(R)	Rg3(S)	Rg3(R)	Rh1(S)	Rh2(S)	Sum	
	Control	0.20 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.08	0.11 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.12	ND <sup>E</sup>	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.09	ND	16.77 <sup>aA</sup> ±0.10	
	160	0.16 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.18 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.00	0.01 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	0.03 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	ND	12.84 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.02	
	170	0.27 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.07	0.28 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	0.08 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	0.07 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03	0.08 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	ND	14.30 <sup>cB</sup> ±0.04	
	180	0.32 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.09 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.00	0.18 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	0.20 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	ND	12.05 <sup>aD</sup> ±0.03	
	190	0.30 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.08 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.03	0.35 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.08 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.27 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	ND	4.78 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.03	
	200	0.22 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.01	0.00 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.41 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.10 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.27 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	ND	1.95 <sup>abF</sup> ±0.01	
Size (µm)	Temperature (°C)	Rg1	Re	Rf	Rb1	Rc	Rb2	Rb3	Rd
	Control	3.14 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	2.70 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	1.05 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	3.23 <sup>C</sup> ±0.14	0.73 <sup>D</sup> ±0.06	0.66 <sup>D</sup> ±0.04	0.17 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.25 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.02
	160	3.56 <sup>A</sup> ±0.12	2.86 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.85 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	4.33 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	1.34 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	1.11 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.24 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	0.27 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01
	170	2.98 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	2.37 <sup>C</sup> ±0.06	0.85 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	3.75 <sup>B</sup> ±0.07	1.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	0.98 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	0.20 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	0.22 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.03
	180	2.16 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	1.85 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.76 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	2.95 <sup>D</sup> ±0.05	1.04 <sup>C</sup> ±0.06	0.91 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	0.18 <sup>A</sup> ±0.07	0.19 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01
	190	0.77 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.82 <sup>E</sup> ±0.03	0.54 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00	1.28 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.46 <sup>E</sup> ±0.01	0.44 <sup>E</sup> ±0.03	0.15 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.13 <sup>D</sup> ±0.02
	200	0.10 <sup>F</sup> ±0.02	0.17 <sup>F</sup> ±0.01	0.19 <sup>E</sup> ±0.00	0.28 <sup>F</sup> ±0.01	0.10 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.15 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.03 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.08 <sup>E</sup> ±0.01
40-50	Temperature (°C)	Rg2(S)	Rg2(R)	Rg3(S)	Rg3(R)	Rh1(S)	Rh2(S)	Sum	
	Control	0.07 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.02 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	ND <sup>E</sup>	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.11 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	ND	12.13 <sup>cC</sup> ±0.03	
	160	0.20 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.16 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.03 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00	0.09 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	0.03 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	ND	15.06 <sup>aA</sup> ±0.02	
	170	0.24 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	0.20 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.09 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	0.07 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.11 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	ND	13.29 <sup>dB</sup> ±0.02	
	180	0.27 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	0.16 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	0.19 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.05 <sup>B</sup> ±0.05	0.23 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	ND	10.93 <sup>cD</sup> ±0.04	
	190	0.28 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.06 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.39 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.09 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.29 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	ND	5.67 <sup>aE</sup> ±0.01	
	200	0.23 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.08 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.38 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.12 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.17 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	ND	2.07 <sup>aF</sup> ±0.01	
Size (µm)	Temperature (°C)	Rg1	Re	Rf	Rb1	Rc	Rb2	Rb3	Rd
	Control	3.81 <sup>A</sup> ±0.10	3.27 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	1.50 <sup>A</sup> ±0.05	4.20 <sup>B</sup> ±0.11	1.10 <sup>B</sup> ±0.05	0.94 <sup>B</sup> ±0.05	0.20 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03	0.29 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03
	160	3.89 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	2.26 <sup>C</sup> ±0.04	0.87 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.02	3.97 <sup>C</sup> ±0.07	1.16 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.93 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.19 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.24 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02
	170	3.25 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	2.86 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.89 <sup>B</sup> ±0.06	4.37 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	1.40 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	1.14 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.29 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.28 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.00
	180	2.22 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	1.98 <sup>D</sup> ±0.05	0.81 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	3.14 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	1.14 <sup>B</sup> ±0.07	0.96 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.20 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.06	0.27 <sup>AB</sup> ±0.03
	190	0.63 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.66 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.50 <sup>D</sup> ±0.03	1.04 <sup>E</sup> ±0.05	0.39 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.37 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	0.13 <sup>BC</sup> ±0.07	0.11 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00
	200	0.06 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.11 <sup>F</sup> ±0.00	0.19 <sup>E</sup> ±0.02	0.17 <sup>F</sup> ±0.02	0.06 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00	0.11 <sup>D</sup> ±0.00	0.05 <sup>C</sup> ±0.00	0.07 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01
	Temperature (°C)	Rg2(S)	Rg2(R)	Rg3(S)	Rg3(R)	Rh1(S)	Rh2(S)	Sum	
>50	Control	0.16 <sup>B</sup> ±0.03	0.09 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	ND <sup>D</sup>	ND <sup>B</sup>	0.11 <sup>C</sup> ±0.02	ND	15.66 <sup>bA</sup> ±0.04	
	160	0.17 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	0.21 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.03 <sup>D</sup> ±0.01	0.10 <sup>A</sup> ±0.01	0.08 <sup>C</sup> ±0.03	ND	14.09 <sup>bC</sup> ±0.02	
	170	0.23 <sup>B</sup> ±0.01	0.20 <sup>A</sup> ±0.08	0.11 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	0.12 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.09 <sup>C</sup> ±0.01	ND	15.22 <sup>abB</sup> ±0.02	
	180	0.33 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	0.17 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.26 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.12 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.21 <sup>B</sup> ±0.00	ND	11.82 <sup>abD</sup> ±0.02	
	190	0.30 <sup>A</sup> ±0.06	0.10 <sup>B</sup> ±0.02	0.36 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.10 <sup>A</sup> ±0.02	0.32 <sup>A</sup> ±0.04	ND	5.03 <sup>bE</sup> ±0.02	
	200	0.19 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	ND <sup>C</sup>	0.34 <sup>A</sup> ±0.03	0.10 <sup>A</sup> ±0.00	0.18 <sup>B</sup> ±0.04	ND	1.64 <sup>bF</sup> ±0.01	

