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Partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis is an effective way to recover bioactives from turmeric wastes

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Abstract

Partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis using pressurized hot water was applied in waste turmeric, derived from extraction processes that employed supercritical and pressurized fluids, as a sustainable alternative for the recovery of bioactive constituents from this material. The reaction products consisted of a liquid extract of fermentable sugars and a solid fraction, which is a mixed biopolymer with relevant composition in terms of starch and antioxidant constituents. The effects of reaction conditions on resulting products were investigated. Economic evaluation was also performed showing that application of partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis from a residual feedstock is feasible in terms of low spend of energy and materials.

Keywords: biowastes; carbohydrates; partial hydrolysis; phenolic compounds.

Practical Application: The extraction of volatiles and coloring agents from turmeric generates a residue that contains carbohydrates and phenolic compounds with relevance for industry purposes. A possible alternative to reuse turmeric wastes from extraction processes is analyzed in this work by application of hydrolysis reaction under mild conditions in order to provide two products with potential application for formulation of foods, medicine and cosmetics. For practical purposes, this work shows an effective way to reduce the amount of food wastes, turning it a product of commercial value from an economically feasible process.

1 Introduction

In a commercial perspective, turmeric rhizomes are traded as dye, spice, and non-conventional source of industrial starch (Ching et al., 2014; Santana & Meireles, 2014). Hydrothermal hydrolysis, also known as hydrothermal treatment, hydrothermolysis, liquid hot water and compressed hot water hydrolysis, is an environmentally benign method that has been the object of extensive research since the process requires water and heat (Orozco et al., 2012).

Although glucose can be obtained from starch by hydrolysis in the presence of acid or enzyme, neutralization of the hydrolysate is required after acid hydrolysis, and enzymatic hydrolysis is costly (Nagamori & Funazukuri, 2004). In addition to produce low-chain sugars, hydrothermal hydrolysis acts a physical method used to modify the characteristics of the plant biowastes (Alcázar-Alay et al., 2015; Alcázar-Alay & Meireles, 2015).

Working recently with turmeric our research group has been studying the deodorization of crude rhizomes using supercritical fluid extraction with CO_2 (Carvalho et al., 2015), depigmentation of deflavored turmeric rhizomes using pressurized liquid ethanol (Osorio-Tobón et al., 2014) and starch recovery from deflavored and depigmented turmeric, DDT (Santana et al., 2017) which is the raw material used in this work.

Partial hydrothermal hydrolysis was applied on DDT in order to investigate the reaction performance, composition and marketing potential of two new products obtained from reaction assays, i.e., turmeric hydrolysates (TH), which is the liquid fraction, and partial-hydrolyzed deflavored and depigmented turmeric (PHDDT), the solid fraction.

2 Material and methods

2.1 Material

Deflavored and depigmented turmeric (DDT) was obtained from the crude raw material purchased from Oficina de Ervas Farmácia de Manipulação Ltda (lot 065DM, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil), from which volatile oil was removed using supercritical CO_2 at 60 °C and 25 MPa (Carvalho et al., 2015), while curcuminoids were extracted using pressurized ethanol at 60 °C and 10 MPa (Osorio-Tobón et al., 2014).

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2.2 Experimental

A home-made pressurized liquid extraction (PLE) apparatus was used for the reaction assays. Three levels of temperature (40, 70 and 100 °C) and seven levels of pressure (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 MPa) were used. Milli-Q water (EMD Millipore Corporation, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) was used as solvent, which was pumped with the aid of a high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) pump (Thermoseparation Products, Model ConstaMetric 3200 P/F, Fremoni, USA) into the reaction vessel which was placed in an electrical heating jacket at the desired temperature, until the required pressure was obtained. All connections within the system were made using stainless steel tubes. Approximately 3.3 g of DDT was placed in a 5 mL reaction vessel (MV-10 ASFE, Waters, Milford, USA) containing a sintered metal filter at the bottom and upper parts.

The reaction vessel containing the raw material was heated for 5 min to ensure that the reaction vessel would be at the desired temperature. Afterwards the first blocking valve was opened to pressurize the vessel with solvent, until the desired pressure for 20 minutes (static time). Established the static time, the second blocking valve and the back pressure valve were carefully opened.

Preliminary tests established 20 minutes as static time (period of inserting water inside the reaction vessel at the desired temperature and pressure) and 15 minutes as dynamic time (period of hydrolysate collecting) at 1 mLmin⁻¹ (Santana & Meireles, 2016). After experiments, partial-hydrolyzed deflavored and depigmented turmeric (PHDDT) and turmeric hydrolysates (TH) were maintained at -18 °C, in the dark, until further analysis.

