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摘要

本研究採用響應曲面法(RSM)系統性地優化重組歐洲鱸魚(Dicentrarchus labrax)肉品的製程參數，包括 MTGase 添加量(0、0.16、0.32%)、加壓重量(0、2.54、5.09 gf/cm^2)以及 4°C 下的靜置時間(4、14、24 小時)，以開發即食海鮮產品。優化製程以滴液損失、總游離胺基酸和硬度值作為評估指標。RSM 研究結果顯示，最佳製程參數為：0.32% MTGase、靜置時間 17.5 小時、加壓重量 3.56 gf/cm^2。

在冷凍貯藏期間監測最佳產品的保存品質。貯藏期結束時，pH 值、揮發性鹽基態氮(TVB-N)及 Totox 值均維持在可接受範圍內。透過 MTGase 和加壓作用使質地緊實的產品，其尺寸偏差、孔隙量、滴液損失和總游離胺基酸均測得較低的數值。硬度值測定為 8.34 ± 0.29 N，此結果在感官品評和微結構分析中均獲得正面評價。

品質分析顯示，重組後的最佳產品在冷凍貯藏 5 個月期間仍能維持良好品質。重組魚肉產品有機會提升海鮮消費量，並具有商業化潛力。

一、 前言

水產品加工產生大量副產品，重組技術可有效利用這些低價值原料。微生物轉麩胺酸醯胺基酶(MTGase)能催化蛋白質間形成共價交聯，為理想的天然結合劑。歐洲鱸魚為重要養殖魚類，加工副產品豐富。本研究採用 Box-Behnken 響應曲面法優化重組魚肉配方，僅使用 MTGase 結合劑，符合潔淨標章理念，並評估產品冷凍貯藏品質，以驗證商業化可行性。

二、 材料與方法

(一)實驗設計

採用 Box-Behnken 設計，三個變因為:MTGase 濃度(0、0.16、0.32%)、加壓重量(0、2.54、5.09 gf/cm²)、靜置時間(4、14、24 h， 4°C)。響應變數為滴液損失、總游離胺基酸(TFAA)及硬度值。共 17 組實驗，以二次多項式迴歸建立預測模型。

(二)製程與分析

魚片切塊後添加 MTGase，置入模具加壓，於 4°C 靜置後進行分析。最佳配方產品於-18°C 貯藏 5 個月，定期測定 pH、TVB-N、Totox、質地(TPA)、感官評估(9 分制)及微觀結構(SEM)。

三、 結果

(一)RSM 模型與最佳化

三個響應變數的 R^2均>0.90，精度比>18，模型適配度優異。MTGase 濃度與加壓重量對滴液損失呈顯著負相關且具協同效應($P<0.05$)。TFAA 隨 MTGase 增加而降低($P<0.01$)，驗證交聯反應發生。硬度與 MTGase 及加壓均呈極顯著正相關($P<0.01$)。最佳條件為:0.32% MTGase、3.56 gf/cm²、17.5 小時，預測滴液損失 0.231%、TFAA 29.375 mg/100g、硬度 8.63 N。驗證實驗相對誤差均<5%，硬度較對照組提升 63.5%。

(二)冷凍貯藏品質

貯藏 5 個月後，pH 6.69、TVB-N 36.05 mg/100g、Totox 15.88 meq/kg，均符合標準。硬度僅降 5.2%(8.63→8.18 N)，滴液損失 2.159%優於業界標準 5%。感官品評總分從 33.82 降至 22.74 分，仍超過可接受基準 20 分。SEM 顯示蛋白質交聯網絡及乳液顆粒結構維持良好，證實貯藏穩定性優異。

四、 討論

(一)協同效應機制

MTGase 催化形成的 ε-(γ-麩醯胺醯基)離胺酸異肽鏈為共價鍵結，較氫鍵等非共價鍵結更為穩定。加壓使肉塊緊密接觸，增加交聯機會，兩者協同效應顯著。文獻顯示 MTGase 能有效提升不同魚種的硬度(Cardoso et al., 2011; Fang et al., 2019)，本研究結果與之一致，證實該技術在歐洲鱸魚的應用可行性。

(二)貯藏穩定性

硬度僅降 5.2%，遠優於一般重組產品的 15-25%，因共價交聯網絡能抵抗冰晶破壞。緻密蛋白質網絡限制氧氣滲入，Totox 值(15.88)遠低於限值(26)，有效延緩脂質氧化。5 個月架售期具商業競爭力。

(三)商業應用價值

製程簡單、僅用天然 MTGase 符合潔淨標章，可創造可觀價值並減少廢棄物，符合循環經濟。產品可開發為即食魚排、調理魚塊等多樣化商品，提升產品附加價值。

五、 結論

本研究成功建立重組魚肉配方優化模型($R^2>0.90$)，最佳條件為 0.32% MTGase、3.56 gf/cm^2、17.5 h，硬度提升 63.5%，滴液損失降 87.8%。產品於-18°C 貯藏 5 個月品質穩定，安全指標合格，硬度僅降 5.2%，感官可接受。證實 MTGase 與加壓具協同效應，共價交聯網絡提供優異貯藏穩定性。技術符合清潔標籤理念，製程簡單易產業化，5 個月貨架期滿足市場需求，可有效利用加工副產品創造經濟價值。研究限制包括單一魚種、

商業複合配方及單一貯藏溫度。未來建議擴展至多魚種、進行消費者調查、營養評估及成本效益分析，以建立完整技術體系。

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Table 1. Design matrix for three independent variables: Total free amino acids, drip loss and hardness value.

Sample No	Input Variables			Responses		
	MTGase (%)	Pressure Weight (gf/cm^2)	Setting Time (hour)	Drip Loss (%)	Total Free Amino Acids (mg/100g)	Hardness Value (N)
S_1	0	2.54	4	0.7450d	38.2150 c	5.01 h
S_2	0.16	0	4	0.4400g	34.9150 f	6.68 e
S_3	0.16	5.09	4	0.4505g	32.4150h	7.96 c
S_4	0.32	2.54	4	0.3100 i	30.1650 i	7.89 c
S_5	0	0	14	0.9000 c	40.7650 a	4.82 hi
S_6	0	5.09	14	1.0000b	40.2900b	4.64 i
S_7	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650g	8.49ab
S_8	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650g	8.41 ab
S_9	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650g	8.46ab
S_{10}	0.32	0	14	0.3000 i	32.2900h	6.41 f
S_{11}	0.32	5.09	14	0.2350 j	29.5900 j	8.61 a
S_{12}	0	2.54	24	1.2150 a	41.0650 a	5.26g
S_{13}	0.16	0	24	0.6000 f	35.2000d	7.52 d
S_{14}	0.16	5.09	24	0.6500 e	35.6500 e	8.06 c
S_{15}	0.32	2.54	24	0.4400h	32.5400 i	8.31 b

Table 2. Physicochemical analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	pH	TVB-N (mg/100g)	TOTOX (meq/kg)	TFAA (mg/100g)	Drip loss (%)	Water activity (aw)
0	6.41±0.00 f	11.02±0.02 f	1.50±0.08 f	29.37±0.03d	0.231±0.004 f	0.98±0.00 a
1	6.46±0.00 e	16.97±0.24 e	2.71±0.42 e	30.66±0.41 d	0.298±0.007 e	0.96±0.00b
2	6.52±0.00d	20.82±0.24d	5.76±0.08d	34.23±0.15 c	0.595±0.021 d	0.94±0.00 c
3	6.57±0.01 c	23.80±0.49 c	7.79±0.05 c	36.03±0.51 c	0.989±0.009 c	0.93±0.00 dc
4	6.61±0.00b	28.35±0.49b	10.45±0.08b	39.57±0.63b	1.533±0.001 b	0.93±0.00d
5	6.69±0.00 a	36.05±0.49 a	15.87±0.24 a	46.06±1.75 a	2.159±0.001 a	0.92±0.00d

Table 3. Texture profile analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

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Storage Months	**Hardness (N)**	**Adhesiveness (N.s)**	**Cohesiveness (%)**	**Springiness (mm)**	**Chewiness (N)**
0	8.63±0.04 a	−0.20±0.00d	0.59±0.00 a	8.86±0.00 a	4.52±0.03 a
1	8.59±0.03 a	−0.20±0.00d	0.56±0.01b	8.63±0.01b	4.16±0.10b
2	8.45±0.04b	−0.17±0.00 c	0.53±0.01 c	8.57±0.00b	3.82±0.08 c
3	8.36±0.05cb	−0.17±0.00 c	0.52±0.01 dc	8.43±0.01 c	3.66±0.02 c
4	8.29±0.03 c	−0.16±0.01b	0.50±0.01 de	8.30±0.01d	3.45±0.06d
5	8.18±0.04d	−0.12±0.01 a	0.50±0.01 e	8.22±0.00d	3.33±0.02d

Table 4. Sensory, color, dimensional deviation values and porous analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	Appearance	Odor	Flavor	Texture	L*	a*	b*	DDV (%)	Porous (%)
0	8.55±0.07 a	8.49±0.11 a	8.33±0.11 a	8.45±0.05 a	61.57±1.23 a	.53±0.15	1.04±0.12 e	1.94±0.00 f	0.89±0.01 f
1	8.20±0.14 ba	8.37±0.17 ba	8.29±0.05 a	8.29±0.05 ba	58.31±0.61b	.35±0.14	1.61±0.16d	2.15±0.01 e	1.05±0.05 e
2	8.05±0.07b	8.29±0.29 ba	7.91±0.01 ba	8.04±0.05b	56.91±0.18b	.97±0.19b	2.50±0.13 c	2.82±0.08d	1.17±0.05d
3	7.05±0.07 c	7.95±0.17b	7.45±0.29b	7.95±0.17b	53.10±0.35 c	.42±0.05	2.76±0.12 c	3.34±0.05 c	1.45±0.05 c
4	6.10±0.14d	7.24±0.23 c	6.33±0.23 c	7.03±0.17 c	45.93±1.09d	4.53±0.15d	3.52±0.10b	3.72±0.03b	1.93±0.03b
5	5.35±0.35 e	5.95±0.17d	4.99±0.23d	6.45±0.29d	41.04±1.19 e	4.03±0.10	4.03±0.17 a	4.03±0.02 a	2.37±0.04 a

