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# GLYCEROLYSIS REACTION USING KF/CAO-MgO CATALYST: OPTIMIZATION AND REACTION KINETIC

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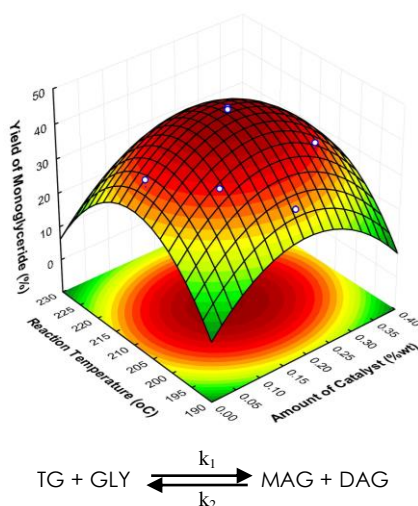
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## Graphical abstract



## Abstract

Monoglycerides can be produced through a glycerolysis reaction using a heterogeneous catalyst. The purpose of this study is to analyze the optimum conditions of the production of monoglycerides from glycerol and cooking oil using KF/CaO-MgO base catalysts and to find the reaction kinetics of the monoglyceride glycerolysis reaction. The Response Surface Method (RSM) was used to find favorable condition by varying the amount of catalyst ( $X_1$ ) between 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3% (w/w), temperature ( $X_2$ ) between 210, 220, and 230°C, and reaction time ( $X_3$ ) from 2, 3, to 4 hours. Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis was used to determine monoglycerides, while catalysts were characterized by XRD (X-Ray Diffraction). The results showed that temperature had the most dominant influence compared to the amount of catalyst and reaction time. The most favorable conditions were obtained at  $X_1 = 0.19\%$  (w/w),  $X_2 = 208.37^\circ\text{C}$  and  $X_3 = 3.20$  hours with monoglyceride yield of 41.58%. The constants for the reaction kinetics of the monoglyceride formation,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  were 1.04189 and 0.88965  $\text{hour}^{-1}$ , respectively.

**Keywords:** glycerolysis, monoglyceride, kinetics, KF/CaO-MgO catalyst, RSM optimization

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Glycerolysis is the reaction between glycerol and oil or fat to produce mono and di-acyl glycerol (MAG and DAG). Monoacylglycerol (MAG)/monoglycerides (MG) are widely used as surfactants and emulsifiers in food, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical products [1]. In the food industry, the consumption of this surfactant group reaches 75% of the total emulsifying production. The use of monoglycerides in the food industry including used in bakery products, margarine, dairy products, and confectionary [2]. Additionally, it can be used as synthetic constituents and plasticizers [3, 4].

The glycerolysis reaction can be carried out with or without a catalyst. Reaction without catalyst will run slowly. Therefore, the catalyst is needed for the glycerolysis reaction to proceed quickly. In addition to obtaining a relatively short reaction time, the catalyst is also useful for directing OH groups to MAG formation. The glycerolysis reaction for the preparation of monoglycerides can be carried out by two methods, namely chemical synthesis (using acid, basic, or metal oxide catalysts) and enzymatic synthesis (using lipase catalysts) [5]. Compared to chemical synthesis, enzymatic synthesis has several advantages including mild reaction conditions, higher yields, and lower energy consumption [6].

However, the disadvantages of enzymatic synthesis include that the process is complex and time-consuming, more expensive, and the enzymes are difficult to separate from the product [2, 5]. Chemical synthesis has the main advantage of being a short reaction period [7]. Base catalysts are more widely used than acid catalysts because the reaction time is faster, non-corrosive, and high yields [8]. The most commonly used reaction is often under alkaline conditions and the frequently used base catalysts include NaOH [9], NaOCH<sub>3</sub> [10], CaO [11] and MgO [3]. However, the use of pure base catalysts especially metal oxides has lower catalyst activity compared to mixed metal oxide [12].

Investigation of impregnated mixed metal oxide catalysts, in particular, the KF/CaO-MgO catalyst in the glycerolysis reaction has not been carried out. Solid metal oxide catalysts impregnated on the supporting material have many advantages such as; increased catalyst surface area, high monoglyceride selectivity, environmentally friendly, easy catalyst separation and inexpensive product purification processes [13]. The potential of this catalyst is very large so that exploration of the use of this catalyst needs to be developed.

The glycerolysis reaction between glycerol and oil is a multiphase reaction. Therefore, the reaction is carried out at a high temperature (250°C). This is intended to increase the solubility of glycerol in the oil. The solubility of glycerol in oil at room temperature is very low at only around 4% [14]. Due to the multiphase properties of the sample, kinetics studies of the glycerolysis reaction of glycerol and triglycerides have not been reported in previous studies. For this reason, the kinetics of the glycerolysis reaction need to be studied.

This study aims to determine the optimum conditions of the glycerolysis reaction process of glycerol and triglycerides and determine the reaction rate constants based on the optimum conditions obtained. Optimization is carried out using the RSM method with statistical software version 12.0 concerning the amount of catalyst ( $X_1$ ), reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) and reaction time ( $X_3$ ). Reaction kinetic is solved by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta.

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Materials

In this research, the KF/CaO-MgO catalyst was made using potassium fluoride (KF), magnesium acetate, absolute ethanol (99.9%), calcium nitrate (Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), and citric acid from Merck (Germany). Tropical cooking oil used as a source of triglycerides was acquired from supermarkets, while glycerol (85%) was obtained from Merck.

### 2.2 Preparation of KF/CaO-MgO Catalyst

Preparation of KF/CaO-MgO catalyst consists of 2 steps, which include preparation of CaO-MgO catalyst and continued with impregnation of KF into the CaO-MgO catalyst. In the first step, the preparation of CaO-MgO catalysts was carried out by dissolving the solids of magnesium acetate, calcium nitrate, and citric acid into 95% ethanol solution and stirring until homogeneous (clear colored). The mixed solution was then stirred at a speed of 300 rpm while being heated to form a sol. The heating was continued while stirring until it reaches a temperature of 80°C and a gel was formed. The formed gel was dried in an oven at 110°C overnight. The dry solid was then calcined in a Ney Vulcan box furnace at 550°C for 3 hours. The solid product obtained was a CaO-MgO catalyst.

The second step was the impregnation of the CaO-MgO catalyst with the KF solution. Two percent of KF was dissolved in aquadest. Impregnation was carried out by immersing the CaO-MgO catalyst in a KF solution for 1 hour while stirred and was then dried in a Memmert oven at 140°C for 6 hours. The dried solid catalyst was then calcined at a temperature of 450, 500 and 550°C in the box furnace for 3 hours. The resulted solid catalyst was called KF/CaO-MgO.

### 2.3 Characterizations of Catalyst and Product

The catalyst was characterized using XRD (X-Ray Diffraction). XRD analysis was carried out in Shimadzu XRD-7000. The XRD patterns were measured under radiation conditions Cu-K $\alpha$  ( $k = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$ ) operated at 30 mA and 40 kV. The diffraction pattern was produced in an angle range of  $2\theta$  from 10° to 70° with a step size of 0.017 and a step time of 0.5 seconds. The diffractogram/peak obtained was compared with data from the JCPDS library (Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards).

Monoglyceride products were analyzed using Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) (QP2010S SHIMADZU, DB-1 column). GC-MS was also used to determine the molecular weight of the compound. In GC-MS, sample analysis was carried out at an oven temperature of 50°C (5 minutes). The temperature was raised by 10°C/min to reach 260°C and subsequently held for 33 minutes.