Calculations

Global yield (%, in dry basis) was calculated according to Equation 1 as the ratio of the total mass of hydrolysates ($m_{\rm H}$, in g) and the mass of feed ($F_{\rm o}$, in g).

$$X_0 = \left(\frac{m_H}{F_0}\right) \times 100 \tag{1}$$

Degree of hydrolysis (D_H, %), or material conversion, is defined by Equation 2:

$$D_H = \left(\frac{F_1 - F_0}{F_0}\right) \times 100 \tag{2}$$

Where F_1 is the mass of PHDDT quantified in the reaction vessel, after reaction.

Reducing sugars reaction yield (X_{RS} %) is defined by Equation 3.

$$X_{RS} = \left(\frac{RS_E + RS_W}{F_0}\right) \times 100 \tag{3}$$

Where RS_E is the mass of reducing sugar in the product stream (in the collected TH), RS_W is the mass of reducing sugar in the unreacted solid material, i.e., PHDDT.

Total sugars reaction yield $(X_{TS}, \%)$ is defined by Equation 4:

$$X_{TS} = \left(\frac{TS_E + TS_W}{F_0}\right) \times 100\tag{4}$$

Where TS_E is the mass of total sugar in the product stream, TS_W is the mass of total sugar quantified in the unreacted material.

2.3 Solid fraction composition

For the calculations of X_{RS} and X_{TS} parameters, the content of sugars from TH and DDT, i.e., reducing (g glucose/100 g) and total sugars (g sucrose/100 g) were determined according to Somogyi (1937) method adapted by Nelson (1944).

The raw material, i.e. DDT, was characterized in terms of: starch, using an enzymatic kit purchased from Megazyme® (Bray Business Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland), method number 996.11 (American Association of Cereal Chemists, 1976). The following analysis were carried out using standard methods (Association of Official Analytical Chemists, 1995): protein was determined using the micro-Kjedahl method (976.05), ash (ignition at 550 °C in an electric furnace, number 923.03), total fiber (method number 991.43, using a Megazyme® enzymatic kit), lipids (Soxhlet apparatus, method 920.39), moisture content (over-drying at 60 °C until constant weight, method 925.40).

Total phenols (g gallic acid/100 g), were analyzed using the Folin-Ciocalteau reagent (Singleton et al., 1999). Curcuminoids were quantified by High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), according to Osorio-Tobón et al. (2014) using a Waters Alliance Separation Module (269SD, Milford, USA), diode array detector (2998), flow rate of 1.25 mL min⁻¹ and a C18 column (150 × 4.6 nm, id., 2.6. µm, Phenomenex, Torrance, USA) that was maintained at 50 °C. The mobile phases were solvent A, which consisted of 0.1% glacial acetic acid (Ecibra, Brazil) in Milli-Q water (Millipore[®]), and solvent B, which consisted of 0.1% glacial acetic acid in acetonitrile (JT Baker, USA). Curcuminoids were separated by increasing the content of solvent B from 45% to 65% at a constant flow rate.

Antioxidant activity (AA) expressed as % protection against oxidation, was obtained according to the methodology of Hammerschmidt & Pratt (1978) adapted by Leal et al. (2003).

The moisture of PHDDT was identified using an infrared digital moisture balance (A&D, AD4714A, San Jose, USA), in which 5 g of sample (a single homogenized sample that represents all the analyzed conditions) was injected in the apparatus for 15 minutes, which temperature increased gradually until 125 °C. Because of low sample availability PHDDT samples from each reaction condition could be characterized only according to starch, total phenols, curcuminoids, and antioxidant activity. All analysis were performed in triplicate, except for fibers and curcuminoids that were made by duplicate, and antioxidant activity that was carried out once.

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

The structure of turmeric products was examined using a scanning electron microscope (Leo 440i, Cambridge, England), accelerating potential of 15 kV, current of 50 pA and resolution of $1500 \times$. The samples were applied on circular aluminum stubs with double carbon sticky tape and coated with 200 Å of gold on the Sputter Coater (EMITECH, K450, Kent, United Kingdom).

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

Thermal properties were measured using a differential scanning calorimeter DSC 1 STARe System (Mettler Toledo, DSC1, Zurich, Switzerland). The used sample to water ratio was 1:3 (w/w), in

with 5 mg of sample and 15 mg of distilled water were weight in a microanalytic balance (Mettler Toledo, MX5, Zurich, Switzerland). The sample pans with a thin hole in the covers were heated at a rate of 10 °C/min from 20 °C to 120 °C. The heat flow curves, on set temperature ($T_{\rm CS}$), peak temperature ($T_{\rm PEAK}$), endset temperature ($T_{\rm ES}$) and enthalpy of gelatinization ($\Delta H_{\rm GEL}$) were obtained.

Pasting properties

The Rapid Visco Analyser, RVA (4500, Perten Instruments, Hägersten, Sweden), was used to measure the pasting properties and viscosity curves according to AACC method number 76.21-01 (American Association of Cereal Chemists, 2000).

2.4 Liquid fraction composition

The reaction products were characterized with respect to the quantities of total phenols, curcuminoids and antioxidant activity.

