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The aminoimidazoazaarenes types of heterocyclic amines (AIA-types of HCAs) and the 4PAH of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are chemical compounds that form abundantly in muscle meat cooked at 150°C and above from the reaction between the amino acids and the reducing sugar. Studies on HCAs and PAHs formation are essential as both compounds have been classified as carcinogenic by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Many studies on HCAs and PAHs focused on their formation in food samples. However, the most susceptible amino acid and sugar precursor was unable to be identified due to the complex system containing many food components. Chemical model system have the advantages of allowing researchers to study the effect of single precursor on HCAs or PAHs formation as the system contains only the precursor. From using chemical model system, previous studies have identified phenylalanine, proline, and glycine as the amino acids responsible for the formation of the AIA-types of HCAs and the 4PAH that are abundant in cooked muscle meat. Nevertheless, studies on the simultaneous formation are limited although they originated from the same precursor and most reported studies focused on HCAs and PAHs formation separately. There is also limited data on the rate formation involving kinetic studies that can be used to signify the difference between each precursor on the formation of HCAs and PAHs. Therefore, the objective of this study is to identify the most susceptible amino acid (phenylalanine, proline, and glycine) and sugar (glucose, fructose, and sucrose) precursor for the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs at household cooking time and temperature using chemical model system with the adaption of kinetic study. Essentially, this study uses an amino acid model system and a sugar model system to investigate the effects of these precursors on the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs. The used of phenylalanine, proline, and glycine were selected as it was identified by previous studies to from most of the HCAs and PAHs compound. Each amino acid model systems were heated at a household

cooking temperature and time ranged from 150°C to 270°C at 4 to 16 minutes. The data obtained were fitted into the first-order model equation, Arrhenius equation, and Eyring equation to determine the rate formation of HCAs and PAHs from different amino acid model systems. In sugar model system, glucose, fructose, and sucrose were chosen since they are commonly found in meat. The formation of HCAs and PAHs were identified and quantified using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) equipped with photo diode array (PDA) and fluorescence (FLD) detectors. Gas chromatography – mass spectrometry (GC-MS) screening on the model system containing the most susceptible amino acid and sugar was conducted to identify the possible intermediate compounds causing the formation of HCAs and PAHs and predicting the pathway formation. The findings of this study revealed that heating temperature has higher significant effect over heating time. The presence of various amino acids significantly influenced the types of HCAs and PAHs formed, whereas the presence of sugar highly influenced the amount formed. Furthermore, not all amino acid were able to form HCAs but can easily form PAHs. Phenylalanine was identified as the precursor for imidazoquinoline, imidazoquinoxaline, imidazopyridine; proline was the precursor imidazoquinoxaline, and imidazopyridine; whereas as glycine was the precursor for imidazoquinoline, and imidazoquinoxaline. Interestingly, all three amino acids were the precursor for PAHs which comprises of *cata*-condensed PAHs (benz[a]anthracene, BaA and chrysene, Chry) and *peri*-condensed PAHs (benzo[b]fluoranthene, BbF and benzo[a]pyrene, BaP). The results from the kinetic studies revealed that regardless on the types of amino acids used, the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs followed the first-order model and that the reaction was an endothermic and bimolecular reaction. Based on the reaction rate (k) and activation energy (E_a) values obtained from the first-order model and the Arrhenius equation, the formations of HCAs and PAHs in each amino acid (phenylalanine, proline, and glycine) model systems were formed at a relatively different rate. All HCAs and PAHs compounds were identified in the heated system of phenylalanine. Hence, phenylalanine was identified as the most susceptible amino acid for the simultaneous formation HCAs and PAHs followed by glycine and proline. In the sugar model systems, glucose was identified as the most susceptible sugar precursor, forming high amount of HCAs and PAHs. This was then followed by fructose and sucrose. In general, the increased in the amino acid and sugar concentrations resulted in a significant increase in the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs. The GC-MS screening on model system with most susceptible amino acid (phenylalanine) and sugar (glucose) precursor identified five compound namely 4-methyl quinoline, methyl-3-phenylpropanoate, 3,6-dibenzylpiperazine-2,5-dione, 3-benzyl-6-methylpiperazine-2,5-dione, and creatinine that were involved in the pathway formation of HCAs and PAHs. It can be concluded that different amino acids highly influence the types of HCAs and PAHs whereas, the reducing sugar highly influence the amount of HCAs and PAHs formed. Their simultaneously formation occurred at a relatively different rate depending on the type of amino acid presence. However, regardless on the type of amino acids, the simultaneous formation follows the first order model and the reaction was an endothermic and bimolecular reaction. Phenylalanine and glucose were identified as the most susceptible precursor for the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs.

