

Optimization of the Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction (UAE) of antioxidant activity: A review


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Introduction

- ▶ Antioxidants important substances:
 - ▶ that slow, regulate, or inhibit oxidation and degradation of food quality when present in food.
 - ▶ minimize the risk of degenerative diseases induced by oxidative stress in the body
- ▶ Natural antioxidants have recently become important in replacing synthetic ones.
- ▶ The primary antioxidants in plant-based foods
 - ▶ Phenolic compounds,
 - ▶ Carotenoids
 - ▶ Vitamins C and E

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- ▶ The demand for novel extraction techniques has been growing in the past few years:
 - ▶ To enhance efficiency.
 - ▶ Reduce processing cycles.
 - ▶ Reduce organic solvents usage.
 - ▶ Ultra-sound-assisted extraction advantages:
 - ▶ Increases the rate and degree of mass transfer across the sample-solvent interface.
 - ▶ Involves mechanical disruption of the plant cell walls via acoustic cavitation, thereby allowing the solvent to permeate the cells and extract the compounds.

The aim of the study

- ▶ The existing literature has not investigated the effects of UAE optimization parameters on antioxidant activity.
- ▶ This study aims to provide a useful guide for e and future optimizations of ultrasound-assisted extractions.

Ultrasonic-assisted extraction devices

- Sonication is commonly conducted using:
 - Ultrasonic bath
 - Ultrasonic probe
- Operating in batch or continuous flow mode in laboratory scale extraction systems.

Optimization of antioxidant activity by using ultrasonic-assisted extraction

- ▶ Maximizing the ultrasound-assisted extraction of antioxidants:
 - ▶ The conservation of sample material and solvents.
- ▶ The process parameters are optimized by the response surface methodology (RSM).
- ▶ To attain optimum yield of antioxidant must optimize UAE parameters such as:
 - ▶ Time
 - ▶ Frequency
 - ▶ Power amplitude
 - ▶ Extraction temperature
 - ▶ Solvent-to-sample ratio
 - ▶ Solvent concentration
 - ▶ pH

- ▶ *The effect of ultrasonication power*
 - ▶ *increasing ultrasound power is attributed to the increased yield of antioxidant compounds (50 to 150 W).*
- ▶ *The effect of ultrasonic time*
 - ▶ *increasing ultra-sonication time to more than 15 minutes could result in the degradation of antioxidant properties.*
- ▶ *The effect of temperature*
 - ▶ Antioxidant compounds are easily hydrolyzed and oxidized at higher temperatures, primarily when extracted over extended periods (more than 45°C)

- ▶ *The effect of solvent concentration*
 - ▶ *increasing the solvent concentration beyond 50% decreased the antioxidant activity.*
- ▶ *The effect of Solvent-to-solid ratio*
 - ▶ more than 40 ml/g has remained almost unchanged on antioxidant activity
- ▶ *The effect of pH*
 - ▶ low pH resulted in a high level of antioxidant activity measured by the FRAP method (low to Near-neutral pH).

Conclusion

- ▶ The optimization of ultrasound-assisted extraction has been emphasized in this study.
- ▶ optimization has shown a substantial increase in antioxidant activity.
- ▶ optimal degree of the parameters helps to save energy
- ▶ less ultrasound power
- ▶ a shorter time.
- ▶ High temperatures can also be avoided.
- ▶ Save the solvent from being wasted during the extraction.
- ▶ helps decide the best antioxidant activity method acceptable or shows a heightened response with optimum parameters.





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