

Appendix A Calibration curve

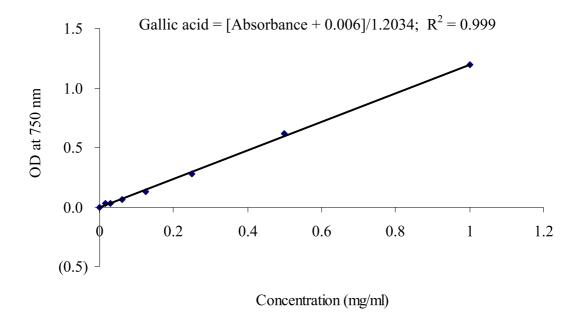


Figure A-1 Standard curve of gallic acid used to quantify total phenolic contents.

Appendix B Questionnaire for sensory evaluation

Questionnaire for measuring the preference of improved fermented soybeans

| Product: F | ermented | soybeans |
|------------|----------|----------|
|------------|----------|----------|

| Name | | | | Date | No | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|---|------|---------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Please evaluate fermented soybean samples and check \checkmark on the space that best reflects your feeling about the sample by using the following scores: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 = Dislike very much | 2 = Dislike moderately | | | | 3 = Dislike | | | | |
| 4 = Neither like nor d | islike 5 = Like | | | | 6 = Like moderately | | | | |
| 7 = Like very much | | | | | | | | | |
| Product attributes | Sample code | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |
| Overall preference | | | | | | | | | |
| Colour | | | | | | | | | |
| Odour | | | | | | | | | |
| Texture | | | | | | | | | |
| Flavour | | | | | | | | | |
| Suggestion: | | | | | | | | | |

Thank you for your participation

Appendix C

Bacillus sp. TN51 16S ribosomal RNA, partial sequence

Features Sequence

LOCUS GU451310 500 bp DNA linear BCT 09-FEB-2010 DEFINITION Bacillus sp. TN51 16S ribosomal RNA, partial sequence.

ACCESSION GU451310

VERSION GU451310.1 GI:288187224

SOURCE Bacillus sp. TN51
ORGANISM Bacillus sp. TN51

Bacteria; Firmicutes; Bacillales; Bacillaceae; Bacillus.

REFERENCE 1 (bases 1 to 500)

AUTHORS Chukeatirote, E., Dajanta, K., Apichartsrangkoon, A. and

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TITLE Pure culture for making thua nao

JOURNAL Unpublished REFERENCE 2 (bases 1 to 500)

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FEATURES Location/Qualifiers

source 1..500

/organism="Bacillus sp. TN51" /mol type="genomic DNA"

/strain="TN51"

/isolation source="fermented soybean"

/db_xref="taxon:<u>716595</u>" /country="Thailand"

/PCR primers="fwd seq: agagtttgatcctggctcag, rev seq:

aaggaggtgatccarccgca"

<u>rRNA</u> <1..>500

/product="16S ribosomal RNA"

ORIGIN

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- 61 gacggtgag taacacgtgg gtaacctgcc tgtaagactg ggataactcc gggaaaccgg
- 121 ggctaatacc ggatggttgt ttgaaccgca tggttcaaac ataaaaggtg gcttcggcta
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- 481 gccagcagcc gcggtaatac

Appendix D

Presentations and publications

D-1 Posters presentation

D-1.1 To be presented at Food Innovation Asia Conference 2009, The International Food Conference "Value Creation through Innovation in Food Technology" at BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand, June 18-19, 2009.

Title: Composition and quantities of free amino acids in *thua nao* (a Thai fermented soybean)

Authors: Katekan Dajanta, Arunee Apichartsrangkoon and Ekachai Chukeatirote *Abstract*: A Thai traditional fermented soybean, thua nao, is extensively consumed in the Northern part of Thailand. This study was to quantify free amino acid contents of commercial thua nao collected from six local markets in Chiangmai province, Thailand namely, Mae Wang (MW), Mae Hia (MH), Mae Taeng (MT), Jom Thong (JT), San Patong (SP) and San Sai (SS) by HPLC technique. The quantities of total free amino acids were found in the range of 11.03–61.23 g kg⁻¹, as dry basis. The most predominant free amino acids were Trp, Glu, Cys, Lys and Leu and nearly all essential amino acid (EAA) with proportion from 59.10 to 65.97%. Hence, Thai traditional thua nao could be a rich source of bioavailability free amino acids that expected to promote health benefits.

