

# Generation of $\alpha$ - linolenic acid emulsion droplet from silkworm pupae oil by microchips

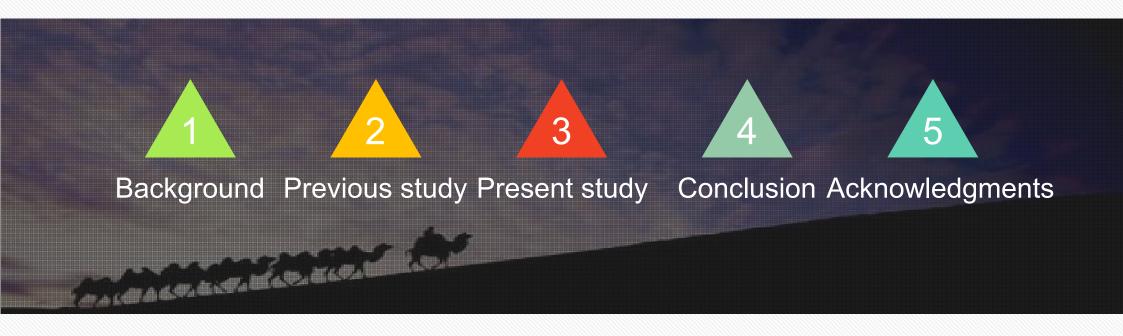
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#### CONTENT



## Background

#### α - linolenic acid

 $\omega$ -3 polyunsaturated fatty acids



An Essential Fatty Acid









[1] Roger M. Loria, David A. Padgett. Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry, 8(3), 140-146 (1997)

## Background



Silkworm



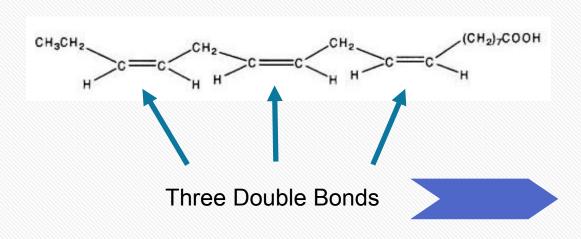
Embroido





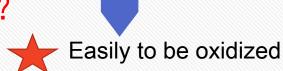
Silk Road Silkworm pupae 0.5 Million tons/year

## Previous study

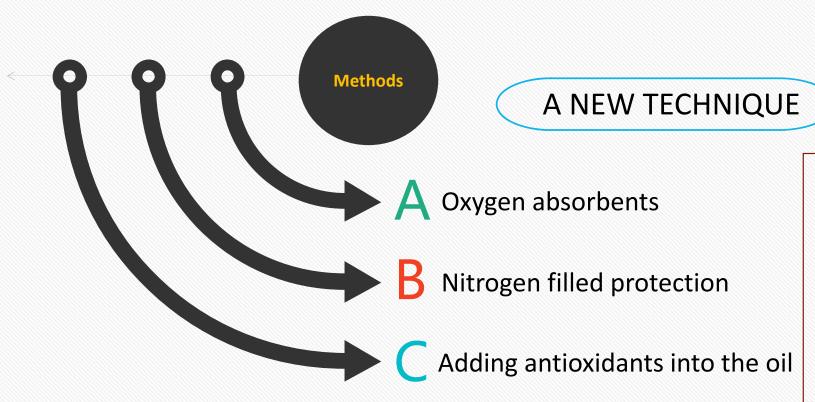


Very Strong Reducibility

How to prevent to be oxidized?