### 2.4 Glycerolysis Process

The monoglycerides formation was conducted using the molar ratio 1 to 3 for oil (triglyceride) to glycerol. The catalyst (% by weight) was dissolved in glycerol at 90°C in a glass vessel and stirred until the solution was completely homogeneous. Afterward, the triglyceride was placed into a glass vessel and heated to 150°C while stirring. Once the oil reaches the feed temperature, the mixture of glycerol and catalyst was gradually added while stirring. During the mixing process, the temperature was maintained at 150°C. Operating conditions were varied

according to the optimization variable. The product was separated from the residue and analyzed using GC-MS. The reaction rate kinetics was determined by varying the reaction time from 1 to 5 hours with a batch system using the results of optimization of the operating conditions.

## 2.5 Experimental Design

The design model was created and used to determine the effect of response variables with a central composite design (CCD) and response surface method (RSM). This approach is widely used to design the second-order model. Second-order polynomial models were used to verify the effect and interactions of the linear and quadratic of the process variables [15]. By applying a CCD, the effect of each parameter can be evaluated quickly and effectively [16]. The experimental design was used to establish the low, center and high values for the amount of catalyst (% w/w), temperature and reaction time. Table 1 shows the experimental design.

**Table 1** Range and level of independent variables for RSM

Variables	Unit	Variable Level		
		Low level (-1)	Center level (0)	High level (+1)
Amount of catalyst ( $X_1$ )	%(w/w)	0.1	0.2	0.3
Reaction temperature ( $X_2$ )	°C	200	210	220
Reaction time ( $X_3$ )	Hours	2	3	4

The experimental design for optimization had 16 runs and the experiments were carried out to obtain

optimal monoglyceride results using Expert Software StatSoft (statistics) version 12.0. The results were as shown in Table 2.

The Design-Expert 12.0 software was used to analyze the experimental data and was installed into second-order polynomial equations. The interaction between the dependent and independent variables is achieved through Eq. (2) [17].

$$Y = f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i X_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{ii} X_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} \beta_{ij} X_i X_j + \varepsilon \quad (2)$$

Where,  $Y$  is the observed response,  $\beta_0$  is a regression parameter,  $\beta_i$  is the linear effect,  $\beta_{ii}$  is the quadratic effect,  $\beta_{ij}$  is the interaction effect,  $X_i$  is the main linear variable,  $X_i X_j$  are two linear variables,  $X_i^2$  is the square of the main variable, and  $\varepsilon$  is the random error between predicted and measured values. The desired response is monoglyceride yield. ANOVA was used to test the statistical significance of the square variation average ratio due to regression and mean square error residuals [18]. The correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) was used to express the quality of the fit of the polynomial model. The main indicators include probability values (Prob > F), F-values model (Fisher ratio variation), and adequate precision indicating the adequacy and significance of the model used. Maximization was used to determine the best and optimized local maximums. These individual targets were combined into the function of the overall desire using the software.

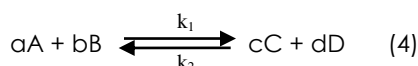
**Table 2** RSM for three independent variables in the corresponding values and code unit

Run	Independent variables			Coded variables		
	Amount of Catalyst (%w/w)	Temperature (°C)	Reaction Time (Hours)	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$
1	0.10	200.00	2.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00
2	0.10	200.00	4.00	-1.00	-1.00	1.00
3	0.10	220.00	2.00	-1.00	1.00	-1.00
4	0.10	220.00	4.00	-1.00	1.00	1.00
5	0.30	200.00	2.00	1.00	-1.00	-1.00
6	0.30	200.00	4.00	1.00	-1.00	1.00
7	0.30	220.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	-1.00
8	0.30	220.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
9	0.03	210.00	3.00	-1.68	0.00	0.00
10	0.37	210.00	3.00	1.68	0.00	0.00
11	0.20	193.18	3.00	0.00	-1.68	0.00
12	0.20	226.82	3.00	0.00	1.68	0.00
13	0.20	210.00	1.32	0.00	0.00	-1.68
14	0.20	210.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	1.68
15	0.20	210.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	0.20	210.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## 2.6 Kinetic Model

The glycerolysis reaction of monoglycerides is reversible. Excessive use of glycerol is theoretically necessary to shift the equilibrium to the right so that the total monoglyceride obtained increases [19].

The reaction rate kinetics are used to estimate a constant rate for all possible reactions. This approach requires a thorough understanding of the steps in a sequential reaction. The formation of the monoglyceride equation is shown in equations (3) to (6).



Being an equation

$$-r_A = -\frac{dC_A}{dt} = k_1 C_A C_B - k_2 C_C C_D \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dX_A}{dt} = k_1 C_{A0}^2 (1 - X_A)(\theta_B - \theta_A) - k_2 C_A^2 X_A^2 \quad (6)$$

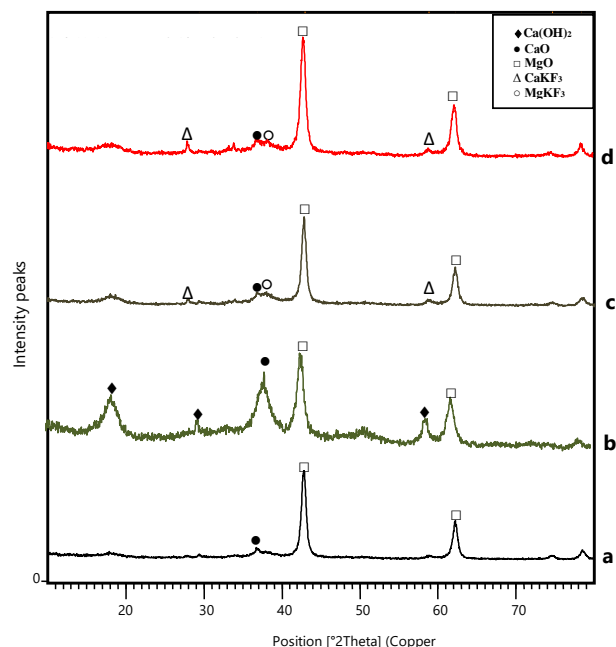
Equation (6) is solved by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta, which is used in solving problems related to numerical calculations. It is an important tool for solving differential equations with initial conditions.

## 3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Characterization of Catalyst

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) pattern of the before and after impregnation with varied calcinations temperature of KF/CaO-MgO catalysts were illustrated in Figure 1.

The XRD pattern on the catalyst before being impregnated is illustrated in Figure 1(a). While the XRD pattern of the catalyst after being impregnated with calcination temperature variations is shown in Figure 1(b, c, d). In Figure 1(a), the XRD diffractogram shows the peaks of the CaO (37.36°, 74.65°, 78.70°) and MgO (42.91°, 62.15°) components. After the catalyst was calcined at 450°C, a peak of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> component appeared at 18.19°, 29.39°, 50.77° and 58.74°. This shows that the calcination temperature is still low. When the calcination temperature is increased to 500 and 550°C, new peaks form as CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> crystals. CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> are active sites formed due to the addition of KF as support. The presence of CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> crystals will produce high catalyst activity so that they are able to produce higher monoglyceride yields [20].



**Figure 1** XRD pattern of the KF/CaO-MgO catalysts : (a) CaO-MgO catalyst; (b) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (450°C); (c) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (500°C); (d) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (550°C)

### 3.2 Model Fitting

According to the experimental design, 16 experimental runs were carried out according to the optimization variables, including the amount of catalysts, temperature, and reaction time as shown in Table 2. The data from the experimental results were fitted to the polynomial equation to quantify the curvature effects [18]. The second-order fitting polynomial equation of coded factors was expressed as shown in Eq. (7).

