

## OSMOTIC DEHYDRATION OF WHITE RADISH (*Raphanus Sativus* L.) SLICES: MASS TRANSFER CHARACTERISTICS AND MODELING

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### ABSTRACT

White radish sliced at 4 mm thickness was dehydrated by traditional osmotic dehydration (TOD) with nine types of osmotic solutions prepared by a randomized combining three levels concentration of sucrose and sodium chloride. The mass transfer characteristics were evaluated through the moisture diffusivity ( $D_m$ ) and solid diffusivity ( $D_s$ ), the fit of model was also estimated based on three popular models, including Newton, Henderson, and Pabis and Weibull. The results showed that white radish had the highest  $D_m$  and  $D_s$  value in the 4% salt and 15% sucrose solution, which presented that the fastest transfer process occurred in this solution. In addition, the Weibull model was the best model due to the highest  $R^2$  and the lowest root mean square error and chi-square, which means this model could fully describe the mass transfer (moisture/solid transfer) behavior of white radish.

**Keywords:** mass transfer behavior, osmotic dehydration, solid gain, water loss, white radish

### INTRODUCTION

Around the world, radishes are widely grown and consumed and are also considered part of the human diet. Recent studies have shown that radish contains unique bioactive components and has been recognized as having potential health benefits for humans (Banihani, 2017). The mild spicy substance in white radish helps antibacterial, relieves pain, helps support the liver, and prevents cardiovascular disease because it contains the betaine - a biological substance. In Vietnam, white radish is produced in a very large area in both the South and the North; however, it still struggles to "output". Not many products are made from white radish, so this precious raw material has not been used effectively. Therefore, processing products from white radish is also a way to reduce post-harvest losses and improve the value of this commodity. Due to high moisture content, white radishes were quickly spoiled by microorganisms (Rawat, 2005). Food preservation to extend shelf life while ensuring safety and quality is a primary concern of the food industry. Osmotic dehydration is one of the most common pretreatment processes that can effectively enhance the shelf life of fruits and vegetables. Osmotic dehydration is widely used in food preservation because it reduces water activity in fruits and vegetables (Yadav and Singh, 2014). Osmotic dehydration is preferred over other methods thanks to the retention ability of their color, aroma, and nutritional components (Chavan and Amarowicz, 2012). Sugar and salt (sodium chloride) or brine with vegetables are commonly used as solutes in osmotic dehydration. Mass transfer kinetics is an important characteristic to consider while researching osmotic dehydration. Solid/water diffusion was discovered to follow Fick's second law of diffusion over a wide range of temperatures. These figures differ depending on the type of fruit or vegetable as well as the osmotic agents used (Yadav and Singh, 2014). The mass transfer process is strongly influenced by the mass media, including the type and concentration of the mass media (Tortoe, 2010). One of the issues that should be considered is the quality of the mass media, the solution used must not only have a good taste but also can improve the nutritional and sensory value of the product (Chandra and Kumari, 2015). Salt, sugar or a combination of these two solutions are often used to infiltrate vegetables.

To describe the osmosis process, osmotic kinetics is often constructed to analyze the transfer between the material and the osmotic medium. However, this process depends on many external and internal factors. In recent studies, kinetic models often describe the osmotic dehydration process (Corrêa et al., 2016; Corzo et al., 2008; Thuy et al., 2022). However, at present, the mass transfer kinetics of sliced radish has been not yet thoroughly studied, including the influence of medium and osmotic agents on mass transfer. Therefore, the study was carried out to apply different mass transfer media to determine the mass transfer rate (water loss and

solid gain) and to apply three mass transfer models to describe the transfer kinetics. Simultaneously, parameters describing the transfer process are also calculated and discussed.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

#### Sample preparation

The white radish was harvested and purchased from a local market in Can Tho city, Vietnam. The initial moisture content of the material was  $94.71 \pm 0.06\%$  (fresh weight). After being collected, it was washed under running tap water, peeled and sliced to 4 mm in thickness with  $4 \pm 0.2$  cm of the diameter.

#### Osmotic treatment procedure

Nine different solutions were prepared by a random combination of three different concentrations of sucrose (10; 12.5; 15% w/v) and sodium chloride (NaCl) (2; 3; 4% w/v) in combination with distilled water. To ensure that the concentration of the solution is not affected by the input material, the ratio of material and medium is fixed at 1:10 (w/w). 25 g sample was weighed, soaked and emerged in osmotic solutions (sucrose and NaCl) at ambient temperature for 420 min. During treatment, samples were randomly taken out at 30, 60, 90, 120, 150, 180, 210, 240, 270, 300, 330, 360, 390 and 420 min for measurement. The material is washed off the penetrant agents and used a paper towel to remove the moisture at the surface to achieve the most accurate results.

