QUALITY AND SENSORY EVALUATIONS OF TEMPE PREPARED FROM VARIOUS PARTICLE SIZES OF LUPIN BEANS

[S evaluasi Sensorik dan Kualitas Tempe dari Kacang Lupin Berbagai Ukuran Partikel]

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ABSTRACT

Tempe is an Indonesian fermented soy bean, produced by using mainly Rhizopus oligosporus. Diversification of tempe raw materials is required for better food security, e.g., using lupin. The potency of lupin bean has been studied as a substitute of soy in tempe production. Nutritionally, lupin bean offers additional advantages over soy bean, i.e., it has a lower level of many anti-nutritional factors (ANFs) but contains higher protein (32-36%) than most pulses. The objectives of this study were to select the most suitable lupin bean from different particle sizes for tempe production and to characterize the quality of lupin tempe. In this study, the lupin tempe samples were analyzed for moisture content, firmness, aroma, and the total count of colony after 1 and 2 days of fermentation. Sensory evaluation was conducted by 17 Indonesian untrained panelists (hedonic) in three different days. The data were evaluated statistically using General Linear Model (GLM) and Tukey’s Honest Significant Difference (HSD). Results showed that the moisture content of lupin tempe ranged from 60 to 66%, higher than that of soy tempe (58.90%). Meanwhile, the firmness of lupin tempe was between 21.38-30.89 N. Mostly, tempe which were produced from ≤50% of particles sized ≥ 5 mm (L3, L5 and L6) exhibited poor quality in terms of firmness and aroma. The mean of total count of colony in lupin tempe were 3.0x10^5 CFU/g, lower than that of soy tempe (218x10^5 CFU/g), indicating a slower growth of mycelia on lupin beans. However, the overall acceptability of lupin tempe which was prepared from whole beans (L4 and L7) was not significantly different from that of soy tempe. Based on these quality and sensory tests, lupin tempe using whole lupin beans was recommended for substitute of soy bean in tempe production.

Keywords: lupin, tempe, quality, sensory

INTRODUCTION

Tempe is a traditional Indonesian fermented food product made from soybeans,_Rhizopus oligosporus_. It is known for its health benefits, such as its ability to aid in digestion and its high content of protein and fiber. The study aimed to evaluate the quality and sensory properties of tempe prepared from lupin beans of different particle sizes. The authors found that lupin tempe had higher moisture content compared to soy tempe, but the firmness of the tempe was comparable. The total count of colony in lupin tempe was lower than that of soy tempe, indicating a slower growth of mycelia on lupin beans. The overall acceptability of lupin tempe was not significantly different from that of soy tempe. Based on these quality and sensory tests, lupin tempe using whole lupin beans was recommended as a substitute for soy bean in tempe production.

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in starch content and have low energy and glycemic index (GI) values. Lupin has been studied as a substitute for soy in tempe production by Fudiansyah et al. (1995). The study shows that lupin bean cotyledons (splits) are suitable to substitute soybean in the laboratory scale production of lupin tempe. The lupin tempe is acceptable to a mixed group of Indonesians and Australians.

Research on utilization of sweet lupin for human foods can be classified into three groups: (1) the use of the whole grain or kernels as a soy substitute in traditional fermented and non-fermented Asian foods such as tempe and tofu, respectively; (2) the blending of lupin kernel flours with wheat flour in order to increase the fiber and protein content, for example for biscuit and pasta production; (3) the incorporation of lupin protein and fiber fractions to add food functionality (Jayasena et al. 2010; Hall and Johnson, 2004; Sweetingham and Kingwell, 2008). Although the studies show good sensorial acceptability, there are a limited number of lupin based or lupin containing food products available in Australian or Asian markets. Amongst those products, Australian customers may find breads, muffins, pasta, and biscuits, which are most likely made from the blending of wheat and whole lupin kernel flours (Sweetingham and Kingwell, 2008).

