Effect of the Types and Percentages of Stabilizer on the Quality of Instant Garfish Condiment

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Abstract. The purpose of this research was to determine the effect of stabilizer types and percentages on the quality of instant garfish condiment. The research used a group randomized design factorial with two factors, i.e.: types of stabilizer (CMC; arabic gum; gelatin) and percentage of stabilizer (0.0%; 0.5%; 1%; 1.5%). The results showed that stabilizer types had a highly significant effect on water absorption index, water solubility index, vitamin C, and color index. Moreover, the stabilizer had no significant effect on organoleptic aroma and taste. In the meantime, stabilizer percentages had a highly significant effect on water absorption index, water solubility index, vitamin C, color index, and organoleptic aroma. However, the stabilizer percentages gave no significant effect on organoleptic taste. Interaction between the two factors had a highly significant effect on water absorption index and vitamin C and had a significant effect on color index. Furthermore, the interaction had no significant effect on water solubility index, organoleptic aroma and taste. The best treatment product was resulted from the use of 1.5% CMC as stabilizer.

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1. Introduction

In Indonesia, spices are widely used for seasoning, especially in traditional cuisine. The spices are used to enhance taste which is more acceptable. Beside being used for seasoning, spices are also used for condiment. There are many types of condiment that have different flavor characteristics in each region. In general, the main ingredients used are same, like chili, shallot, garlic, candlenut, sugar, and salt. The difference is the addition of other ingredients that gives a unique taste, for example garfish condiment which is from Manado, North Sulawesi. The condiment use smoked garfish so it has smoked flavor [1].

In the era of globalization, consumption and lifestyles change due to increasingly dense activity. These reasons make people choose things that are instant and have become a habit. It also
changed people’s need for food, including instant condiment in both wet and dry (powdered) form, so that people practically don’t need to collect spices for cooking [2]. Previous studies has shown that wet cahero condiment (chili, ginger, garfish) has good physicochemical and organoleptic values. The best treatment from the study was obtained from a comparison of 90% red chili with 10% red chili with a viscosity of 766 cP and vitamin C levels 9.6 mg/100 g [3]. However, the condiment only has a shelf life of 1 week. Wet condiment was easily damaged due to high moisture content. Therefore it needs additional treatment, such as drying, to maintain quality and simplify serving of garfish condiment [4].

There are problems with instant condiment that stored for a long time such as clots. In addition, damaged due to fat oxidation and enzyme activity can affect organoleptic such as loss of taste, rancidity, and shorter shelf life. These damage can be minimized by adding stabilizers so that the quality of the product is more maintained [5]. In this research, instant garfish condiment was made by using several types and percentages of stabilizers and drying process. Stabilizers used were CMC, arabic gum, and gelatin. CMC has function for flavor enhancer, water binder, and thickener [6]. Arabic gum functions as stabilizer and improves product texture [7]. Gelatin has functions as stabilizer, foaming agent, binding agent, emulsifier, and thickener [8]. The purpose of this research was to determine the effect of stabilizer types and percentages on the quality of instant garfish condiment.

2. Material and Methods

The materials used in this research were smoked garfish, chili, shallot, garlic, candlenut, CMC, arabic gum, gelatin, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and water. Reagensia used in this research were aquadest, ethanol pro analysis, ethanol 70%, ascorbic acid, oxalic acid 3%, sodium bicarbonate, 2,6-Dichlorophenol-indophenol Na, and 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazil.

2.1. Producing Garfish Condiment

Garfish condiment was made with a total weight of 250 g condiment. First, peeled and weighed the ingredients, such as red chili 20%, cayenne pepper 15%, shallot 10%, and garlic 10%. Both ingredients were boiled for 5 minutes and then drained. Then, smoked garfish 15% and candlenut 10% were roasted for 2 minutes. After that, mixed all ingredients and added salt 6%, sugar 4%, cooking oil 2%, and stabilizer (CMC, arabic gum, gelatin) with amount of 0%, 0,5%, 1%, and 1,5% with blender.