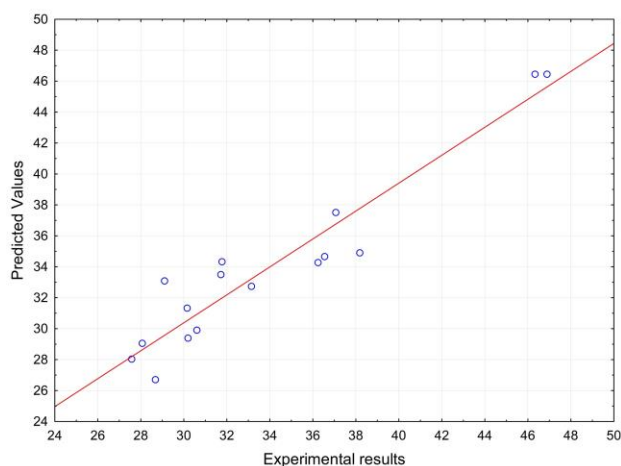
$$\begin{aligned} Y = & -2750.60 + 299.09X_1 - 434.98X_1^2 + 25.08X_2 \\ & - 0.06X_2^2 + 98.58X_3 - 4.57X_3^2 - 0.14X_1X_2 \\ & - 9.92X_1X_3 - 0.33X_2X_3 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The complete 16 sets of the experimental design matrix and response based on experimental and predicted values on the yield of monoglycerides proposed by CCD are tabulated in Table 3 [16]. Table 3 also shows the raw and absolute residual values, as well as the percentage of error responses for all batches. By comparing experimental and predicted values, the model is verified. Figure 2 shows the results of a comparison between experimental and predictive values. Figure 2 proves that the percentage obtained from the efficiency of monoglyceride yield varies between 27.58 to 46.33% and the predicted value of the model matches the experimental results satisfactorily.



**Table 3** Experimental and predictions values of monoglyceride yield using RSM

Run	Yield of monoglycerides		Raw residuals	Error (%)	Absolute residuals
	Experimental	Predicted			
1	27.580	28.042	-0.46	-1.67	0.46
2	37.070	37.513	-0.44	-1.19	0.44
3	31.720	33.504	-1.79	-5.64	1.79
4	30.610	29.903	0.71	2.32	0.71
5	30.190	29.381	0.81	2.68	0.81
6	38.190	34.892	3.30	8.64	3.30
7	36.240	34.284	1.95	5.38	1.95
8	28.680	26.711	1.97	6.87	1.97
9	36.550	34.664	1.89	5.17	1.89
10	29.100	33.090	-3.99	-13.71	3.99
11	30.160	31.332	-1.17	-3.88	1.17
12	28.070	29.037	-0.97	-3.46	0.97
13	33.150	32.737	0.41	1.24	0.41
14	31.770	34.337	-2.57	-8.09	2.57
15	46.890	46.449	0.44	0.94	0.44
16	46.330	46.448	-0.12	-0.26	0.12

**Figure 2** Predicted and experimental values for monoglyceride yield

### 3.3 Statistical

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) using Design-Expert 12.0 software was used to appropriately assess the polynomial model (Eq. (7)) taking into account the interactions [21]. Fisher F-test, where F-value is the ratio between the squares of the regression and the average error, was used to determine the statistical significance of the factor to the response. Table 4 shows the results of ANOVA for the monoglyceride percentage.

The results of the analysis of variance on monoglyceride production showed an  $R^2$  of 90.28%. The  $R^2$  value indicates that 90.28% of the data in the CCD can be explained by the response surface model. The effect of variables on the response value can be expressed by the model which can then predict the maximum response value in subsequent optimization experiments. The three optimization

variables (amount of catalyst, temperature, and reaction time) have an effect > 90% from the model.

**Table 4** ANOVA for the percentage of monoglycerides

Factors	Regression Coeff.	DF	F-value	p-value
$X_0$	-2750.60			
$X_1$	299.09	1	0.1798	0.3469
$X_{11}$	-434.98	1	4.3462	0.0038
$X_2$	25.08	1	0.4030	0.0009
$X_{22}$	-0.06	1	9.5630	0.0010
$X_3$	98.58	1	0.1970	0.0049
$X_{33}$	-4.57	1	4.7694	0.0033
$X_{12}$	-0.14	1	0.0103	0.8957
$X_{13}$	-9.92	1	0.5020	0.3778
$X_{23}$	-0.33	1	5.4493	0.0201
Error	8.6933	6		
$R^2$	0.9028			

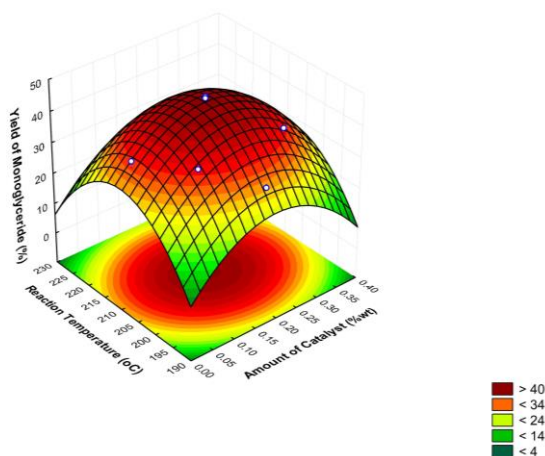
Based on the ANOVA, the calculated F-value of the model was obtained at 60.45. The F-value of this model is greater than the tabulated F-value of 3.49. The F-value shows a statistically significant regression at a significance level of 5% [22]. This shows that the Fisher variance ratio calculated at this level is large enough to justify the very high degree of adequacy of the quadratic model and also to exhibit that the combination of treatments is very significant [23]. All p-values of monoglyceride production data produce a degree of significance  $\alpha < 5\%$ , except  $X_1$ ,  $X_{12}$ , and  $X_{13}$ , indicating that the variable has a significant impact on the model.



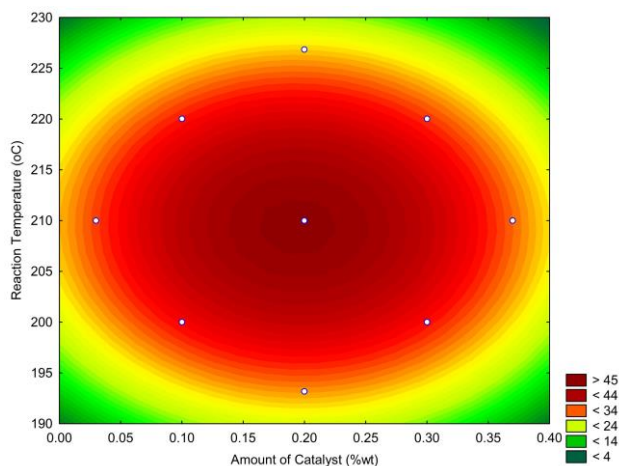
### 3.4 Optimization Analysis

The optimum condition of the synthesis of monoglycerides is predicted using the optimization function. The empirical model derived from the RSM method can be used accurately to describe the relationship between the factors and response in the conversion of monoglycerides [19].

