

Characterisation of Nano-Calcium Lactate from Chicken Eggshells Synthesized by Precipitation Method as Food Supplement

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ABSTRAK

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Osteoporosis dapat dicegah dengan mengonsumsi kalsium laktat. Kalsium yang dikonsumsi pada umumnya berukuran mikro. Kalsium berukuran mikro hanya terserap oleh tubuh sekitar 50% yang dapat mengakibatkan terjadinya defisiensi. Nanoteknologi telah dikembangkan untuk peningkatan absorpsi kalsium dalam ukuran nano. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mensintesis nanokalsium laktat dari kalsium oksida kerabang telur ayam dan kalsium oksida komersial melalui metode presipitasi. Sintesis dilakukan dengan mereaksikan larutan 1 mol/L kalsium oksida kerabang telur dan kalsium oksida komersial (kontrol) sebanyak 20 ml dicampur larutan 6 mol/L asam laktat sebanyak 30 ml dengan perbandingan 1:1,5 (v/v) selama 30 menit pada suhu 50°C dan diaduk menggunakan *magnetic stirrer* dengan kecepatan 500 rpm/menit. Etanol 50% ditambahkan sebanyak 20 ml (v/v), dioven pada suhu 105°C selama 72 jam kemudian dihaluskan untuk memperoleh serbuk nanokalsium laktat (NCaL). Karakterisasi NCaL menggunakan *Transmission electron microscopy* (TEM), *X-ray diffraction* (XRD), dan *Fourier transform infrared* (FTIR). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa kerabang telur ayam dapat disintesis dengan metode presipitasi menjadi NCaL berupa kristal berwarna putih. Karakterisasi dengan XRD menunjukkan bahwa sudut difraksi 2θ dengan puncak dari NCaL yaitu 9,3800°, 10,3869°, dan 22,9570°. Karakterisasi dengan FTIR diperoleh puncak pada bilangan gelombang dari NCaL yaitu 1.589,34 cm⁻¹. Karakterisasi dengan TEM menunjukkan bahwa ukuran kristal NCaL yaitu sebesar 75 nm.

Kata Kunci: Kerabang telur ayam, Bahan suplemen pangan, Nanokalsium laktat, Metode presipitasi

ABSTRACT

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Osteoporosis can be prevented by consuming calcium lactate. Calcium that is consumed is generally in a micro-size. Micro-sized calcium is only absorbed by the body by about 50% which can cause deficiency. Eggshells are poultry waste that is rich in calcium and can be used as a cheap source of dietary calcium through nanotechnology. Nanotechnology has been developed to increase calcium absorption. This study aimed to synthesize nano-calcium lactate from chicken eggshells, and commercial calcium oxide by precipitation method. Synthesis was carried out by reacting a solution of 1 mol/L eggshell calcium oxide and commercial calcium oxide (control) as much as 20 ml mixed with a solution of 6 mol/L lactic acids as much as 30 ml with a ratio of 1:1.5 (v/v) for 30 minutes at 50°C at a speed of 500 rpm/minute using a magnetic stirrer. Ethanol 50% was added as much as 20 ml (v/v), oven-dried at 105°C for 72 hours then crushed to produce eggshell nano-calcium lactate (NCaL) powder. Characterisation of NCaL using Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), and Fourier transform infrared (FTIR). Result showed that NCaL in the form of white crystals could be synthesized from chicken eggshells by precipitation method. Characterization with XRD showed that the diffraction angle was 2θ with the peaks of NCaL, namely 9.3800°, 10.3869°, and 22.9570°. Characterization with FTIR obtained a peak in the wavenumber from NCaL, namely 1,589.34 cm⁻¹. Characterization using TEM showed that the crystal size of NCaL was 75 nm.

Key Words: Chicken eggshell, Food supplement, Nano-calcium lactate, Precipitation method

INTRODUCTION

Calcium is the most abundant reserved nutrient in the human body (Wiria et al. 2020). Lack of calcium in

food is a common problem (Brun et al. 2013) that can lead to osteoporosis (Bradauskiene et al. 2017) and bone loss (Wiria et al. 2020). One of the efforts that can be done to prevent osteoporosis is by taking calcium

supplements (Lee et al. 2017; Paschalis et al. 2017). Osteoporosis can be prevented as early as possible by consuming foods rich in calcium such as milk and dairy products (Caroli et al. 2011).