Tempeh is an Indonesian fermented food made from soybeans that have been soaked and cooked to soften them (Babu et al. 2009). During tempe production, cooked and dehulled soybean cotyledons (which are acidified through spontaneous lactic acid fermentation during soaking in tropical regions, or by the addition of lactic acid or vinegar) are well drained, inoculated with the spores of Rhizopus oligosporus mold, packed into perforated containers (polyethylene bags or banana leaves), and incubated at 30-31°C for approximately 24 h, until the beans are compactly bound by the mycelia (Shurtleff and Aoyagi, 2007). Rhizopus oligosporus is the dominant tempe mold although other molds, such as R. oryzae and Mucor spp, possibly contribute to the flavour, texture, or nutritive value (Babu et al. 2009). The fungal extracellular enzymes diffuse and degrade the solid substrate into soluble components during fermentation. These enzymes are excreted into the bean mass to facilitate the chemical changes during tempe fermentation (Varzakas, 1998).

Tempe manufacturing in Indonesia evolves with the availability of various beans or legumes. Minor indigenous tempe production includes okara tempe (tempe gembus), soybean-hulls tempe, peanut press cake tempe (tempe bungkil kacang), the coconut press-cake tempe (tempe bungkil kelapa), which is occasionally poisonous if the pathogenic aerobic bacterium Pseudomonas cocovenenans grow on it and produce toxic colorless bongkrek acid), velvet-bean tempe (tempe benguk), leucaena tempe (tempe lamtora), mung bean tempe (tempe kacang hijau), mung bean pulp tempe, barley tempe and some other minor nonsoy tempe (Shurtleff and Aoyagi, 2007; Fung et al. 2007). The interest to explore the potency of new seeds and grains for tempe production has been started since the late 1970s, for example with winged bean, jackbean, chickpea, kidneybean, and lupin (Nout and Kiers, 2005). In the case of lupin tempe, Jayasena (2009) investigated the possibilities of lupin as a source of tempe production. The preparation of lupin tempe has been developed effectively and efficiently. In addition, R oligosporus also gives a positive contribution to the detoxification of lupin beans (Ortega-David and Rodriguez-Stouvenel, 2013).

The growth rate of Rhizopus oligosporus is limited by oxygen availability. Oxygen penetrates through the actively respiring biomass to reach the interior of particles and then diffuses through the aqueous phase within the substratum. However, the porosity of substrates affects degradation process. In the case of bulk beans with low porosity, the degradation occurs at the outer surface of the bulk mass whereas bulk beans with high porosity experience degradation inside the structure and the water soluble fragments will diffuse out (Varzakas, 1998; Bavia et al. 2012).

The objectives of this study were to select the suitable lupin beans for production of lupin tempe as a substitute of ordinary soy tempe and to improve the quality of lupin tempe. In order to obtain these purposes, the quality of fresh lupin tempe prepared from different particle sizes was evaluated in terms of its moisture content, firmness, aroma, and the total count of colony.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Materials**

Dehulled lupin bean (Lupinus angustifolius) samples were obtained from Perth, WA, Australia. They were different in particle sizes. The particle size distribution was determined using Tyler standard sieves (Ohio, United States) and the result is presented as Table 1. The samples were coded as samples L1 to L8. Soy bean was obtained from traditional market in Bandung, Indonesia. Tempe inculcums, mainly R. oligosporus, was prepared by Research Center for Chemistry, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI).

**Preparation of lupin tempe**

Dried dehulled lupin beans were washed with cold tap water and boiled for 30 min. Separately, lupin and soybeans were soaked overnight in water containing acetic acid (pH ≈ 4.0) at volume of 3.5 times of the bean weights. The beans were subsequently re-washed and drained prior to steamed, which the latter was carried out for 30 min. The cooked beans were cooled to about 37°C and allowing steam to escape from the beans. The cooled lupin beans were mixed and inoculated with 0.5% of R. oligosporus starter and placed in perforated clear plastic bags. The packages were incubated at 30°C for 24 h and then transferred to room temperature for the next 24 h, thus making the total time for fermentation 48 h.

