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Effect of pre-gelatinized temperature on physical and nutritional content of indonesian instant cassava leaves porridge: rowe luwa

Efeito da temperatura de pré-gelatinizada no conteúdo físico e nutricional do mingau instantâneo de folhas de mandioca: rowe luwa, típico da Indonésia

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Abstract

Rowe luwa is a traditional porridge from Southwest Sumba, Indonesia, made from the steamed pulp cassava leaves pounded together with rice. This study examined the effect of pre-gelatinization temperature on the physical quality and nutritional content of instant *rowe luwa* porridge. The experimental design used in this study was a Completely Randomized Design (CRD) with pre-gelatinization temperature factors, *viz.*, 60 °C (X₁), 65 °C (X₂), 70 °C (X₃), 75 °C (X₄) and 80 °C (X₅). Physical properties were measured by analyzing color, viscosity, rehydration, and syneresis, while for nutritional compositions, water content, ash, fat, protein, carbohydrate, and energy were evaluated. The simple linear regression was employed to examine the correlation between pre-gelatinization temperature and physical properties or nutritional composition. The results showed that the pre-gelatinization temperature correlated with physical properties, such as: viscosity (r = 0.9924), rehydration (r = 0.807) and syneresis (r = 0.841). Furthermore, the pre-gelatinized temperature significantly affected protein and carbohydrate contents (p < 0.05), while the moisture, ash, and fat contents showed negligible effect (p > 0.05). Principal Component Analysis (PCA) showed that instant *rowe luwa* porridge prepared with the pre-gelatinization temperatures. These preliminary data are useful for further research to determine the method and optimization formula of the instant *rowe luwa* porridge.

Keywords: Drum dryer; Indonesian cassava leaves porridge; Pre-gelatinization.

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Resumo

Rowe luwa é um mingau tradicional do sudoeste de Sumba, na Indonésia, feito de polpa cozida no vapor de folhas de mandioca triturada junto com arroz. Neste estudo, o efeito da temperatura de pré-gelatinização sobre a qualidade física e o conteúdo nutricional do mingau instantâneo de rowe luwa foi examinado. O desenho experimental utilizado neste estudo foi um desenho completamente aleatório (CRD) com fatores de temperatura de pré-gelatinização, viz., 60 °C (X1), 65 °C (X2), 70 °C (X3), 75 °C (X4) e 80 °C (X5). As propriedades físicas foram medidas através da análise de cor, viscosidade, reidratação e sinérese, enquanto que, para as composições nutricionais, foram avaliados os teores de água, cinzas, gordura, proteína, carboidrato e valor calórico. A regressão linear simples foi empregada para examinar a correlação entre a temperatura de pré-gelatinização e as propriedades físicas ou a composição nutricional. Os resultados mostraram que a temperatura de pré-gelatinização apresenta correlação com propriedades físicas, tais como: viscosidade (r = 0,9924), reidratação (r = 0,807) e sinérese (r = 0,841). Além disso, a temperatura de pré-gelatinização afetou significativamente os teores de proteínas e carboidratos (p < 0.05), enguanto que, para os teores de umidade, cinzas e gordura, apresentou efeito desprezível (p > 0.05). A análise de componentes principais (PCA) mostrou que o mingau instantâneo de rowe luwa com a temperatura de pré-gelatinização de 80 °C (objeto X5) apresentou os maiores valores de viscosidade, reidratação, sinérese e conteúdo de proteína, em comparação com as outras temperaturas de cozimento estudadas. Estes dados preliminares são úteis para pesquisas futuras para determinar o método de preparação e a fórmulação otimizada do mingau instantâneo de rowe luwa.

Palavras-chave: Secador de tambor; Mingau de folhas de mandioca indonésio; Pré-gelatinização.

1 Introduction

Malnutrition, stunting, and over nutrition are nutritional problems worldwide, especially in poor and developing countries (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, 2020). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Indonesia is among the third countries with the highest prevalence of stunting in Southeast Asia. Based on the basic health research data in 2018, it showed that the prevalence of stunting in the Southwest Sumba regency, East Nusa Tenggara reached 61.2%, exceeding the national stunting condition (Ministry of Health of Indonesia, 2019). The data indicate that the increasing of stunting prevalence in this regency should be a concern of Indonesian government to intervene in a stunting management scheme.

