Aim. The article deals with the analysis of the effect of sport nutrition products enriched by taxifolin encapsulated into nanoemulsion on people involved in low-intensity sports for forecasting changes in homeostasis. Materials and methods. 3 groups of volunteers aged 25–35 (n = 30) and involved in sports on a regular basis (low-intensity training, 2 times per week) participated in a placebo-controlled study. The extract and nanoemulsion of taxifolin were used as antioxidants. To estimate the effect of enriched products on homeostasis, we performed a non-invasive study of hematological and biochemical indicators. Results. This paper demonstrates the results of the study of oil-water emulsions obtained with ultrasonic treatment for the encapsulation of biologically active substance – taxifolin – to improve and preserve its bioactive properties. We conducted an analysis of metabolism after the inclusion of taxifolin-enriched products in a diet. We established that the inclusion of taxifolin-enriched products does not result in worsening of lipid, carbohydrate, and protein metabolism. Conclusion. The paper demonstrates the reason for the inclusion of products enriched with taxifolin encapsulated into nanoemulsion in the diet of people involved in low-intensity sports for minimizing the risk of oxidative stress and providing homeostasis regulation.

Keywords: nanoemulsion, taxifolin, encapsulation, sports nutrition.
higher oxygen consumption, reducing oxidation of fatty acids and glucose, increasing endurance, and reducing inflammatory indicators in athletes consuming polyphenols.

Studies demonstrate that the application of Taxifolin during 2 or 3 weeks contributes to the increase of muscular aerobic capacity in highly skilled athletes from cyclic sports and improves the speed of recovery after intense physical loads. Based on the data obtained, it is recommended to use Taxifolin as an effective, natural, and safe antioxidant, capillary protector, and immunomodulator in sports connected with local and global muscular endurance during intense training aimed at improving muscular aerobic capacities [8, 9, 22, 23].

Studies prove that the use of Taxifolin belonging to P vitamins is recommended both for qualified athletes and people with an active lifestyle practicing fitness, diving, alpinism, bodybuilding, etc.

To create sport nutrition products, it is necessary to take into account several factors including the features of physical and chemical properties of antioxidant, its activity, and bioavailability.

Numerous studies indicate the feasibility of using nanoemulsions for encapsulating, protecting, and effective delivering of biologically active substances of lipophilic nature.

Emulsions were used for the encapsulation of numerous biologically active substances including α-3 fatty acids, carotenoids, curcumin, resveratrol, coenzyme Q10. Several studies demonstrated that the encapsulation of hydrophobic BAA in emulsions and nanoemulsions improves their bioavailability and/or biological activity. Invivo studies showed that the encapsulation of curcumin in nanoemulsions improved its bioavailability in comparison with free curcumin. Invivo studies also revealed that per oral availability of β-carotene was approximately 11.5 times higher when delivered as nanoemulsion instead of a simple dispergation by oil [4, 5, 11, 19].

In previous publications, we provided the characteristic of a plant antioxidant – Taxifolin – and described its physical and chemical properties limiting its biopharmaceutical features in case of its application in native form. We proved the possibility of compensating disadvantages by means of ultrasonic micronization [16, 17].

We made an attempt to improve the antioxidant properties of taxifolin by encapsulating it in the system of nanoemulsion based on vegetable oil as an effective source of polyunsaturated fatty acids.

The aim of this study is to develop a nanoemulsion bicomposite based on plant flavanone taxifolin and to study its application in the food matrix for people with an active lifestyle.

Materials and methods. For the purpose of this study, we prepared emulsions of a direct (water-oil) type based on linseed oil. These emulsions were used for bread enrichment.

The linseed oil used was produced by Altayskiy len company TY10.89.19-010-3089444-2016, certificate of state registration No RU.77.88.003.E.001946.04.16 dd. 29.04.2016.

Guar gum (E412) was used as a surface-active substance (SAS).

The extract obtained from the wood of the Dahurian Larch was used as an antioxidant. The extract contains a minimum 97.0 % taxifolin (certificate of state registration No RU 77.99.11.003.E.018404.05.11 dd. 06.05.2011).

