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Hydrolysed vegetable protein (HVP) is a savoury flavouring material obtained by acid, alkaline or enzymatic hydrolysis of a proteinaceous substrate. Traditionally, hydrolysis is often carried out using hydrochloric acid. However, the presence of 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD), a chemical contaminant in acid-hydrolysed vegetable protein pose a potential health risk to its users. Enzymatically hydrolysed vegetable protein, produced using proteolytic enzymes is a newer alternative to the traditional HVP. Common source of raw material in the industry for producing HVP is soybean. Winged bean (*Psophocarpus tetragonolobus* (L.) DC.) known locally as “kacang botor” is a tropical plant that contains high protein content, and virtually duplicate soybeans in composition and nutritional value. Based on Response Surface

Methodology (RSM), the optimum conditions for producing acid-hydrolysed winged bean (aHWBP) and soybean (aHSBP) proteins were 7 hours and 5 hours of hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid at 125°C, respectively. Proteolytic hydrolysis using 2.1% Flavourzyme 500L in aqueous 29% winged bean slurry (8% protein) for 11 hours, and proteolytic hydrolysis using 2.4% Flavourzyme in aqueous 26% soybean slurry (8% protein) for 16 hours were selected as the optimum conditions for producing enzyme-hydrolysed winged bean (eHWBP) and soybean (eHSBP) proteins, respectively. The proteolysis was preceded by treatment with 2% Viscozyme L in aqueous 29% winged bean or 26% soybean slurry. Alkaline thermal treatment using sodium hydroxide at pH 8.5 for 2 hours at 100°C effectively reduced the 3-MCPD contents of aHWBP and aHSBP to undetectable levels. It did not cause major changes to other chemical and sensory properties of the HVP. Significant reduction in bitterness of eHWBP and eHSBP without changes to their chemical and sensory properties were obtained after treatment of the hydrolysates with 0.1% (w/w)  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. Enzymatic hydrolysis led to the production of 3-MCPD as well but the level was very low and within the permissible level. aHWBP and aHSBP were dark brown in colour with strong savoury flavours whereas eHWBP and eHSBP were lighter in colour and had a much less pronounced savoury flavour. Both aHWBP and eHWBP have their own distinct flavours which are different from that of soybean-derived flavours. aHWBP and aHSBP can be used as both taste-donor and taste-enhancer flavouring materials whereas eHWBP and eHSBP can be used as a base note flavouring material. Winged bean seeds can indeed be a new source of raw material for producing HVP.

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Protin sayur terhidrolisis (HVP) ialah sejenis bahan perisa savuri yang diperolehi melalui hidrolisis sumber protin secara asidik, beralkali atau enzimatik. Secara tradisional, hidrolisis biasa dilakukan dengan menggunakan asid hidroklorik. Walaubagaimanapun, pencemaran 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) dalam protin sayur terhidrolisis secara asidik menimbulkan risiko kesihatan kepada penggunaanya. Protin sayur terhidrolisis secara enzimatik yang diperolehi dengan menggunakan enzim proteolitik merupakan satu alternatif yang lebih baru daripada protin sayur terhidrolisis yang diperolehi secara tradisional. Sumber bahan mentah yang biasa digunakan dalam industri untuk memproses protein sayur terhidrolisis ialah kacang soya. “Winged bean”

*(Psophocarpus tetragonolobus (L.) DC.)* yang dikenali di tempatan sebagai kacang botor merupakan sejenis tumbuhan tropikal yang mengandungi protin yang tinggi, dan menyerupai kacang soya dari segi kandungan dan nilai nutrisi. Berdasarkan kaedah respons permukaan (RSM), keadaan optima untuk memproses protin kacang botor terhidrolisis secara asidik (aHWBP) dan protin kacang soya terhidrolisis (aHSBP) ialah masing-masing 7 jam dan 5 jam untuk jangka masa hidrolisis dengan menggunakan asid hidroklorik pada suhu 125°C. Hidrolisis proteolitik dengan menggunakan 2.1% Flavourzyme 500L dalam sluri akuas 29% kacang botor (8% protin) selama 11 jam, dan hidrolisis proteolitik dengan menggunakan 2.4% Flavourzyme 500L dalam sluri akuas 26% kacang soya (8% protin) selama 16 jam telah masing-masing dipilih sebagai keadaan optima untuk memproses protin kacang botor terhidrolisis secara enzimatik (eHWBP) dan protein kacang soya terhidrolisis secara enzimatik (eHSBP). Hidrolisis proteolitik akan didahului dengan perawatan menggunakan 2% Viscozyme L dalam sluri akuas 29% kacang botor atau sluri akuas 26% kacang soya. Perawatan haba berkali dengan menggunakan natrium hidroksida pada pH 8.5 selama 2 jam pada suhu 100°C berjaya menurunkan kandungan 3-MCPD dalam aHWBP dan aHSBP kepada paras yang tidak dapat dikesani. Ia tidak menyebabkan perubahan besar kepada ciri-ciri kimia dan sensori HVP itu yang lain. Penurunan rasa pahit dalam eHWBP dan eHSBP tanpa menyebabkan perubahan besar kepada ciri-ciri kimia dan sensori selepas perawatan hidrolisat dengan 0.1%  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (berdasarkan berat) telah diperolehi. Hidrolisis secara enzimatik juga menyebabkan pembentukan 3-MCPD tetapi pada paras yang sangat rendah dan tidak melebihi paras yang dibenarkan. Warna aHWBP dan aHSBP ialah perang tua dengan perisa savuri yang kuat manakala warna eHWBP dan eHSBP lebih

muda dan mempunyai perisa savuri yang amat kurang. Kedua-dua aHWBP dan eHWBP mempunyai perisa savuri mereka tersendiri yang berlainan daripada perisa yang berasaskan kacang soya. aHWBP dan aHSBP boleh digunakan sebagai kedua-dua bahan perisa jenis penderma rasa dan penambahan rasa manakala eHWBP dan eHSBP boleh digunakan sebagai bahan perisa jenis dasar. Biji kacang botor memang boleh menjadi sumber baru untuk memproses protin sayur terhidrolisis.

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