2.2. Producing Instant Garfish Condiment

The condiment was placed on a baking sheet that has been coated with polypropylene plastic with 1 – 3 mm of thickness, then dried with the oven at 60 °C for 8 hours. The dried condiment was blend and sieved using 40 mesh sieve, then put into LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene) plastic.
2.3. Data Analysis

The research used a group randomized design factorial with two factors, i.e.: types of stabilizer (CMC; arabic gum; gelatin) and percentage of stabilizer (0.0%; 0.5%; 1%; 1.5%). Each treatment is made in 3 replications, with total of 36 samples. Data were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA) and treatment that have significant or highly significant effect followed by LSR (Least Significant Range) test. The analysis includes water absorption index, water solubility index, vitamin C, color index, organoleptic aroma, and taste.

2.3.1. Water Absorption Index and Water Solubility Index

Water Absorption Index and Water Solubility Index analyzes were performed with 1 g of sample (a) put into a centrifuge tube (b), added 10 mL of aquadest, homogeneous with vortex, centrifuged at 2000 rpm at room temperature for 15 minutes, separated supernatant and residue. Then the residue was weighed (c) and heated to a constant weight (d), so that the weight of the evaporated water was known, while the entire supernatant was weighed (e) and put in a cup (f) and heated to a constant weight (g) [9].

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\text{Water Absorption Index} = \frac{c - d}{a - (d - b)}
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(1)

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\text{Water Solubility Index} = \frac{g - f}{e}
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(2)

2.3.2. Vitamin C

Analysis of vitamin C levels was carried out by the method of oxidimetry I [10]. This method is carried out in several stages:

a. Making Reagent Solutions
   - Oxalic acid 3% was prepared by dissolving oxalic acid crystals in aquadest.
   - Standard ascorbic acid was made by weighing exactly 100 mg of L-ascorbic acid and dissolved with HPO$_3$ up to 100 mL. The solution was diluted so that 1 mL = 0.1 mg ascorbic acid. The solution was kept away from sunlight and used in the new circumstances.
   - Dye solution was prepared by dissolving 50 mg of Na salt of 2,6-dichlorophenol indophenol in 150 mL of hot aquadest containing 42 mg of sodium bicarbonate. Dye cooled and diluted to 200 ml with aquadest and filtered.

b. Standardize Dye Solutions
   The dye solution was put into a micro burette. A 5 mL ascorbic acid standard solution was pipetted into an Erlenmeyer and added with 5 mL of 3% oxalic acid. Then titrated with dye solution until the pink color lasts for 15 seconds. The dye factor was calculated by the following formula.
c. Sample Preparation

Pipette 10 – 20 mL of sample to a 100 mL volumetric flask and then diluted with HPO$_3$ until the sign and then filtered.

d. Sample extract testing

10 mL sample extract was titrated with a standard dye solution until the final point, which was pink, lasted for 15 seconds. The titer obtained is a preliminary titer. Furthermore, the titration was repeated with a new sample extract and then titrated slowly until it reaches the final point. Titer should not be more than 3 – 5 mL. Vitamin C can be calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{Dye Factor} = \frac{0.5}{\text{Titer}}$$ (3)

2.3.3. Color Index

The color index was measured by a Minolta Chroma Meter (CR 200 type, Japan). The sample was placed and press the start button to got the L, a, and b values from the sample with a range of 0 (black) to ± 100 (white). The notation "a" represents the chromatic color mixture of red-green with the value "+ a" (positive) from 0 to +100 for red and the value "-a" (negative) from 0 to -80 for green. The notation "b" states the chromatic color mixture of blue-yellow with the value "+ b" (positive) from 0 to +70 for yellow and the value "-b" (negative) from 0 to -80 for blue. Whereas L stated color sharpness, the higher the sharpness of the color, the higher the value of L [11]. Furthermore, from the values of a and b can be calculated °Hue with the formula:

$$\text{°Hue} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

If the results obtained:

18° - 54° : the product was red (R)
54° - 90° : the product was yellow red (YR)
90° - 126° : the product was yellow (Y)
126° - 162° : the product was yellow green (YG)
162° - 198° : the product was green (G)
198° - 234° : the product was blue green (BG)
234° - 270° : the product was blue (B)
270° - 306° : the product was blue purple (BP)
306° - 342° : the product was purple (P)
342° - 18° : the product was red purple (RP)
2.3.4. Organoleptic Aroma and Taste

Organoleptic aroma and taste was carried out by hedonic quality testing using 70 panelists. The hedonic quality test assessment uses a line scale with the lowest value of 1 (very dislike) and the highest value of 5 (very like). Organoleptic instant garfish condiment was done by adding condiment to water using a ratio of 1: 2 (condiment: water). The wet condiment was served together with rice to the panelists for their organoleptic assessment [12].