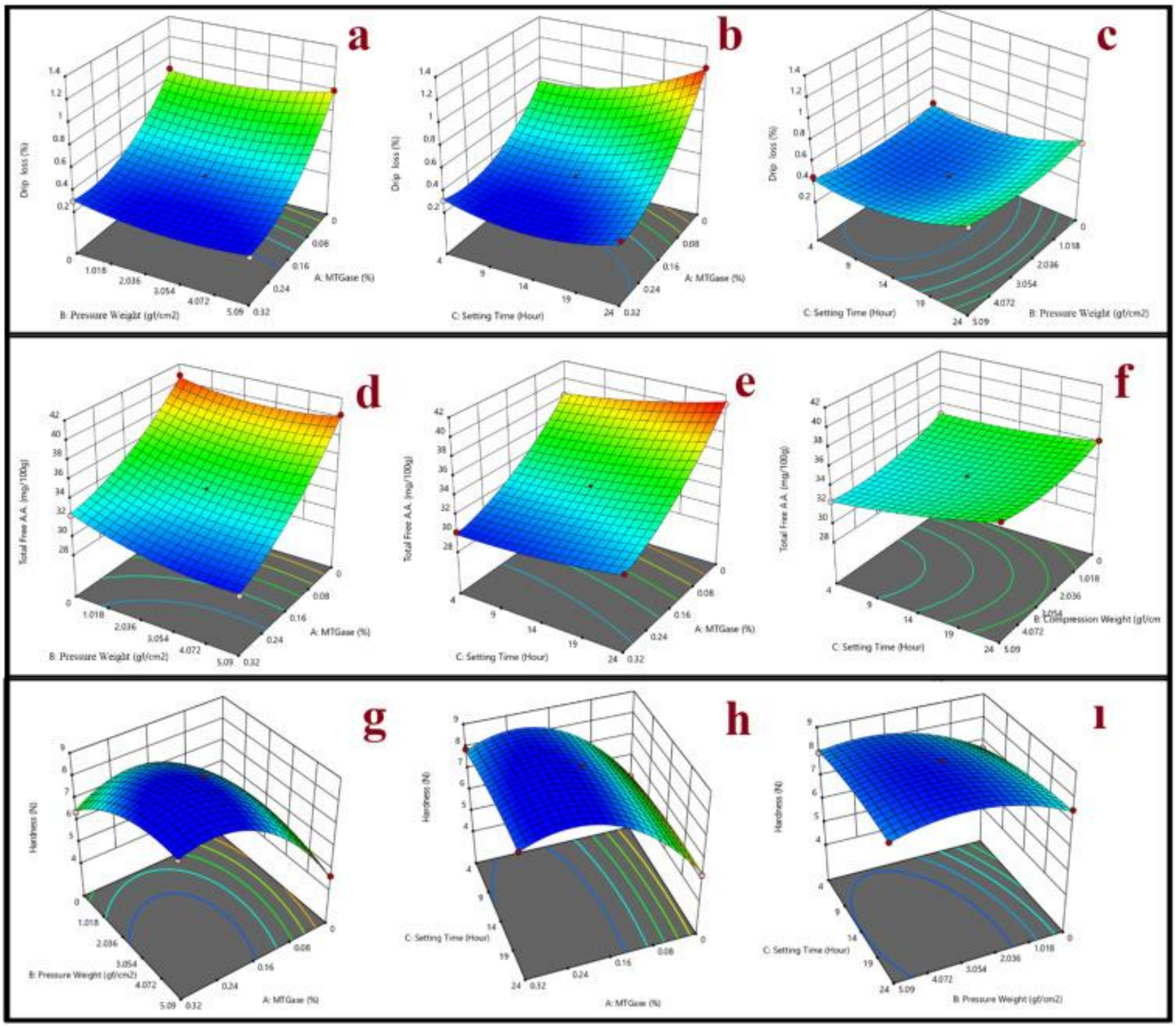

Fig. 1. Response surface plots of dripping loss (a–c), TFAA (d–f) and hardness value (g–i).

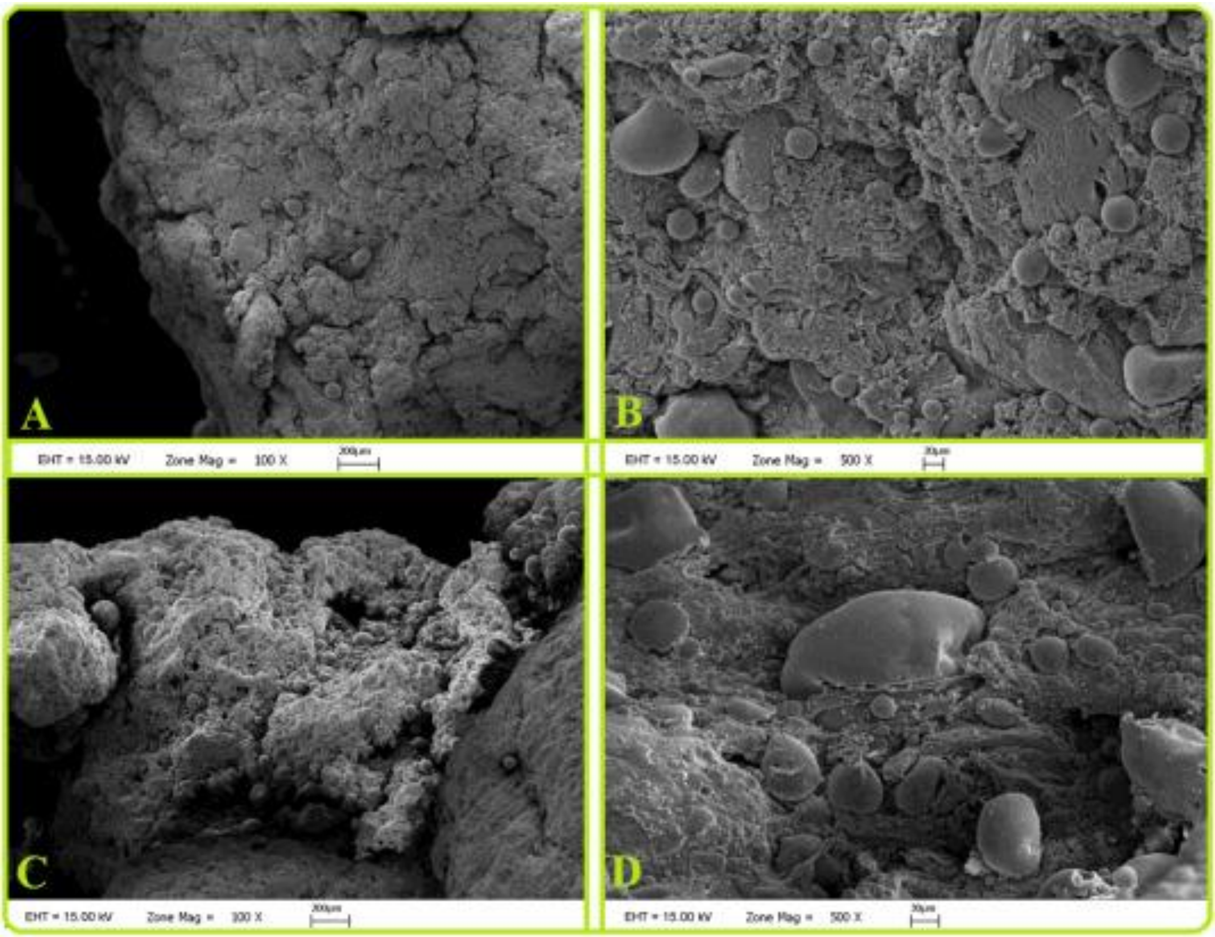

Fig. 2. Optimum sample's Scanning Electron Microscopy Photos: A: 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm2-%0.32 0th month (100x), B: 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm2-%0.32 0th month (500x), C: 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm2-%0.32 5th month (100x), D: 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm2-%0.32 5th month (500x).

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Production and shelf life of restructured fish meat binded by microbial transglutaminase

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In this study, the effects of MTGase addition (0, 0.16, 0.32%), pressure weight (0, 2.54, 5.09 gf/cm^2) and setting time (4, 14, 24 h) at 4 °C on restructured European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) meat were systematically optimized with RSM in order to obtain a ready to eat seafood product. The optimized process was characterized by drip loss, total free amino acids and hardness value. The RSM study demonstrated that, 0.32% MTGase, 17.5 h of setting time and 3.56 gf/cm^2 of pressure weight were the optimal processing parameters.

Shelf life quality of the optimal product was monitored during frozen storage. pH, TVB-N and totox values were within the acceptable limits at the end of the storage. Dimensional deviation, amount of pores, drip loss and total free amino acids were determined at low levels in the products whose texture was tightened by the effect of MTGase and suppression weight. The hardness value was determined between "8.34 ± 0.29 N", which reflected positively on the sensory analysis and microstructure results.

Quality analysis shows that the restructured optimal product maintains its quality for 5 months of frozen storage. Restructured fish products have chance to increase seafood consumption and can be commercialized.

1. Introduction

Despite high nutritional quality, consumption of seafood is limited and by-products may arise during process. Therefore, a production should be carried out that will both gain consumer appreciation and allow full use of by-products.

Restructuring is the process of binding small meat pieces by using natural proteins to create a product with an improved quality such as; appearance, color, texture, shape, size and nutritional content. Restructured seafood are processed mostly from undervalued mince, fillet trimmings or by products of non-commercial fish species (Castillejos, Leon, Vazquez, & Ruiz, 2017; Martelo-Vidal, Fernandez, Guerra-Rodriguez, & Vazquez, 2016; Tzikas, Soultos, Ambrosiadis, Lazaridou, & Georgakis, 2015). Also different animals and plants have been studied for the restructuring process, such as plant based proteins, pork, poultry, beef (Baugreet et al., 2018; Sorapukdee & Tangwatcharin, 2018; Jira & Schwagele, 2017). Additives such as sodium alginate, sodium caseinate, whey protein concentrate, microbial transglutaminase (MTGase), salt etc. can be used in restructured process to improve quality and sensory parameters (Gaspar & Goes-Favoni, 2015; Kaewudom, Benjakul, & Kijroongrojana, 2013; Liu, Damodaran, & Heinonen, 2019).

Microbial transglutaminase (MTGase) is widely known as "meat glue" and used for improving physical and chemical properties and shelf life of different kind of food products (Luo et al., 2020; Fang, Xiong, Hu, Yin, & You, 2019; Castillejos et al., 2017). Ensuring tissue integrity is an important issue in restructured meat products. MTGase is an enzyme which is currently using to catalyze acly-transfer reactions of free amino acids such as lysine and glutamine residues and it catalyzes γ-carboxyl amide groups for protein cross links (Castillejos et al., 2017). MTGase is a Ca^{+2} independent enzymes and commercially obtained from *Streptoverticillium mobaraense* bacteria (Jin et al., 2018; Gaspar & Goes-Favoni, 2015). MTGase provides cold gelation as it operates at low temperature levels (Luo et al., 2020; Guo et al., 2019; Fang et al., 2019). MTGase can creates strong covalent structures, emulsions, improves mechanical properties, gelation and heath stabilized products (Isleroglu & Turker, 2019; Kaewudom et al., 2013). Also, this enzyme improves appearance and textural characteristics of restructured products by using different muscle types and developing different food products such as; burgers, nuggets, kamaboko, chikuwa, restructured steaks (Baugreet et al., 2018; Kaewprachu et al., 2017; Martelo-Vidal, Fernandez-No, Guerra-Rodeiguez, & Vazquez, 2016; Cardoso, Mendes, Vaz-Pirez, & Nunes,

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Seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) is the second most farmed fish species in European aquaculture industry and is therefore economically and ecologically important (Guardone et al., 2020). Aquaculture production of Turkey was 421,411 tons and European seabass was the most cultured fish in the seas with 148,907 tons in 2020 (TUIK, 2020). It was reported that seabass had high nutritional value even wild or cultured (Baki, Gonener, & Kaya, 2015). In addition to being consumed as fresh and chilled, it is also processed as fillet in which by-products arise (Zamorano-Apodaca et al., 2020). Although the restructured process is made from undervalued fish meat, seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) was used as raw material in the present study. The reason for this is the easy access to sea bass, its lean structure and utilization of by-products in case of industrial filleting.

In studies conducted so far, it has been determined that the researchers use additives or at least salt as structuring agents to form restructured products. Consumers are demanding healthier foods that have no additives or additional salt. In this study, only MTGase, a natural additive derived from microorganism and has no restricted level by authorities, was used. It is important to achieve a standard product in an industrialized production. There are limitations in literature regarding product optimization of restructured products by using standard pressure weights and standard molds. The determination of the shelf life of the optimal product is another concern.

Box-Behnken's response surface methodology (RSM) is a common statistical mathematical model, this method allows optimizing of different products for developing and influencing factors of response (Khanjani & Sobati, 2021). The aim of this study was to produce a restructured fish product from seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) and optimize the setting phenomenon by using three different parameters (MTGase addition, setting time and pressure weight). The hardness value, total free amino acids (TFAA) and drip loss were the response variables for reaching to optimal product. The second aim is to determine the shelf life of the optimal product during frozen storage in order to find it is suitability to be commercialized. This restructured product will be a ready-to-eat food that increases the consumption of seafood, appeals to consumers of all ages with its high nutritional value, contributes to waste recycling and can be commercially available in markets.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Materials

European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) were obtained from local fish supplier of Antalya (South coast of Turkey) and transported to the laboratory in ice with polystyrene boxes. The mean length and weight of the fish were 34.31 ± 1.28 cm and 347.14 ± 26.42 g. Bones, viscera and skin removed manually. Meat pieces from fillets were homogenized by cleaver. Microbial transglutaminase (MTGase) (Activa GS: sodium chloride, gelatin, trisodium phosphate, maltodextrin, transglutaminase safflower oil) was provided by Ajinomoto Co. (Tokyo, Japan).

