

Preparation and Evaluation of Functional Properties of Fermented Vegetable-Fruit Drink

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ABSTRACT

Vegetables and fruits have very strong antioxidant ability. The content of antioxidant in fresh vegetables and fruits will be reduced during pasteurization and processing. In A.D. 1998, the scholars recommend the advantage of enzyme, so enzyme beverages rise and develop. The regulation of activity measuring and manufacture are not yet to define at present. Traditional enzyme beverages need more time to make product in the manufacture and have more variations to control difficultly during fermentations. The objectives of the study are to build a new-type manufacture of vegetable enzyme beverages that is simple, fast, high enzyme activity and high antioxidant activity, to reduce more variations and the production cost during fermentations, to agree with industry, and to defines the regulation of activity measuring and manufacture clearly. The result is as follows: a. The fruit vegetable juice has enzyme activity (SOD-like is 10.1 U/ml) and antioxidant activity. b. In the experiments of alcoholic, acetic acid and lactic acid fermentation, the enzyme activity, and antioxidant activity of raw materials are enhanced after fermenting. SOD-like activity increases above 20 U/ml; the result of acetic acid fermentation has the highest activity with other fermentations. The SOD-like activity of acetic acid fermentation increases 49.6 U/ml. The alcoholic fermentation has the best result in antioxidant activity, especially in chelating effects on ferrous ions. The chelating effects on ferrous ions activity in acetic acid fermentation increases 0.21 mg/ml. c. In the experiments of (yeast, acetic acid bacteria and lactic acid bacteria) fermentations, the mix micro-flora fermentation (1:2:1) has the best result in the experiments of antioxidant activity and enzyme activity. The SOD-like activity of mix micro-flora increases 28.3 U/ml in 1:2:1 and 19.6 U/ml in 1:1:1. antioxidant activity of raw materials are enhanced after fermenting unless chelating effects on ferrous ions. The results of mix micro-flora fermentations are not better than the results of three kinds of fermentations. The highest SOD-like activity of mix micro-flora fermentation is 40.01 U/ml. The highest SOD-like activity of acetic acid fermentation is 59.20 U/ml. The chelating effects on ferrous ions activity decreases 0.27 mg/ml in mix micro-flora fermentation and increases in alcoholic and acetic acid fermentations. d. The functions of product in the study are better than workshop products. Especially in chelating effects on ferrous ions, the result of product is the best than workshop products 0.01-0.03 mg/ml. The manufactures of workshop products need one to three years, but the product in the experiment only need two weeks. e. The manufacture of vegetable enzyme beverage in the study solves several questions like to need the high investment, advanced equipment and technology, long time and more variations during fermentations. The methods of assaying in the experiment can be the indicator to assay workshop products in the future.

Keywords : enzyme beverage, antioxidant activity, enzyme activity, vegetable juice, fermentation.

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