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# Processing optimization and quality assessment for the innovative product of canned soybean paste oyster

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# Abstract

Oysters have high nutritional value but are rare in processing products. In this study, we developed an innovative product of oyster combined with soybean paste. The processing conditions and flavoring formulations of canned oysters were optimized using orthogonal experiments. Headspace solid-phase microextraction (HP-SPME) combined with gas chromatographymass spectrometry (GC-MS) was applied to evaluate the volatile compounds related to the aroma. The results showed that the optimal canned oyster was oyster dried at 90 °C for 20 min and oil-fried at 150 °C for 6 min with the adding flavoring formula of 20% soybean paste, 0.5% vinegar, and 0.01% I+G (disodium 5'-presenting nucleotide) based on the weight of oyster. Canned soybean paste oysters enrich volatile components related to aroma including 2-octanol, 2-furanmethanol, benzaldehyde, and 2-pentylfuran. The canned soybean paste oyster is a high-valued nutrient including protein, fat, zinc, and taurine. This study will provide processing conditions for favorite instant processed oysters with soybean paste supplementary and deep insight into the flavor formation.

Keywords: oyster; soybean paste; process optimization; volatile compounds.

**Practical Application:** Adding soybean paste to reduce fishy smell while enriching the flavor in canned oysters. Fast and easy evaluation of volatile compounds related to aroma in canned oysters by HP-GC-MS.

# **1** Introduction

Oyster, known as "ocean milk", is a popular seafood specie and greatly consumed worldwide. Oyster has a high content of protein and fat up to 52.6% and 12.0%, respectively (Cruz-Romero et al., 2007). Consumer preference for food has been primarily associated with its nutritional composition and taste profile (Zheng et al., 2015). Seafood could provide superior macronutrients, such as essential amino acid (EAA), n-3 long-chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (n-3 PUFA), and several bioavailable micronutrients (McManus & Newton, 2011). However, high bacterial communities that thrive in oysters deteriorate the quality of raw with long-term transportation to the hinterlands (Chen et al., 2017). To keep the quality and safety of oysters, Heat treatment such as steamed, baked, grilled, fried, and canned food are the main ways of oyster processing in China and other Asian countries (Ghribi et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2021). Among these processes, the canning process is considered that will not materially affect the essential amino acid content in foods such as fish and meat. Canned oyster can reach a prolonged shelf life but has the disadvantages of tasting soft, rotten, and "fishy" and "metal" odor. Therefore, the improvement of canned oysters based on processing conditions and flavor formulation needs to be further studied.

Soybean paste is a traditional fermented food and one of the most popular excipients used worldwide due to its unique flavor-enhancing effect and has antioxidant, cholesterol-lowering, anti-cancer, and anti-hypertensive effects (Jung et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2018). Furthermore, many studies have reported the volatile compounds composition of soybean paste, such as 3-butanedione (yogurt), ethyl butanoate (fruity), 3-methylbutanoic acid (chess-like), 3-methyl-1-propanol (cooked potato-like), and 1-octen-3-ol (mushroom-like) as the contribution of some most important flavors (Zhang et al., 2021). Therefore, the effect of oysters combined with soybean paste is worth exploring.

The objectives of this study were to optimize the processing parameters and seasoning formulations using a combination of orthogonal experiments and sensory analysis to screen the optimal processing and seasoning programs. The headspace solid-phase microextraction (HP-SPME) combined with gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) to detect volatile compounds of the two types of soybean paste samples. The advantage of headspace sampling technology is that it doesn't require complex sample preparation, and it combines with GC-MS to quickly and easily detect volatile compounds, such as analysis of volatile compounds in stewed beef (Wang et al., 2022). In addition, chemistry analysis was used to test the protein, fat, zinc, and taurine content in canned oysters, and microbial enumeration was used to evaluate the shelf life of canned oysters. This study will provide an understanding of canned soybean paste oysters and contribute to the flavor improvement of canned oyster products.

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# 2 Materials and methods

#### 2.1 Materials

Oysters are purchased from local markets in Putian city, Fujian Province, China. Soybean paste and condiments are purchased from local markets. Samples are classified as experimental samples (canned soybean paste oyster) and control samples (without soybean paste).