2.2. Methods

2.2.1. Restructuring of fish meat

The processing parameters were determined by preliminary trials for restructuring process. Homogenized fish meat was mixed with MTGase (0%, 0.16%, 0.32%) and 120 g of each portion was inserted into molds (diameter × height = 50 mm × 70 mm) for restructuring process. Pressure weights (0 gf/cm^2, 2.54 gf/cm^2, 5.09 gf/cm^2) were placed on each mold and the samples were restructured at 4 °C (setting time 4, 14, 24 h). After the restructuring phenomenon, samples were sliced (30 ± 1 g weight, 46 mm × 16 mm) and stored in polyethylene packages (190 × 300 mm) at −40 °C for 15 h until core temperature reaches to −18 °C. After that samples were stored at −18 °C freezer. About 48 h later, samples were thawed at 4 °C for 3 h. Analysis were carried out in duplicates.

2.2.2. Analyses

2.2.2.1. Total free amino acid analysis. Total free amino acid determination was performed according to the method of Yokoyama and Hiramatsu (2003). Homogenized 2 g of restructured fish sample mixed with 17 ml of 0.2 M perchloric acid solution and 5 ml of methanol by using ultraturrax at 1046×*g* force for 2–3 min. The mixture was centrifuged at 2.043×*g* force for 30 min and then supernatant filtered through Whatman 41 filter paper. 1 ml aliquot of the extracted sample was transferred to the test tubes and sodium citrate buffer (pH 5.0, 2 ml 0.5 M) and 1 ml of ninhydrin reagent was added. The mixture was kept at water bath for 15 min. Spectrophotometric measurements were performed at 570 nm wavelength with the addition of 1 ml of 60% ethanol solution. Calculations were performed according to standard curves generated using glutamic acid ranging between 0 and 30 mg/kg and expressed as mg glutamic acid equivalents/kg sample.

2.2.2.2. Drip loss and water activity. Frozen samples were thawed at 4 °C for 3 h. Weight difference between frozen and thawed sample was calculated. Drip loss was expressed as a percentage relative to the initial weight. In order to measure the water activity value, the samples were dissolved at 4 °C and analysis was carried out with a water activity measuring device (Aqua Lab 4 TE DUO). In analysis 1 g of sample was placed in the sample container of the device and kept at room temperature (25 ± 0.5 °C) until it reached the equilibrium humidity value. After reaching equilibrium, the water activity value was recorded.

2.2.2.3. pH values. Homogenized samples were mixed with distilled water in a 1:2 ratios. As a result of immersion of the pH meter (Thermo Scientific Orion 3 Star) probe into the mixture, the results are recorded when the values on the digital display of the pH meter are fixed. All measurements were carried out under the same conditions.

2.2.2.4. Total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N). The restructured fish meats were homogenized and weighed (10 g) into 500 ml glass flasks and magnesium oxide was added. Volatile bases which decomposed as a result of temperature application in water vapor distillation were collected in 0.1 N hydrochloric acid. The titration step of the process was again made using 0.1 N sodium hydroxide solution and the TVB-N content was expressed as mg/100 g (Schormuller, 1968).

2.2.2.5. Totox value. Primary and secondary oxidation products include the peroxide values and para-anisidine values of the product shows the Totox value. The formula for the totox value is as follows; Totox Value = (2 PV + p-AV), PV: Peroxide Value, AV: p-anisidine value.

Peroxide and para-anisidine value determinations were performed according to AOAC (1990) and IUPAC (1987), respectively.

2.2.2.6. Color values. The color determinations were done using color meter (CR-400 Minolta Chromometer) which was calibrated with a white standard magnesium oxide plate before the measurement. Measurements were made on 30 g round surfaces of restructured fish meats. The results were determined by taking into account the average values and standard deviations of all the data obtained as a result of the measurements made from 4 different points of each sample. In the measurements made, L * value (brightness), + a * value (redness), -a * value (greenness), + b * value (yellowness), -b * value means blueness.

2.2.2.7. Microstructure. The morphological features of the restructured fish products were made using a scanning electron microscope (SEM) (Carl Zeiss Leo 1430, Leo Electron Microscopy Ltd., Germany). Samples placed between the carbon layers of the electron microscope and covered with a thin gold layer. Measurements were made by applying 15 kV. Scanning electron microscope images were used to compare the surfaces of samples with different processes.

2.2.2.8. Sensory analysis. Sensory quality assessments were carried out by panelists familiar with fish consumption. 40 panelists (20 females, 20 males) aged between 25 and 55 participated in the panel. After the products were thawed at 4 °C, they were subjected to fry in sunflower oil at 180 °C for 150 s. Randomly coded products were presented to panelists in warm white plastic plates. Water was used for mouth neutralization. A 9-point hedonic scale was used for the rating and the degree of rejection was accepted as "0". The averages of the scores given by the panelists were taken and the total sensory quality was evaluated by summing the average scores of each characteristic.

2.2.2.9. Texture profile analyses. Mechanical properties were determined using TA-XT2 (Stable Micro System, Godalming, Surrey, UK). Texture profile analysis was performed by using cylindrical aluminum probe diameter 35 mm (SMSP35). The probe was programmed to enter until a depth of 40% at a speed of 5 mm/s. Randomly taken four different restructured samples analyzed and hardness, adhesiveness, cohesiveness, chewiness and springiness values were determined.

2.2.2.10. Pore and size measurements. Dimensions and pore sizes monitored during shelf life by using image scanning software (ImageJ/Fiji). Photos taken under 6500 K light and 806 Lumen brightness (*Schneider, Rasband, & Eliceiri, 2012;* Schindelin, Arganda-Carreras, & Frise, 2012; Schindelin, Rueden, & Hiner, 2015).

2.2.3. Experimental design and statistical analysis

Box-Behnken response surface method (Box & Behnken, 1960) used to examine the relationship between response variables. Explanations for RSM model calculations: $T = \alpha_0+\alpha_1X_1+\alpha_2X_2+\alpha_3X_3+\alpha_{11} \times {}_1^2 +\alpha_{22} \times {}_2^2+ \alpha_{33} \times {}_3^2+ \alpha_{12} \times 1 \times {}_2+ \alpha_{13} \times 1 \times {}_3+ \alpha_{23} \times 2 \times {}_3$. T = Response (Dependent variable: TFAA, drip loss, hardness). X_i = Independent variable (MTGase content, pressure weight, setting time) α = Regression coefficient. The setting of the experimental design, regression analysis, statistical analysis, and optimization of the response surface graphics were carried out with the Design Expert Version 11.

SAS University application was used to determine the statistical difference between the estimated and experimental values obtained from the optimization. Statistical analyzes were performed with SAS University software (Statistical Analysis System, Cary, NC, USA). Duncan multiple comparison tests were applied to different observed results and statistically significant ones.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Optimization process

3.1.1. Input variables and responses

The findings of restructuring process characterized by response variables (drip loss, total free amino acids and hardness value) under the effect of input variables (MTGase, pressure weights and setting time) were summarized in Table 1 and Fig. 1.

Lower total free amino acid (TFFA) and drip loss values represent less degradation of proteins. In this study, this goal was achieved by the combination of MTGase usage and pressure application. Lowering pressure weight without MTGase not only effected formation of TFAA and drip loss negatively but also caused low hardness values for 4-14-24 h of setting time. In addition, at 4th hour; low TFAA values, low drip loss values but higher hardness values were determined in sample which combined with 2.54 gf/cm^2 pressure weight and 0.32% MTGase. In case of the application of both pressure weight and MTGase at 14th and 24th hour, high hardness levels with stable texture were observed in addition to low levels of TFAA and drip loss values. However, using MTGase solely was not enough for preventing the formation of TFAA, lessening drip loss and especially for stabilizing the hardness values.

MTGase promotes the lysine-glutamine cross-links and combines the amino acids, thus establishing a relationship between MTGase and total free amino acid values (Baugreet et al., 2018; Fang et al., 2019). Also cross-links between glutamine and lysine can create stable protein network and extent inhibiting the growth of ice crystals during the freezing process (Luo et al., 2020). Degradation of the protein network is correlated with the amount of water in tissues, free or bound amino acids and textural parameters (Chen, Takahashi, Geonzon, Okazaki, & Osaka, 2019; Fang et al., 2019; Martelo-Vidal et al., 2016). Increasing ice crystal sizes can affect drip loss and protein network that leads textural changes like deformation (Jia et al., 2019). MTGase can improve textural parameters and directly effects to sensory evaluation and consumer acceptability (Rios-Mera et al., 2020).

Fang et al. (2019) reported that the usage of 15 U/g MTGase was effective on silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) meat and free amino acid groups decreased. Moreover, hardness values 37.76 ± 2.69 N improved by using MTGase, however control values were lower (22.02 ± 1.94 N) (Fang et al., 2019). Free amino groups were decreased in shrimp meat (*Metapenaeus ensis*) by using 10 U/g TGase while acyl transfer reaction catalyzed (Yuan et al., 2017). 0–8 U/g MTGase catalyzed an acyl transfer reaction between Gln and Lys and free amino values decreased in suwari gels, also myofibrillar proteins showed structural stability (Chen & Han, 2011).

According to study of Cardoso, Mendes, Vaz-Pirez, & Nunes (2011) MTGase (5 g/kg, w/w) and dietary fiber used for restructured sea bass

Table 1
Design matrix for three independent variables: Total free amino acids, drip loss and hardness value.

Sample No	Input Variables			Responses		
	MTGase (%)	Pressure Weight (gf/cm^2)	Setting Time (hour)	Drip Loss (%)	Total Free Amino Acids (mg/100 g)	Hardness Value (N)
S_1	0	2.54	4	0.7450 d	38.2150 c	5.01 h
S_2	0.16	0	4	0.4400 g	34.9150 f	6.68 e
S_3	0.16	5.09	4	0.4505 g	32.4150 h	7.96 c
S_4	0.32	2.54	4	0.3100 i	30.1650 i	7.89 c
S_5	0	0	14	0.9000 c	40.7650 a	4.82 hi
S_6	0	5.09	14	1.0000 b	40.2900 b	4.64 i
S_7	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.49 ab
S_8	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.41 ab
S_9	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.46 ab
S_{10}	0.32	0	14	0.3000 i	32.2900 h	6.41 f
S_{11}	0.32	5.09	14	0.2350 j	29.5900 j	8.61 a
S_{12}	0	2.54	24	1.2150 a	41.0650 a	5.26 g
S_{13}	0.16	0	24	0.6000 f	35.2000 d	7.52 d
S_{14}	0.16	5.09	24	0.6500 e	35.6500 e	8.06 c
S_{15}	0.32	2.54	24	0.4400 h	32.5400 i	8.31 b