One of the local wisdom foods from Southwest Sumba is *rowe luwa* porridge. *Rowe luwa* porridge comes from *rowe* word, which means leaf, and *luwa*, which means cassava. *Rowe luwa* is a green pulp made from cassava leaves pounded together with rice. It can be developed for local food innovation. Moreover, it is expected to provide various foods based on local bio-resources, to support stunting management. Besides, the manufacture of instant *rowe luwa* aims to extend its product shelf life. Furthermore, drying is a good alternative for its conservation.

Looking at current market trend, consumers prefer instant products or ready to eat products compared to conventional ones. Statistical data on the consumption of instant porridge in Indonesia showed that each year, consumption rate of instant porridge in Indonesia has increased of 31.47% (2011-2015) (Biro Pusat Statistik, 2016). Instant food, usually in dry or concentrate form, makes it practice to consume and can be served in a short time. According to Mayachiew et al. (2015), some important criteria in instant porridge production are hydrophilic properties, not having an impermeable gel layer, and rehydration of the final product, which does not produce clumping and settling products.

Formulation development is a critical stage in product manufacturing because it will affect to the final product. The mixing process of ingredients in the formulation of *rowe luwa* porridge will affect the resulting product. According to Makame et al. (2019), the viscosity of instant porridge that has been brewed varied from slightly thick to thick; this is due to the greater concentration of white rice flour addition, the higher

rice flour addition, the higher of thickness of the instant porridge. Drum drying is a promising alternative to instantization fruit flakes (Nunes et al., 2020).

In instance-based process, pre-gelatinization process is a modification of starch, made through a process involving water and heat to break down all or part of the granules, then dried to produce complete and partial starch pre-gelatinization (Wadchararat et al., 2006; Palguna et al., 2014). Several factors influence this pre-gelatinization process. Among of them is temperature. Therefore, this study aimed to examine the effect of pre-gelatinization temperature on the physical quality and nutritional content of instant *rowe luwa* porridge.

2 Materials and methods

This research was conducted in June 2020 - April 2021. The research took place at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Research Center for Appropriate Technology, Subang District, West Java-Indonesia (-6.554421141915637, 107.76218022289622) and it will be implemented in the Southwest Sumba Regency, NTT-Indonesia.

2.1 Materials

Fresh cassava (*Manihot esculenta* Crantz) leaves, rice flour, shallots, garlic, salt, salam leaves, lemongrass, ginger, sugar, and coconut milk, were purchased in a traditional market, Subang, Indonesia. Sucrose, *n*-hexane, CuSO₄.5H₂O, H₂SO₄, (NH₄)₂HPO₄, HCl, Na₂CO₃, KIO₃, and NaOH were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Singapore. Citric acid, distillated water, starch, phenolphthalein 1%, LuffSchoorl's solution and Pb-acetate were taken from the chemical stockroom at Research Center for Appropriate Technology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI). All reagents were analysis grade.

2.2 Preparation of samples

Young cassava leaves, $\pm 4-6$ months, trimmed to cut the leaves and stalks. Cassava leaves (10.59%), rice flour (5.30%), bay leaves (0.34%), shallots (1.01%), garlic (0.67%), lemongrass (0.84%), ginger (0.84%), salt (0.34%), sugar (0.41%), coconut milk (5.04%), and water (74.61%) were weighed. Cassava leaves and rice flour were crushed using a chopper (Philips HD 3115, China). Then, the ingredients were mixed and cooked with cooking temperatures of 60 °C (X₁), 65 °C (X₂), 70 °C (X₃), 75 °C (X₄), and 80 °C (X₅) for 40 minutes. The slurry dough was then dried using a drum dryer at temperature of 115-120 °C, with a rotating speed of 8 Hz. The dry *rowe luwa* porridge was then mashed using a chopper and sieved to a size of 60 mesh. Finally, instant *rowe luwa* porridge was packaged and ready to be analyzed.