## Effect of antioxidants on stability, nutritional values of refined sunflower oil during accelerated storage and thermal oxidation in frying

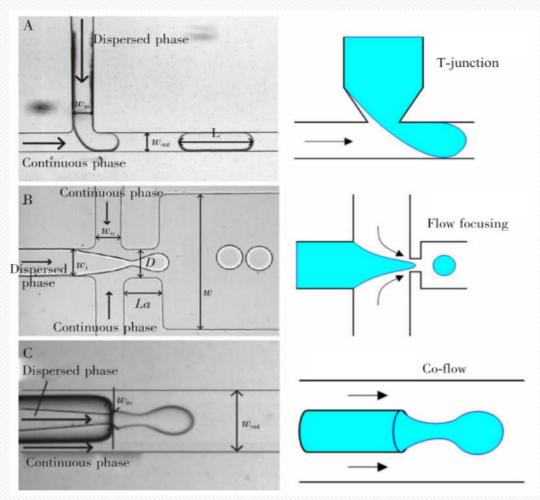


#### **Drawbacks**

Side effects of toxicity Poor thermal stability

#### Dynamics of microfluidic droplets

Fig. 1. Three passive methods for generating microdroplets<sup>[3]</sup>



- (A) T-junction microfluidic chip droplet formation method.
- (B) Flow-focusing microfluidic chip droplet formation method.
- (C) Co-flowing streams of microfluidic chip droplet formation method.

The right parts are schematic illustrations of relative Methods.

The colored area indicates the dispersed phase, and the arrow indicates the flow direction of the continuous phase.

[3] Baroud CN, Gallaire F, Dangla R. Lab on a Chip, 2010, 10(16):2032-2045.

## > Present study

#### Synthesis and characterization of caffeic acid grafted chitosan

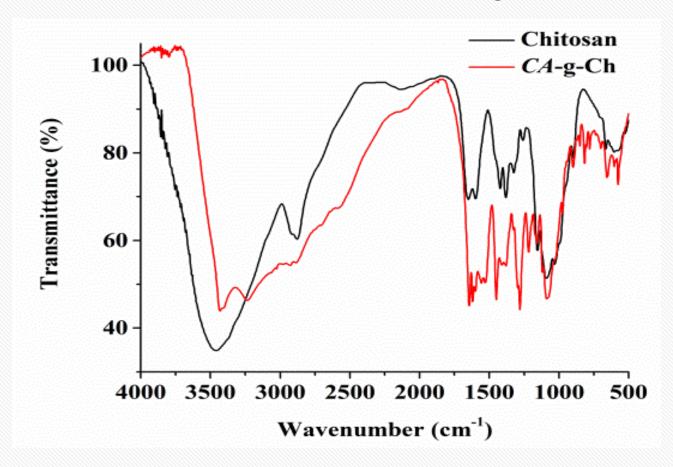


Fig. 2. FTIR spectra and structure assignment of chitosan and caffeic acid grafted chitosan

#### Effect of two-phase flow rate on droplet size

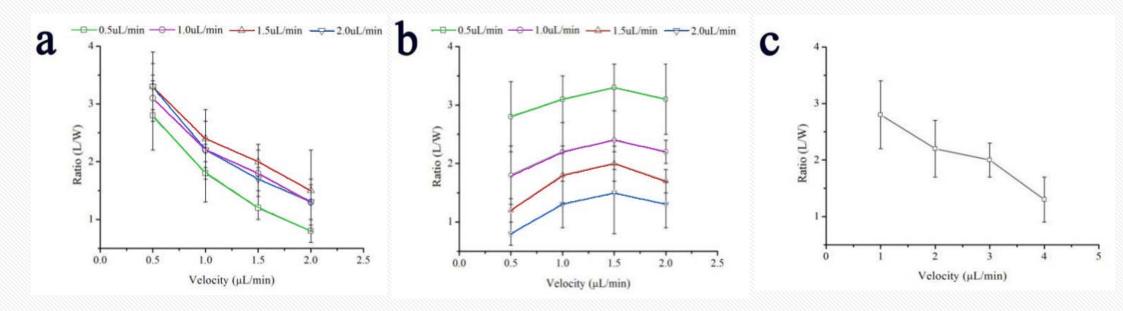


Fig. 3. The relationship between the formation of droplets and the two different phases.