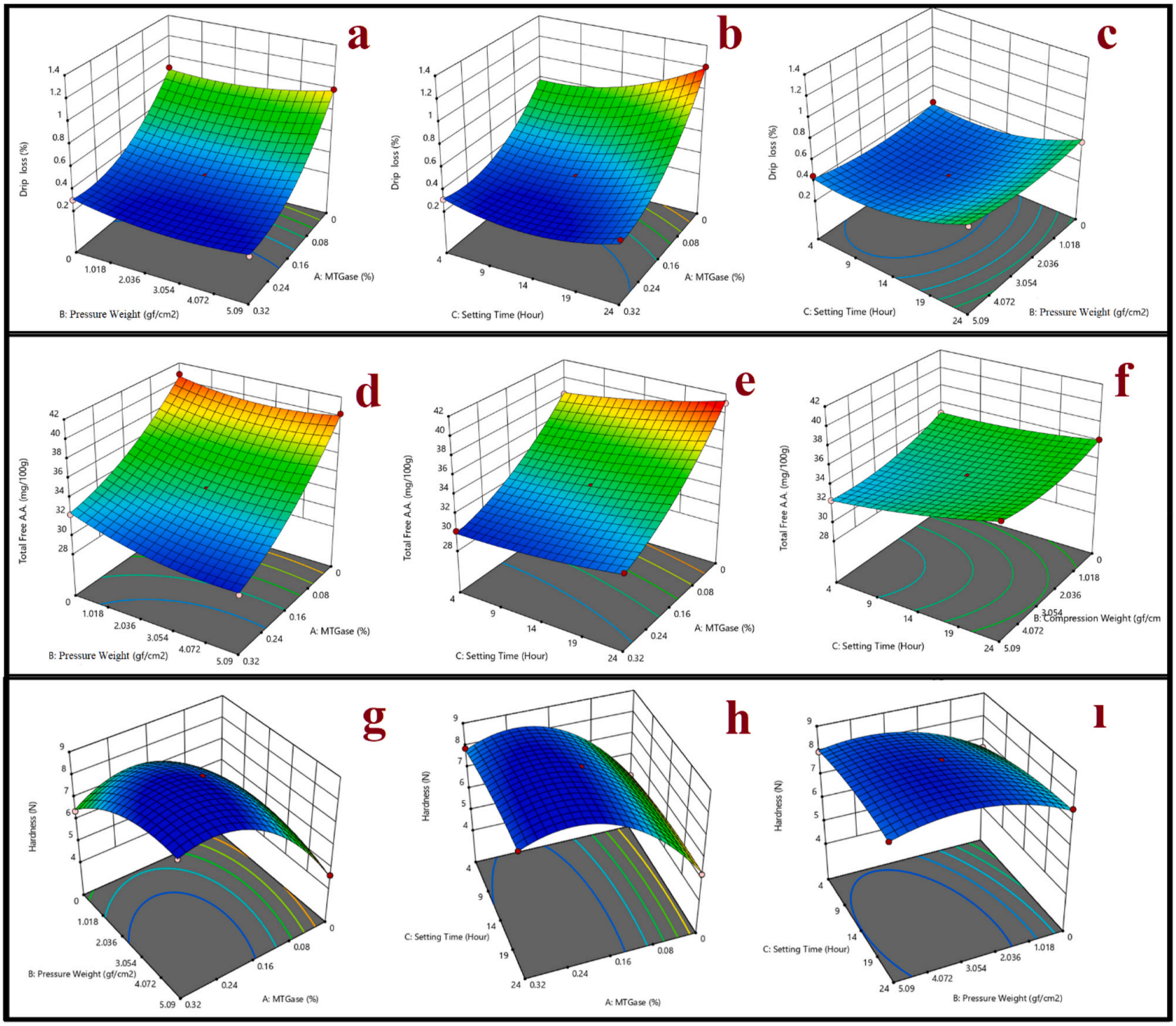

Fig. 1. Response surface plots of dripping loss (a–c), TFAA (d–f) and hardness value (g–i).

(*Dicentrarchus labrax*) at 2 °C for 24 h; values of hardness were 10.2 ± 0.9 N for control and 17.2 ± 1.7 N for 5 g/kg MTGase application. Another research bulleted that restructured horse mackerel's (*Trachurus mediterraneus*) hardness values were 2–4 N, 4–6 and 6–8 for control, 0.5% and 1%, respectively by using 0%, 0.5%, 1% MTGase and 0%, 1%, 2% NaCl at 2 ± 2 °C for 24 h setting time. (Tzikas et al., 2015). In different study sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) and gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata*) examined by using 0.5% MTGase, water, 2.5% salt used for restructuring process. After heating at 90 °C/1 h and cooling at 5 ± 1 °C hardness values observed as for control; in sea bass 26.1 ± 0.5 N, in sea bream 11.7 ± 1.4 N. Also for samples with 0.5% MTGase results were 29.7 ± 2.2 N and 13.5 ± 2.4 N, respectively (Cardoso et al., 2012).

It was emphasized that different additives, storage conditions and fish species were effective on the products, especially MTGase levels were important. Similar results were found with the other studies, such as; MTGase reduced TFAA content, performed textural stability and improved hardness levels of the products, slowed down the drip loss. Combination of MTGase, pressure weights and range of "14 and 24 h" setting time were found effective on the formation of restructured products.

3.1.2. Model and relationship between the responses

Combination of pressure weights and the usage of MTGase not only suppressed the levels of TFAA and drip loss but also improved hardness levels. Despite the pressure weights and MTGase, a slight increase in TFFA values and drip loss were observed as time passed due to autolysis. It was found that 4 h setting time were not enough to create cross links between Gln-Lys by using MTGase and assistance of pressure weight. Quadratic model was the best choice for all three main analyses. Beside, differences between R^2 adjusted and R^2 predicted were below 0.2. Adequate precision's ratio for all analysis was found as greater than 4 and good.

Surface plots of various cases of restructured fish meat products are given in Fig. 1. The combination of MTGase and pressure weight, even increasing their amounts, made the product more tightened and lessens the drip loss (a-c). When setting time was limited to 4 h, TFAA and drip loss content remained low, not only products could not reach to round shape but also hardness levels were lower, compared to 14th and 24th hour setting time (d-f). In addition, it was observed that MTGase content and setting time became stable at 14 h and drip loss were low. The texture of the restructured samples was firmer and better shaped after 14 and 24 h setting time (g-i). It was determined that TFAA values increased slowly with MTGase support during the 24 h setting time. Besides "3.054

gf/cm^2 to 5.09 gf/cm^2" pressure weight levels and "14 h–19 h" setting time levels found in optimal range. Adjusted and predicted values for optimal product; "drip loss: Adj = 0.231a, Pred = 0.238a", for "TFAA: Adj = 29.375a, Pred = 29.415a", for "hardness: Adj = 8.63a, Pred = 8.63a" values were found.

It was observed that MTGase and pressure weight combination and samples with a configuration time of 14–24 h came to the fore. The RSM study demonstrated that, 0.32% MTGase, 17.5 h of setting time and 3.56 gf/cm^2 of pressure weight were the optimal processing parameters.

3.2. Shelf life of the optimal product

Immediately after death of fish, conversion of glycogen to lactic acid and decrease of oxygen in fish muscle causes fluctuation in pH **levels** (He, Wu, & Sun, 2014). Therefore, this is a good parameter to determine the quality of fish. pH levels are almost close to 7.0 in live fish muscle, whereas post mortem pH values can vary between 6.0 and 7.1 (Ozogul, Durmus, Ucar, Ozogul, & Regenstein, 2016). In this study, the pH values of the optimal product increased significantly ($p < 0.01$). The pH recorded on the first day and at the end of the storage were 6.41 ± 0.00 and 6.69 ± 0.00, respectively (Table 2). Martelo-Vidal et al. (2016) examined the quality changes of white tuna fish (*Thunnus alalunga*) meat at 4 °C/18 h with the addition of 450 U/kg MTGase. pH levels were increased from 6.14 on the 0th day to 6.28 in the 12th day. In the another study, horse mackerel (*Trachurus mediterraneus*) fillets were restructured with different ratios of (1%) MTGase, (2%) NaCl and pH values of the products were observed as 6.40 ± 0.02 for control samples, meanwhile 6.09 ± 0.01 for sample "0.5% MTGase+1% NaCl" (Tzikas et al., 2015). Cardoso, Mendes, Vaz-Pires, and Nunes (2011) and Karayakannakidis, Zotos, Petridis, and Taylor (2008) were in common that the addition of MTGase hindered the pH increase during storage and keep the quality of the product.

Trimethylamine, ammonium and other basic nitrogen compounds can create **total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N)** during shelf life and TVB-N values correlated with the activity of bacteria as well as endogenous enzymes in tissues, correlated with the sensory analysis, color and pH levels (Calanche et al., 2019). The TVB-N value of the optimal product was found as 11.02 ± 0.247 mg/100 g. However, significant ($p < 0.01$) increase let the TVB-N value to reach 36.05 ± 0.49 mg/100 g at the end of storage period (Table 2). It was reported that TVB-N values of sea bass increased with the cold storage (Ozogul et al., 2016; Fuentes, Fernandez-Segovia, Barat, & Serra, 2011). Although, TVB-N analysis is directly associated with the spoilage of seafood, there has been no study in which the presence of TVB-N was discussed in relation with the MTGase and restructuring process.

Table 2
Physicochemical analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	pH	TVB-N (mg/100 g)	TOTOX (meq/kg)	TFAA (mg/100 g)	Drip loss (%)	Water activity (aw)
0	6.41 ± 0.00 f	11.02 ± 0.02 f	1.50 ± 0.08 f	29.37 ± 0.03 d	0.231 ± 0.004 f	0.98 ± 0.00 a
1	6.46 ± 0.00 e	16.97 ± 0.24 e	2.71 ± 0.42 e	30.66 ± 0.41 d	0.298 ± 0.007 e	0.96 ± 0.00 b
2	6.52 ± 0.00 d	20.82 ± 0.24 d	5.76 ± 0.08 d	34.23 ± 0.15 c	0.595 ± 0.021 d	0.94 ± 0.00 c
3	6.57 ± 0.01 c	23.80 ± 0.49 c	7.79 ± 0.05 c	36.03 ± 0.51 c	0.989 ± 0.009 c	0.93 ± 0.00 dc
4	6.61 ± 0.00 b	28.35 ± 0.49 b	10.45 ± 0.08 b	39.57 ± 0.63 b	1.533 ± 0.001 b	0.93 ± 0.00 d
5	6.69 ± 0.00 a	36.05 ± 0.49 a	15.87 ± 0.24 a	46.06 ± 1.75 a	2.159 ± 0.001 a	0.92 ± 0.00 d

Values are means ± standard deviation of the analysis.
Values bearing and different letters (a, b, c) in the column are significantly ($p < 0.01$) different.

Lipid oxidation is one of the important factors limiting the shelf life of seafood rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids. **Totox value** (total oxidation value) is an indicator of lipid oxidation, and is based on the findings of peroxide value from primary oxidation products and para-anisidine value from secondary oxidation products. This value has been standardized by The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN) and the Global Organization for EPA and DHA Omega-3s (GOED) with a limit of 26 for the determination of the oil oxidation rate of seafood and the evaluation of the quality status accordingly (De Boer et al., 2018). Totox value of the optimal product was only 15.88 ± 0.24 meq/kg on the 5th month of the storage (Table 2). Lipid oxidation was determined in terms of peroxide value and TBARS in most of the studies. Gomez-Guillen, Montero, Solas, and Perez-Mateos (2005) found that products using MTGase had lower TBARS results than control samples. The reasons of this situation were emphasized with two important substances: (i) MTGase tightens the product texture by providing protein polymerization and restricts oxygen entry into the product, and (ii) lipid oxidation products react with proteins during the formation of MTGase added gel and become partially ineffective. Accordingly, it is concluded that MTGase and suppression weight parameters suppress oxidation by tightening the structure of the product in the appropriate setting time.

During the frozen storage period **TFFA** values reached from 29.38 ± 0.03 mg/100 g to 46.06 ± 1.75 mg/100 g gradually (Table 2). Similarly, to this research, Fang et al. (2019) highlighted that the addition of 15 U/g MTGase to silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) promoted cross-linking reactions by reducing the amount of free amino acids and achieved better results than the control group. In addition, they stated that the results were correlated with the texture levels and SEM analysis. They found that there was a correlation between the decrease of porous amount and increase of MTGase ratio in SEM results. Yuan et al. (2017), while examining the properties of a shrimp species (*Metapenaeus ensis*), researchers found that the free amino groups decreased directly related to the addition of TGase.

Due to the freezing and thawing processes, the products cannot return to their original forms and drip loss occurs. The **drip loss** caused to denaturation of muscle proteins during freezing and thawing, as well as shrinking of muscle fibers during freezing (Björkevoll, Reboredo, & Fossen, 2017). Loss of water-soluble nutrients and water-soluble proteins, negativity may occur in parameters such as flavor, smell, aroma and texture also nutritional value of the products. In the present study, drip loss of the optimal product was 0.231 ± 0.004% on the 1st month and 2.159 ± 0.001% at the end of the frozen storage period (Table 2). This increase was statistically significant ($p < 0.01$), however not more than reported by Bedane, Altin, Erol, Marra, & Erdogdu (2018). It was mentioned that drip loss may reach up to 5% during traditional thawing at refrigerator (+4 °C). Compared to literature studies, there is no different additive other than MTGase or processing method. However, it has been observed that the pressure weights used for the structuring of the product allowed to use lower rate of MTGase compared to its use in the literature. These two parameters help to slow down the drip loss by tightening the product texture during the proper structuring time.

Water activity levels can be affected from cross-links between glutamine and lysine's protein network which inhibits the growth of ice crystals during the freezing process and effects to amount of water in tissues as well as textural parameters (Luo et al., 2020). Optimal product contains 0.32% MTGase allowing performing cross links among amino acids and an addition of 3.56 gf/cm^2 of pressure weight during 17.5 h of setting time. The initial aw was 0.9854 ± 0.00. This value decreased to 0.92–0.93 and did not alter significantly on the last three months of storage period (Table 2). It is known that the solute-water relationship of products and their protein network affect the water activity. It has been determined by various researchers that the optimal level of structuring time, solute rate and structuring temperature in restructured products changes this situation and increases the shelf life by slowing down enzymatic-microbial reactions that cause deterioration in products (Martelo-Vidal et al., 2016; Juarez-Enriquez et al., 2019).