#### Osmotic dehydration behaviors

The change of water loss (WL) and solids gain (SG) describe the osmotic transfer kinetics. WL and SG of the samples were calculated by Equations 1&2, respectively.

$$WL = \frac{M_0 X_0 - M_t X_t}{M_0} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

$$SG = \frac{M_t S_t - M_0 S_0}{M_0} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

Where  $M_0$  and  $M_t$  are the weight of the sample at initial and time t, respectively (g);  $X_0$  and  $X_t$  are moisture content (%) of sample at initial and time t, respectively;  $S_0$  and  $S_t$  are the solid content of the sample at initial and time t, respectively (%)

**Determination of diffusion coefficients**

Doymaz and İsmail (2011) described two formulas to calculate the ratio of moisture and solid as following Equation 3&4, respectively.

$$MR = \frac{WL - WL_e}{WL_e} \tag{3}$$

$$SG = \frac{SG - SG_e}{SG_e} \tag{4}$$

Where  $WL_e$  and  $SG_e$  are the WL and SG at an equilibrium point. In addition to calculating  $WL_e$  and  $SG_e$ , Equation 5&6 were used, respectively (Azuaa et al., 1998). The  $WL_e$  and  $SG_e$  could be obtained by linear regression using the correlation between  $\frac{1}{WL}$  or  $\frac{1}{SG}$  and  $\frac{1}{t}$ .

$$\frac{1}{WL} = \frac{1}{S_1 \cdot t \cdot WL_e} + \frac{1}{WL_e} \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{SG} = \frac{1}{S_2 \cdot t \cdot SG_e} + \frac{1}{SG_e} \tag{6}$$

where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are constant rate, and  $t$  is the measurement time.

Fick's second law of diffusion was used to describe the osmosis process, however, due to the long duration of osmosis, the model was simplified as shown in Equation 7&8 (Chenlo et al., 2006).

$$MR = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2 D_m t}{4L^2}\right) \tag{7}$$

$$SG = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2 D_s t}{4L^2}\right) \tag{8}$$

where  $D_m$  is the effective moisture ( $m^2s^{-1}$ ) and  $D_s$  is solid diffusivity ( $m^2s^{-1}$ ),  $t$  is the osmotic dehydration time (s) and  $L$  is the half-thickness of the samples (m).

**Mathematical modeling**

Three common mathematical models were selected to fit the experimental data from the osmotic dehydration process (İspir and Toğrul, 2009; Nuñez-Mancilla et al., 2001), including Newton (Equation 9), Henderson and Pabis (Equation 10), and Weibull (Equation 11).

$$MR = \exp(-k_1 t) \tag{9}$$

$$MR = a \exp(-k_2 t) \tag{10}$$

$$MR = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{\beta}\right)^\alpha\right) \tag{11}$$

where the kinetic parameter of Newton and Henderson and Pabis model are  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively. The Henderson and Pabis model constant is  $a$ , while the Weibull model is described by the shape ( $\alpha$ ) and the scale ( $\beta$ ) parameter.

A non-linear regression analysis was conducted by using Statgraphic Centurions XV.I application. To evaluate the best fit of model, coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ), reduced Chi square ( $\chi^2$ ) and root mean square error (RMSE) analyses were used and calculated by using the following Equation 12, 13, 14.

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (MR_{exp,i} - MR_{pre,i})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (MR_{exp,i} - MR_{pre,i})^2} \tag{12}$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (MR_{exp,i} - MR_{pre,i})^2}{N - z} \tag{13}$$

$$RMSE = \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (MR_{exp,i} - MR_{pre,i})^2 \right]^{1/2} \tag{14}$$

where  $MR_{exp,i}$  and  $MR_{pre,i}$  are the actual and predicted MR at the time (i) during osmotic treatment.

**Average density determination**

The average densities were calculated using Equation 15 (Pei et al., 2019).