- (a) The relationship between continuous phase velocity and droplets size;
- (b) The relationship between dispersed phase velocity and droplets size;
- (c) The relationship between total velocity and droplets size.

#### Optimization of o/w emulsion process

Continuous phase 0.75 µL/min Disperse phase 0.45 µL/min

0.1% Tween 20

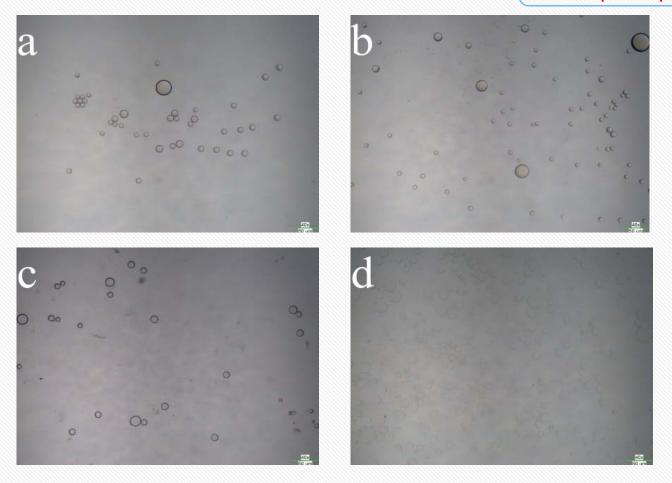
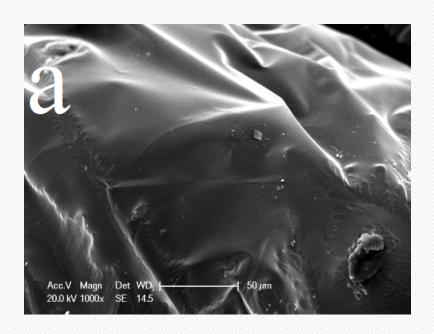


Fig. 4. Micrograph of emulsion containing Tween 20.

(a) 0.1% Tween 20; (b) 0.25% Tween 20; (c) 0.5% Tween 20; (d) 1.0% Tween 20.

#### Morphology and crystallinity of α - linolenic acid microcapsules



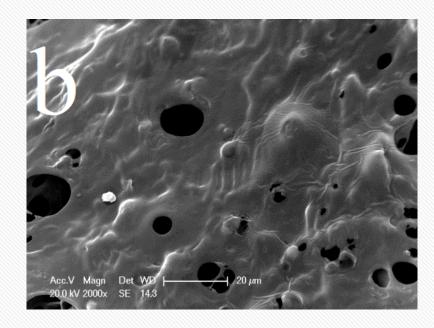
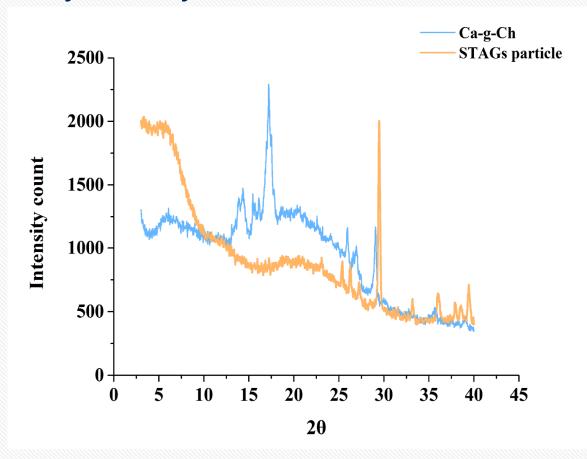


Fig. 5. SEM images of the  $\alpha$  – linolenic acid microcapsules.

