CONTROLLED RELEASE OF THE ENCAPSULATED OF KARI (MURRAYA KOENIGII) LEAVE'S EXTRACT IN THE MATRIX OF GELATIN-GUM ARABIC

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ABSTRACT

The characterization and the performance of Kari leave's extract that encapsulated with gelatin-gum Arabic have been evaluated. The encapsulated product was prepared using the spray drying method with a ratio of 0:4; 3:1; 2:2; 1:3 and 4:0. The encapsulated product with a ratio of 3:1 has the best properties, such as the lowest water content (0.19%) and highest encapsulation efficiency (91.90%). Based on the FT-IR spectra indicated the encapsulation process using a spray drying method does not lead to the formation of a new chemical bond. Also, the morphology of the encapsulated product at the ratio of 3:1 has the smallest particle size (37-100 nm). The controlled release property was observed from 0-80 minutes, the encapsulated product with a ratio of 3:1 has the highest value of content release (69.37%) and the lowest value was showed by the encapsulated product with a ratio of 40:0 (31.11%).

Keywords: Controlled released, Kari Leave's Extract, Gelatin, Gum Arabic, Spray Drying

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INTRODUCTION

Murrayakoenigiis is a plant originated from India¹, but at the present, this plant can be easily found in Province of Aceh, Indonesia. In Indonesia, it is known as Kari, but in Aceh it has a local name, Temurui. The Kari leave has been widely used as spice ingredients that are used as food seasonings because of their distinctive aroma². The Kari leave can be used as the antioxidant, antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer, antidiabetic and anti-hypertensive³⁻⁵. Those powerful activities of Kari leaves are influenced by the presence of the following components, such as β -pinene, β -caryophyllene, β -phellandrene and α -pinene, also these compounds have a role to control food from spoiled and give a unique flavor⁶.

The compound that constructs the unique flavor is classified into volatile components. As a volatile component, naturally that component will have relatively high volatility and are chemically unstable. To prevent the loss of volatile component in Kari leaves, a method that able to control the stability, retention and release of Kari flavors is urgently needed.

Encapsulation technology has been developed to protect flavors from evaporation and degradation in the food industry.⁷⁻¹¹ Also, the encapsulation process can prevent the core material from the oxidation process.¹²⁻¹⁴ These technologies involve trapping the flavor molecules within colloidal particles specifically designed to inhibit their volatilization and degradation during storage and cooking¹⁵. The property of the encapsulated product is dependent on many factors, such as the properties of Kari leave's components, the matrix in the encapsulation process, etc.^{16,17}

In this study will be focused on the utilization of biopolymer a combination of protein and polysaccharide to encapsulate extract of Kari leave to the physical properties of the encapsulated product. These two biopolymers were suggested as good material for encapsulation material¹⁸. Gelatin as biopolymer has a good emulsion capacity, soluble in water and stable¹⁹. In the other hand, gum arabic as hetero-polysaccharide has a good emulsion property and low viscosity²⁰. The encapsulation process will be prepared using spray drying method because of some advantages, such as (i) the obtained powder has good quality, (ii) water content is low, (iii) easy to store and (iv) able to protect the active component from the unwanted reaction²¹⁻²⁵. The main objective of this research was to evaluate whether the blend of gelatin and gum arabic could be used to control the flavor released. Also, the properties of the obtained microcapsule in this study by spray drying method have been evaluated including the yield of the microcapsule, water content, the efficiency of the microcapsule, FT-IR spectra, SEM, TEM, and release properties of Kari leave.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

Kari leave was obtained from Sungai Pauh village, Langsa, Aceh. The extract of Kari leave was prepared using maceration technique. Gelatin as the coating material was extracted from beef bones (*Os Scapula*) were obtained from the Slaughterhouses Langsa Aceh using the acid hydrolysis method. Gum Arabic was purchased from CV. Rudang Jaya Medan, Sumatera Utara Indonesia.

Instrumentation

The functional group of microcapsule component was determined using FT-IR Perkin Elmer 1600 series. The morphology and particle size of the obtained microcapsule were observed using SEM JEOL model JSM-S410LV and *Transmission Electron Microscopy* JEOL JEM 1400. The controlled release property of Kari leaves extract from the microcapsule matrix was evaluated using spectrophotometer UV-Vis Shimadzu UV-1600 A.