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} \tag{15}$$

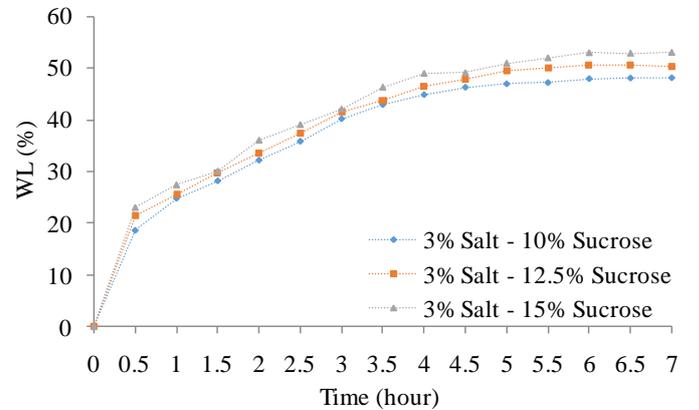
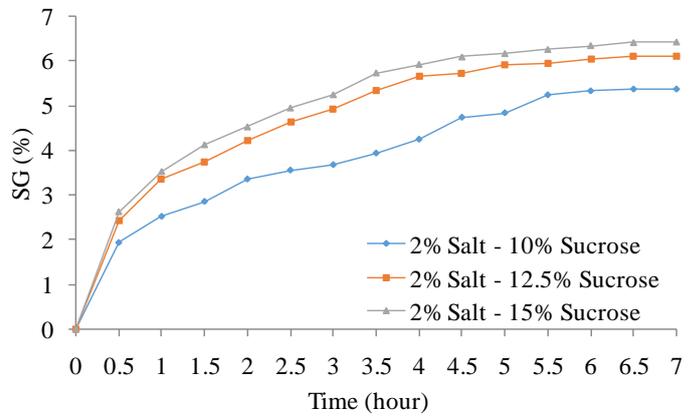
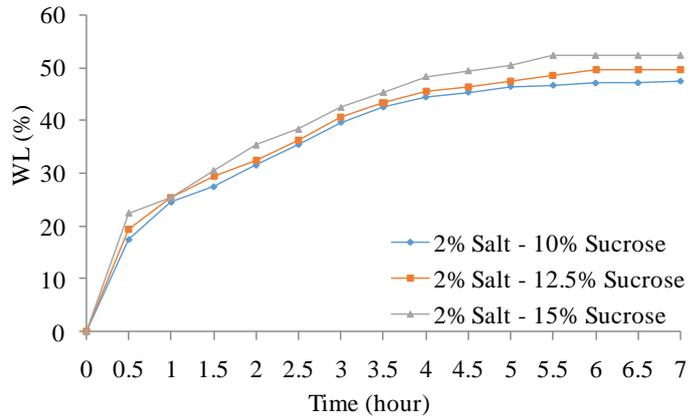
Where  $\rho$  is the average density ( $g/cm^3$ ),  $m$  and  $V$  are the sample weight (g) and volume ( $cm^3$ ) after treatment, respectively.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Osmotic dehydration behaviors of sliced white radish**

There are many factors affecting the osmosis process. The use of solutions with different concentrations could be one of the critical influencing factors that changed the mass transfer characteristics. The changes in WL and SG of sliced radish during osmotic in other solutions are shown in figure 1. In this study, the treatment solutions were a hypertonic medium. They had a higher osmotic pressure than inside the matrix cell of sample, thus leading to water and solid movement

between solution and cells through the cell membrane. With time, a general increase in water loss and solid gain of white radish slices was observed. It could be seen clearly that both the process of WL and SG occurs rapidly in the beginning stages of osmotic dehydration (OD), after 2.5 hours of soaking, these process were slowed down. A similar trend was found in some previous studies (Park et al., 2002). Rastogi et al. (2002) explained that the difference between the osmotic pressure in the solution and the cell leads to mass transfer. However, depending on the type of osmotic solution or the concentration of the solution used, the rate of dehydration and increase in solids might also vary. A higher concentration of solution used causes a more significant osmotic pressure differential, leading to a faster WL/SG increase (Jokic et al., 2007). Similar results were also found in the study of Sareban and Souraki (2016). The water loss/mass gain did not increase appreciably in the final stages of the experiment (after 4 hours), indicating that the osmotic pressure gradient difference between the hypertonic environment and the material cells had nearly reached equilibrium. The change in osmotic pressure increased the concentration of NaCl used, while simultaneously causing the dehydration content to increase more rapidly. Besides, sodium chloride solution reduces water activity and easily penetrates into cells due to low molecular weight, which leads to more dehydration (Islam and Flink, 1982; Lenart and Flink, 1984). However, the use concentration of NaCl salt is often limited due to the salty taste of the product.



