

Supporting Information (SI)

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3 ***Quillaja* Saponin-Based Hollow Salt Particles as Solid Carriers for** 4 **Enhancing Aroma Sensory with Reduced Sodium Intake**

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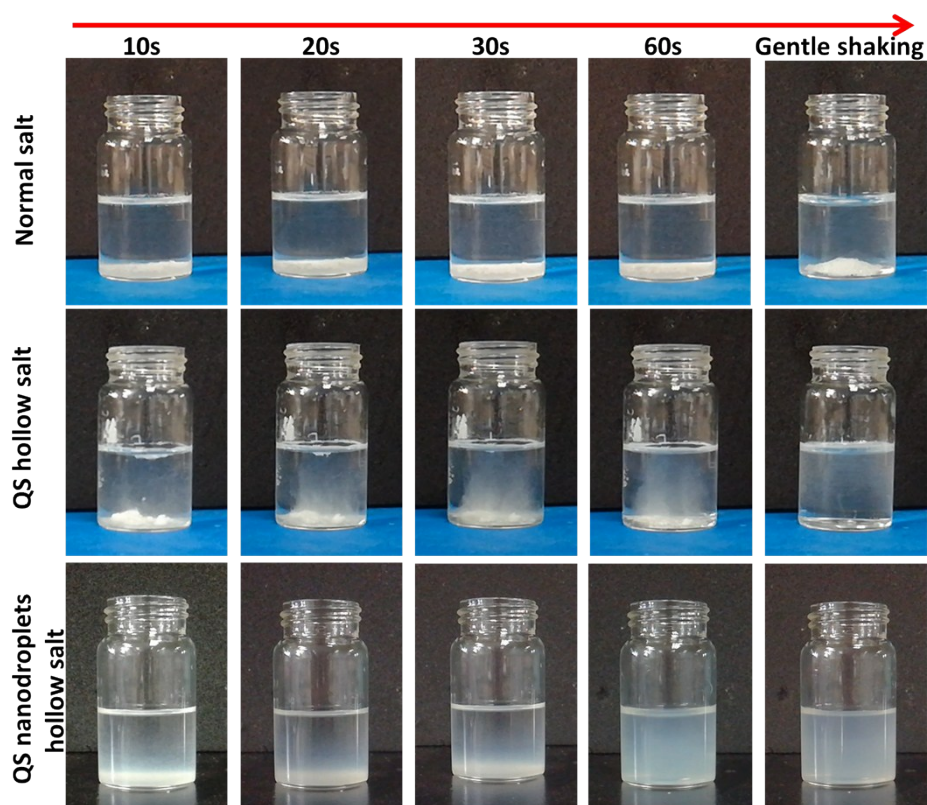
18 **Sensory Scores of Overall Aroma.**

19 Quantitative descriptive analysis (QDA) was applied to evaluate the differences of sensory
20 aroma characteristics among samples.¹ The intensity of the sensory attributes of the water, lemon oil
21 and garlic oil was evaluated in triplicate by a trained panel of 11 subjects (6 female and 5 male, aged
22 18-36 years). The judges scored each attribute on a line scale of 0-100, in which 100 was the lemon
23 oil/garlic oil (strongly perceivable) and 0 was the water with no perception. Samples with in flavor
24 oil effective content of 0.2 g were marked with three-digit numbers, subsequently put in a plastic cup
25 (20 mL) and covered with lids, prior to serving for evaluation.

27 **Table S** Sensory descriptors with their definitions and references.

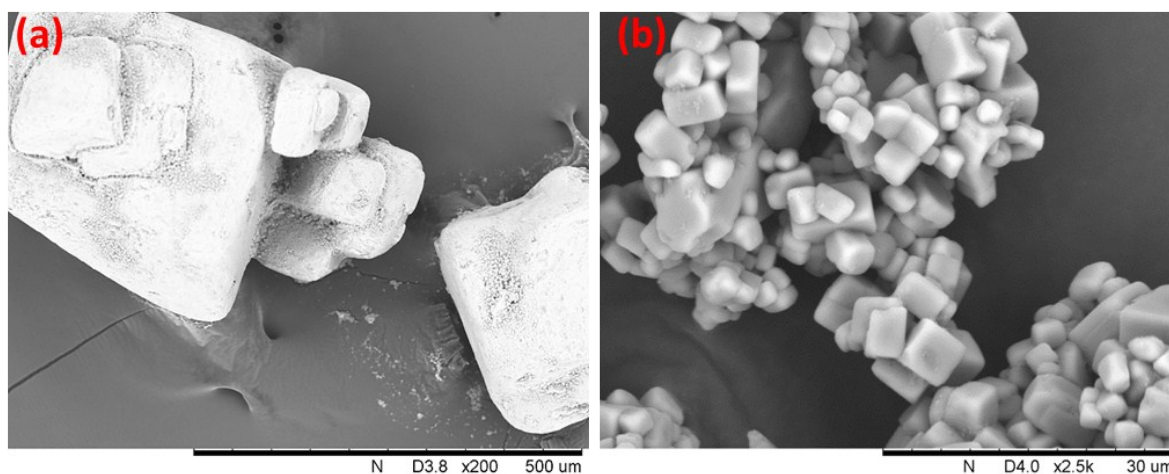
Descriptor	Definition	Reference	Consensus value of reference on 0–10 scale
Saltiness	Characteristic taste of NaCl	2.5% (w/w) table salt solution	10
Lemon aroma	Aroma and flavor characteristic associated with lemon	0.2% (w/w) lemon oil solution of sunflower oil	10
Garlic aroma	Aroma and flavor characteristic associated with garlic	0.2% (w/w) garlic oil solution of sunflower oil	10
French fries odor	Intensity of aroma and flavor of fried fries	Fries fried in sunflower oil that had been heated to 180°C for 4 min. Served at room temperature	7
Fried peanut odor	Intensity of aroma and flavor of fried peanut	Peanut fried in sunflower oil that had been heated to 180°C for 4 min. Served at room temperature	7
Dispersibility	Ability of salt to separate into individual particles	Serious aggregation	0
		Dispersion very good	10
Oral grainy	Grainy perceived in the oral cavity due to the salt present on the sample	Conventional salt	10
		Oil powder	0