Procedure

Encapsulation Process of Kari Leave's Extract

The encapsulation process was conducted using spray drying in the following method with some modification^{26,27}. The emulsion formation of Kari leaves for the encapsulation process was prepared by 40% of encapsulating material and 10% of Kari leave's extract, where the ratio of gelatin and gum arabic was 40:0, 30:10, 20:20, 10:30, and 0:40. For the example, to prepare the Kari leave's microcapsule with 1:1 of ratio was started by the dissolution of 20 g of gelatin and gum arabic with 100 mL of distilled water in a separated beaker. Those solutions were mixed up, into this solution 10 g of Kari leave's extract and 1 g of Tween80 were added and stirred for 5 minutes. The emulsion of Kari leave's extract was homogenized at 5000 rpm for 20 minutes. The obtained solution was diluted with 300 mL of distilled water and followed by spray drying process using Buchi model Mini *spray dryer* B-290, that operated under inlet and outlet temperature were 125 and 60°C, respectively and pump speed was 1000 rpm.

The Yield of Microcapsule

The yield percentage of Kari leave's microcapsule that obtained through spray drying method was determined by comparing the weight of microcapsule and weight of solid total before drying process²⁸.

$$\% R = \frac{M_1}{M_2} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

Where

R = Yield percentage

M1 = weight of microcapsule (g)

M2 = weight of solid total before the drying process (g)

Water Content

The evaporating dish was placed in the oven at 105°C of temperature for 2 h. The dried evaporating dish was weighed, and 1 g of microcapsule was placed in this evaporating dish. The evaporating dish then placed in the oven at 105°C of temperature for 2 h and cooled in a desiccator. This evaporating dish weighed several times until the constant weight was obtained. The water content was determined using the following equation²⁹.

$$\%W = \frac{M_1 - M_2}{M_1} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

Where:

W = the water content

M₁ = the weight of microcapsule before drying process

M₂ = the weight of microcapsule after drying process

The Efficiency of the Encapsulation Process

Microcapsule (500 mg) was dissolved in 30 mL of n-hexane using mechanical stirrer for 2 minutes. The filtrate was separated, and 30 mL of n-hexane was added into the residue. The obtained filtrate was collected in an Erlenmeyer that has been weighed, the n-hexane was evaporated at 70°C of temperature until the weight was constant. The surface oil was determined from the weight difference of the empty Erlenmeyer and the Erlenmeyer after the evaporation process. The oil total was determined based on the weight of the encapsulation product. Thus, the efficiency of encapsulation process of Kari leave's extract can be calculated using the equation below^{27,30}.

$$EE = \frac{W_t - W_s}{W_t} \times 100\% \quad (3)$$

Where,

EE = the efficiency of encapsulation

W_t = the mass of oil total

W_s = the mass of surface oil

Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

The functional group that presence in the Kari leave's microcapsule was determined using FT-IR Perkin Elmer 1600 series in the range 4000-600 cm⁻¹³¹.

Scanning Electron Microscopy

The surface of Kari leave's microcapsule was analyzed using *Scanning Electron Microscopy* (JEOL model JSM-S410LV, Japan). The microcapsule was coated with gold and palladium.

Transmission Electron Microscopy

The surface of Kari leave's microcapsule was determined using *Transmission Electron Microscopy* (JEOL JEM 1400). The obtained image was analyzed using ImageJ to determine the particle size of the microcapsule³².

Controlled Release Property

The controlled release process was determined using the following methods^{33,34}. The ability of Kari leave's extract to release from the microcapsule matrix was evaluated using UV-Vis (Shimadzu UV-1600 A). Microcapsule (0.5 g) was dissolved in 10 mL of methanol. The mixture was stirred at 30°C of temperature until the end of the evaluation process. The aliquot (5 mL) was taken every 10 minutes and the absorbance was determined using UV at 228 nm. The Kari leave's concentration obtained during this process was determined using a calibration curve.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Kari leave's Microcapsule

The Kari leave's microcapsule was prepared using a combination of the coating agent, such as gelatin and gum arabic. The obtained microcapsule has different physical properties, especially the color of the microcapsule. The difference of microcapsule color is influenced by the difference in coating agent ratio. The color concentration of each microcapsule can be seen in Table-1.