2.3 Procedure of analyses

2.3.1 Viscosity measurement

A Rapid Visco Analyser (RVA-Techmaster, Macquarie Park, Australia), interfaced with a personal computer equipped was used to measure the viscosity of instant *rowe luwa* porridge (Amagloh et al., 2013). The samples were weighed 3 g and then mixed with 25 mL of distilled water in an aluminum container. The sample was then put into the Rapid Visco Analyzer with a rotation speed of 100 rpm at 25 °C for 2 minute. The sample was then heated to 95 °C in 5 minutes, then held at 95 °C for 3 minutes. After that, the samples were again cooled to 50 °C in 4 minutes and then held at 50 °C for 2 minutes.

2.3.2 Color analysis

The color of *rowe luwa* instant porridge samples were observed using high-quality colourimeter NH 310 (Indriati et al., 2020). The analysis methods used were CIE (Commission Internationale de L'Eclairage)

 $L^* a^* b^*$ and *hue* coordinates. Coordinate L^* represents the clarity, in which L = 0 is black, and $L^* = 100$ is colourless. Coordinate a^* represents the shade of red and green, in which $a^* > 0$ indicates red colour and $a^* < 0$ means green colour. Coordinate b^* represents the tone of blue and yellow, in which $b^* > 0$ shows the intensity of yellow and $b^* < 0$ indicates the hue of blue. The hue (h^*) is the characteristics of the colour, i.e. red, yellow, green, and blue.

2.3.3 Rehydration

To determine the rehydration of instant *rowe luwa* porridge, an amount of 1 g of sample instan *rowe luwa* porridge was weighed and then soaked in hot water. The rehydration was carried out at 95 °C (10 min) in water bath filled with distilled water. Then, centrifugation (300 rpm) was carried out for 25 minutes. Each sample was filtered from the water, and weighed. The final moisture content of instant *rowe luwa* porridge after reconstitution was determined according to AOAC standards (Zielinska & Markowski, 2012). Each measurement was carried out in triplicate.

2.3.4 Syneresis

Rowe luwa porridge suspension (5%, w/w) was heated at 90 °C for 30 min in a temperature-controlled water bath, followed by rapid cooling in an ice water bath to room temperature. Then, the sample was stored for 24 hours at 4 °C. Syneresis (%) was measured as amount of water released after centrifugation at 3200 X g for 15 minutes (Singh et al., 2006; Li et al., 2016).

2.3.5 Nutritional composition

Nutritional compositions *viz.*, protein, moisture, fat, ash, carbohydrate of instant rowe luwa porridge were determined (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004). Moisture and ash contents were determined by using the gravimetric method (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004). The Buchi-Dumaster equipment was used to measure the protein content (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004), while fat was measured by the Weibull method (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004), and carbohydrates were calculated (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004), and carbohydrates were calculated (Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, 2004). The energy value of instant rowe luwa porridge was calculated by the At-water factor (1 g protein = 4 kcal; 1 g fat = 9 kcal; and 1 g carbohydrate = 4 kcal).

2.4 Statistical analysis

Data were presented as mean \pm standard deviation (sd) (n = 3). Normality test was carried out on the data, and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was used to determine the significantly differences between treatments. Simple linear regression and principal component analysis (PCA) were used to evaluate the relationship between the pre-gelatinization temperature and the physicochemical properties of instant *rowe luwa* porridge. Statistical analysis was performed using Microsoft Excel 2013 and XL-STAT Statistical Software.

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Color

The effect of pre-gelatinization temperature on the color of the instant *rowe luwa* porridge is presented in Table 1. The statistical analysis results showed that the pre-gelatinization temperature significantly affected the **a* and **b* values of instant *rowe luwa* porridge (p < 0.05) but had not significantly impact on the **L* and *hue* values (p > 0.05).

Temperature (°C)	*L	*a	*b	hue
60 (X ₁)	45.141 ± 0.001	0.766 ± 0.022^{de}	7.230 ± 0.014^{bcd}	7.271 ± 0.012
65 (X ₂)	44.710 ± 0.007	$1.322\pm0.016^{\rm a}$	$7.683\pm0.014^{\rm a}$	7.796 ± 0.014
70 (X3)	44.412 ± 0.004	0.875 ± 0.008^{bc}	7.237 ± 0.015^{bcd}	7.290 ± 0.002
75 (X ₄)	44.423 ± 0.006	0.783 ± 0.017^{de}	7.197 ± 0.171^{bcd}	7.341 ± 0.013
80 (X5)	43.912 ± 1.154	0.766 ± 0.026^{bc}	$5.665\pm0.033^{\text{e}}$	6.063 ± 0.545

Table 1. The results of color analysis of instant rowe luwa porridge based on pre-gelatinization temperature treatment.

Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation (sd) (n = 3). a>b>c>d>e. Values in the same column followed by different alphabets are significantly different by Duncan's test (p < 0.05).

The values of *a and *b instant porridge of *rowe luwa* were 0.77-1.32 and 5.66 to 7.68, respectively (Table 1). Generally, the *a and *b values of instant *rowe luwa* porridge with a pre-gelatinization temperature treatment of 80 °C (X₅) were the highest. This findings show that the pre-gelatinization temperature treatment causes a reddish image with a yellowish intensity which is thought to be due to a non-enzymatic browning reaction during the cooking process (pre-gelatinization). These results were agreement with Wijanarka et al. (2017) that reported the enzymatic reaction more retarded with the longer pre-gelatinized time of Gayam (*Inocarfus fagifer* Forst.) flour. Furthermore, the longer pre-gelatinization time also would increase the temperature and deactivate polyphenol oxidase (Akyıldız & Ocal, 2006).

3.2 Viscosity

The linear regression graph in viscosity analysis; the correlation coefficient (r) and determination coefficient (R^2) are shown in Figure 1. The results obtained showed a relationship between pre-gelatinization temperature and viscosity. These results showed that the value of the correlation coefficient (r) and the coefficient of determination (R^2) were 0.9924 and 0.9849, respectively.



Figure 1. Viscosity value of instant *rowe luwa* porridge based on pregelatinization temperature treatment. Data are presented as mean \pm standard error (n=3).

The average viscosity of the instant rowe luwa porridge were 0.165 to 0.667 Pa*s (Figure 1). All pregelatinization temperature treatments showed an increasing in viscosity proportional with temperature. The lowest viscosity is at the cooking temperature of 65 °C (0.165 Pa*s), while the highest viscosity is at the cooking temperature of 80 °C (0.667 Pa*s) (p < 0.05). This condition occurred might because the starch contained in the instant *rowe luwa* porridge have gelatinization due to the influence of cooking temperature. These results were in agreement with Singh et al. (2006), which reported that when heated the granules will inflation because they absorb water. Furthermore, it undergoes gelatinization and results in increased viscosity. Muchlisyiyah et al. (2020) reported that increase time and temperature have increased gel consistency. Pre-gelatinization has increased the thickness of red glutinous rice flour. Rice flour heated in a longer period has higher viscosity and could be attributed by lower water content (Rohaya et al., 2013).

The increase in viscosity is caused by the inflation of starch granules, especially amylose (Donald, 2004; Palguna et al., 2014). According to Sopade et al. (1992), when the temperature is low, the starch is pregelatinized so that it is easy to absorb air, causing the granules to expand and increase the viscosity. At the gelatinization temperature, the viscosity increase is due to the amylose diffusing the granules to produce a gel. This increase continued until the viscosity peaked, after which the viscosity of the un-gelatinated decreased. It is based on the breakdown of the rice grains and gel structure, with the system turns into a mixture of leached amylose molecules, melted amylopectin sites, and granular fragments (Han & Hamaker, 2001; Wijanarka et al., 2017).

3.3 Rehydration

The linear regression graph in rehydration analysis; the correlation coefficient (r) and determination coefficient (R^2) are shown in Figure 2. Figure 2 showed a relationship between pre-gelatinization temperature and rehydration. These results showed that the value of the correlation coefficient (r) and the coefficient of determination (R^2) were 0.9761 and 0.9529, respectively.



Figure 2. Rehydration value of instant *rowe luwa* porridge based on pregelatinization temperature treatment. Data are presented as mean \pm standard error (n=3).

