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Adulteration of food products has become a common problem in many countries. Adulteration may take the form of substitution of one species for another, where the food products from one species have been mixed intentionally with either a similar substitute material or a cheaper species. However, the use of pork and lard is a serious matter in Islam because foods containing ingredients from pig sources are haram (unlawful or prohibited) for Muslims to consume. Therefore, a reliable technique for the detection of lard adulteration in food products is necessary to protect Muslim consumers from intentional or unintentional fraud. The objective of this study was to apply near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy combined with certain chemometric techniques for the detection and quantification of lard adulteration in selected edible oils. An analysis of fatty acids of authentic oils (i.e., palm olein (PO), soybean oil (SB), and canola oil (CO)) due to lard adulteration can complement the NIR spectral measurements. The presence of lard adulteration in PO, SB, and CO was analysed using NIR spectroscopy combined with soft independent modelling class analogy (SIMCA) and partial least-squares (PLS) in the region of 1,350–2,450 nm. This method can discriminate between pure and adulterated samples. The results revealed that the models predicted the adulterants with error limits of ± 0.83 , ± 1.67 , and ± 0.99 weight/weight for PO, SB, and CO, respectively. The PCA-developed models were able to classify lard-adulterated edible oil mixtures with almost 100% certainty. The adulterants were quantified using their respective PLS models within the same error limits as mentioned above. Furthermore, the study was extended for the classification of food product systems, specifically in biscuit formulation to verify the ability of the proposed method to classify between biscuits containing lard and without lard in its formulation. The spectra from the NIR analysis showed three significant peaks in the region of interest: 1,400–1,500 nm, 1,600–1,700 nm, and 2,100–2,200 nm. In this case, the result is similar to a previous study using edible oils and lard as

samples. Using the same established model, the samples of adulterated biscuits and biscuits without lard were 100% correctly classified. A chemometric PLS method was used to derive a NIR calibration model. However, the model used previously could not predict the validation data, resulting in a high value of root mean square error of prediction (RMSEP). Therefore, several limitations of the established model and recommendations have been discussed. In conclusion, this study shows that the utilisation of NIR spectroscopy combined with suitable chemometric techniques can provide a reliable analytical tool for detecting pork and lard adulteration. The findings from this study can serve as a basis of reference for the research in halal food authentication.



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Pencemaran produk makanan menjadi masalah bersama di kebanyakan negara. Pencemaran boleh mengambil bentuk penggantian satu spesies yang lain di mana produk makanan dari satu spesies telah dicampur dengan sengaja dengan bahan pengganti yang serupa atau spesies yang lebih murah. Dalam kebanyakan kes, pengeluar makanan sering memilih lemak babi sebagai bahan pengganti minyak kerana ia murah dan mudah didapati. Walau bagaimanapun, penggunaan babi dan lemak babi adalah perkara yang serius dalam Islam kerana makanan yang mengandungi bahan-bahan dari sumber babi adalah haram (haram atau dilarang) untuk dimakan oleh orang Islam. Oleh itu, teknik yang boleh dipercayai untuk mengesan daging babi dan lemak babi dalam produk makanan adalah perlu untuk melindungi pengguna Islam dari penipuan yang disengajakan atau tidak sengaja. Objektif kajian ini adalah untuk menggunakan spektroskopi Near-inframerah (NIR) yang digabungkan dengan teknik kimometrik tertentu untuk pengesanan dan kuantifikasi pelarut lemak babi dengan minyak makan terpilih. Analisis perubahan asid lemak minyak asli olein sawit, minyak soya dan minyak kanola disebabkan oleh pemalsuan amalan lemak babi boleh melengkapkan pengukuran spektrum NIR. Kehadiran LD yang bercampur dengan olein sawit (PO), minyak kacang soya (SB) dan minyak kanola (CO) dianalisis menggunakan spektroskopi NIR yang digabungkan dengan analogy kelas pemodelan (SIMCA) dan "partial least square" (PLS) di kawasan 1350 nm-2450 nm. Kaedah ini membolehkan mendiskriminasi sampel yang tulen dan dipalsukan. Hasil kajian menunjukkan model yang meramalkan campuran yang terlibat dalam PO, SB dan CO dengan had kesalahan masing-masing ± 0.83 , ± 1.67 , and ± 0.99 berat/berat. Model pembangunan PCA dapat mengklasifikasikan campuran lemak babi dan minyak masak dengan hampir 100%. Pengukuran percampuran dilakukan dengan menggunakan model PLS masing-masing dalam had kesalahan yang sama seperti yang disebutkan