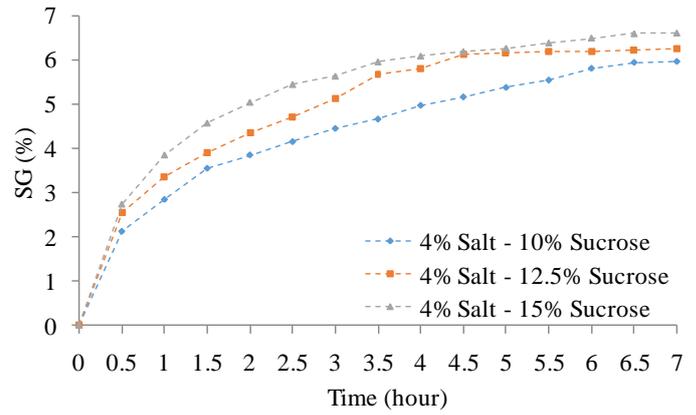
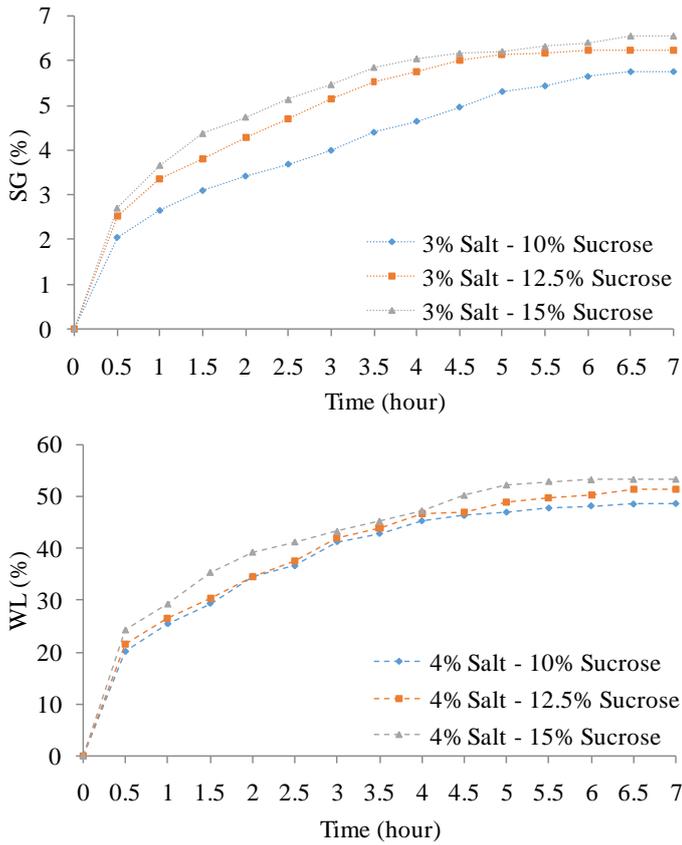


Figure 1 Water loss (WL, %) and solid gain (SG, %) during OD treatment

The non-linear regression analysis was performed in Statgraphics centurion XV.I. The value of rate of constants ( $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ) and water loss/solid gain ( $WL_e$  and  $SG_e$ ) of samples were also obtained and shown in table 1. When the solution concentration increases, an increase of  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $WL_e$ , and  $SG_e$  means more efficient OD processing thanks to a high concentration in the treatment solution. Specifically, the highest  $S_1$  value obtained was 1.3858 when using a combination of 4% salt and 15% sugar solution and the lowest  $S_1$  value (0.9012) was achieved when using 2% salt and 10% sugar in the soaking solution. However, the different trend was found at the change of  $S_2$  value. The lowest and highest  $S_2$  were achieved when using a solution of 4% salt plus 10% sucrose and 4% salt combined with 15% sucrose, respectively. The ionization of sodium chloride and high concentration of sucrose leads to not only the fastest water loss but also solid gain thanks to an increase of the osmotic pressure (Zhao et al., 2003). Sample shrinkage occurred in a solution with high salt content causing a high rate of dehydration, but in some cases could reduce the rate of solids gain (Rastogi et al., 2000).