**Moisture content analysis**

The fresh chopped tempe sample (2 g) was accurately weighted in an uncovered dry moisture dish and dried in an oven at 105°C. The sample was removed from the oven every 3 h and cooled in a desiccator for 2 h to reach room temperature. The sample was then weighed until a constant weight was achieved. Once a constant weight was achieved, the moisture content of the sample was calculated.
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Lupin has been explored as a soy bean substitute in traditional fermented foods such as tempe and soy sauce. The present study investigated lupin tempe prepared through solid state fermentation method on eight samples of different particle sizes of lupin beans The physical and chemical properties (moisture content and firmness), aroma, and total count of colony of lupin tempe are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. The average values of soy and lupin tempe quality after fermentation for 24 h at 30°C and additional 24 h at room temperature (in total was 48 h fermentation)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sample</th>
<th>Moisture Content (%)</th>
<th>Firmness* Newton</th>
<th>Total Mold Count (CFU x 10⁹/g)</th>
<th>Aroma</th>
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<tr>
<td>Soy</td>
<td>58±9.0±1.55</td>
<td>32.3±3.2±4.5</td>
<td>218±45</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>L 1 (24 h)</td>
<td>63.7±1.48</td>
<td>22.0±0.1±15</td>
<td>16±3±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>60.7±2.34</td>
<td>26.7±0.5±88</td>
<td>35±3±1</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L 2 (24 h)</td>
<td>65.0±0.95</td>
<td>21.7±0.4±90</td>
<td>12±2±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>63.3±0.66</td>
<td>29.5±0.8±83</td>
<td>29±2±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L 3 (24 h)</td>
<td>66.8±0.54</td>
<td>21.3±0.4±90</td>
<td>10±4±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>65.4±0.56</td>
<td>22.0±0.2±79</td>
<td>28±8±5</td>
<td>not fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>L 4 (24 h)</td>
<td>61.7±0.00</td>
<td>23.6±0.1±81</td>
<td>11±3±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>60.2±2.55</td>
<td>30.0±0.4±33</td>
<td>32±8±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L 5 (24 h)</td>
<td>64.1±0.66</td>
<td>22.0±0.0±83</td>
<td>8±2±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>62.0±0.09</td>
<td>24.3±0.3±09</td>
<td>27±8±5</td>
<td>not fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>L 6 (24 h)</td>
<td>65.3±0.08</td>
<td>23.6±0.2±11</td>
<td>5±1±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>63.5±2.27</td>
<td>25.3±0.1±13</td>
<td>32±0±5</td>
<td>not fresh</td>
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<td>L 7 (24 h)</td>
<td>62.5±0.81</td>
<td>24.1±2.3±20</td>
<td>10±5±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>61.0±2.95</td>
<td>30.7±0.2±25</td>
<td>22±0±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L 8 (24 h)</td>
<td>63.0±0.08</td>
<td>24.3±2.45</td>
<td>13±8±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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<tr>
<td>(48 h)</td>
<td>61.9±0.76</td>
<td>30.2±3±43</td>
<td>29±4±5</td>
<td>fresh</td>
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</table>

(1) statistically not significant (p>0.05) for all 48 h fermentation samples (one way ANOVA)

The moisture contents of lupin tempe samples ranged from 60 to 66%, higher than that of soy tempe (58.90%). According to The National Standardization Agency of Indonesian (BSN) 3144:2009, the maximum moisture content of soy tempe is 65%. The higher water retention of lupin tempe is most likely due to lupin’s high water-holding capacity (7.1 g H₂O/g) as it contains crude fiber (Sujak et al. 2006).