Oil concentration in the emulsion was 5 %. Taxifolin was introduced in the amount of 0.1 % of total emulsion volume, guar gum – in the amount of 0.1 % for each percent of a fat fraction.

The control sample of the emulsion was prepared by 20-minute mixing at a speed of 10000 rpm and a temperature of 40 °C.

The sample (nanoemulsion) was obtained with Volna-L ultrasonic equipment, model УЗТА-0,63/22-ОЛ (frequency 22 ± 1.65 kHz). The performance mode used had the following characteristics: power – 315 W, duration – 15 min, temperature – 40 °C [3, 5, 11, 14].

The samples obtained were assessed using the following criteria: disperse content (Nanotrac Ultra, Microtrac Inc., USA, ISO 13321); morphology (confocal microscopy, objective HCX PL APO lambda blue 63.0x1.40); total antioxidant activity (DPPH method).

To assess the efficiency of the nanoemulsion bicomposite, the taxifolin emulsion obtained was lyophilized and introduced into the bread recipe.

At the premises of the laboratory of “Food and Biotechnology” Department (SUSU – NRU) we developed the following samples:

Sample 1 – Wheat Rye Bread without BAS (placebo);
Sample 2 – Wheat Rye Bread enriched with taxifolin dry extract (0.05 % of flour weight);
Sample 3 – Wheat Rye Bread enriched with taxifolin nanoemulsion (0.05 % taxifolin to flour weight).

The group of volunteers was formed to assess...
the effect of products enriched with antioxidant on homeostasis. Young people aged 25–35 and involved in low-intensity sports (2 times per week) participated in the study. The total number of participants is 30 persons (3 groups, 10 persons each group). All participants received bread for 24 days on a daily basis.

We conducted a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled study from May to June 2018. The results of hematological and biochemical examinations were accepted as controlled parameters. The assessment of volunteers was performed before and after the intake of enriched products and took place at the premises of the Scientific and Research Center for Sports Science. The assessment was conducted with the help of a non-invasive blood analyzer (AMP, Ukraine, certificate № ФСЗ 2008/02305). This study was approved by the Ethical Committee of the South Ural State University and was based on following all the criteria required.

**Results and discussion.** On the first stage of the study, we assessed the quality of fresh emulsions. The results obtained allowed us to established a pronounced effect of ultrasound treatment on the controlled parameters (Table 1). The control sample of the emulsion was characterized by various size fractions from 5220 nm to 172 nm with the predominance of the particles of more than 1000 nm (42.3 %). Therefore, this control sample could not be treated as nanoemulsion. In the emulsion obtained with ultrasound, we revealed the fractions of the particles of less than 200 nm. This indicates the possibility of preparing nanoemulsions with ultrasound treatment. Micro photos, which characterize the morphology of the samples studied, go in line with the results obtained for their disperse content.

The results of the antioxidant activity assessment of the emulsions obtained revealed that ultrasonic emulsification allows increasing to some extent taxifolin bioavailability in comparison with a control sample (12–13 % on average) [16, 17].

The authors suppose that the application of nanoemulsions for enrichment should minimize the risks of oxidative stress under physical loads of various intensity. To prove this hypothesis, we conducted a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled study in a group of volunteers.

The analysis of blood indicators characterizing carbohydrate metabolism (Table 2) revealed

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<td>Control sample</td>
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<td>5220 nm – 30.5 %</td>
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<td>Model sample (ultrasound)</td>
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<td>174.8 nm – 74.3 %</td>
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that in the control group at the end of the study glucose concentration tended to decrease to $4.02 \pm 0.15$ mmol/l in comparison with the beginning of the study.

In the beginning and at the end of the study glucose concentration in the first and second groups consuming bread enriched with taxifolin extract and nanoemulsion remained almost the same.

The change of blood glucose during muscle activity is individual and depends on the duration and capacity of exercises and physical fitness. Long-term physical loads usually led to a decrease in blood glucose. In untrained people, this decrease is usually more pronounced than in trained people. Decreased blood glucose is one of the factors contributing to fatigue. At the same time, physical performance decreases significantly. However, this parameter of carbohydrate metabolism is rarely used independently in sports diagnostics [6, 12].