Table 1 Osmotic dehydration characteristics of sliced white radish

| Salt (%) | Sucrose (%) | $S_1$  | $WL_e$ | $D_m \times 10^{-8} (m^2/s)$ | $S_2$  | $SG_e$ | $D_s \times 10^{-8} (m^2/s)$ |
|----------|-------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| 2        | 10          | 0.9012 | 0.5365 | 1.3874                       | 1.0018 | 0.0543 | 2.8318                       |
|          | 12.5        | 1.0387 | 0.5372 | 1.6769                       | 1.0760 | 0.0668 | 1.5684                       |
|          | 15          | 1.1745 | 0.5522 | 2.0141                       | 1.1335 | 0.0702 | 1.5603                       |
| 3        | 10          | 0.9864 | 0.5332 | 1.5183                       | 0.9747 | 0.0582 | 2.6484                       |
|          | 12.5        | 1.1766 | 0.5348 | 1.9379                       | 1.1014 | 0.0681 | 1.6163                       |
|          | 15          | 1.2447 | 0.5511 | 2.1374                       | 1.1586 | 0.0715 | 1.4934                       |
| 4        | 10          | 1.1230 | 0.5277 | 1.6221                       | 0.9555 | 0.0625 | 1.8009                       |
|          | 12.5        | 1.1890 | 0.5389 | 1.9421                       | 1.0988 | 0.0687 | 1.5741                       |
|          | 15          | 1.3858 | 0.5609 | 1.9893                       | 1.1690 | 0.0732 | 1.3617                       |

The water and solute diffusion coefficient ( $D_m$  and  $D_s$ ) are the most critical parameter to determine the efficiency of the OD process (Yadav and Singh, 2014). When using osmotic solutions with different concentrations, the values of  $D_m$  and  $D_s$  were changed. The moisture content of the material, the temperature of the solution, the shrinkage of the material, and the osmotic environment are factors affecting the effective moisture and solid diffusivities (Seth and Sarkar, 2004). As seen in Table 1, the  $D_m$  and  $D_s$  values ranged from  $1.3874$ - $2.1374 \times 10^{-8} m^2/s$  and  $1.3617$ - $2.8318 \times 10^{-8} m^2/s$ , respectively. When the concentration of the osmotic substance is increased in the solution, the concentration gradient is different and leads to the osmotic process. When this difference is more significant the osmosis rate will occur faster to reach the equilibrium value (Jokic et al., 2007). A similar trend of  $D_s$  and  $D_m$  value was found to correspond with the above-results. Mass

transfer of water and dissolved solids occurred during mass transfer between osmotic water into the cell. The higher the obtained mass transfer rate coefficient value presents the more efficient the transfer process (Yadav and Singh, 2014).

Model fitting

Three kinetic models were selected to describe the process of the transfer process, including moisture and solid transfer during OD process, using the changes of MR/SR versus time of treatment. The actual data (MR/SR) were measured through non-linear regression analysis, the rate of constant as well as coefficient determination; RMSE and chi-square were obtained and shown in table 2 and 3.

Table 2 Model fitting for moisture transfer in sliced white radish during osmotic dehydration

| Model               | Salt (%) | Sucrose (%) | Model constants | RSME         | R <sup>2</sup> (%) | $\chi^2$ |        |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Newton              | 2        | 10          | $k = 0.4438$    | 0.0545       | 95.52              | 0.0032   |        |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.4882$    | 0.0514       | 96.20              | 0.0028   |        |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5331$    | 0.0516       | 96.38              | 0.0029   |        |
|                     | 3        | 10          | $k = 0.4734$    | 0.5269       | 95.93              | 0.0030   |        |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.5326$    | 0.0526       | 96.19              | 0.0030   |        |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5518$    | 0.0552       | 95.86              | 0.0033   |        |
|                     | 4        | 10          | $k = 0.5191$    | 0.0550       | 95.56              | 0.0032   |        |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.5349$    | 0.0538       | 95.92              | 0.0031   |        |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5968$    | 0.0632       | 94.16              | 0.0043   |        |
| Henderson and Pabis | 2        | 10          | $a = 0.9071$    | $k = 0.3974$ | 0.0461             | 97.03    | 0.0024 |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.9074$    | $k = 0.4388$ | 0.0426             | 97.58    | 0.0021 |
|                     |          | 15          | $a = 0.9131$    | $k = 0.4841$ | 0.0446             | 97.49    | 0.0023 |
|                     | 3        | 10          | $a = 0.9082$    | $k = 0.4253$ | 0.0443             | 97.33    | 0.0023 |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.9095$    | $k = 0.4811$ | 0.0450             | 97.41    | 0.0023 |
|                     |          | 15          | $a = 0.9076$    | $k = 0.4977$ | 0.0480             | 97.10    | 0.0023 |
|                     | 4        | 10          | $a = 0.9020$    | $k = 0.4625$ | 0.0464             | 97.06    | 0.0025 |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.9038$    | $k = 0.4791$ | 0.0454             | 97.31    | 0.0024 |