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Aminaimidazoazaren daripada amina heterosiklik (AIA-jenis HCA) dan 4PAH daripada hidrokarbon aromatik polisiklik (PAH) adalah sebatian kimia yang banyak terbentuk dalam daging yang dimasak pada suhu 150°C dan ke atas hasil tindak balas antara asid amino dan gula penurunan. Kajian mengenai pembentukan HCA dan PAH adalah penting kerana kedua-dua sebatian tersebut telah diklasifikasikan sebagai karsinogenik oleh *International Agency for Research on Cancer* (IARC). Kebanyakan kajian mengenai HCA dan PAH memberi tumpuan kepada pembentukannya dalam sampel makanan. Walau bagaimanapun, asid amino dan gula penurunan yang paling mudah membentuk HCA dan PAH tidak dapat dikenal pasti oleh kerana sampel makanan merupakan sistem kompleks yang mengandungi pelbagai komponen makanan. Model sistem kimia mempunyai kelebihan yang membolehkan para penyelidik mengkaji kesan satu prekursor terhadap pembentukan HCA atau PAH kerana sistem ini menggunakan campuran prekursor. Dengan menggunakan model sistem kimia, kajian terdahulu telah mengenal pasti fenilalanina, prolina, dan glisina bekebolehan untuk menghasilkan sebilangan besar sebatian HCA dan PAH. Namun begitu, kajian mengenai pembentukan serentak HCA dan PAH adalah terhad walaupun kedua-duanya terbentuk dari prekursor yang sama serta kebanyakan kajian melaporkan pembentukan HCA dan PAH secara berasingan. Selain itu, data kadar pembentukan yang melibatkan penggunaan kinetik untuk membezakan kadar pembentukan HCA dan PAH dari prekursor yang berlainan juga adalah terhad. Oleh itu, objektif kajian ini adalah untuk mengenal pasti asid amino (fenilalanina, prolina, dan glisina) dan gula (glukosa, fruktosa, dan sukrosa) yang paling mudah membentuk HCA dan PAH secara serentak pada masa dan suhu memasak menggunakan gabungan model sistem kimia dan kajian kinetik. Secara asasnya, kajian ini menggunakan model sistem asid amino dan model sistem gula untuk mengkaji kesan kedua-dua prekursor terhadap pembentukan serentak HCA dan PAH. Fenilalanina, prolina, dan glisina dipilih kerana kajian terdahulu mendapati asid