### 2.2 Canned oyster processing

Oysters were cleaned, soaked in 5% salt water for 10 min, drained, steam-heated for 30 min, and the steaming liquid was reserved. The steaming oysters were soaked in 2% sodium citrate for 20 s and removed in 5% salt water for 1 min. The steaming liquid was seasoned according to the optimal conditions determined by the orthogonal experiment. The processed oyster has emerged in the seasoned steaming liquid for 10 min. After drained, the seasoned oyster was dried for 20 min and fried in hot oil at 150 °C, and the selection of drying temperature and frying time needed to be optimized. Oysters and seasoned steaming liquid were mixed at the ratio of 9:1 by weight.

# **2.3** Optimization of the oyster processing and seasoning conditions

Based on single factor experiments, seasoning formulations orthogonal experiment was designed, and the factors and levels are listed in Table1. Under the same oyster processing conditions, it was dried at 90 °C for 20 min and fried in hot oil at 150 °C for 5 min. Seasoning formulation includes the amount of soybean paste, I + G (Disodium 5'-presenting nucleotide), and vinegar addition, experiments design was three levels with nine test groups. The assays were carried out according to  $L_{0}(3^{4})$ , experiment was designed according to four factors at three levels of a rectangular matrix, a total of nine test groups, and each test was repeated 3 times. Two factors affect oyster processing. In our experiment, two single factors were examined to observe the effects of each factor on the oyster meat quality. The experimental conditions were set as follows: drying temperature at 80 °C, 90 °C, and 100 °C, and frying time for 4, 5, and 6 min. The best combination of levels was chosen as the processing conditions for further study.

#### 2.4 Volatiles composition analysis

Canned oyster samples were took and homogenized. Twopoint five gram of sample were weighed and added to 40 mL chilled headspace vials, then 2.5 mL of saturated NaCl aqueous solution and 80  $\mu$ L of cyclohexanone (1  $\mu$ g/mL) internal standard

**Table 1.** Factors and levels in the orthogonal experiment of seasoning formulations.

Tanala		Factors	
Levels	Soybean paste (%)	I + G (%)	Vinegar (%)
1	15	0	0.3
2	20	0.01	0.5
3	25	0.02	0.7

solution were added to each vial. The solid-phase microextraction head (Supelco SPME Fiber Assembly 50/30  $\mu$ m DVB/CAR/ PDMS, Sigma Aldrich Technologies Inc, USA) was placed in the chilled headspace vials, and the extraction was performed at 65 °C for 30 min under magnetic stirring. All vials were immediately sealed for GC-MS analysis.

Determination of volatile compounds using headspace solid-phase microextraction (HS-SPME) coupled with gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS). The analyses of volatiles compounds were carried out using an Agilent Model 6980N/5975C gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies Inc, California, USA) and HP-INNOwax Polyethylene Glycol (60 m  $\times$  0.25 mm  $\times$  0.25  $\mu m$  ), and compound analysis using NIST17 library for alignment. Headspace and GC-MS operating conditions were described in previous studies with slight modification (Rahman et al., 2022). The chromatographic conditions were as follows: inlet temperature 250 °C, carrier gas He, and flow rate 1 ml/min. The temperature was increased to 60 °C and maintained for 6 min, further elevated to 100 °C at the rate of 3 °C/min, increased again to 230 °C at 5 °C/min, and maintained for 10 min. The MS conditions were as follows: MS ion source scanning at 230 °C, ionization mode EI, electron energy 70 eV, and scanning mass range of 33-550 amu.

### 2.5 Sensory analysis

Sensory quality assessment of canned oysters was carried out to optimize oyster frying time, drying temperature, and flavoring formulation. Panel members (n = 30, fourteen female, fifteen male; ages 20-40; mean age 31) were received about sensory examinations of training. After the training phase, samples were evaluated using 0-10 scores range with 0 (denoting an unacceptable condition) and 10 (well content). The assessors evaluated canned oyster sample in two processing session, evaluating two replications of each sample. Each time 25 g of oyster was evaluated, and testing took place in a sensory laboratory. Still mineral water was used for rinsing between samples. The descriptors are shown in Table 2.

#### 2.6 Determination of nutrient composition

The proximate compositions of canned oysters were performed according to the following methods. Protein was accessed using micro-Kjeldahl method (Mæhre et al., 2018). Fat content was determined using Soxhlet method (Fernandes & Salas-Mellado, 2017). Zinc and taurine was evaluated according to Chinese Standard Method (2016, 2017) GB5009.14, 2017 and GB5009.169, 2016.

