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Mono- (MAG) and di-acylglycerols (DAG) or coded as E471 in the food labelling could be derived from either plant or animal lipid materials. From the religious perspective, use of lard based ingredients is not allowed for Muslim consumers. Hence, the objective of this study is to characterize lipid sources used to derive MAG and DAG based on fatty acid and thermal analysis data. This would lead to a simple and efficient method that could ascertain the source of the lipid used to formulate the MAG and DAG. In this study, MAG and DAG of both plant (palm oil, soybean oil, rapeseed oil, and sunflower oil) and animal based lipids (lard, beef fat and goat fat) were synthesized according to a chemical glycerolysis method catalyzed by sodium hydroxide. MAG and DAG of individual lipid were isolated and purified using the standard column chromatography method and subjected to fatty acid analysis by gas chromatography

(GC) and thermal analysis by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Principal component analysis (PCA) are also used as tool to discriminate MAG and DAG derived from animal and plant based lipid based on fatty acid and thermal analysis data for halal authentication purposes. In addition to these, analysis of commercially available emulsifiers is also performed in order to find out whether they are formulated from non-halal fat such as lard. The application of PCA to the fatty acid data showed that it was possible to distinctly classify MAG and DAG of plant lipids to those derived from animal fats. DSC analysis showed that individual thermodynamic parameters in the cooling profiles of MAG and DAG derived from each lipids is not identical in many respects such as the onset of the first crystallization and pattern of cooling profiles. As such, they can be used as finger prints to identify MAG and DAG derived from different lipid sources. The application of PCA to the data collected from the individual instrumental technique showed that it was possible to distinctly classify MAG and DAG of plant lipids from those derived from animal fats. Meanwhile, analysis of commercial samples using GC and DSC techniques showed that none of the commercial emulsifiers tested was found to possess any similarity to laboratory prepared lard based emulsifiers.

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Mono- (MAG) dan di- asilgliserol (DAG) atau dikodkan sebagai E471 dalam pelabelan makanan boleh dihasilkan dari sumber lemak tumbuhan dan haiwan. Dari perspektif agama, penggunaan bahan berasaskan haiwan tidak dibenarkan bagi pengguna Islam. Justeru itu, objektif kajian ini adalah untuk mengkarakteristik sumber lemak yang digunakan untuk mensintesis MAG dan DAG berdasarkan data asid lemak dan data analisis terma. Kajian ini akan menghasilkan kaedah yang mudah dan efisen untuk menentukan sumber lemak yang digunakan untuk mensintesis MAG dan DAG. Dalam kajian ini, MAG dan DAG disentesis dari sumber lemak tumbuhan (sawit, kacang soya, biji sesawi, bunga matahari) dan haiwan (lemak babi, lemak lembu dan lemak kambing) melalui reaksi gliserolisis kimia menggunakan natrium hidroksida sebagai pemangkin. MAG dan DAG yang dihasilkan daripada setiap jenis lemak telah

diasingkan dan ditulenkan menggunakan kaedah kromatografi turus dan dianalisis menggunakan gas kromatografi (GC) untuk mendapatkan data asid lemak dan analisis kalorimeter pengimbasan kebezaan (DSC) untuk mendapatkan profil terma. Analisis komponen prinsipal (PCA) juga diaplikasikan berdasarkan data komposisi asid lemak dan data profil terma untuk mengklasifikasi MAG/DAG berasal dari lemak tumbuhan dan haiwan. Di samping itu, analisis pengemulsi komersial juga dijalankan untuk mengetahui sama ada sampel komersial diformulasikan daripada lemak yang tidak halal seperti lemak babi. Aplikasi PCA tehadap data asid lemak menunjukkan bahawa MAG dan DAG yang diperbuat daripada lemak haiwan dan tumbuhan boleh diklasifikasikan dengan jelas. Analisis kalorimeter pengimbasan kebezaan (DSC) menunjukkan bahawa parameter termodinamik individu dalam profil penyejukan MAG dan DAG yang diperolehi daripada setiap lipid adalah tidak sama dalam banyak aspek seperti permulaan penghabluran pertama dan corak profil penyejukan. Oleh itu, mereka boleh digunakan sebagai profil yang unik untuk mengenal pasti MAG dan DAG diperolehi dari sumber lipid yang berbeza. Sementara itu, analisis pengemulsi komersial menunjukkan bahawa tiada daripada pengemulsi komersial yang diuji mempunyai apa-apa persamaan dengan pengemulsi berasaskan lemak babi yang dihasilkan di dalam makmal.



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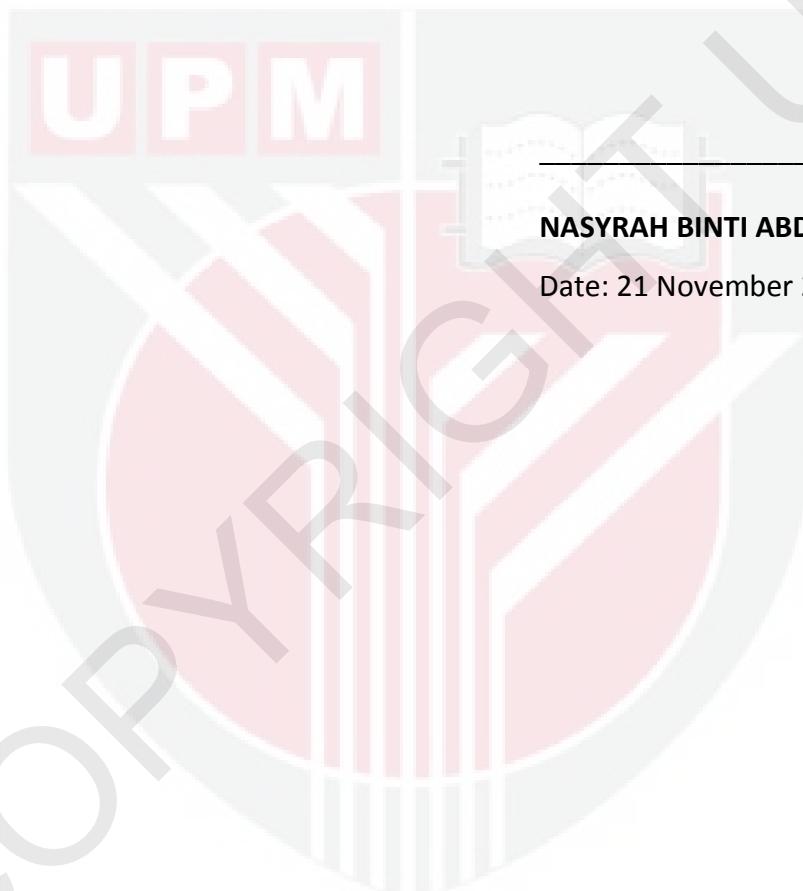
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