diatas. Tambahan pula, kajian itu diperluaskan untuk klasifikasi sistem produk makanan, khususnya dalam formulasi biskut untuk mengesahkan keupayaan kaedah yang dicadangkan untuk mengklasifikasikan antara biskut yang mengandungi lemak babi dan tanpa lemak dalam formulasinya. Spektrum dari NIR menunjukkan tiga puncak penting di kawasan kepentingan, 1400-1500nm, 1600-1700nm dan 2100-2200 nm. Dalam kes ini, hasilnya sama dengan kes sebelumnya apabila kita menggunakan minyak dan lemak babi yang boleh dimakan sebagai sampel. Menggunakan model yang sama ditubuhkan, sampel biskut yang bercampur dan tidak bercampur dengan lemak 100% diklasifikasikan dengan betul. Kaedah kimometrik PLS digunakan untuk memperolehi model kalibrasi NIR. Walaubagaimanapun, model yang digunakan dalam bab sebelumnya tidak dapat meramalkan data pengesahan yang menghasilkan nilai RMSEP yang tinggi. Kesimpulannya, kajian ini memperlihatkan bahawa spektroskopi NIR dengan gabungan teknik chemometrics yang sesuai dapat memberikan alat analisa yang dapat digunakan dalam mengesan daging babi dan lemak babi yang dipamerkan. Penggunaan NIR juga ditunjukkan sebagai pengenalpastian adulterasi lemak babi yang boleh dipercayai. Penemuan dari kajian ini boleh menjadi asas rujukan untuk penyelidikan dalam pengesahan makanan halal.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degree celcius
ANOVA	analysis of variance
AOCS	American Oil Chemists' Society
c	Concentration
C10:0	Capric acid
C12:0	lauric acid
C14:0	myristic acid
C14:1	Myristoleic acid
C15:0	Pentadecanoic acid
C16:0	palmitic acid
C16:1	palmitoleic acid
C17:0	Margaric acid
C17:1	Margaroleic acid
C18:0	stearic acid
C18:1	oleic acid
C18:2	linoleic acid
C18:3	linolenic acid
C20:0	arachidic acid
C20:1	Gadoleic acid
C20:2	Eicosadienoic acid
C20:4	Eicosatetraenoic acid
C22:0	Docosanoic acid
C22:1	Erucic acid

cm	centimeter
CO	Canola Oil
Cv	cuvette
CVA	canonical variable analysis
DAG	Diacylglycerols
DSC	differential scanning calorimetry
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EN	Electronic nose
EVM	evaluation model
FAME	fatty acid methyl ester
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infrared
g	Gram
GC	gas chromatograph
kg	kilogram
g/cm ²	gram per centimeter square
GC/MS	Gas chromatography Mass Spectrometry
GC-FID	Gas chromatography with flame ionization detector
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
InGaAs	Indium Gallium Arsenide
JAKIM	Department of Islamic Development Malaysia
l	length
LC/MS	liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry
LD	lard
LDA	Linear Discriminant Analysis
LOO	leave-one-out
LS	Light source

mL/min	milliliter/minute
mm	Milimeter
MPOB	Malaysian Palm Oil Board
MS	Mass spectrometer
N	Refractive Index
Na ₂ SO ₄	anhydrous sodium sulphate
NIR	Near-Infrared
nm	Nano-meter
PC	Principal component
PCA	principle component analysis
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PO	palm olein
PUFA	polysaturated fatty acid
PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid
PV	Peroxide value
R ²	Coefficient of determination
RBD	refined bleach deodorized
RMSEP	root mean square error of prediction
rpm	revolution per minute
RT	Retention time
SBO	Soybean oil
SIMCA	Soft Independent Modeling of Class Analogy
TAG	triacylglycerol
TIC	total ion chromatograms
UKM	University Kebangsaan Malaysia
UPM	University Putra Malaysia

v/v	volume/volume
w/v	weight/volume
w/w	weight/weight
ϵ	absorptivity
μL	Microliter
μm	micrometer



CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of study

Vegetable oils and fats have a big contribution in our diet or in food products formulation. Fats and oils differ in composition, length, and unsaturation degree of the fatty acids, as well as their double-bond position in the chain. The vegetable oil and animal fats composed primarily from triacylglycerol (TAG), diacylglycerols (DAGs), free fatty acids and also varying amounts of minor components like phospholipids, sterols, tocopherols, carotenoids and fat soluble vitamins (O'Brien, 2009).

Over the past decades, vegetable oils have supplanted lard and beef tallow as the major source of dietary fat mostly due to consumers demanding food products that combine a pleasant flavor with nutritional benefits. On the basis of the expanding market for vegetable oils, the authentication become an important subject from both commercial and health perspective (Aparicio & Aparicio-Ruiz, 2000). Therefore, food authenticity issue including adulteration is a major issue in the food industry, and is causing concerns among costumers and food manufacturers.

One of the major issues concerning adulteration is where high value raw materials are substituted by cheaper materials. Lard is one of the pig derivatives which is added into the food products where food producers in some countries prefer to mix vegetable oils with lard to reduce the production cost (Mansor, Che Man, & Shuhaimi, 2011). The detection of food adulterants also important for religion concern where some religions like Islam, Judaism and Hinduism forbid the follower to consume any food containing lard and its derivatives (A. Rohman, Che Man, Hashim, & Ismail, 2011). Adulteration of haram or 'shubhah' ingredient like lard in food products has been widespread and difficult to identify with the naked eye (Fadzillillah et al., 2011). Thus, a sensitive, easily performable and reliable scientific method is required to verify the ingredients in Halal food product.