The observations showed that the firmness of lupin tempe after 48 h fermentation was higher, in comparison to those obtained after 24 h fermentation (Table 2). Fermentation time of tempe production influences the bioactive compounds and consequently contributes to the quality of tempe (Chang et al. 2009; Roubos-van den Hill et al. 2010). Handoyo and Morita (2006) report that it requires approximately 24 h for achieve a complete fermentation of soybean. This ensures an even growth of mycelia both in the particles and in the gaps among each soybean grains. They report the textural property i.e. softness, modulus of elasticity and detaching-mycelia value of 48 h fermented soybean were significantly higher (p<0.05) than those of other fermentation lengths. As a result, the 24 h fermented soybean was softer and had a compact form. However, after 48 h mycelia were overgrown and had stronger networked of mycelia among soybean grains. Moreover, the moisture content...
is also critical for tempe quality since it significantly influences firmness and shelf life. In this study, the firmness of lupin tempe was between 21.38-30.89 N. The tempe fermentation was carried out subsequently for total fermentation length of 48 h. The first 24 h was to initiate the growth of R. oligosporus mycelia which has an optimum temperature at 30°C, and the temperature should be lower at the second 24 h, to avoid the mass from overheating that inhibit the growth of mycelia. Based on statistical analysis of lupin tempe (Table 2), the firmness of lupin tempe after 48 h fermentation (L2, L4, L7 and L8) was significantly different (p<0.05) from lupin tempe after 24 h fermentation. Mostly, tempe produced from the mixture of lupin beans with particle size less than 5 mm at proportion of ≥50% (L3, L5 and L6) exhibited low tempe quality.

Particle sizes of lupin beans contributed to the quality of lupin tempe, as shown by lupin tempe prepared from 100% whole beans (L4 and L7). Both samples showed the highest firmness amongst the other lupin tempe. A previous study indicated that incorporation of lupin beans in tempe altered the moisture content and firmness (unpublished). Tempe samples with ratio of lupin and soybean at 60:40 had the moisture content of 60.57% and firmness of 36.87 N after 48 h fermentation. Based on these data, we suggested that the growth of R. oligosporus mycelia was influenced by total surface area of bean particles meaning also the particle size of beans and crude fiber content in fermenting media (bean particles) affected the growth of R. oligosporus mycelia.

During fermentation, volatile components were released due to enzymic activities. It was possible that particular legume types caused a distinctive aroma compared to others, i.e. the aroma of soy tempe was different from that of lupin tempe. It was also observed in our study that different aromas were released from each lupin tempe treatment. Table 2 shows data on aromas of tempe, prepared through 48 h fermentation of lupin beans. The lupin tempe made from particles ≥5 mm at proportion of ≤50% (L3, L5 and L6) were not fresh. These samples had smaller particle sizes than those made from the whole beans (L4 and L7). A study by Handoyo and Morita (2006) shows that as the soy proteins are degrading during fermentation, the growth rate of R. oligosporus increases dramatically because it consumes the degradation products as nutrients (such as amino acids and low-molecular-weight peptides) for growing (Feng et al. 2007). The mold then grows rapidly up to 24 h and enters a maturing process. We suggested that the enhanced degradation of protein by R. oligosporus occurred in lupin beans with smaller particle sizes because it had more surface areas for R. oligosporus to attach. This caused rapid protein degradation, thus more protein degradation products are available for the mold to grow. As a consequence, this led to the over-fermentation thus increased production of unpleasant volatile compounds (i.e. ammonia and small peptides).

The particle characteristics of lupin beans influenced the growth of R. oligosporus, which contributed to the quality of the final tempe products. As shown in Figure 1B, the lupin tempe was visually similar to soy tempe even the appearance of lupin tempe was more attractive due to the bright yellow colour of lupin kernels. The mycelia of R. oligosporus were capable of growing on both lupin and soy tempe substrates yet at different rates. After 48 h fermentation, the data of total count of colony showed that the colony number of lupin tempe samples were ±3x10^4 CFU/g. The growth of mycelia on lupin beans was slower than that on soy, as shown by seven-fold colony number of soy tempe (218x10^5 CFU/g). We proposed that the hardness of lupin beans contributed to the lower growth of R. oligosporus. However, both lupin and soy tempe showed white mycelia and good in appearances. We suggested that the enzymic activities of R. oligosporus were influenced by the characteristics of beans during tempe fermentation.