D-1.2 To be presented at RGJ—Ph.D. Congress X: April 3-5, 2009 at Jomtien Palm Beach Resort, Chonburi, Thailand, April 3-5, 2009.

Title: Comparison of Isoflavone Contents in *Bacillus*-Fermented Soybeans

Authors: Katekan Dajanta, Arunee Apichartsrangkoon, Ekachai Chukeatirote and Richard A. Frazier

Abstract: This investigation reflected the effects of using pure culture on the quality and quantity of isoflavones in fermented soybeans with protein-rich variety TG145. Three bacterial starter cultures (10⁴ CFU/g) namely Bacillus subtilis BEST195, B. subtilis Asaichiban and B. subtilis TN51 were inoculated in sterilised (121°C for 40 min) soybeans and subsequently fermented at 42°C for 24 hr (natto-style) or 72 hr (thua nao-style). The quantities of six major isoflavones; daidzin, genistin, glycitin, daidzein, genistein, and glycitein were determined using HPLC technique. The content of total isoflavones in the fermented products prepared by Bacillus starter cultures extensively increased ranging from 43 – 99% in comparison with unfermented sterilised soybeans. In particularly, aglycones found in Bacillus sp. strain TN51 Thua Nao increased more than 400%. This study suggested a beneficial utilisation of pure Bacillus culture in improving isoflavones for future novel functional food.

D-1.3 To be presented at Congress on Science and Technology of Thailand (STT 33) at Walailak University, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, October 18-20, 2007.

Title: Comparative analysis of protease activity of *Bacillus* species isolated from *thua* nao

Authors: Dajanta, K., Baophoeng, P., Thirach, P., Santithum, P., Chukeatirote, E., and Apichartsrangkoon, A.

Abstract: Various types of fermented soybeans have been produced in Asian countries, i.e., Indian kinema, Japanese natto and Thai thua nao. Presently, natto-one of the best-studied fermented soybeans—has been developed using a pure starter culture of Bacillus subtilis natto strain. In addition, the production line has been controlled starting from the soybean selection (cultivar and size), systemic fermentation to product quality evaluation. On the contrary, thua nao production still remains in a traditional manner and this often leads to inconsistent yield. In this study, several Bacillus strains previously isolated from thua nao were screened for their proteolytic activity using casein agar. Of 171 strains, two potential isolates namely TN51 and TN69 exhibited highest protease activity (with clear zones of 2.73 and 2.65cm). Further investigation was then performed using three different protein-based media: casein agar, skim milk agar and soy protein hydrolysate agar. Two B. subtilis natto strains were also used as reference strains. In addition, cell culture supernatant prepared from overnight incubation was also used to further confirm such activities. Our results showed that both TN51 and its supernatant exhibited highest proteolytic activity (observing from the greatest clear zone diameters). As a result, the bacterium TN51 is expected to be used as a potential starter culture for improvement of thua nao production process.

D-2 Papers

- **D-2.1** Dajanta, K., Chukeatirote, E., and Apichartsrangkoon, A. (2010). Analysis and characterisation of amino acid contents of thua nao, a traditionally fermented soybean food of Northern Thailand. *Songklanakarin Journal of Science and Technology*: (in press).
- **D-2.2** Dajanta, K., Chukeatirote, E., Apichartsrangkoon, A. and Frazier, R.A. (2009). Enhanced aglycone production of fermented soybean products by *Bacillus* species. *Acta Biologica Szegediensis*, *52(2)*: (in press).
- D-2.3 Dajanta K., Wongkham, S, Thirach, P., Baophoeng, P., Apichartsrangkoon, A., Santithum, P., and Chukeatirote, E. (2009). Comparative study of proteolytic activity of protease-producing bacteria isolated from *thua nao*. *Maejo International Journal of Science and Technology*, 3, 269-276.

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