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Fish lipid contains long-chain n-3 (Omega-3) PUFA, particularly EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid, C20:5) and DHA (docosahexaenoic acid, C22:6). Consumption of these PUFAs has been perceived to be important in human nutrition, health, and disease prevention. In this context, there is significant demand for fish lipid. Currently, fish lipid is extracted from fish muscle or liver of herring, mackerel and cod. Sardine and tuna, which are important industrial fishes, produce substantial amount of wastes. The waste of *Sardinella lemuru* and *Euthynnus affinis* consist of head, intestine and liver. Therefore the target of the study was to extract the n-3 essential fatty acid rich lipid from the waste with modified Kinsella extraction method by using chloroform-methanol (toxic solvent) and hexane-acetone extraction method by using hexane-acetone (less toxic solvent) and establish the physico-chemical properties of the lipid with a view to use as nutritional supplement or other prospective applications. The yield of extraction, free fatty acid content (FFA), peroxide value (PV), anisidine value (AV),



saponification value (SV), iodine value (IV) and lipid composition (neutral and polar lipid) of the extracted lipid from these two fish species wastes (head, intestine and liver) were determined. Thermal behavior (cooling and melting points) and fatty acid composition of the respected lipid were also evaluated.

The yield of lipid extraction of *S. lemuru* liver showed the highest value than head and intestine in both extraction methods. *E. affinis* head lipid yield indicated significant difference ( $P < 0.05$ ) with other lipids abstracted from intestine and liver in both extraction methods.

Among different lipid sources (head, intestine and liver), the free fatty acid, peroxide value and anisidine value significantly increased ( $P < 0.05$ ) from head to liver. This increase was observed in all lipid samples extracted by hexane-acetone. The saponification value of the waste lipid samples were in the range of 108 – 197 but significant increases were observed in waste lipid extracted by hexane-acetone. The highest iodine value was found in head lipid in both fish species with significant changes ( $P < 0.05$ ) with other waste lipid samples in both extraction methods. Higher polarity of solvent used for lipid extraction (chloroform-methanol) increased the extracted polar lipid in fish waste lipid than lower polarity solvents (hexane-acetone). Fifteen fatty acids (FA) were determined from all waste samples except sardine intestine. The major fatty acid were: palmitic (C16:0), oleic (C18:1) and docosahexaenoic (C22:6) acids. The fish waste lipids showed similar fatty acid composition but the proportion of the fatty acids differ. Among different lipid sources, highest concentration of PUFA especially n-3 fatty acids were detected in head lipid

samples. The concentration of respective PUFA was in lower content in lipid extracted by hexane-acetone. The n6 / n3 fatty acid ratio of the respective head, liver and intestine lipid samples showed values lower than 1. Differential scanning calorimetry results for fish waste lipid samples indicated that higher unsaturation in lipid sample showed lower cooling and melting temperature.

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Minyak ikan mengandungi asid lemak politaktepu (PUFA) rantai panjang n-3 (Omega-3), terutamanya EPA (asid eikosapentaenoik) dan DHA (asid dokosaheksaenoik). Pengambilan PUFA penting terhadap nutrisi, kesihatan dan pencegahan penyakit pada manusia. Dalam hal ini, permintaan terhadap minyak ikan sangat tinggi. Pada masa kini, minyak ikan biasanya diekstrak daripada otot ikan atau hati ikan hering, ikan pelata dan ikan kod. Sardin (*Sardinella lemuru*) dan tuna (*Euthynnus affinis*) yang merupakan tangkapan penting dalam industri ikan, menghasilkan banyak bahan buangan. Bahan buangan ini terdiri daripada kepala, usus dan hati ikan. Oleh sebab itu, maklumat utama kajian ini adalah untuk mengekstrak minyak yang kaya dengan asid lemak perlu n-3 daripada bahan buangan ikan tersebut dengan menggunakan cara pengekstrakan yang

berlainan serta melaporkan ciri-ciri fizikokimia minyak tersebut dari segi kesesuaiannya sebagai bahan makanan tambahan atau untuk penggunaannya pada bidang lain. Dua cara pengekstrakan minyak ikan tersebut ialah kaedah pengubahsuaian Kinsella (melibatkan penggunaan pelarut bertoksik iaitu kloroform-metanol) dan kaedah heksana-aseton (melibatkan penggunaan pelarut tidak bertoksik iaitu heksana-aseton).

Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menentukan hasil pengekstrakan, kandungan asid lemak bebas (FFA), nilai peroksida (PV), nilai anisidin (AV), nilai saponifikasi (SV), nilai iodin (IV) dan komposisi lemak (neutral dan polar). Selain itu, kelakuan terma (titik penyejukan dan pencairan) dan komposisi asid lemak turut dikaji.

Kedua-dua cara pengekstrakan minyak menunjukkan hati ikan *S. lemuru* menghasilkan kandungan lipid yang lebih tinggi berbanding kepala dan ususnya. Manakala kandungan minyak kepala ikan *E. affinis* menunjukkan perbezaan yang ketara ( $p < 0.05$ ) berbanding usus dan hati untuk kedua-dua cara pengekstrakan minyak. Kandungan asid lemak, nilai peroksida dan nilai anisidin minyak bahan buangan ikan mengalami peningkatan yang ketara ( $p < 0.05$ ) daripada kepala ke hati ikan. Peningkatan ini berlaku kepada semua minyak yang diektrak dengan kaedah heksane-aseton. Nilai SV berada dalam lingkungan (108-197) tetapi peningkatan ketara diperhatikan untuk minyak yang diektrak dengan kaedah heksana-aseton. Minyak yang diektrak daripada kepala untuk kedua-dua spesies ikan mempunyai nilai IV paling tinggi dan berbeza secara bererti ( $p < 0.05$ ) berbanding minyak daripada bahagian lain untuk kedua-dua cara pengekstrakan minyak. Pengekstrakan minyak dengan menggunakan pelarut berpolar



tinggi (kloroform-metanol) dapat meningkatkan kuantiti lipid berpolar dalam minyak yang diekstrak berbanding penggunaan pelarut kurang berpolar (heksana-aseton). Sejumlah 15 jenis asid lemak telah ditentukan kecuali minyak daripada usus ikan sardin. Asid lemak utama yang wujud ialah asid palmitik (C16:0), oleik (C18:1) dan dokosaheksaenoik (C22:6). Minyak daripada bahan buangan ikan didapati mempunyai komposisi asid lemak yang sama tetapi dengan nisbah yang berlainan. Minyak kepala ikan didapati mempunyai kepekatan PUFA yang paling banyak terutamanya asid lemak n-3 berbanding minyak daripada hati dan usus. Akan tetapi, kepekatan PUFA agak rendah untuk minyak yang diekstrak dengan cara heksane-aseton. Nisbah asid lemak n6 / n3 menunjukkan nilainya kurang daripada 1 untuk sampel minyak daripada kepala, hati dan usus. Keputusan kalorimetri imbasan perbezaan menunjukkan kehadiran ketaktepuan yang tinggi dalam minyak bahan buangan ikan. Hal ini bermakna minyak ikan bahan buangan ini mempunyai suhu penyejukan dan pencairan yang lebih rendah.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AA	Arachidonic Acid
A	Absorbance
AHA	American Heart Association
ALA	Alpha Linolenic Acid
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
AOAC	Association of Official Analytical Chemists
AV	Anisidin Value
CHD	Coronary Heart Diseases
cm	Centimeter
CRD	Completely Random Design
DHA	Docosahexaenoic Acid
DSC	Differential Scanning Calorimetry
EFA	Essential Fatty Acid
EPA	Eicosapentaenoic Acid
FA	Fatty Acid
FAME	Fatty Acid Methyl Ester
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FFA	Free Fatty Acid
FID	Flame Ionization Detector
g	Gram
GC	Gas Chromatography
h	Hour



