

CHALCONE DYEING ON SILK FABRICS PRETREATED WITH CHITOSAN: OPTIMIZATION, ISOTHERM AND KINETICS

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Abstract

Surface response methodology was involved in the optimization of chalcone adsorption upon silk fabrics treated with chitosan against the process parameters pH, temperature and contact time. The effects of these factors were studied in the ranges 4.0-6.0, 85-95^oC and 20-60 min at initial concentration chalcone dye 500 mg.L⁻¹, respectively. A predictive quadratic model was constructed by variance analysis of data obtained from a total of 20 experimental runs with three replicates each. The maximum q 279 mg/g was found under the experimental conditions of pH = 5.0, contact time = 40 and temperature = 90. Out of Langmuir isotherm models, adsorption data was best described by Langmuir isotherm with 0.99 consistency. The process kinetics was evaluated by pseudo-second order. Pseudo-second order kinetic model exhibited the highest correlation with data. The results showed that both monolayer adsorption and intra-particle diffusion mechanisms limited the rate of chalcone adsorption.

Keywords: Chalcone, silk fabrics, optimization, kinetics and isotherm

1. Introduction

Manufacturing of synthetic dyes largely depends on petrochemical sources and many of these are toxic, resulting in environment pollution[1]. Natural dyes comprise colorants that are obtained from animal or vegetable substances without any chemical processing. This group is mostly known to be eco-friendly, biodegradable, low toxic, and less allergenic as compared to synthetic dyes [2] Besides, it can have a higher compatibility with the environment. For these reasons, considerable research work is being undertaken around the world about the production and application of natural dyes [3]

Chalcones are well known as natural dyes. Chemically, they present open chain analogues of flavonoids in which two aromatic rings are joined by three carbons, α,β unsaturated system[4] (Fig. 1) such as saffron, these chromophores absorb light at longer wavelengths and have more golden/orange hues. They are precursors in flavonoids biosynthesis and play an ecological role in nature, in relation to plants colour. Historically, chalcone dyes were used by people for

colouring textile materials. They have been recently identified in ancient Andean textile, as marein and other glucosides of okanin (2',3',4')-pentahydroxychalcone)-pentahydroxychalcone), possibly obtained from a *Coreopsis* species (Fig. 2) [5]

Recently, many statistical experimental design methods have been developed for process optimization [4]. Among them, response surface methodology stands out as a popular method utilized in many fields [6-7]. Many researches have been published in the literature on the effect of optimization processing [8-9]. Therefore, the use of response surface methodology was introduced in this experimental research.

2. Materials and methods

2.1 Materials

Silk fabrics were obtained from Rumah Sutra Alam, Ciapus, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia and chitosan purchased from Laboratory Badan Tenaga Atom Nasional, Jakarta. Fresh chalconeoid dyes were purchased from Laboratory Biology State university of Jakarta. *Cyanophylla* was

collected in the region of Depok , West Java in March 2011. The plant was identified in Laboratory of Plant Biology and Botany State University of Jakarta

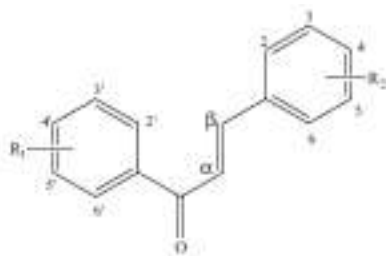


Fig. 1. Chalcone molecule

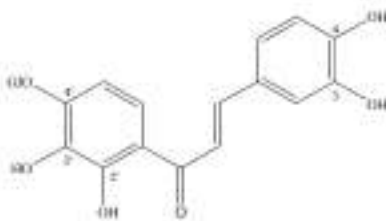


Fig. 2. trans-3,5,4'-trihydroxychalcone (chalcone)

2.2 Coating silk fabri

Silk degumming was performed using raw silk fabric were treated with 1.5 g/L Marseille soap, 0.5 g/L sodium carbonate, and silvatom (anionic surfactant) at 70–75^o C for 15 min and dried. Degummed silk fibers were coating with chitosan solutions of concentrations 1.5% (w/v) in 2.0% (v/v) aqueous acetic acid. The silk fabrics were then immersed in chitosan solutions for 24 h at room temperature. The fabrics were then padded and cured in the curing chamber at 120^oC for 5 min.