Table-1: The Color Concentration of Microcapsule

No	The ratio of Coating Agent (%)		Core Material (%)	Color Concentration
	Gelatin	Gum Arabic	Kari leave's Extract	
1	40	0	10	+
2	30	10	10	++++
3	20	20	10	+++
4	10	30	10	++
5	0	40	10	++

Based on Table-1, the stronger microcapsule color is obtained in the ratio of 30:10 (gelatin/ gum arabic) and the weaker is shown by microcapsule with the ratio 40:0 (gelatin/ gum arabic). This phenomenon can be caused by the property of gelatin that able to absorb the green color of Kari leave's extract. Also, the presence of gum arabic in the exact amount can make that property be stronger.

Yield and Water Content of Microcapsule

The yield of microcapsule was obtained by comparing the weight of a solid total before and after the encapsulation process. The difference in the yield percentage is influenced by the emulsion characteristic during the homogenizing step. The high viscosity of gelatin has a big impact on this phenomenon. The high viscosity will cause the spraying process to be more difficult and most of the solid content will attach at the instrument, this will result in the low yield of microcapsule will be obtained. The yield percentage of Kari leave's microcapsule was shown in Table-2. The highest yield percentage is obtained at a ratio of 10:30 (gelatin/ gum arabic) and the lowest at a ratio of 40:0. These values show that the viscosity of the coating agent has a big influence on the yield percentage. In Table-2 also presence the water content of microcapsule.

Table-2: Yield Percentage and Water Content of the Microcapsule

No	The ratio of Coating Agent		Core Material	Yield (%)	Water Content (%)
	Gelatin	Gum Arabic	Kari leave's Extract		
1	40	0	10	20.72	0.79
2	30	10	10	27.24	0.19
3	20	20	10	26.68	0.78
4	10	30	10	28.54	0.18
5	0	40	10	20.84	0.20

Based on Table-2, the water content of the microcapsule is about 0.18-0.79%. This result showed a similar result with the previous work³⁵. This water content can be classified as low water content²⁷. The lowest water content of a product, the possibility of the contamination of bacterial and oxidation of fatty acid will be lower.

The Efficiency of the Encapsulation Process

The efficiency of encapsulation shows the number (percentage) of Kari leave's extract that presence in the microcapsule. The higher the efficiency of the encapsulation process, the higher the Kari leave's extract that entrapped in the microcapsule. In this work, the highest efficiency is shown by the formulation of 30:10 (gelatin/ gum arabic) with a value of 91.90% (Table-3).

Based on the efficiency result, there are some of Kari leave's extract that not coated by the coating agent. This was influenced by the chosen method to produce encapsulated material, in this case, spray drying method. This method uses hot steam in the atomization process that has an impact on the number of Kari leave's extract in the microcapsule matrix. The other factor, i.e. the ratio of coating agent in the formulation has a big impact on the efficiency of the encapsulation process. The increase of gelatin content can increase the efficiency of the encapsulation process. This effect has a correlation to the viscosity of gelatin, the highest viscosity has an impact on the ability of coating agent to bind the particle during the emulsion formation. This efficiency value has a similar result with the previous work³⁶, it is about 93.2%. That research showed the increase in efficiency is caused by the increasing the number of whey protein. That is similar to this research, the increase in the number of gelatins can increase the efficiency of the encapsulated material.

Tabel-3: Efficiency of the Encapsulation Process

No	The ratio of Coating Agent (%)		EE (%)
	Gelatin	Gum arabic	
1	40	0	81.10
2	30	10	91.90
3	20	20	87.80
4	10	30	85.70
5	0	40	80.80

FT-IR of Microcapsule

Figure-1 for gum arabic spectrum showed vibration of O-H stretching at 3402 cm^{-1} that represent the saccharide in gum arabic. The vibration of C-H stretching is confirmed at 2931 cm^{-1} . The C=C of the aromatic group is found at 1604 cm^{-1} . The other signal is found at 1072 cm^{-1} that confirmed the presence of C-O stretching from C-O-C of ether or C-O-H of alcohol.

Gelatin spectrum showed some signals at 3394 and 1651 cm^{-1} that confirm the presence of the vibration of hydroxyl and amide group. The signal of the amino group could not be found due to the shape of the O-H signal. The presence of amide group on that position was confirmed by the similar result that obtained by Tam et al.³⁷ That signal was found as alginate-poly-L-lysine at 1645 and 1540 cm^{-1} .