#### 2.7 Microbial enumeration

Microbial enumeration was measured as described by Li et al. (2020) with some modifications. Twenty-five grams of canned oyster with soybean paste was combined with 225 mL of sterile physiological saline (0.85%; w/v) homogenized for 3 min. Then, 10 mL of several serial 10-fold dilutions. 1 mL of each dilution concentration was spread on the surface of plate count agar (Beijing Aobox Biotechnology, co. Ltd., Beijing, China). After being incubated at 30 °C for 48 h, colony-forming units

Attribute	Decemintian	Score		
	Description	Unaccepted (0)	Well content (10)	
Plumpness	How well-rounded and full in form oyster meat is (visual)	wrinkled	plump	
Salty	Taste estimated by sodium salts, such as NaCl	Overly salty	Moderate salty	
Sweet	Taste stimulated by sucrose and other sugars	Overly sweet	Moderate sweet	
Firmness	Refer to the consistency of how soft and the how firm resistance the (mouth) oyster meat	Soft and rotten	Firm and whippy	
Color	Refer to the color and shine of oyster meat (in visual)	Overfocus or over white	Slightly golden, shiny	
Scent	Relating to characteristics to flavor like seaweed(flavor)	No significant fragrance	Strong fragrance	
Fishy	Relating to the smell of fish	Serious fishy smell	No obvious fishy smell	
Sour	The taste is stimulated by acids, such as citric, malic, phosphoric, etc. (flavor) the in mouth)	Overly sour	No sour	
Tangy	Having a strong, tart, pleasantly stimulating flavor	Stronger smell	Moderate smell	
Bitter	The taste is stimulated by substances such as caffeine and hop bitters (flavor)	Stronger bitter	No bitter	

Table 2. Oyster attributes and their definition with reference standards of score.

**Table 3**. Orthogonal experimental design  $L_{0}$  (3<sup>4</sup>) and experimental results.

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Run	Soybean paste %	I+G %	Vinegar %	Blank	<ul> <li>Sensory score</li> </ul>
1	1(15)	1(0)	1(0.3)	1	82.34
2	1	2(0.01)	2(0.5)	2	83.53
3	1	3(0.02)	3(0.7)	3	83.21
4	2(20)	1	2	3	85.78
5	2	2	3	1	86.14
6	2	3	1	2	85.16
7	3(25)	1	3	2	85.32
8	3	2	1	3	84.76
9	3	3	2	1	84.05
K <sub>1</sub>	248.09	253.45	252.26	252.53	
K <sub>2</sub>	257.08	254.43	253.36	254.01	
K <sub>3</sub>	254.14	252.42	254.67	253.75	
K <sub>1</sub> /3	82.69	84.48	84.09	84.18	
K <sub>2</sub> /3	85.69	84.81	84.45	84.67	
K_3/3	84.71	84.14	84.89	84.58	
Range	2.99	0.67	0.80	0.49	

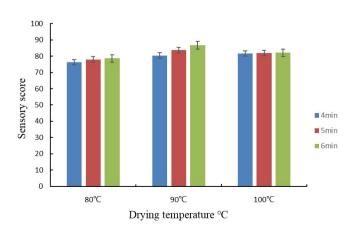
The blank indicates the error of the experiment.  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , and  $K_3$  represent the sum of all Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 sensory scores for each factor, respectively;  $K_1/3$ ,  $K_2/3$ , and  $K_3/3$  refer to the average of  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , and  $K_3$ , respectively. The range indicates the difference between  $K_1/3$ ,  $K_2/3$ , and  $K_3/3$ . The sensory score was the average panel number (n = 30).

counted the number of colonies for each plate. The detection of *Escherichia. coli* in canned oyster according to the microbiology of food and animal feeding stuff - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of presumptive *Escherichia coli* - Most probable number technique (International Organization for Standardization, 2005).

# 3 Results and discussion

# 3.1 Optimization of oyster processing and seasoning condition

The results of the experiments and the analysis of the range was shown in Table 3 and Figure 1. The optimum processing condition was the combined drying temperature at 90 °C for 20 min and frying time for 6 min at 150 °C, with the highest



**Figure 1.** Oyster meat processing optimization by single factor experiment. 4 min, 5 min and 6 min represent the frying time.