2.5 Statistical analysis

Analysis of variance (Tukey test) using Minitab v.16 software was performed to determine the overall performance of partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis on the composition of TH and PHDDT samples.

2.6 Process simulation

SuperPro Designer 8.5[®] (Intelligen Inc., Scotch Plains, NJ, USA) software was used to simulate partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis in a PLE apparatus. The process consisted of a solvent storage tank, a pump to pressurize the system, a heating bath and two extractors allowing for semi-continuous operation (while one reaction vessel was in operation, the other one was cleaned and prepared for the next reaction cycle). Initially, DDT is loaded in the reaction vessel Afterwards, water is pressurized (1 MPa) using a pump and heated (40 °C) using heating bath. Once reached the temperature and pressure conditions into the vessel, 20 min of static time are counted. The reaction begins, TH is collected and PHDDT is recovered.

2.7 Economic evaluation

Economic evaluation parameters

To scale the equipment cost to the required capacity is possible using Equation 5, where C_1 is the equipment cost with capacity Q_1 , C_2 is the known base cost for equipment with capacity Q_2 and *n* is a constant related to the type of equipment. Values of *n* were collected from literature (Green & Perry, 2007; Silla, 2003; Smith, 1995; Turton et al., 2009).

$$C_1 = C_2 \left(\frac{Q_2}{Q_1}\right)^n \tag{5}$$

Cost of manufacturing (COM) was estimated according to the methodology proposed by Turton et al. (2009), which components for each process section were estimated in terms of five major costs: fixed capital of investment (FCI), cost of operational labor (COL), cost of utilities (CUT), waste treatment cost (CWT) and cost of raw material (CRM). The FCI involves expenses related to the implementation of the production line, COL is related to the operators of the units and the CUT considers the energy used in the solvent cycle for steam generation, water refrigeration and electricity requirements. The CRM consists of raw material and solvent costs. In this work, the cost of the raw material is zero because it is the waste from deodorization and depigmenting processes. Finally, CWT was considered to be zero because the waste generated by the process is harmless and clean. The base costs, and the input economic parameters used for simulation are available in the Appendix A.

Scale-up process

For the scale-up, it was assumed that the yield and composition of the reaction products obtained at laboratory scale would also be obtained in industrial scale (Santos et al., 2012). The process was designed to operate for 7920 h per year, which corresponds to 3 daily shifts for 330 days per year considering reaction vessels in volumes of 2×5 L, 2×50 L and 2×500 L. The number of required operators were 1, 2 and 3 for the units of 2×5 L, 2×50 L and 2×500 L, respectively (Veggi et al., 2014). The amount DDT to be processed in each stage was calculated based on the extractor size and apparent density of raw material (838 kg/m⁻³).

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Hydrothermal hydrolysis experiments

Partial hydrolysis assays resulted on less than 50% of starch from DDT converted into glucose (Figure 1). Degree of hydrolysis close to 80% was found on acid hydrolysis applied to turmeric and ginger wastes using supercritical CO₂ and subcritical water at 130-150 °C (Moreschi et al., 2006).

According to Tukey test, reaction conditions had no effect on the reaction parameters as stated in Figure 1. Nevertheless, in terms of a qualitative approach, the increasing of temperature decreased the quality of sugars from TH, analyzed using thin-layer chromatography (Santana & Meireles, 2016).

Converted material (or degree of hydrolysis) obtained in this work were comparable to that reported to hydrothermal hydrolysis of sweet potato starch (Nagamori & Funazukuri, 2004), and lower than those reported to acid hydrolysis applied to avocado seeds (Woldu & Tsigie, 2015), and defatted annatto, Brazilian ginseng and pressed palm fiber (Alcázar-Alay et al., 2015).

3.2 Solid fraction composition

The composition of DDT resulted on moisture value of $5.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$, protein content of $3.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$, ashes of $4.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$ and lipids of $0.5 \pm 0.3 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$. From the total carbohydrates content of $86.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$, were analyzed fibers $(28.4 \pm 0.9 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g})$, starch $(36 \pm 3 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g})$, reducing sugars $(0.10 \pm 0 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g})$ and total sugars $(0.31 \pm 0.1 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g})$. Total phenols were $0.66 \pm 1 \text{ g}/100 \text{ g}$. Antioxidant activity was 36.8% after 1 hour of reaction. According to the infrared moisture balance, PHDDT presented 59.8 g/100 g of moisture. The effects of reaction conditions on the composition of the resulted solid fraction is reported on Table 1.



Figure 1. Hydrolysis parameters variation.

The reaction temperature influenced the resulting composition of PHDDT samples in terms of starch, antioxidant activity and total phenols, on the contrary of pressure, as showed in Table 1 (Tukey test). The content of starch from PHDDT was comparable to those from semi-defatted annatto seeds (Alcázar-Alay et al., 2016).

Considering total curcuminoids, bisdemethoxycurcumin occupied approximately 50% of composition (Table 1), differently from those reported elsewhere for crude turmeric and its recovered starch (Santana et al., 2017), from which most of the curcuminoids composition was attributed to curcumin.