However, people do not usually consume them in appropriate amounts according to clinical guidelines and on the other hand calcium tablet supplements are expensive (Brun et al. 2013). Even though there are other sources of calcium that have the potential to contain higher calcium than milk, namely eggshells. The eggshell is rich in calcium carbonate which is about 96-97% (Intharapat et al. 2013). The economic value and properties of eggshells can be increased through the application of nanotechnology. The chemical precipitation method produced lactate nano-calcium with a particle size of 55 to 100 nm (Li et al. 2009; Wang et al. 2012).

Materials synthesized in nano size have better performance with increasing surface area (Habte et al. 2019). The calcium lactate is widely used as fortification of calcium with a high absorption rate for the food and pharmaceutical industry (Cheong 2016) which is recognized as safe for use as a texturizer and thickener (Catherina et al. 2016), antibacterial (Yuk et al. 2008), and to preserve and prolong age of processed meat products (Baston & Barna 2013). Nano-sized materials can cause the extract to dissolve easily and have a high absorption efficiency in the intestine (Gunasekaran et al. 2014).

The formation of nanomaterials by precipitation method is considered cheap, easy, environmentally friendly (Habte et al. 2019), and time saving (You & Xu 2021). Nanotechnology has been developed to increase the absorption rate of calcium in the body (Mosaddegh & Hassankhani 2014; Ferraz et al. 2018; Jirmali et al. 2018). Eggshells can be purified as a source of calcium which can be used as a food supplement (Laohavisuti et al. 2021). The eggshell particle size can be optimized through nanotechnology applications. Nano-calcium lactate from chicken eggshells as novelty can be used as a natural source of calcium as a food supplement. However, there is no scientific supporting data on this matter. Therefore, this study aimed to determine the synthesis of nano-calcium lactate from chicken eggshell by precipitation method.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Eggshell calcium oxide preparation

Preparation of eggshell calcium oxide was done according to Prayitno et al. (2016). The brown chicken eggshell was cleaned from the eggshell membrane and washed. Eggshells were boiled for 2 hours then oven-dried at 95°C for 24 hours. The dried eggshells were

ground and sieved (80 mesh filter size). The powder was then calcined at 1,000°C for 2 hours to gain calcium oxide (CaO) powder.

Nano-calcium lactate preparation

This study compared the synthesis of nano-calcium lactate using brown chicken eggshell calcium oxide and commercial calcium oxide (control) obtained from the Integrated Research and Testing Laboratory (LPPT) Universitas Gadjah Mada. Synthesis of nano-calcium lactate by precipitation method according to Prayitno et al. (2016). A solution of 1 mol/L eggshell CaO and commercial CaO (control) 20 ml mixed with a solution of 6 mol/L lactic acids as much as 30 ml with a ratio of 1:1.5 (v/v) for 30 minutes at 50°C at a speed of 500 rpm/minute using a magnetic stirrer. Ethanol 50% was added as much as 20 ml (v/v), dried in an oven at 105°C for 72 hours then crushed to produce eggshell nano-calcium lactate (NCaL) powder.

Characterization of nano-calcium lactate

The NCaL characterization tested included Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) according to Dheyab et al. (2020), and Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) according to Nguyen et al. (2018).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fourier transform infrared

There are three types of physical characterization methods of nanoparticles, namely crystallography, microscopy, and spectroscopy methods. Crystallography using X-rays is very useful for identifying isomorphous crystals, namely crystals that have the same structure but differ in their geometric patterns. Characterization by spectroscopy can use emission photos, magnetic resonance spectroscopy, Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), and X-ray diffraction (XRD) (Nasrollahzadeh et al. 2019).

FTIR is used to identify complex groups in compounds but cannot determine the constituent elements of them. In FTIR, infrared radiation is passed through the sample. Some of the infrared radiation is absorbed by the sample and some are transmitted. If the frequency of a specific vibration is equal to the frequency of infrared radiation directing the molecule, the molecule will absorb that radiation. The result on spectrum describes molecular absorption and transmission. This transmission forms a molecular fingerprint of a sample and because it is a fingerprint there are no two unique molecular structures that

produce the same infrared spectrum (Delmifiana & Astuti 2013).