No	Volatile compounds	Total a: COSP	CO	<ul> <li>Odor description</li> </ul>	References
	Alcohols				
1	1-Pentanol	$0.21 \pm 0.00$	$0.86 \pm 0.31$	Green, wax, roasted	(Giri et al., 2010a)
2	2-Octanol	26.90 ± 3.59	ND		
3	1-Octen-3-ol	$0.99 \pm 0.07$	$0.68 \pm 0.21$	Fishy, grassy, rose and hay aroma, mushroom	(Zhang et al., 2010
4	Linalool	$0.16 \pm 0.00$	ND		, U
5	1-Octanol	$0.17 \pm 0.02$	ND	Citrus, sweet orange, sweet floral, green incense	(Zhang et al., 2010
6	2-furanmethanol	$9.42 \pm 0.62$	ND	Cameral, sweet, bitter, and spicy smell	(Zhang et al., 2010
7	3-methyl-1-propanol	$0.09 \pm 0.01$	ND	Raw potato	(Giri et al., 2010a)
8	Phenylethyl alcohol	$1.01 \pm 0.07$	$0.36 \pm 0.11$	Honey, rosy	(Giri et al., 2010a)
9	Ethanol	ND	$9.23 \pm 1.09$	Alcoholic, bread dough	(Giri et al., 2010a)
10	Propanol	ND	$1.6 \pm 0.17$	Plastic, musty	(Giri et al., 2010a)
10	1-Pentanol-4-methyl	ND	$0.91 \pm 0.24$	Thatic, musty	(011101 al., 2010a)
11	Aldehydes	ND	0.91 ± 0.24		
12	Pentanal	$0.65 \pm 0.33$	$0.47 \pm 0.00$	Almond, malt, pungent	(Kaseleht et al., 201
12	Hexanal	$0.05 \pm 0.05$ $0.65 \pm 0.09$	$0.47 \pm 0.00$ $1.17 \pm 0.00$	Fishy, Grassy	
					(Giri et al., 2010a)
14	Heptanal	$0.95 \pm 0.09$	ND	Fishy, oily, fatty, sweet, nutty	(Giri et al., 2010a)
15	2-Hexenal	$0.11 \pm 0.03$	ND	Bitter, almond	(Giri et al., 2010a)
16	Octanal	2.19 ± 0.04	ND	Fatty, nutty	(Giri et al., 2010a)
17	Nonanal	$1.86 \pm 0.13$	ND	Green, fatty	(Giri et al., 2010a)
18	(E)2-Octenal	$0.43 \pm 0.02$	ND	Dirty, stale, dry-cured ham	(Whetstine et al., 200
19	3-Methy-propanal	$0.25 \pm 0.07$	ND	Meaty, potato	(Giri et al., 2010a)
20	Furfural	$2.70\pm0.38$	ND	Sweet	(Zhang et al., 2010
21	Decanal	$2.90\pm0.10$	ND	Gas, stewed, gravy	(Machiels et al., 200
22	Benzaldehyde	$3.90\pm0.38$	ND	Bitter almond, burnt sugar, fruit	(Zhang et al., 2010
23	(E)2-Nonenal	$0.18\pm0.02$	ND		
24	5-Hydroxymenthyl-2-furaldehyde	$0.17\pm0.00$	ND		
25	Phenylethanoid	$2.06\pm0.23$	ND		
26	Myrtanal	$0.19\pm0.09$	ND		
	Esters				
27	Octanoic acid ethyl ester	$0.11\pm0.00$	ND	Brandy aroma, wax incense, fruit	(Zhang et al., 2010
28	Furfuryl acetate	$0.61\pm0.02$	ND		
29	Methyl salicylate	$0.09 \pm 0.02$	ND		
30	Ethyl phenylacetate	$0.12 \pm 0.00$	ND	Strong and sweet fragrance of honey	(Zhang et al., 2010
31	Ethyl palmitate	$0.19 \pm 0.00$	ND	Incense wax smell, butter aroma	(Zhang et al., 2010
	Acids				
32	Acetic acid	$0.12 \pm 0.02$	$0.99 \pm 0.64$	Pungent, vinegar like	(Niu et al., 2011)
33	Guanidine acetic acid	$0.13 \pm 0.01$	ND	0 0	,
	Phenols				
34	Guaiacol	$0.13 \pm 0.00$	ND	Aromatic smell, burnt, smoky	(Zhang et al., 2010
35	Phenol	$0.15 \pm 0.00$ $0.15 \pm 0.04$	ND	Special smell, sweet smell,	(Zhang et al., 2010
36	2-Methoxy-4-vimlphenol	$0.13 \pm 0.04$ $0.22 \pm 0.01$	ND	Special shiell, sweet shiell,	(Zhang et al., 2010
30	Alkenes	$0.22 \pm 0.01$	ND		
27		0.40 + 0.00	ND		
37	3-Carene	$0.49 \pm 0.00$	ND		
38	D-Terpene diene	ND	$2.94 \pm 0.83$		
39	Caryophyllene	$1.79 \pm 0.07$	ND		
	Ketones				
40	2-Heptanone	$0.23 \pm 0.00$	$2.09 \pm 0.71$		
41	2-Octanone	$0.63 \pm 0.06$	ND	Soapy, floral, gas, green	(Giri et al., 2010a)
42	2-Nonanone	$0.17\pm0.01$	ND		
43	3-Hydroxy-2-butanone	ND	$2.36\pm0.41$		
	Pyrazine				
44	2-Menthyl pyrazine	$0.14\pm0.00$	$1.08\pm0.31$		
45	2,5-Dimethyl pyrazine	$0.31\pm0.00$	$4.65\pm0.91$	Pungent aroma of fried flowers and chocolate, butter odor	(Zhang et al., 2010
46	2,6-Dimethyl pyrazine	ND	$0.83\pm0.15$	Roasted, coffee, peanut	(Zhang et al., 2010
47	2,3,5-Thrimthyl pyrazine <b>Pyridine</b>	ND	$2.14\pm0.553$	Baked goods, coffee and pork, beef peanut odor	(Zhang et al., 2010
48	2-Pentyl pyridine <b>Pyrrole</b>	$0.31\pm0.02$	ND		
49	2-Aertylpyrrole Furan	$0.39\pm0.01$	ND	Bread aroma, bakery aroma	(Zhang et al., 2010
50	2-Pentylfuran Others	$5.44\pm0.28$	$1.16\pm0.46$	Bean aroma, fruity, green fragrance, vegetables	(Zhang et al., 2010