|         |   |      |                   |                  |        |       |        |
|---------|---|------|-------------------|------------------|--------|-------|--------|
|         |   | 15   | $\alpha = 0.8883$ | $k = 0.5216$     | 0.0546 | 95.95 | 0.0034 |
|         | 2 | 10   | $\alpha = 0.7217$ | $\beta = 2.0952$ | 0.0230 | 99.26 | 0.0006 |
|         |   | 12.5 | $\alpha = 0.7384$ | $\beta = 1.8856$ | 0.0238 | 99.25 | 0.0007 |
|         |   | 15   | $\alpha = 0.7684$ | $\beta = 1.7287$ | 0.0346 | 98.49 | 0.0014 |
| Weibull | 3 | 10   | $\alpha = 0.7306$ | $\beta = 1.9520$ | 0.0236 | 99.24 | 0.0006 |
|         |   | 12.5 | $\alpha = 0.7538$ | $\beta = 1.7201$ | 0.0325 | 98.65 | 0.0012 |
|         |   | 15   | $\alpha = 0.7532$ | $\beta = 1.6506$ | 0.0369 | 98.28 | 0.0016 |
|         | 4 | 10   | $\alpha = 0.7068$ | $\beta = 1.7461$ | 0.0210 | 99.40 | 0.0005 |
|         |   | 12.5 | $\alpha = 0.7325$ | $\beta = 1.6985$ | 0.0280 | 98.97 | 0.0009 |
|         |   | 15   | $\alpha = 0.6715$ | $\beta = 1.4563$ | 0.0260 | 99.08 | 0.0008 |

**Table 3** Model fitting for solid transfer in sliced white radish during osmotic dehydration

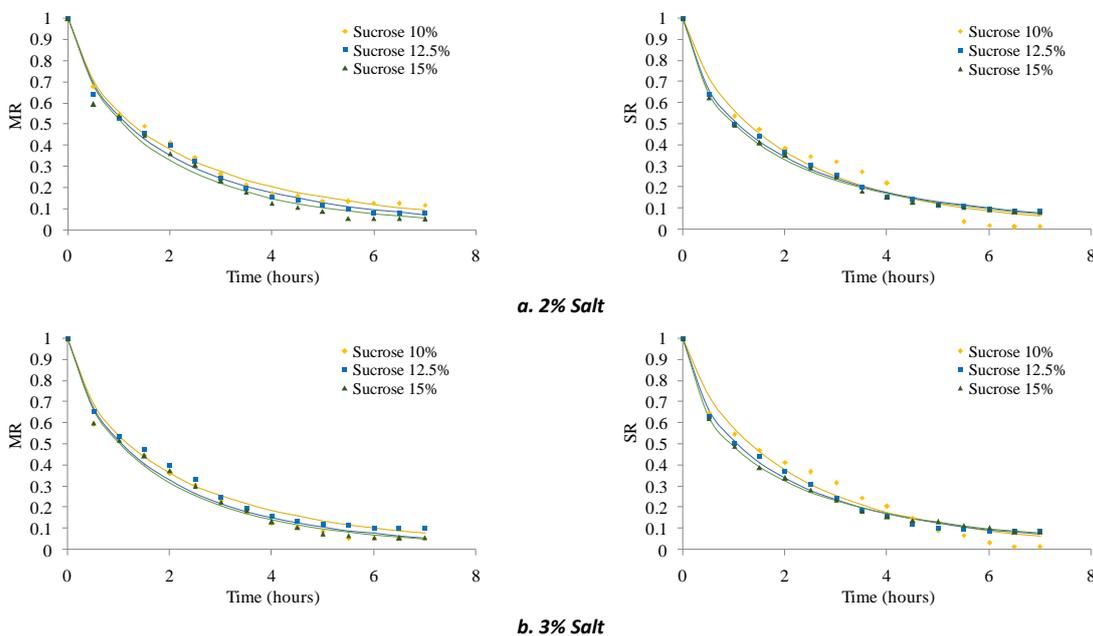
| Model               | Salt (%) | Sucrose (%) | Model constants   |                  | RSME   | R <sup>2</sup> (%) | $\chi^2$ |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|
| Newton              | 2        | 10          | $k = 0.4682$      |                  | 0.0621 | 95.05              | 0.0041   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.4994$      |                  | 0.0580 | 94.94              | 0.0036   |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5201$      |                  | 0.0602 | 94.49              | 0.0039   |
|                     | 3        | 10          | $k = 0.4607$      |                  | 0.0563 | 95.92              | 0.0034   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.5092$      |                  | 0.0559 | 95.40              | 0.0034   |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5310$      |                  | 0.0647 | 93.46              | 0.0045   |
|                     | 4        | 10          | $k = 0.4535$      |                  | 0.0554 | 95.54              | 0.0033   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $k = 0.5097$      |                  | 0.0571 | 95.17              | 0.0035   |
|                     |          | 15          | $k = 0.5402$      |                  | 0.0727 | 91.38              | 0.0057   |
| Henderson and Pabis | 2        | 10          | $a = 0.9154$      | $k = 0.4271$     | 0.0569 | 96.14              | 0.0037   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.9753$      | $k = 0.4403$     | 0.0483 | 96.74              | 0.0027   |
|                     |          | 15          | $a = 0.8913$      | $k = 0.4558$     | 0.0506 | 96.39              | 0.0030   |
|                     | 3        | 10          | $a = 0.9196$      | $k = 0.4224$     | 0.0508 | 96.92              | 0.0030   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.8999$      | $k = 0.4525$     | 0.0469 | 96.99              | 0.0025   |
|                     |          | 15          | $a = 0.8849$      | $k = 0.4598$     | 0.0551 | 95.58              | 0.0035   |
|                     | 4        | 10          | $a = 0.9005$      | $k = 0.4037$     | 0.0454 | 97.23              | 0.0024   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $a = 0.8996$      | $k = 0.4525$     | 0.0484 | 96.78              | 0.0027   |
|                     |          | 15          | $a = 0.8757$      | $k = 0.4591$     | 0.0636 | 93.87              | 0.0047   |
| Weibull             | 2        | 10          | $\alpha = 0.8090$ | $\beta = 2.0029$ | 0.0540 | 96.52              | 0.0034   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $\alpha = 0.6920$ | $\beta = 1.8055$ | 0.0179 | 99.55              | 0.0004   |
|                     |          | 15          | $\alpha = 0.6748$ | $\beta = 1.7145$ | 0.0147 | 99.69              | 0.0002   |
|                     | 3        | 10          | $\alpha = 0.8210$ | $\beta = 2.0490$ | 0.0485 | 97.19              | 0.0027   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $\alpha = 0.7075$ | $\beta = 1.7789$ | 0.0219 | 99.34              | 0.0006   |
|                     |          | 15          | $\alpha = 0.6473$ | $\beta = 1.6578$ | 0.0092 | 99.88              | 0.0001   |
|                     | 4        | 10          | $\alpha = 0.7308$ | $\beta = 2.0291$ | 0.0262 | 99.07              | 0.0008   |
|                     |          | 12.5        | $\alpha = 0.7025$ | $\beta = 1.7759$ | 0.0230 | 99.27              | 0.0006   |
|                     |          | 15          | $\alpha = 0.6084$ | $\beta = 1.6030$ | 0.0089 | 99.88              | 0.0001   |

