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Fatty acid monoglycerides are used as emulsifers in the food, cosmetics, and detergents industries. Conventional routes of monoglyceride production are the direct esterification of glycerol with fatty acids or the transesterification of triglycerides. Since glycerol has three hydroxyl groups, the higher esters, such as diglycerides and triglycerides can also be simultaneously produced. To selectively produce monoglycerides, the protected glycerol having only one hydroxyl group available for transesterification is used instead of glycerol. Initially, two adjacent OH groups in glycerol are converted to the isopropylidene group; then the protected glycerol will be used in transesterification with triglycerides. Subsequently, the resulting monoglycerides will be deprotected. The products are identified by Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR) and High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) with an ultraviolet detector. As expected, the very high selectivity towards monoglycerides is obtained when the protected glycerol was utilized. The influence of protected glycerol to refine palm oil mass ratio and transesterification temperature on protected monoglycerides were also investigated. It observed that the protected monoglycerides content increased with the increasing mass ratio of protected glycerol to refined palm oil while other undesired esters content decrease. Furthermore, the protected monoglycerides selectivity increases with transesterification temperature.

## บทคัดย่อ

นางสาว กันยนิคา มากคำ: การสังเคราะห์แฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรด์จากปฏิกิริยากลีเซอรอลไล-ซิสระหว่างน้ำมันปาล์มกับโพรเท็คกลีเซอรอล (Synthesis of Fatty Acid Monoglycerides by Glycerolysis of Palm Oil with Protected Glycerol) อ.ที่ปรึกษา: ผศ. คร. บุนยรัชต์ กิติยานันท์ และอ.ที่ปรึกษาร่วม: ศ. มาซาฮิโกะ อาเบะ 58 หน้า

แฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรด์ เป็นผลิตภัณฑ์ที่เกิดมาจากการทำปฏิกิริยาทรานส์เอสเทอริฟิเคชั่น หรือกลีเซอรอลไลซิสระหว่างกลีเซอรอลกับไตรกลีเซอไรค์และสารอนุพันธ์ อย่างไรก็ตามในการ สังเคราะห์แฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ด้วยปฏิกิริยาคังกล่าว นอกจากจะมีแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลี-เซอไรค์เป็นผลิตภัณฑ์หลักแล้ว ยังมีผลิตภัณฑ์ร่วมที่ไม่พึ่งประสงค์อื่นค้วย เช่น ไคกลีเซอไรค์ ใตรกลีเซอไรค์ วัตถุประสงค์ของงานศึกษานี้คือ การสังเคราะห์แฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์อย่าง มีความเลือกสรรสูง ผ่านปฏิกิริยากลีเซอรอลไลซิส ระหว่างน้ำมันปาล์ม (แหล่งกำเนิคไตรกลีเซอ-ไรค์) กับ โพรเท็คกลีเซอรอล ซึ่งเป็นอนุพันธ์ของกลีเซอรอล งานศึกษานี้จะแบ่งกระบวนการ ศึกษาออกเป็น 3 ขั้นตอน โดยขั้นแรกคือการสังเคราะห์โพรเท็คกลีเซอรอล ผ่านปฏิกิริยาอะซิโต-เนชันของกลีเซอรอลกับอะซี โตนเพื่อเปลี่ยนหมู่ ไฮคร็อกซีสองหมู่ที่อยู่ใกล้กันให้กลายเป็นหมู่ ไอ-โซโพรพิลลิคีนซึ่งจะไม่เกิดปฏิกิริยากับไตรกลีเซอไรด์ หลังจากโพรเท็คกลีเซอรอลผ่านการทำให้ บริสุทธิ์แล้วจะถูกนำไปใช้ในขั้นตอนที่สอง ซึ่งก็คือปฏิกิริยากลีเซอรอลไลซิสกับไตรกลีเซอไรค์ จากน้ำมันปาล์มโคยใช้ตัวเร่งปฏิกิริยาที่มีฤทธิ์เป็นค่างแบบเอกพันธุ์ (โซเคียมไฮคร็อกไซค์) ซึ่ง ผลิตภัณฑ์ที่ต้องการในขั้นนี้คือ โพรเทคแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ นอกจากนี้ยังมีการศึกษาผล อัตราส่วนโดยโมลระหว่างโพรเท็คกลีเซอรอลและน้ำมันปาล์ม และ ของตัวแปรอื่น ได้แก่ อุณหภูมิในการทำปฏิกิริยา จากการศึกษาพบว่าอัตรา ส่วนที่เหมาะสมที่สุดในการให้ผลผลิตของ โพรเทคแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกถีเซอไรค์มากที่สุค(88.8%) คืออัตราส่วน 17:1 ภายใต้อุณหภูมิใน การทำปฏิกิริยา 180 องศาเซลเซียส จากนั้นนำโพรเทคแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ที่ได้จาก ขั้นตอนกลีเซอรอลไลซิสิส จะถูกนำไปใช้ในขั้นตอนสุคท้าย ซึ่งก็คือการแทนที่หมู่ไอโซโพรพิล-ลิดีนบนสายโซ่โพรเทคแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ด้วยหมู่ไฮคุร็อกซี 2 หมู่ผ่านปฏิกิริยาเอทา-นอลไลซิส โดยใช้ตัวเร่งปฏิกิริยาที่มีฤทธิ์เป็นกรคแบบวิวิธพันธุ์ (คาวเว็กซ์ เอ็ม-41) ซึ่งจาก การศึกษาพบว่าโพรเทคแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ถูกเปลี่ยนเป็นแฟตตี้แอสิคโมโนกลีเซอไรค์ คิคเป็น 65.8%

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