<sup>a-c</sup>Means with different superscripts within same temperature group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>A-F</sup>Means with different superscripts within same size group are significantly different ( $p<0.05$ ). <sup>1)</sup>After cryogenic milling of ginseng samples in different conditions, samples were classified based on their particle sizes. One treatment condition was selected for each size range, and particle-size based selected samples were roasted and pulverized by cryogenic milling.

#### 4. Conclusion

In this study, ginseng was pretreated at different roasting temperatures and was ground using different cryogenic milling conditions to reduce particles size and ultimately, increase water solubility and bioactive components. The particle size of ginseng was found to be significantly smaller in all roasting pretreatments compared to that in the control (without roasting pretreatment) ( $p<0.05$ ). A decreasing trend of particle size was revealed with increasing roasting temperature. When ginseng powder of 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$  size was roasted at 170  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , smallest particle size was found to be 5.41  $\mu\text{m}$ . However, we found that the particle size of the ginseng increased due to flocculation when roasted above 180  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Similar pattern was observed with other particle sizes ( $>20 \mu\text{m}$ ) above 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . On comparing the physicochemical properties based on particle size of ginseng samples; WSI, antioxidant activity, TPC, and total polysaccharide contents were found to increase with decrease in particle size. On analyzing WSI, TPC, and total polysaccharide content based on roasting temperature, an increase in their levels was observed with rise in roasting temperature below 180  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . However, three contents were observed to decrease at 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and above. Such trend might be due to loss of internal components in ginseng caused at high temperature. In this study, the powder appeared black in color when roasted at 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and above, which may be caused by burning. It is believed that high roasting temperature causes loss of bioactive substances in ginseng. Antioxidant activities showed a trend of increasing values with decrease in particle size ( $p>0.05$ ). Furthermore, all roasted samples showed significantly increased antioxidant activities compared to that of the controls ( $p<0.05$ ). Additionally, we found that a higher roasting temperature increases the antioxidant activities of ginseng. Total ginsenoside contents showed no alterations based on particle size and roasting temperature. However, total ginsenosides showed a sharp decrease when samples were roasted at 190  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and above. Non-polar ginsenosides such as Rg2(S), Rg2(R), Rg3(S), Rg3(R), and Rh1(S) tended to increase with increase in roasting temperature. Overall, we reveal that roasting within certain temperature range followed by cryogenic milling is an effective method to reduce particle size, and increase water solubility and bioactive components of ginseng.

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