The optimum condition of the synthesis of monoglycerides is predicted using the optimization function. Figures 3 and 4 show 3D and 2D graphs of the response surface and contour plots of the effect of the amount of catalyst on the reaction temperature. Figures 3 and 4 display that the relationship between the amount of catalyst (% wt) and temperature in a monoglyceride product has a maximum stationary area. This is because the determination of the range of data selection codes (points -1, 0, 1) needs to be carefully considered to attain the optimal point [24]. The optimal conditions derived from software statistics are shown in Table 5.



**Figure 3** 3D surface plots showing the interaction between amounts of catalyst ( $X_1$ ) with reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) at reaction time ( $X_3$ ) 3 hours for monoglycerides production



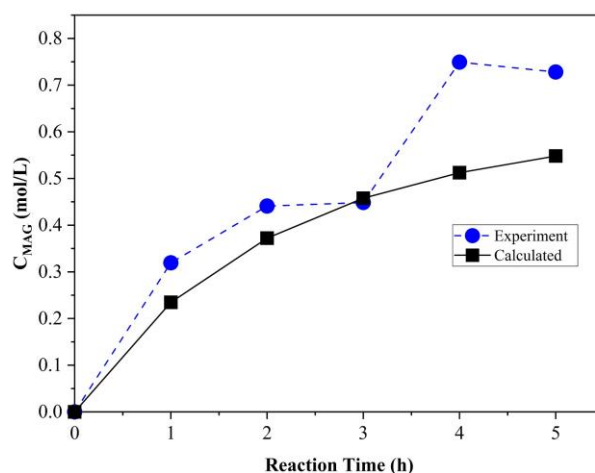
**Figure 4** 2D contour plot showing the interaction between the amounts of catalyst ( $X_1$ ) with reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) at reaction time ( $X_3$ ) 3 hours for monoglyceride production

**Table 5** Optimal values of parameters

Parameters	Optimum value
Yield of Monoglyceride (%)	41.58
Amount of Catalyst (% w/w)	0.19
Reaction Temperature (°C)	208.37
Reaction Time (hours)	3.20

### 3.5 Kinetics

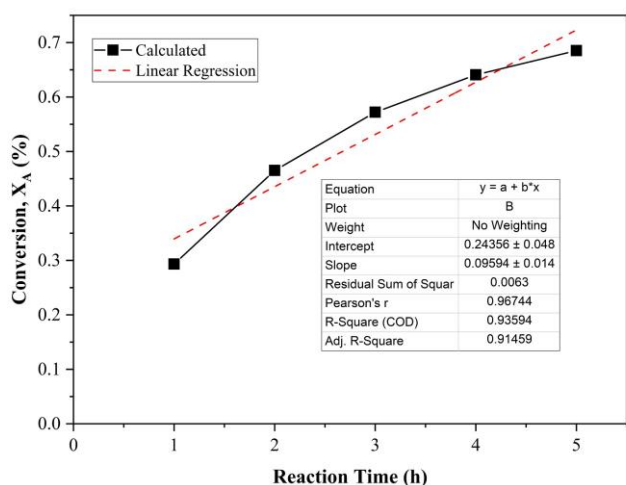
Figure 5 indicates the effect of monoglyceride concentration on reaction time.



**Figure 5** The relationship between MAG (monoacylglycerol/monoglyceride) concentration from experimental results and calculations on reaction times

Figure 5 shows the difference between the concentrations of monoglycerides obtained from experimental results and the one predicted. Monoglycerides produced from experimental are not stable, while the predicted results are more consistent and tend to increase. Additionally, the results of the experimental monoglycerides decreased at the 5<sup>th</sup> hour reaction time. This is because once the production of monoglycerides is optimum, it is influenced by the side reactions and forms diglycerol-acid (DAG) [25].

Computational results using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method indicate the reaction rate constants  $k_1 > k_2$  and  $k_2 > 0$  with values  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  were 1.04189 and 0.88965  $\text{hour}^{-1}$ , respectively. Figure 6 shows the conversion results obtained by calculating the reaction rate. The coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is 0.936, obtained based on the relationship between reaction time and conversion.



**Figure 6** The conversion value of X<sub>A</sub> (%) to the reaction time (hour) in monoglyceride production

## 4.0 CONCLUSION

The results obtained from the optimization using the RSM method shows the temperature effect has the most dominant influence with a p-value of 0.0009 and R<sup>2</sup> 0.9028. The amount of catalyst and reaction time also has an influence but not too dominant. Besides, optimization of monoglycerides indicates that the optimum condition is reached at X<sub>1</sub> (amount of catalyst) = 0.19% (w/w), X<sub>2</sub> (reaction temperature) = 208.37°C and X<sub>3</sub> (reaction time) = 3.20 hours with a monoglyceride content of 41.58%. Monoglyceride conversion from the experimental results and calculations using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method results tend to decrease after 5 hours of operating conditions. Reaction rate constants show  $k_1 > k_2$  and  $k_2 > 0$  with  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  values of 1.04189 and 0.88965 hour<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The determinant value (R<sup>2</sup>) obtained was 0.936.

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# GLYCEROLYSIS REACTION USING KF/CAO-MGO CATALYST: OPTIMIZATION AND REACTION KINETICS

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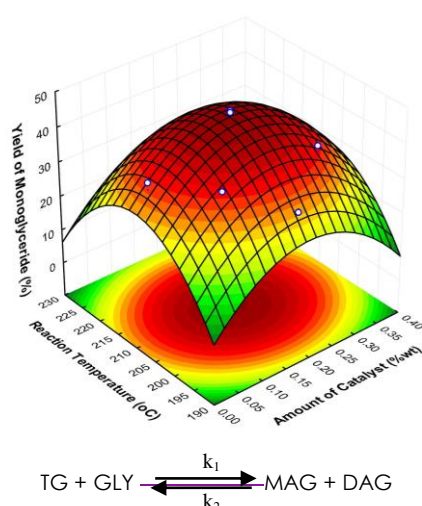
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## 1.0 -INTRODUCTION

Glycerolysis is the reaction of glycerol and triglycerides (fats/oils) to form mono-acyl glycerol (MAG) and di-acyl glycerol (DAG). Monoacylglycerol (MAG)/monoglycerides (MG) are widely used as surfactants and emulsifiers in food, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical products [1]. In the food industry, the consumption of this surfactant group MAG/MG

reaches 75% of the total emulsifying production. Specifically, monoglycerides in the food industry including are used in the production of bakery products, margarine, dairy products, and confectionary [2]. Additionally, they can be used as synthetic constituents and plasticizers [3, 4].

The glycerolysis reaction Glycerolysis can be carried out with or without a catalyst. Reaction without The catalyst will run slowly. Therefore, simply accelerates the catalyst is needed for the glycerolysis

reaction to proceed quickly. In addition to obtaining a relatively short reaction time, the catalyst is also useful for reaction by directing OH groups to MAG formation. The glycerolysis reaction for the preparation of monoglycerides can be carried out by with either of two methods, namely: chemical synthesis (using acid, basic, or metal oxide catalysts) and/or enzymatic synthesis (using lipase catalysts) [5]. Compared to chemical synthesis, enzymatic synthesis has several advantages including mild reaction conditions, higher yields, and lower energy consumption [6]. However, the disadvantages of enzymatic synthesis include that the process is more complex, and time-consuming, more expensive, and the enzymes are difficult to separate from the product [2, 5]. Chemical contrast, chemical synthesis has the main advantage of being a short reaction period [7]. Base catalysts are more widely used than acid catalysts because the reaction time is faster, the reaction is non-corrosive, and high produces higher yields [8]. The most commonly used Most often, the reaction is often proceeds under alkaline conditions and the most frequently used base catalysts include NaOH [9], NaOCH<sub>3</sub> [10], CaO [11] and MgO [3]. However, the use of pure base catalysts, especially metal oxides has, have lower catalyst activity activities compared to mixed metal oxide oxides [12].