The diffusion of fungal extracellular enzymes is very important for solid substrate fermentation (SSF). These enzymes were excreted into the bean mass to catalyze the chemical changes during fermentation of substrates concomitant with mold growth. On this stage, two important characteristics from mold growth need to take place for the fermented soybeans to become tempe, namely, the individual beans are bound into a solid cake by the mold mycelia and the soybeans become partially digested by the mold enzymes (Babu et al. 2009; Priatni and Iskandar, 2007; Haq and Mukhtar, 2004). After the growth declining, sporulation and ammonia production, due to protein breakdown, take place. Moreover, viability of R. oligosporus sporangiospores is also important for the application of stored starter cultures for tempe production (Thanh and Nout, 2004).

Based on the data of quality of lupin tempe, we selected five lupin samples (L1, L2, L4, L7 and L8) for sensory evaluation. Thus, the untrained panelists tested five fried lupin tempe and one fried soy tempe samples in terms of appearance, taste, texture, and overall acceptability. The data were evaluated statistically using GLM and Tukey’s HSD. Statistic data obtained from this sensory evaluation was shown in Table 3.

The data in Table 3 shown that the appearance of lupin tempe prepared from 100% whole beans (L7) was scored as the best (7.265) amongst the samples, outnumbered soy tempe (6.333). Aroma and taste of this lupin tempe (6.647) was not
significantly different from that of soy tempe (6.627). In the present research, the scores for texture of this lupin tempe product (6.176), was not significantly different from that of soy tempe (6.471). The overall acceptability of lupin tempe prepared from 100% whole beans (LT) was 6.586, which was not significantly different from that of soy tempe (6.510). Our result is in agreement with an earlier sensory study of lupin tempe by Fudiyansyah (1995), a substitution of soybeans with lupin beans at level 50 to 100%.

Table 3. Mean difference values data of lupin and soy tempe sensory evaluation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tempe Sample</th>
<th>Appearance</th>
<th>Aroma and Taste</th>
<th>Texture</th>
<th>Overall Acceptability</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Soy</td>
<td>6.333±0.255</td>
<td>6.627±0.288</td>
<td>6.471±0.282</td>
<td>6.510±0.285</td>
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<tr>
<td>L1</td>
<td>6.500±0.175</td>
<td>5.853±0.227</td>
<td>5.794±0.246</td>
<td>6.000±0.219</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L2</td>
<td>6.982±0.149</td>
<td>5.588±0.279</td>
<td>6.059±0.253</td>
<td>6.020±0.233</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L4</td>
<td>7.078±0.137</td>
<td>6.020±0.256</td>
<td>5.863±0.255</td>
<td>6.078±0.227</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L7</td>
<td>7.265±0.111</td>
<td>6.647±0.222</td>
<td>6.176±0.202</td>
<td>6.588±0.184</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L8</td>
<td>6.647±0.162</td>
<td>5.765±0.239</td>
<td>5.529±0.242</td>
<td>5.765±0.240</td>
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a,b,c,d the same index in the same column shows insignificant difference

CONCLUSION

Five out of eight various particle sizes of lupin beans were successfully fermented into lupin tempe, through fermentation process using R. oligosporus tempe inoculum. Based on the quality and sensory test of lupin tempe, the whole lupin beans (L7) was recommended to replace soybean in tempe production as the final tempe properties exhibited no significant differences to soy tempe in terms of aroma and taste, texture, and overall acceptability according to sensory evaluation, but its appearance was scored as more attractive.

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