amino ini berkebolehan untuk menghasilkan sebilangan besar HCA dan PAH. Setiap model sistem asid amino dipanaskan pada suhu dan tempoh yang biasa digunakan untuk memasak iaitu antara 150°C hingga 270°C selama 4 hingga 16 minit. Data yang diperolehi digunakan dalam persamaan model peringkat-pertama, persamaan *Arrhenius*, dan *Eyring* untuk menentukan kadar pembentukan HCA dan PAH. Dalam model sistem gula, glukosa, fruktosa, dan sukrosa dipilih kerana kebiasanya yang terdapat dalam daging. Pembentukan HCA dan PAH dikenalpasti dan dikuantifikasi dengan menggunakan kromatografi cecair berprestasi tinggi (HPLC) yang dilengkapi dengan alat pengesan foto dioda (PDA) dan pendarfluor (FLD). Analisis kromatografi gas-spektrometri jisim (GC-MS) pada model sistem yang mengandungi asid amino dan gula yang paling mudah membentuk HCA dan PAH dilakukan untuk mengenal pasti sebatian perantaraan dan meramalkan laluan pembentukannya. Hasil kajian menunjukkan kesan suhu pemanasan adalah lebih signifikan berbanding dengan masa pemanasan. Kepelbagaian asid amino mempengaruhi jenis HCA dan PAH, manakala kehadiran gula mempengaruhi jumlah yang terbentuk. Tidak semua asid amino berkebolehan membentuk HCA tetapi membentuk PAH dengan mudah. Fenilalanina dikenal pasti sebagai prekursor kepada imidazokuinolina, imidazokuinoxalina, dan imidazopiridina; prolina adalah prekursor kepada imidazokuinoxalina dan imidazopiridina; manakala glisina adalah prekursor kepada imidazokuinolina dan imidazokuinoxalina. Namun begitu, ketiga-tiga asid amino itu merupakan prekursor kepada PAH yang terdiri daripada PAH *cata-condensed* dan *peri-condensed*. Hasil kajian kinetik pula menunjukkan tanpa mengira jenis asid amino yang digunakan, pembentukan serentak HCA dan PAH mengikuti model peringkat-pertama dan tindak balas yang terbentuk adalah tindak balas endoterma dan dwimolekul. Berdasarkan nilai kadar tindak balas (k) dan nilai tenaga pengaktifan (E_a) yang diperolehi dari model peringkat-pertama dan persamaan *Arrhenius*, pembentukan HCA dan PAH dalam setiap asid amino terbentuk pada kadar yang berbeza. Sistem fenilalanina berkebolehan membentuk kesemua sebatian HCA dan PAH. Oleh itu, fenilalanina dikenal pasti sebagai prekursor yang paling mudah untuk membentuk HCAs dan PAH secara serentak diikuti oleh glisina dan prolina. Dalam model sistem gula, glukosa telah dikenal pasti sebagai prekursor gula yang paling mudah membentuk HCA dan PAH dalam jumlah yang tinggi. Ini kemudian diikuti oleh fruktosa dan sukrosa. Secara amnya, peningkatan kepekatan asid amino dan gula mengakibatkan peningkatan ketara dalam pembentukan HCA dan PAH secara serentak. Analisis GC-MS pada model sistem yang mengandungi prekursor asid amino (fenilalanina) dan gula (glukosa) yang paling mudah membentuk HCA dan PAH mengenal pasti lima sebatian yang terlibat dalam laluan pembentukannya iaitu 4-metil kuinolina, metil-3-fenilpropanoate, 3,6-dibenzilpiperazina-2,5-diona, 3-benzil-6-metilpiperazina-2,5-diona dan keratina. Dapat disimpulkan bahawa asid amino yang berlainan mempengaruhi jenis HCA dan PAH manakala gula mempengaruhi jumlah HCA dan PAH yang terbentuk. Pembentukan serentak sebatian ini berlaku pada kadar yang berbeza bergantung kepada jenis asid amino yang digunakan. Walau bagaimanapun, tanpa mengira jenis asid amino, tindak balas yang berlaku adalah tindakbalas endoterma, dwimolekul dan mengikuti model peringkat-pertama. Fenilalanina dan glukosa dikenal pasti sebagai prekursor yang paling mudah untuk pembentukan serentak HCA dan PAH.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIA	Aminoimidazoazaarenes
BaA	Benz[a]anthracene
BaP	Benzo[a]pyrene
BbF	Benzo[b]fluoranthene
Chry	Chrysene
DEG	Diethylene glycol
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
<i>E_a</i>	Activation energy
EU	European Union
FLD	Fluorescence detector
GC-MS	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
HCA _s	Heterocyclic amines
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IQ	2-Amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5- <i>f</i>]quinoline
IQ _x	2-Amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5- <i>f</i>]quinoxaline
<i>k</i>	Reaction rate
LOD	Limit of detection
LOQ	Limit of quantification
MeIQ	2-Amino-3,4-dimethylimidazo[4,5- <i>f</i>]quinoline
MeIQ _x	2-Amino-3,8-dimethylimidazo[4,5- <i>f</i>]quinoxaline
PAH _s	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PDA	Photodiode array

PhIP	2-Amino-1-methyl-6-phenylimidazo[4,5- <i>b</i>]pyridine
ppb	Parts per billion
ppm	Parts per million
°C	Degree celsius
ng/g	Nanogram/gram
g/mol	Gram/mole
µg/g	Microgram/gram
µL	Microliter
ΔH^\ddagger	Activation enthalpy
ΔS^\ddagger	Activation entropy