Table 1 Independent variable values of the process and their corresponding levels.

No	Variable	Variables levels		
1	pH chalcone	4.0	5.0	6.0
2	Contact time(min)	30	60	90
3	Temperature (^o C)	90	95	100

2.3. Chalcone dye extraction from A. cyanophylla

The dried and powdered flowers (1 kg) of A. cyanophylla were extracted with methanol at room temperature for 48 h. The corresponding extract was obtained after

Table 2. Central composite design arrangement and results.

No	pH	Time (min)	Temperature ^o C	adsorption capacity (mg/g)
1	4.00	30.00	90.00	88.47
2	6.68	60.00	95.00	78.42
3	4.00	90.00	95.00	93.12
4	5.00	60.00	90.00	76.89
5	5.00	90.00	90.00	93.36
6	5.00	60.00	100.00	89
7	5.00	60.00	95.00	84.71
8	4.00	65.00	95.00	59.99
9	5.00	60.00	90.00	85.52
10	4.00	30.00	90.00	72.38
11	4.00	30.00	95.00	84.98
12	6.00	60.00	95.00	64.42
13	5.00	30.00	90.00	96.07
14	5.32	60.00	90.00	80.69
15	5.00	60.00	90.00	59.77
16	5.00	60.00	90.00	92.81
17	4.00	60.00	95.00	96.56
18	5.00	30.00	100.00	82.84
19	5.00	30.00	90.00	64.11
20	4.00	30.00	90.00	82.03

filtration and evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure. The obtained methanolic extract (10 g) was dissolved in water then extracted successively with CHCl₃ and ethyl acetate to yield the corresponding extracts. The ethyl acetate extract (5 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography eluting with CHCl₃/MeOH gradients. Six main fractions (250 mL × 6) were collected. After evaporation of the solvent in vacuo, fraction 5 (4 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel using CHCl₃/MeOH (8:2) as eluent to afford **1** (3.5 g). The extraction yield of compound **1** is 0.72%.

2.4 Dyeing procedure

The silk fabrics was treated with a solution containing 5.0 g L⁻¹ non-ionic detergent, at 50^o C for 30 min. Then the silk fabrics was thoroughly washed with water and air dried at room temperature. Chalcone

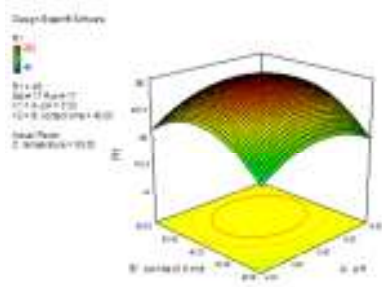


FIGURE 1 The effect of pH on adsorption capacity

dye was dissolved in water to the required concentrations; hence, Ethanol with absolute percent of 99.0 was used to solve the dye. Dye bath containing 1.0 g silk fabrics different buffer solutions pHs (3.0–11.0), times (10–120 min) and temperatures (40–100 °C) were prepared with dye liquor ratio (40:1). The primary Dye concentration in all dye baths was 5.0×10^{-4} mol L⁻¹. These were determined at time zero and at subsequent times using a calibration curve based on absorbance at $\lambda_{max} = 458$ nm versus dye concentration in standard rutin dye solutions. The dyed samples were rinsed with cold water, washed in a bath of liquor ratio 40:1 using 3.0 g L⁻¹ nonionic detergent at 50 °C for 30 min, then rinsed and finally dried at ambient temperature. The percentage of dye bath exhaustion (E%) was calculated according to the following Eq. (1):

$$\% E = \frac{C_0 - C_e}{C_0} \times 100\%$$

Where C_0 and C_e are the concentration of dyebath before and after dyeing, respective

2.5 Design of experiments

Central composite design was employed in the experimental design procedure. Chalcone dye was dissolved in water to the required concentrations; hence, ethanol with absolute percent of 99.0 was used to solve the dye. Dye bath containing 5 g silk, prepared with dye liquor ratio (100:1). The primary dye concentration in all dye baths was 0.3%. The

amount of dye adsorbed pergram of silk (q_t) (mg/g silk) at any time was calculated by a mass balance relationship (Eq. 1) as follows:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{C_0}{q_m} + \frac{1}{q_m K} \quad (1)$$

The effects of process parameters pH, contact time and temperature were investigated at three levels as summarized in Table 1

In case of insignificance the variable was omitted from the predictive model (Eq. 2).

$$Y = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + b_3X_3 + b_1b_2X_1X_2 + b_1b_3X_1X_3 + b_2b_3X_2X_3 + b_1X_1^2 + b_2X_2^2 + b_3X_3^2 \quad (2)$$

where Y is the predicted response, b_0 the offset term, X_1 is the pH, X_2 is the contact time, X_3 is the temperature, and $b_1, b_2,$ and b_3 are the coefficients of the adjusted equation.