<sup>a</sup>Total area (%) of volatile compound for two Canned oyster samples. ND represent not detectable.

sensory score of 86.73. And the optimum seasoning condition was 20% soybean paste, 0.01% I+G, and 0.7% vinegar. The range value of soybean paste concentration is 2.99, which shows the largest range value and means the greatest influence of all factors. Therefore, the optimum processing and season conditions were operated for the treatment of oysters.

#### 3.2 Identified volatiles compounds in canned oyster

The volatile compounds were identified by MS based on the NIST17 library, and the common volatile compounds of experimental and control samples are presented in Table 4. These compounds might be some of the important aroma compounds in experimental and control samples. Forty-four compounds were identified in the experimental sample. Among them, 2-octanol exhibited the highest concentration in experimental samples, followed by 2-furanmenthanol, 2-pentylfuran, benzaldehyde, and decanal. In contrast, only 17 compounds were detected in the control sample, and dominant compounds include ethanol, 2,5-dimethyl pyrazine, D-terpene diene, 3-hydroxy-2-butanone, and 2-Heptanone. It suggested that the volatile compounds differ greatly between the two types of samples.

In the control sample, Alcohols were detected most frequently and were present in the highest amounts, the result might be consistent with similar to the large amount of n-3 PUFAs found in oysters. The main part of the volatiles oysters were volatiles arising from the fatty acid oxidation, mainly n-3 PUFAs (Piveteau et al., 2000). Four pyrazines were detected in the control sample, including 2-menthyl pyrazine, 2,5-dimethyl pyrazine, 2,6-dimethyl pyrazine, and 2,3,5-trimethyl pyrazine. However, pyrazine has not been reported in fresh oysters and may be produced during the heating treatment process.

Experimental samples had relatively high contents of alcohols, aldehydes, and furan, while a greater number of alcohols, aldehydes, esters, and furan species were presented than in control samples. Most of the compounds have previously been reported in soy sauce or soybean paste (Inoue et al., 2016). Alcohols, which provide pleasant aromas and sweet flavors, are known as the metabolic products of yeast fermentation (Giri et al., 2010b). Three alcohols of relatively contents were increased in experimental samples, compared with control samples, including 2-octanol, 1-octen-3-ol, phenylethyl alcohol, and 2-furanmenthanol. These compounds were commonly identified as the key aroma compounds in soybean paste, suggesting that soybean paste enrich the species and content of aroma compounds in canned oyster (Zhang et al., 2021). Among the alcohols, 2-octanol and 2-furanmethanol were the highest relative content in the experimental sample and were not detected

in the control sample, suggesting that these compounds were special aroma compounds in soybean paste. Phenylethyl alcohol and 1-octen-3-ol were detected in the experimental sample with higher relative content compared with the control sample. This indicates that soybean paste enriches the contents of the two compounds. It is worth noting that ethanol was not detected in the experimental sample, greatly eliminating the alcoholic odor of the high content, and the result might be consistent with due to addition of soybean paste.