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Study background

Heterocyclic amines (HCAs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are compounds formed in cooked muscle meat as a result of thermal processing (Singh et al., 2016; Puangsombat et al., 2012; El Badry, 2010; Iwasaki et al., 2010; Jahurul et al., 2010). The presence of HCAs and PAHs in cooked muscle meat are of major concern, as both compounds have been classified as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A), and possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Among the groups of HCAs and PAHs, the aminoimidazoazaarenes (AIA) types of HCAs and the four PAHs were abundantly found in cooked muscle meat. The four PAHs are known as benzo[a]anthracene (BaA), chrysene (Chry), benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbF), and benzo[a]pyrene (BaP). Whereas, the AIA can be classified into three groups of:

- i- Imidazoquinoline: 2-amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5-f]quinoline (IQ) and 2-amino-3,4-dimethylimidazo[4,5-f]quinoline (MeIQ)
- ii- Imidazoquinoxaline: 2-amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5-f]quinoxaline (IQx) and 2-amino-3,8-dimethylimidazo[4,5-f]quinoxaline (MeIQx)
- iii- Imidazopyridine: 2-amino-1-methyl-6-phenylimidazo[4,5-b]pyridine (PhIP) (Cheng et al., 2006; Schut and Snyderwine, 1999)

The presences of HCAs and PAHs in cooked muscle meat have been documented in numerous studies. Examples of cooked meat products with high HCAs and PAHs content are grilled beef and chicken (15 – 1185 ng/g HCAs; 48 – 342 ng/g PAHs), fried chicken (23 ng/g HCAs; 10 ng/g PAHs), chicken and beef satay (14 – 39 ng/g HCAs; 14 – 132 ng/g PAHs), and smoked fish (8 ng/g HCAs; 255 – 263 ng/g PAHs) (Onwukeme et al., 2015; Puangsombat et al., 2012; Alomirah et al., 2011; Farhadian et al., 2010; Iwasaki et al., 2010; Jahurul et al., 2010). Previous studies suggested that free amino acids and reducing sugars are the precursors that trigger the formation of HCAs and PAHs via Maillard reaction by heating chemical model systems at 125 – 230°C and 600 – 900°C, respectively (Gibis, 2016; Dennis et al., 2015; Britt et al., 2004; Murkovic, 2004a, 2004b; Sharma et al., 2004). Despite the fact that meat contains a small amount of reducing sugars and mixtures of amino acids at varying concentrations, previous studies discovered that among the amino acids, phenylalanine and glycine formed the majority of HCAs compounds, while phenylalanine and proline formed the majority of PAHs compounds (Britt et al., 2004; Murkovic, 2004a, 2004b; Wang et al., 2004a; Sharma et al., 2003; Zochling and Murkovic, 2002). The presence of these amino acids in muscle meat ranged from 1.2 – 4.5 µmol/g for phenylalanine, 1.9 – 10 µmol/g for

proline, and 9.0 – 21.1 $\mu\text{mol/g}$ for glycine (Borgen et al., 2001; Skog et al., 2000).

Bordas et al. (2004) discovered that, the addition of phenylalanine, glycine and alanine into a meat extract model system heated at 175°C for 2 hours, enhanced the formation of imidazoquinoxaline type-HCAs namely IQx (43 ng/g) and MeIQx (478 ng/g) which was not identified earlier in the meat extract model system. The addition of the amino acids also increased the formation of imidazopyridine type-HCAs namely PhIP from 16.7 ng/g to 83 ng/g. Another study by Borgen et al. (2001) also discovered high formation of imidazoquinoxaline type-HCAs (MeIQx and DiMeIQx) in pork chop model system and high formation of imidazopyridine type-HCA (PhIP) in chicken breast model system. Based on the amino acid profiles, pork chop contains 21.1 $\mu\text{mol/gdm}$ of glycine and 3.6 $\mu\text{mol/gdm}$ of phenylalanine while chicken breast contains 12.8 $\mu\text{mol/gdm}$ of glycine and 4.5 $\mu\text{mol/gdm}$ of phenylalanine. The formation of imidazopyridine type-HCAs (PhIP) using chemical model system containing mixtures of phenylalanine, creatinine, and glucose in a ratio of 2:2:1 heated at 128 – 200 °C for 10 – 60 minutes have been reported by Moon and Shin (2013a, 2003b), and Zochling and Murkovic (2002). Furthermore, Grivas et al. (1986), Kato et al. (1996) and Jokic et al. (2001) have shown that heated mixtures of glycine, creatinine, and glucose formed the imidazoquinoline (IQ and MeIQ) and the imidazoquinoxaline type-HCAs (IQx and MeIQx).

