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Introduction

Rapeseed (Brassica napus L.) is among the most used crops for production of oil for human consumption. Traditionally oil extraction is performed as solvent extraction combined with warm- or cold pressing. Cold-pressing is known to give the highest quality of the oil in terms of preservation of antioxidants and vitamins.

Aim

To develop an efficient and gentle supercritical extraction method for preparation of high quality rapeseed oil products.

Experimental setup of Supercritical Fluid Extraction

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Extraction yield

The extractability of lipophilic compounds measured as amount extracted (g) varied as function of pressure and temperature. Addition of a polar modifier resulted in extraction of more amphiphilic compounds as phospholipids to the oil.

Tag profile by EFLC

Enhanced fluid liquid chromatography (EFLC) is an analytical method lying in the region between SFC (supercritical fluid chromatography) and HPLC. EFLC uses a modifier phase accounting for 20-70% supplemented with supercritical carbon dioxide.

Distribution and contents of individual native triacylglycerols (TAGs) from the different SFE oils were determined by EFLC. The extractability of the different TAGs were found to be comparable for of the investigated extraction conditions resulting in similar TAG profiles for all oils from the B. napus cv Lioness seed oil. Application of modifier resulted in extraction of phospholipids and residual TAGs.

Effect of extraction time

SFE A: After 60 min. at 300 bar, 40°C the extraction is very low. SFE B1: Addition of ethanol as modifier leads to extraction of phospholipids and SFE B2: Increased pressure and temperature extracts additional phospholipids (500 bar, 180°C).

The extractability of antioxidants, tocopherols and carotenoids follows the extraction of TAGs, with the majority being extracted after 20 min. However, as seen from the TAG profile, not all TAGs were extracted after 60 min., they also appeared in the extraction fractions after 70 and 80 min.

Conclusions

SFE gives opportunities for creating high quality oil, with possibilities for tailoring the composition of the lipophilic product.

Sinapoyl derivatives

Rapeseed is rich in sinapine and other sinapoylderivatives. During oilpressing the majority of sinapoyl derivatives stays in the rapeseed cake due to hydrophilic properties. Using SFE with or without modifier enables product tailoring with varying amounts of structurally different compounds extracted into the oil or left in the protein-fibre extraction residues.

Sinapoylderivatives determined from MECC

Total sinapoylderivatives determined from UV detection at 330 nm

Effect of extraction time on TAG composition. Processing conditions as described in "Effect of extraction time"