3. Results and Discussions

3.1. Water Absorption Index

Based on analysis of variants, the types of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on water absorption index of instant garfish condiment. P1 treatment had a highly significant effect from P2 and P3 treatment. P2 treatment had a highly significant effect from P3 treatment. CMC had the higher water binding ability among arabic gum, gelatin, carrageenan, and sodium alginate. This caused the addition of CMC had the higher water absorption index than other stabilizers [13]. Correlation of the types of stabilizer on water absorption index can be seen in Figure 1.

![Figure 1. Correlation of the Types of Stabilizer on Water Absorption Index](image)

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

Based on analysis of variants, the percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on water absorption index of instant garfish condiment. P1 treatment had a highly significant effect from P2, P3, and P4 treatment. P2 treatment had a highly significant effect from P3 and P4 treatment. P3 treatment had a highly significant effect from P4 treatment. The higher percentage of stabilizer added, the more water was absorbed in the product so that the moisture content and water absorption index increased [14]. Correlation of the percentages of stabilizer on water absorption index can be seen in Figure 2.
Based on analysis of variants, interaction between the two factors had a highly significant effect \((P<0.01)\) on water absorption index of instant garfish condiment. The combination of the types and percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect on water absorption index of instant garfish condiment. The addition of 1.5% CMC had the higher water absorption index compared with other stabilizer. CMC had the ability to absorbed more water among other stabilizers that commonly used in product. The higher percentage of stabilizer will also increase water absorption index because more hydrocolloid particles bind to water [15]. Interaction between the two factors on water absorption index can be seen in Figure 3.

**Figure 3.** Interaction between the Types and Percentages of Stabilizer with Water Absorption Index of Instant Garfish Condiment

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

3.2. **Water Solubility Index**

Based on analysis of variants, the types of stabilizer had a highly significant effect \((P<0.01)\) on water solubility index of instant garfish condiment. \(P_1\) treatment had a highly significant effect from \(P_2\) and \(P_3\) treatment. \(P_2\) treatment had a highly significant effect from \(P_3\) treatment. The
addition of CMC had the higher water solubility index compared to other stabilizer. This was because CMC had the ability as stabilizer, thickener, increased solubility, and improve texture so that when added to the product, its solubility increased [16]. Correlation of the types of stabilizer on water solubility index can be seen in Figure 4.

![Figure 4. Correlation of the Types of Stabilizer on Water Solubility Index](image)

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

Based on analysis of variants, the percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on water solubility index of instant garfish condiment. P_1 treatment had a highly significant effect from P_2, P_3, and P_4 treatment. P_2 treatment had a highly significant effect from P_3 and P_4 treatment. P_3 treatment had a highly significant effect from P_4 treatment. The higher addition of stabilizer, the more hydroxyl groups that bind to water and increased solubility. The higher solubility, the better quality of the product because it easier to serve [17]. Correlation of the percentages of stabilizer on water solubility index can be seen in Figure 5.

![Figure 5. Correlation of the Percentages of Stabilizer on Water Solubility Index](image)

3.3. Vitamin C

Based on analysis of variants, the types of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on vitamin C of instant garfish condiment. P_1 treatment had a highly significant effect from P_2 and P_3 treatment. P_2 treatment had a highly significant effect from P_3 treatment. The addition of CMC had the higher vitamin C compared to other stabilizer. CMC can formed a film layer and
had a strong binding power, so that the nutritional components of the product was more protected [18]. Correlation of the types of stabilizer on vitamin C can be seen in Figure 6.

**Figure 6.** Correlation of the Types of Stabilizer on Vitamin C

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

Based on analysis of variants, the percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on vitamin C of instant garfish condiment. P₁ treatment had a highly significant effect from P₂, P₃, and P₄ treatment. P₂ treatment had a highly significant effect from P₁ and P₄ treatment. P₃ treatment had a highly significant effect from P₄ treatment. Vitamin C was a vitamin that easily damaged by high temperature and oxygen. The higher addition of stabilizer increased the colloidal particles attractiveness, so that the space between particles that contained oxygen and vitamin C damaged due to high temperatures and oxygen can be reduced [19]. Correlation of the percentages of stabilizer on vitamin C can be seen in Figure 7.

