

# Relationships between Antioxidant Properties and Protein Compositions of Bovine Colostrums and Their Enzymatic Hydrolysa

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## ABSTRACT

The bovine colostrums collected within 7 days postpartum were used in this study to prepare skimmed milk, caseins and whey. The antioxidant properties of these samples and the relationships between the antioxidant activities and the protein compositions of these samples were analyzed. Then, the effect of enzymatic hydrolysis conditions with flavourzyme (from *Aspergillus oryzae*) on the antioxidant properties of bovine colostrum protein hydrolysates and the relationships between antioxidant properties and the obtained protein hydrolysates were investigated. We also used bovine colostrum protein hydrolysates and amino acids (His, Pro and His+Pro) as raw materials and flavourzyme as catalyst to undergo plastein reaction at different pH values (5.5, 7.5 and 9.5), and evaluated the antioxidant properties of the plastein products. Lastly, the changes in the antioxidant properties of the plastein products, together with bovine colostrums proteins and their hydrolysates, before and after digesting using gastrointestinal proteases (pepsin and pancreatin) were studied. The results showed: 1. The reducing powers of colostrum skimmed milk (SM), caseins (C), and whey (W) were in an order of SM > W > C; ferrous ion chelating abilities were SM > W > C; DPPH radical scavenging activities were SM > W > C; superoxide anion scavenging activities were SM > C > W. The whey from the colostrums collected on the 1st and the 2nd days postpartum exhibited relatively high ferrous ion chelating ability. The whey from the colostrums collected between the 2nd and the 4th days and the caseins from the colostrums collected on the 2nd day had relatively high radical scavenging activities, more than 60 % at a concentration of 20 mg/mL. The inhibitory effect on lipid peroxidation of caseins was higher than those of whey, and was comparable to those of  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHA within 8-hour reaction. 2. As for the relationships between antioxidant activities and protein compositions of bovine colostrums, we grouped the peaks on the gel filtration chromatograms of caseins and whey into four groups respectively. The results showed that Casein I (lactoferrin) was positively correlated to reducing power and DPPH radical scavenging activity. Whey I, II, III and IV were all positively correlated to ferrous ion chelating power, and Whey IV ( $\alpha$ -lactoglobulin and  $\beta$ -lactalbumin) was positively correlated to DPPH radical scavenging activity. 3. The casein and whey hydrolysates exhibited higher ferrous ion chelating abilities, more than 60 % at a concentration of 1 mg/mL, than those unhydrolyzed, but had lower reducing power and DPPH radical scavenging activity than those unhydrolyzed. Based on the ridge max analysis, the hydrolysis conditions for the maximum DHs of caseins and wheys, 24.87 and 23.45 % respectively, were the hydrolysis time at 23.28 and 21.51 h, the temperature 36.77 and 41.65 °C, and the E/S 2.26 and 1.35%, respectively. Both casein and whey hydrolysates, obtained through the hydrolysis using the conditions for maximum DH, had higher DPPH radical scavenging activities but lower reducing powers and ferrous ion chelating abilities than those obtained through ridge max analysis. This result revealed that the hydrolysate with higher degree of hydrolysis would have higher DPPH radical scavenging ability. 4. As for the amino acid compositions of bovine colostrum protein hydrolysates, it showed that the content of neutral amino acids in the hydrolysate was the highest, basic amino acids and aromatic amino acids were the next, and acidic amino acids and cyclic imino acid, proline, were the lowest. Both casein hydrolysates and whey hydrolysates were rich in leucine and lysine. The results of the analysis of relationships between the antioxidant properties and the amino acid compositions of bovine colostrum protein hydrolysates showed the more the neutral amino acids, the lower the reducing power and the superoxide anion scavenging activity. 5. The antioxidant activities of the products obtained through the plastein reaction using casein hydrolysates or whey hydrolysates as raw materials and flavourzyme as catalyst were higher than those of original hydrolysates. As compared to the casein and whey and its hydrolysates, it was found that the plastein products apparently had higher reducing power and ferrous ion chelating power at a concentration 1 mg/mL. 6. The reducing powers of skimmed milk, casein, whey, casein hydrolysate and whey hydrolysate after hydrolysis using gastrointestinal proteases were higher than those without hydrolysis by gastrointestinal proteases, however, the ferrous ion chelating abilities and the DPPH radical scavenging activities were lower than those without hydrolysis by gastrointestinal proteases. The antioxidant activities of the plastein products were decreased as hydrolyzed by gastrointestinal proteases.

Keywords : bovine colostrums ; casein ; whey ; antioxidant activity ; enzymatic hydrolysis ; plastein reaction

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