Freezing storage can play a role in the loss of textural properties of the products. (Cardoso et al., 2012). MTGase has an effect on the texture properties of the products as it causes cross-linking and polymerization especially in proteins. **Texture profile analyses** results are summarized in Table 3. The hardness value, which was recorded 8.63 ± 0.04 N at the beginning of the study, remained within acceptable limits, although it softened at the end of the storage. In line with the adhesion values observed during frozen storage, the initial value of the sample −0.20 ± 0.00 N s gradually approached 0 with the product losing its tissue freshness and reached to −0.12 ± 0.01 N s on the 5th month. Cohesiveness and springiness values decreased a little during storage. The secondary texture profile parameters of chewiness had no statistical difference on the last two days of frozen storage. It was reported that the structure of the product tightened, and the parameters such as chewiness and flexibility of the product were improved with the use of MTGase (Cardoso et al., 2011, 2012; Martelo-Vidal et al., 2016; Tzikas et al., 2015). The results of this study were in agreement with literature. It was observed that the protein network, which can be observed by electron microscope, came to the fore in different studies, and this reaction reached higher levels with the effect of pressure weight and positively affected the texture results. This situation was reflected in the scoring and comments of the panelists.

Forty panelists evaluated the optimal product in terms of appearance, odor, flavor and texture. Despite the decreasing scores ($p < 0.01$), the restructured product was within the acceptable range (Table 4). The researches emphasized that the use of MTGase does not add a different odor or aroma to the product, but provides tissue integrity and supports the preservation of the existing quality and fishy odor with the slow progress of autolytic reactions compared to the control groups (Tzikas et al., 2015).

Color values changed during the storage (Table 4). The L* value of the product (initial 61.57 ± 1.23 and 5th month: 41.04 ± 1.19) decreased significantly ($p < 0.01$). Luo et al. (2020) stated that the L* value decreases in case of cross-links increase with the use of MTGase. Contrarily, Chanarat & Benjakul (2013) and Uresti, Tellez-Luis, Ramirez, & Vazquez (2003) emphasized that MTGase triggers the cross-linking between proteins, tightening the tissue, absorbing light and producing a dark color in products. In this study, the tissue integrity was achieved by texture profile analyses and SEM analyses. Moreover, the tightening tissue reduced the input of light and L* value decreased with the loss of quality during frozen in storage. Redness a* value changed from 6.53 ± 0.15 to 4.03 ± 0.10 at the end of the storage period. While b* value increased to 4.03 ± 0.17 on the 5th month. Some researchers bulleted that volatile bases may arise due to oxidation and enzymatic activities during the storage period and degradation compounds can affect the color parameters as well as additives, heat process, protein denaturation (Castillejos et al., 2017; Moradi, Tajik, Almasi, Forough, & Ezati, 2019).

Dimensional deviation and porous structure of the optimal product increased significantly ($p < 0.01$) during frozen storage but not more than 2.09% and 1.48%, respectively (Table 4). This increase was suppressed by the addition of MTGase and pressure weight. It has been determined that usage of MTGase and compression weight tightens the product texture in the appropriate setting time and reduces the deviation in pore ratio and size. These results were in line with TPA and SEM results.

SEM determinations were carried out both at the beginning and the end of the storage period. According to Fig. 2(A), protein network developed very well and product tissue became firmer. In addition, Fig. 2(B) shows that, MTGase and pressure weight combination created emulsion particles that can be seen as circular particles inside the tissue and they are mostly formed by the combination of lipid and partially other substances. Fig. 2(C) and (D) showed that firmness between tissues may decrease depending on storage time. Cross-linking reactions strengthen the amphiphilic properties of proteins, peptides can be absorbed in the water-oil interface and their emulsifying activities might increase (Liu et al., 2019; Ahmadi, Razavi, & Varidi, 2017). Various studies emphasize that emulsifying properties could increase by 30% with the addition of MTGase (Alavi, Emam-Djomeh, Salami, & Mohammadian, 2020; Ahmadi et al., 2017).

4. Conclusion

When producing a restructured product, it is important to reach the correct form and structure, as well as its physicochemical properties. Drip loss of restructured fish meat is affected from all parameters such as MTGase, pressure weight and setting time. TFAA increased in parallel with the setting time, the presence of MTGase and pressure weights. Short setting times are not sufficient for MTGase to activate. The RSM study demonstrated that, 0.32% MTGase, 17.5 h of setting time and 3.56 gf/cm^2 of pressure weight were the optimal processing parameters of restructured fish meat product. Quality parameters showed that this product have the shelf life of 5 months frozen storage in terms of physical, chemical and sensory analyses. These data were also supported by microstructure results.

Restructured seafood products make it possible to offer new different formed and flavored ready-to-eat products with high nutritional value to consumers of all ages. It is possible to obtain similar products by using underutilized non-commercial fish species or fish meat pieces. Moreover, restructured products derived from seafood and free from additives are suitable for commercialization.

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Table 3
Texture profile analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	Hardness (N)	Adhesiveness (N.s)	Cohesiveness (%)	Springiness (mm)	Chewiness (N)
0	8.63 ± 0.04 a	−0.20 ± 0.00 d	0.59 ± 0.00 a	8.86 ± 0.00 a	4.52 ± 0.03 a
1	8.59 ± 0.03 a	−0.20 ± 0.00 d	0.56 ± 0.01 b	8.63 ± 0.01 b	4.16 ± 0.10 b
2	8.45 ± 0.04 b	−0.17 ± 0.00 c	0.53 ± 0.01 c	8.57 ± 0.00 b	3.82 ± 0.08 c
3	8.36 ± 0.05 cb	−0.17 ± 0.00 c	0.52 ± 0.01 dc	8.43 ± 0.01 c	3.66 ± 0.02 c
4	8.29 ± 0.03 c	−0.16 ± 0.01 b	0.50 ± 0.01 de	8.30 ± 0.01 d	3.45 ± 0.06 d
5	8.18 ± 0.04 d	−0.12 ± 0.01 a	0.50 ± 0.01 e	8.22 ± 0.00 d	3.33 ± 0.02 d

Values are means ± standard deviation of the analysis.
Values bearing and different letters (a, b, c) in the column are significantly ($p < 0.01$) different.

Table 4
Sensory, color, dimensional deviation values and porous analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	Appearance	Odor	Flavor	Texture	L*	a*	b*	DDV (%)	Porous (%)
0	8.55 ± 0.07 a	8.49 ± 0.11 a	8.33 ± 0.11 a	8.45 ± 0.05 a	61.57 ± 1.23 a	6.53 ± 0.15 a	1.04 ± 0.12 e	1.94 ± 0.00 f	0.89 ± 0.01 f
1	8.20 ± 0.14 ba	8.37 ± 0.17 ba	8.29 ± 0.05 a	8.29 ± 0.05 ba	58.31 ± 0.61 b	6.35 ± 0.14 a	1.61 ± 0.16 d	2.15 ± 0.01 e	1.05 ± 0.05 e
2	8.05 ± 0.07 b	8.29 ± 0.29 ba	7.91 ± 0.01 ba	8.04 ± 0.05 b	56.91 ± 0.18 b	5.97 ± 0.19 b	2.50 ± 0.13 c	2.82 ± 0.08 d	1.17 ± 0.05 d
3	7.05 ± 0.07 c	7.95 ± 0.17 b	7.45 ± 0.29 b	7.95 ± 0.17 b	53.10 ± 0.35 c	5.42 ± 0.05 c	2.76 ± 0.12 c	3.34 ± 0.05 c	1.45 ± 0.05 c
4	6.10 ± 0.14 d	7.24 ± 0.23 c	6.33 ± 0.23 c	7.03 ± 0.17 c	45.93 ± 1.09 d	4.53 ± 0.15 d	3.52 ± 0.10 b	3.72 ± 0.03 b	1.93 ± 0.03 b
5	5.35 ± 0.35 e	5.95 ± 0.17 d	4.99 ± 0.23 d	6.45 ± 0.29 d	41.04 ± 1.19 e	4.03 ± 0.10 e	4.03 ± 0.17 a	4.03 ± 0.02 a	2.37 ± 0.04 a

Values are means ± standard deviation of the analysis.
Values bearing and different letters (a, b, c) in the column are significantly ($p < 0.01$) different.

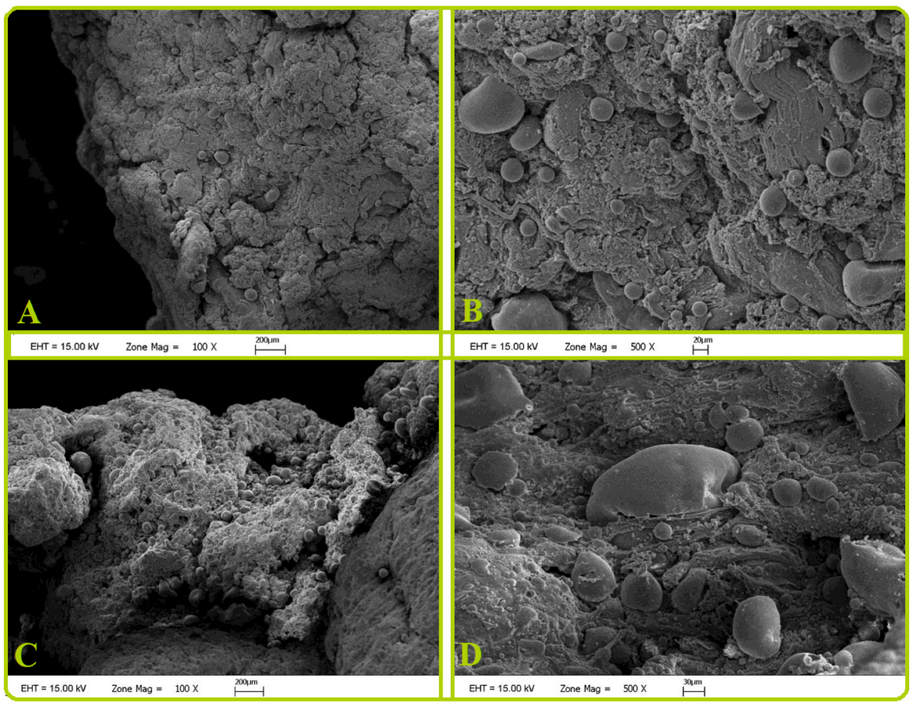

Fig. 2. Optimum sample's Scanning Electron Microscopy Photos: **A:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 0th month (100x), **B:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 0th month (500x), **C:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 5th month (100x), **D:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 5th month (500x).