Majority of studies on PAHs formation used amino acid pyrolysis at extremely high temperature ranging from 600 – 900°C. Not much study reported on model system based on meat, mixture of amino acids, and mixture of amino acids with sugar. Among the amino acids that were identified to generate PAHs were leucine and glutamic acids discovered by Masuda et al. (1967), phenylalanine, proline, and serine by Nie et al. (2018), and asparagine by Sharma et al. (2009). However, studies by Nie et al. (2018), Britt et al. (2004), and Wang et al. (2004) discovered that the pyrolysis of phenylalanine at 600 °C and above, enhanced the formation of up to 12 PAH compounds including the 4PAH (BaA, Chry, BbF, and BaP).

Reducing sugar was also involved in the Maillard reaction for HCAs and PAHs formation. Nor Hasyimah et al. (2018) and Hasnol et al. (2014) reported that marinating meat with herbs and spices increased glucose levels from 0.2 g/100g to 0.9 g/100g, and marinating chicken with honey increased glucose levels from 1.60 g/100g to 3.68 g/100g respectively. The increase in glucose levels had a significant effect on the formation of HCAs compound. The use of chemical model system containing mixtures of amino acid with different reducing sugars such as glucose, fructose, galactose, and lactose resulted in the increased of HCAs and PAHs formations (Nie et al., 2018; Dennis et al., 2015; Britt et al., 2004). In addition, mixtures of glycine and creatinine with non-reducing sugar such as sucrose also showed increased in the mutagenic activity from Salmonella strain TA989 test, which later corresponded to imidazoquinoxaline type-HCAs (Skog and Jägerstad, 1990).

The formations of HCAs and PAHs were also influenced by other factors such as heating time, heating temperature, water activity and pH. The effect of heating time and heating temperature on the formation of HCAs and PAHs referred to as the cooking method. A model system was recently constructed to determine the time and temperature dependence on HCAs and PAHs formation. In general, the formation of HCAs and PAHs increased with the increase in heating time and temperature (Gibis, 2016; Alaejos and Afonso, 2011; Cheng et al., 2006). Water serves as transport medium for water soluble precursors to be transported to the surface of the product, exposing to higher temperature and increasing the formation of HCAs and PAHs (Gibis, 2016; Cheng et al., 2006). It is also known that pH value of the medium influence the Maillard reaction (Linghu et al., 2020). At pH 3 – 7, the concentration of Amadori compound increased, resulting in high HCAs formation (Linghu et al., 2020; Cremer and Eichner, 2000; Puangsombat et al., 2012).

Previous studies have also incorporated kinetics study to predict the reaction rate of each individual HCAs compounds (Moon and Shin, 2013a; Arvidsson et al., 1997). The kinetic study was applied in a model systems containing mixtures of several amino acids, mixtures of phenylalanine with creatinine and glucose, meat juice, and in meat emulsion (Ahn and Grün, 2005; Hwang and Ngadi, 2002; Arvidsson et al., 1999). The use of kinetic parameters has allowed researchers to determine and differentiate the reaction rate (speed of reaction) of each individual HCAs compounds in the system.

1.2 Problem statement

The simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs is unavoidable. Nonetheless, the formation's level is controllable. To control the levels of formation, it is necessary to first understand the major factor that influences the formation of HCAs and PAHs. The major factor that caused the formation of HCAs and PAHs is the presences of amino acids and reducing sugar in meat that is believed to be a precursor for HCAs and PAHs. The formation was triggered via Maillard reaction between the amino acids and the reducing sugars in the presences of heating temperature and heating time. Based on previous studies, phenylalanine, proline, glycine, and reducing sugar have been identified as the precursors that formed the majority of HCAs and PAHs compounds.

Several studies have documented the use of chemical model system to study the formation of HCAs and PAHs. However, limited data was available on the simultaneous formation even though these compounds were derived from the same precursors. Up to date, the incorporation on kinetic study in chemical model system for studying the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs has not been reported. The use of kinetic studies is extremely beneficial for determining the reaction rate of each individual HCAs and PAHs compound as a function of time and temperature from various precursors. Furthermore, the majority of reported studies on PAHs formation focused on PAHs occurrence in

the environment via amino acids pyrolysis at extremely high temperature of more than 600°C, which is not a common practise in household cooking methods.