Results of the FTIR test presented in Figure 1 (a) was result of infrared spectroscopy of eggshells that was calcined at 1,000°C. The most mineral content in eggshells is calcium carbonate (CaCO_3). Calcium carbonate that was calcined at 1000°C will undergo the decomposition of organic compounds so that the form changes from calcium carbonate to calcium oxide (CaO) (Rivera et al. 1999; Adak & Purohit 2011). This can be seen by the suitability of the location of the wavenumbers between the groups contained in the eggshell which has been heated at 1000°C with the FTIR spectra of commercial calcium oxide as shown in Figure 1 (b). FTIR spectra of eggshells heated at 1000°C are found at wave number 1489.05 cm^{-1} as

shown in Figure 1 (a) and approach the FTIR spectra of commercial calcium oxide, namely at wave number 1427.32 cm^{-1} as presented in Figure 2 (b).

The reaction process of calcium lactate from eggshell and commercial calcium oxide with lactic acid has been formed. This can be seen by the suitability of the location of the wavenumbers between the groups contained in calcium lactate based on SDBS as shown in Figure 2 (a), Figure 2 (b), and Figure 3. Figure 3 shows the wavenumber of 1.582 cm^{-1} corresponds to the FTIR spectra of the eggshell calcium oxide which has been reacted with lactic acid, which is found in the wavenumber of 1.589.34 cm^{-1} as shown in Figure 2 (a) and is almost the same as the FTIR spectra of calcium oxide. The commercial calcium oxide that has been reacted with lactic acid has the wavenumber 1,589.34 cm^{-1}

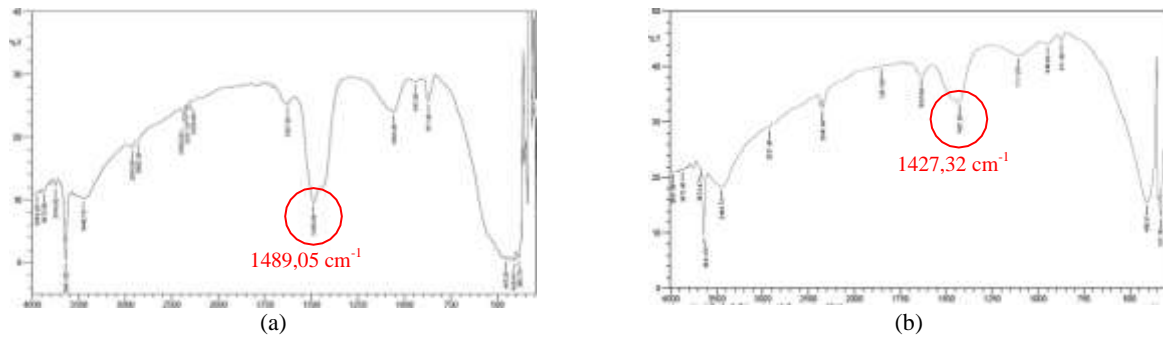


Figure 1. The location of the wavenumber of calcined eggshells at 1,000°C (a) and commercial CaO (b) measured by FTIR spectra

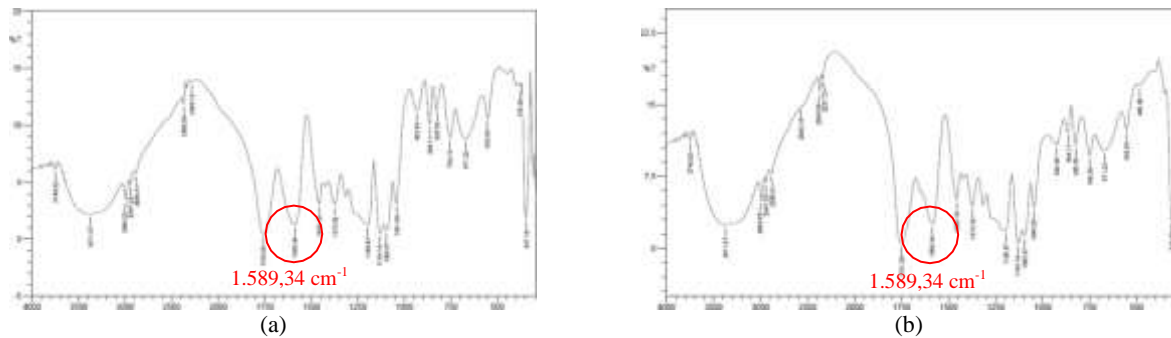


Figure 2. The location of the wavenumber of calcium lactate with eggshell CaO (a) and calcium lactate with commercial CaO (b) measured by FTIR spectra

