





**DEVELOPMENT OF LEATHER FROM BANANA ( *Musa sapientum* )  
USING RESPONSE SURFACE METHODOLOGY ( RSM )**

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## ABSTRACT

Banana or *Musa sapientum* has been recognized as fruit that contained vitamin C, high in carbohydrate and also fiber. The objective of this study was to develop and optimize banana leather using *Response Surface Methodology* (RSM). Study the physical and chemical character of banana leather for each formulation and the acceptability of banana leather. The first stage of the study was includes the process to determine the best formulation that then used as the basic formulation and as control for the whole study. 12 formulations had been develop using RSM that indicate the percentage of banana puree and pectin. There were three-repeated formulations, which were 1, 7 and 8. Banana leather was analyzed for moisture content, carbohydrate, fiber, vitamin C, texture (hardness and stickiness) and colour ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  and  $b^*$ ). Furthermore, 50 panels used to determine the degree of acceptance for colour, aroma, taste, chewiness and overall acceptance for banana leather in sensory evaluation session. Results from RSM method showed that there were significant effect ( $p < 0.05$ ) on carbohydrate, hardness and stickiness value for banana leather.

## **PENGHASILAN GEGULUNG PISANG MENGGUNAKAN *RESPONSE SURFACE METHODOLOGY* (RSM)**

### **ABSTRAK**

Pisang atau *Musa sapientum* telah dikenal pasti sebagai buah yang mengandungi vitamin C, tinggi kandungan karbohidrat dan juga serat. Kajian ini dijalankan adalah untuk menghasilkan dan mendapatkan formulasi optimum bagi penghasilan gulungan pisang menggunakan *Response Surface Methodology* (RSM). Selain itu, kajian ini mencangkupi penentuan sifat fizikal dan juga kimia gulungan pisang bagi setiap formulasi. Kajian ini juga bertujuan untuk membuat penentuan tahap penerimaan gulungan pisang yang dihasilkan. Kajian awal melibatkan penghasilan produk gulungan pisang yang terbaik yang akan digunakan sebagai asas dan juga kawalan di sepanjang kajian dijalankan. Seterusnya dengan menggunakan RSM, 12 formulasi yang baru telah dihasilkan dan melibatkan perubahan nilai peratusan kandungan puri pisang dan juga pektin. Terdapat tiga pengulangan formulasi iaitu formulasi 1, 7 dan 8. Produk gulungan pisang yang telah siap diuji kandungan lembapan, karbohidrat, serat, vitamin C, tekstur (kekerasan dan kemelekitan) dan warna ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$  dan  $b^*$ ). Selain itu seramai 50 orang panel telah digunakan untuk penentuan nilai purata bagi atribut warna, bau, rasa, kekenyalan dan penerimaan keseluruhan bagi gulungan pisang dalam sesi penilaian deria. Keputusan daripada kaedah RSM menunjukkan terdapat perbezaan yang signifikan ( $p < 0.05$ ) bagi nilai karbohidrat, kekerasan tekstur dan juga kemelekitan gulungan pisang.