INVESTIGATION OF ENZYMATIC HYDROLYSIS OF FATTY WASTE PROCESSING OF SUNFLOWER SEEDS BY IMMOBILIZED LIPASE

Abstract
Ukraine has a developed agricultural sector, in particular crop production, which is a source of large quantities of production residues and waste. One of the most promising areas for solving environmental problems in the production of grain products is the processing of industrial waste by enzymes and the use of processing products in other industries. The current needs of sustainable environmental practices have increased the use of enzymatic technologies in production processes. Lipases be used in the processing of waste from oil and fat enterprises, namely, waste from the stage of demetalization of hydrogenated fat from vegetable oils by enzymatic hydrolysis. The work is devoted to the study of conditions of enzyme Rhizopus japonicus lipase immobilization and its physical and chemical characteristics. Factors for obtaining immobilized biocatalysts, methods and conditions for determining the activity and stability of immobilized enzymes are highlighted. Lipolytic activity of the enzyme immobilized under these conditions remains more than 30% compared to native, which is a high indicator of activity retention.

It has been shown that immobilization promotes the expansion of the pH- and thermo-optimum of the lipase. It was determined that for the Rhizopus japonicus immobilized lipase, the pH optimum increased with a shift from 7.0 to 6.5, and there was an increase in pH stability during prolonged incubation of the immobilized enzyme for alkaline and acidic pH values. It has been established that lipase immobilization leads to expansion of the thermo-optimum, as well as stabilization of the enzyme during prolonged incubation at 40 °C and at higher temperatures (+60-80 °C), which are possible when drying the final product.

The high activity and stability of the immobilized lipase make it possible to recommend it for biotechnological processing of oil-fat waste.

Keywords: environmental biotechnology, waste, straw, oil and fat industry, immobilization, enzyme, lipase, Rhizopus japonicus, adsorption.

Introduction
The oil and fat industry of Ukraine today has a dynamic of sustainable development and remains an integral part of the global market for oilseeds and their processed products. The world market for sunflower oil is 10 million tons, and Ukraine occupies 60% of this market. The main type of oils in the Ukrainian market is sunflower - 70% of the total market turnover. At various stages of the processing of vegetable raw materials waste and by-products are formed, which contain a significant content of fatty acids and related substances. The technology of purification of vegetable oils, namely the process of hydrogenation, is accompanied by the formation of such wastes as spent clay from the stage of additional bleaching and spent catalyst. Spent clay waste is a hazard class IV waste, a spent hazard class III catalyst. Depending on the technology, about 80 tonnes of waste accumulates annually at an oil refinery with a capacity of 100 tonnes / day.

One of the most important tasks of the food industry is the development of integrated processing of raw materials and waste, as well as improving the efficiency of this processing. In the modern world, thanks to the rapid development of biotechnology, a scientific discovery in the field of enzymology, enzyme preparations have become widely used in many industries. Lipases can be used in almost all biotechnological processes to produce valuable products. In our case, this is the processing of waste from oil and fat enterprises, namely, waste from the stage of demetalization of hydrogenated fat from vegetable oils (process of hydrogenation) by enzymatic hydrolysis [1].

Literary review
Industrial processes increase the tendency to destabilize enzymes, reducing their industrial life. In this regard, an urgent problem is to increase the stability and effectiveness of lipase by immobilizing enzyme preparations, increasing the number of enzyme molecules per unit area, increasing the efficiency of enzymatic hydrolysis. For the effective implementation of the enzymatic transformation process, it is necessary to know under what conditions the maximum activity is manifested, what factors and how affect the enzyme [2,3].

Immobilization is used to make the use of enzymes more effective in biotechnological processes.
Compared with native, immobilized enzyme preparations are characterized by a number of advantages, such as the expansion of pH and thermo-optimums of action, increase of pH and thermal stability, prolongation of the action of immobilized enzymes, the matrix in the functioning of immobilized preparations in real conditions, protects the enzyme from aggressive action [1, 2].