Investigation The use of impregnated mixed metal oxide catalysts, in particular, the KF/CaO-MgO catalyst in particular, in the glycerolysis reaction has not been carried out. Solid metal oxide catalysts impregnated on investigated yet. Impregnating the supporting material have with a solid metal oxide catalyst has many advantages such as: increased catalyst surface area, high monoglyceride selectivity, environmentally friendly, easy catalyst separation and inexpensive product-purification processes [13]. The potential of Since this catalyst shows great potential, it is very large so that exploration of the important to explore its use of this catalyst needs to be developed in glycerolysis.

The glycerolysis reaction between glycerol and oil is a multiphase reaction. Therefore, the reaction is carried out at a high temperature (250°C). This is intended 250°C in order to increase the solubility of glycerol in the oil. The solubility of glycerol in oil, which is only around 4% at room temperature is very low at only around 4% [14]. Due to the multiphase properties of the sample, kinetics studies of the kinetics of the glycerolysis reaction of between glycerol and triglycerides have not been reported in previous studies. For this reason, the kinetics of the glycerolysis reaction need to be studied carried out.

This The present study aims to determine the optimum conditions and the corresponding reaction rate constants of the glycerolysis reaction process of between glycerol and triglycerides and determine the reaction rate constants based on the optimum conditions obtained. Optimization Optimisation is carried out using the RSM response surface method (RSM) with the Statistical software version 12.0

concerning the amount of catalyst ( $X_1$ ), reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) and reaction time ( $X_3$ ). Reaction kinetic The reaction kinetics is solved by using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta.

## 2.0 -METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 -Materials

In this research, the KF/CaO-MgO catalyst was made using potassium fluoride (KF), magnesium acetate, absolute ethanol (99.9%), calcium nitrate (Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), and citric acid from Merck (Germany). Tropical cooking oil used as that is a source of triglycerides was acquired from supermarkets, while a supermarket and glycerol (85%) was obtained from Merck.

### 2.2 -Preparation of KF/CaO-MgO Catalyst

Preparation of The KF/CaO-MgO catalyst consists of 2 was prepared in two steps, which include preparation of CaO-MgO catalyst and continued with impregnation of KF into. First, we prepared the CaO-MgO catalyst, which was then impregnated with KF. In the first step, the preparation of CaO-MgO catalysts was carried out by dissolving the solids of magnesium acetate, calcium nitrate, and citric acid into a 95% ethanol solution and stirring until the solution became homogeneous (clear colour red). The mixed solution was then stirred at a speed of 300 rpm while being heated to form a sol. The heating Heating was continued while stirring until it reaches a temperature of 80°C up to 80°C and a gel was formed. The formed gel was dried in an oven at 110°C overnight. The dry solid was then calcined in a Ney Vulcan box furnace at 550°C for 3 hours. The obtained solid product obtained was a CaO-MgO catalyst.

The second step was the impregnation of the CaO-MgO catalyst with the KF solution. Two percent of KF was dissolved in aquadest. Impregnation was carried out by immersing the CaO-MgO catalyst in the KF solution for 1 one hour while stirred and was then dried stirring, followed by drying in an oven (Memmert) at 140°C for 6 hours. The dried solid catalyst was then calcined at a temperature of 450, 500 and 550°C in the box furnace for 3 hours. The resulted solid catalyst was called KF/CaO-MgO.

### 2.3 -Characterizations Characterisation of Catalyst and Product

The catalyst was characterized using through X-ray diffraction (XRD - (X-Ray Diffraction) and the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface area method (ChemBET PULSAR Quantachrome). XRD analysis was carried out using a Shimadzu XRD-7000. The XRD patterns were measured under Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation conditions Cu-K $\alpha$  ( $k = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$ ) operated at 30 mA and 40 kV. The diffraction pattern was

produced in an angle range of  $2\theta$  from  $10^\circ$  to  $70^\circ$  with a step size of 0.017 and a step time of 0.5 seconds. The diffractogram/peak obtained was compared with data from the JCPDS library (Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards).

The surface area of the catalyst was measured using Nitrogen adsorption at 77.15 K. A total of 0.2 grams of the sample was degassed with nitrogen gas under vacuum pressure for 1 hour at  $200^\circ\text{C}$  before the absorption measurements.

The monoglyceride products were analyzed using Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) (QP2010S SHIMADZU, DB-1 column). GC-MS was also used to determine the molecular weight of the compound. In GC-MS, the sample analysis was carried out at an oven temperature of  $50^\circ\text{C}$  (5 minutes). The temperature was raised by  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  up to  $260^\circ\text{C}$  and subsequently held there for 33 minutes.

## 2.4 -Glycerolysis-Process

The formation of monoglycerides was conducted using the molar ratio 1 to 3 for oil (triglyceride) to glycerol. The catalyst, which has been calcined at  $550^\circ\text{C}$  (% by weight), was dissolved in glycerol at  $90^\circ\text{C}$  in a glass vessel and stirred until the solution was completely homogeneous. Afterward, the triglyceride was placed in a glass vessel and heated to  $150^\circ\text{C}$  while stirring. Once the oil reaches the feed temperature, the mixture of glycerol and catalyst was gradually added while stirring. During the mixing process, the temperature was maintained at  $150^\circ\text{C}$ . The operating conditions were varied according to the optimization variable. The product was separated from the residue and analyzed using GC-MS. The monoglyceride (MAG) yield was calculated by using Eq. (1).

$$\text{Yield}_{\text{MAG}}(\%) = \frac{\text{weight of product (g)}}{\text{weight of cooking oil (g)}} \times \text{composition}_{\text{MAG}} \quad (1)$$

The reaction rate kinetics was determined by varying the reaction time from 1 to 5 hours with a batch system using the results of operating conditions' optimization of the operating conditions.

## 2.5 -Experimental Design

The design model was created and used in order to determine the effect of the response variables with on the glycerolysis reaction, we designed the experiment based on the principles of central composite design (CCD) and using the RSM response surface method (RSM). This approach is widely used to design the second-order model. Second-order polynomial models were used to verify the effect and interactions of the linear and quadratic of the process variables [15]. By applying a CCD, the effect of each parameter can be evaluated quickly and effectively [16]. The experimental design was used to establish the low, center and high values for the amount of catalyst amount (% w/w), the reaction temperature and the reaction time. Table 1 shows the experimental design.

The experimental design for optimization had 16 runs and the experiments were carried out to obtain the optimal monoglyceride results. The results were as shown in (Table 2).

**Table 1** Range and level of independent variables for RSM

Variables	Unit	Variable Level		
		Low level (-1)	Center level (0)	High level (+1)
Amount of catalyst (X <sub>1</sub> )	% (w/w)	0.1	0.2	0.3
Reaction temperature (X <sub>2</sub> )	$^\circ\text{C}$	200	210	220
Reaction time (X <sub>3</sub> )	Hours	2	3	4

The Statistical software version 12.0 was used to analyze the experimental data and was installed into the second-order polynomial equations. The interaction between the dependent and independent variables was achieved through Eq. (3) [17].

$$Y = f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) + \varepsilon \quad (2)$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i X_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_{ii} X_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} \beta_{ij} X_i X_j + \varepsilon \quad (3)$$

Where, Y is the observed response,  $\beta_0$  is a regression parameter,  $\beta_i$  is the linear effect,  $\beta_{ii}$  is the quadratic effect,  $\beta_{ij}$  is the interaction effect,  $X_i$  is the main linear variable,  $X_i X_j$  are two linear variables,  $X_i^2$  is the square of the main variable, and  $\varepsilon$  is the random error between the predicted and the measured values.