The other hand, Kari leave's extract also showed the vibration of O-H stretching at 3387 cm^{-1} . The signal of C-H stretching can be found at 2924 cm^{-1} . The other signal also found at 1620 cm^{-1} , that confirm the presence of C=C stretching. The spectrum of microcapsule showed several signals at 3387 , 3749 , 2916 and 2864 cm^{-1} that indicated the presence of O-H stretching, N-H stretching, C-H stretching and bending, respectively. The other signal also found such as 1697 and 1072 cm^{-1} that indicated the presence of C=O from the carboxylic group and C-O stretching from alcohol, respectively. During the encapsulation process and based on the FT-IR spectra can be concluded that there is no chemical reaction that occurred, because there is no new signal is found^{33,38}.

Morphology of Microcapsule

The Kari leave's microcapsule was observed using SEM for the particle morphology and distribution (Fig.-2).

Fig.-1: FT-IR Spectra of Gum Arabic, Gelatin, Kari Leave's Extract and Microcapsule

Fig-2: SEM images of Kari Leave's Microcapsule (A) 40:0, (B) 30:10, (C) 20:20, (D) 10:30, and (E) 0:40

The morphology of microcapsule shows the different result due to the different composition, but at all kind of ratio, the particle has a wrinkle on the surface. The influence of composition on the morphology of microcapsule also declared by Rajabi et al¹⁸. The difference in distribution particle size based on SEM images, mostly caused by the stirring speed during the homogenization process. The wrinkle that obtained at the particle surface is caused by the hot steam during the atomization step of spray drying process¹⁸. The temperature setting during spray drying also has a big impact on the particle size distribution³⁵.

Particle Size of Microcapsule

Based on TEM analysis (Fig.-3), the microcapsule has an irregular shape and found as an agglomerate. The particle size analysis was determined using ImageJ, the result was displayed in Table-4. Based on Table-4, the particle size of the microcapsule is increased with the increasing of the gum arabic concentration. The biggest particle size is found in the ratio of 0:40 with a particle size of 593 nm. The same result was obtained by Edris²⁷, the high viscosity of gum arabic influenced the particle size and mostly found as an agglomerate and gave irregular shape. The smallest particle size is found in the ratio of 40:0 with a particle size of 76.51 nm. The obtained shape at this ratio is irregular and found as agglomerate, this is caused by the viscosity of gelatin. The difference result is obtained at the ratio 30:10, at this ratio the microcapsule particle has rounded shape and mostly found in homogenous size. The ratio of 30:10 give a bigger particle size than 40:0, that is 87.62 nm.

Table-4: Particle Size of Kari Leave's Microcapsule

Ratio Gelatin:Gum Arabic	Particle size (nm)
0:40	593.14 ± 223.17
30:10	87.62 ± 47.38
40:0	76.51 ± 15.70

Fig.-3: TEM Images of Kari Leave's Microcapsule

Controlled Release

The controlled release measurement is conducted to determine the amount of Kari leave's extract that able to release from the matrix. The result of three models (0:40, 30:10 and 40:0) for controlled release measurement is shown in Table-5. The highest value is obtained at the ratio of 30:10 after 80 minutes with value 69.37% and the lowest result is obtained at the ratio of 40:0.

Tabel-5. Controlled release of microcapsule

Ratio of Gelatin:Gumarab(%)	Corematerial(%)	Minute	Absorbance	Concentration(%)
40:0	10	10	0.265	31.11
		20	0.273	32.17
		40	0.328	39.51
		80	0.330	39.77
30:10	10	10	0.392	48.04
		20	0.494	61.64

0:40	10	40	0.497	62.04
		80	0.552	69.37
		10	0.28	33.11
		20	0.298	35.51
		40	0.302	36.04
		80	0.408	50.17

CONCLUSION

Based on FTIR results, there is a shift in the wave number of the functional groups, but it does not change the existing functional groups and no new chemical bonds are found between the spectrum of microcapsules and wall material but rather electrostatic interactions. The best Kari leave extract microcapsules were found in gelatin: gum Arabic (30:10) with 0.19% moisture content, 27.24% yield and encapsulation efficiency value of 91.90%. The form of microcapsules of Kari leave extract has an almost round shape, slightly wrinkled and spread less evenly. The particle size of microcapsules ranges from 76.51 ± 15.70 nm - 593.14 ± 223.17 nm. The core release test results showed the highest value is obtained at the ratio of 30:10 after 80 minutes with value 69.37% and the lowest result is obtained at the ratio of 40:0.

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