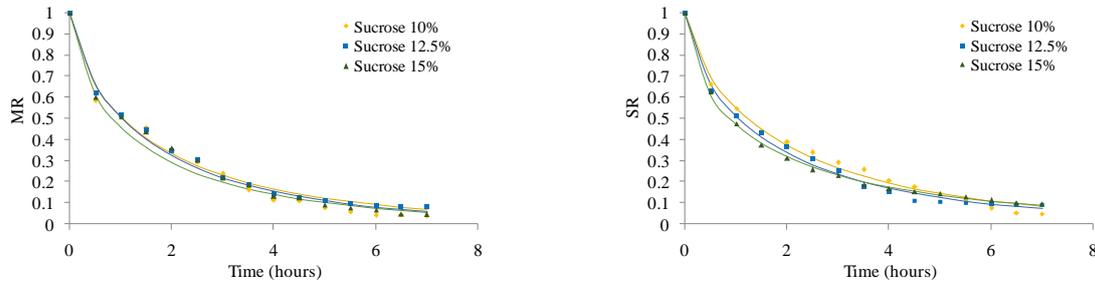
The determination of coefficient, RMSE, and chi-square are the most critical standards in choosing the best model (Wang et al., 2013). It was observed that the Weibull model gave the highest R<sup>2</sup> and lowest RMSE, chi-square, in both moisture and solid transfer. Similar results were also found in some previous studies, which were performed OD on mushrooms (Fei et al., 2019); strawberries (Nuñez-Mancilla et al., 2011).