**Table 2** RSM for three independent variables in the corresponding values and code unit

Run	Independent variables			Coded variables		
	Amount of Catalyst Amount (%w/w)	Reaction Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Reaction Time (Hours)	X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>



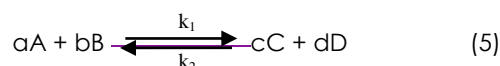
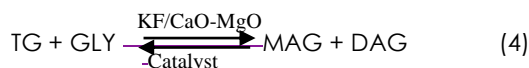
1	0.10	200.00	2.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00
2	0.10	200.00	4.00	-1.00	-1.00	1.00
3	0.10	220.00	2.00	-1.00	1.00	-1.00
4	0.10	220.00	4.00	-1.00	1.00	1.00
5	0.30	200.00	2.00	1.00	-1.00	-1.00
6	0.30	200.00	4.00	1.00	-1.00	1.00
7	0.30	220.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	-1.00
8	0.30	220.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
9	0.03	210.00	3.00	-1.68	0.00	0.00
10	0.37	210.00	3.00	1.68	0.00	0.00
11	0.20	193.18	3.00	0.00	-1.68	0.00
12	0.20	226.82	3.00	0.00	1.68	0.00
13	0.20	210.00	1.32	0.00	0.00	-1.68
14	0.20	210.00	4.68	0.00	0.00	1.68
15	0.20	210.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	0.20	210.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The desired response ~~is was the~~ monoglyceride yield. The statistical significance of the average ratio of ~~the square~~ variation due to regression and ~~the~~ mean square error residuals was tested with ANOVA [18]. The correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) was used to state the quality of the conformity of the polynomial model. The main indicators ~~include included the~~ probability values ( $\text{Prob} > F$ ), ~~the~~ F-values model (Fisher ratio variation), ~~and the~~ adequate precision indicating the adequacy and significance of the model used. Maximis~~ization~~ was used to determine the best and optimis~~ized~~ local maximums. These individual targets were combined into the function of the overall desire using the software.

## 2.6 -Kinetic Model

The glycerolysis reaction of monoglycerides is reversible. Excessive use of glycerol is theoretically necessary to shift the equilibrium to the right so that the total monoglyceride obtained increases [19].

The reaction-~~rate~~ kinetics ~~are were~~ used to estimate a constant rate for all possible reactions. This approach requires a thorough understanding of the steps in a sequential reaction. The formation of the monoglyceride equation is shown in ~~equationsEqs.~~ (4) to (7).



Being an equation

$$-r_A = -\frac{dC_A}{dt} = k_1 C_A C_B - k_2 C_C C_D \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{dX_A}{dt} = k_1 C_{A0}^2 (1 - X_A)(\theta_B - \theta_A) - k_1 C_A^2 X_A^2 \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) ~~is was~~ solved by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta, which is used in solving problems related to numerical calculations. It is an important tool for solving differential equations with initial conditions.

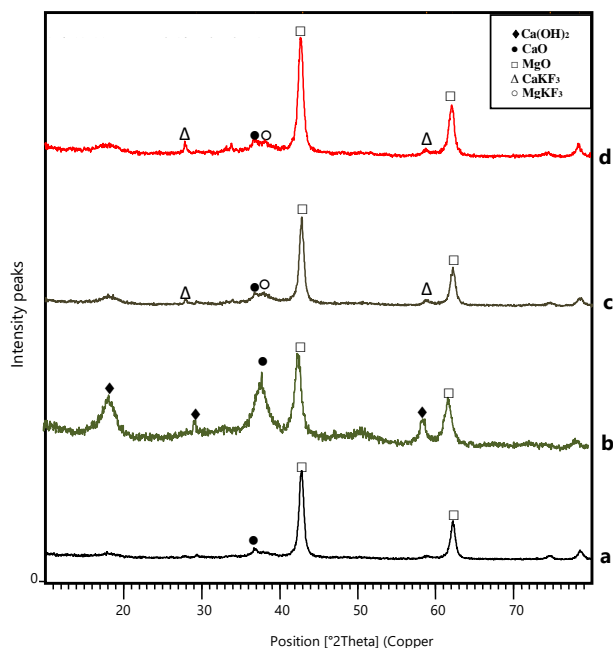
## 3.0 -RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 -Characteris~~ization~~ of the catalystCatalyst

~~X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) patternThe XRD patterns~~ of the ~~catalyst~~ before and after impregnation ~~withat~~ varied calcinations ~~temperature of KF/CaO-MgO catalysts were illustratedtemperatures are shown~~ in Figure 1.

The XRD pattern on the ~~CaO-MgO~~ catalyst before being impregnated ~~with KF~~ is ~~illustratedpresented~~ in Figure 1(a). ~~While theThe~~ XRD pattern of the catalyst after being impregnated with ~~KF at the different~~ calcination ~~temperature variationstemperatures~~ is shown in Figure 1(b, c, d). In Figure 1(a), the XRD diffractrogram shows the peaks of the CaO (~~37.36°;36°, 74.65°;65° and 78.70°;70°~~) and MgO (~~42.91°;91° and 62.15°;15°~~) components. After the catalyst was calcined at ~~450°C, a peak of 450°C,~~ ~~peaks corresponding to the Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> component~~ appeared at ~~18.19°;19°, 29.39°;39°, 50.77°;77° and 58.74°;74°~~. This shows that the calcination temperature ~~of 450°C~~ is ~~still~~ low. When the calcination temperature is increased to 500 and ~~550°C, 550°C, CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> crystals form, which appear in the XRD patterns as new peaks-form-as~~ ~~CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> crystals,~~ CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> are active sites formed due to the addition of KF as support. The presence of ~~CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub>these~~ crystals ~~will produce highincreases the~~ catalyst

activity ~~so that they are able to produce and~~ produces higher monoglyceride yields [20].



**Figure 1** XRD pattern of the KF/CaO-MgO catalysts: (a) CaO-MgO catalyst; (b) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (450°C); (c) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (500°C); (d) KF/CaO-MgO catalyst (550°C)

The results of the surface ~~area~~ characterization are presented in Table 3.

**Table 3** The surface area of the catalyst ~~in~~ under various treatments

Catalyst	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)
CaO-MgO	112,250
KF/CaO-MgO (450°C)	132,456
KF/CaO-MgO (500°C)	119,706
KF/CaO-MgO (550°C)	110,924

Table 3 shows the increase in the catalyst surface area after impregnation with KF. However, the surface area of the catalyst decreases with increasing calcination temperature. This ~~fact~~ may be caused by the aggregation of the catalyst as a result of the formation of the new active catalyst sites (CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub>) that ~~occurs~~ occurs at high calcination temperatures. However, the formation of CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub> will increase the catalyst activity. From Figure 1, it can be seen that indeed, the increase in the calcination temperature ~~at~~ to 500 and 550°C forms new crystals (Figure 1), namely CaKF<sub>3</sub> (28.28° and 59.32°) and MgKF<sub>3</sub> (38.58°). Addition of 58%. KF addition to heterogeneous catalysts and high calcination temperatures will produce new crystals (such as CaKF<sub>3</sub> and MgKF<sub>3</sub>) as

active sites that can produce higher yields due to the high catalytic activity [20].