Antioxidant activity values were lower (Table 1) when compared to those reported in literature for turmeric extracts microparticles (Santana & Meireles, 2017) and turmeric extracts obtained by supercritical fluid extraction (Braga et al., 2003). Total phenols were higher than that registered for semi defatted annatto seeds (Torres et al., 2015) and lower than in breads prepared by the substitution of wheat flour with crude turmeric powder (Lim et al., 2011).

Differential Scanning Calorimetry

The DSC transition temperatures and enthalpy of gelatinization of solid turmeric were next (Table 2). These variables are comparable (Santana et al., 2017) and different (Leonel et al., 2003) from those reported for turmeric starches, because of differences attributed to the cultivation conditions applied to the raw material.

The gelatinization temperature (T_{os}) and enthalpy (ΔH_{GEL}) of starches depend on the microstructure, the degree of crystallinity

within the granule and on the amylose to amylopectin ratio. Normally, a smaller granule will result in a greater gelatinization temperature (Hansdah et al., 2015).

Thermal behavior of starch is complex because of the physicochemical changes that occur during heating that may involve gelatinization, melting, glass transition and crystallization, change of crystal structure, volume expansion, molecular degradation and motion of water. All these thermal behaviors depend upon the moisture content and the water contained in starch is not stable during heating (Yu & Christie, 2001).

Scanning Electron Microscopy

Solid turmeric presented cellulosic structures and oval-elliptical starch granules with fissures (Figure 2). The exposure, dispersing and fissures of starch granules on DDT are attributed to the previous extraction stages that acted as pretreatments of turmeric for the subsequent reaction assays (Figure 2A). The presence of ruptured cellulosic structures together with starch granules (Figure 2) occurred because cellulose is more difficult to be hydrolyzed than the starch (Nagamori & Funazukuri, 2004). According to the SEM photos, there is no visible morphological changes in the products obtained for most of reaction conditions (Figures 2B-2F). This indicate that reaction conditions, mainly the pressure, may enhance the diffusion of water into the granules, without affect the granule structure (Liu et al., 2009). Nevertheless, it is noted that the conditions of 100 °C and 7 MPa contributed to the leaching of soluble portion of starch into solvent, transforming the granules into formless sacs (Figure 2G).

Temperature	Pressure	Starch	AA	Total phenols	Total curcuminoids	BDMC	С	DMC
(°C)	(MPa)	(g/100 g)	(%)	(g/100 g)	(g/100 g)	(%)	(%)	(%)
40	1	25 ± 2 a	11.72 ª	27 ± 3^{a}	3.56 ± 0.009 ^a	50.10 ± 0.001	33.26 ± 0.007	16.65 ± 0.001
	2	25 ± 1 ^a	13.90 ^a	52 ± 2^{a}	$4.94\pm0.027^{\text{a}}$	48.05 ± 0.011	29.30 ± 0.000	23.56 ± 0.02
	3	24 ± 2 $^{\rm a}$	12.72 ª	47 ± 3^{a}	$3.50\pm0.002^{\rm a}$	50.59 ± 0.002	31.99 ± 0.001	17.49 ± 0
	4	26 ± 1 ^a	27.75 ^a	32 ± 3^{a}	$3.34\pm0.001^{\text{a}}$	49.29 ± 0	33.36 ± 0	17.40 ± 0.001
	5	23 ± 0^{a}	28.25 ª	58 ± 1^{a}	4.23 ± 0^{a}	49.64 ± 0	32.95 ± 0	17.39 ± 0
	6	25 ± 1 ^a	28.53ª	54 ± 1^{a}	3.72 ± 0^{a}	51.88 ± 0.001	31.09 ± 0.001	17.03 ± 0
	7	29 ± 1 ^a	29.37ª	39 ± 2^{a}	$3.76\pm0.001^{\text{a}}$	48.84 ± 0.001	33.50 ± 0	17.63 ± 0
70	1	25 ± 2 a	22.59 ^b	$25\pm0^{\mathrm{b}}$	$1.79\pm0.001^{\text{a}}$	51.32 ± 0.001	31.92 ± 0	16.84 ± 0
	2	25 ± 1 ^a	29.82 ^b	$45 \pm 0^{\mathrm{b}}$	2.33 ± 0.001 ^a	50.31 ± 0.001	32.67 ± 0	17.07 ± 0
	3	25 ± 2^{a}	38.40 ^b	59 ± 1^{b}	4.02 ± 0.008 ^a	50.76 ± 0.004	31.80 ± 0.003	17.67 ± 0
	4	25 ± 1 ^a	27.80 ^b	$52\pm0^{\mathrm{b}}$	$3.73\pm0.001^{\text{a}}$	51.98 ± 0.002	30.620 ± 0.001	17.43 ± 0.001
	5	32 ± 2^{a}	30.33 ^b	$51\pm0^{\mathrm{b}}$	$1.49\pm0.002^{\rm a}$	48.42 ± 0.001	34.83 ± 0	16.92 ± 0.001
	6	32 ± 2^{a}	35.54 ^b	$39\pm5^{\mathrm{b}}$	$3.64\pm0.001^{\text{a}}$	51.62 ± 0.001	31.14 ± 0	17.27 ± 0.001
	7	28 ± 0^{a}	33.74 ^b	$46 \pm 2^{\mathrm{b}}$	$4.83\pm0.006^{\rm a}$	49.89 ± 0	33.16 ± 0.005	17.11 ± 0.001
100	1	28 ± 3^{a}	33.02 ^b	$55\pm0^{\mathrm{b}}$	$2.74\pm0.010^{\rm b}$	55.76 ± 0.010	28.73 ± 0	15.93 ± 0
	2	30 ± 1 a	24.44 ^b	29 ± 1^{b}	$1.29\pm0.002^{\rm b}$	49.29 ± 0.001	34.39 ± 0.001	16.51 ± 0
	3	29 ± 1 ^a	16.03 ^b	$54 \pm 7^{\mathrm{b}}$	$2.49\pm0.001^{\rm b}$	51.76 ± 0.001	31.30 ± 0	16.90 ± 0
	4	29 ± 1 ^a	32.85 ^b	$78 \pm 7^{\mathrm{b}}$	$3.17\pm0.003^{\rm b}$	51.85 ± 0.001	31.37 ± 0.002	16.89 ± 0
	5	28 ± 4 ^a	30.83 ^b	$71 \pm 3^{\mathrm{b}}$	$2.24\pm0^{\rm b}$	51.48 ± 0	31.67 ± 0	16.85 ± 0
	6	27 ± 2 ^a	17.21 ^b	$61 \pm 1^{\text{b}}$	$2.49\pm0^{\mathrm{b}}$	51.54 ± 0	31.57 ± 0.001	16.88 ± 0
	7	24 ± 0 ^a	36.49 ^b	$64 \pm 1^{\mathrm{b}}$	$1.36\pm0.012^{\rm b}$	60.32 ± 0.013	26.55 ± 0	14.02 ± 0