30 **Fig. S1** Reconstitution behavior of normal salt (upper layer), hollow salt from table salt and QS
31 (middle layer) and hollow salt from table salt and QS-coated nanodroplets (lower layer), running 50
32 mg of powder dissolution in 10 g of water at room temperature ($\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$) for 10, 20, 30 and 60 s, and
33 final dispersions by gentle shaking.



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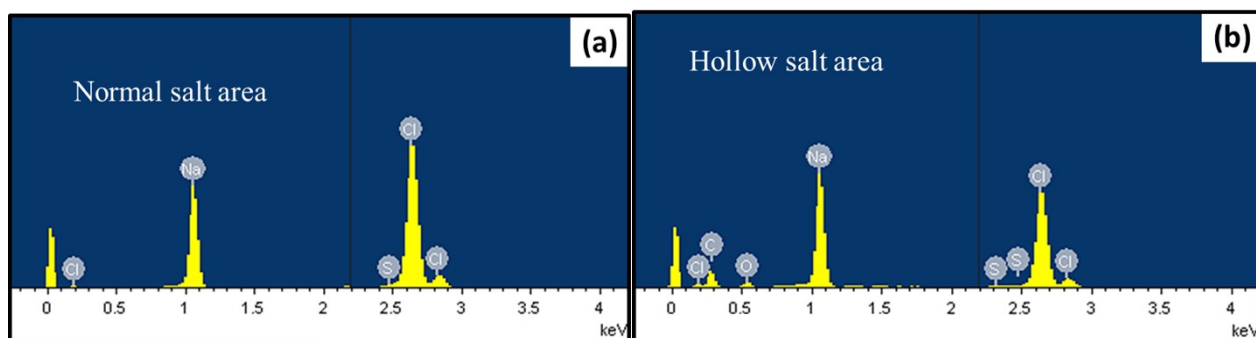
36 **Fig. S2** SEM images of normal salt (a) and the salt produced by spray drying of 25% salt (b).



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38 **Fig. S3** Typical energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) spectra of normal salt (a), and hollow

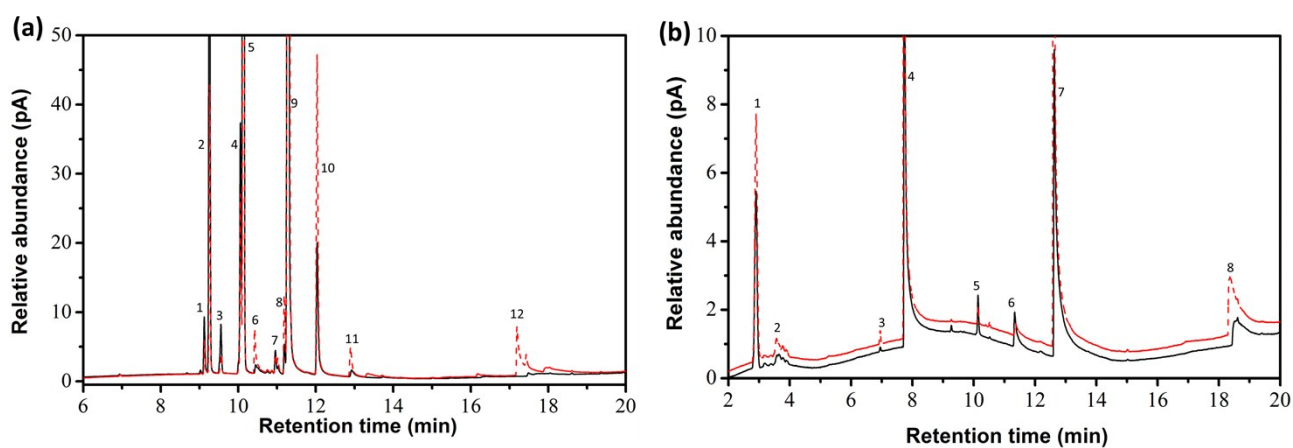
39 salt particles (b).



42 **Fig. S4** Typical analytical-ion chromatogram for the HP-GC-FID of lemon oil (a) and garlic oil (b).

43 The individual compounds were identified by both MS-library searches and authentic external

44 standards. Peak numbers correspond to component numbers in Table 2 and Table 3.



47 **Related references:**

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