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微生物轉麩胺酸醯胺基酶結合的重組魚肉生產與保存期限

Production and shelf life of restructured fish meat binded by microbial transglutaminase

報告大綱

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摘要
Abstract

摘要INSTRUCTIONS

- **研究目標：**開發**即食重組歐洲鱸魚產品**，透過RSM**優化參數與最佳條件**。
- **品質評估指標：**
  1) 滴液損失↓
  2) 總游離胺基酸↓
  3) 硬度值 ： 8.34±0.29 N ✓
  4) pH、TVB-N、totox值: 符合標準

參數	測試範圍	最佳值
MTGase 添加量	0-0.32%	**0.32%**
靜置時間(4°C)	4-24小時	**17.5**小時
壓力重量	0-5.09 gf/cm²	**3.56 gf/cm²**

- **關鍵成果**
  - ☑ **冷凍保存期:** 5個月品質穩定
  - ☑ **質地改善:** MTGase+壓力使質地緊實、孔隙少
  - ☑ **感官品質:** 硬度適中，消費者接受度高
- **應用價值**
  - 提升海鮮消費
  - 具商業化潛力
- **結論:** 透過優化的MTGase處理與壓力參數，成功開發高品質、長保存期的重組魚產品

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前言
Introduction

研究問題

- **產業現況困境:**
  - 海鮮營養價值高，但**消費量有限**
  - 加工過程產生**大量副產品及邊角料浪費**
  - 傳統重組產品**依賴添加劑或鹽**，不符合健康趨勢

- **技術缺口:**
  - 缺乏**標準化製程**（壓力重量、模具規格）
  - **產品優化參數**研究不足
  - **保存期限**數據有限，商業化可行性未知

研究問題的重要性

儘管海鮮營養價值高，但消費量有限 ， 且加工過程會產生副產品。

本研究旨在開發一種既能獲得消費者認可又能充分利用副產品的重組魚產品。

💰 經濟價值

- 歐洲鱸魚：歐洲養殖業第二大魚種
- 土耳其2020年產量：148,907噸
- 魚片加工副產品再利用潛力大

🌍 永續發展

- 減少食材浪費
- 提升低價值魚肉/副產品利用率
- 符合循環經濟理念

👩 🧒消費者需求

- 無添加劑/低鹽健康食品趨勢✓
- 高營養價值即食產品需求增加✓
- 各年齡層消費市場擴大 ✓

微生物轉麩胺酸醯胺基酶（MTGase）

- - 俗稱"肉膠"（Meat Glue）
- - 催化Gln-Lys形成ε-(γ-glutamyl)lysine異胜肽鍵
- - 關鍵特性：
  - Ca^{2+}獨立性
  - 低溫活性（4°C）
  - 形成穩定蛋白質網絡

響應曲面法（Response Surface Methodology, RSM）

- -傳統方法vs RSM
  - 傳統：3因子×3水準＝27組實驗
  - RSM：Box-Behnken設計 = 15組實驗
- RSM優勢：
  - 效率高：實驗次數少
  - 發現交互作用
  - 建立預測模型
  - 結果可視覺化（3D圖）

研究目標 一

目標一

開發標準化重組歐洲鱸魚產品

- 僅使用**MTGase**
- 透過**RSM優化三個參數找出最佳配方：**
  - MTGase添加量
  - 靜置時間
  - 壓力重量

品質評估指標

反應變數：

- 硬度值
- 總游離胺基酸(TFAA)
- 滴液損失

研究目標 二

目標二

📅 確定冷凍保存期限 → 評估商業化可行性

預期效益

☑ 提升海鮮消費量

☑ 減少加工廢棄物

☑ 創造高營養即食產品

☑ 建立可商業化生產模式

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材料與方法
Materials and methods

研究架構

使用RSM
優化配方

確定最佳
配方

保存期限
的評估

實驗材料

材料

- 歐洲鱸魚(Dicentrarchus labrax):購自土耳其當地供應商,平均長度 34.31 ± 1.28 cm,重量 347.14 ± 26.42 g。
- 微生物轉麩胺酸醯胺基酶(MTGase):由日本味之素株式會社提供 (Activa GS)。成分：氯化鈉、明膠、磷酸三鈉、 麥芽糊精、TG、紅花油

方法

- 魚肉重組:將均質魚肉與 MTGase 混合,放入模具,施加壓力並在 4°C 下靜置。
- 分析項目:總游離胺基酸、滴液損失、水活性、pH 值、總揮發性鹼性氮(TVB-N)、總氧化值、色澤值、微觀結構、感官分析、質地輪廓分析、孔隙和尺寸測量。

階段一：配方優化—RSM實驗設計

3因子× 3水準＝17組實驗

因子	水準 -1	水準 0	水準 +1
A. MTGase (%)	0	0.16	0.32
B. 壓力 (gf/cm²)	0	2.54	5.09
C. 時間 (h)	4	14	24

【實驗條件】
- 靜置溫度：4°C（全程冷藏）
- 實驗組數：15組
- 中心點重複：3次（S7, S8, S9）驗證誤差

【三個響應變數】

✓ 滴水損失 (%) → 目標：最小化

✓ TFAA (mg/100g) → 目標：最小化

✓ 硬度值 (N) → 目標：最大化

階段一：重組流程

魚肉均質化 → 添加MTGase (0%, 0.16%, 0.32%) → 填入模具(120g/份)

施加壓力重量 → 4°C靜置 (4h, 14h, 24h) → 切片 (30g, 46mm×16mm)

快速冷凍(-40°C, 15h至-18°C) → 冷凍貯藏(-18°C) → 解凍測試 (4°C, 3h)

分析響應變數，重複二次

階段一：響應變數測定方法

響應變數1：滴液損失 (%)

方法：重量差異法

- 記錄冷凍前重量
- -18°C冷凍貯藏
- 4°C解凍3h
- 記錄解凍後重量

計算：滴液損失(%) = (冷凍重-解凍重)/冷凍重 × 100

階段一：反應變數測定方法

響應變數2：總游離胺基酸 TFAA (mg/100g)

方法：寧海準試驗

- 2g樣品 + 0.2M過氯酸 + 甲醇
- 超音波萃取、離心、過濾
- 加檸檬酸緩衝液(pH 5.0) +寧海準試劑
- 水浴15min
- 加60%乙醇
- 570nm測定吸光值

標準曲線：麩胺酸 0-30 mg/kg

階段一：反應變數測定方法

響應變數3：硬度值 (N)

方法：質地剖面分析（TPA）
儀器：TA-XT2質地分析儀
探針：Ø35mm圓柱形鋁探針（SMSP35）
條件：
- 探針下壓速度：5 mm/s
- 壓縮深度：樣品厚度40%
- 測試模式：兩次壓縮
- 測定參數：硬度（第一次壓縮最大力值）

階段一：統計分析方法

RSM統計分析流程

【軟體】Design Expert Version 11.0

步驟1：建立數學模型

- 選擇二次多項式模型（Quadratic model）
- 包含線性項、二次項、交互作用項

步驟2：ANOVA變異數分析

- 檢定各因子顯著性（$p < 0.05$）
- 檢定交互作用項顯著性

步驟3：模型評估

- R^2（判定係數）
- R^2 adjusted（調整後R^2）
- R^2 predicted（預測R^2）
- 差異 < 0.2 為佳

階段一：統計分析方法

RSM統計分析流程
【軟體】Design Expert Version 11.0

步驟4：繪製響應曲面圖
- 3D曲面圖視覺化
- 等高線圖

步驟5：優化預測
- 目標：滴水損失↓、TFAA↓、硬度↑
- 數值優化算法
- 預測最佳條件

步驟6：驗證實驗
- SAS University軟體
- Duncan多重比較檢定
- 比較預測值與實驗值（$p < 0.05$）

階段二：保存期限品質評估設計

【最佳配方】（來自階段一RSM優化結果）

- MTGase濃度：0.32%
- 壓力重量：3.56 gf/cm^2
- 凝固時間：17.5 h

【測試流程】

- 測試時間點：0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5個月（共6次）
- 每月取樣 → 4°C解凍3h → 進行12項品質分析

階段二：12項品質分析項目

【化學指標】（4項）—安全性評估

1. pH值
   方法：樣品:水=1:2, pH meter測定
   標準：6.0-7.1（可接受範圍）
2. TVB-N（總揮發性鹽基態氮）
   方法：蒸汽蒸餾法
   標準：< 40 mg/100g（可接受限值）
3. Totox值（總氧化值）
   公式：Totox = (2×PV) + p-AV PV：過氧化值（AOAC 1990）
   p-AV：對茴香胺值（IUPAC 1987）
   標準：< 26 meq/kg（CRN & GOED標準）
4. TFAA（總游離胺基酸）
   方法：寧海準法, 570nm
   目的：評估蛋白質降解程度

階段二：12項品質分析項目

【物理指標】（5項）—品質穩定性評估

5. 滴液損失 (%)

6. 水活性 (aw)：Aqua Lab 4 TE DUO, 25°C

7. 質地剖面分析（TPA）：
   - 硬度、黏附性、凝聚性、彈性、咀嚼性

8. 色澤：L*(亮度), a*(紅度), b*(黃度)

9. 尺寸偏差 & 孔隙：ImageJ軟體分析

階段二：12項品質分析項目

【感官與微觀】（3項）—消費者接受度

10. 感官評估（40位專家）
    - 外觀、氣味、風味、質地
    - 九點嗜好性量表
      （0=拒絕, 9=極度喜歡）
    - 樣品180°C油炸150秒後呈現

11. 微觀結構（SEM）
    - Carl Zeiss Leo 1430, 15kV
    - 100x & 500x放大倍率
    - 觀察：蛋白質網絡、乳液顆粒、孔隙

12. 統計分析
    - SAS University軟體
    - ANOVA + Duncan檢定（$p < 0.01$）

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結果與討論
Results and discussion

表1

階段一結果：15組實驗數據總覽

Table 1

Design matrix for three independent variables: Total free amino acids, drip loss and hardness value.

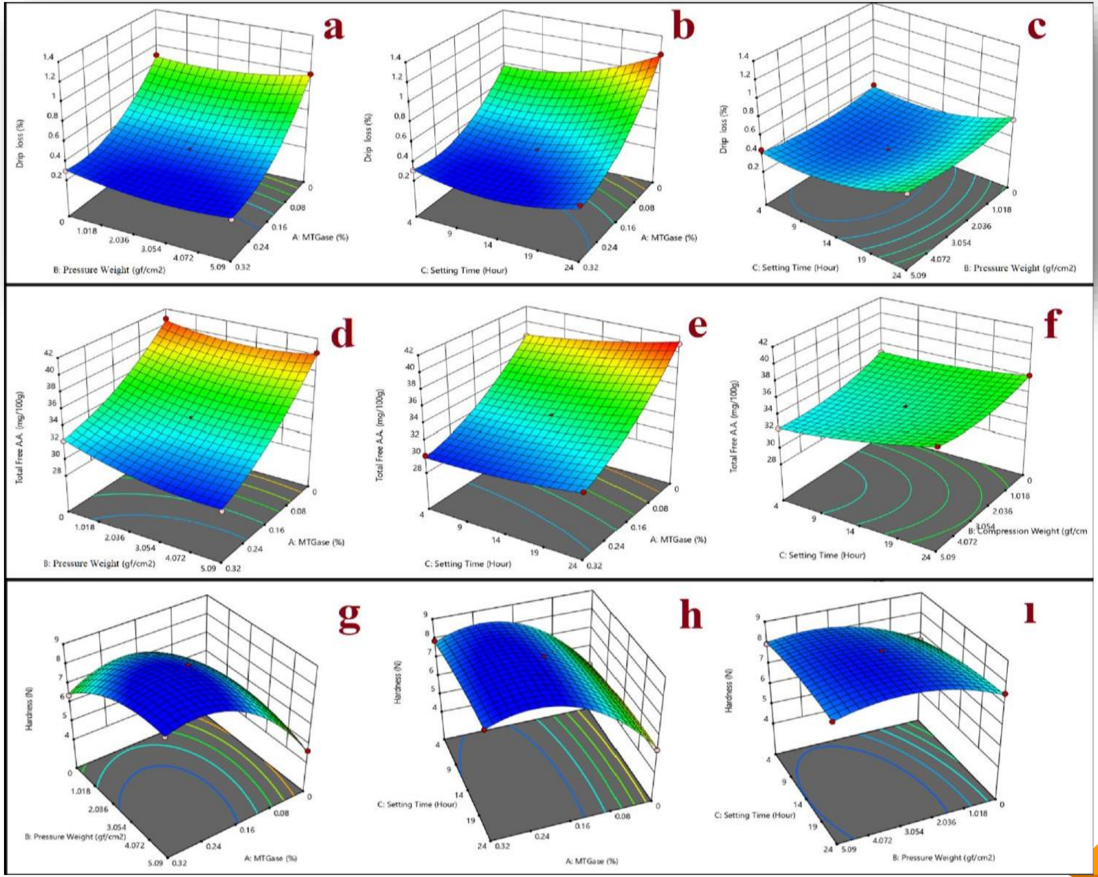
Sample No	Input Variables			Responses		
	MTGase (%)	Pressure Weight (gf/cm^2)	Setting Time (hour)	Drip Loss (%)	Total Free Amino Acids (mg/100 g)	Hardness Value (N)
S_1	0	2.54	4	0.7450 d	38.2150 c	5.01 h
S_2	0.16	0	4	0.4400 g	34.9150 f	6.68 e
S_3	0.16	5.09	4	0.4505 g	32.4150 h	7.96 c
S_4	0.32	2.54	4	0.3100 i	30.1650 i	7.89 c
S_5	0	0	14	0.9000 c	40.7650 a	4.82 hi
S_6	0	5.09	14	1.0000 b	40.2900 b	4.64 i
S_7	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.49 ab
S_8	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.41 ab
S_9	0.16	2.54	14	0.3450 hi	33.5650 g	8.46 ab
S_{10}	0.32	0	14	0.3000 i	32.2900 h	6.41 f
S_{13}	0.16	0	24	0.6000 f	35.2000 d	7.52 d
S_{14}	0.16	5.09	24	0.6500 e	35.6500 e	8.06 c
S_{15}	0.32	2.54	24	0.4400 h	32.5400 i	8.31 b