The parameters of the Weibull model as the shape ( $\alpha$ ) and scale ( $\beta$ ) parameters are used to evaluate and analyze the efficiency of the osmosis process. Value of  $\alpha$  parameter lower than 1 is related to a decreasing Weibull distribution function which was observed by concentration effects (Corzo and Bracho, 2008). Moreria

et al. (2008) defined the parameter  $\beta$ , which is mass uptake rate and give the time required to complete the mass uptake or dehydration and also depends on the mechanism of process. In the study of Fei et al. (2019), sucrose solution gave the highest  $\beta$  value, which means the lowest rate of WL/SG, beside, sodium chloride mediums gave the lowest  $\beta$  value. Combining two kinds of solution helps provide an osmotic balance process.

The comparison between the calculated values from Weibull model and experimental values was observed (Figs. 2 & 3). It could be seen that both values were very similar with a high correlation (R<sup>2</sup>>98%).





c. 4% Salt

Figure 2 Moisture and solid ratio (MR and SR, respectively) of white radish during OD with different solutions using Weibull model

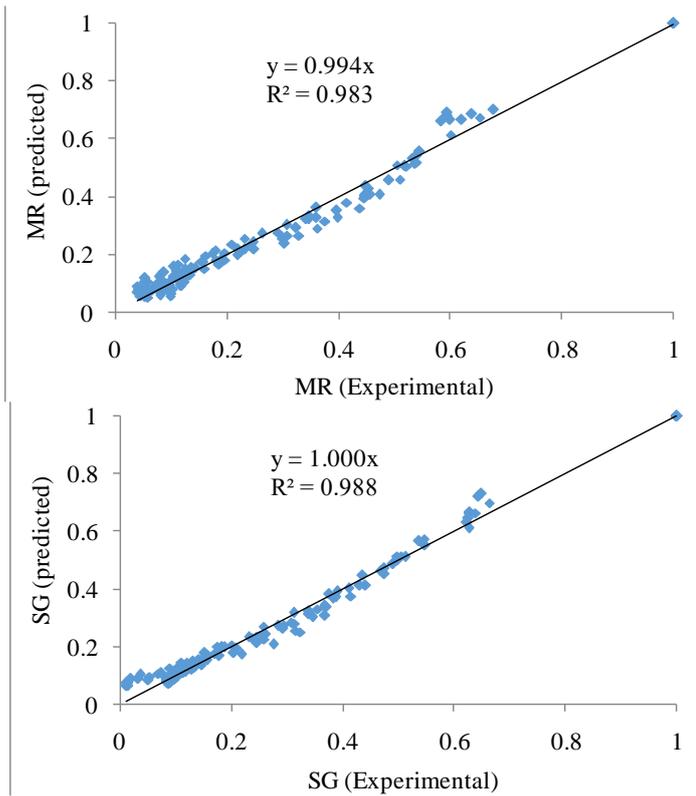


Figure 3 Graphs of MR and SG actual data against calculated data from Weibull model

**Average density**

After osmotic dehydration, the average density of the samples was calculated and shown in figure 4. With the increase in the treatment concentration, the mean density of white radish was also increased. The mean density of white radish in 4% sodium chloride solution was significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher than the lower salt concentrations used. This phenomenon might be due to the more significant difference in the concentration of osmotic agent in the soaking medium, making it easier for the solute to infiltrate the tissue (Fei et al., 2019).

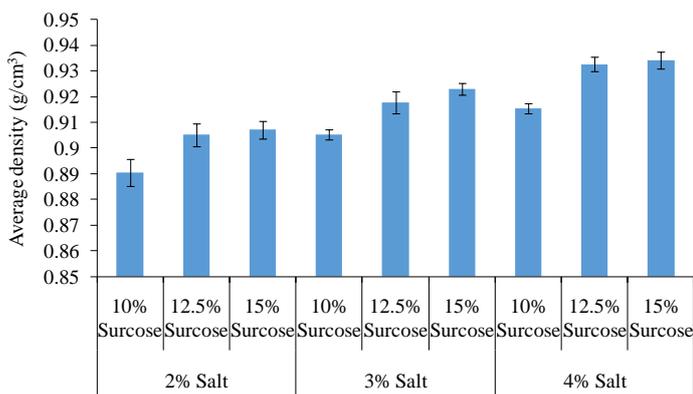


Figure 4 The average density of white radish after osmotic treatment

**CONCLUSION**

The variation of the mass transfer of the product is strongly influenced by the concentration of salt and sugar used. It can be seen that, in the experimental process, when increasing the concentration of salt and sugar in the osmotic solution, the rate of dehydration and solid gain also increased. Fick's second law equation described the mass transfer of sliced white radish. Among the three models applied to describe the mass transfer process, the Weibull model showed a high agreement between the experimental and estimated data with a high correlation coefficient of determination ( $R^2 > 0.98$ ).

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