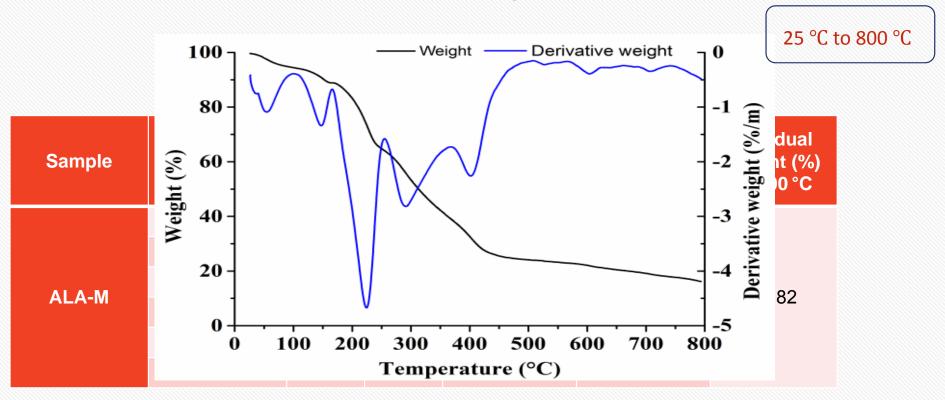
(a) Caffeic acid grafted chitosan at X1000; (b) α - linolenic acid microcapsules at X2000.

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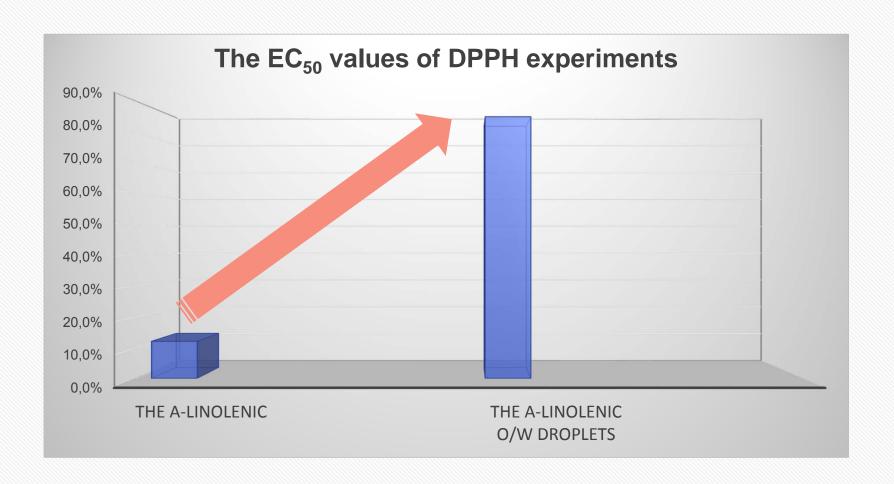
**Fig. 6.** X-ray defractograms of chitosan, caffeic acid grafted chitosan and  $\alpha$  - linolenic acid encapsulate.

#### The TGA of α - linolenic acid microcapsules



**Fig. 7.** The TG analysis of  $\alpha$  - *linolenic acid microcapsules* 

#### Antioxidant activity of $\alpha$ - linolenic acid microcapsules



### Conclusions

- 1
- The microfluidic droplet technique with anti-oxidation wall material was constructed to prepare monodisperse  $\alpha$  linolenic acid microcapsules.
- 2
- The aqueous solution of caffeic acid grafted chitosan was used as the aqueous phase to prepare monodispersed droplets of  $\alpha$  linolenic acid by microfluidic droplet technology.
- 3
- The 0.1 % Tween 20 solution was used to prepare O/W droplets with an encapsulation efficiency of 79%.
- 4
- This capsule obtained after drying was uniform size, stable morphology, good rheological properties and high dispersion.
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- In addition,  $\alpha$  linolenic acid microcapsules showed excellent antioxidant properties (EC<sub>50</sub> = 84.96  $\pm$  4.05%).

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