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functional and nutritional properties of protein.

Enzymatic cross-linking of globulin derived from pumpkin oil cake was studied using microbial transglutaminase. Response surface methodology was employed for investigation of effect of enzyme/substrate ratio, temperature and reaction time on reaction of cross-linking, measured by degree of polymerization as response. The second-order polynomial model showed good fit with the experimental data ($R^2=0.9297$). A reaction time of 39.2 min, E/S ratio of 1/4.9 (w/w) and temperature of 28 °C, were found to be optimal conditions to achieve the highest degree of DP (69 %). The solubility and other properties of the transglutaminase cross-linked proteins with different values were assessed for improvement. The stability and gelation properties of polymerized proteins were improved over the range 5.0-8.0. The highest solubility was achieved at DP of 60 %, at pH 7.0 and 4 fold higher than solubility of unlinked protein. The greatest decrease of gelation concentration has been made at 9.0 (for 50 %).

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Extraction of bioactive phenolic compounds from plants and effects of extract of lipid oxidation

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Interest in the development of bioprocesses for the production or extraction of bioactive compounds from natural sources has increased in recent years due to the potential applications of these compounds in food, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries.

In the present study, after generalization of basic aspects about natural and synthetic antioxidants, preliminary results on the extraction of bioactive phenolic compounds from natural plants and incorporation of obtained extracts into composition of vegetable oils to increase its oxidation stability during heat treatment process are reported.

Extracts of plants were prepared in ethanol/water mixtures, total polyphenol content (TPC) and DPPH antioxidant activity were determined spectrophotometrically. Being highest in TPC and DPPH antioxidant potential, plant extracts were added to the composition of sun flower and grape seeds oils. The oxidation degree of the tested vegetable oils by means of free fatty acids and hydroperoxides content, *p*-anisidine value and TBARS concen-

tration was evaluated. This study demonstrates that natural plant extracts with high content of bioactive phenolic compounds can effectively inhibit the lipid oxidation of vegetable oils in thermal oxidation conditions.

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High-pressure CO₂ as a green solvent for extraction, reaction, particle formation and other processes

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Carbon dioxide above its critical point (31.1 °C, 7.4 MPa) is a fluid of solvent power adjustable in a wide range by pressure and temperature and therefore of higher selectivity than conventional organic solvents. Compared to them, it is cheap, non-toxic, non-explosive, and non-flammable, and easy to be separated from the extract. The process preserves valuable thermolabile components as neither substrate nor extract are exposed to high temperatures during the extraction and separation. New applications of pressurised CO₂ emerge: as reaction medium it increases the rate and specificity of both chemical and enzymatic reactions due to its excellent transport properties; micro- and nanoparticles, including composite particles, of controlled size are prepared by fast ex-

pansion of pressurised solutions of biologically active substances; quality of microfibres used as scaffold for living cells is improved when they are produced under pressurised CO₂, etc. The Laboratory of Supercritical Fluids of the Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals has been engaged in the extraction of biologically active substances from plants and in enzymatic reactions of vegetable oils in a continuous-flow packed bed reactor. The results are summarised in the poster. Though these studies will continue, the scientists are ready to extend their research to new areas of pressurised CO₂ application in bioprocessing.

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Innovative design for the continuous lactic acid and xylitol production from trimming vineshoots hemicellulosic hydrolysates

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An innovative system was developed in this study for the efficient valorisation of

trimmings vineshoots hemicellulosic hydrolysates. Connecting two reactors of 2 and 10 L respectively, the operational conditions were set up for the sequential production of lactic acid and xylitol in continuous fermentation without biomass removed. In the first bioreactor, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* consumed all the glucose to produce lactic acid at 31.5 °C, 150 rpm and 1 L of working volume as the optimal conditions. The residual sugars were employed for the xylose to xylitol bioconversion by *D. hansenii* in the second bioreactor at 30 °C, 250 rpm and air flow rate of 2 L/min. Several steady states were reached at flow rates (F) in the range 0.54 to 5.33 mL/min leading to dilution rates (D) ranging from 0.032 to 0.320 h⁻¹ in bioreactor 1 and 0.006 to 0.064 h⁻¹ in bioreactor 2. The maximum volumetric lactic acid productivity (QP LA = 2.908 g/L·h) was achieved under D = 0.266 h⁻¹ (F = 4.44 mL/min) meanwhile the maximum production of xylitol (5.1 g/L), volumetric xylitol productivity (QP xylitol = 0.218 g/L·h), volumetric rate of xylose consumption (QS xylose = 0.398 g/L·h) and product yield (0.55 g/g) were achieved at an intermediate dilution rate of 0.043 h⁻¹ (F = 3.55 mL/min). Under these conditions, ethanol, the main by-product of the fermentation was produced in higher amounts (1.9 g/L). Finally, lactic acid and xylitol were effectively recovered by conventional procedures.

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Interaction of calf thymus DNA with an anti-viral drug lamivudine

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This paper provided an approach for studying the anticancer potential of an anti-viral drug lamivudine (LA). The interaction of LA and calf thymus DNA (CT-DNA) was studied using emission, absorption, circular dichroism and viscosity techniques. The binding constants evaluated from fluorescence data at different temperatures revealed that fluorescence enhancement is a static process that involves complex-DNA formation in the ground state. Further, enthalpy and entropy of the reaction between the drug and CT-DNA showed $\Delta H < 0$ (-126.377 kJ mol⁻¹) and $\Delta S < 0$ (-352.173 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹), therefore London Waals interactions or hydrogen bonds are the main forces in the binding of LA to CT-DNA. The values of K_f clearly underscore the remarkably high affinity of LA to DNA. In addition, detectable changes in the circular dichroism spectrum of CT-DNA in the presence of LA indicated conformational changes. All these results showed that the binding mode of this drug and CT-DNA is groove binding.