Aldehydes play an important role in the flavor of soybean paste. The odor threshold of aldehydes is generally lower than that of alcohols, and they can form a special flavor effect when superimposed with other materials (Feng et al., 2015). Similarly, the types and relative contents of aldehydes were richer than those of the control samples. Heptanal, octanal, decanal, and benzaldehyde, which exhibited malty and fruity notes, were identified in soybean paste (Zhang et al., 2021). Furans, as a class of heterocyclic compounds, are generated by Maillard reaction due to high temperatures treatment, such as drying and frying (Flores, 2018). 2-pentylfuran (bean flavor) was the only furan flavor compound in experimental and control samples, which was also reported as an important flavor compound in sauce spareribs (Shi et al., 2020) and roasted pork (Xie et al., 2008). The relative content of 2-pentylfuran is higher in experimental samples compared with control samples, suggesting that the addition of soybean paste increases 2-pentylfuran relative content in the canned oyster. The relative content of pyrazine exhibited a decreasing trend in the experimental compared with the control sample, and 2,6-dimethyl pyrazine and 2,3,5-trimethyl pyrazine were not detected in the experimental sample. The addition of soybean paste may inhibit the production of pyrazine.

#### 3.3 Nutritional ingredient of canned oyster

Oysters are a common and commercially important shellfish and are widely consumed in fresh or processed forms. In this study, the canned oyster was chemically analyzed, as listed in Table 5, the content of protein was the highest (20.60 g/100 g), followed by that of fat (10.10 g/100 g), and zinc (10.30 mg/100 g). Taurine is one of the special amino acids contained in oysters, which plays an important role in the process of human growth and development, and has the function of regulating human immunity and lowering the cholesterol content of the body. In addition, the risk of coronary heart disease was reduced through the effects of both taurine alone and combined with n-3 PUFAs, with the large amount of n-3 PUFAs found in oysters (Yamori et al., 2001). The taurine content is high in canned oysters 73.10 mg/100 g, which is slightly higher than that of fish 40-70 mg/100 g.

Table 5. Nutritional ingredient of canned oyster and result of microbial enumeration.

Nutritional ingredient	Count	NRV (%)	Measurement items	0 d	35 d
Nutritional ingredient	Count	INKV (70)	wiedsurennenn nenns	0 u	55 u
Protein (g/100 g)	$20.6 \pm 1.6$	34	TVC (CFU/g)	ND	< 10
Fat (g/100 g)	$10.1\pm0.8$	17			
Zinc (mg/100 g)	$10.3\pm1.2$	69	E. coli counts	ND	< 0.3
Taurine (mg/100 g)	$73.1 \pm 2.8$				

NRV (Nutrient Reference Values) - presented by the proportion of nutrient content in 100 g of food to the daily intake of that nutrient. ND represent not detected.

#### 3.4 Result of microbial enumeration

The microbial count is one of the criteria to determine whether the food is edible and needs to meet national standards. In this study, the total viable counts (TVC) and *E. coli* counts were determined for canned oysters with soybean paste and after 35 d storage. As shown in Table 5, the initial bacterial counts and *E. coli* counts were not detected, and the test results were below the national standard after 35 d. This may indicate that drying and dehydration, and high-temperature frying largely reduce the moisture of the product, and vacuum packaging isolates the air. In this environment, the growth of microorganisms is largely limited, extending the shelf life of canned oysters.

#### 4 Conclusions

The orthogonal experiment could effectively optimize processing and seasoning conditions on the canned oyster. The following optimum conditions for the drying temperature, frying time, and soybean paste addition by orthogonal experiment: drying temperature at 90 °C for 20 min, frying time for 6 min at 150 °C, and soybean paste addition of 20%. Under these conditions, the sensory score is the highest. The addition of soybean paste enriches species and the content of aroma compounds in canned oysters by identification of volatile compounds using GC-MS, and 2-octanol, 2-furanmenthanol, 2-pentylfuran, and benzaldehyde were the main flavor compounds in canned oyster with the addition of soybean paste. Protein, fat, zinc, and taurine contents were evaluated and the nutritional value of canned oysters met the daily needs of people in this experiment. The microbial count is one of the indicators to evaluate shelf life, and the results were obtained that canned oysters could achieve a shelf life of 35 d in this experiment. The present work provides initial insights into the effects of soybean paste addition on canned oysters.

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