The most effective method of stabilizing enzymes is their immobilization on carriers of different nature. As a matrix for immobilization of lipases cation exchange and chelate resins, hydrophobic carriers, anion exchangers are used. In addition, a method for producing immobilized lipase particles is provided, comprising the steps of producing an emulsion, where the aqueous phase that dissolves the lipase and the substance acting as a lipase carrier are dispersed in a hydrophobic phase, followed by removal of water from the emulsion to convert its aqueous phase to solid particles coated with lipase [4].

Methods for immobilizing lipases include adsorption on insoluble carriers; incorporation of the gel into the pores; spatial separation of the enzyme from the rest of the volume of the reaction mixture by a membrane; inclusion in a two-phase reaction medium where the enzyme is soluble and can only be contained in one of the phases and the like. Analysis of the literature shows that adsorption methods are the most effective. This is due to the ease of the binding process, the low cost of the carrier and the absence of toxic substances. Adsorption immobilization provides a large surface area, which is important for lipolytic enzymes that carry out catalysis on the phase interface. Various media are used to immobilize lipolytic enzymes by adsorption: silicon dioxide, cellulose, zeolites, polyethylene, polystyrene, activated carbon, diatomaceous earth, synthetic resins, porous nylon, hydrophobic zeolite, polypropylene, aluminium oxide, amberlite and such like [2,5].

The most effective matrices for lipase immobilization are activated carbon, clays and biopolymer matrices. Various inorganic clays, namely, diatomaceous earth, ascasite, bergmeat, activated carbon, are widely used for the preparation of immobilized forms of enzymes and other biologically active substances used in industry. This is due to their characteristics such as high adsorption properties, developed surface in combination with sufficient permeability for substrates, and the presence of different functional groups [6].

Activated carbon is bacterial, mechanical, chemical-resistant, has a developed surface, does not swell in liquids, and the surface of activated carbon can be modified [7,8,9]. The method has proven effective in applying lipase in continuous reactors to mesoporous activated carbon. Mesopores create a space for the enzyme that prevents the desorption of the lipase from the surface of the activated carbon and at the same time preserves its activity. Analysis of the studies on the study of biocatalysts based on activated carbon and lipase shows that the activity of the created samples is higher than for the native enzyme [10,11].

Food clays of inorganic origin were selected as matrices for enzyme immobilization and others are polymer matrices that are most widely used as enzyme carriers and are used in the oil and fat industry. The presence of different functional groups in them, the developed surface causes their high sorption capacity in relation to inorganic and other polar molecules.

After immobilization, the enzyme undergoes changes in physical and chemical properties, depending on the choice of method of immobilization. The physical and chemical characterization of the immobilized enzyme is its stability - the ability to retain catalytic activity under certain conditions. The stability of the structure of the enzyme itself, as well as the nature of its interaction with the surrounding particles, is determined. The stability of the enzyme is also inferred from its residual activity after incubation for a certain time, at a certain temperature and pH of the medium [13].

Researchers pay close attention to the effects of pH and temperature on lipase stability. Moreover, these two factors are important applications and must be taken into account.

In work [1] showed the effectiveness of the use of Rhizopus japonicus lipase in the hydrolysis of hydrogenated fat and determined the conditions for productive waste hydrolysis. Lipase weight ratio: substrate 1:50, ambient temperature +40 °C, pH of the reaction mixture 7.0. The previously reported experimental data indicate a low pH- and thermal stability of the enzyme, indicating the need for its stabilization.

**Formulation of the problem**

The purpose of the work is to develop conditions for the immobilization of Rhizopus japonicus lipase and to study the physical and chemical properties of the immobilized Rhizopus japonicus lipase.

