

## Analysing the Functional Properties of Modified Cassava Starch Treated with Different Modification Treatments

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Cassava starch was isolated from fresh mature cassava roots of cassava variety MU51 and modified using four modification treatments as Pre-gelatinized modification, acidic modification and heat moisture treatment using air oven heating and pressure steaming. Functional properties (ph, moisture content, gelatinization temperature, swelling power, solubility, size of granules and viscosity) of the modified starch were compared with those of the native cassava starch. The ph value of native cassava starch was 4.73. All modification treatments caused for increasing the ph values of native starch while ph 7.02 values were recorded highest by acid treated starch. Swelling power of native cassava starch was 17.09% where pre-gelatinized treatment caused increasing of swelling power while other treatments caused decreasing. Solubility was recorded for native starch as 7.44% and pre-gelatinized treatment showed decreased solubility and other treatments caused for increasing the solubility of cassava starch. The swelled pre-gelatinized starch granules showed higher diameter (17.00 $\mu$ m) than native starch (11.33 $\mu$ m) and distorted acidic treatment starch granules showed lowest diameter (10.33 $\mu$ m). The cassava starch modified under pre-gelatinized had showed a great improvement in their gelatinization temperature with a value of 70°C compared with 67.5°C of the native starch, solubility of 6.06% compared with 7.44% of the native cassava starch and had higher and stable viscosities.

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