關鍵發現是：**MTGase**添加是關鍵因素，壓力有輔助效果，**MTGase**加壓力加**14**到**24**小時的組合最有效。

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

階段一：響應曲面分析—三個響應變數

給出了不同
重組魚肉產品
的曲面圖。



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階段一：響應曲面分析—三個響應變數

滴液損失

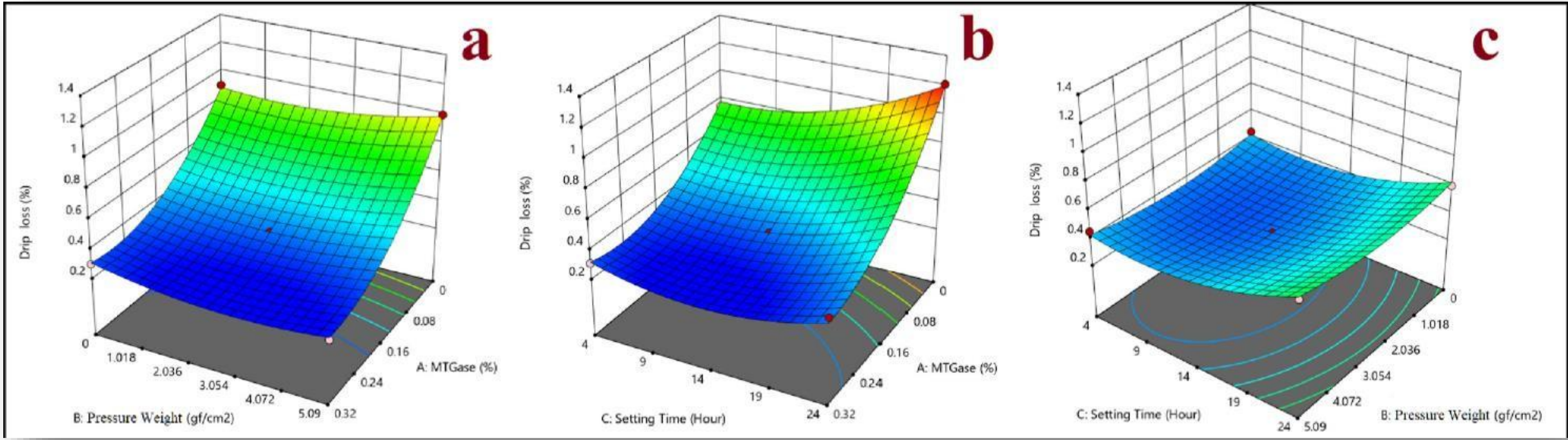

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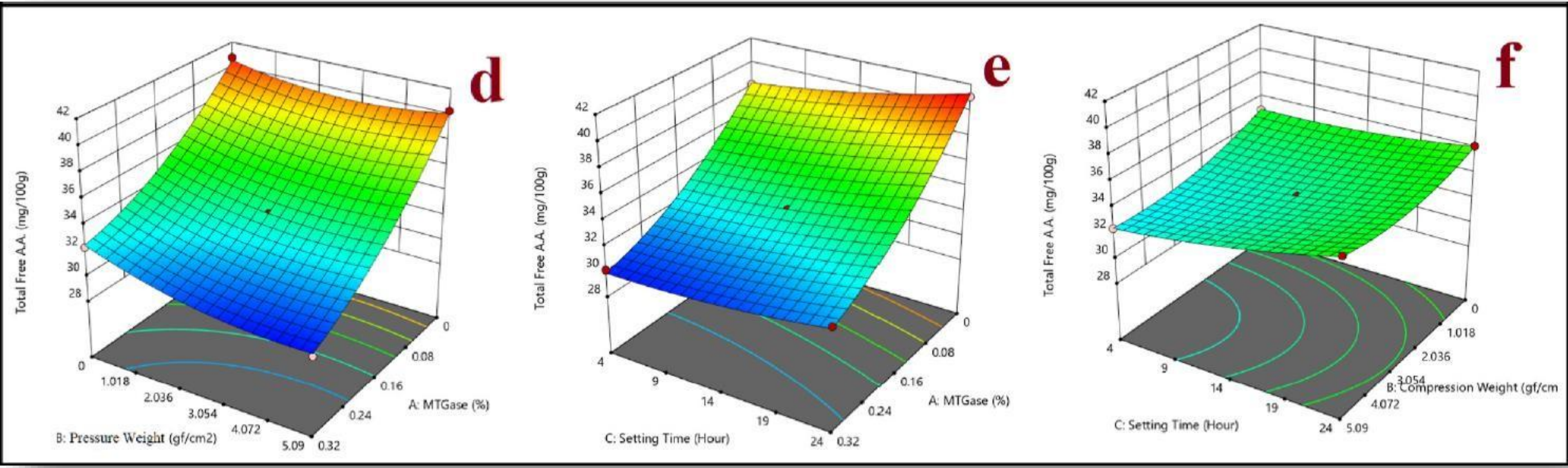
圖 1

階段一：響應曲面分析—三個響應變數

TFAA



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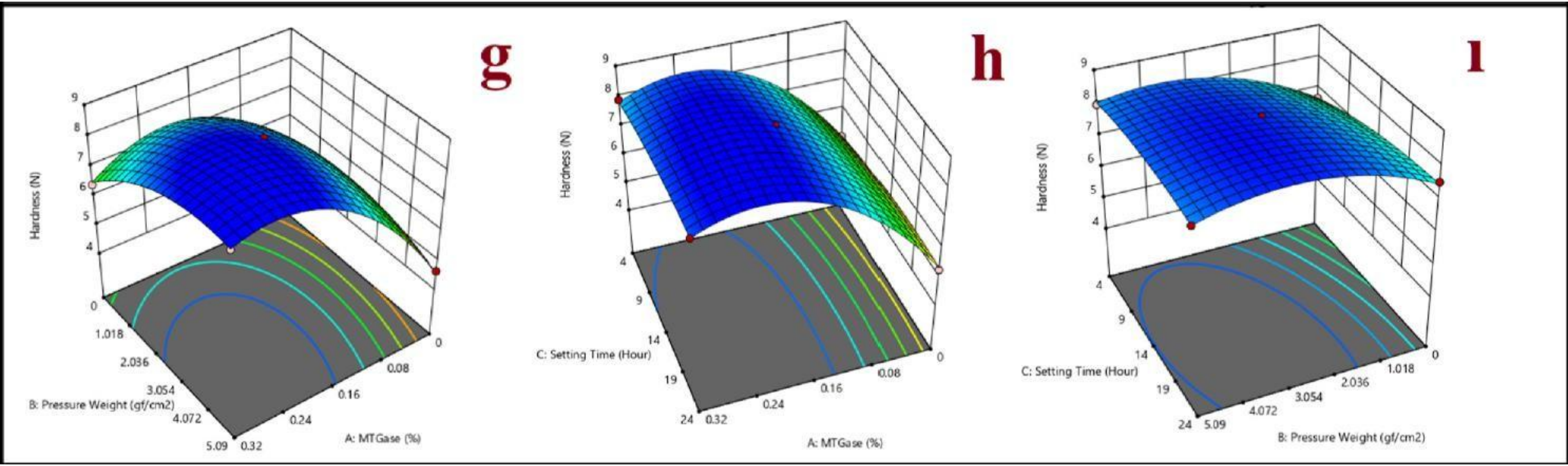
階段一：響應曲面分析—三個響應變數

硬度值



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【預測最佳條件】

滴液損失→ 最小化(Minimize)
TFAA → 最小化(Minimize)
硬度值→ 最大化(Maximize)

- MTGase濃度：0.32%　/　壓力重量：3.56 gf/cm²　/　靜置時間：17.5 h @ 4°C

最佳產品的調整值和預測值如下:

「滴液損失:調整值= 0.231a,預測值= 0.238a」 -2.94%
「TFAA:調整值 = 29.375a,預測值= 29.415a」-0.14%
「硬度:調整值= 8.63a,預測值= 8.63a」 0.00%

所有相對誤差都小於5%，證明模型預測準確。

表2 最佳產品在冷凍貯存期間的理化分析

Table 2
Physicochemical analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	pH	TVB-N (mg/ 100 g)	TOTOX (meq/kg)	TFAA (mg/ 100 g)	Drip loss (%)	Water activity (aw)
0	6.41 [illegible]	11.02 ± [illegible]	1.50 ± [illegible]	29.37 ± 0.03 d	0.231 ± 0.004 f	0.98 ± 0.00 a
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	30.66 ± 0.41 d	0.298 ± 0.007 e	0.96 ± 0.00 b
[illegible]	[illegible] 0.00 d	[illegible]	[illegible]	34.23 ± 0.15 c	0.595 ± 0.021 d	0.94 ± 0.00 c
3	6.57 ± 0.01 c	23.80 ± 0.49 c	7.79 ± 0.05 c	36.03 ± 0.51 c	0.989 ± 0.009 c	0.93 ± 0.00 dc
4	6.61 ± 0.00 b	28.35 ± 0.49 b	10.45 ± 0.08 b	39.57 ± 0.63 b	1.533 ± 0.001 b	0.93 ± 0.00 d
5	6.69 ± 0.00 a	36.05 ± 0.49 a	15.87 ± 0.24 a	46.06 ± 1.75 a	2.159 ± 0.001 a	0.92 ± 0.00 d

Values are means ± standard deviation of the analysis.
Values bearing and different letters (a, b, c) in the column are significantly ($p < 0.01$) different.

文獻支持：
- Fang et al. (2019)：MTGase促進交聯反應 → 減少游離胺基酸，與質地水平和SEM相關
- Yuan et al. (2017)：TGase處理蝦肉 → 游離胺基基團減少

表格註解:
- 數值為分析結果的平均值 ± 標準差。
- 同一欄位中標示不同字母(a, b, c)的數值表示具有顯著差異($p < 0.01$)。

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

表3 最佳產品在冷凍貯存期間的質地剖面分析

Storage Months: 貯存月數Hardness (N): 硬度 (牛頓)Adhesiveness (N.s): 黏附性(牛頓·秒)
Cohesiveness (%): 凝聚性 (%) : Springiness (mm): 彈性 (毫米) :Chewiness (N): 咀嚼性(牛頓)

Table 3
Texture profile analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	Hardness (N)	Adhesiveness (N.s)	Cohesiveness (%)	Springiness (mm)	Chewiness (N)
0	8.63 ± 0.04 a	−0.20 ± 0.00 d	0.59 ± 0.00 a	8.86 ± 0.00 a	4.52 ± 0.03 a
1	8.59 ± 0.03 a	−0.20 ± 0.00 d	0.56 ± 0.01 b	8.63 ± 0.01 b	4.16 ± 0.10 b
2	8.45 ± 0.04 b	−0.17 ± 0.00 c	0.53 ± 0.01 c	8.57 ± 0.00 b	3.82 ± 0.08 c
3	8.36 ± 0.05 cb	−0.17 ± 0.00 c	0.52 ± 0.01 dc	8.43 ± 0.01 c	3.66 ± 0.02 c
4	8.29 ± 0.03 c	−0.16 ± 0.01 b	0.50 ± 0.01 de	8.30 ± 0.01 d	3.45 ± 0.06 d
5	8.18 ± 0.04 d	−0.12 ± 0.01 a	0.50 ± 0.01 e	8.22 ± 0.00 d	3.33 ± 0.02 d

Values are means ± standard deviation of the analysis.
Values bearing and different letters (a, b, c) in the column are significantly ($p < 0.01$) different.

下降5.2%

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表4
最佳產品在冷凍貯存期間的感官、色澤、尺寸偏差值與孔隙分析

Table 4
Sensory, color, dimensional deviation values and porous analysis of the optimal product during frozen storage.