The objective of the work is to determine the optimal weight ratio of the carrier: enzyme; to investigate the dependence of the activity of immobilized lipase on the hydromodule, on temperature, on the duration of immobilization; dependence of the lipolytic activity of immobilized lipase on particle size, pH optimum, pH stability and thermal optimum, thermal stability of immobilized lipase.

**Materials and methods**

The objects of study were hydrogenation waste of vegetable oils and fats, namely that of the bleaching process. In order to eliminate the influence on the lipase of the mineral substances contained in the waste, 40% of the brine emulsion was used as a substrate, which is the main component of the waste of its production. Rhizopus japonicus lipase produced by Enzim enterprise (Ladyzhyn, Vinnytsia region, Ukraine) was considered as a part of waste, which shows the highest activity in relation to hydrogenated fat, substantiates its use for hydrogenated fat hydrolysis. To study the adsorption processes of Rhizopus japonicus lipase, we used carriers - Kieselguhr (Trielp Group LLC, Kirovograd Mechanical Plant CJSC), Ascanite (Askangel Alliance Georgia LLC), activated carbon (First Gas Industrial Company LLC), bergmeat (Bergmeat LLC Group", CJSC “Kirovograd Mechanical Plant"), agar-agar (LLC “Khimsnabzhenie"), carrageenan (LLC “Khimsnabzhenie"), chitosan (Xi'an Sonwu Biotech Co., Ltd.).

The lipolytic activity was determined by the titrometric method of Ota and Yamada [15], which is
based on the calculation of the amount of fatty acids formed during the hydrolysis of the substrate. As a substrate, 40% emulsion of hydrogenated fat was used, which was stabilized with polyvinyl alcohol. An activity unit was taken up by the amount of enzyme that releases 1 micromole of acid from 40% suspension of hydrogenated fat at +37 °C for 1 hour. In a test tube containing 8–15 mg of the sample, 1 cm³ of water, 0.1 cm³ of a 0.1% solution of lipase, 0.8 cm³ of 0.05 M sodium hydroxide solution were added and titrated with 0.05 M sodium hydroxide solution to a light pink color. The level of lipase activity was estimated in terms of the difference in the amount of alkali that went for the titration of the control sample, mg, versus 1 micromolar; hence, 1 unit was taken up by the amount of enzyme that releases 1 micromole of acid from 40% suspension of hydrogenated fat.

The activity of lipase was calculated according to the formula:

\[ \text{LA} = \frac{(\text{A} - \text{A}_1)}{\text{B}} \times 100 \]

where \( \text{A} \) – is the amount of 0.05 M NaOH that went for the titration of the prototype, cm³;
\( \text{A}_1 \) – is the amount of 0.05 M NaOH that went for the titration of the control sample, cm³;
\( \text{B} \) – the amount of enzyme in the reaction mixture, mg;
100 – coefficient for conversion into a micromolar;
\( \text{LA} \) – lipolytic activity, LU/g

The enzyme was immobilized by physical adsorption (physical sorption) as follows: a weighed sample of the carrier (1 g) was impregnated with 10% solution of the enzyme in 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 7.0 units, of the carrier (1 g) was impregnated with the enzyme solution in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH of the medium corresponded to the pH-optimum of lipase) and heat-treated for 5 minutes at +37 °C. Then, 1.0 cm³ of a 40% suspension of hydrogenated fat was added, heat-treated under the same conditions. Exactly after 1 h of incubation, the reaction was interrupted by the addition of 5 cm³ of 96% ethanol. In the control sample, the emulsion of hydrogenated fat was added after the addition of ethanol. In the control and experimental samples, three drops of phenolphthalein solution were added and titrated with 0.05 M sodium hydroxide solution to a light pink color. The level of lipase activity was estimated in terms of the difference in the amount of alkali that went for the titration of the experimental and control samples with the hydrolysis of 40% emulsion of hydrogenated fat.

The pH-optimum immobilized lipase was determined in such a way that buffer solution with different pH values of the medium in the range of 2.5 ... 12.0 was added to the enzyme samples of equal activity and the enzymatic activity was determined.

