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Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) has become powerful analytical technique in the study of fats and oils. The objective of this study was to use FTIR spectroscopy combined with certain chemometrics techniques to analyze, authenticate, and to monitor the oxidative stability of selected edible fats and oils. FTIR spectra combined with principal component analysis (PCA) and cluster analysis using absorbances as variables at 16 frequencies have been successfully used for differentiation of lard (LD). Among sixteen edible fats and oils, extra virgin olive oil, rice bran oil, and chicken fat were close to LD compared with others.

The presence of LD in binary mixtures with beef (BF), chicken, (CF), and mutton fat (MF) was analyzed using FTIR spectroscopy combined with partial least square (PLS) at fingerprint region of  $1,500 - 900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) for the relationship between actual value of LD (*x-axis*) and FTIR predicted



values (*y-axis*) in BF, CF, and MF were 0.999, 0.998, and 0.995, respectively. Frequencies of 1,500 – 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were selected for quantification of LD in the binary mixtures with selected vegetable oils of canola, corn, extra virgin olive, soybean, and sunflower oils. These frequency regions are also preferred for analysis of LD in quaternary systems using first derivative spectra with  $R^2$  and root mean square error of calibration (RMSEC) values of 0.997 and 0.773 % (v/v), respectively. Furthermore, in food systems using meat ball formulation, LD has been successfully determined at 1,200 – 1,000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with  $R^2$  and RMSEC values of 0.999 and 0.442 % (v/v), respectively.

FTIR spectroscopy in combination with PLS and principle component regression (PCR) was also used for quantifying VCO. VCO in binary mixtures with palm oil (PO) is better determined using PLS at combined frequencies of 1,120 – 1105 and 965 – 960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with  $R^2$  and RMSEC values obtained were 0.999 and 0.758 % (v/v), respectively. These frequencies were also well suited for quantitative analysis of VCO in binary mixtures with olive oil (OO). Furthermore, frequencies at 1,200 - 1,000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  using PLS and second derivative spectra was applicable for quantitative analysis of VCO in ternary mixtures with PO and OO.

Authentication analysis of cod liver oil (CLO) from LD was performed using FTIR spectroscopy at frequency 1,035 – 1030  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In addition, BF, CF, and MF were also successfully determined using PLS at certain optimized frequencies. Discriminant analysis (DA) can successfully classify CLO and CLO adulterated with animal fats at

certain frequency regions. FTIR spectroscopy was also used for authentication analysis of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) and virgin coconut oil (VCO). FTIR normal spectra along with PLS was preferred over PCR for quantification of studied vegetable oils in EVOO and VCO, except for palm oil which was better determined with first derivative spectra. The  $R^2$  values obtained were higher than 0.99 in calibration model. DA successfully classified EVOO and VCO and those adulterated with some vegetable oils. Analysis of fatty acid changes of the authentic oils (CLO, EVOO, and VCO) due to the adulteration practice can complement the FTIR spectral measurements.

FTIR spectroscopy was used to evaluate the oxidative stability of vegetable oils with high mono- and polyunsaturated fatty acids, namely corn, rice bran, soybean, and sunflower oils. The oils were subjected to thermal oxidation at 160 °C for 120 h. Each 12 h interval, the oils were analyzed for its specific absorptivity of conjugated dienes (CDs) and trienes (CTs), *p*-anisidin values (*p*-AV) and FTIR spectra changes at frequencies of 3470, 3008, 1743, 1655, 967, and 721  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . FTIR spectral changes at 3008  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be used to predict the level of oxidation, especially for determination of CDs, CTs, and *p*-AV values.

In conclusion, this study showed that FTIR spectroscopy combined with suitable chemometrics technique can provide reliable analytical tool to analyze and to authenticate edible fats and oils. FTIR spectroscopy could also potentially be used for routine monitoring the oxidative stability of fats and oils.

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Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menggunakan spektroskopi Fourier transform inframerah (FTIR) untuk menganalisis, mengesahkan dan memantau kestabilan oksidasi beberapa minyak dan lemak terpilih telah dilakukan.