**Figure 7.** Correlation of the Percentages of Stabilizer on Vitamin C

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

Based on analysis of variants, interaction between the two factors had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on vitamin C of instant garfish condiment. The combination of the types and percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect on vitamin C of instant garfish condiment. The addition of 1.5% CMC had the higher vitamin C compared with other stabilizer. This was because CMC had a strong binding power and can formed film layer and reduced the
space for free oxygen so that vitamin C damaged can be reduced. The higher the addition of CMC increased the hydrocolloid particles so that the binding power was stronger [19]. Interaction between the two factors on vitamin C can be seen in Figure 8.

![Figure 8. Interaction between the Types and Percentages of Stabilizer with Vitamin C of Instant Garfish Condiment](image)

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### 3.4. Color Index

Based on analysis of variants, the types of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on color index of instant garfish condiment. P₁ treatment had a highly significant effect from P₂ and P₃ treatment. P₂ treatment had no significant effect from P₃ treatment. The results showed that the color index value was between 18 – 54 °Hue that means the color was red due to chili color. In addition, the stabilizer can protected the product from damaged by forming a film layer and binding components on the product [19]. Correlation of the types of stabilizer on color index can be seen in Figure 9.

![Figure 9. Correlation of The Types of Stabilizer on color index](image)

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level
Based on analysis of variants, the percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect ($P<0.01$) on color index of instant garfish condiment. $P_1$ treatment had a highly significant effect from $P_2$, $P_3$, and $P_4$ treatment. $P_2$ treatment had no significant effect from $P_3$ and $P_4$ treatment. $P_3$ treatment had no significant effect from $P_4$ treatment. The higher the percentage of stabilizer, the product was redder that marked by decreasing of color index. This was because the more stabilizer that protected the product [19]. Correlation of the percentages of stabilizer on color index can be seen in Figure 10.

![Figure 10. Correlation of the Percentages of Stabilizer on Color Index](image)

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level.

Based on analysis of variants, interaction between the two factors had a highly significant effect ($P<0.01$) on color index of instant garfish condiment. The combination of the types and percentages of stabilizer had significant effect on color index of instant garfish condiment. The addition of 1.5% CMC had the lower color index compared with other stabilizer. The results showed that the color index value was between $18 \sim 54^\circ$Hue that means the color was red due to chili color. In addition, the stabilizer can protected the product from damaged by forming a film layer and binding components on the product [19]. The higher the percentage of stabilizer, the product was redder that marked by decreasing of color index. Interaction between the two factors on color index can be seen in Figure 11.

![Figure 11. Interaction between the Two Factors on Color Index](image)
Figure 11. Interaction between the Types and Percentages of Stabilizer with Color Index of Instant Garfish Condiment

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

3.5. Organoleptic Aroma

The types of stabilizer had no significant effect (P>0.05) on organoleptic aroma of instant garfish condiment. In the meantime, based on analysis of variants, the percentages of stabilizer had a highly significant effect (P<0.01) on organoleptic aroma of instant garfish condiment. P<sub>1</sub> treatment had a highly significant effect from P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub>, and P<sub>4</sub> treatment. P<sub>2</sub> treatment had a highly significant effect from P<sub>3</sub> and P<sub>4</sub> treatment. P<sub>3</sub> treatment had a highly significant effect from P<sub>4</sub> treatment. The higher the percentages of stabilizer caused decreasing of product damaged. Stabilizer can affected viscosity, texture, form a film layer, and increased binding capacity. The addition of stabilizer can protected the component that contained in the product so damaged can be reduced [19]. Correlation of the percentages of stabilizer on organoleptic aroma can be seen in Figure 12.

![Figure 12. Correlation of the Percentages of Stabilizer on Organoleptic Aroma](image)

Note: Different letter notations showed significant effect at 5% (lowercase) level and highly significant effect at 1% (uppercase) level

3.6. Organoleptic Taste

The types and percentages of stabilizer and interaction between the two factors had no significant effect (P>0.05) on organoleptic taste of instant garfish condiment.

4. Conclusions

The types and percentages of stabilizer have an effect on the quality of instant garfish condiment. The more percentages of stabilizers added, increased the value of water solubility index, vitamin C, organoleptic aroma, and taste. While the value of water absorption index and color index decreased. Based on research that has been done, the best treatment product was resulted from the use of 1.5% CMC as stabilizer because it can provide the most optimal quality of instant garfish condiment.
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