The thermo-optimum of the immobilized enzyme was determined by studying for the same activity enzyme samples at a temperature of +20 ... 80 °C in the appropriate buffer, which corresponds to the pH optimum of this enzyme.

To determine pH stability, the level of activity of the enzyme sample was incubated at various pH values of 2.5 ... 12.0 for 0 ... 360 minutes, then the pH of the solution was adjusted to the optimal value and the enzymatic activity was determined.

The thermal stability of the immobilized lipase was studied in such a way that the activity levels of the enzyme sample in the corresponding buffer solution that corresponds to the pH optimum were incubated at +20, +37, +45 and +60 °C for 0 ... 360 min, then the temperature was brought to +37 °C and determined the activity of the enzyme.

**Results of the study and their discussion**

In order to obtain a stable lipase preparation that exhibits lipolytic activity sufficient for the fermentolysis of hydrogenated fat, Rhizopus japonicus lipase immobilization was carried out on carriers of inorganic origin. During the studies, the optimal conditions of sorption immobilization were selected: the media was impregnated with 10% enzyme solution in 0.1 M phosphate buffer solution, pH 7.0 units. pH using GM 3 for agar-agar and carrageenan, GM 1 - clay (Kieselguhr (diatomaceous earth), ascanite, bergmeal) and GM 1.5 - for activated carbon and chitosan, at +23 °C and dried the drug at +40 °C. The choice of carrier for immobilization of the lipase was carried out with the maximum preservation of initial lipolytic activity.

The experimental results of determining the optimal weight ratio of carriers: the enzyme are given in Fig. 1.
Thus, the use of activated carbon with a grain size of 2.0-2.8 as a carrier for immobilization of lipase, leads to maximum preservation of the original lipolytic activity. The weight ratio of carrier: enzyme, optimal in terms of preservation of lipolytic activity, was 1 g of biopolymer carrier per 500 mg of lipase (1: 0.5) with preservation of 36.33% of the initial activity of the native enzyme.

The following factors influence the immobilization efficiency: temperature, hydromodule (HM, solid phase-liquid weight ratio), duration of immobilization process.

Due to the fact that the physical and mechanical characteristics of the carrier significantly affect the immobilization, investigated the dependence of lipolytic activity of the immobilized form of lipase on the particle size of the matrix. The results of the studies are given in Fig. 2.

The results of the experimental data given in table. 2, allow to state that the maximum inhibitory activity is observed when using activated carbon with a particle size of 2.0-2.8.

Experimental data of the influence of the hydro-module, temperature and duration of the immobilization process on the enzymatic activity of immobilized on activated carbon at a mass ratio of carrier inhibitor (1: 0,5) are shown in Fig. 3-6.

According to the results of the study of the influence of the immobilization hydro-module on the conservation of enzymatic activity, which are shown in Fig. 3, the greatest value of the preservation of lipolytic activity is observed in HM 1.5.

The results of the study of the effect of temperature on the efficiency of the process of immobilization of lipase on activated carbon, which are shown in Fig. 4, show that the immobilized lipase is stable in the range of +15…35 °C, and the highest activity is observed at +25 °C. As the temperature rises, activity sharply decreases.

From the results of the experimental studies shown in Fig.
5, it is seen that the maximum preservation of lipolytic activity is observed after 15 min of the immobilization process.

From the results of experimental studies we can conclude that the rational conditions of immobilization of Rhizopus japonicus lipase are: GM 1.5, temperature +25 ° C, duration of immobilization 15 min. The weight ratio of the enzyme carrier is 1:0.5.

In order to optimize the conditions of fermentalisation of hydrogenated fat by immobilized lipase, a study of its physical and chemical properties was carried out.