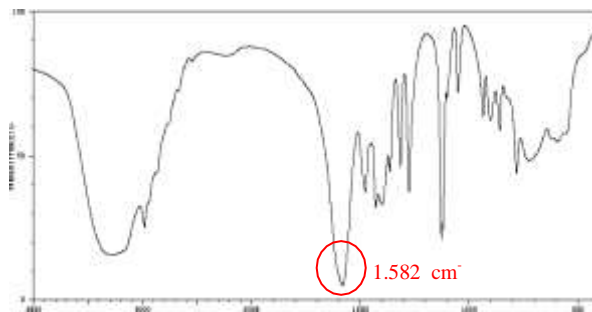


Figure 3. Spectral database (SDBS) calcium lactate

as shown in Figure 2 (b). This indicates that both commercial and eggshell calcium oxide which has been reacted with lactic acid has produced calcium lactate.

X-ray diffraction

X-ray diffraction (XRD) is used to determine the value of lattice parameters, crystal structure, and degree of crystallinity. The degree of crystallization is a quantity that states the amount of crystal content in a

material by comparing the area of the peak curve with the total area of amorphous and crystalline (Fitri et al. 2017). Analysis using the principle of X-ray emission produced by the collision of electrons and atoms of Cr, Fe, Co, Cu, Mo, or W. XRD analysis provide information about the sample structure such as lattice parameters, orientation, and the crystal system. XRD analysis is also useful for identifying semi-quantitative sample phases, by calculating the volume fraction of a sample and the ratio of the crystalline area fraction to the total area fraction (Nasrollahzadeh et al. 2019).

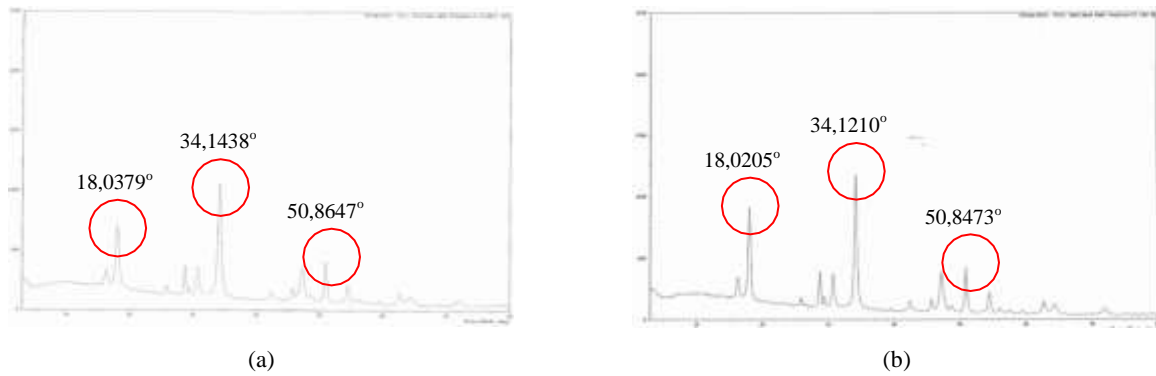


Figure 4. The diffraction angle of calcined eggshells at 1,000°C (a) and commercial CaO (b).

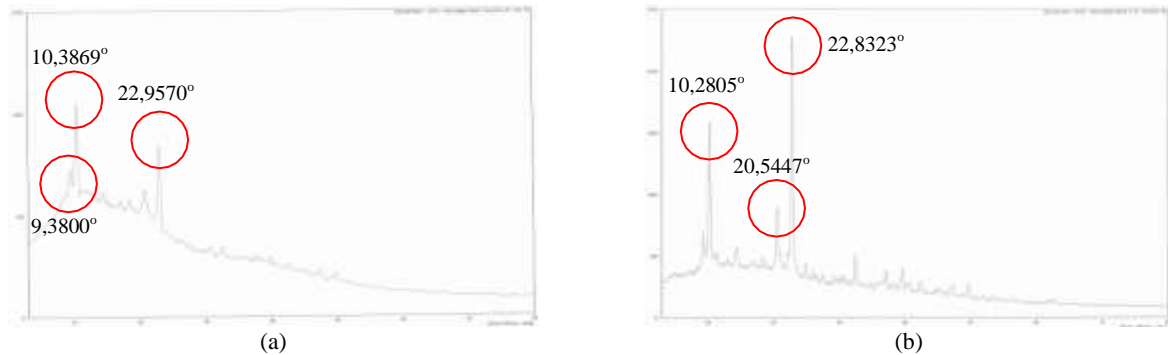


Figure 5. The diffraction angle of calcined eggshells at 1,000°C (a) and commercial CaO (b).