Table 1. Composition of PHDDT samples.

 $Mean \pm standard \ deviation \ of \ determinations. \ Different \ letters \ in the \ same \ column \ inidicate \ significant \ difference \ related \ to \ the \ effects \ of \ temperature \ (p<0.05). \\ BDMC - bisdemethoxycurcumin; C - curcumin; DMC - demethoxycurcumin.$

Table 2. DSC gelatinization parameters of DDT and PHDDT samples.

Temperature (°C)	Pressure (MPa)	ΔH_{GEL} (J/g)	T_{OS} (°C)	T _{PEAK} (°C)	T _{es} (°C)
Before hydrolysis		29.93	97.4	101.88	142.74
40	1	28.75	98.07	105.36	141.56
	7	27.94	97.81	105.26	147.24
70	1	29.07	97.37	104.89	140.14
	7	29.98	97.04	102.77	137.81
100	1	29.51	97.31	102.42	142.85
	7	28.97	97.53	106.94	144.53

The impact of partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis on these products has taken the form of heat-moisture-treatments, which is a type of hydrothermal treatment considered natural and safe when compared to chemical modification (Khunae et al., 2010). The reaction assays modified the starch structure promoting the pre-gelatinization the granules (Walter, 1998).

Pasting properties

Rapid Visco Analyser (RVA) is used to evaluate all phases of extruded product during production, including crude raw material, dough, intermediates, dried half-products and final products (Elliott et al., 2015).

The RVA curves of solid hydrolyzed products (Figures 3B-3D) are characterized by a peak rise time followed by constant increasing, similar as isolated starches from white turmeric (Leonel et al., 2003). The behavior of these curves differs from DDT in terms

of a stationary phase after the peak rise followed by constant increasing (Figure 3A). There is no decrease in viscosity, therefore the breakdown viscosity does not exist.

Partial hydrolysis increased substantially moisture content in solid turmeric. This factor, associated to the reaction conditions contributed to the partial gelatinization of starch granules. Partial gelatinization contributed to the increasing of viscosity values (Figures 3B-3D), which are comparable to the starches from turmeric (Braga et al., 2006), corn and potato (Santana et al., 2017). High viscosity is desirable for industrial uses which objective is the thickening power. The curves denote a high setback behavior (Figure 3), which indicate strong tendency to retrograde.

For the materials hydrolyzed at 40 °C it is noted an almost linear influence of pressure on pasting properties, and high pasting behavior at lower pressures, differently from the materials hydrolyzed at higher pressures, except for 6 MPa, which curve was overlapped by the product hydrolyzed at 4 MPa.

Nevertheless, considering the solid materials hydrolyzed at 70 °C and 100 °C, the effects of pressure resulted in a complex behavior described by absence of linearity, when compared to the curves obtained from the materials hydrolyzed at 40 °C.