Several analytical methods either physical or chemical based methods have been successfully applied to detect and identify lard based ingredients adulteration. Technique such as analysis of fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) by gas chromatography (GC) is used widely in food analysis including checking for food adulteration (Lehotay & Hajslova, 2002). Furthermore, several techniques also have been reported such as high-performance liquid chromatographic

(HPLC) (Marikkar, Ghazali, Che Man, Peiris, & Lai, 2005), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) (Mansor et al., 2011), and gas chromatography with flame ionization detector (GC-FID) (Dahimi, Hassan, Rahim, Abdulkarim, & A, 2014) as the analytical techniques for detection and quantification of pig derivatives in food systems.

The developments of rapid and reliable methods are required for the authentication and detection of adulteration in food products. Therefore, there have been several attempts to find a rapid and efficient method for detection of adulteration such as the use of infrared spectrometry both in the mid- and near-infrared regions. The mid-infrared (MIR) region where the fundamentals of functional groups appear has long been used for food analysis as reported by Che Man, Rohman, & Mansor (2010) and Xu, Cai, Cui, Ye, & Yu, (2012) using Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy.

The potential of NIR spectrometry has been explored. There are a multitude of reviews on NIR spectroscopy however only few deal exclusively with its halal food authentication. A few works done by the researcher and food analyst in food industry using NIR spectroscopy method such as Christy, Kasemsumran, Yiping, & Ozaki (2004) has investigated the possibility of detecting adulteration in olive oil containing different adulterants, and for quality authentication of meat product by Prieto, Roehle, Lavín, Batten, & Andrés (2009). These study focused on the investigation of the possibility of the NIR technique for detecting non-halal adulterant specifically in the case of lard in several oil mixtures as an attractive alternative technique due to straightforward and speedy characterization of samples.

NIR spectra generally contain a number of broad and overlapping bands. The nature of these bands make quantitative analysis difficult. Therefore, this problem overcome by development of methods by chemometrics analysis such as Partial Least Square (PLS), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), Soft Independent Modelling of Class Analogy (SIMCA) and others applied to vibrational spectroscopic data to assess the adulteration and authentication (Nunes, 2014).

1.2 Problem statement

Research and development in halal food authentication are meant to find alternatives to recent non halal and doubtful ingredients. Several analytical methods are available but most are require sophisticated laboratory procedures, lack in terms of practicality and requires high capital cost (Kamruzzaman, Sun, ElMasry, & Allen, 2013). One such example is chromatography-based techniques and polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Previous studies on fats and oils using the FTIR spectroscopy combined with chemometrics can be alternative for a rapid and non-destructive technique. However, the requirement for a bulky detector set coming from the need to cover the mid-infrared range has prevented the use of FTIR spectroscopy system for on-site screening application. Therefore, a rapid and efficient method for detection of adulteration should be developed and a possible way out is to use the near-infrared (NIR) region spectroscopy combined with chemometrics analysis.

1.3 Scope of study

In this particular study, NIR spectroscopy was used to develop a rapid detection method coupled with chemometrics approach to detect the presence of lard in selected edible oils as a means for halal screening technique. Long wave NIR spectrometer in the region of 1350-2450 nm was used using transmittance measurement mode as the sample is of liquid type. This study focused on the lard adulteration. This work includes different types of vegetable oils (palm olein, canola and soybean oil) adulterated with lard. Furthermore, the change of fatty acid profiles in samples due to the addition of adulterants (lard) was also reported by in order to confirm the NIR spectroscopy results. Biscuit formulation serving as a model system for food products which contain fats and oils is used to verify the ability of NIR spectroscopy to detect lard in complex matrix.

1.4 Objectives

This study focuses on the possibility of Near-Infrared (NIR) spectroscopy combined with chemometrics analysis technique as a halal screening tool and develops this method particularly for the case of oil and lard mixture detection. Therefore, the specific objectives of the study were:

1. To analyse fatty acid composition of lard adulteration in selected edible oils using gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC/MS)
2. To detect lard adulteration in selected edible oils for halal screening application using NIR spectroscopy and chemometrics analysis.
3. To validate lard adulteration in biscuit formulation using NIR spectroscopy.

1.5 Significance of study

Detecting adulteration in fats and oils especially the most widely used such as palm oil, soybean and canola oil are indeed needed. The attempt to find the effective, simple, straightforward analysis is essential. The NIR spectroscopy based screening system can be used for on-site application to identify food products that contains lard mixture. The findings from this experiment will be a valuable input in fine tuning the portable halal screening system which could later be adapted for other adulteration in fats and oil, and food products.



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