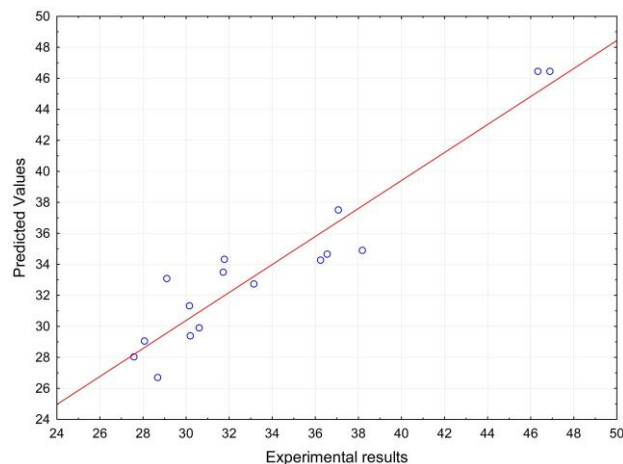
Based on the characterization of this catalyst, the catalyst used for the glycerolysis process is KF/CaO-MgO<sub>2</sub> which is calcined at 550°C.

### 3.2 -Model Fitting

According to the experimental design, 16 experimental runs were carried out according to the ~~optimization~~ optimisation variables, including (the catalyst amount of catalysts, the reaction temperature, and the reaction time), as shown in Table 2. The data from the experimental results data were fitted to the polynomial equation to quantify the curvature effects [18]. The second-order fitting polynomial equation of the coded factors was expressed as shown in Eq. (8).

$$Y = -2750.60 + 299.09 X_1 - 434.98 X_1^2 + 25.08 X_2 - 0.06 X_2^2 + 98.58 X_3 - 4.57 X_3^2 - 0.14 X_1 X_2 - 9.92 X_1 X_3 - 0.33 X_2 X_3 \quad (8)$$

The complete 16 sets of the experimental design matrix and response based on the experimental and predicted values of the yield of monoglycerides proposed by CCD are tabulated in Table 4 [16]. Table 4 also shows the raw and absolute residual values, as well as the percentage of error responses for all batches. The model is verified by comparing the experimental and with the predictive values. Figure 2 shows the results of a comparison between experimental and predictive values. Figure 2 proves that the percentage of the obtained from the efficiency of monoglyceride yield varies between 27.58 to 46.33% and the values predicted by the model matches the experimental results satisfactorily.



**Figure 2** Predicted and experimental values for monoglyceride yield

### 3.3 -Statistical analysis results

ANOVA (Analysis of variance) using Statistical software version 12.0 was used to appropriately assess the polynomial model (Eq. (8)) taking into account the interactions [21]. Fisher F-test, where F-value is the ratio between the squares of the regression and the average error, was used to determine the statistical significance of the factor to the response. The ANOVA results for the percentage of monoglycerides are presented in Table 5.

The results of the analysis of variance on monoglyceride production showed an  $R^2$  of 90.28%. The  $R^2$  value indicates that 90.28% of the data in the CCD can be explained by the response surface model. The effect of the variables on the response value can be expressed by the model which can then

**Table 4** Experimental and predictions values of predicted monoglyceride yield using RSM

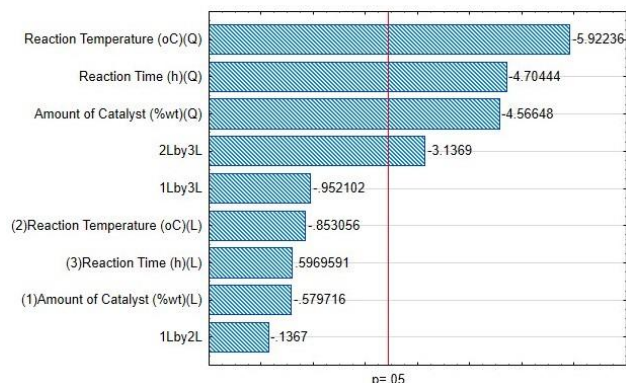
Run	Yield of monoglycerides		Raw residuals	Error (%)	Absolute residuals
	Experimental	Predicted			
1	27.580	28.042	-0.46	-1.67	0.46
2	37.070	37.513	-0.44	-1.19	0.44
3	31.720	33.504	-1.79	-5.64	1.79
4	30.610	29.903	0.71	2.32	0.71
5	30.190	29.381	0.81	2.68	0.81
6	38.190	34.892	3.30	8.64	3.30
7	36.240	34.284	1.95	5.38	1.95
8	28.680	26.711	1.97	6.87	1.97
9	36.550	34.664	1.89	5.17	1.89
10	29.100	33.090	-3.99	-13.71	3.99
11	30.160	31.332	-1.17	-3.88	1.17
12	28.070	29.037	-0.97	-3.46	0.97
13	33.150	32.737	0.41	1.24	0.41
14	31.770	34.337	-2.57	-8.09	2.57
15	46.890	46.449	0.44	0.94	0.44
16	46.330	46.448	-0.12	-0.26	0.12

predict the maximum response value in subsequent optimization experiments. The model results that the three optimization variables (amount of catalyst, reaction temperature, and reaction time) have an effect >greater than 90% from the model.

**Table 5** ANOVA for the percentage of monoglycerides

Factors	Regression Coeff.	DF	F-value	p-value
$X_0$	-2750.60			
$X_1$	299.09	1	0.1798	0.3469
$X_{11}$	-434.98	1	4.3462	0.0038
$X_2$	25.08	1	0.4030	0.0009
$X_{22}$	-0.06	1	9.5630	0.0010
$X_3$	98.58	1	0.1970	0.0049
$X_{33}$	-4.57	1	4.7694	0.0033
$X_{12}$	-0.14	1	0.0103	0.8957
$X_{13}$	-9.92	1	0.5020	0.3778
$X_{23}$	-0.33	1	5.4493	0.0201
Error	8.6933	6		
$R^2$	0.9028			

Based on the ANOVA, the calculated F-value of obtained by the model was obtained at is 60.45. The F-value of this model, which is greater than the tabulated F-value of 3.49. The F-value shows a statistically significant regression at a significance level of 5% [22]. This shows that Therefore, the Fisher variance ratio calculated at this level is large enough to justify the very high degree of adequacy of the quadratic model and also to exhibit that the combination of treatments is very significant [23]. All p-values of monoglyceride production data produce a degree of significance  $\alpha < 5\%$ , except  $X_1$ ,  $X_{12}$ , and  $X_{13}$ , indicating that the variable has a significant impact on the model.