3.3 Liquid fraction composition

Reaction temperature variations influenced antioxidant activity and total phenols (Table 3), which increased slightly as a function of temperature, on the contrary of most phenolic compounds that are unstable and highly susceptible to thermal



Figure 2. Micrographies of DDT (A) and PHDDT samples at 40 °C/1 MPa (B); 40 °C/7 MPa (C); 70 °C/1 MPa (D); 70 °C/7 MPa (E); 100 °C/1 MPa (F) and 100 °C/7 MPa (G).



Figure 3. Pasting Properties of DDT (A) and PHDDT at 40 °C (B), 70 °C (C) and 100 °C (D).

Temperature	Pressure	AA (%)	Total phenols $(q/100q)$	Total curcuminoids $(\alpha/100\alpha)^*$	BDMC	C (%)	DMC
(C)	(MPa)	(%)	(g/100g)	(g/100g)	(%)	(%)	(%)
40	1	1.68"	16 ± 4 "	0.44"	27.27	39.20	55.52
	2	0 ª	16 ± 2^{a}	0.36 ª	26.56	39.61	33.84
	3	12.44 ª	7 ± 3 ª	0.46 ª	25.96	39.97	34.08
	4	0.50 ª	12 ± 5^{a}	0.30 ª	25.13	40.87	34.00
	5	7.06 ^a	11 ± 4 $^{\rm a}$	0.32 ª	22.22	36.61	30.89
	6	1.18 ^a	16 ± 2^{a}	0.41 ^a	25.63	40.37	34.00
	7	0 ^a	16 ± 5 ^a	0.29 ^a	32.83	49.54	42.44
70	1	19.73 ^b	$48 \pm 1^{\mathrm{b}}$	0.39 ª	28.10	41.79	35.67
	2	13.68 ^b	31 ± 3 ^b	0.35 ª	30.05	45.90	39.23
	3	22.48 ^b	25 ± 0 ^b	0.47 ^a	32.10	51.40	43.95
	4	14.63 ^b	19 ± 1 $^{\rm b}$	0.41 ª	23.68	37.65	32.80
	5	9.64 ^b	49 ± 1 $^{\rm b}$	0.42 ^a	24.84	39.55	34.48
	6	12.78 ^b	23 ± 2 b	0.44 ª	30.15	47.06	41.37
	7	20.96 ^b	25 ± 0 ^b	0.41 ª	35.83	53.45	46.04
100	1	13.85 ^b	27 ± 1 ^b	0.28 ^a	36.63	53.50	44.87
	2	16.03 ^b	20 ± 2 b	0.56 ª	28.10	44.32	37.34
	3	7.23 ^b	25 ± 3 ^b	0.32 ª	30.23	55.05	47.09
	4	13.12 ь	32 ± 4 ^b	0.57 ª	33.96	50.01	43.34
	5	13.85 ^b	34 ± 1 ^b	0.43 ª	39.41	54.78	48.07
	6	15.92 ^b	32 ± 0 ^b	0.25 ª	34.96	48.86	41.72
	7	12.11 ь	$38 \pm 4^{\text{b}}$	0.43 ª	35.41	48.36	41.70

Table 3. Composition of TH samples.

 $Mean \pm standard \ deviation \ of \ determinations. \ Different \ letters \ in the \ same \ column \ indicate \ significant \ difference \ related \ to \ the \ effects \ of \ temperature \ (p<0.05). \\ BDMC - bisdemethoxycurcumin; C - curcumin; DMC - demethoxycurcumin; *Deviations lower \ than \ 0.001.$

degradation. The quality of curcuminoids detected in TH differs from the PHDDT with respect to the total quantity and to the highest proportion of curcumin (Table 3). Total curcuminoids detected in TH is lower when compared to that reported to ethanolic extracts obtained from deodorized turmeric wastes (Osorio-Tobón et al., 2014).

Antioxidant activity values of TH were lower than those higher than 50% reported for turmeric volatile oil and curcuminoids extracts (Santana & Meireles, 2017), and Brazilian ginseng extracts (Debien et al., 2015).

Because the raw material used in this work is a waste from extraction processes, it was already expected the bioactives constituents quantified would be lower than those from crude or minimally extracted plant materials. Nevertheless, the quality of the products obtained is relevant in terms of carbohydrates and curcuminoids, which contribute to the antioxidant effectiveness. Therefore, partial hydrolysis is an interesting alternative to prevent DDT from being discarded.

3.4 Economic evaluation of the process

The COM of PHDDT was US\$ 0.90 kg⁻¹ for a process capacity of 2×5 L, US\$ 0.31 kg⁻¹ for 2×50 L plant and US\$ 0.14 kg⁻¹ for a 2×500 L (Figure 4A). The COMs of TH were estimated to be US\$ 2.56 kg⁻¹, US\$ 0.96 kg⁻¹ and US\$ 0.43 kg⁻¹ for processes with capacity of 2×5 L, 2×50 L and 2×500 L, respectively (Figure 4B). The process employed in this work is advantageous due to the relatively short duration of reaction assays and the use of water, a cheap and safe solvent.