Regression and graphical analysis of the experimental design data and evaluation of the statistical significance of the second order polynomial equations were carried out using Design Expert software (version 7.1.5, STAT-EASE Inc., Minneapolis, USA). The optimum preparation conditions were estimated through regression analysis and three-dimensional response surface plots of the independent variables and each dependent variable.

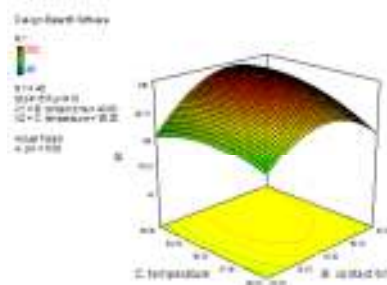


FIGURE 2 Effects of contact time on adsorption capacity

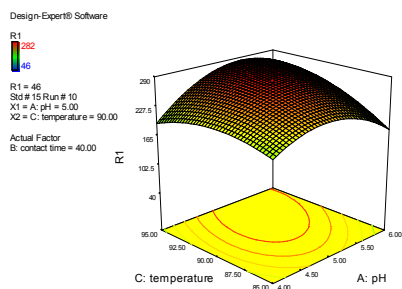


FIGURE 3 Effects of temperature on adsorption capacity

Result and discussion

Optimization conditions for Chalcone dyeing of silk fabric

Effects of pH of chalcone, contact time and temperature on q were studied during experimentation. These parameters were chosen during the preliminary study which gave the highest q. The results of 20 runs using CCD showed that the q ranged from 46 to 279 mg/g. The maximum q 270 mg/g was found under the experimental conditions of pH = 5.0, contact time = 40 and temperature = 90 As shown in Table 2, the total numbers of 20 experimental runs based on central composite designs (CCD) with six center points were performed By applying least squares method and multiple regression and the interaction term X₁, X₂, X₃, were significant model terms. It can be revealed that independent variables individually affected dependent variable

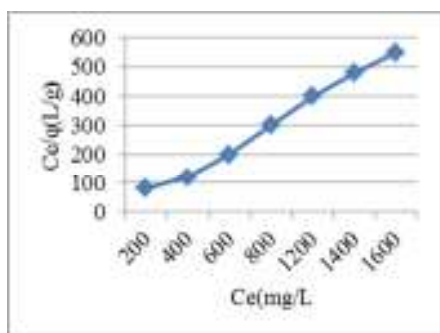


FIGURE 4. Equilibrium isotherm for the adsorption of Chalcone on silk fabric treated with chitosan

By applying least squares method and multiple regression analysis on the experimental results, the following second order polynomial equation was found to explain the dependent variable by considering the significant terms and was shown in Eq. (3).

$$Y = 83.555 + 11.78X_1 + 23.55 X_2 + 11.54X_3 + 7.3 X_1X_2 + 14.13X_1X_3 + 29.38 X_2X_3 - 3.75.X_1^2 - 63.80X_2^2 - 24.55X_3^2 \tag{3}$$

Model fitting

The F-value is calculated for each type of model, and the highest order model with significant terms normally would be chosen. The first step sequential F-value tests were performed using analysis of variance (ANOVA). As shown in Table 3, the quadratic model is the highest order model with significant terms, due to the P-value of quadratic model is less than that of other model; therefore, it would be the recommended model for this experiment design. The cubic model was found to be aliased. Typically, regression analyses for different models indicated that the fitted quadratic models accounted for more than 95% of the variations in the experimental data, which were found to be highly significant. The independent variables were fitted to the recommended quadratic equation and examined for the goodness of fit

Surface and contour plots

Surface and contour plots were used in determination of the optimum set of process conditions. The surfaces constructed under the combined effect of process parameters are shown in Figs. 1–3

The pH effect

The effect of pH on the adsorption of chalcone dye onto silk at 30° C with the initial dye concentration of 500 mg/L and the MLR of 1:100 is shown in Fig. 1. It indicated that the

Table 3 Statistical parameters for sequential models.