Therefore, the aim of this research is to identify the most susceptible amino acid and sugar precursors among phenylalanine, proline, glycine, reducing and non-reducing sugars using an amino acid model system and a sugar model system heated at commonly used household cooking times and temperatures, as well as to predict the pathway formation from the most susceptible amino acid and sugar precursor by identifying the intermediate compounds.

1.3 Significance of study

The use of chemical model systems (amino acid model system and sugar model system) in this study that only include the precursors (amino acids, sugar, and creatinine) allows researchers to modify the precursor content in order to investigate the effect of single precursor on the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs. This will be a difficult task if food model system was used since other food components in the food may interfere with HCAs and PAHs formation. The amino acid precursor namely phenylalanine, proline, and glycine were chosen since they have previously been shown to be capable of forming majority of the HCAs and PAHs (Nie et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2004a; Jägerstad et al., 1991).

The adaptation of kinetic studies in each amino acid model systems can differentiate the rate formation of each individual HCAs and PAHs compounds. Heating the system at common household cooking time and temperature may provide insight information on how these compounds are formed during cooking. Furthermore, because sugar is also a component of muscle meat composition, the data obtained from sugar model systems can be used to identify the significant effect of reducing sugar and non-reducing sugar on the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs. Identifying the intermediate compounds and predicting the pathway formation of HCAs and PAHs can provide better understanding of how these compounds are form.

It is important to understand how HCAs and PAHs are formed as these compounds can form DNA adduct in the human body exposing to the risk of cancer. The data obtained from this study can contribute to the existing database of HCAs or PAHs formation using chemical model system. Furthermore, the findings can also provide awareness for consumer into the development of methods and precautions steps for the household cooking method or commercial processing to reduce or control the formation of these carcinogenic and mutagenic compounds.

1.4 Objectives of the study

This research will cover three objectives as follows:

1. To determine the effect of time and temperature on the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs in three different amino acid model systems and their formation kinetics.
2. To determine the most susceptible amino acids precursor among phenylalanine, proline, and glycine for the simultaneous formation HCAs and PAHs.
3. To evaluate the role of reducing sugar and non-reducing sugar in the simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs and predicting the pathway formation through intermediate compounds.

1.5 Hypothesis of the study

1. The simultaneous formation of HCAs and PAHs will increase as the heating time and temperature increase in phenylalanine, proline, and glycine model systems.
2. Among the amino acids, phenylalanine will be the most susceptible amino acid precursor for HCAs and PAHs formation compare to proline and glycine.
3. Both reducing sugar and non-reducing sugar influence the concentrations of HCAs and PAHs. HCAs and PAHs forms through different pathways involving different intermediate compounds.

1.6 Research flow

Figure 1.1 and Figure 1.2 illustrate the amino acid model system and sugar model system, which will be use in the research.