Considering a process using a two 50 L vessel system, the calculated COMs for TH and PHDDT were approximately 5.6 and 17.38 times lower than the COMs obtained by Osorio-Tobón et al. (2014) in the extraction of curcuminoids from deflavored turmeric via PLE using ethanol as solvent and considering the cost of the raw material equal to zero.

As have been established by other researchers, the CRM plays a very important role in COM. However, in this work, as the cost of raw material is zero and the extract solvent is



Figure 4. Cost of manufacture (COM) of PHDDT (A) and TH (B) using reactors with different capacities and contribution of different shares to COM of partial hydrolysis (C): cost of utilities (CUT), investment cost (FCI), cost of operational labor (COL) and cost of raw material (CRM).

water, it was possible to obtain a very low COM. Therefore, partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis appears to be an attractive and economically feasible technique for obtaining new products from plant wastes. The raw material used is a waste with no monetary value, thus the participation of DDT in the COM is zero. However, the solvent contributes with a slight increase in the participation of the CRM in the COM when the process is scaled-up, i.e., participation of the CRM in the COM increased from 0.71% to 4.41% when the process is scale-up from 5 L to 500 L (Figure 4C).

As the process scale increased, the COL decreased its impact on the COM, whereas as the process scale increased, the FCI increased its impact on the COM. For example, the COL decreased from 63.64% to 17.05%, whereas the FCI increased from 35.48% to 77.5% when the process is scale-up from 5 L to 500 L (Figure 4C). Although with the scale-up process is necessary more quantity of workers, the impact related with the implementation of the production line at higher scales, contributed with a decrease in the participation of COL in the COM, instead of an increased in the participation in COM due to the increased in the number of workers. The CUT almost had not participation in COM (Figure 4C).

A slight increase in the participation of the CUT in the COM was observed. Factors such as quantities of solvent, energetic expenditures and energy requirements, product of the longer processing time, contributed with the increase in the participation of the CUT in the COM due to the scale-up procedure.

This section provided an economic evaluation of partial hydrolysis using pressurized hot water for the recovery of bioactive constituents from waste turmeric to the scientific community and companies. In this context, the presented behavior gives relevant information for further systematic and more accurate studies or projects. Besides, further studies on economic evaluation of application of partial hydrolysis should evaluate carefully the characteristics of the raw material, demand, the market that is focused, the country, the quality requirements and local fees, among other issues, to provide more deterministic results.

4 Conclusions

Partial hydrolysis using pressurized hot water contributed to the polymer modification of deflavored and depigmented turmeric waste, which can attribute to this material application in industry as complementary starch source to the conventional ones, like corn and rice, besides adding color and improving antioxidant effectiveness on products. Furthermore, the process provided a liquid fraction source of simple sugars and curcuminoids, which can be used as a nutritional additive for food formulations.

The effects of temperature and pressure on the composition of liquid fraction were statistically irrelevant, except in terms of total phenolics, which increase in temperature contributed to increase the availability of these constituents. Nevertheless, reaction conditions provided pregelatinized granules on the solid fraction with viscosity values comparable to those reported on literature.

Economic evaluation showed that the process applied in this work appears to be an attractive and economically feasible technique to reuse deflavored and depigmented turmeric due to the short duration and the use of water, a cheap and considered safe solvent.

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Appendix A. Supplementary material: cost of manufacture and pasting properties data.



Figure A.1. Home-made PLE apparatus used for the hydrolysis assays.



Figure A.2. Partial hydrothermal hydrolysis flowchart.

Appendix A. Continued...

Table A.1. Base cost for equipment composing the extraction plant.

Equipment	n ^a	Unit base cost (US\$) ^b
PLE apparatus		
Storage tank	0.57	300.00
Jacketed extraction vessel ^c	0.82	5,540.00
Electric liquid pump	0.55	3,920.00
Heater	0.59	820.00
Manometer	0	410.00
Block valve	0.60	220.00
Back-pressure valve	0.60	1,780.00
Micrometering valve	0.60	1,090.00
Flowmeter	0.60	700.00
Safety Valve	0.60	310.00
Temperature controller	0.60	310.00
Piping. connectors. crossheads. mixers and splitters ^d	0.60	3,660.00
Structural material for supporting the equipment ^d	0.60	4,060.00
Partial-hydrothermal hydrolysis	_	23,120.00

^a n - constant depending on equipment type (Green & Perry, 2007; Silla, 2003; Smith, 1995; Turton et al., 2009); ^b Based on an operating plant with extractors of 1 L; ^c Supporting pressures up to 60 MPa; ^d Total cost.

Table A.2. Input economic parameters used in the SuperPro Designer 8.5® software.

