

以超音波輔助酵素合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化研究

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摘要

酚酸化合物已被證實對人體具有抗發炎(anti-inflammatory)、抗氧化(anti-oxidant)等功效。自然界大量存在之咖啡酸(caffic acid)為水溶性多酚類，其酯類衍生物的親油性高，可強化其抗氧化能力，並提高其應用價值。利用脂解酵素(lipase)合成酚酸酯類，藉此改變酚酸的親油特性，使抗氧化及自由基清除力提高的功能更穩定。脂解酵素可催化咖啡酸及苯乙醇(phenyl ethanol)合成咖啡酸苯乙酯(caffic acid phenethyl ester, CAPE)，酵素合成比起化學合成方式不僅更天然，且反應條件溫和，製程對環境較友善，所合成出來的產物亦偏向天然，在食品或化妝品的應用上，對於消費者之接受度較高。為了縮短催化酚酸酯化物(phenolic acid ester)的合成時間，本研究藉由生物催化(biocatalysis)技術並配合超音波.ultrasound系統及連續式酵素填充床生物反應器(continuous packed-bed bioreactor)進行催化合成反應，以符合未來工業量產之應用。將基質咖啡酸與苯乙醇(phenyl ethanol)於異辛烷(isooctane)溶劑中，利用固定化脂解酵素(NovozymR 435)，經由中心混層實驗設計(central composite rotatable design, CCRD)或Box-Behnken實驗設計(Box-Behnken design)，以直接酯化(direct esterification)方式合成咖啡酸苯乙酯，再以反應曲面法(response surface methodology, RSM)進行分析，分別探討合成反應參數對莫耳轉換率的影響，最後，利用脊型分析(analysis of ridge max)詳細探討酵素合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化反應條件。本研究分成三階段進行，第一階段為利用固定化酵素NovozymR 435合成咖啡酸苯乙酯，使提高咖啡酸在親油性環境下之穩定性，增加其有效利用率。將咖啡酸及苯乙醇以直接酯化方式，並利用五階層四變數之中心混層實驗設計，探討合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化條件。實驗結果顯示，反應時間59小時、反應溫度69 °C、咖啡酸與苯乙醇莫耳比1:72及酵素用量351 PLU (propyl laurate unit)，咖啡酸苯乙酯莫耳轉換率之理論值與實驗值分別為91.36%及91.65 ± 0.66%。第二階段藉由超音波輔助系統合成咖啡酸苯乙酯。超音波於液相溶液中形成空穴現象(cavitation)，產生許多微小氣泡及超臨界區域，提供了化學介質力量，使增加了酵素與基質間作用的接觸機會，進而提高合成酯化作用，縮短咖啡酸苯乙酯合成時間。結果顯示，超音波輔助系統利用NovozymR 435於反應溫度70 °C，合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化條件為：反應時間9.6 小時、咖啡酸與苯乙醇莫耳比1:71、酵素用量2938 PLU及超音波功率為2 W/cm²，咖啡酸苯乙酯莫耳轉換率之理論值與實驗值分別為96.03%及93.08 ± 0.42%。第三階段為超音波輔助系統結合連續式酵素填充床生物反應器合成咖啡酸苯乙酯，利用超音波加速酵素作用並在連續式生物反應器下，模擬工業連續化生產流程，提供業界大量製備之依據。結果顯示，當咖啡酸與苯乙醇莫耳比1:100，填充15,000 PLU固定化酵素NovozymR 435於連續式酵素填充床生物反應器，合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化條件為：反應溫度72.66 °C、體積流量0.046 mL/min及超音波功率為1.64 W/cm²，莫耳轉換率之理論值與實驗值分別為97.84%及92.11 ± 0.75%。綜合以上實驗結果，利用固定化酵素NovozymR 435合成咖啡酸苯乙酯，並在超音波輔助系統下，克服了酚酸酯類合成耗時的障礙。藉由連續式生物反應器，達到連續生產咖啡酸苯乙酯之目的，探討合成咖啡酸苯乙酯之最優化條件，找出最佳莫耳轉換率，節省操作時間及能源，進一步提供予業界量化的參考。

關鍵詞：生物反應器、生物催化、咖啡酸苯乙酯、脂解酵素、酚酸、超音波、最優化

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