HAM	Hexane-Acetone extraction Method
HSD	Honestly Significant Different
HUFA	High Unsaturated Fatty Acid
id	Internal Diameter
IV	Iodine value
kg	Kilogram
KI	Potassium Iodide
LA	Linoleic Acid
R°	Alkyl Radical
ROO°	Peroxyl Radical
ROOH	Hydroperoxides
LPC	Lysophosphatidyl Choline
M	Molar
m	Meter
meq	Milliequivalents
mg	Milligram
min	Minute
MKM	Modified Kinsella extraction Method
MMT	Million Metric Tones
mL	Milliliter
mm	Millimeter
m.p	Melting point
MUFA	Monounsaturated Fatty Acid



N	Normality
n-3	Omega-3
n-6	Omega-6
ND	Not Detected
NL	Neutral Lipid
NO.	Number
°C	degree centigrade
°OH	Hydroxyl Radical
PC	Phosphatidyl Choline
PE	Phosphatidyl Ethanolamine
PI	Phosphatidyl Inositol
PL	Polar Lipid
PORIM	Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia
PS	Phosphatidyl Serine
PUFA	Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid
PV	Peroxide Value
sec	Second
SFA	Saturated Fatty Acid
SFE	Super Critical Fluid Extraction
SPE	Sphingomyelin
SPSS	Statistic Package for Social Science
SV	Saponification Value
TAG	Triacylglycerole

$T_0$	Onset
$T_f$	Offset
$\mu\text{l}$	Microliter
V	Volume
W	Weight
WHO	World Health Organization



# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Lipid consists of chemical combinations of glycerol with certain fatty acids. They are insoluble in water, soluble in organic solvent and may serve as food to supply the body's calorie. The dietary lipids are mostly present in or are supplied from living organisms such as vegetable seeds (soy bean, cottonseed, sunflower and corn), oil-bearing fruits and nuts (palm, palm kernel and olive) followed by land animal and fish.

Fish are cold - blooded animals with scaly streamlined bodies. Fish play essential roles in the world as, animal feed, fertilizer and food. They are special in the human food chain due to their nutritive components such as protein, vitamins A, B and D, minerals namely calcium, phosphorous, iodine and lipids.

Fish lipid composition differs from that of land animal lipids or vegetable oils. It is generally composed of triacylglycerol (TAG), phospholipids and sterols in major and in minor quantity including the metabolic products of the latter components with some remarkable lipids such as glycolipids. The fish lipid is different from land animal lipids and vegetable oils due to the large quantity of two distinct n-3 fatty acids including eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA, C20:5, n-3) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, C22:6, n-3) that cannot be synthesized by human body (Jittrepotch et al., 2006). n-3 fatty acids intake through fish lipid, can improve human health by abating or curing diseases such as coronary heart problems, stroke, kidney disorders, arthritis, diabetes arrhythmias,





hypertension and cancer (Shahidi et al., 2004; Pepping, 1999; Von Schacky et al., 1999; Daviglius et al., 1997; and Christensen et al., 1996). Fish lipid also improves visual function (Birch et al., 2000); DHA remarkably demonstrates an essential effect on human brain growth and development (Horrocks et al., 1999).

Fish lipid is mainly stored in fish body in the subcutaneous tissue, belly flap, mesenteric tissue, head, muscle tissue and liver (Ackman, 1994). Fish lipid are primarily extracted from meat and liver but due to the growing human population and the demand for fresh or canned fish meat, new sources for lipid extraction have been proposed.

Each year a large amount of total marine capture is disposed as processing waste namely intestine, fin, skeleton, head and skin. Approximately, for each tonne of fish captured, an equivalent mass of fish material is discarded either as waste or as a low value by-product. There is some opportunity for acquiring more value from fish waste. Fish processing supplies this opportunity for utilizing wastes to supplement needs for animal feed, fertilizer, pet food, fish silage, chitin and chitosan. Fish waste can also be utilized in the production of fish lipid, which has more benefit over the last (refer to pet food, fertilizer) mentioned products (Choudhury and Bublitz, 1996; Choudhury and Gogoi, 1995).

Several methods have been used to extract lipid from fish, such as solvent extraction method and super critical fluid extraction method. Among these extraction methods,