The nature of the carrier surface, depending on the content of the groups of acidic or basic ionizing character, may affect the pH-value of the immobilized enzyme. In this regard, to one degree or another, a pronounced shift in the pH optimum value of the immobilized enzyme to the acidic or alkaline pH area is possible, as well as expansion of the observed pH optimum area of the immobilized enzyme. pH optimum and pH stability of immobilized lipase was studied under conditions similar to that for the native enzyme (Fig. 6, 7).

The pH optimum of the native enzyme was about 7 units, pH. As a result of immobilization, its pH optimum expands and is in the pH range from 6.5 to 8 (Fig. 6).

There was a significant increase in pH stability during prolonged incubation of the immobilized preparation with alkaline and acidic pH. This allows us to predict its effective functioning under real digestive conditions (Fig. 2), which may be due to the stabilization of the native conformation of the protein globule under the action of sorption forces, as well as the partial suppression of autolysis processes. In acidic medium (pH 2.5), the activity of the immobilized enzyme is maintained from 50 to almost 90% for 25 minutes. In an alkaline medium (pH 9), the activity of the immobilized enzyme in the complex is significantly reduced after 150 min incubating it under these conditions.

Immobilization of enzymes usually leads to an increase in their thermo-optimum and thermostability due to varying degrees of strong fixation of the native conformation of the protein molecule and, accordingly, the difficulty of denaturing it with increasing temperature.

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Under these conditions, it is established that 80% of the activity of the immobilized enzyme is preserved for 50 min, and then its value gradually decreases and after 50 min is 50%. The activity of the immobilized enzyme for 175 min is completely lost at +80 °C. Total loss of activity at +100 °C is 100 min.

**Conclusion**

Lipase immobilization improves the conditions of processing waste hydrogenation of vegetable oils by fermentionation. From the above results it can be seen that the use of activated carbon leads to maximum preservation of the initial lipolytic activity.

The rational conditions for Rhizopus japonicus immobilization are: HM 1.5, temperature +25 °C, duration of immobilization 15 min, particle size of the matrix 2.0-2.8 mm. Lipolytic activity of the enzyme immobilized under these conditions remains more than 30% compared to native, which is a high indicator of activity retention.

It has been shown that immobilization promotes the expansion of the pH- and thermo-optimum of the lipase. It was determined that for the Rhizopus japonicus immobilized lipase, the pH optimum increased with a shift from 7.0 to 6.5, and there was an increase in pH stability during prolonged incubation of the immobilized enzyme for alkaline and acidic pH values. It has been established that lipase immobilization leads to expansion of the thermo-optimum, as well as stabilization of the enzyme during prolonged incubation at +40 °C and at higher temperatures (+60-80 °C), which are possible when drying the final product.

The experimental results obtained indicate a higher stability of Rhizopus japonicus immobilized lipase compared to the native one. The high activity and stability of the immobilized lipase make it possible to recommend it for biotechnological processing of oil and fat waste. Further use of hydrolyzed waste will allow to obtain new products.

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Анотація
Україна має розвинутий сектор сільського господарства, зокрема рослинництва, який є джерелом великого обсягу виробничих залишків та відходів. Одним з перспективних напрямків вирішення екологічних проблем виробництва зернових продуктів є переробка виробничих відходів ферментами та застосування продуктів переробки в інших галузях промисловості.
Сучасні потреби стійкої екологічної практики збільшили використання ферментативних технологій у виробничих процесах. Ліпази застосовуються при переробці відходів підприємств нафти і жиру, а саме відходів зі стабілізації гідрогенізованого жиру з рослинних олій методом ферментативного гідролізу. Робота присвячена дослідженню умов іммобілізації ферменту Rhizopus japonicus та її фізико-хімічним характеристикам. Використовуються фактори одержання іммобілізованих біокатализаторів, методи та умови визначення активності та стабільності іммобілізованих ферментів. Ліпази застосовуються при передбаченому ферментному гідролізі жирових відходів процесів верстатіння і деметалізації жирових відходів.

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