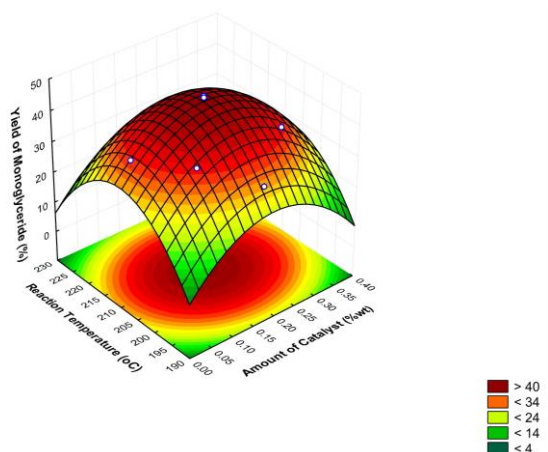


**Figure 3** Pareto chart for variables that have a significant effect on the glycerolysis process

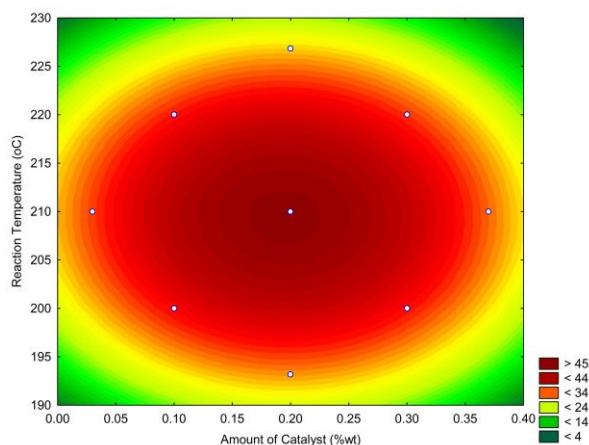
The ~~variable~~variables that ~~has~~have the most significant effect ~~is~~are presented in Figure 3 (Pareto chart). ~~Figure 3 shows that the reaction temperature~~Temperature has the most significant effect compared to ~~the~~other variables.

### 3.4 OptimizationOptimisation Analysis

The optimum ~~condition of conditions~~ for the synthesis of monoglycerides ~~is~~are predicted using the ~~optimizationoptimisation~~ function. The empirical model derived from the RSM method can be used ~~accurately~~to describe ~~accurately~~ the relationship between the factors and ~~the~~ response in the conversion of monoglycerides [19].



**Figure 4** 3D surface plots showing the interaction between amounts of catalyst ( $X_1$ ) with reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) at a reaction time ( $X_3$ ) of 3 hours for monoglycerides production



**Figure 5** 2D contour plot showing the interaction between the amounts of catalyst ( $X_1$ ) with reaction temperature ( $X_2$ ) at a reaction time ( $X_3$ ) of 3 hours for monoglyceride production

~~The optimum condition of the synthesis of monoglycerides is predicted using the optimization function.~~ Figures 4 and 5 show 3D and 2D graphs of the response surface and contour plots of the effect ~~of that~~ the ~~amount of catalyst~~ amount has on the

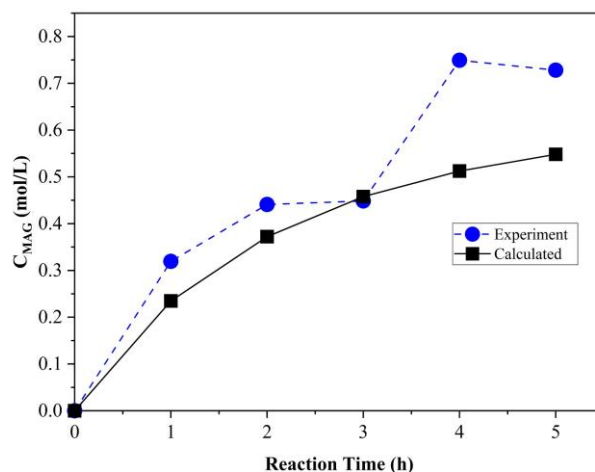
reaction temperature. ~~Figures 4 and 5 display that the~~The relationship between the ~~amount of~~ catalyst amount (% wt) and ~~the~~ reaction temperature in a monoglyceride product has a maximum stationary area. This is because ~~the determination of it is necessary to carefully determine~~ the range of data selection codes (points  $-1, 0, 1$ ) ~~needs to be carefully considered in order~~ to attain the optimal point [24]. The optimal conditions derived from ~~statistice~~the Statistical software are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6** Optimal values of parameters

Parameters	Optimum value
Yield of Monoglyceride (%)	41.58
Amount of Catalyst (% w/w)	0.19
Reaction Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	208.37
Reaction Time (hours)	3.20

### 3.5 -Kinetics

The ~~optimizationoptimisation~~ results obtained are used to determine the reaction kinetics. Figure 6 indicates the effect of ~~the~~ reaction time on ~~the~~ obtained monoglyceride ~~concentrations~~concentration.



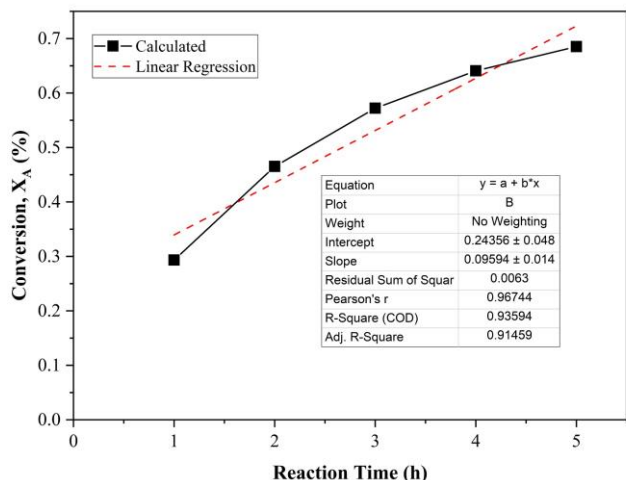
**Figure 6** The relationship between ~~the~~ reaction time ~~to and~~ the obtained MAG (monoacylglycerol/monoglyceride) concentration ~~of based on the~~ experimental ~~and~~ calculation results ~~and the model calculations~~.

Figure 6 shows the difference between the ~~experimental and modelled~~ monoglyceride concentrations ~~obtained from the results of experimental and calculated.~~ Monoglycerides produced from experimental are. In the experiment, the monoglyceride concentration is not stable, ~~whilewhereas~~ the calculated results ~~are~~concentration using the model is more consistent and ~~tendtends~~ to increase. Additionally, ~~in the results of the experimental experiment,~~ monoglycerides ~~decreased at the 5th hour~~decrease after five hours



reaction time. This is because once the production of monoglycerides is optimum, it is influenced by the side reactions and forms diglycerol-acid (DAG) [25].

The computational results using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method indicate that the reaction rate constants  $k_1 > k_2$  and  $k_2 > 0$ , with values  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  were  $1.04189 \text{ hour}^{-1}$  and  $k_2 = 0.88965 \text{ hour}^{-1}$ , respectively. Figure 7 shows the conversion results obtained by calculating the reaction rate. The coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is 0.936, obtained based on the relationship between the reaction time and the conversion.



**Figure 7** The conversion value of  $X_A$  (%) to the reaction time (hour) in monoglyceride production

## 4.0 -CONCLUSION

The results obtained from the optimization using the RSM method shows that temperature effect has the most dominant influence with a p-value of 0.0009 and  $R^2$  0.9028. The amount of catalyst and the reaction time also has an have lesser, yet significant, influence but not too dominant. Besides, optimization of monoglycerides indicates that the optimum condition is reached at reaction conditions are  $X_1$  (amount of catalyst amount) = 0.19% (w/w),  $X_2$  (reaction temperature) =  $208.37^\circ\text{C}$  and  $X_3$  (reaction time) = 3.20 hours with a monoglyceride content of 41.58%. Based on the experimental results and calculations using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method results tend, monoglyceride conversion tends to decrease after five hours of operating conditions. Reaction reaction time. The reaction rate constants show are  $k_1 > k_2$  and  $k_2 > 0$  with  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  values of  $1.04189 \text{ hour}^{-1}$  and  $k_2 = 0.88965 \text{ hour}^{-1}$ , respectively. The obtained determinant value ( $R^2$ ) obtained was 0.936.

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