The accumulation of lactic acid as the main metabolic intermediate is the result of obtaining energy during physical exercises. This process is similar to the decrease in blood glucose and determines fatigue appearance.

The analysis of the data obtained showed that, despite the fact that during the whole study the indicators of lactic acid concentration were within reference values for all participants, volunteers from the control group tended to accumulate lactic acid. Volunteers from the first group tended to the insignificant decrease of this indicator. The second group did not demonstrate any statistically significant changes.

It is proved that carbohydrate and lipid metabolism are closely connected under physical loads. During long-term physical loads the contribution of lipids to the total energy production increases; energy balance shifts from carbohydrate to lipid type.

The decrease of glucose concentration in blood inhibits the synthesis of triglycerides intensifying its breakdown. This tendency was registered in the control group, where the decrease of triglycerides concentration was $17.1 \pm 0.06$ % on average. In the first and the second groups, this parameter remained almost unchanged.

The results of various studies show that cholesterol decreases as a result of regular training. We registered the decrease of total cholesterol concentration only in the first group.

It is worth mentioning that all the parameters of lipid metabolism were within the reference values for this age group both in the beginning and at the end of the study.

Oxygen-carrying hemoglobin is the main source of protein for blood erythrocytes. Blood hemoglobin reflects the aerobic capacities of the body, the efficiency of aerobic training, and an athlete’s health status.

Table 2 demonstrates the insignificant decrease of hemoglobin during the study ($1.9 \pm 0.20$ % on average) in the control group. In people consuming bread enriched with taxifolin, we registered the slight increase of this parameter by $0.6 – 1.1 \pm 0.17$ %.

In general, in the majority of participants hemoglobin content was close to minimal reference values.

**Conclusion.** Our study revealed the possibility of applying ultrasound for obtaining oil-

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<td>Lactic acid concentration</td>
<td>$1.02 \pm 0.08$</td>
<td>$1.22 \pm 0.06$</td>
<td>$1.26 \pm 0.04$</td>
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<td>Glucose concentration</td>
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<td>Total cholesterol concentration</td>
<td>$4.93 \pm 0.14$</td>
<td>$5.33 \pm 0.20$</td>
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<td>Triglycerides concentration</td>
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<td>$1.21 \pm 0.08$</td>
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<td>Hemoglobin concentration</td>
<td>$128.6 \pm 0.21$</td>
<td>$126.2 \pm 0.20$</td>
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water nanoemulsions. This approach can be regarded as efficient for the encapsulation of low-soluble biologically active substances and taxifolin in particular. The nanoemulsions obtained with ultrasound demonstrated the best results in terms of emulsion formation and the preservation of biologically active properties of taxifolin.

The study of lipid, carbohydrate, and protein metabolism in volunteers consuming bread with taxifolin nanoemulsions and extracts revealed that these products and their derivatives can be of interest for the correction of muscle fatigue and the main types of metabolisms in people practicing a sport. However, additional research is required with a larger number of the parameters studied.

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ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ ИСПОЛЬЗОВАНИЯ НАНОЭМУЛЬСИЙ НА ОСНОВЕ ДИГИДРОКВЕРЦЕТИНА В СОСТАВЕ ПРОДУКТОВ ДЛЯ СПОРТИВНОГО ПИТАНИЯ

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Цель. Анализ воздействия на организм людей, занимающихся спортом малой интенсивности, продуктов питания, обогащенных инкапсулированным в наноэмульсии антиоксидантом дигидрокверцетином, на организм людей, занимающихся спортом стабильно (тренировки малой интенсивности 2 раза в неделю). В качестве антиоксидантов применяли: экстракт и наноэмульсию дигидрокверцетина. Для оценки влияния обогащенных продуктов на процесс гомеостаза проведено исследование гематологических и биохимических показателей с применением неинвазивного подхода.

Результаты. Представлены результаты исследований умслей типа «масло-вода», полученных с применением ультразвукового воздействия, для инкапсуляции биоактивных веществ дигидрокверцетина с целью повышения и сохранения его биоактивных свойств. Проведен анализ характера метаболизма волонтеров при включении

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