Storage Months	Appearance	Odor	Flavor	Texture
0	8.55 ± 0.07 a	8.49 ± 0.11 a	8.33 ± 0.11 a	8.45 ± 0.05 a
1	8.20 ± 0.14 ba	8.37 ± 0.17 ba	8.29 ± 0.05 a	8.29 ± 0.05 ba
2	8.05 ± 0.07 b	8.29 ± 0.29 ba	7.91 ± 0.01 ba	8.04 ± 0.05 b
3	7.05 ± 0.07 c	7.95 ± 0.17 b	7.45 ± 0.29 b	7.95 ± 0.17 b
4	6.10 ± 0.14 d	7.24 ± 0.23 c	6.33 ± 0.23 c	7.03 ± 0.17 c
5	5.35 ± 0.35 e	5.95 ± 0.17 d	4.99 ± 0.23 d	6.45 ± 0.29 d

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

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1	8.20 ± 0.14 ba	8.37 ± 0.17 ba	8.29 ± 0.05 a	8.29 ± 0.05 ba
2	8.05 ± 0.07 b	8.29 ± 0.29 ba	7.91 ± 0.01 ba	8.04 ± 0.05 b
3	7.05 ± 0.07 c	7.95 ± 0.17 b	7.45 ± 0.29 b	7.95 ± 0.17 b
4	6.10 ± 0.14 d	7.24 ± 0.23 c	6.33 ± 0.23 c	7.03 ± 0.17 c
5	5.35 ± 0.35 e	5.95 ± 0.17 d	4.99 ± 0.23 d	6.45 ± 0.29 d

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

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L*	a*	b*
61.57 ± 1.23 a	6.53 ± 0.15 a	1.04 ± 0.12 e
58.31 ± 0.61 b	6.35 ± 0.14 a	1.61 ± 0.16 d
56.91 ± 0.18 b	5.97 ± 0.19 b	2.50 ± 0.13 c
53.10 ± 0.35 c	5.42 ± 0.05 c	2.76 ± 0.12 c
45.93 ± 1.09 d	4.53 ± 0.15 d	3.52 ± 0.10 b
41.04 ± 1.19 e	4.03 ± 0.1[illegible] e	4.03 ± [illegible] a

下降33.3%
產品變暗

下降38.3%
紅度降低

增加287.5%
產品變黃

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

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DDV (%)	Porous (%)
1.94 ± 0.00 f	0.89 ± 0.01 f
2.15 ± 0.01 e	1.05 ± 0.05 e
2.82 ± 0.08 d	1.17 ± 0.05 d
3.34 ± 0.05 c	1.45 ± 0.05 c
3.72 ± 0.03 b	1.93 ± 0.03 b
4.03 ± 0.02 a	2.37 ± 0.04 a

Source: Tokay et al. (2021)

圖2. 最佳樣品SEM掃描電子顯微鏡照片

A: 17.5小時-3.56 gf/cm²-0.32% MTGase 第0個月(100倍)

B: 17.5小時-3.56 gf/cm²-0.32% MTGase 第0個月(500倍)

C: 17.5小時-3.56 gf/cm²-0.32% MTGase 第5個月(100倍)

D: 17.5小時-3.56 gf/cm²-0.32% MTGase 第5個月(500倍)

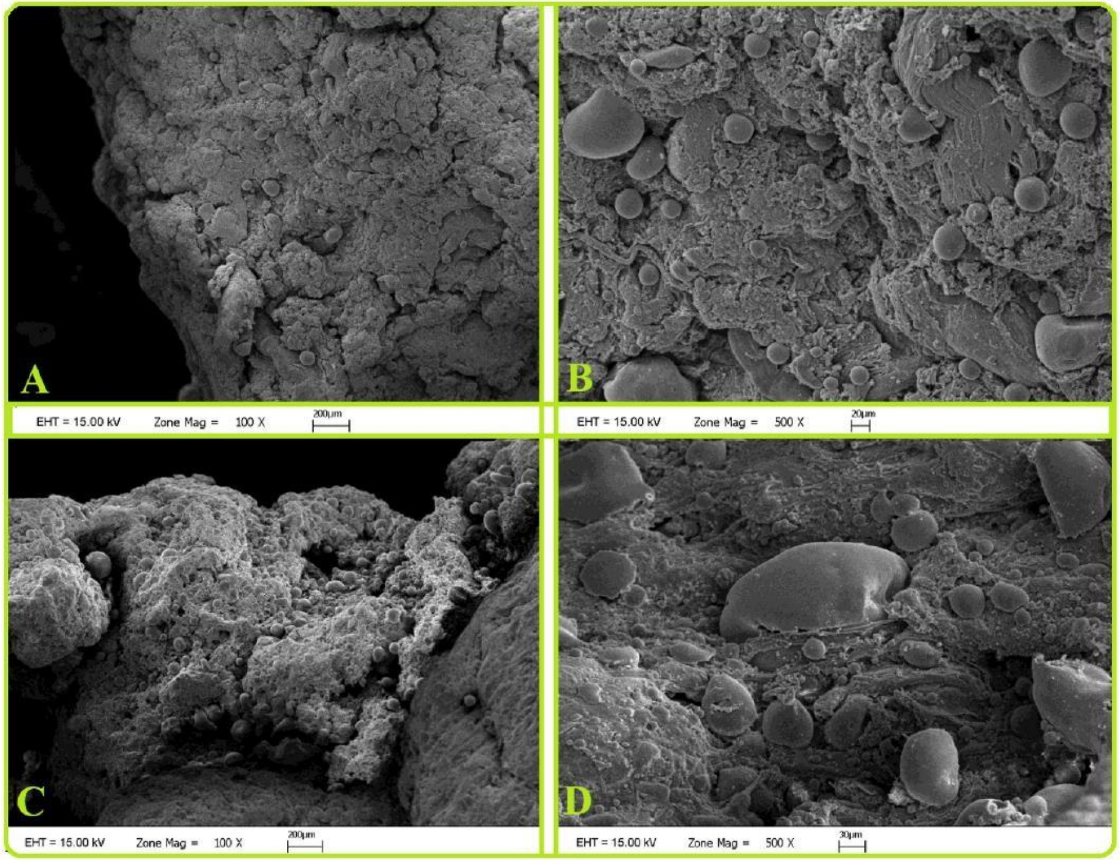

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Fig. 2. Optimum sample's Scanning Electron Microscopy Photos: **A:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 0th month (100x), **B:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 0th month (500x), **C:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 5th month (100x), **D:** 17.5 Hours-3.56 gf/cm^2-%0.32 5th month (500x).

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結論
Conclusion

階段一：配方優化

RSM成功建立最佳配方【三因子角色確認】

MTGase（主要因子）★★★★★
- 催化Gln-Lys交聯
- 形成共價鍵，穩定且不可逆
- 建立三維蛋白質網絡
- 影響所有三個響應變數

靜置時間（必要條件）★★★★
- 至少14h才能完成交聯
- 4h不足以形成網絡
- 14-20h為最佳範圍
- >24h可能輕微自溶

壓力重量（輔助因子）★★★
- 增加蛋白質接觸面積
- 排出空隙與氣泡
- 與MTGase產生協同效應
- 單獨使用效果有限

階段（二）：保存期限驗證

(1)安全性指標全部合格

1. pH從6.41增到6.69，仍在6.0到7.1範圍內。
2. TVB-N從11.02增到36.05，第5月仍小於40限值。
3. Totox值從1.50增到15.87，遠低於26標準。

(2)品質穩定性表現優異、質地特性可接受

1. 硬度僅下降5.2%，從8.63降到8.18牛頓，遠優於一般產品15到25%的下降幅度。
2. 滴液損失雖增加835%但2.159%仍小於5%業界標準。TFAA增加57%是蛋白質自溶，但不影響安全性。
3. 水活性降至0.92到0.93後穩定
4. 硬度最穩定僅降5.2%，凝聚性和彈性略降但可接受，咀嚼性

(3)感官可接受性維持良好

1. 40位專家評估，總分22.74超過20分標準。質地評分最穩定僅降23.7%，風味下降最多40.1%，與TPA硬度結果一致。
2. 色澤變化方面，產品變暗、紅度降低、產品變黃。
3. SEM微觀結構顯示，0個月蛋白質網絡發育良好，5個月組織緊實度略降但整體結構仍良好。

整體結論：安全性、品質穩定性、感官可接受性全部達標，5個月貨架期品質穩定，具備商業化可行性。

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總結

關鍵機制總結

【機制1：MTGase交聯反應】

化學反應：

MTGase催化＋Gln（麩醯胺）＋Lys（離胺酸）

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ε-(γ-麩醯胺醯基)離胺酸異胜肽鍵（共價鍵）

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三維蛋白質網絡形成

特性：共價鍵：穩定、不可逆、耐熱、耐冷凍

【機制2：壓力輔助作用】

- **物理作用：**
  - 排出組織中的空氣與水分
  - 增加蛋白質接觸面積
  - 促進蛋白質展開，暴露更多Gln、Lys殘基，使組織更緊密
- **協同效應（1+1>2）：**
  - 單獨MTGase：交聯但接觸不足→ 硬度提升有限
  - 單獨壓力：接觸增加但無共價鍵→ 硬度提升有限
  - MTGase+壓力：交聯效率大幅提升→ 硬度+63.5%

關鍵機制總結

【機制3：貯藏穩定性機制】

為什麼硬度僅降5.2%？

(1) 共價交聯網絡抵抗冰晶
- 共價鍵穩定，耐冷凍-解凍循環
- vs一般產品：氫鍵易被冰晶破壞

(2) 緻密網絡限制氧氣滲入
- MTGase蛋白質聚合+壓力緊實
- 形成緻密三維網絡
- 限制氧氣進入
- 延緩脂質氧化（Totox僅15.87 < 26）

(3) 脂質氧化產物與蛋白質反應
- 脂質氧化產物（醛類、酮類）
- 在MTGase凝膠形成期間與蛋白質反應
- 部分失去活性
- 進一步抑制氧化

(4) 水活性降低延緩反應
- Aw從0.98降至0.92-0.93
- 延緩酶促反應與微生物生長
- 延長保存期限

研究貢獻

1. **方法學創新**

- 首次使用RSM系統性優化重組魚肉配方
- Box-Behnken設計建立預測模型
- 量化MTGase-壓力-時間三因子交互作用

2. **配方創新**

- 無添加鹽或磷酸鹽
- 僅使用MTGase作為結著劑
- 符合潔淨標章（Clean Label）趨勢

3. **研究完整性**

- 從配方優化到保存期限的完整評估
- 12項品質指標全面監測
- 微觀到宏觀的多層次驗證

（SEM+TPA+感官）

研究限制

1.魚種單一：僅測試歐洲鱸魚

2.商業複合配方：

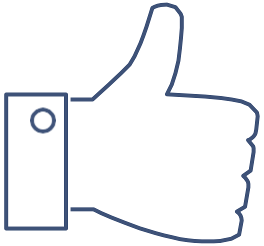
Activa GS含多種成分無法分離各成分的獨立貢獻

3.微生物安全性評估不完整

- 未進行總生菌數、大腸桿菌群等檢測
- 僅以TVB-N間接推論微生物安全性

4.缺乏經濟分析：未提供成本數據

5.營養評估有限：僅測定TFAA, EPA、DHA等重要營養素的保留率未知



THANKS!

Any questions?

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Q1：SEM 照片顯示的「乳液顆粒」是什麼？

答：TG 催化交聯增強蛋白質兩親性，

蛋白質吸附在水油界面，把脂質包覆形成穩定乳液顆粒。

Q2：響應曲面法的圖，每張都只有兩個因子，第三個因子是怎麼設計繪圖的?

答：原文獻沒有提到過，但通常在 3 因子的 Box-Behnken 設計中，要呈現兩個因子對一個響應變數的影響會固定第三個因子在中心點（0 水準），讓另外兩個因子變化。

Q3：為什麼品評員是 40 位?

A：40 人是九點嗜好性量表國際建議的最少人數。根據 FlavorSum 和 ISO 指引，嗜好性測試理想人數是 40 到 100 人。這個人數是基於統計考量：第一，中央極限定理需要足夠樣本數才能近似常態分布，n 大於等於 30 是基本要求；第二，要檢測中等效應量需要約 32 到 40 人才有足夠統計功效；第三，考慮可能的流失率，40 人可以確保有效樣本數。本研究 40 位品評員，男女各 20 人、年齡 25 到 55 歲、熟悉魚類消費，符合國際標準。