Source	Degrees of freedom	Sum of squares	Mean square	F-value	P-value
Linear	11	1.273E+005	11568.81	4338.31	<0.0001
2FI	8	1.194E+005	14930.57	5598.97	< 0.0001
Quadratic	5	<u>35013.52</u>	<u>7002.70</u>	<u>2626.01</u>	<u>< 0.0001</u>
Cubic	1	743.48	743.48	278.80	< 0.0001
Pure error	5	13.33	5.33		

adsorption capacity increased with decreasing pH over the pH range 5.0-4.0, The highest adsorption capacity was observed to be in the pH range of 5.0-4.5. This is due mainly to an increase in the protonation of the amino (-NH2) groups of aminoacids in the silk protein, while the carboxyl groups in the side chains are essentially unionized at lower pH.

The effect of contact time

The adsorption of chalcone dye at different contact time onto silk was investigated as a function of temperature is shown in Fig. 2. It was found that the adsorption capacity was concentration dependent and increased with temperature of the chalcone dye. An increase in the temperature led to an increase in the amount of dye adsorbed onto silk. This may be a result of an increase in the driving force of the contact time gradient with the increase in the temperature. This indicated that the temperature plays an important role in the adsorption capacity of chalcone dye onto silk.

The effect of temperature

The results of the studies on the influence of temperature on the adsorption of chalcone dye onto silk are shown in Fig. 3. Before and after the equilibrium time, the amount of dye adsorbed per gram of silk (qt) showed different trends at different temperatures. Before the equilibrium time, the initial dye adsorption rate increased with increasing temperature which indicated a kinetically controlled. This result may reflect an increase in

the mobility of the large dye ions with temperature and thus an increase in the number of molecules interacting with the active sites at the surface.

After the equilibrium time, the decrease of the amount of the dye adsorbed per gram of silk with increasing temperature indicated that the adsorption of chalcone dye onto silk was controlled by an exothermic process. The equilibrium of the chalcone dyeing process was shifted to the left-hand side. Therefore, the amount of dye adsorbed at high temperature was lower than that at low temperature after the equilibrium time.

Adsorption isotherm

The equilibrium isotherm for the adsorption of chalcone by the silk fabric at pH 5.0 and 25^o C was shown in Fig. 1. The equilibrium data were fitted by Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm equations. The Langmuir equation can be expressed as

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{C_e}{q_m} + \frac{1}{q_m K} \quad (4)$$

where *q_e* is the adsorption capacity (mg g⁻¹) based on the dry weight of nano-adsorbent, *C_e* is the equilibrium concentration (mg.L⁻¹) in solution, *q_m* is the maximum adsorption capacity (mg g⁻¹), and *K* is the Langmuir adsorption equilibrium constant (L mg⁻¹). The values of Langmuir constants *q_m* and *b* were obtained from the intercept and slope of the plot between (1/*q_e*) vs. (1/*C_e*) presented in Fig. 4. From the slope and intercept in the inset of Fig. 4, the values of *q_m* and *K* might be

Table 3 data kinetic experiment

Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	qe,exp (mg/g silk)	Pseudo second-order model	
		k2(g silk/mg.min)	R ²
85	173	0.146	0.9990
90	279	0.964	0.9998
95	260	0.085	0.9989

estimated as 279 mg/g and 0.034 l/mg, respectively.

Kinetics of adsorption

In order to analyze the adsorption kinetics of chalcone dye on silk, the pseudo second order kinetic models. A simple kinetic analysis of adsorption is the Lagergren equation (5).

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} t \quad (5)$$

A straight line of (t/q_t) versus t suggests the applicability of this kinetic model to fit the

experimental data. The slopes and intercepts of these plots were used to calculate the adsorption capacity ($q_{e,cal}$) and the rate constant (k_2). The results

The experimental data showed a good compliance with the pseudo second-order equation and the correlation coefficients for the linear plots were higher than 0.99 for all the experimental data. These results suggested that the experimental data for the adsorption kinetics of chalcone dye on silk were fitted by the pseudo second-order kinetic model.

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