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## Optimization of process parameters for milling of enzymatically pretreated bengal gram, mungbean and pigeon pea

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This study was carried out to investigate the effect of enzymatic pretreatment at different enzyme concentration, incubation time and temperature on milling and cooking properties of bengal gram var. PBG7, mungbean var. ML818 and pigeon pea var. PAU881 by using response surface methodology. Three enzymes cellulase, xylanase and laccase were used in different combinations for enzymatic pretreatment. The optimized conditions for enzymatic pretreatment of bengal gram (incubation temperature, 50.05°C; incubation time, 19.55min and enzyme concentration, 79.06 mg), mungbean (incubation temperature, 51.12°C; incubation time, 19.95 min and enzyme concentration, 81.96 mg) and pigeon pea (incubation temperature, 50.72°C; incubation time, 19.83 min and enzyme concentration, 81.84 mg) were obtained. Enzymatically pretreated samples were compared to untreated samples and it was revealed that under optimum conditions of enzymatic pretreatment of bengal gram, mungbean and pigeon pea, maximum percent increase in dhal yield over control was observed in bengal gram(13.01%), pigeon pea (9.75%) and mungbean (7.71%). Maximum percent reduction in broken over control was recorded in bengal gram (39.3%), mungbean (33.9%) and pigeon pea (30.37%) with decrease in time of milling.

### Biography

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