Figure 2 shows that the higher the pre-gelatinization temperature, the more of rehydration value increases. The instant *rowe luwa* porridge with pre-gelatinization temperature 65 °C (X₁) had the lowest rehydration values (639.41%), while the instant *rowe luwa* porridge with pre-gelatinization temperature 80 °C (X₅) had the highest rehydration values (694.72%) (p < 0.05). This increase is probably due to the gelatinization process during the rehydration process. The cell walls will absorb air and soften when the dry material is rehydrated. With elasticity in the cell wall, the cell wall will return to its original shape. These agreed with Awuchi et al. (2019) that at 60 °C, the starch granules begin to absorb the liquid and swell. At 80 °C, the granules will have absorbed five times their volume until they burst open, thus releasing starch into the liquid. Gelatinization is completely achieved when the liquid reaches 100 °C. Furthermore, Puspitowati & Driscoll (2007) that showed the rate of rehydration of rice increases with the degree of gelatinization and the final moisture content. The pre-cooked starch granules swell faster than the ungelatinized rice. The rise of the rehydration rate is like viscosity. Pre-cooked rice

viscosity was observed before the gelatinization temperature. The more significant the water absorption of the instant porridge, the more readily it dissolves in the pulp and makes it more accessible during the manufacturing process (Amagloh et al., 2013; Onyango et al., 2020).

3.4 Syneresis

Syneresis (%) was defined as the starch pastes freeze-thaw stability, which indicates the percentage of water separated after the starch paste was treated by freezing storage (Haryanti et al., 2014). Syneresis is a separation between starch gel and water (Ariyantoro et al., 2020). The linear regression graph in rehydration analysis; the correlation coefficient (r) and determination coefficient (R^2) are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Syneresis value of instant *rowe luwa* porridge based on pregelatinization temperature treatment. Data are presented as mean \pm standard error (n=3).

Figure 3 shows a relationship between pre-gelatinization temperature and rehydration with values of the correlation coefficient (*r*) and the coefficient of determination (R^2) were 0.841 and 0.9169, respectively. The higher the pre-gelatinization temperature, the higher the syneresis value has increased (p < 0.05). The instant *rowe luwa* porridge with pre-gelatinization temperature 65 °C (X₁) had the lowest syneresis values (35.69%), while the instant rowe luwa porridge with pre-gelatinization temperature 80 °C (X₅) had the highest syneresis values (52.11%). This indicates that the X₅ treatment produces high-amylose starch, which is less stable to frozen storage than the other treatments. This results was in agreement with Denchai et al. (2019), that reported the retrograded rice starch gelatinized at the incomplete gelatinization temperature (77 °C) had the highest percent syneresis than the retrograded rice starch at 95 °C and 121 °C. At the lowest temperature (77 °C), syneresis increased sharply the following temperature. While a little syneresis was found in starch gels gelatinized at higher temperatures (95 °C and 121 °C). The increase in syneresis was contributed to an increase in molecular association between starch chains at reduced temperatures that exclude water from the gel structure (Lan et al., 2017).

Bhat & Riar (2017), reported that the process of breaking starch granules due to temperature increases causes amylose molecules to come out of the granules. The higher the temperature, the more amylose molecules that will come out of the starch granules. Syneresis is caused by the retrogradation of amylose (Singh et al., 2006). The strong bonds between amylose during retrogradation cause more water to separate from the starch gel when the starch gel is put at room temperature. The discharge of large amounts of water during the retrogradation process causes high syneresis (Bhat & Riar, 2017).

3.5 Nutritional composition

Heat treatment can affect micronutrient in foodstuff (Francisquini et al., 2020). Effects of pregelatinization temperature to nutritional composition of instant *rowe luwa* porridge is shown at Table 2. Table 2 shows that the pre-gelatinization temperature treatment of instant *rowe luwa* porridge had a significant effect on protein and carbohydrate content (p < 0.05), meanwhile, it had no significant impact on moisture, ash, and fat content (p > 0.05). Table 2 shows that the instant *rowe luwa* porridge with pre-gelatinization temperature 60 °C (X₁) and 80 °C (X₅) had the highest protein value (16.54%), and the lowest of carbohydrates content (56.58%). The interaction between starch and protein in food systems increased the gel strength, which was attributed to the increase in the density of protein matrix and formation of elastic starch globules (Couto et al., 2012; Jamilah et al., 2009).