		Industrial Units	
	5 L	50 L	500 L
Fixed capital investment (FCI)			
PLE apparatus ^a	US\$ 89,815.00	US\$ 458,275.00	US\$ 2,524,072.00
Depreciation rate ^b	10%/year	10%/year	10%/year
Annual maintenance rate ^b	6%/year	6%/year	6%/year
Operational labor (COL) ^{c,d}	US\$ 5.95 h ⁻¹	US\$ 5.95 h ⁻¹	US\$ 5.95 h ⁻¹
Number of workers	1	2	3
Cost of the raw material (CRM)			
Water ^e	US\$ 0.05 t ⁻¹	US\$ 0.05 t ⁻¹	US\$ 0.05 t ⁻¹
Utilities (CUT)			
Electricity ^f	US\$ 0.20 (kWh) ⁻¹	US\$ 0.20 (kWh) ⁻¹	US\$ 0.20 (kWh)-1

^a Estimated cost using the Equation 5; ^b Based on Peters et al. (2003); ^c U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2015); ^d Turton et al. (2009); ^e Sanasa (2015); ^f U.S. Energy Information Administration (2015).

Table A.3. Cost of manufacturing	parameters for	partial hydrolysi	s.
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	Partial Hydrolysis								
Cino	Total Capital	On anoting Cost		COM DUDDT	Cost Basis	Raw Material	Labor	Facility	Utilities
Size Investmen	Investment	Operating Cost	COM TH	COMPRIDIT	Annual Rate	CMR	COL	FCI	CUT
L	US\$	US\$.year-1		US\$.kg ⁻¹	kg.year-1	%	%	%	%
5	193,000.00	108,000.00	2.56	0.90	120,010.00	0.71	63.64	35.48	0.17
50	964,000.00	361,000.00	0.96	0.31	1,166,930.00	1.97	43.6	53.96	0.47
500	5,259,000.00	1,384,000.00	0.43	0.14	10,016,624.00	4.41	17.05	77.5	1.04

T (K)	P (MPa)	T _{PASTE} (oC)	$\mu_{\text{TROUGH}}(cP)$	$\mu_{\text{PEAK}}(cP)$	μ_{setback} (cP)	t _{PEAK} (min)	$\mu_{\text{FINAL}}(cP)$
DDT*							
		76 ± 2	87 ± 1	87 ± 4	161 ± 3	6 ± 0	161 ± 3
313	1	76 ± 0	68 ± 0	328 ± 5	708 ± 1	6 ± 0.01	926 ± 4
	2	73 ± 2	59 ± 1	264 ± 8	547 ± 4	6.1 ± 0	607 ± 2
	3	76 ± 4	48 ± 9	209 ± 7	479 ± 9	6 ± 0	502 ± 0
	4	75 ± 2	47 ± 8	172 ± 3	375 ± 5	5.7 ± 0	420 ± 8
	5	73 ± 0	49 ± 6	153 ± 5	318 ± 1	5.3 ± 0	368 ± 0
	6	70 ± 0	54 ± 0	180 ± 7	373 ± 3	5.7 ± 0	430 ± 2
	7	73 ± 1	37 ± 2	106 ± 3	221 ± 5	5.3 ± 0	258 ± 4
343	1	71 ± 2	66 ± 0	297 ± 4	642 ± 8	6 ± 0	704 ± 8
	2	71 ± 1	76 ± 0	323 ± 6	707 ± 4	6.1 ± 0	782 ± 9
	3	74 ± 4	86 ± 7	505 ± 9	1036 ± 9	5.8 ± 0	1124 ± 7
	4	72 ± 3	64 ± 0	250 ± 8	492 ± 0	5.9 ± 0	548 ± 5
	5	78 ± 3	73 ± 0	447 ± 5	938 ± 2	5.8 ± 0	1011 ± 9
	6	71 ± 5	38 ± 4	170 ± 8	348 ± 4	5.7 ± 0	385 ± 7
	7	81 ± 3	68 ± 3	180 ± 1	294 ± 0	5.9 ± 0	382 ± 4
373	1	73 ± 0	75 ± 2	295 ± 5	604 ± 5	5.7 ± 0	683 ± 4
	2	73 ± 0	44 ± 2	147 ± 8	303 ± 1	5.8 ± 0	319 ± 2
	3	71 ± 1	75 ± 2	295 ± 5	604 ± 5	5.7 ± 0	684 ± 4
	4	69 ± 1	73 ± 0	331 ± 8	658 ± 3	5.8 ± 0	731 ± 3
	5	66 ± 1	37 ± 4	81 ± 2	123 ± 7	5.9 ± 0	160 ± 0
	6	67 ± 2	40 ± 4	102 ± 2	168 ± 1	5.7 ± 0	207 ± 4
	7	75 ± 0	51 ± 8	126 ± 2	219 ± 2	5.8 ± 0	265 ± 0

Appendix A. Continued... Table A.4. Pasting properties of PHDDT.

* Obtained from Santana et al. (2017).