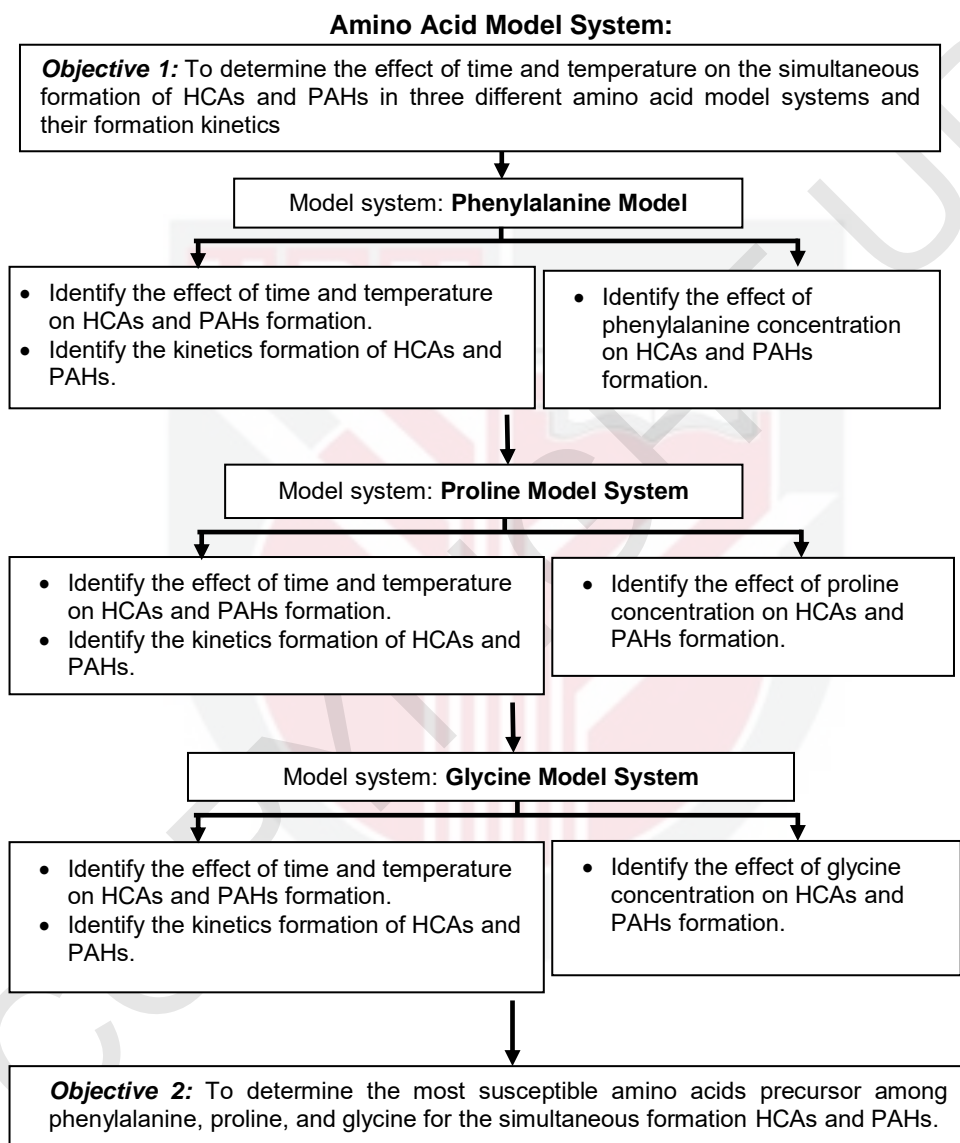


Figure 1.1 : Flow chart of amino acid model system

Sugar Model System:

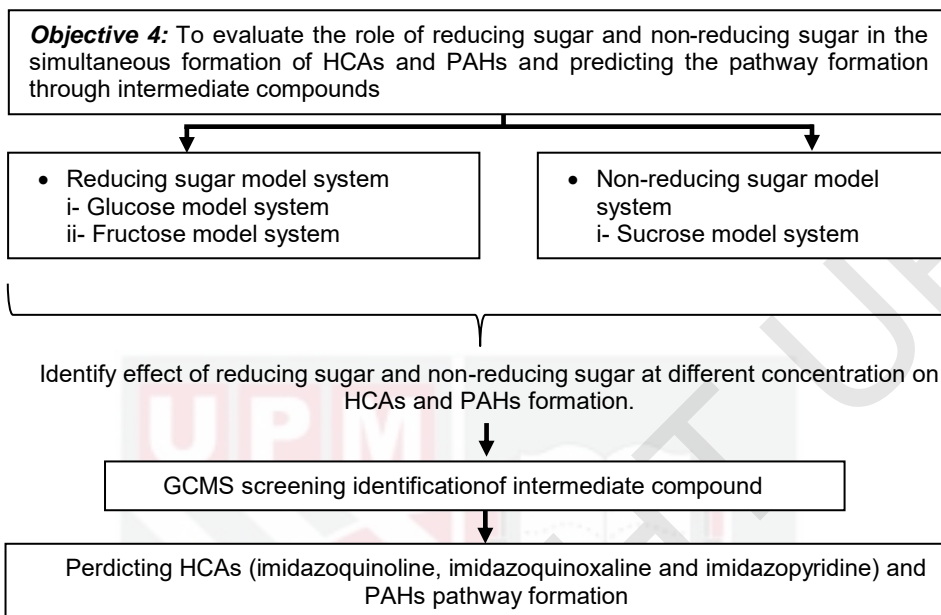


Figure 1.2 : Flow chart of sugar model system

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