Constituent	Temperature (°C)						
	60 (X1)	65 (X2)	70 (X3)	75 (X4)	80 (X5)		
Moisture (%)	$\boldsymbol{6.50\pm0.20}$	$\boldsymbol{6.50\pm0.40}$	$\boldsymbol{6.57 \pm 0.20}$	6.55 ± 0.39	6.78 ± 0.15		
Ash (%)	5.49 ± 0.25	5.57 ± 0.31	5.54 ± 0.13	5.50 ± 0.32	5.24 ± 0.19		
Fat (%)	14.46 ± 0.37	14.92 ± 0.46	14.99 ± 0.29	15.23 ± 0.81	14.86 ± 0.59		
Protein (%)	16.34 ± 0.41^{ab}	$14.11\pm0.23^{\text{e}}$	$14.86\pm0.09^{\text{cd}}$	15.35 ± 0.35^{cd}	16.54 ± 0.44^{ab}		
Carbohydrates (%)	57.21 ± 0.50^{cd}	58.91 ± 0.78^{ab}	58.04 ± 0.33^{ab}	57.36 ± 0.23^{cd}	$56.58 \pm 1.17^{\text{e}}$		
Energy (kcal)	424.33 ± 1.97	426.33 ± 3.27	426.47 ± 2.26	427.97 ± 5.24	426.22 ± 2.91		

Table 2. Nutritional composition of instant rowe luwa porridge based on pregelatinization temperature treatment.

Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation (sd) (n = 3). Values in the same rows followed by different alphabets are significantly different by Duncan's test (p < 0.05).

3.6 Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

A principal component analysis was used to classify samples and find variables, *viz.*, proximate composition and physical properties of instant *rowe luwa* porridge that will contribute to differentiation. Based on the theoretical arguments of PCA as described by (Hair et al., 2005), the significant factor loading values higher than or equal 0.7 were used to identify the most important variables and observations in each dimension, or principal components. The first two factors (F1 and F2) accounted for 46.01% and 21.97%, respectively. The loading factors of F1 had a positive correlation with color of **b* value, *hue*, viscosity, rehydration and syneresis. The strong positive loadings of F2 are protein, fat and energy. According to Jang et al., (2016), amylose content was positively correlated to pasting temperature, cohesiveness, and protein, but negatively correlated to peak viscosity in japonica and indica rice starches. Figure 4 shows the pregelatinized temperature are differently structured according to their proximate, and physical properties.

At the pre-gelatinization temperature of instant *rowe luwa* porridge, the physical properties, viz., viscosity, syneresis and rehydration, have a very close positive relationship. Likewise, the protein and carbohydrates content. The viscosity, syneresis, and rehydration values of instant *rowe luwa* porridge increase with increased temperature. This is in line with what has been reported by Muchlisyiyah et al. (2020), Puspitowati & Driscoll (2007), and Denchai et al. (2019) that the level of viscosity, synthesis, and rehydration increased with pre-gelatinization temperature.

Figure 4 shows that instant *rowe luwa* porridge with a pre-gelatinization temperature of 80 °C (object X_5) has highest values of viscosity, rehydration, syneresis, and protein value than other objects. Objects X_2 and X_3 are objects with similar indicators, with the characteristics of the presentation of carbohydrate values, ash content, and color (a^* and b^*). Object X_3 with the lowest value of all variables. The X_1 and X_4 object form their own groups.



Figure 4. Biplot obtained from PCA of variables comprising proximate, and physical properties.

4 Conclusion

In conclusion, the pre-gelatinization temperature affected physical properties, such as viscosity, rehydration, and syneresis of instant *rowe luwa* porridge. In nutritional composition, the pre-gelatinized temperature had a significant effect on protein and carbohydrate content, while the moisture, ash, and fat content had no significant effect. The viscosity, syneresis, and rehydration values of instant *rowe luwa* porridge increase with increased temperature. PCA analysis showed the pregelatinized temperature are differently structured according to their proximate, and physical properties. The instant *rowe luwa* porridge with a pre-gelatinization temperature of 80 °C (object X_5) has the highest value of viscosity, rehydration, syneresis, and protein value than other objects. Objects X_2 and X_3 were objects with similar indicators, with the characteristics of the presentation of carbohydrate values, ash content, and color. Object X_3 with the lowest value of all variables. The X_1 and X_4 object form their own groups.

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