Kombinasi spektra FTIR dengan analisis komponen utama dan analisis cluster menggunakan absorban sebagai variabel di 16 frekuensi telah berjaya untuk membezakan lemak babi dari minyak dan lemak lainnya. Diantara 16 minyak dan lemak makan, minyak zaitun, minyak dedak padi, dan lemak ayam sangat rapat dengan lemak babi dibandingkan dengan minyak dan lemak lainnya.

Adanya lemak babi dalam campuran dengan lemak haiwan seperti lemak lembu (BF), lemak ayam (CF), dan lemak kambing (MF) telah dianalisis dengan kombinasi spektroskopi FTIR dan kalibrasi "partial least square" (PLS) dalam



lingkungan spectra cap jari iaitu antara 1500 - 900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Frekuensi diantara 1500-100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  digunakan untuk mengesan kehadiran lemak babi dalam minyak sayuran terpilih. Lemak babi dalam campuran empat lemak dapat dikesan pada frekuensi diantara 1500-1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  dengan nilai  $R^2$  dan RMSEC yang diperolehi adalah 0.997 dan 0.773 % (v/v). Kehadiran lemak babi dalam bebola dapat dikesan pada frekuensi diantara 1200-100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  dengan korelasi antara nilai sebenar (*paksi x*) dan nilai anggaran FTIR (*paksi y*) ialah  $y = 0.999x + 0.004$ , dimana nilai  $R^2$  dan RMSEC adalah 0.999 dan 0.442 % (v/v).

Spektroskopi FTIR juga digunakan untuk mengesan campuran minyak kelapa dara (VCO). VCO dalam dengan PO lebih baik dikesan dengan PLS pada frekuensi 1120 - 1105 dan 965 - 960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , dengan nilai  $R^2$  dan RMSEC ialah 0.999 dan 0.758 % (v/v). Kombinasi antara frekuensi in dan PLS juga sesuai untuk menentukan campuran VCO dan minyak zaitun (OO). Gabungan frekuensi 1200 - 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  dan PLS dapat digunakan untuk analisis tiga campuran minyak (VCO, PO dan OO).

Keaslian minyak ikan kod (CLO) dari minyak babi dapat dikesan pada frekuensi 1035-1030  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  dengan  $R^2$  dan RMSEC adalah 0.990 dan 1.04 % (v/v). Lemak lembu (BF), ayam (CF) dan kambing (MF) dapat dikesan juga dengan menggunakan PLS pada frekuensi tertentu. Analisis diskriminasi (DA) pula mampu mengklasifikasikan diantara CLO dan campuran CLO dengan lemak haiwan pada frekuensi tertentu. FTIR turut digunakan untuk mengesan EVOO dan VCO. Spektra FTIR normal dan digabungkan dengan kalibrasi PLS lebih terpilih

dibandingkan dengan PCR untuk mengesan minyak sayuran dalam EVOO. Minyak sawit dapat dikesan dengan lebih baik menggunakan spectra turunan pertama, dengan nilai  $R^2$  lebih tinggi daripada 0.99 pada model kalibrasi. Analisis diskriminasi telah berjaya memisahkan EVOO dan VCO dengan EVOO dan VCO bercampur oleh minyak sayuran ini. Analisis perubahan acid lemak boleh melengkapi data spectra FTIR untuk mengkasi praktik pemalsuan minyak.

Spektroskopi FTIR berpotensi untuk pengukuran kestabilan oksidasi minyak sayuran terpilih. Minyak dengan asid lemak mono tak tepu dan asid lemak poli tak tepu iaitu minyak jagung, minyak dedak padi, minyak soya, dan minyak bunga matahari dikenai panas tinggi (160 °C) dalam oven selama 120 jam. Nilai absorptiviti spesifik diena terkonjugasi (CDs) dan triena terkonjugasi (CTs), nilai anisidin (p-AV), serta spektra FTIR pada frekuensi 3470, 3008, 1743, 1655, 967, dan 721  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  pada minyak tersebut ditentukan setiap 12 jam. Perubahan absorban pada frekuensi 3008  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  dapat digunakan untuk mengetahui tahap oksidasi minyak-minyak sayuran ini.

Sebagai kesimpulan, kajian ini memberi petunjuk tentang kemampuan spektroskopi FTIR untuk melakukan analisis dan autentikasi minyak dan lemak. Tambahan pula, spektroskopi FTIR dapat dicadangkan untuk pemantauan kestabilan oksidasi minyak dan lemak.

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