

Studies on by-products of some vegetables processing

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In this investigation, utilization of two vegetable crops by-products were studied. The first one was the water-melon (*Citrullus vulgaris*) cultivated by Nobaria Seeds Company to produce the seeds. The by-product of the crop resembles about 9810. The other one was the green peas (*Pisum sativum*) which is one of the most important vegetable processing crop in Egypt and its by-product resembles about 50%. The objective of these studies included the following items: Chemical composition of raw materials. SCP production by fungal growth (*Aspergillus niger* and *Trichoderma Viride*) from water-melon juice and hydrolyzed peas peel cake (the residue after juice extraction). Protein Concentrate from green peas peel juice. Pectin from water-melon peels. The obtained results could be summarized as follows: I - Chemical Composition of raw materials: 1- The total solids content of water-melon juice (6.7%) was closely near to that in peel (6.87%). 2- Most of the total solids were soluble. Total sugars were the main constituent of both juice (5.31%) and peel (3.01%). 2- Green peas peel contained high percentage of total solids (64.74%). Total carbohydrates, crude protein, crude fiber, ether extract and ash represented 11.90, 17.07, 1.28 and 5.01% respectively. II - ECP production by fungal growth (*Asp. niger* and *Trich. viride*). A- SOP product from water-melon juice. 1) The optimum pH of *Trich. viride* was 5.5. 2) Sugar concentration 2% was the suitable concentration using incubation period of 4 days in case of *Asp. niger*. The suitable sugar concentration was 2% with incubation period of 6 days in case of *Trich. Viride*. 3) The suitable inoculum volume was 15% for both *Asp. niger* and *Trich. viride* for 6 days incubation. 4) The best concentration for using urea as a nitrogen source was 0.2% for *Asp. niger* and 0.07% for *Trich. Viride*. 5) Ammonium sulphate was the suitable nitrogen source after 6 days incubation in case of *Asp. niger* while it was ammonium sulphate and urea mixture (1:1) in case of *Trich. Viride* after 6 days incubation. B- SOP product from hydrolyzed peas peel cake. 1) The suitable sulphuric acid concentration to carry out acid hydrolysis of peas peel cake was 0.5 N. under 1.5 atmospheric pressure. *Trich. Viride* has failed to grow on hydrolyzed peas peel cake while *Asp. niger* revealed success. 2) The best inoculum volume for *Asp. niger* was 10%. 4) The highest protein yield (0.0481 gm/g substrate) was obtained after 6 days incubation, using the mixture of ammonium sulphate and urea (1:1). 0- Amino acids pattern of SOP. 1) The amino acids composition of both *Asp. niger* and *Trich Viride* was at least 17 amino acids for the first microorganism and 18 amino acids for the second one. 2) The amino acids proportion of *Trich. Viride* was higher than that of *Asp. niger*. 3) The largest proportion of amino acids were glutamic acid, asparagine, tyrosine, glycine, alanine and leucine. The lowest amounts were the sulphur containing amino acids (methionine and cysteine). 11- Protein concentrate from green peas peel juice 1- Yield and quality. If unfractionated protein concentrate precipitated by heat at 80°C for 10 min. were higher than both of chloroplast protein extracted by heating at 53°C for 30 min. and chloroplast protein extracted by cooling down to 10°C for 4 hours. The unfractionated protein concentrate yield was 21.11%. It contained: 34.933% crude protein, 8.414% ash, 0.5% crude fiber, 4.508% ether extract, 97.016 mg/100 gm chlorophyll A, 28.284 mg/100 gm chlorophyll B and 41.188 mg/100 gm carotenoids. 2- The isoelectric point of the cytoplasmic protein, obtained from supernatant after extracting the chloroplast protein by cooling at 10°C for 4 hours, was 4.3. Cytoplasmic protein yield, precipitated by either acid

(1.399%) or heat at 80° C for 3) min.(1.6.'):1%) was lower than that obtained by unfractionated (21.111%) or chloroplast protein extracted at 53°0 (18.586%) or 100°0 (15.602%). On the other hand cytoplasmic protein contained higher crude protein (57.95 % and 54.74% for acid insoluble and the at Percipitation respectively), than that obtained by unfractionated (34.933%) Or chloroplast protein extracted at 53°0 (28.865%) and 100°0 (32.144%).

4- Amino acids composition of unfractionated and chloroplast proteins extracted by either heat at 53°0 or 100°0 were well balanced and contained high level of most essential amino acids. They were lower in sulphur containing amino acids; methionine and cysteine.

5- Oa, K, Ph, Fe and Mg were determined in unfractionated, chloroplast and cytoplasmic protein in concentration from peas peel juice, and compared with recommended adults allowance in U.K. Hundred grams of protein concentrate covered the daily requirement of Ga and Fe. They also contained a fair amount of Mg which covers about half the human daily requirement.

IV - Pectin from water-melon peel

1.1- Fractionation of water-melon pectin. Water soluble pectin in pretreated solar dried peel (5 Oaking in hot water at 20°0 for 10 min, before drying) was lower than both of fresh peel and solar dried peel. Most of the pectin in water-melon peels was in the form of ammonium oxalate soluble pectin.

2- Effect of extraction methods on the yield of pectin. The extraction of Pectin from water-melon peels by ammonium oxalate 0.5% at 80°0 for 1 hour, HCl 2% at 80°0 for 1 hour, citric acid 4% at 80°0 for 3 hours and tartaric acid 4% at 80°0 for 3 hours gave yield of 10.33, 4.04%, 4.099% and 9.14% respectively.

3- Effect of ammonium oxalate concentration and extraction temperature on pectin yield. Increasing temperature from 80, 90 to 100°0 was accompanied by high significant increase in pectin yield. There were no significant differences between 0.5%, 0.75% and 1.0% ammonium oxalate concentration. Interaction between temperature and ammonium oxalate concentration was not significant.

4- Effect of extraction temperature on quality of pectin obtained from solar dried peel and pretreated solar dried peel compared with commercial apple pectin.

A- Chemical properties: Increasing extraction temperature of pectin from 80 to 100° C was accompanied by increasing yield, ash % and reducing power. In contrast it led to decrease hydrogalacturonic acid A.G.A. %, methoxyl % and acetyl % in both solar dried and pretreated solar dried water-melon peel pectin. Generally pretreated solar dried peel pectin was higher in A.G.A. % and methoxyl % and lower in ash % and reducing power than solar dried peel pectin. Commercial apple pectin was lower in A.G.A. % and ash % while higher in reducing power than water-melon pectin.

B- Physical properties: Increasing extraction temperature of Pectin from 80 to 100 led to increase the color of dry pectin and pH of 0.5% pectin solution. While it led to decrease the molecular weight, jelly grade, optical rotation of pectin and flow time of 8.1 and 0.2% pectin solution in both solar dried and pretreated solar dried water-melon peels pectin. The appearance of all 0.5% pectin solutions was turbid. The physical properties of water-melon pectin was in the same range of commercial apple pectin. It was recommended to extract pectin at 80°0 for one hour from pretreated solar dried water-melon peels.