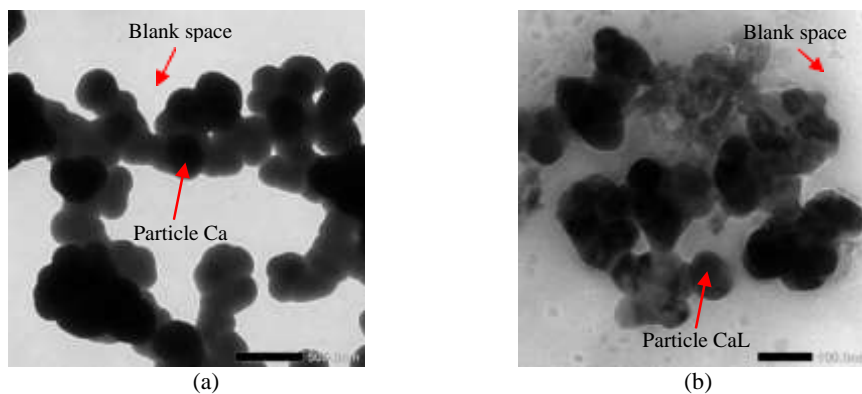
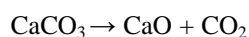


Figure 6. The morphology and ultrastructures of calcined eggshell at 1,000°C with a magnification of 10,000 x (a) and eggshell calcium lactate with a magnification of 40,000 x (b).

XRD results of eggshells heated at a temperature of 1,000°C showed a diffraction angle of 2θ with peaks of 18.0379°, 34.1438°, and 50.8647° as shown in Figure 4 (a) there was a similarity with the peaks of commercial CaO with the diffraction angle of 2θ with peaks 18,0205°, 34,1210°, and 50,8473° as shown in Figure 4 (b). Therefore, the eggshell calcined at 1,000°C has produced calcium oxide. Pongtonglor et al. (2011) reported that CaCO₃ from eggshells heated at high temperatures 1,300°C turned into CaO. Calcium carbonate from the eggshell turns into CaO by releasing carbon dioxide (CO₂) as it decomposed (Rivera et al. 1999; Adak & Purohit 2011) as shown in the equation as follow:



XRD results of eggshell calcium oxide reacted with lactic acid showed a diffraction angle of 2θ with peaks of 9.3800°, 10.3869°, and 22.9570° as shown in Figure 5 (a). XRD results of commercial calcium oxide reacted with lactic acid showed a diffraction angle of 2θ with peaks of 10.2805°, 20.5447°, and 22.8323° as shown in Figure 5 (b). There are similarities in the two peaks at the diffraction angle of 2θ both in eggshell and commercial calcium oxide which was reacted with lactic acid to form calcium lactate (CaL).

Transmission electron microscopy

The morphology and ultrastructures of eggshell calcium and eggshell calcium lactate are presented in Figures 6 (a) and (b). The uniformity of shape and size of eggshell calcium and eggshell calcium lactate looks the same. The TEM test results showed that the eggshell calcium particle size was known to be about 300 nm as shown in Figure 6 (a).

The TEM test results obtained that the eggshell calcium lactate particle size was 75 nm as shown in Figure 6 (b). Li et al. (2009) and Wang et al. (2012) reported that through the chemical precipitation method, calcium lactate nanoparticles were produced with a particle size of 55 to 100 nm. Abdullah et al. (2008) stated that nanoparticle synthesis means the manufacture of particles with a size of less than 100 nm and at the same time changing their properties or functions.

CONCLUSION

Nano-calcium lactate could be synthesized by the precipitation method from chicken eggshells resulted in white crystals. Characterization with XRD showed that the diffraction angle was 2θ with the peaks of NCaL, namely 9.3800°, 10.3869°, and 22.9570°. FTIR obtained a peak in the wavenumber from NCaL, namely

1,589.34 cm⁻¹. TEM showed that the crystal size of NCaL was 75 nm. The eggshell nano-calcium lactate can be used as a food supplement with a high absorption rate.

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